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## JOHN A. LEBERMAN BURNED TO DEATH

### One of Oldest Settlers of County Meets Horrible Death When Son's Home Burns.

## SON AND WIFE NOT AT HOME

### Indications Are That He Was Suffocated by the Smoke Before Flames Reached His Body.

Jno. A. Leberman, a pioneer citizen of Young county, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the residence of his son, W. C. Leberman, one mile south of Olney, Friday night, January 3rd, at about nine-thirty o'clock.

So soon after the tragedy we could not secure positive information as to all the details, but as well as we can learn, the fire started from a small oil heater in the old gentleman's bed room. It seems that all the folks were away from home excepting he and one of Mr. W. C. Leberman's little daughters, and being cold, the gentleman had asked the little girl to light the stove and place it near his bed. This was done, and probably the bed clothing caught from the stove. The first intimation the little girl had that anything was wrong was when she heard groans coming from Mr. Leberman's room, then she noticed that the room was full of smoke. She went just across the railroad, about 200 yards, to Mr. G. H. Mathis' home, screaming and crying for help, but by the time Mr. Mathis reached the house it was a solid sheet of flame and nothing could be done. Out of the entire building and contents, valued at near \$4,000.00 not so much as a chair was saved, and we are told that there was no insurance.

As soon as was possible Mr. Jewell left for Orth in a car and brought W. C. Leberman and family back to the scene of disaster, but long before their arrival the tragedy was completed, and their home was in ashes.

From the position of the body when discovered (it was on what remained of the bed, and the bed clothing was still over the remains) we suppose that the smoke had already caused death before the flames reached him.

As soon as the fire could be sufficiently controlled, neighbors began their search for the body, and as told above, they found it under a heap of coals and burning debris in the corner of the room where the bed had stood, and from indications the old gentleman had met his death without ever knowing its horrible manner. He was undoubtedly asphyxiated.

John A. Leberman was 80 years old, came to Young county in 1885 settling on the place where he died. He was in the stock-raising business for some 20 years, then his boys having grown to manhood, took over the active management of his affairs and for the past few years he has been living with them. He was a highly esteemed and respected man by all who knew him well, and has raised a family of boys and a daughter that reflect great credit upon himself and his wife, who passed away about two years ago.

He leaves five sons, Jno. A. Leberman, Jr., of Lawton, Okla.; H. L. and W. C. Leberman of Olney, Geo. Leberman and C. D. Leberman of Orth, and one

daughter, Mrs. W. F. Keathly, of Olney, to mourn his death.

The remains are, we understand, to be interred in Orth cemetery at some hour Sunday afternoon, and it is expected that Jno. A. Leberman, Jr. will arrive from Lawton this (Saturday) afternoon. Olney Enterprise.

Mr. Leberman was well-known in Graham and had many friends who regret to learn of his untimely death.

## Pleasant Moments Spent.

In accordance to previous announcement Young County Camp No. 127 United Confederate Veterans met at the court house Sunday Jan. 5th, at 2:30 p. m.

Capt. H. C. Fields being absent Lieut. A. O. Norris presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Hall Bowman. Thirteen of the old veterans were present.

First in regular order was an address by Rev. J. Hall Bowman, at the conclusion of which Rev. B. F. Stallings delivered an address. Both addresses were delivered in a plain, matter of fact manner and were well received and duly appreciated by the veterans and all others present. The speakers expressed the love and admiration that they had for the veterans of the civil war who had fought, bled and experienced so many hardships and trials for principles that they conscientiously believed right.

Short talks were made by several of the veterans.

The veterans were made to rejoice by having a number of the daughters of the Confederacy to meet with them, and it is the earnest wish of every member of Young County Camp that the daughters (our daughters) be with us at all our future meetings which are held on the first Sunday in each month.

The following wives of veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy were present: Mesdames W. A. Morris, Tom Price, Nat Price, Irving Norris, Jessie Allen, Stoffers, and Misses Pearl Matthews, Nora Sloan and Ollie McAfee.

Before closing the writer wishes to thank our District Clerk, J. L. Vaughan, for tendering us the use of his office and comfortably heating same.

Adjournment was taken until the first Sunday in February.

Respectfully,  
F. HERRON, Adjt.

## Jack Stewart Accidentally Shot.

Jack Stewart, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart was accidentally shot by his younger brother, Jim, one day last week while out playing with a rifle.

Jack crawled up in a wagon to hide from Jim, not knowing that Jim had the rifle, and Jim was unaware that Jack was in the wagon, so in trying his marksmanship on a letter "S" on the side of the wagon it so happened that the bullet found a mark in Jack's leg, just below the knee.

While the wound was very painful it is not considered serious and Jack is up again, though the bullet has not been removed from his leg.

The Reporter trusts that no serious consequences will arise from the accident.

Mrs. E. W. Fry, who has been spending the holidays with her parents in Lamarque, Texas returned home Sunday night. She was met in Ft. Worth by the Judge.

## Young County Teachers Adopt Resolutions.

Be it resolved by the teachers of Young County in Institute assembled:

1. That we appreciate the kind hospitality tendered us by the people of Olney.

2. That we appreciate and appraise the benevolence of the ladies of Olney, whose efforts to entertain us with a splendid banquet met with the utmost success.

3. That we also appreciate the courtesy shown us by Supt. Cain and the members of his faculty.

4. That we thank our County Superintendent, secretaries, and those who have visited us, for their services.

5. That we heartily endorse the Rural High School Law as being in unison with the great educational movement.

6. That each teacher do something for the betterment of school conditions in his immediate district.

7. That each teacher take some professional magazine.

8. That local institutes are beneficial and several should be held each school year.

9. That we co-operate with the Conference of Education in all things.

10. That the office of County Superintendent is of such prime importance that we endorse any movement to lessen clerical duties and to raise his salary.

11. That all teachers, where ever possible, co-operate with the movement of establishing boys' corn clubs.

12. That the county superintendent have published such papers, read in the institute, that he may wish.

13. That we recommend to the State Superintendent Mr. Edgar McLendon, superintendent of Graham public schools, as being a thoroughly capable and competent person to serve on the State Board of Examiners of Summer Normal examinations.

14. That a copy of these resolutions be printed in all the local county papers as we see fit, a copy sent to the State Superintendent, and that they be written in the Secretary's book.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gilliland,  
S. A. Roberts,  
Mamie Keefe,  
Maude Carmack,  
H. L. Groner,  
Committee.

## Two Dads Busy During 1912.

Dan Cusenbary, assisted by Dan Cupid were very busy during the year 1912, issuing license to those who were tired of single blessedness, and through the combined services of the two 148 marriage licenses were issued. This was 48 more than were issued during the year 1911, the records showing an even hundred for that year.

Of the two Dads, however, Dan Cupid fared worst in the deal for 1912 as the last license he helped Dan Cusenbary to issue was given to a man with a living wife and now the man and Cupid are trying to straighten out the tangle.

The increase in marriage certificates in 1912 over 1911 was attributable, no doubt, to the fact that leap year always gives the ladies an inning and when they come to the bat there are always several "home runs" knocked.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Arnold arrived in the city Sunday night and have taken up their abode in the Ben Johnson residence.

## R. M. Johnston Appointed Senator.

Col. R. M. Johnston of Houston, who will tomorrow repeat the oath that will entitle him to the exalted office of United States Senator from Texas, spent a couple of hours in Baltimore Jan. 5. Before leaving Washington he had received almost 1,000 telegrams of congratulations from friends at home, and some even followed him to this city.

"I love to come to Baltimore," said the new Senator. "I have been associated with some of your Maryland people for many years and have come to regard them as my brethren. Congressman Fred Talbot and I served together on the Democratic committee through three Presidential campaigns, and so it came easy for me to aid Baltimore in getting the National convention. My time in the Senate will be brief, but while there I will do all I can to advance the welfare and prosperity of my State. I will remain in Washington from now on, and work is my motto. The Legislature of Texas on Jan. 28 will elect Mr. Bailey's successor for the unexpired term, and while I can not say who they will elect, I believe they will do the right thing."

In Washington it is the general belief that the Legislature will unquestionably ratify Gov. Colquitt's course by electing Senator Johnston for the unexpired term.

C. J. Johnston, though never carrying an office, has always been a big force in Texas politics. The Senators from that State, Messrs. Culbertson and Bailey, were never on terms of close personal friendship, but both were glad of Mr. Johnston's good will and editorial support. Mr. Culbertson showed his appreciation by making the editor a Colonel and Mr. Bailey went that a few better by making him a Senator, though to do so involved his own resignation. It is whispered that the Houston editor on the completion of his duties in Washington may be named to important post in the diplomatic service—Perhaps as Ambassador to Mexico.—Dallas News.

## U. D. C. to Old Soldiers.

Program of Annual Celebration Lee and Jackson day, given by the U. D. C's. to the Old Soldiers and their wives, on Jan. 19, 1913 at the Methodist church.

1. Doxology. Invocation by Rev. Hall.

2. Reading selection from Sentimental Songs (beginning with 45th verse) Father-Ryan's Poems—Miss Miller.

3. Song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," or selected—Mrs. Bowman.

4. Oration, Robert Edward Lee, the perfect man, the flawless christian, the foremost soldier of his age—Rev. J. Hall Bowman.

5. Music (Piano and Violin) "Dixie" or selected—Prof. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb.

6. Reading, Stonewall Jackson's Way, or selected—Janita Adair.

7. Bestowal of Crosses of Honor and remarks by President of Chapter.

8. Song, The Veteran's Cross of Honor—Chapter.

9. Benediction—Rev. B. F. Stallings.

Miss Alta Parsons spent several days in Ft. Worth and Weatherford this week visiting relatives and friends.

## KAFFIR SPECIAL WILL TOUR TEXAS

### To Operate Over 600 Miles of Rock Island Territory Under Direction of Commissioner Cottrell.

## TRY TO AROUSE FARMERS

### Effort Being Made to Increase Interest in Cultivation of Kaffir Corn and Spanish Peanuts.

That the Rock Island railroad will operate a Kaffir Corn special demonstration train over its lines in Texas during the month of February is an assured fact, following a visit of H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island.

Mr. Cottrell arrived in Fort Worth Saturday morning and was in conference during the day with G. S. Pentecost, general passenger agent, who will have charge of the arrangements for the trip of the train.

The itinerary of the train is being prepared and will be completed by the middle of the week. It has been stated previously that the train will be operated only upon the Rock Island lines in Texas, which cover a distance of approximately 600 miles.

Mr. Cottrell was enthusiastic over the kaffir corn question when seen by a reporter for The Record. He is of the opinion that the farmers of Texas can realize a much greater profit from kaffir corn than corn. Especially is this predicted in sections of Texas where the rainfall is not very heavy. The Rock Island commissioner also is enthusiastic over the planting of Spanish peanuts in Texas.

"Texas farmers should realize a profit of from \$12 to \$15 per acre on kaffir and from \$20 to \$30 on Spanish peanuts," he said. "At the present time, they are realizing from nothing to \$10 per acre on their corn crops. There is always a ready market for kaffir and Spanish peanuts. In the state of Oklahoma there are 12,000 acres of the peanuts and 1,500,000 acres of kaffir. A campaign is on foot up there to increase the peanut acreage to 200,000 and the kaffir corn to 3,000,000 acres."

The Rock Island recently operated a kaffir corn special train in Oklahoma, covering 1,600 miles. It has been estimated that 30,000 persons attended the lectures and witnessed the demonstrations offered by the experts who accompanied the train. The interest in the two crops mentioned extends to the four quarters of the state. Commercial organizations, farmers unions, associations of various kinds, bankers, business men, have been aroused to active interest, and a campaign is being waged among the farmers to plant more kaffir and peanuts.

Mr. Cottrell expects to create a similar interest in the state of Texas. He said yesterday that there are sections in Texas where corn has failed to make a good, paying crop for years, but the farmers persist in planting corn from year to year. In these districts, he said, he wants to show the farmers that there is a much larger and surer crop in kaffir or peanuts than in corn. The last two named crops seldom fail, he says. "Kaffir corn will wait weeks for rain. The hot winds and the lack of moisture may make it wither and curl somewhat during the day, but it will freshen every night. It may be forced to stand still and not grow

for days or weeks, but it will live and keep green. When the deferred rains do come, it shoots out heads quickly, they fill with grain and a good yield follows.

Ten bushels of kaffir corn have the same value as nine bushels of corn for feeding work horses, beef and dairy cattle, hogs and sheep. A bushel of kaffir corn is worth more than a bushel of corn for feeding poultry."

Mr. Cottrell has gone to Kansas to attend meetings of associations interested in the kaffir corn campaign in that state. He will be in Oklahoma City next week to attend a big meeting of farmers to be held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of that city for the purpose of bringing about more interest in the planting of kaffir corn and Spanish peanuts in that state. The commissioner will return to Fort Worth in about two weeks.—Ft. Worth Record.

## Arrested For Bigamy.

What would you do if you had more than one wife? This question is bothering one Martin (alias J. W.) Brewer considerably just now.

Mr. Brewer, who says he hails from Comanche County, Texas, was married in Graham Christmas day by Justice of the Peace E. E. Hall, to Miss Huntis Watson of Woodson, Miss Watson is the daughter of W. O. Watson and is a highly respected young lady of the Woodson community.

County Attorney C. Fay Marshall heard it rumored that Brewer had a living, undivorced wife and immediately got into communication with her at 911 2nd Ave., Dallas, Texas, and when asked for a description of her husband it tallied so closely with the man at Woodson that a warrant was issued for his arrest and served by Constable Sam Lane at 2 o'clock Thursday night.

Brewer was brought to Graham and placed in the county jail, his preliminary hearing being called yesterday. In the meantime Constable Lane had gone to Dallas and wife No. 1 and her sister were induced to come to Graham and appear against him in the preliminary hearing. They arrived Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning the defendant announced ready for trial, but when confronted with the first witness, wife No. 1, he waived trial and was remanded to jail in default of \$2,000.00 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

It appears that Brewer was married in Dallas about four years ago, but had not lived with his first wife for the past three years, and he stated to the County Attorney that he thought she was dead, but wife No. 1 says she heard from him last summer when he was in Comanche County.

A peculiar circumstance about the case is the fact that Squire Hall told a Reporter man, the day after he performed the ceremony, that in concluding it he used the words "and what Squire Hall and God hath joined together, let no man put asunder, and may God have mercy on your souls." Just a little over one week from that date he issued a warrant for Brewer's arrest.

What would you do if you had two wives?

Gus Rutherford and daughter of Red Top returned Sunday night from an extended trip to San Antonio and other Texas points.

# The News from our County Correspondents

## Briar Branch.

Most everybody is through picking cotton and are preparing land for another crop. 1912 proved a good crop year and we only hope 1913 will be as good.

Health is good with the exception of some la grippe and bad colds.

Our school is progressing nicely with Miss Reata Ragland as teacher. The patrons are well pleased with the way she conducts the school.

Miss Nina Baugh entered the school at Graham after Christmas.

Bro. Cook preached a fine sermon Sunday to a good crowd considering the bad weather.

Mrs. Gallaher was away from home last week attending the sick baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Garvin in Graham.

Mrs. C. A. Hice of Parkersburg, Okla., has been visiting her niece, Mrs. E. H. Rowe, for the past week.

Liam Brandon has moved from our community. The place is now occupied by John Wadley, from Tonk Valley community.

Robert Crawford spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ed Rowe.

As it is cold and growing late, I guess it is bedtime for the

BEAUTIFUL DOLL.

As B. B. and the beautiful Doll have been writing from this place thought I would write.

There has been a fresh norther today, so I guess will have to call for more "kiver."

We are sorry to hear that Ran Cole and family are going to leave us, but hope they will have good success in their new home.

Will Cornelius was at church Sunday with a grin on his face that would make an opossum ashamed of himself.

We see that Mr. Cornelius has been breaking land for oats.

R. W. Gatewood visited Frank and Jeff Gallaher Sunday.

We saw Henry Stephens putting the gear on old Prince the other day and we suppose he is going to break land.

Hershel Mayes spruced up Sunday and came to church.

John Wadley has moved to the Vick place. We are glad to have him with us.

Ward Spivey of Graham spent Saturday night with Bowen Gallaher.

Hugh Dearmore of Loving visited Ed Rowe Sunday.

Harvey Kelly was able to attend church Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Pete Jones pulled up stakes and left the country the other day without telling anyone goodby.

Leap year has passed and Charley Baker isn't married yet.

Some of the lower Branch boys attended the picture show at Graham Saturday night. They said those pictures that moved around beat anything they ever saw.

Ed Rowe thought for a while he was a real lady's man, but we see he is still driving around by himself.

Bill Crawford hasn't married yet, but it isn't his fault.

Mrs. Hice of Elk City, Okla., visited E. H. Rowe and family last week.

We expect to hear some music soon, as Billie Carter is learning to play the French harp.

Bob Crawford is trying to talk to all the girls. He had better watch out or will get his coconut cracked.

We were glad to see Hugh Cornelius out at church Sunday.

John Clark is trying to be a ladies' man and go to school. Johnnie, we don't think that will ever do.

The people are wondering why Charlie Baugh is going to the Holiness tabernacle.

Ed Rowe says he is through picking cotton for this year.

Tom Rutherford and wife are spending their honeymoon picking cotton for Eli Slaughter.

L. F. Gallaher and son attended church here Sunday.

Dan Carter was seeing sights in Graham Saturday.

We wonder why Jake Jordan wasn't in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Slaughter were made happy Monday over the arrival of a new baby.

Well, Mr. Editor, if somebody don't bumb my thunkbox I will come again and try to rule my thinking letter.

GREEN BRIAR.

## Farmer.

W. W. Farmer of Graham was here on business last week.

Mrs. P. K. Pittman has been very sick for the past ten days, but is now on the improve.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arch Peters, Dec. 25, a fine girl.

Ben Ray and daughter, Jewell, of Bogata, Tex., spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peters' little boy is seriously ill with throat trouble this week.

Charley Stokes and Miss Daisy Ray were married Sunday at 10:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ray.

A. C. Casey performed the ceremony. The bride and groom went to Olney Monday, where they took the train for New Mexico to visit Mrs. Stokes' sisters, Mrs. Bob Bowlder and Mrs. Geo. Dallas. They will go from there to Tatt, Cal., their future home.

The writer wishes them a life of joy and a bountiful supply of happiness and prosperity.

Clarence L. Keen has bought O. E. Cook's interest in the grocery store and Claude Garvey has accepted the position of clerk.

A phone message was received here Thursday stating that Mr. Elliott, living one mile east of Farmer, who had been visiting near Olney, was seriously hurt while driving to town in his race cart. His horse became frightened at a runaway team, throwing him from the cart. He was unconscious at the last report.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Brazelton entertained the young people on New Year's eve.

Mr. Eulps, our grocery drummer, was doing business in town Friday, also Chas. Widmayer.

The party at J. R. Garvey's Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. R. B. Shelton was shopping in town Saturday.

The first Quarterly Conference will be held here next Saturday.

Will close, as the norther has got so cold it has frozen all the news.

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## Tonk Valley.

Miss Katie Higdon is visiting Mrs. J. M. Hand of Graham.

G. T. Cherryholmes returned Saturday from a visit with his sister in Eastland county.

Mrs. W. D. Gossett is on the sick list this week.

Carl looked lonesome Sunday morning.

Harry Hand spent Sunday with his brother Walter.

W. D. Gossett has finished picking cotton at last.

John Knight says if there will come a warm day he will finish picking cotton until next fall. Guess he expects to raise some cotton.

Miss Etta Miller is visiting her sister, Mrs. May, in Knox City.

Miss Frances Hand visited her grandparents Saturday.

Carl Knight took dinner with Arthur Gossett Monday.

As Sunshine hasn't much to write this week she will cease to shine and give room for someone else.

SUNSHINE.

## Red Top.

Miss Blanch Casey has been visiting her aunt, Miss Mabel Graves.

Charlie Osborn spent Sunday with Claude Burgess.

The school has pretty full attendance now and more will start soon.

Homer Brigham was up and able to go to town Monday.

The new bridge across Briar Branch is completed, also that across Turtle-hole.

John Dourney of Jean spent Friday night with Teague Littlejohn and family.

Clifton Terrell, who has been visiting at Red Top, returned to Mertens Tuesday.

Mrs. Underwood spent Monday evening with Mrs. Petty.

Misses Eureka and Mary Slater, Dora McBee and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman and little son Floyd spent Monday night with Uncle Doc Slater and family.

Miss Vernon Jordan, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Barton, returned to her home in Mertens Tuesday.

Mrs. Littlejohn spent the day Monday with her mother, Mrs. Brigham.

We all noticed Miss Dora McBee wearing a new locket and Miss Allye Reid a new ring. Goodness, boys, where did you get your money?

I think all the girls would be glad if Claude Burgess was staying at their homes if he would be as good to them as he was to little Ada Workman and give them a nice kodak.

Tom Rutherford and wife spent Sunday night with Mrs. A. R. Rutherford.

Mrs. Roberta Stone of Olney visited Mrs. Teague Littlejohn last week.

We are all jealous of Miss Vera Dowdy getting the first ride in little Ed Jordan's buggy.

Little Erby Blakney has started to school, also his brother Ernest.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thigpen have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Allye Reid spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Littlejohn.

Leonard Graves was a visitor in Graham Tuesday.

Miss Iva Littlejohn has been on the sick list, but is improving.

Misses Ida and Dora McBee spent Christmas night with Miss Emmie McBee and had a jolly time.

Teague Littlejohn made a quick trip to Jermyn Saturday.

Mrs. Radie Hawkins invited the young people to a dinner at her house Friday. Those present were Homer Brigham, Miss Ada Workman, Leonard Graves, Miss Allye Reid, Geo. Walker, Miss Bessie Petty, Harris Cunningham and Miss Mabel Graves. All reported a high heel time.

All reported a nice time at the singing at A. R. Rutherford's.

Charlie Osborn and Teague Littlejohn made a flying trip to Jean Monday.

Ernest Blakney was a visitor in Graham Friday.

Mr. Elliott and family have moved from Mr. Steen's place. They will live near Megargel.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin McGee have moved into their home in this community.

Miss Johnnie Graves has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Graves.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker's was well attended and a good time reported; also the dinner at Miss Doro McBee's last Sunday was enjoyed and every one had plenty to eat and went home happy.

Miss Allye Reid has a severe case of sore eyes, but we hope she will be able to be in school again soon.

ROSE BUD.

## For Sale.

Some young horses, mules and mares and well bred young bulls. S. R. Jeffery, at Ingleside ranch, Graham, Texas.

## Connor Creek.

A good deal of sickness in our community.

Mrs. Myrtle Ratcliff has been real sick the past week with malaria.

Edgar Choate and family returned from Terrell, where they had been visiting. They brought their little girl home sick with infantile paralysis.

Mrs. Fay and Ted Fay have been on the sick list.

J. A. Chandler sold out to John Shahan, the Arizona man. We are glad to have Mr. Shahan in our community.

Calvin Atwood returned last week after taking Christmas with friends and relatives in Hood county. He reports a good time.

Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Minnie Campbell visited Ed Ribble's family last week.

Bob Walker of Graham was down on Connor last week buying cows.

Walter Burns of Graham was looking over Mr. Fay's farm last week.

Kirby Chandler gave an entertainment Friday night. Everybody seemed to have a good time.

O. D. Gholson has a black eye. He says he didn't churn to suit the old lady and she hit him with the churn-dasher.

Miss Ida Watson went home Saturday to be at her sister's wedding.

Irvin Campbell and family left for Oklahoma Sunday. They are moving to Henrietta.

Bro. Wyzor filed his appointment at the schoolhouse Sunday morning with a small congregation on account of bad weather.

Bro. Robbins of Flat Rock attended church here Sunday.

H. P. Young and Miss Mary Smith of Henry Chapel were at church Sunday.

Gladys Chandler was sick with fever Sunday.

Miss Alice Smith left for Henrietta, Okla., Sunday.

Mrs. Shahan and Mrs. Fannie Chandler visited Mrs. Myrtle Ratcliff Saturday.

Ed Ribble moved through our community last week, going onto Stovall's place on Clear Fork.

THE GOPHER.

## Rocky Mound.

As I have been absent for a few weeks, will step in again.

A party of young folks including Hubert Walker, Miss May White, Tom Mayo, Addie and Elbert Mowry and Earl Taylor and wife visited Miss Maude Hunter Sunday evening.

We are sorry to report that Henry Hunter is sick. We hope he will soon recover.

O. F. Miller and family returned after spending Christmas with relatives at Stamford. Oscar had the misfortune of losing a pig while away, but upon his return he found six puppies and a calf. He said he had a notion of going back.

Mrs. H. Mowery visited Mrs. J. S. Burkett Sunday.

W. C. Smith spent the day Sunday with Mr. Mowery. We are always glad to see Mr. Smith come around, as he seems to always be in a good humor.

Elbert Mowery and Tom Mayo went to the picture show at Graham Saturday night.

Jake Walker moved to the Jackson place, east of Graham, last week. We were sorry to see them move, but they are still in the Rocky Mound community.

A crowd of young folks stayed up on New Year's night to welcome 1913.

As we are all starting out upon a new year, let's try and be better and do more than in the old one.

With best wishes to The Reporter we remain,

RED WING.

## For Sale or Trade.

160-acre claim, 16-room hotel in New Mexico, 20 miles west of Tucumcari. Write or apply to Oscar Clem, Graham, Texas, in care of Union Wagon Yard.

## Mount Pleasant.

"Look out, there, you will get your name in The Reporter—and I do wish we were taking The Reporter. I am going to get papa to take it when our time expires with the Leader, because, you see, The Reporter prints the news as it is sent in." Such expressions as the above are common among our young people as well as among the older heads.

Rev. O. E. Dickson preached an interesting sermon last Sunday on "The Duties of Church Members."

Ina May Brown has been quite sick the past few days.

Ruby Wilson fell and stuck her hand in the fire the other day and was badly burned.

Misses Stella Wilson and Lillian McClain have been sitting up with each other the past few days as a result of too much hamburger.

William and Albert Brown and Tom Fitzgerald's ponies grazed off and left them at church Sunday and William had to go down the road on a borrowed pony and saddle to his regular appointment that evening, while Albert and Tom pursued the ponies.

A flat-footed dance at J. W. Nesbitt's last Friday night. We are sorry to report Mr. Nesbitt in this column, as we were persuaded of better things of him, but alas, 'tis true. But he is said to his credit that he did not advertise it as a party of a social.

Well, girls, who is Hamburger anyhow? Guess he has a different flavor now to at least one individual—I will not tell her name this time.

Messrs. Anderson and Ragg have moved into the house on Mr. Nichols' place recently vacated by Mr. Burton, who moved to Tonk Valley. We welcome these good people to our midst, although we have always dreaded the ragman, but he has certainly come to the right place if it is rags he is looking for.

Troy Michum and Will Nesbitt went deer hunting Christmas week, but don't think they killed anything but time.

They say J. A. Wright is getting along fine with his new housekeeper.

Yes, Buster, we all like and enjoy reading your humorous letters, but if you lived in some communities some of your readers would despise you because they would think that either you had it in for them or that you were "stuck up." But this class of people are few in number, in fact, they hardly deserve notice. Most people, in fact, nearly everybody appreciates a joke, and, too, it is a fact acknowledged by all intelligent people, that we joke only those whom we count as friends.

Some of Mrs. Ellis Moore's kinfolks and Miss Jordan of Jean are visiting her.

Stella and Lillian, write again; your items were real "provoking."

PLUNKETT JR.

## Indian Mound.

We have been having some very fine weather for January, and everybody seems to be making use of it. The farmers are seen busily engaged in preparing their lands for a new crop.

Mrs. Will Haggard is spending a few weeks with her father, G. M. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Grubbs were trading in Newcastle Wednesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Bryan was a visitor at Austin Bird's Thursday.

Miss Maude Carmack visited home-folks at Graham from Friday to Sunday.

Mrs. Gentry Williamson spent the day last Friday with Mrs. Lizzie Bryan.

Mr. Taylor has moved into the house vacated by W. P. Tate. We give Mr. Taylor and his family a hearty welcome to our community.

Mrs. W. W. Williamson visited at the home of J. S. Fisher last Friday.

There must be some attraction at old Indian Mound for some

folks (w.a.t. W. P. Tate had rented a farm up near Crystal Falls and moved two loads of his household goods there.

We were greatly surprised Thursday to see Mr. Tate moving back again. He is now living in the house on Reece, Easterling's place and we believe is determined to stay. We are glad Mr. Tate has decided to stay with us.

Mrs. M. G. Herring returned to her home near Olney Friday, after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bird.

There was a rig of smart of sickness among the school children last week. Hope they will all soon be well again and be at their place every day. Had you thought how swift time is passing? There are two months of school nearly gone. We must all be working if we accomplish anything.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher and Mrs. B. W. Drum were visitors at Mrs. Austin Bird's on Saturday.

Miss Louetta Grubbs spent Saturday night with her Aunt, Mrs. Reece Easterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby of the White Rose community visited at W. R. Doolin's Sunday, attending preaching here.

Rev. Wilson preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning to a small but appreciative audience. Rev. Wilson has accepted the call of the church and will preach here on each first Sunday and Saturday before.

Roscoe Waters of Jean attended preaching here Sunday morning.

G. M. James was a visitor at D. Bird's Sunday afternoon.

WESTERN GIRL.

## Flat Rock.

There is quite a lot of sickness in our community but nothing serious we hope.

Some of the farmers have been breaking land but it is too dry to do anything much.

We had a nice crowd at Sunday school Sunday. Bro. Taylor preached us a fine sermon from the text, "It is finished."

Brit Alford and wife and Miss Jessie Alford visited E. H. Corley and family Sunday.

Mrs. Matilda Parsons of Graham spent last week with her parents, J. P. Hodges and wife.

Earl Brewster was a visitor at our Sunday school Sunday.

The musical entertainment at Mr. Robbins' last Tuesday night was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newby of Cedar Creek community last Thursday.

Our school is progressing nicely and Miss Gussie seems to be as well pleased as her pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Taylor and daughter Maggie spent Sunday with E. D. Burton and family.

Miss Delilah Robbins is taking music lessons under the instructions of Miss Gussie Cornish.

Romic Martin returned home last Thursday and reports "nothing doing in Collin County."

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Ates are visiting C. J. Cook and family.

Mrs. Hodges visited Mrs. Corley Wednesday afternoon.

Lucian Smith and Billy Martin were at Flat Rock Sunday.

SPORTS.

## Notice to Taxpayers.

After January 31, 1913, a ten per cent penalty will be assessed against all unpaid taxes. Please avoid this by paying your taxes during the month of January. I also wish to call the attention of the young men to call for their exemption certificates before the last day of January. Any young man who will be 21 years of age during the year 1913 will be entitled to an exemption certificate, but these certificates can not be secured later than January 31, which also is the last day for paying your poll tax.

J. E. PARSONS, Tax Collector.

Car Michigan salt arrived—The John E. Morrison Co.

# West Texas Reporter

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## HELP WANTED.

The subject of perpetual motion has driven many a man crazy, but this was because they wanted a piece of machinery to move without outside assistance.

We want your help on a matter of perpetual motion—that of keeping the West Texas Reporter constantly going forward. Perpetual motion of this kind will not drive anyone to the crazy-house, but will greatly add to the joy and comfort of hundreds of people.

We feel that The Reporter is now on a solid footing with the people of Young and adjoining counties and feel called upon to reiterate the statement made in our advance circular that it is the organ of no faction, clan or set of people, but a newspaper in the strictest sense of the word. We have tried to live up to that announcement.

We want you to tell us whether or not we have done so. We invite your opinions and criticisms. If you do not like The Reporter we want you to let us know wherein we can change it to suit you. If you do like it, we want to know wherein we can make it suit you better. It is more your paper than ours; in fact, it rests with the people whether or not any paper is a success. We are doing our level best to make it succeed and the results thus far accomplished are very flattering, but we are not content to rest with this.

You have an opinion about the paper; we want that opinion, and it will be a great favor to us if you will write us a letter and criticize the paper freely, whether the paper meets with your approval or not. This is the best means of finding out how you like The Reporter and as we have no secrets, we want all the people to know just what our subscribers think of the paper.

Can we look to you for a little bit of assistance?—EDITOR.

## No Misleading Ads.

This may be a step that will break the Register financially, but it goes all the same. We intend to protect our reader and if you find that any merchant or any other man that is using the advertising columns of the Register is misrepresenting his goods, or making misleading statements, let us know and his contract will be canceled. We do not believe that we have an advertiser at the present that would make a misleading statement—in fact we are sure we have not—but we have been imposed upon in the past and we make this statement in justice to our advertisers as well as our and their customers—the readers. In other words when you see an ad in the Register you can rest assured that the merchant has convinced us absolutely that he does as he advertises—and we will guarantee that he does so.

This step has been taken by all the metropolitan papers that have the interests of the people at heart and we will lose some money at first by taking the plunge ourselves—but we believe in the people and we believe the future will prove that we have acted wisely in culling out misleading advertisements. Newcastle Register.

If you are sure that none of the merchants in Newcastle would impose on you, why do you anticipate losing money? We do not believe you will lose a cent, for the reason there is not a single merchant in Young county whom we believe would inten-

tionally advertise an untruth. In fact, some time ago, The Reporter assured the people who came to Graham to trade that they would get a square deal from any of our merchants and it was wholly unnecessary to censor any of our advertising. The merchant who incorporates lies in his advertising is always the one who suffers most, and that fact is realized so forcibly this day and time that no business institution will hardly undertake a proposition of this kind, and as we said before, we do not believe there is a merchant in Young county who wants to. Come to Graham.

The merchants of Graham will learn something to their interest if they will read "A Letter from Bryson" published elsewhere in this issue. The writer says that Graham would get more Bryson customers if they would build a road to the Jack county line. If that is the only obstacle in the way of Bryson people coming here to trade it seems to us that this can easily be overcome.

## A Letter from Bryson.

Seeing other places written up in The Reporter we feel that Bryson is hardly getting her just dues by being omitted altogether so we give you a few pointers.

Bryson has a population of 400 people, a good public school with 190 pupils enrolled and a corps of excellent teachers as follows: Chas. B. Breedlove, superintendent; R. T. Breedlove, principal; Miss Nannie Triplett, intermediate department and Miss Mary Fields, the primary department, with Miss Allen in charge of the music department.

In addition to its many business institutions, including the First State Bank, with total resources of \$75,000.00, Bryson has four church organizations, with three comfortable church buildings.

At present there is only one cotton gin at this place but plans are being made for the erection of another one this year.

J. P. Clayton has purchased the old hotel property which he is remodeling and will soon have a comfortable home there.

J. M. Box is adding rooms and porches to his residence.

Mrs. J. R. Moore will commence her new residence soon.

Syrus Clayton has purchased Vester Vanhouser's \$2500.00 residence.

The Graham merchants would see many more Bryson customers if they would build a road to our county line. We have a much better road to Jacksboro.

Holiday.



## Telephone for Aid

The DOCTOR, for man or beast, is only one of those you may summon instantly by

## Bell Telephone

A perfect means of guarding against emergencies and overcoming loneliness.

Now is a good time to learn how YOU can get this service.

THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. DALLAS, TEXAS



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We can supply you with anything used in an office. Our complete line of

Copy Pencils and Inks  
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We deliver on short notice anything in printed Letterheads, Billheads, Envelopes.

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New Building, New Furnishings  
Electric Lights  
Commodious Sample Rooms

First-class Accommodations for  
Commercial Men

## Would You Sell if You Could?

Did you get a letter from me about listing your land?

If you did not, and want to sell let me hear from you at once. By taking your notes I may be able to get all the cash you want—it's the cash payment that has kept you from selling. Write me.

GRAHAM LAND OFFICE E. S. GRAHAM,  
Graham, Texas.

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They Are Guaranteed by us.

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## Ladies' Correspondence Stationery

All the latest patterns and styles. Also

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Be sure and examine this stock

For clubs and parties we carry a large stock of Crepe Napkins—about twenty designs, Tally and Score Cards, Program Pencils, Bridge and 500 Sets.

We Can Please You

The Graham Printing Co.

## SPECIAL CLUBBING OFFER

Every intelligent man wants to keep up with the news of his own community and county. Therefore he needs a good local newspaper. He also needs a paper of GENERAL NEWS and for State, National and World-wide happenings he will find that

## THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS

has no superior. The secret of its great success is that it gives the farmer and his family just what they need in the way of a family newspaper. In addition to its general news and agricultural features it has special pages for the wife, the boys and the girls.

It gives the latest market reports and publishes more special crop reports during the year than any other paper.

For \$1.75 cash in advance we will send The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The West Texas Reporter each for one year. This means you will get a total of 156 copies. It's a combination that can't be beat, and you will secure your money's worth many times over.

Call or mail your subscription to THE WEST TEXAS REPORTER, Graham, Texas.

## For Sale.

One horse, buggy and harness. Address Box 201, Graham, Tex.

## COAL

We are prepared to fill your orders for coal in any quantity.

Extra Quality Lump  
\$4.50 Per Ton

Delivered

Leave orders at Tidwell & Sons, or drop us a postal card.

Patronize Home Industry

GRAHAM COAL CO.  
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## Service Cars

Auto Repairs  
and Supplies

Let us do your repair work. We have all the necessary facilities and guarantee good service.

RUTHERFORD'S  
GARAGE

Graham, Texas.

## Ely's Cream Parlor

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and Chili

Jonas Ely, Proprietor.

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RATES \$1.25 PER DAY  
Clean Rooms - Good Service

# LOOK FOR OUR Mighty Cut Price Sale Beginning Saturday, January 11, 1913

'Tis the last call on Winter Goods for the season of 1912-1913. This has been a famous season for us; our sales have been enormous, so much so that we have been forced to buy heavier in all departments, consequently leaving us many dollars' worth of goods at all our stores. Now, the proposition is simply this, what we want to do is to convert these goods into ready cash. What it takes to do this, past experience has taught us—cut the prices, then tell the world the true story of wonderful bargains, and results will follow. This is a season of sales. Now don't be deceived, but come to the Real Cut-Price Sale where you get the kind of goods you need at such reductions as competition will not meet. "Save your pennies," is the advice given by John D. Rockefeller. This sale will enable you to save the dollars. Viewing this sale from your viewpoint, you can not afford to neglect taking advantage of these offerings. You do yourself a great injustice if you do not secure your wants while these cut-prices prevail.

**See This Whirlwind Finish of the Winter's Business  
Don't Forget the Date--Saturday, Jan. 11.**

**The John E. Morrison Co.**  
Graham, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cutshall of Loving were in the city Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Park of Seymour were in the city Saturday and Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hallam.

Dill, sweet and sour pickles, loose kraut, new catch mackerel. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Miss Carrie Harty spent several days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cutshall, of Loving.

Tom Cherryhomes returned Saturday night from a business trip to South Texas.

The coldest spell of the season struck the town and neighboring country last Sunday night and continued through Monday and Tuesday and did not moderate until the next day. The thermometer stood at 12 Tuesday morning and at 6 Wednesday morning, but as the day progressed, the temperature became more comfortable.

Onion Sets—red, yellow and white. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

For Sale—Good range cook stove, 18 inch oven. Apply at West Texas Reporter.

Mesdames T. E. Cannedy and Taylor of Seymour arrived in the city last night and are guests of Mrs. S. R. Crawford.

Mrs. Landa Forte Mabry who has been visiting Miss Ollie Kidwell and Mrs. Will Norman returned to her home in Dallas yesterday.

WANTED—A young or middle-aged lady to assist in housework. A good home and good pay. Write or call on West Texas Reporter.

Alfred Parsons of Gooseneck was a visitor in the city Saturday and paid The Reporter a call.

The best tonic for your horse or cow, International Stock Food. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

**We want chickens, butter and eggs and will pay you the highest market price—Cash or trade—for them.**  
Graves & Ward

Miss Clara Rowe of Briar Branch was shopping in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at The Reporter office.

J. Marion Burkett returned to A. & M. College Sunday to resume his school duties.

D. D. Cusenbary went to Woodson Sunday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. J. T. Brockman.

Our potato chips are fresh and crisp; include some in your next order. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mrs. Virgil Eddleman was taken to Ft. Worth Tuesday morning for an operation. A message from Mr. Eddleman late yesterday states that she has survived the operation, but is in a very serious condition, in fact, much more serious than was thought when she left here. We trust, however, that she will enjoy an immediate recovery.

Ben Neal, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Graham, leaves this week for New Kensington, Pa. where he has accepted employment with the National Aluminum Co.

Mrs. F. A. Buvens of Zimmerman, La. is in the city visiting her sister, Miss Rello Kelso and aunt, Mrs. G. A. Tackett.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt of Throckmorton were guests at dinner with Mrs. Hudson on Friday.

Miss Mamie Johnson of Newcastle returned Sunday to St. Mary's at Dallas after visiting friends here.

Mrs. W. H. Vaughan, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. McGill, in Dallas, returned home Monday.

Fresh shipment assorted cakes and crackers; new flaked hominy and grits. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tankersley returned from Dallas Sunday night. Mrs. Tankersley had been there for some time on account of ill health, having to undergo an operation. She is improving very rapidly and her many friends will be glad to learn of her return to Graham.

D. D. Cusenbary spent Thursday and Friday in Ft. Worth on business.

D. W. Carroll of Sealy was in the city this week visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. J. Parkinson.

Teams wanted to haul cotton seed. Graham Cotton Co.

#### Buy Mazda Lamps.

Buy the best lamp made, the wire drawn Mazda, 1 1/4 watt per candle power hour. We are making them at the following prices: 25 watt 50c; 40 watt 60c; 60 watt 75c; 100 watt \$1.00. If light is what you want see us. All night service.  
Graham Light & Supply Co.

## OWEN & YOUNG

### Groceries and Feed

ALSO NICE CLEAN

### Wagon Yard in Connection

We wish to thank our customers for their past patronage and wish a continuance of same, which we assure you that we appreciate.

We want you to be sure and let us figure with you before you buy Feed or Groceries.

# REDUCTION SALE ON CLOTHES

If you or your boys are in need of a suit of clothes now is the time to buy. We are offering our entire stock of Men's and Boys' Suits, to close them out at One-Half of Wholesale Cost!

This is no catch proposition but a genuine bona fide sale of high-grade clothing. We would not offer any such destructive prices as these if we were not going to close out this entire stock. If you really appreciate genuine bargains you will avail yourself of this opportunity. What do you think of prices like these?

## Men's Suits

<b>\$15.00</b> Men's Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>\$14.00</b> Men's Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$4.25</b>
<b>\$12.50</b> Men's Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>\$10.00</b> Men's Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>\$9.00</b> Men's Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$2.75</b>
<b>\$8.00</b> Men's Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$2.50</b>

Sizes Range from 35 to 40

## Boys' Suits

<b>\$7.50</b> Boys' Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>\$6.50</b> Boys' Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$2.25</b>
<b>\$5.00</b> Boys' Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>\$3.50</b> Boys' Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>\$2.50</b> Boys' Suits, in this sale for only	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>\$2.00</b> Boys' Suits, in this sale for only	<b>75c</b>

Sizes Range from 6 to 18 Years.

This is one way we want to offer you our sincere thanks for your past patronage. These bargains will make substantial savings and we consider this a much better way to show our appreciation than merely saying "thank you." In addition to the bargains enumerated above we have a large assortment of Ladies' Coat Sweaters at actual cost, and a full line of Men's and Boys' Hats, Caps and Pants that we offer at very low prices. We can assure you of real value for your money in any of the goods bought at our store. All goods in this sale are strictly cash.

We want to call your attention to our very complete stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries. Your purchases in this line will be highly appreciated and we guarantee full weight and quality.

# BAKER & SON

WEST SIDE SQUARE

GRAHAM, TEXAS

### At the Temple of Learning.

The change of the weather from pleasant to extremely cold has not affected the attendance this week, but has greatly hindered the school work. Some of the classes have been compelled to hold their recitations in seats about the radiators.

R. F. Short has been unable to attend school this week on account of his having contracted inflammatory rheumatism in his ankles. He has been greatly missed by the Junior class and all

hope that he will be back in time for the examinations which take place next week. This is the first time he has been absent this year and it had seemed as if he would hold that record.

Marion Copeland, another member of the Junior class, was forced to miss several days this week on account of sickness in the family.

This week has seen the Junior class greatly decreased. Joe Wootton, one of the most popular members, will not be back in

school for some time. He left last week for Arkansas to be at the bedside of his aunt, who is very ill.

The Seventh grade, under the direction of Miss Fannie Rogers, was given a taste of what is to come next week in the form of an examination in physiology Monday. They had finished the book early and deemed it unnecessary to study it longer, and as they will have plenty of examinations next week in other subjects, they took this ahead of time.

Jack Stewart will be out of school for some time on account of a gunshot wound in the leg which he accidentally received last week.

Catherine Day was able to return to school after a severe spell of sickness.

Nell Graham was absent the first of the week.

Miss Maria Watson of Weimar, Texas, the new teacher who takes the place of Miss Mizell, assumed her duties in the Fifth grade room last week. She has been teaching for several years, having taught in the last year's session of the Yoakum public school. She has made a very favorable impression on the pupils and we feel that she will be an able successor to Miss Mizell.

Miss Lizzie Hall made a trip to Ft. Worth Friday, returning Sunday.

### Five New Autos.

Five new automobiles have been ordered for citizens of Graham by the Graham Auto Supply Co. The cars are late Ford models and were ordered for the following persons:

- S. R. Jeffery, a five-passenger touring car.
- G. C. Macey, a five-passenger touring car.
- Chas. Gay, a roadster.
- E. S. Graham, a five-passenger touring car.
- M. K. Graham, a roadster.
- Chas. Widmayer, manager of the Graham Auto Supply Co., says the Ford cars are making good everywhere and that this order is only another evidence of the very fine quality car that the Ford people make.

### Les Hibeaux.

The Les Hibeaux and other guests were graciously entertained last Friday by Mrs. M. K. Graham, bridge being the diversion of the afternoon.

After several good games, Mrs. James Matthews was awarded high score prize, a souvenir spoon. Mrs. T. B. Gallaher a lemon deposit for guests' favor and Mrs. R. G. Graham a silver file for consolation.

A sumptuous course consisting of mustard fruit salad, olives, toasted crackers and tea was served to the following guests outside the Club: Mesdames

Stovall, R. G. Graham, J. F. H. Crabb, Street, A. A. Morrison, T. B. Gallaher of Amarillo, and H. B. Graham of Ft. Worth.

### The Power of Friendship.

As the love of Romeo and Juliet elevated their souls above the strife of their houses, so can friendship elevate two hearts above the struggles of their time, though the individuals be even engaged in it; while those friends who happily walk in the same path and cheer and strengthen each other by their mutual example; and since essential confidence can exist between good men only, they propel each other in the path of virtue, for it is a primary law of all intercourse, that if two or more of the same inclination, pursuit or character—good, frivolous or wicked—are brought in close contact with one another, in that same direction they will propel one another still more rapidly. Friendship must rest on mutuality, it is one of its essential qualities; for one of its requisites and blessings is the enjoyment of confidence—a luxury to good men; and Aeschylus is right when he says that kings suffer one evil; they do not know how to confide in friends; while the reason that was given for Trajan's having friends is that he was a friend of himself.—Francis Lieber.

Miss Debra Parkinson is confined to her home on account of breaking two bones in her right foot, caused by dropping an iron on it.

### COCHRAN & SON

CONTRACTORS -- BUILDERS  
Graham, Texas

### KAY & AKIN

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

### C. W. JOHNSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Office West Side Square,  
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

### B. B. GARRETT

CONTRACTOR & BUILDER  
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

### DR. W. A. MORRIS

DENTIST  
Office over Graham Nat'l. Bank,  
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

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HOUSEPAINTING  
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

## NOTICE!

**Dr. N. B. BLEVINS, Veterinary Surgeon**

Will be at Graham each Trade Day this Spring. Treats all Diseases of Stock. Dentistry and all kinds of surgical work.

I have a clear record on castrating horses.

Located 3 Miles Southeast of Loving

## W. C. T. U.

Items for this column are furnished by local Union.

Madam Willard's birthday program which was to have been observed at the Presbyterian church was called in as it was thought the installation of electric lights would not be completed in time. However the Executive Board met at the home of Mrs. Akin and some important steps decided upon for the welfare of our town and community in the coming year, such as the placing of good literature baskets in station and other public places; training of young people in work of I. T. L.; holding medal contests.

The next Red Letter Day, Feb. 17, which marks the closing of membership week, beginning Feb. 10 and is Memorial day or Heavenly birthday of Francis E. Willard, will be observed, the place and program to be announced later.

The Thanks offering of two dollars at the least is expected from each Union for the Memorial organizing fund.

Feb. 10-17 is membership week in which every legitimate means to increase our membership will be used from a pink and blue ribbon contest down to individual effort and by house to house visitation through press and by mail. We want to apply the leaven in our town so others may catch the spirit and make it possible to organize every locality in the county. If we are known as a dry county why not be one?

To the Christian Church Everywhere.

"It is time something besides parading and singing, 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' was done by the Christian people," said the honorable John Wannamaker in an address delivered on Temperance Sunday in Philadelphia church. "We must now stand together for the total abolition of the liquor traffic, which is bound to come in time. I believe that the Republican party, or any party that fails to recognize this fact, is doomed. I am a Republican, and I love the old party of Lincoln, Harrison, Grant, Garfield and McKinley, but I realize that the grand old party cannot be kept up to its standard until it excludes the liquor business. It was difficult for me when I lived in Washington to entertain foreign officials without serving them with strong drink, but none of them ever had anything to drink of me. I have been a teetotaler since 1887. The appetite for strong drink is an appetite that grows. It is the Devil's best weapon and the world's greatest curse."

Abraham Lincoln laid down the proposition, "We want those who think slavery is wrong to stop voting with those who think it is right." We face similar conditions on another great moral issue today. Nothing else will cope with the situation but our open and honest contention that we want those who think liquor selling is wrong to stop voting with those who think it is right.

What Are Social Meetings?

They are meetings that we hold in our homes, to which we invite the women and men, whom we desire to become better acquainted with our methods of work, and who will consent to identify themselves—the women as active, and the men as honorary, members—with the largest organization of women in the world. They are not business nor prayer-meetings; although we should always open them with devotional exercises. We are expected to answer these questions, that seem to perplex many persons, "What are your methods?" "What are you doing anyway?" "Does your Union do anything but raise money?" "Are you doing any work that

the Church cannot accomplish?" These and more have been asked, and they can be ably answered by our women, either verbally, or in a written or printed production, upon our varied departments, culled from the State or National reports of the Superintendents, and the Convention number of the "Union Signal." The National and State Presidents' addresses should be read, so the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers. A delegate to the National Convention might be invited to

speaking upon what she saw, heard and felt of the greatness of our cause, and of the ability of our self-sacrificing women, who are giving their strength, yea, and their lives, that our homes—which means every home in this and other lands—may be protected.

Notice!

All charter members of W. C. T. U. and the recent pledge signers who have not paid their yearly dues of \$1.00 please report immediately to Treasurer.

Mrs. A. M. Graham, or leave money with S. B. Street & Co. This includes honorary as well as active members.

**Graham Auto Supply Company**  
CHAS. WIDMAYER, Manager.  
**Automobile Accessories and Supplies**  
New Tires. Fire Proof Garage  
**Day and Night Service Cars**

### A Misunderstanding.

"They who condemn the new sciences of scientific management and efficiency engineering don't understand them, that's all."

Thus spoke Jerome S. McWade, the well-known millionaire, in an address before the Duluth Y. M. C. A. With a smile he continued:

"They fail as egregiously to understand these splendid new sciences as the farmer failed to understand the incubator salesman."

"The salesman praised his incubator with fervid eloquence. He declared that there was nothing like it on the market. But to all his arguments the farmer, an old-fashioned fellow, shook his head."

"But think, sir," cried the salesman warmly, "think of the time an incubator saves."

"Shifting his quid from the right cheek to the left, the old farmer sneered:

"Aw," he said, "what do I care for a hen's time?"

## S. B. STREET & COMPANY'S

# Great Clearance Sale

OF ALL

## Winter Clothing, Shoes and Dry Goods

### Will Continue One More Week

OUR STORE has the reputation for giving the Greatest Special Sales in Young County and our January Sale is the best of all. The trade has confidence in our sales because we offer good, reliable merchandise at greatly reduced prices and have never deceived our customers, so when we advertise a sale they come by the hundreds, buy liberally and leave well pleased with their purchases.

This sale is on all Winter Goods and as winter is not half over most every family will need some of these goods, so we expect to make this sale one of the greatest we have ever given.

Come and get some of the Great Bargains we offer on the following seasonable merchandise:

Ladies' Suits and Coats  
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### Christian.

Bible school attendance 100; collection \$3.34.

The morning reading was from the 91st Psalm, but the theme, "God's care for His children," was found in Phil. 4:19. Emphasis was given the thought of God as a father, loving, solicitous and vigilant in His watch-care; ever ready to supply "every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ." His abundant provision for all was forcefully illustrated through the varied and wonderful products of the earth, their susceptibility of development and their adaptability to man's wants. Step by step the discourse revealed the better and higher thought of man's susceptibility and adaptability to God's service and his exalted position as God's co-worker. A great program of work is before all and much depends on our determination, co-operation and ideals for the New Year.

The anticipated evening lecture was postponed owing to the inclemency of the weather and the consequent small attendance.

The 19th Psalm was the basis of a very helpful discourse. Again the hearers were brought face to face with the proofs of the divine mind, system and purpose back of all creation. These proofs are three-fold—evidences of nature, evidences of human experiences, and perfection of God's law. Each was dealt with in detail, thus showing God's love for man and in turn man's obligation to God. The simplicity of service was clearly shown. As David could not fight in Saul's armour neither can we assume the duties and responsibilities for which we are not prepared. But God expects us to do the service for which nature, opportunities and training have prepared us.

### Methodist.

"He endured as seeing Him that is invisible," Heb. 11:27, was the text for the morning sermon. The text was discussed under three heads. The faith of Moses, the endurance of Moses, the invisible God in whom trust was put by Moses. The call is for a life of endurance. Taking one definition of the word men are to bear those things that come into their experiences. Again endurance has the meaning "to last." Three hundred and sixty days are ahead in this year and what the church wants is a faith sufficiently strong that it may endure. Christ preached the doctrine of endurance as with His disciples He sat on the Mount of Olive. Both Paul and Peter preached and lived that endurance is essential to salvation.

### Christian Endeavor Program.

A decision meeting, January 12, 1913, 6:00 p.-m.

Christian Endeavor Topic, Become a Christian; why not?

Leader—Rev. Gaines B. Hall.

Silent prayer closed with sentence prayers.

Song.

Prayer.

Leader's opening remarks.

Scripture lesson and comments by Mr. H. L. Morrison.

Special music.

Twelve reasons for becoming a christian by twelve christians.

Song.

One sentence from each one present of personal testimony of God's goodness.

Leader's talk.

Prayer for conversions and personal service during the New Year.

Installation of new officers.

Closing exercises.

### Baptists to Hold Rally.

The members of the Baptist church will hold a rally next Sunday in celebration of the first anniversary of the tithing system adopted by the church.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Snow of Dallas will be present and Dr. Snow will occupy the pulpit for both morning and evening services.

Mrs. Snow is well known throughout Texas as a leader in women's and young people's church affairs and while here will probably address a congregation along her line of work.

All members of the church are urged to be present and take part in this rally as it will prove a very enjoyable occasion.

### Dr. Buckner's Anniversary.

There was celebrated at Buckner Orphans Home the other day an event that is worth a good deal more recognition than it is apt to get in a world busied with its money-making tasks. We speak of the eightieth anniversary of Dr. R. C. Buckner's birth, and the dedication of a new structure added to the group of buildings making the institution which Dr. Buckner has created and worked for for many years with inspiring enthusiasm. To attain to eighty years is itself a distinction, since it exceeds the psalmist's allotment by ten; but to attain to eighty years and at the same time retain one's exuberance unstaled is an achievement possible only to those who in their work are sustained by an unselfish motive. That is eminently the characteristic of Dr. Buckner's work. One can readily agree with Dr. Trautt, who, in lauding the humanitarian service of Dr. Buckner, said that "if we would always be young, the way is pointed out to us in this man's life—if we would always be young let us give of our brain, our strength and our money to help others." Dr. Buckner has not only discovered the secret of long and happy life, but he has exemplified it luminously; and great as his service has been in providing a home for hundreds of orphans, he has rendered perhaps almost an equal one in holding up to the gaze of men an ideal of high living.—Dallas News.

### Loyalty to Friends.

How rare is loyalty, the test of character. How shifting, how adjusting to circumstances and to the opinion of others is our view of friends. Those we love to criticize, and whose weakness and faults we love to discuss! How rarely do we hear a courageous defense of a friend who is attacked or meet with that mental attitude which will not allow another to discuss the faults of a friend—the high character that is a shield and guard to the absent one.

Yes, loyalty is rare, and perhaps for that reason so highly praised by authors and poets.

Remember the command, "Do unto others as you would be done by," for it is an absolute law that you will be done as you do unto others; no one can escape that law. If we realize the power of thought we cannot but see that everytime we fail in loyalty to a friend we are putting all friends away from us, not only the ones we criticize, but all possibilities of friendship. We are preparing a desert which will some day separate us from all those who would have helped us, loved us, stayed by us in our troubles and been a wall of defense.—Lost.

### Enjoyable Oyster Supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt of Throckmorton were honor guests at an oyster feast given by Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris on Thursday evening. The oysters were sent Dr. Morris from Galveston by his brother and were fresh and fine.

There were raw oysters, oyster stews and fried oysters, together with all the good things usually served with oysters and cooked and served as only Dr. and Mrs. Morris know how.

Lucy Morris and Mary Hudson gave several instrumental numbers throughout the evening.

Others present were Miss Nora Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and family.

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**Letter from the President of  
"The Sons of Rest."**

MR. EDITOR.

I worked your town of late to try to find out who discovered America. Dr. Terrell said Colquitt was the man; Bill Finch said it was Joe Bailey, while Ben Johnson said it laid between Sam Lane and Joe Bailey; he said they both claimed it—they both saw it about the same time.

You certainly have got a dry town. I worked the place out the other day and could not find a drop. I asked Dr. Gallaher who handled the goods there now and he said if I couldn't get it from Bill Finch or Oscar Allen he didn't know where I would find it. I struck Oscar and he was out, then I struck Bill; he said he was dry as a fish himself. It looked to me like it was scarce. If anybody was to get snake-bit they would "shore be up agin it."

Well, we had fun here Christmas. We wanted to economize on fixtures, so we just got Bill McGlamery to act as Santa Claus.

You know false faces cost money. He said he was driving along by going to the Christmas tree and saw something in the road he took to be a boat that some poor fisherman had lost off his wagon, and his horse was about to leave the road, but he pulled him in close and the wheels ran over it and liked to have turned his buggy over. Come to find out it was one of the squire's shoes. He went on up the road and got near Bro. Wysor's and his horse got scared at a big rock and his buggy was turned over this time and liked to have broken Bill's neck. Bro. Wysor came out and Bill asked him if he couldn't do something for him, and he said he could pass around the hat.

I saw Uncle Bill Donnell out

yesterday. I guess he will be out again about Feb. 2 and if he sees his shadow he will crawl back for six weeks longer.

Say, Mr. Editor, does your town falsify any? I was in Short's store the other day and you know that Jessy Rickman?—one of the boys said he had gone to work. He was right around there in the shoe department and I went around to see about it, you know. He belongs to the Sons of Rest and it is my business to look after the boys, but he wasn't doing a thing in the world. He was standing there looking straight up and was doing lovely. It looked to me like he had on the prettiest pair of breeches I ever saw—just as blue and pretty. The suspenders were grown to his pants, you know, and I don't know what all he had on, but he looked good to me.

C. D. YANCEY.

**Christian Ladies' Aid.**

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. A. E. Logan on Thursday, Jan. 2. This was a business meeting. The following officers were elected for 1913:

- Mrs. V. E. Eddleman, Pres.
- Mrs. J. W. Carlton, V-Pres.
- Mrs. B. F. Stallings, Sec'y.
- Mrs. W. I. Tidwell, Treas.
- Mrs. H. W. McGowan, Cor.
- Mrs. J. C. Fisher, Press Reporter.

The day of meeting was changed from Thursday to Monday, four o'clock being the hour of meeting.

The plans for the year's work was discussed and will be discussed more fully at our next regular meeting which will be with Mrs. W. C. Bell Sr. next Monday at four o'clock p. m.

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