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FARMS FOR THE FARMLESS AND RURAL SCHOOLS.

Editor Reporter:

Having just read every word of the proceedings of the recent meeting of teachers in Dallas, Texas, I beg space in our good paper to offer a few thoughts thereon.

The question of rural schools, is to my mind, second to only one other question, that of "Homes for the Homeless," as our neighbor, Tom M. Marks of the Jacksboro News, terms it. Anyway it means "farms for the farmless," and I agree with Brother Marks heartily when he says: "If locking up every church and school house, in the state for ten years would make home owners of every citizen, it would be best that these institutions should be closed. We believe that every teacher, every day, should teach his pupils something about how to win a home, and the importance of home owning, and we believe it is the solemn duty of every preacher to have some thought to help on this line at every congregation of his people. Every newspaper, every week, should have something to say on this line."

Yes, and the time is not very distant, when all newspapers, to be popular, must deal with this important question.

The question of "farms for the farmers," and the question of efficient rural schools, are inseparable. It is a fact that no sensible, well-informed person will try to deny, if honest, that the highest civilization in the world is where the people own their homes.

I note that Hon. P. P. Claxton of Washington, the United States Commissioner of Education, was present at the teachers association and made a magnificent plea for education in its broadest sense. Good things were said by a number of others but it remained for our former State Superintendent, Mr. F. M. Bralley, who is now director of the department of extension, University of Texas, but who ought to be governor of this state to offer the only true solution to the problem of establishing efficient rural schools. Speaking on the rural life situation Mr. Bralley is reported to have said: "Country life in Texas is both unprofitable and unsatisfactory. This is shown by the increased city population, coming from the country, by the actual decrease in rural population in forty-two of the largest counties in the state in the past ten years, although the general population of the state increased greatly during that time.

"If all the farms of Texas were owned by those who farm them this condition would not exist. But the farms are not so owned, and we are rapidly developing a farm peasantry in the state, and today a majority of the farmers of Texas are homeless. A crisis will be reached in our rural life within a few decades if this condition, as has been said, next to war, pestilence and famine, absentee landlordism is the worst thing that can happen to a country. Because of this increasing tenancy there is a lack of organization among the rural people: lack of co-operation; a lack of effort to solve the rural problems.

"The country hope and the church and school must all be

made attractive before the country life problem will be solved. And we must have a state of farm owners operating their own farms before we can have this. It is illogical to expect the tenant, the temporary renter, to do a great deal toward improving the house upon that farm or contributing much toward the school and church, and social work. The destiny of Texas is in the hands of the people of the country, and as their problem is solved, so will the problem of the state be solved."

To the above I say, Amen, even so, Mr. Bralley; every word of it, and I believe those words will strike a responsive cord in the hearts of thousands of "farmless farmers" and common home-owners in Texas, and any time you want to be governor of this misdirected commonwealth, Mr. Bralley, just say the word and we will do the rest.

I think there are enough of us who wear no brass collar, labeled either prohibition or anti-prohibition to elect a "man" governor of Texas.

The shameful aspect of requiring a prohibitionist to poke his head into a sack labeled "prohibition" in order that he may receive endorsement of the wire pullers, is both disgusting and humiliating.

I admire the courage and manhood now being exhibited by Will H. Mayes, and if, when he makes known his policies he should espouse the cause of "farms for the farmless" he will be my second choice for governor; Cullen F. Thomas being my first choice, providing they allow him to run. Mr. Thomas has already made known the fact that he proposes to deal with this great question. I have it pretty straight that Mr. Thomas wanted a land platform two years ago. Free Thinker.

THE MEDDLER

In each community there is a certain class of people who are working overtime trying to keep the business of their neighbors in shape; while sadly neglecting their own. Why they do this I cannot see. The pay is scant and they are not very often thanked. But man's propensity for tampering with the affairs of others has long since passed into proberb. Their greatest delight seems to be in doing little mean tricks, of which a Digger Indian would feel ashamed of, or in circulating some choice bit of gossip which will cause their neighbors to feel bad, or in their lingo, to "die hard."

"Faith, hope and charity," says, St. Paul, "and the greatest of these is charity." "Thou I have faith to move mountains and have not charity I am nothing." Charity is love and does not mean the mere giving of money, but toleration and respect for the beliefs of other people. If you are expecting to enter a better world than this on faith and hope alone you are, in the vernacular of Sam Jones, a "gone sucker." If you differ on politics why call him a fool and a traitor to his country. He has as much right to his opinion and convictions as you have and may be more of a patriot. By what standard do you judge? By the same standard you may also be judged. If you cannot see the whiskey question in the same light why lose his friendship? If your re-

ligious beliefs are not the same why argue the matter? He may not be one of the "other cheek" Christians and whether he is your moral equal or not, he may demonstrate to your entire satisfaction that he is your superior physically. And do not say that you and you only are right. He may be as near right as you. Who knows? If you have any leisure time use it to secure knowledge instead of stirring up strife and resentment amongst your neighbors. You can, for a mere trifle, secure enough good books and magazines to take up all your spare time in reading. Seneca, the great moralist and philosopher once said "more people would secure knowledge if they did not deem that they already possessed it." About right, was he not? Must have had the same people in his day that we have now. But probably not as many, as the fool killer was just in his prime at that time. Modern civilization has done away with him, worked him to death.

The "Meddler's itch" is curable. A season of penitence and prayer, coupled with some good sound thinking and comparisons will gradually work it out of your system, and if you use your brains instead of your tongue you are not liable to have a second attack.

In all seriousness, don't you think this old world would be a better place to live if it wasn't for the discord and strife now amongst us? Our one great failing is we are eternally warring on non-essentials while neglecting the essential; shooting the butterfly while dragons over-run the land. To be Christians we must be Christ-like. Perhaps you may think I have a "grouch" or some one is trying to run my affairs, but I beg to assure you that such is not the case. If the latter was the case I would secure an injunction (about four feet long and well seasoned) to restrain them, until I became capable of attending my business. Perchance you will say I am trying to purify our entire social system, but I'm not. It needs fumigating, and I am not equal to the task. GRINGO.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Only the immediate family was present at the "Surprise Birthday Dinner," given Mrs. A. M. Graham Sunday, by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Street.

In the center of the table the large birthday cake lighted with the proper number of candles, and surrounded with ferns, pink and white carnations, formed a center-piece of exquisite beauty. After a five course dinner, all adjourned to the parlor to enjoy music on the piano, by Mr. and Mrs. Crabb, and a sacred Victrola concert.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Six enthusiastic Lady Aiders met with Mrs. C. B. Jones last Thursday in spite of the down-pour, Mrs. B. B. Garrett presiding.

After the devotional, which consisted of song, chapter and prayers by all present, came the quiz on Home Missions. This showed thorough study on the part of those present.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Albert Kay. For roll call give news from the foreign field.

GRAHAM ONLY ONE POINT BEHIND IN THE CLEAN TOWN CONTEST

Out of Thirty Towns Reported None Has Higher Percentage Than 89, Three Towns Tying For First Place in Honors.

The final decision has not been made in the Holland's Clean Town Contest, and at present Graham stands one point behind in the percentage column.

In Class C, in which class Graham is, three towns have tied thus far for first place, they being Canyon, McGregor and Memphis, with a percentage of 89. Graham and Pear-sall follow with a percentage of 88.

This puts us only one point behind the high-notchers, and should another inspection be made, as was indicated by Dr. Carrick, when he visited this city, the standing will likely be changed. It is not impossible for Graham to be in the lead upon a second inspection, and those who worked so faithfully to make Graham a winner are in hopes that we will be accorded a second inspection.

LITERARY CLUB

Mrs. B. W. King was hostess to the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Mrs. H. P. Miller presiding.

The cheery rooms, decked with bright autumn foliage, and the interesting program of the afternoon, dispelled the gloom without.

For roll-call varied historical events were given, which was followed by a timely paper by Mrs. B. W. King on "Luther Burbank," the modern wizard of the plant world. This paper gave occasion for much comment and research.

Mrs. Rose contributed a very interesting critic's report. A Round Table discussion of unusual interest on "Modern Achievement" was a prominent feature of the program.

Recent accomplishments in surgery, electricity and other sciences were reported.

DON'T WORRY CLUB.

Mrs. J. H. Rubenkoeing was hostess for the Don't Worries Friday afternoon. On account of the inclemency of the weather there was not a large membership present, but those who were fortunate enough to be present on this occasion spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Delightful refreshments were served to the following guests, besides the members: Mess-dames Hall, McFerrin, Wid-mayer and Duncan.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Young County Camp, Confederate Veterans, met at their regular time of meeting last Saturday, December 6, 1913.

Ten of the Veterans were present. Judge E. W. Fry was to have made an address to the Veterans at this time, but owing to the extreme bad weather and the small number present, it was thought best to postpone matters until our next regular meeting, the first Saturday in January, 1914, at which time Judge Fry and Dr. Duncan will deliver addresses.

The public at large are requested to be present on this occasion. The ladies are especially invited to be present.

Respectfully,
F. Herron, Adj.

Charlie Hogue, who is teaching in Bryson, spent Saturday with relatives here. He reports a good school at Bryson.

QUAIL HELPING FARMERS BY EATING BOLL WEEVIL.

"No Hunting" Signs Being for Conservation of Crops.

(Some time ago some of the farmers in Young county published in The Reporter an appeal to the hunters to not kill the quail on their several premises, giving as a reason that the quail would destroy boll weevils and other insects. A local hunter said the editor was a bone-head or something similar for publishing the items referred to as quail did not eat boll weevils. If he knows what he is talking about, we are happy to know that we are not the only editor in the "solid ivory" class as the following item was taken from the Dallas News of recent date.)

Motives of self-interest will accomplish wonders in the way of conservation where public policy and the general good fail to get a vote. An instance of this was related the other day by a visiting business man from Galveston. Galveston county has not appeared in the statistical tables of cotton by counties as published in The News Almanac. It will make its debut in that compendium of accurate statistics, some day, however.

In the neighborhood of Friendswood in that county the farmers have begun producing cotton as the result of the work of a demonstration agent who has been busy there for the last three seasons. The cotton crop at Friendswood is not large as yet—only a fraction of a hundred bales—but it is good cotton and the farmers are enthused over their experiment with the staple. And, being progressive agriculturists, these farmers of Friendswood have noted the fine points of their experiment. Among other things they have perceived that there is a good chance to split the potential product of their cotton acres with the boll weevil at percentage of about fifty-fifty if they be not careful. And this is where the conservation comes in. They have discovered that the crops of all the quail—and there are many covies of quail in the coast prairies thereabouts, are always filled with boll weevils when an examination is made. The examinations naturally have always been made after the quail was dead.

It follows that if the quail is abetting the farmer to the extent of devouring thousands of his cotton pests daily it is a good thing to conserve the quail—better than a quail on toast is a quail in the cotton patch. So there are "No Hunting" signs all around the farms in Friendswood vicinity, and a determined attitude on the part of the farmers thereabouts to the end that the Galveston sportsman must make showing that his gun is charged with duck shot and not quail shot before he is allowed even to gaze upon the premises of the cotton farmer.

Married at Jacksboro.

Married, in the court house at Jacksboro, Texas, at 3 p. m. November 29th, 1913, Justice L. H. Bryant officiating, Mr. G. W. Bishop of Graham and Mrs. Belle R. Dillard of the Wesley Chapel neighborhood in Jack county.

They will make their home at Graham.—Jacksboro Gazette.

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Weather for December.

1st to 4th, Mild Period. 5th to 10th, Cloudy Period. 11th to 15th, Great Storm Period. 16th to 20th, Damp Period. 21st to 23rd, Rain Wave. 24th to 27th, Cold Wave. 28th to 31st, Mild Wave. Temperature normal.

We trust our correspondents will not overlook the Christmas special, as we would like to have a letter from each one of you for that number. Those who live at a distance will confer a favor on us by mailing their letters for this occasion just a day earlier than usual. And let us thank you for the many new subscriptions sent in lately. We don't know just exactly what to say to show our appreciation, but you know we do appreciate every little thing you do for us.

Everybody should feel thankful for the good rains. Let the good cheer be passed on to the next man. "Laugh and the world laughs with you. "It's our time.

Shakespeare said that there was nothing in a name. When the bard said that he was probably peeved because his own name was such a misfit. Shakespeare never shook a spear in his life; maybe he never saw one. There are many such misfit names in the world. One of the best and squarest men we ever met in our life was named Villan, and the ornriest scoundrel we ever saw on top of the earth was named Goodman. On the other hand, you occasionally meet a man whose name fits him as if he had been born to it—which he was, of course. One of the snuggest fits we know of is worn by the present attorney general of Texas.—Graford Herald.

The name may fit him exactly, no doubt it does, but we venture he isn't half as looney as any number of newspaper men over the state who have let themselves be worked for space by the Commercial Secretaries, or whatever their name is. All this stuff sent out by them to hammer the attorney general is just so much free advertising for the Katy system, and had it been sent the papers by this road some of the editors would have held up their hands in holy horror at the idea of a big railroad wanting free advertising. Are you guilty, Brer Herald?

There is not a newspaper man in all the world who would not, if he loves his calling and tries to be honest with his subscribers, be glad to print all the news each week, but the very best of them sometimes fail to get all the news. Do you have any sort of notion that the Dallas News prints all the news about Dallas? It certainly overlooks some good items—items that it would not miss for a great deal of real cash, but they cannot, well-organized as the News is, get all the news. When you think the newspaper men are overlooking you, forget the accusation long enough to speak to them or tell them over the phone they lost out on getting some news. They will gladly thank you, then print your item. Try this some time, just for luck. You will be made glad and the newspaper men will be made happy. What better results could you ask?—Stamford Leader.

People who are loudest in

RECITAL PROGRAMME

By Pupils of Miss Lucille Miller
Opera House, Graham, Texas, Dec. 12, 1913.

- 1.—A Christmas Eve Thought..... H. B. Sterling
Mary Louise Hallam
- 2.—My Sister's Best Feller..... J. C. Lincoln
Mona Lee Jiant
- 3.—The Quaker..... Stephen Adams
Vara Gatlin
- 4.—Repentance..... Wernet's
Annie Lucile Morrison
- 5.—Entertaining Her Sister's Beau..... Bret Harte
Fay Martin
- 6.—Solo..... "Asleep in the Deep"
J. W. Akin, Jr.
- 7.—Elmer Brown..... James Whitcomb Riley
Thelma Burns
- 8.—A City Mystery..... Amy Randolph
Miss Ethel Self
- 9.—Quartette..... "The Old Camp Fire"
Messrs. Fisher, Williams, Eddleman and Akin
- 10.—Trick Versus Trick..... "Yale Stories"
Fred M. Hudson
- 11.—The Dumb Waiter Difficulty..... Pauline Phelps
Miss Winnie Tankersley
- 12.—How to Drive a Pig..... L. H. Montgomery
Verda Martin
- 13.—Mammy's Lullaby..... Alma Crowley
Mary Louise Hallam, Annie Lucille Morrison, Ione Short, Mildred Tidwell, Marjorie Hudson, Maurine Norman
Thelma Burns and Lucile Norman
- 14.—The Courtin'..... James Russell Lowell
Vara Gatlin
- 15.—The Ambition of a Statesman..... Henry Clay
Herschel Eddleman
- 16.—A Shaker Romance..... Charles S. Haight
Miss Jennie Bell Hunter
- 17.—The Benediction..... Francois Coppee
Miss Winnie Tankersley
- 18.—The Millinery Melee..... Pauline Phelps
Miss Beulah Allen

their complaints about a newspaper are generally those who never put themselves out to tell you anything. And some people still hold the opinion that they are 'putting themselves forward if they tell you anything about themselves. Just go ahead and believe that, but tell us anyway. We'll deem it a favor.

In the hard years just past it looked as if families would surely suffer. Credit in stores and banks tided the people over. Yet if there is one system hurting the public today, merchant and farmer, professional man and clerk, it is the credit system. The merchant buys goods and must pay for them. He sells them to the general public on credit. Knowing that a certain per cent of the bills will never be paid he must charge more for his goods than if the sales had all been cash. Then credit tempts a man to buy things he could do without. In some parts of the country everything is getting on a cash basis. Farmers raise a few yearlings to sell in the spring, wheat, oats and hay in summer, raise plenty feed, and when cotton, the main money crop comes in, they have cash for a bank account and pay cash as they go.

One farmer told us that he gathered nearly 300 bushels of sweet potatoes from one acre of irrigated land here this year and that he sold them at an average of \$1.21 per bushel, which would bring in the neat little sum of \$375.00. Not every man is so situated that he can irrigate, but many places have good tanks where they could have at least a half acre of ground below it watered. If he raises 100 bushels or even 50 bushels it's worth while. It is astonishing how many vegetables may be raised on a small place well fertilized and well watered, and how profitable when near a market. Enough water has fallen to furnish the supply of water and if your tank is not full it is in the wrong place.

Our readers will note that there is constantly being advertised special sales of one character or another by the merchants of Graham. They do not put on these sales in an off-hand way, but each sale, we judge, is very carefully planned out, in order that whatever merchandise is offered for sale may

attract a buyer. Our real motive for calling your attention to these special sales is that you may not fully appreciate that when such a sale is advertised, that real bargains may be had, and it is to try to strengthen the merchant's appeal that we thus remind you of the sales. When such reduced prices are offered it is nothing more nor less than the giving up of some profit that would have been made had the goods been sold at the regular price. There is not a merchant in the city who uses the columns of The Reporter to exploit his wares who would advertise something to the public that he did not have. And you may feel safe in accepting the goods thus advertised as being what they claim for them. We want the trading public and the merchants to be in as close relation with each other as it is possible to be, and to that end The Reporter urges its readers to take more than a casual look at the advertising appearing in its columns. If money is to be saved by buying at such times as special bargains are offered we want our readers to save that money. We none of us have too much, and The Reporter is a firm believer in that old adage, "a dollar saved is a dollar made." You can not do better than trade with the merchants who advertise in The Reporter.

Of course there is good argument on the side of a man who opposes "Government interference in private business," still we notice that he ships by parcel post when it is cheaper.

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S. B. Street & Company

John Mauldin of Finis was here on business Tuesday.

Buy your carbon paper from The Graham Printing Co.

Try a Davis Automatic Inkstand—neat, lasts forever, and keeps ink fresh and clean. \$1.00 and \$1.50. Graham Ptg. Co.

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BETTER ORDER TODAY

West Texas Reporter

Live News from our Correspondents

Salem.

Hansford Hatfield was selling pork in Graham Saturday.

The river is falling very fast here now.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hinson visited here Sunday.

Marion Henderson has been in poor health since the bad weather set in.

Archie Martin has located in Salem for the winter and is trapping for wolves and pole cats.

When the pole cats are all done up and closed out in the perfume business the last wild enemy of Brer Rabbit is gone, for the wolf is getting to be a rarity now.

Last Saturday Mrs. Maggie Gilmore delivered two hogs to Mr. Dunlap of Graham, that sold at 10c a pound net weight, and weighed 835 pounds, the two hogs bringing the neat sum of \$83.50. These hogs were raised mainly on waste from the kitchen and then finished up on corn. There is money in raising hogs here and the farmer who doesn't raise enough for home use and then goes around preaching hard times should go way back and sit down and keep mum.

Bono's reason as to why a pole cat is so called and his explanation as to how they should be executed is sound logic from center to circumference. He says "the longer the pole the better," and we will add that if possible the pole should reach from pole to pole, for the man who engages in a hand to hand combat with a pole cat is surely doomed to carry a certain aroma about him that wears like buck-skin.

It would take well on to a million dollars to put all the roads in the county in first-class condition and if we were bossing this big job we would say use more of the road fund for culverts and less for grading, for by so doing the road bed can be drained with much less expense. Where a road runs along the foot of and parallel with the side of a hill or mountain a very deep ditch is necessary to carry the water in time of rain and unless the descent be steep the erosion from the mountain soon fills the ditch and then the water runs across and down the grade and ruins the road. A few small culverts would obviate this. We have two examples of this kind of work between here and Graham. There is no economy in doing \$15.00 worth of grading in order to save the expense of one small culvert. In places where it is very difficult to keep ditches and barriers in shape that are put in to drain the road, the man living nearest such places should be appointed to see after that part of the road after each rain for it is often the case that fifteen minutes work with shovel will save several days' work with scraper and team later on, and even if the party charges for this small amount of labor the investment will prove a good one. And again, careless driving, or driving without any regard for the welfare of the road is a great injury to a road; if the first travel over a new grade is in zig zag fashion the next old mule that comes along will follow the same track as long as allowed to do so, and here is where one good result follows the use of the drag or harrow on the road: it blots out the old tracks and gives a chance to start new ones on the center of the grade.

Plow Boy, in his interesting write-up of affairs in Mexico says "so just let them scrap. Let's save ourselves and our guns and ammunition to fight each other with for they will

have us at it inside of ten years." Now Plow Boy is a good writer and well informed and we will ask him what are the necessary changes in order to avert our committing suicide as Mexico is doing? All civilized nations on the face of the globe are waiting and hoping she will finish up the work and make a good job of it. And what signs of the times portend so great a calamity as another civil war would be in the land of the free and the home of the brave? Please explain, for if there is going to be a war we want to know in time so we can pick out a good, level piece of ground to run on before it begins.

We are all hoping that about Christmas-time Tom Lisle will show charity enough to pass that jug of meal around, for in certain respects we are very dry here, and, from present indications are likely to remain so.

You see, it is hog killing time now and that partly explains why we are so short on local news, for we have had to write earlier in the week than usual. Salemite.

Tonk Valley.

The schools of the Valley are progressing nicely with Misses Bertie Cook and Ollie Phillips as teachers.

It rains in old Young county sometimes, doesn't it? The school children are very faithful, however, for they come and go in all the rain.

Miss Bertie Cook spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Lowery.

The quarterly conference met at Upper Tonk Saturday, 29th, but on account of the rain only a few were present.

The box supper at Upper Tonk on Thanksgiving night was a decided success. \$25.00 was raised toward getting a new organ and we hope to have the same installed in the building by Christmas.

The Upper Tonk school is going to give an entertainment Friday night, Dec. 19. Everybody come and bring some one else with you. Admission for adults 15c and children 10c. The funds will go to finish paying for the organ and for a library.

Sunday school at Upper Tonk was about the same as usual. There were sixty present.

Several of the Valley boys attended the party at Mr. Saddy's Saturday night.

Miss Sallie Timmons visited homefolks Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Cutshall and Mr. Jones called at T. C. Wadley's Sunday night.

I must bid you adieu. Arawana.

Bee Branch.

We are still having rain. It has rained all week.

We were glad to see so many out to Sunday school Sunday afternoon. Come again, all of you.

T. M. Corbett and family visited J. T. Haliburton Sunday. M. O. Kennedy visited Mr. Woods of Ivan Sunday.

Archie Corbett took dinner with his sister, Mrs. Outlaw, Sunday.

Walter Manning and Mr. Houghton were in this community Monday on business.

Mrs. Outlaw had a letter from her sister, Mrs. T. C. Hefner, of Holtville, Cal. last week. Mrs. Hefner says they are well pleased with California and have no intention of coming back to Stephens county.

M. O. Kennedy called on Mr. McKinney Monday.

Mrs. E. W. Hazel and Tommie

Outlaw, Misses Georgie, Rachel and Ibbie Haliburton and Little Georgie Perry took supper Sunday night with Mrs. Corbett and remained for the singing that night.

The people of this community met and decided to have a Christmas tree. Everybody invited to attend.

Messrs. Willie and Zeke Hamill and their sister, Miss Zula, attended Sunday school Sunday afternoon and singing Sunday night.

On account of rain school has been small this week. There was not any school at all Tuesday.

The people of this part of the country would love to see some sunshine for a while.

Willie Remington of Caddo, was in Breckenridge Friday and Saturday taking examination.

Schoolgirl.

Orth.

Say, Mr. Editor, you will have to get after Plow Boy if he don't talk U. S. We Correspondents can't understand him.

Ed Park went to Olney and back Saturday on business.

The local wrecked Thursday this side of Archer City, causing the passenger to be delayed at Olney till Friday.

Some have been killing hogs since the norther blew up. It looks like it might stay clear 20 minutes before it rains any more. People who have had cattle or horses they wanted to put on wheat and oats pasture could not find a dry pasture for them and now the man who has wheat or oats can't find any stock to put on them.

Say, Goose you tell Charley McLaren that he is too small to be out without a chaperon. It's a wonder the woman had not killed him—I mean the motorcycle.

Lena Jones, Eula Coop and Roy Coop, Elmer Bishop and Dick Routon, Ed Killion, all took in the big show at Olney Thursday night.

Luther Jones, M. E. Clark and John Clark took a pleasure trip. They walked through the mud and got wet before they got home.

Mr. Geo. Leberman went to Olney the other day and bought fifteen head of hogs.

Mr. Editor, you may not see this for a week the railroads are balled up so. UNO.

Proffitt

Mr. Weatherbee and son Robert went to Newcastle Monday.

Mr. Orb Holder and wife spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Melton Smith.

Mr. Jess Thomas went to Newcastle Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Griffin spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Strother.

Mr. Melton Smith and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Weatherbee's.

Mr. H. Reeves visited Mr. Hudson Sunday.

Miss Ola Strather called on Miss Bertha Waldrige Sunday. W. M. Gibbs and family and Miller Gibbs and wife took dinner with Will Gibbs and family Sunday.

Mr. Walter Dent left Tuesday for Waco.

Mr. Jim Gardner left Saturday for Arkansas where he will make his future home.

Mr. Speer of Murray has moved in our community. We are glad to welcome them.

Miss Willie Hudson called on Miss Bettie Gibbs Wednesday. Miss Maggie Weatherbee visited one day last week with Miss Birdie Dooley.

Mr. Mart Wells of Olney is spending this week with his mother.

Mr. Higgins returned Sunday from Illinois.

Miss Dorothy Tipton went to Newcastle Friday.

Snowflake.

Hawkins Chapel.

Bro. Nobles filled his regular appointment at the Chapel Sunday at 11 a. m.

Miss Lessie Loftin returned home from West Fork Saturday.

Mrs. Lindsey returned from Markley Saturday. She has been visiting her daughter there for the past two weeks.

Mr. Louis Drum took Grandpa Drum to Loving Sunday morning to meet the train. Grandpa went to the Wells to be with his brother who is ill.

Mr. Rube Loftin and family visited Mrs. Laura Baker Saturday night.

They have organized a literary society in this community. We hope it will be quite a success, and a source of much pleasure to all.

Mr. Jim Oatman and family took Sunday dinner with Mr. Robert Miller and wife.

Mrs. Lawrence has returned from a visit at Cundiff.

Messrs. Lee Duckworth, Frank Loftin and Bernie Baker dined with Frank Newman Sunday.

The singing at Mr. Robert Miller's Sunday afternoon was good, and enjoyable to those present.

Mr. Cross and Rev. Joe R. Mayes took dinner with C. F. Newman Thursday.

Mr. Will Smith killed some large hogs Saturday, probably the largest in this community.

The Sunday school was in session at the regular hour Sunday with a pretty full attendance and good interest manifested by those present.

Miss Hettie Drum was the guest of Mrs. Walter Ward Sunday.

Mr. Noel Sims of Loving was at prayer meeting here Sunday night; also some of the young people of Lone Oak.

Violet.

Lone Star.

Miss Meda Poindexter and Mrs. Kirkland visited Mrs. Vaughan Thursday evening.

R. W. Dooley, Dee Poindexter and J. C. Akers made a business trip to Graham one day last week.

Odis Vaughan and F. M. Donley seem to be enjoying this weather as they are spending their time in hunting.

Mrs. Vest, Willie Raymond, Bessie and Arlie Akers, are visiting Mrs. J. L. Price of Crystal Falls the last of the week.

School stopped last week on account of the bad weather and the river being up.

Miss Vela Poindexter visited Mrs. F. M. Donley the first of the week.

Mrs. B. F. Langford cut her finger very badly this week, while cutting paper dolls. We thought she was too old for any thing like that. Ellis was very sorry, as he had to do the cooking.

Mrs. F. M. Donley visited

Mrs. E. M. Ball one evening last week.

My! The norther is appreciated by all, as everyone is wanting to kill hogs.

Archie Langford spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. George Langford of Huffstuttle.

Mrs. E. M. Ball visited Mrs. Sam Brock last Saturday evening.

Miss Beulah Bradberry visited Mrs. F. M. Donley Sunday. Good wishes to the Reporter and its many readers.

Silver Moon.

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Live News from our Correspondents

Mount Pleasant.

My heart goes out in sympathy to the mail carriers these rainy, muggy days. Our carrier, Henry Schlittler, has been taking it horseback part of the time. Henry Schlittler Jr. carried the mail in his father's place week before last. Young Henry is a good carrier, and is, we believe, just as faithful as his father, which is saying a good deal for one so young as Henry.

Dear readers, one and all, do we appreciate the mail carrier as we should? Their job is not so easy as it may seem. True they are paid pretty well for their work, but a kind word, a smile, a thoughtful act for their convenience is appreciated by them; and don't you know that it relieves the monotony of their task when they think they are delivering mail to their friends?

Thank you very much, Silver Bell for your compliment, and more for your charity; glad I sent in my apology when I did and hope the unfortunate ones (I mean those who couldn't be at the reunion) will all be as generous as you have been toward me. I was sorry to hear that you had been sick, hope you may keep well and send in one of your good letters each week. We all miss you when you are absent, and I heard inquiries about you at the reunion.

Our school is progressing nicely. Some of the boys have tested Miss Willie's mettle and found it "pure gold." Our boys are no worse than other boys, in fact I believe they are above an average. They are just boys, and must have a "boss." Of course the girls are all good, just like their mothers, and for no other reason but a woman's reason—just "because."

Sorrowful Kid, I for one certainly do object to your name. The Reporter's staff of Correspondents are not a sorrowful set by any means; while they do not claim to be exempt from the ordinary misfortunes which will naturally fall to the lot of man they believe it best to make the best of life they can, remembering that if we "laugh the world laughs with us and if we weep we weep alone." If you are obliged to be some kind of a kid why not be Pleasant Kid? Pleasant Kid at Pleasant Hill, see? or even "Billy the Kid," in fact any old "Kid" but Sorrowful Kid.

Well I do say Dago, you have the worst time of any Dago I ever knew. Last summer the "hoppers" bothered you. Now it is the pole cats and the "ites." I believe you mentioned all the ites but the Campbell "ites."

Kid I believe you told the young lady that you were not "holiness," that it was "the other Kid, older than yourself." Now, Bro. Kid, did it never occur to you that the time might come when you would like to be that "other Kid older than yourself?" When you have read all the good letters in The Reporter, get your Bible and turn to the 12th chapter of Hebrews and carefully and prayerfully read the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th verses, also the 22nd and 23rd verses, then let your eye drop to the 13th chapter and read the 1st and 2nd verses, meanwhile keeping in mind the Holiness doctrine and those who differ with you in religion. Now I do not hold with these people we are wrangling over, but I agree with a certain preacher in Graham who said, "we must be careful what we say about these people, for they have some mighty strong scripture."

We are thankful for a few

sunshiny days.

Rev. O. E. Dickson filled his regular appointment here Sunday, using the 30th to the 35th verses of the 10th chapter of Luke from which he expostulated very earnestly against the professed Christian living outside of "the" organized church of Christ. He likened the organized church to a "spiritual hospital." Altogether it was a good sermon, and Bro. Dickson was very earnest, and I believe he is honest, but I feel constrained to say that the organized church, irrespective of any particular denomination, is not always a "spiritual hospital," in fact, the every day life of the ordinary church member is so inconsistent and hypocritical that honest people are disgusted when church members neck up with open, bold sinners, and resort to all underhanded intrigues known to the arts of the fiends of hell: whose everyday lives are such that one can't tell the Christians (?) from the sinners without going to the church roll. Say, is it any wonder that honest, conscientious people are losing respect for the organized church? In saying this I do not mean to cast any reflection whatever upon Bro. Dickson, because he is a man for whom I have the profoundest respect and admiration.

We need less churchanity and more Christianity. The churches need more "pruning."

Joel Blackwood was elected Sunday school secretary Sunday.

The necessary amount of money lacking with which to buy an organ for the community to be placed in the school house, was raised Sunday and T. W. Matthews, J. Wylie Moore and J. A. Brown were appointed a committee to buy the organ and see it installed as early as possible.

Harry Blackwood of Briar Branch was back among his former associates last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mote and Miss Mittis Brown visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson last Monday evening. Roy took his guitar along, and Mr. Anderson, being a violinist, sweet music "floated out on the listening air." So they say.

Did you all hear about the awful tragedy that took place last Sunday night? Elder J. H. Fisher is authority for the statement that Jack Frost had killed General Green.

Frank Hamilton, formerly a resident of Mt. Pleasant, but who now lives at Padgett, came back to visit his friends last Monday, and a part was given in his honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Moore, with the consideration that all the young people be invited. "All were invited, nobody slighted," and a real good, social, friendly time was enjoyed; a time that will be remembered by Frank and his many friends for time and eternity. Behold how beautiful it is when "neighbors dwell together in unity."

Next Tuesday, the 15th is the day designated to open a lane between Elder J. H. Fisher's farm and the farm of S. Dozier, beginning at the Graham and Throckmorton road, near J. A. Brown's home and running to Medlan Chapel. It is for the benefit and convenience of the community as much as anything else. The neighbors have all agreed to come and help.

Little Adelle Brown is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Eppie Moore of Briar Bend is visiting Wylie and Hollis Moore.

Jim Wragg of Crystal Falls is visiting at Mr. Anderson's. Plover Boy.

Lower Tonk.

Several people of this community are killing hogs since the cool weather.

Yes, Silver Moon, we are sure glad to see you, for the nights have been so dark.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wadley and son, J. T. went to J. R. McClanahan's Monday to pick cotton, but I think it rained them out.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Wadley went to see Miss Emma Youngblood Thursday, who is still very sick.

Mr. Lee Jones went to town Friday.

Mrs. Lee Jones and little daughter visited Mrs. Clark on Friday.

Misses Minnie and Jewel Moore visited Miss Emma Youngblood Saturday.

Jim McClanahan and Vernon George were in Graham Saturday.

Jim Jones, Joe Clark, George Jones, Jim McClanahan, Vernon George and Roy Jones went to the party Saturday night at Mr. Sadberry's.

There was Sunday school at Lower Tonk at the regular hour with a nice crowd in attendance.

Misses Eppie and Minnie Moore and Miss Ollie Phillips took dinner with Miss Sallie Timmons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones took dinner with Mr. Bill Wadley Sunday.

James and Sylvester Gowens ate dinner with Vernon George Sunday.

Miss Sallie Timmons visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday, returning to Graham Sunday afternoon.

Several of the young people of Lower Tonk attended Sunday school at Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon.

Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gowens visited Mr. Youngblood Friday afternoon.

I guess Jessie Wadley caught a big fish Sunday for he was standing on the tank dam halloing.

Maud, Cland and Ernest Clark were at Bill Wadley's on Sunday.

Mr. Bill Wadley, Lee Jones and Mack George were at Mr. Bunton's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jim Bunton and children visited Grandma George Sunday afternoon. X. Y. Z.

Mountain Home.

We are glad to see the sun shine out once more. Everyone is anxious for a cold spell in order to kill hogs. Some had to turn their hogs out of the pens during the rainy weather.

Mr. Bill Bunger and sister spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lisle.

Mrs. Mattie Owens spent Friday with Mrs. Frank Sharp.

Dick Whittenberg and Frank Sharp were gathering some calves last week which they had bought some time ago.

Mr. John Couger was hauling cake last week. How are the roads John?

Mrs. Lottie Askew spent last week with her mother Mrs. Mollie Ribble.

Misses Mattie and Hattie Upham spent Thursday night with Ida and Lena Owen.

Vela Jones is getting along all right. The nurse left Saturday. Mr. Jones took her to Graham, where she left Sunday for Ft. Worth. We hope that Vela will get along all right now.

Miss Margie Ribble has been visiting her sister Mrs. Nettie Cunningham the past week and spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lisle.

Bill Bunger and Mr. Chambers were in Graham Saturday.

Grandma McClendon was real sick last week, but is much better now. Homeite.

Lone Oak

Well that long looked for norther arrived Saturday. We got to have that hog-killing time, too and Brunette had to render the lard. I like the job fine.

Rev. R. E. Boyle has moved to the place recently vacated by H. M. Orr. We are glad to have Bro. Boyle and family with us again.

Misses Stella and Mattie McBride spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. R. E. Boyle.

Listen, Silver Bell I think Happy Lucille has given up the job as correspondent to the Leader and gone into the dairy "biz." I guess she got sorry for us because they were gaining on us so fast, don't you?

Say, Candy Kid, you had better keep your eye on Silver Bell's cousin. If he looks as well now as he used to he is quite a handsome chap.

Mr. Jack Petty and Miss Etta Barrett of Red Top were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. R. E. Boyle, Bro. Boyle officiating. These young people are well known in this community and we wish them much success and happiness on their journey through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Weems visited the later's uncle Sunday.

Grandpa Boyle spent Sunday with R. E. Boyle and family.

Spinster Maid, why didn't you come to the wedding Sunday? Etta didn't seem to be frightened and Jack was not scared very bad.

Mr. C. C. McBride is in very bad health again.

Miss Norma Hamm spent Friday night with relatives at Loving.

Billie and Miss Laura Wall made a flying trip to Loving Thursday afternoon.

Nora is all smiles since Mr. Will's return.

Chess Ramsey is clearing some land for Mr. Johnson.

Well, Christmas will soon be here. If old Santa forgets me this-time I never will let him bring me anything else.

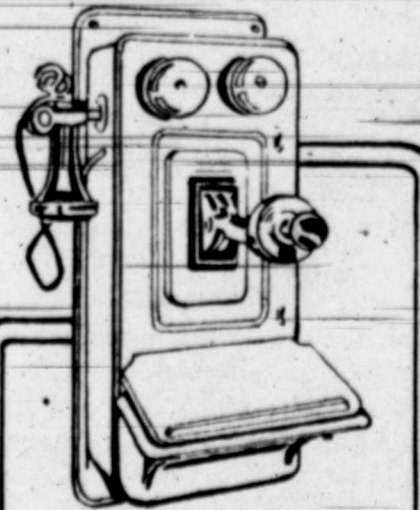
Hoot Owl, you wanted to know how the gins were run up here. They are run by steam of course. I thought you lived here long enough to find that out.

Jack o' Diamonds, Carrie Nation complimented you very highly, didn't she?

It is rumored that Bro. Boyle has been requested to tie another "knot" next Sunday. Snow Bird, are you one of the contracting parties?

Well, I guess I had better get about my work. Brunette.

If you have a loan expiring see me at once. E. C. Stovall.



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Oakland.

After quite a while with rain and warm weather it has finally wound up with a cold norther and everyone is talking hog killing, so Young county will have quite a number of dead hogs in a few days, if this spell keeps up, and I think it will for the wind is blowing about sixty miles an hour and nothing between us and the north pole but a barbed wire fence.

I am sorry that one of our Correspondents feels so bad as to sign Sorrowful Kid, but hope after reading The Reporter a few weeks will be the Glad Kid which is not such a lonely name.

Mr. R. L. Roberts was in Bryson last week.

One of the girls in our community says her hair has turned gray in the last seven weeks. Wonder what is the cause? Can anyone say?

Some of our Correspondents say they have been having regular spring showers; wonder what they call a rain, for it was a real gully-washer and trash-mover and the roads have no bottom—it all washed away days ago and everyone is staying at home and trying to stay on top. But we hope this wind will soon blow us another good road.

Jeff Whitfield was in town Saturday night.

Mr. Keplinger was in town Saturday.

Miss Jennie Craig visited Mrs. Whitfield Saturday afternoon.

Douglas Blount and Jeff Whitfield were intending to go to Jermyn Sunday but thought it a little too cold to face the stiff breeze.

The little son of Mrs. Carmack of Graham who ran away from home on Thursday stayed at Mrs. Whitfield's Thursday night. He came in after dark very much frightened.

Miss Fay Whitfield has been very sick the past week, not being able to get out of the house, but is a little better at this writing.

As news is scarce this week on account of bad weather and everyone is staying close at home will let some one else have my pencil for this time.

Carrie Nation.

Flint Creek.

Well, I don't know of another wedding this week I don't believe, but the new bride and groom were in the community Sunday, so John hasn't forgot Flint Creek yet.

I want to tell you a shower came through Flint Creek last Thursday. There were a few drops of rain fell within an hour; pupils living on the north side of the creek preferred to stay on the south side that night, but the clouds have dispersed and the north pole has tumbled down, so go away, rain, and come on snow, for Flint Creek has a celled school house.

Plow Boy, you have just about got me in trouble about proposals, but say, Carrie Nation, you look over the Flint Creek items next to the last paper and see if you can't get the right meaning. When you saw the words "come to Flint Creek" you went out of your head I suppose as you wrote as if I meant that for a proposal. I didn't mean for you to come to live, but just for one day.

Come on here Candy Kid with those letters. Has Rex taken you away from Flat Rock?

Mr. Dan Weaver, who has been visiting friends in this community has returned home. Blondie did Lost Willie go to the picture show with the one she went with before? I guess you did, I asked you first.

Well, as I don't know any news this week will write some next. Jack o' Diamonds.

Loans renewed. E. C. Stovall.

Live Oak.

Thanksgiving day has come and gone, and talk about observing it; Live Oak put the finishing touches on. Dinner, one of the finest; times, the biggest; school work, excellent; programme, to the point, and speeches, Ah! it takes Live Oak to do things. School Boy, if Fish Creek is composed of people who are any more alive to school, church and home interests than Live Oak, they are all right, sure enough. The writer has lived among these people for seventeen years. There are no better people than Murray people. As to "reporting the news, regardless of likes and dislikes," if that was intended for ourselves, I don't believe my neighbors and friends believe we would do such a thing. We are thankful that we are made out of broader stuff than that.

Mrs. W. L. Walsh has been right sick, with a rising in her head.

Little Sylvan and Fadelle Mayes have been sick for a few days.

Mr. Dave Dunlap and family were visiting at Dale Duncan's Thursday.

Mrs. B. Richards has been suffering with rheumatism in her shoulders.

Owing to the slippery condition of the road Boyde Mayes' horse fell and hurt his knee, but not seriously.

Guy Callahan came in home last week from Peacock, Texas.

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday. More Anon.

We are sorry your letter came too late to be published in last week's paper, but the spirit of loyalty for your community and neighbors was too good for us to leave the letter out. It is this spirit that builds communities, builds counties, builds churches and schools. And you always feel better when you speak up for your own community.—Editor.)

Britton.

It certainly has been raining down here the past two weeks and prospects are good for more rain yet.

Ah; hello Santy, you might as well be getting your dress on for Christmas will soon be here and we are sure fixed for you this time.

I am glad to know that old Young county is able to have a couple of prize fighters. We haven't any prize fighters in our community now.

Mr. Will Allcorn has decided to make a living some other way than farming. He has got a dozen hens and a turkey gobbler.

Well, I sure wish it would norther for I am getting hungry for fresh meat.

I am always glad when The Reporter comes, then I get to read of Young county in the Correspondent's letters. They all write very interesting letters.

Mr. Fred Moreland has quit killing beeves as he said he did not make any money.

All you Young county people come down and visit our Christmas tree. We will try and show you a nice time. We sure are going to have a big one.

Mr. Smith Arnold of our community has traded his team of mules for some mares.

Mr. Will Allcorn has been having trouble with rheumatism this wet weather.

Hello Flint Creek, you bet the negro tale was not started in Young county, but there are plenty of them in Ellis county.

Mr. J. W. Allcorn is talking of moving back to Young county soon.

Well as the postman will soon be here I will skiddoo.

Hoot Owl.

Buy a Singer Sewing Machine from me, on easy terms. 9-20 C. E. Turner, Agt.

Gooseneck.

We had a nice rain Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Rose took their baby to the doctor at Graham Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wiley of Bunker visited R. L. McLaren's Monday.

Joe Parsons and Bob McLaren were swapping yarns last Thursday.

The Goose says we had the biggest rain Friday that we have had in three hundred years. No wonder she looks old.

Prof. Creager spent Friday night with A. L. Conder.

Frank Parsons is quite attentive to Uncle Lawson Conder.

Mrs. Virgie McLaren and daughters visited Mrs. Rose on Saturday.

Oscar James was a caller at R. L. McLaren's on Saturday night.

Mack Rose says he is just like Frank, only he likes to go to see the girl instead of Uncle Lawson.

Our school is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Walter Marshall is visiting relatives at Seymour.

There were not very many at Sunday school, it being so cold.

Mrs. S. J. Kelley spent Sunday with Mrs. Pryor.

J. G. Parsons and R. L. McLaren attended the W. O. W. Lodge at Bunker Friday night.

Freeland Wiley was all smiles Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Sparks and brother attended the singing at Mr. McLaren's.

Miss Lona McLaren looked lonely Sunday. He will soon be back again, Lona.

Deacon Brown says he is a real hog when it comes to eating hogs head.

There will be a box supper at the Gooseneck school house on Thursday night, Dec. 18, 1913.

Everybody come and bring a box, and be sure to bring your pocketbooks.

Bro. McCord will preach for us the third Sunday of this month.

Everybody has been wishing for a norther and now they have it, and I guess most of the fat hogs will die tomorrow.

Well, I guess all you Correspondents went to Graham on Big Monday, but Mother Goose said I had to stay and kill old Blacky.

Didn't we have a nice lot of letters last week? I certainly enjoy reading all of them and hope they will all continue to write.

The crowd at the singing at Mr. McLaren's was small but the singing was fine.

Murray Conder has bought a horse and said he would not trade his saddle at all. Look out for him Elsie.

Well, Mr. Editor news is very scarce so I will close by asking you and all your good readers to come to our box supper.

With best wishes. Gander.

Cedar Creek.

Here I come again, asking to be admitted to The Reporter band of Correspondents. I came very near saying the "wise and witty" band of Correspondents, but thought better in time.

Who said it did not rain in Texas? But of course we natives have already learned that all signs fail in the Lone Star State.

B. P. Gann and family arrived here Sunday from Swenson, Texas. Mr. Gann is walking around singing "home sweet home." There's no place like home.

George Valentine and family, Herron Newby and wife came in Sunday from a hunting expedition in the west; think they were very glad to get home once

more, you see they found that mud was not a good road to travel.

Melvin says he may not stand much of a chance going with the girls, but he's Johnnie on the spot when there's a widow near. We wonder what the Kid means, anyway?

The singing at the pleasant home of Mr. Ben Upham was enjoyed by all who were present Sunday and those who were not present missed a treat.

J. M. Hunt and wife arrived Sunday from Swenson, Texas, and are now with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reed, of Fox Hollow. They will soon move to Mr. Reed's farm in Gooseneck.

E. L. Cretsinger and family were visiting at the Steele home Sunday.

You are more than welcome, Iambus, for this worthy scribe never knows anything of interest.

Candy Kid and Snowflake certainly wrote fine letters last week didn't they comrades?

Little Edna Cretsinger spent last week with her little cousin Charity Belle Steele.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for your kind, encouraging words, they have made me happy again.

Bill Nye's Comic History of—oh goodness, Goose, take my pencil please, I thought I heard Happy—oh I'll not say it, I'm going. Silver Bell.

Red Top.

Western Girl, suppose you let us hear from you, and how are you getting along with your school?

Well, Mr. Editor, this is pretty good weather for that overcoat or a fire place, one isn't it?

Mr. Leonard Graves spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Kitty McBee.

Messrs. G. W. and W. F. Slater were in Graham Saturday.

The infant child of Mr. G. W. Slater fell in the fire last Monday week and burned its little

face pretty bad, but is improving now.

Mr. Homer Brigham called at the school house one afternoon last week. We wonder why he likes to visit there so well? I guess we will have to ask Ada.

Mrs. Littlejohn spent a few days last week with her mother Mrs. John Brigham.

Mrs. B. W. Slater and son spent one day last week with Mrs. G. W. Slater.

Mr. Dee Howry is now postman on this route.

Wedding bells were ringing in the community Sunday when Mr. Jack Petty and Miss Etta Barrett were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Brother Richard Boyle, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett of this community and one of our most highly respected and charming

young ladies. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petty and is one of the most popular young men of Red Top.

John Workman and daughter, Ada, and Miss Dora McBee visited in Graham Monday.

Mr. Will Bridges is able to be up and about again.

You could hear them say, "I wouldn't miss Big Monday for anything, but I'm afraid there won't be another hog killing day soon."

Mr. Leonard Graves and Miss Emmie Walker took Sunday dinner with Miss Ida McBee.

Mr. Cal Rutherford spent Thursday night with Mr. W. K. McBee.

Come on Buster, you must wake up. On Christmas we want to see if we can't help the editor make that number of The Reporter the best number since the paper started. All you Correspondents who have been absent come on and join right in and we'll make it.

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If you got one of my circulars which were distributed in Graham last Trades Day and have read my ads that have appeared in this paper for the last few weeks, the above will be clear to you; if not, do not fail to call and let me explain fully before you buy your holiday goods. It will interest you, sure.

MORE YET! To those making the largest purchases at my store, or ordering through me from any catalogue during the month of December, I will give them their choice of any article or articles listed in any jeweler's catalogue as follows:

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No information will be given out regarding the amount of anyone's purchase.

I do not carry a very large stock of silverware, but I can get anything you want from Dallas on three days' notice, and give you a great reduction from the regular price. Call and look through my catalogues and see the pretty designs.

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County Correspondence

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Well, Mr. Editor, if you have gotten over your reunion founder come over and get some spare bones and back ribs. I believe that's what you call them. We haven't killed hogs yet but our neighbors have and as we always live where we have good neighbors we feel safe in promising you a square meal.

Sunday school and prayer-meeting was very well attended Sunday, owing to the cool spell of weather. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock, prayer-meeting at 3 when the weather is right.

J. S. Fisher and Miss Iva Bryant ate Sunday dinner with Austin Bird and family.

Miss Minnie Fisher and Miss Jean Bryant visited Miss Zeda Dollins Sunday.

Gertrude Taylor visited Mary Beard Sunday.

Prof. Willie Simpson, Floyd and John McCommas went to Graham Saturday night.

Mrs. W. R. Dollins is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Ira Huckaby.

Hilliard Taylor spent Saturday night with Charlie James.

Sunday afternoon four men from the drouthy region of Newcastle, not knowing how many nice refreshing showers we had been having over here, started for Loving in a car and got as far as R. G. Taylor's by using all the borrowed help they could get. When R. G. got home from prayer meeting he found them stuck in a mud hole near his gate. He took his team and pulled them out and they turned north about five miles so as to reach Orth and then pulled out for home, but before they got out of sight they stuck up again and R. G. had another job of pulling them out, also an invitation to drag the thing in to Newcastle, which he didn't accept.

G. W. McCommas and son went to Graham Monday after cattle.

G. W. James visited the family of his son-in-law, Will Haggard, near Orth Wednesday.

Mr. Beard and wife and son Henry were in Graham Monday.

Austin Bird and son Truett went to Graham Monday.

D. James and family returned to their home at Orth on last Thursday after visiting home folks here for some days.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby was buried here Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

George and Willie Grubbs went to Newcastle Monday.

Lamar Smith and W. N. Fisher went to Graham Monday.

Plow Boy I don't walk out when that preacher comes in for I am not there. If I was and thought I was doing the wrong thing by staying I would leave. If I thought I was doing wrong by leaving I would stay while on the other hand, if I came in with my preacher and they didn't want to stay they could certainly leave and if the good Lord would excuse them I would.

I certainly do agree with friend Buster about people taking a firm stand for what they know to be right. I can stand anything Buster says about me, just so he doesn't compare me to his father's shepherd dog.

We heard that Jim Smith had lost a good mare from being foundered.

It's been so long since we had any frost here some of our people must have forgot how frost looks, for we heard one man say that he sat up all Monday night and watched it snow.

Hubert Walker and wife and Miss Pearl Walker from east of Graham are here pulling cotton bolls for their brother-in-law, J. T. Taylor. Joe will leave us

after he gets through with his cotton. He will move a few miles east of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Nolan went to Graham Tuesday.

W. W. Williamson, J. S. Fisher and R. G. Taylor went to Graham Tuesday.

Mrs. R. B. Hightower visited Mrs. C. A. Grimmitt Tuesday.

Mr. Tarlton and family are moving back to Stamford in Jones county to their old home this week.

Well, Mr. Editor, for fear friend Buster will think the Kid is over-doing himself I will quit for this time.

Wishing the editor and the many readers a nice time, especially for the Correspondents, I am the

KID.

Dakin.

By the way, we have had our part of the rain. We won't need any more now for several months. The roads have been so muddy we people out here haven't gone to town very often.

Oh my! wasn't there a fine lot of letters the past week. Getting better all the time.

Now Carrie Nation, you and Jack o' Diamonds must not have a dispute about changing your looks, for you both are fine looking, and don't need a change. I am sure all of the other Correspondents that were at the reunion will agree with me, won't you?

From what I can hear several hogs will die tomorrow, that is if the weather is suitable. I am like Plow Boy, I would hate to be a hog, for my time would come too soon.

Mr. Editor, you had better come out and help us eat spare ribs and sausage.

Mrs. Mollie Self and two children of Lipan, Texas, came in on Monday's train enroute to Geronimo, Oklahoma, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lee Clark. She is visiting her grandparents, Elder and Mrs. D. J. E. Clark, for two weeks.

Jim Miller spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bill Keplinger.

Misses Lilla Belle Findley, Tressie Snodgrass and Mamie Keplinger spent Sunday with Miss Jennie Craig.

Mr. Curtice Findley spent Sunday afternoon with Earle Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Robertson of the Center Ridge community visited W. C. Reed and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Jaunita Bryan spent last Sunday with Miss Hattie Belle Reed.

J. H. Reed called on Miss Jaunita Bryan Sunday night.

Joe Snodgrass called on T. D. Findley Sunday morning.

Edgar Craig called on Curtice Findley Sunday night.

Earle Clark went to Graham Saturday and stayed for the picture show that night.

Plow Boy, I believe you and Kid are trying to see who can write the longest letter. How do you manage to learn so much news? Surely there are lots of people and lots of going to see the other fellow down there. But write more if you can for a long letter is better than a short one.

Candy Kid I don't believe you were in our midst last week. What is the matter? Did that cousin of Silver Bell's come with a pocket of candy and you forgot to write?

Silver Moon, we are glad to welcome you in our band and hope you will continue writing the news from Lone Star.

Well, Christmas (turkey day) will soon be here. We all must try and write. Let's see if we can't snow our editor under with the Christmas issue.

Well, as it is most school time I must hit the hike. Blondie.

What we don't like about a wedding cake is that the owner thinks it too pretty to eat.

South Bend.

My! haven't we had some fine rains of late? I think we have the best season in the ground since 1900. Wheat and oats are looking fine, some are uneasy about the volunteer grain as it is almost ready to head, and I believe I heard someone say some of the oats were heading.

I should think the fall gardens, peach tree blooms and other growing vegetation are likely to be no more from the looks of the frost Monday morning.

Rev. G. W. Black filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday. Only a small congregation was present on account of the cold, disagreeable north wind.

A singing was enjoyed by some of the young folks at M. D. Harrell's Sunday night.

I must again say a few words about these Sunday-night singings, not that I have any objections to them for I think there is nothing nicer than a good singing, properly carried on, but I do object to having one every Sunday night during the school months. We can all easily see that school pupils who sit up until 11 or 12 o'clock and sometimes as late as one, are in no shape to go to school on Monday. No teacher can teach a school alone, for without the co-operation of the patrons of the school and the community at large the school will be a failure. So let us all pull together for one of the best if not the very best, schools we have ever had.

Everett Harrell, who is teaching the Copeland school spent Friday night with home folks at this place. He spent Saturday and Sunday in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler went to J. L. Smith's Saturday morning. Mrs. Butler was taken suddenly ill Sunday morning and a physician was called in to see her.

Mrs. Mary J. Haas, who was formerly Mrs. Holcomb of Gage, Okla., is visiting her son J. R. Holcomb. Mrs. Haas is a former resident of this community and her many friends are glad to welcome her, even though it be for a short visit.

Leslie Scott and Frank Forbes of Graham spent last Saturday night and Sunday in the Bend.

Miss Ethel Gibson took dinner with Miss Annie Holcomb Sunday.

Misses Fannie Goode, Emma and Ethel Cunningham and Norman Cunningham took dinner with M. D. Harrell and family Sunday.

Say, Mr. Editor and Correspondents, if you like backbones and spare ribs just come to South Bend, for we have been having a hog killing time since the cold spell.

Messrs. Joe and Dud Ford and sister, Susie, visited at V. M. Hale's Sunday.

Sam and Silas Maupin of Ivan took dinner with O. A. McBrayer and family Sunday.

Austin White of Komo was trading in the Bend Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Burgess visited her mother, Mrs. John Akers Monday.

How many of you Correspondents ever saw an alligator? All that have not just come to South Bend and see a sure "nuff live one" on exhibition at McBrayer Bros. store. The McBrayers say they don't mind having a pet like that, because it is so inexpensive as it hasn't eaten scarcely anything yet.

Silver Moon and Sorrowful Kid, we extend to you a hearty welcome to our band of Correspondents. I for one object to Sorrowful Kid's name. I am sure he or she will be changing the name before very long, because they can't possibly write to The Reporter and read the jolly, good letters and bear such a sorrowful name. I look for

her to change to Happy Kid or something similar before long. Some few went to Graham on Second Monday.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Ethel Gibson of Springtown. She has recently purchased two croquet sets and a tennis net to be used at school.

J. J. Scott had the misfortune of being stepped on by a mule one day last week and having one of his toes broken or badly sprained, or something. Anyhow he could hardly walk Sunday.

S. E. Burgess of the Duff Prairie community has been buying corn from E. N. McCluskey of this place.

J. R. Harrell is at home this week.

Rev. Marcus M. Chunn and brother Leddon of Eliasville passed through the Bend Monday.

I will hand my pen to Plow Boy, Kid, Dago or some better writer and close by saying good night. Honeysuckle.

Fish Creek.

My! Just think about the letters that are being sent in. School Boy had a wet and muddy time the past week but was right there with the goods every day, even if he did have to wade part of the time.

It is raining so much some are getting uneasy for fear that the grasshopper eggs will sprout. Don't be alarmed, gentlemen, even if they do sprout Jack Frost will nip them in the bud before long.

Messrs. Will Fawks, Clem Robison and Misses Ellye Fawks and Maggie Wooten attended Quarterly Conference

at Eliasville Monday. They report few in attendance and lots of rain.

J. E. Moreland and family visited relatives in Huffstutle Monday and were forced to stay until Tuesday on account of rain.

Ernest Tyra and father went to New Castle Monday.

Walter Mayes returned from Graham Monday, where he had been to take his daughter, Miss Maymie, to school.

Earl Brockman and family have been visiting at the Cusenbary home for the past week.

E. S. Cusenbary called on Lewis Hayes Wednesday.

Miss Mary Carmack took dinner with Miss Zephyr Cusenbary Sunday.

Mr. Carmack and wife took dinner at the Wooten home Sunday.

Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree at the Methodist church, as the two Sunday schools have agreed to celebrate together.

Messrs. Kramer, Wooten and Hayes were busy killing hogs Saturday.

Rev. Newsom filled his regular appointment here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

R. D. Tyra had an acre of land west of the school house grubbed and trimmed up which adds much to the appearance of our school house and grounds.

What about organizing a social center as soon as lights are installed in the school building? We have a nice house and very convenient; why not make it a social center of our community.

It seems like Wilson is the center of attraction at Washington as well as everywhere else.

That's the kind of man we have been needing in the president's chair for some time. We need men that will accomplish things and undoubtedly Wilson is bringing about great things, even if a ball was given in honor of his daughter's marriage. Let us try to overlook his faults and see the good there is in him, for indeed he is a great statesman.

Perhaps I'd better bring this to a close before someone accuses me of trying to run a news joint. School Boy.

Teacher—"Freddy, you must not laugh out loud like that in the schoolroom."

Freddy—"I didn't mean to do it, I was smiling when all of a sudden the smile broke."

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W. C. T. U.

Items for this column are furnished by local Union.

The W. C. T. U. in a Nutshell.

Pledge: I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was called of God into the battle against intemperance through the Woman's Crusade of 1873-74. The fire from off God's altar which then burst into white heat in the hearts of hundreds of women and men has never died out. Methods have changed but the source of power remains—the same, and today our members everywhere lift their hearts at the noontide hour in petition and thanksgiving to God who has led through past years and who will give the final victory.

The thoughtful leaders early learned that the liquor power was entrenched behind ignorance, custom, appetite and law; therefore they made wide plans to educate the ignorant, to change custom by an aroused public sentiment, to protect against appetite by sane living, and to remove temptation by righteous law.

Do Everything Policy.

In pursuit of these objects the "do everything policy" has been developed until forty-five departments are at work under the six general divisions of Organization, Preventive, Education, Evangelistic, Social and Legal.

Y. P. B.

The Young People's Branch enlists those above fourteen years of age; it has a course of scientific study in total abstinence and prohibition; holds public meetings, debates and medal contests, does much department work and constantly developing talented workers. Its influence has been uplifting and ennobling to hosts of youth who today are occupying positions of responsibility and are molding public opinion.

L. T. L.

The Loyal Temperance Legion, the children's branch, was early organized and is doing a great work in teaching temperance and purity. The pledge is a triple one, against alcoholic drinks, tobacco and swearing. Thousands of children are enrolled and are singing songs, shouting rally cries and learning how to make true their national motto, "Tremble, King Alcohol, we shall grow up."

Educate! Agitate! Organize! Forty-six organizers and lecturers are upon the national list while each state has its own staff. These chosen women reach every part of our country, giving thousands of addresses and perfecting organizations until there exists today in the United States more than ten thousand local unions, each with its staff of officers and its loyal membership. Twenty-four national and many state and local evangelists preach the gospel of Christ to the people of every condition; many conversions are recorded each year and countless lives are enriched and strengthened.

The Golden Rule.

Out of much study of the labor problems of the day has grown the conviction that only "The golden rule of Christ can bring the golden age of man," therefore we stand for justice as opposed to greed of gain, for a living wage, for equal pay for equal work, and for a fair chance in life for every human being. The conditions of child life are investigated, industrial education is encouraged, child labor opposed, juvenile courts

commended and assisted.

Medical temperance is unceasingly kept before the public, whether they will bear or forbear, and the result is reaped in the greatly lessened prescription of alcohol by physicians and a smaller home consumption of proprietary medicines, since their ingredients are fare is waged against narcotics, the common use of tobacco making the center of the battle.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union believes in a "white life for two," and teaches the principle of pure living with an unflinching courage. Mothers' meetings discuss these topics, and indeed, every phase of the child's need and the parents' responsibility.

Making Laws

White Ribboners enter actively into prohibition campaigns; city councils and town officials are supported in righteous legislation, and opposed in unjust and unwise measures.

Flat Rock.

Say, aren't you all glad to see the sun once more? I think we've had enough rain for a while.

There has been some sickness in our community of late, but not serious. The Candy Kid has had such a cold she could hardly talk, but is better at the present time.

Mr. Charley Alford of Channing, Texas, returned to his home Tuesday, after visiting several days with relatives here.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Miss Lillian Cunningham spent Sunday with Miss Laura Cochran.

Miss Leota Hodges who has been going to school at Graham, has quit on account of her eyes.

Charlie Parsons and wife visited Sunday with J. P. Hodges and family.

Quite a few of our people took in Second Monday.

Born, to Dan Burke and wife, Friday, November 28th, a fine boy.

Miss Maggie Corley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. John Martin and family.

The party at the home of Mr. Parson Monday night was well attended.

Mrs. Minnie Pounds of Newcastle visited a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alford.

Mr. Brit Mays and little daughter, Anna, and Harbert Parsons left Friday for a visit with relatives near Munday.

Messrs. Byron Wade and Bill Williamson of Henry Chapel, Lee Chestnut of Finis, and Frances Boyce of Sand Valley, attended the party Monday night. Come again, boys, and we'll try to show you a better time.

Mr. Hodges is having a chimney built.

Plow Boy, I want to shake your hand for what you said about what people say about we correspondents. But let's not let their tongues keep us from writing.

There are some boys who seem to think it smart to go into another community and raise a "rough house" as they call it. And not only boys, but some married men have that little self-respect.

Miss Lona Corley spent last Thursday night with Miss Maggie Corley.

Misses Maggie Taylor and Delilah Robbins are visiting Mrs. Dan Burke of Rock Creek.

Miss Maggie Corley spent Friday with Miss Lona Corley.

Mr. Hazleton, the man who bought Mr. Robbins place, has moved his family in our community. We welcome them, and wish them success and happiness in their new home.

J. H. Alford and family had

quite a reunion Sunday, as all the children were there, except two, Mrs. Annie Newby of Cedar Creek, and Mrs. Clatie Patten of California.

Blondy, it's too bad you didn't get turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. I had an invitation to turkey dinner, but couldn't go, so I'm to be pitied too.

Silver Bell, I'm looking for that cousin, but haven't seen him yet. Tell him a pocket full of candy won't hardly get me started, but I won't ask any more of him the first time.

Brit Alford and wife spent Monday night and Tuesday with E. H. Corley and family.

Messrs. Lucian Smith, Gene, Billy and Virgil Martin, Misses Lillian Cunningham and Laura Cochran, were callers at E. H. Corley's Sunday night.

Gene Martin took a wagon

load of youngsters to the party Monday night.

Mr. Rex Cornish of Graham attended the party.

Miss Delilah Robbins was greatly missed at Sunday school, as there was some attraction at home for her.

Yes, Kid, your teacher came down this way Sunday, but don't you be uneasy if he takes up down here. We'll send him back to you, but can't promise that he will be alone when he gets there.

Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons spent Friday with Mrs. J. H. Robbins.

Miss Maggie Corley called on Miss Georgia Burton Monday afternoon.

Mr. J. H. Robbins and son, Walter visited Dan Burk of Rock Creek Sunday.

Candy Kid.

From a "Cedar" Pencil.

Well, Mr. Editor, we will try to give you some of the happenings in this locality since we last wrote The Reporter.

We are very sorry to say that Mrs. B. E. Burgess is still quite sick.

Rain? Yes, plenty of rain. It has rained almost every day for two weeks. While so much rain and mud is a little unpleasant it gives us a good season in the ground which enhances our prospects for an abundant crop next year.

Mr. B. P. Gann and family returned from the west where they have been for some time picking cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt, Jr. returned from Stonewall county and will occupy the Jim Lawrence place in Gooseneck.

Oscar Groene of Duff Prairie

had a narrow escape from being drowned while crossing Cedar creek in a buggy. The water was deeper than he thought for as he was not acquainted with the stream. Fortunately the horses gained firm footing and scrambled out of the stream.

Miss Pearl Frazier opened the Cedar school last Monday morning under very favorable conditions, excepting the inclement weather. We anticipate a good term this year.

Best wishes to The Reporter and its readers. Iambus.

Card of Thanks.

We thank each and everyone for their kind help and loving words during the illness and after the death of our little girl, May Wixom.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wixom and Son.

A Happy Christmas For Everybody!

A Holiday Stock That Is First in Variety and Quality and Fairest in Price.

Our beautiful display of gifts meets all requirements from first to last. We have a most complete assortment of presents that everybody appreciates—pleasing and beautiful, at the same time practical and useful. Every department is filled with fresh goods at fair figures. Come where there is a wide choice, a fine variety and a grand opportunity to get the best and most suitable gifts for young and old. Remember our up-to-date stock is in close touch with the times and anticipates your every want.

This Gift Guide is Presented to You to Help Make Your Gift Buying Easier.

How often have you wondered—"What shall I give Mother?" and, in fact, everyone else. The problem very often becomes perplexing. Make your gift buying a real pleasure by consulting the gift lists here mentioned—then come to our store and make your selections.

Gifts for Women	Gifts for Men	Gifts for Children
Fur Coats	Umbrellas	Dolls
Fur Sets	Gloves	Toys
Fans	Handkerchiefs	Rocking Horses
Manicure Sets	Suspenders	Games
Perfumes (Bottles)	Smoking Sets	Mittens
Cut Glass	Neckwear	Gloves
Kimonas	Cuff Buttons	Dresses
Coats	Scarf Pins	Hosiery
Hosiery	Shirts	Coats
Gloves	Military Brushes	Shoes
Handkerchiefs	Mufflers	Ribbons
Umbrellas	Slippers	Sweaters
Combs		Baby Coats
Waists		
Neckwear		

And many charming and appropriate gifts that can not be here enumerated.

You will find our Christmas offerings are in harmony with your Christmas needs, our prices in harmony with your pocketbook. From inexpensive articles to more costly gifts, we offer for your selection the newest and best of the season.

Let us show you high-grade, strictly modern, fair priced Holiday attractions. All are invited. A hearty welcome, no matter whether you come to see or buy.

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8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

A. L. Conder made the Reporter a pleasant call Monday while in the city.

I sell the Famous Singer Sewing Machines on easy terms. 9-20 C. E. Turner, Agt.

W. E. Braddock of South Bend spent Monday in the city.

13 bars soap for 25 cents. Owen Bros.

A. J. Cantwell of Jean was in the city on business Monday.

After these fine rains you will need a **Good Enough Moline Sulky Plow** to do your breaking. They pull one horse lighter, and the points and repairs cost less than any other sulky. **Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.**

Mrs. N. E. Clifton of Newcastle was a pleasant visitor at the Reporter office Saturday.

Have your piano or organ tuned by an expert of 11 years' factory experience. **Carroll's Studio.**

John A. Brown of the Mount Pleasant community was in the city Monday on business.

Wanted—Two men to saw and chop wood. **Louis Bower, 9tf. Graham, Texas.**

C. C. McBride of Lone Oak was in the city Monday and while here made the Reporter a pleasant visit.

Your Christmas Fruit Cake, the best goods. Let us supply your wants. **W. I. Tidwell & Sons.**

Jake Cunningham of Eliasville spent Friday night visiting friends in Graham. He stated that the high water had washed away a great many pecans on the Clear Fork.

Crepes paper in Santa Claus and other patterns at **Graham Printing Co.**

E. S. Craig of Edna, Texas, a former citizen of this place, spent a few days here last week looking after business interests.

Moline Good Enough Sulky Plow **Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.**

Rev. C. M. Dellinger of Eliasville spent Friday night in Graham. On Sunday he preached at the Presbyterian church at Bridgeport and Chico.

13 bars soap for 25 cents. **Owen Bros.**

A number of boys and girls around Graham, by working some, have secured homes in town in order to attend school. This speaks well for such deserving boys and girls, also for the homes interested in our future citizenship, and the school as an attraction for such endeavor.

Don't fail to see us when in need of anything in the furniture line. **Matthews & Norris.**

T. O. Calvin happened to the misfortune of having a fine jersey cow shot with a shot gun and badly crippled.

New Batavia Pancake Flour, Grits and Flaked Hominy at W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Spaulding Hacks.

We have 16 **Spaulding Hacks** on hand yet that we can save you from \$35.00 to \$45.00 on, and don't let the hack peddler tell you that we are out of them for we have the goods. **Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.**

Loans renewed. **E. C. Stovall.**

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

The show windows over town are putting on a Christmas effect that makes one feel that Santa Claus must be getting ready to visit us. Wonder if the boys and girls are on good behavior these days.

Christmas Ribbon, Twine and Paper at **Graham Printing Co.** Christmas Boxes, all sizes at **Graham Printing Co.**

Guy Seybould of Weatherford was in the city this week visiting his mother, Mrs. I. B. Padgett.

We have the largest stock of Furniture west of Ft. Worth. Let us figure on your bill. **The John E. Morrison Co.**

Mrs. R. L. Reed, Jr., left on Tuesday for Canyon City to visit relatives.

A few gift books left. They are marked down to close out. **Graham Printing Co.**

Never did cinder sidewalks look any better than they do now and two wagons have been hauling constantly for the past week, filling in low places.

Something new will be seen each week in my advertisements shown in this paper. Don't fail to read them. **J. L. Woods, Jeweler & Optician**

H. B. Wadsworth is in Swenson on business.

Rugs, matting, linoleum, stair carpets, etc. at **Matthews & Norris.**

B. K. Brewer spent the latter part of last week visiting homefolks at Decatur.

Christmas Seals, Tags and Cards at **Graham Printing Co.**

The **Graham Mill & Elevator Co.** started their new engine Monday.

Miss Viola Jordan has a position with the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Co., at this place.

13 bars soap for 25 cents. **Owen Bros.**

G. C. Boyle of Lone Oak came in Tuesday and informed the Reporter that they had been blessed with light (?) showers over his community.

J. F. Hamilton of Padgett made the Reporter a pleasant call Monday.

Queensware for sale. Matthews & Norris.

O. F. Miller has returned from Knox county and will make his home on Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Southall will occupy apartments in the Eichelberger residence.

Nice line of new cutlery at **Matthews & Norris.**

Old Mammy's Secret Code in three feature reels, at the New Electric, Saturday night.

The Annual Bazaar by the Ladies of the Christian church will be held December 19th and 20th.

For cheap money on land apply to **Arnold & Arnold.**

Misses Edna Jarnigan and Manda Norman of Henry Chapel were shopping in the city on Monday.

Something New.

Wet wash, 3 cents per pound. Fry the work next week. **10 Graham Steam Laundry.**

We will pay the highest market price for turkeys up to the 15th of December. Christmas price. Don't forget the last day, December 15th. **12 Baker & Brandon.**

J. A. Holt of Loving visited the Reporter while in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brashears of Dakin were trading in the city Monday.

Be sure and read my ads., found on pages 3 and 5 of this paper. **J. L. Woods.**

E. E. Hall has sold the Belmont Hotel to C. V. Conner of Markley. Mr. Hall will give possession January 1st. The present management has given great satisfaction to the many patrons, and their many friends regret their leaving, but hope for the new management a flourishing business.

Have your Lace Curtains laundered, carefully washed, starched just right and then stretched on our new stretchers. The charge is small. **Graham Steam Laundry.**

Mrs. J. W. McKinney and daughter are visiting relatives in Seymour.

Old Mammy's Secret Code in three feature reels, at the New Electric, Saturday night.

R. F. Fowler, who has been in Electra for some time is at home again.

W. O. Clark is in Fort Worth on business.

Be sure and read my ads., found on pages 3 and 5 of this paper. **J. L. Woods.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Anderson of Henry Chapel were in the city Monday.

O. C. Bailey and family have moved to East Texas.

Miss Fay Whitfield of Oakland community is just recovering from a severe attack of erysipelas and the bad effects of an abscess. She has been confined to her bed for some time.

Remember

That the Good Enough Sulky pulls lighter, does better work and is sold for less. See 'em at **Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.**

Miss Sallie Timmons has accepted a position with R. F. Short & Co., and will be glad to have her many friends call and see her.

Something New.

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On Friday night, December 19th, the pupils of Crabb's School of Music, will give their closing recital of the first half term at High School auditorium.

Something new will be seen each week in my advertisements shown in this paper. Don't fail to read them. **Graham Steam Laundry.**

A. D. Fowler of Galveston is visiting his brother, R. F. Fowler, of this city.

For Sale—Walnut Wardrobe, two plate mirror doors, two drawers; good as new; will sell cheap. See me at once. **11tf. J. F. H. Crabb.**

If you receive a sample copy of the Reporter it is a solicitation for your subscription. Read it over and see if you don't think it is worth a dollar a year, and send in your subscription NOW.

Toilet Paper Rolls at **Graham Printing Co.**

GREAT CUT PRICE SALE

On Groceries for Cash from Now Until December 31, 1913.

Any Bucket Coffee in the house..... **85c**
Bulk Coffee, 7 lbs. for..... **1.00**
No. 2 Peaberry Coffee, 5 lbs..... **1.00**
Cooper's or Royall's best Coffee, can..... **1.00**
White Swan Syrup, per gal..... **55c**
Green Velve Syrup, per gal..... **55c**
Red Velve Syrup, per gal..... **50c**
Pancake Drip, per gal..... **40c**
12-lb. Bucket pure Comb Honey..... **1.65**
Goldeh Ear Corn, 12 cans..... **1.00**
3-lb can Little Jap Tomatoes..... **10c**
2-lb cans Maryland Special Tomatoes, per doz..... **1.00**
25c Red Rover Salmon, per can..... **20c**
15c Red Rover Salmon, per can..... **12 1/2c**
2-lb can Pink Salmon..... **10c**
Large Pail Cottolene..... **1.25**
10-lb bucket Swift's Premium Lard..... **1.50**
10 lbs Jewel Compound..... **1.00**
Peerless White Cooking Oil, gal..... **70c**
25c Quart Bottle Vinegar..... **15c**
25c can Health Club Baking Powder..... **20c**
15c can Health Club Baking Powder..... **10c**
25c can Crane Baking Powder..... **17 1/2c**
25c can Jack Frost Baking Powder..... **20c**
25c can Gold Medal Baking Powder..... **20c**

25c can Calumet Baking Powder..... **20c**
6 packages Soda..... **25c**
10-lb can Arm and Hammer Soda..... **50c**
25c can Grated or Sliced Pineapple..... **20c**
7 cans American Sardines..... **25c**
4 cans Mustard Sardines..... **25c**
25c package Oat Meal..... **20c**
Puffed Wheat, 3 packages..... **25c**
Shredded Rice, 2 packages..... **25c**
Krinkle Corn Flakes, 3 packages..... **25c**
16 lbs Navy Beans..... **1.00**
18 lbs Mexican Beans..... **1.00**
15 lbs Fancy Head Rice..... **1.00**
6 cakes 10c Toilet Soap..... **25c**
2 gallon Keg Pickles..... **90c**
4 cans Lye..... **25c**
1 quart Bottle Bluing..... **7c**
10c bottle Shoe Polish..... **7c**
5-gallon Never Fail Oil Can, full of good oil..... **1.75**
5 gallons Oil, guaranteed..... **60c**
35c bottle Extract..... **25c**
25c bottle Extract..... **20c**
4 10c bottles Extract..... **30c**
3 packages Currants..... **25c**
3 packages Seeded or Seedless Raisins..... **25c**

We have many other bargains that we can not mention here, but come in and let us show you and quote you our

Special Prices on Flour, Meal and Meat

We must reduce our stock by Jan. 1, and we know that these prices will move the goods. These prices are for Spot Cash and goods not paid for will be charged at the regular price. Come where your money will go farthest.

Graves & Ward.

COTTON SEED.

We expect to finish our season's crush soon. Parties having seed to sell or exchange for feed had better bring them in. We will not pay as much for them after we finish on account of having to hold them until next season. **1t Graham Cotton Oil Co.**

J. L. Woods, Jeweler & Optician Story Books for Gifts. Buy one while the stock is complete. Marked down for the Holidays. **Graham Printing Co.**

CHRISTMAS

Before you buy your Christmas goods come and see them 11-13 at **SNODDY'S.**

S. P. Keplinger of Dakin was a business visitor in the city Monday.

Linen Toy Books.

Just the thing for a Christmas gift for the little ones. Marked down to close out. **Graham Printing Co.**

Old Mammy's Secret Code in three feature reels, at the New Electric, Saturday night.

Car Load of Wire.

We expect another car load of **Pittsburg Perfect** fencing in within a few days; the best wire, and the best prices. If you need barbed wire get our prices before you buy. **Norris-Johnson Hardware Co.**

The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Beckham of Aubrey, California, will be glad to know that she is nicely recovering from a serious operation performed the latter part of November in the San Francisco Sanitarium.

8 per cent money. E. C. Stovall.

Want Ads

Irrigated Farm For Sale.

The 400 acre stock farm, known as the Benedict Ranch, on the Clear Fork, 13 miles southwest of Graham. For further particulars see the owner. 7*tf. **W. E. McCharen, Eliasville, Tex.**

For Sale—Two sulky plows, three cultivators; all in fair condition. Call and examine these on my farm, Lower Tonk. **G. W. Gowens, 10-14 Graham, Texas.**

A few brood mares and geldings for sale, also some young jacks. Prices apply to tf. **W. E. Moore.**

I have a complete stock of Watches, all kinds, grades and sizes, which I am offering for sale at **Bargain Prices** to any one who wants the right kind of a time piece, with the right kind of a guarantee. Come and let me show you. **J. L. Woods, Jeweler and Optician.**

Just received a car of new iron beds. See them before buying. **Matthews & Norris.**

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Paper Napkins, 15 designs and patterns at **Graham Printing Co.**



Your Protection in Buying Silver

In buying silverware there is an infallible guide to secure quality and beauty. It is the trade mark

1847 ROGERS BROS.

The new pattern, Old Colony, illustrated above, appeals not only to those who love Colonial effects, but to all who admire beautiful silver. For quality, style and finish there is no silverware equal to

"Silver Plate that Wears."

We have a good line of this famous silverware and we invite your inspection.

Full Line on Display by **The Jno. E. Morrison Co.**