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## Chatauqua Literary and Scientific Circle.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent last Wednesday when half the members of the C. L. S. C. entertained the other members and a number of invited guests at the home of Mrs. H. E. Griffin. The Club colors, green and white, were emphasized in lovely bouquets of white chrysanthemums, carnations and ferns, which were arranged in a most artistic way.

The usual club work was done. Mrs. Garrett was director of the lesson. Roll call was responded to by each member with a current event. Mesdames Griffin and R. V. Tidwell had very interesting papers. Mrs. Griffin's was "The Golden Age of Transition." It was a well prepared paper and brought out some good ideas for dealing with children. Mrs. Tidwell, too, had a splendid subject, "Hereditry and Environment." The writer stayed very close to her subject and handled it in a very practical manner, showing that she had given it much consideration. This lesson completed the first book. The next book to be studied is "Through England with Tennyson." Miss Lucille Miller, in her usual charming manner, delighted the audience with a humorous reading by Joel Chandler Harris, "When Bre'r Terrapin Learned to Fly." Miss Miller is exceptionally endowed with the real understanding of the characters she portrays. Mrs. Griffin, assisted by the five hostesses, Mesdames McLendon, Parrish, King, R. V. and H. L. Tidwell, served a delightful salad course to the following invited guests: Mesdames Bryan, Kay, Lowe, Voules, Crabb, Jackson, Miller, Graham, Street, Wootton, Pohlman, Jeffery, Sam and Henry Criswell; Misses Alice Stewart of Fort Worth, Margaret Robinson of Dallas and Lucille Miller, and the members of the Club. The guests were each presented carnations and ferns as favors, as they reluctantly took their departure.

We want to again remind our farmer friends who are holding cotton that to leave it out in the weather is a waste of money. Cotton deteriorates very fast when soaked with one rain after another. The outside of the bale will become very much discolored, and a buyer will invariably classify it by the worst cotton. Build a shed or put the cotton in a warehouse. Warehouse fees are small. Do it now.

## Resolutions of Loving Lodge No. 917 of Free and Accepted Masons.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove our Brother A. P. Maples, on Nov. 11th, 1914. We the members of this Lodge do hereby express to his sorrowing widow and children our deepest sympathy in this dark hour.

Resolved, That in kind remembrance of our deceased Brother, that we spread a copy of these resolutions on the minutes of our order, and that we furnish the widow and children a copy, also The West Texas Reporter and The Graham Leader.

Frank Beard.  
H. G. Millican.  
D. F. Ford.

Miss Zella Allen has returned from a visit in Jacksboro. While there she attended the Thanksgiving Hop, given by the club girls.

Misses Sallie Timmons and Rudelle Seddon were city visitors Tuesday.

## Walter Rickles Loses Barn and Contents by Fire.

Last Saturday night about 8:30 Walter Rickles' barn on the Hunt ranch, together with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. The blaze was discovered by some of the neighbors but too late to save anything. Quite a quantity of feed stuff was stored in the barn, besides a good buggy and harness.

## Woman's Missionary Society.

The W. M. S. met in regular session at the M. E. Church Monday, Dec. 7 at 4 o'clock. Opening prayer by Mrs. A. M. Graham. Report of Parsonage Committee. Mrs. Mabry reported expended \$12.00 for charity work. Society decided to have a Money Shower for the Orphans' Home at Waco, on Wednesday night, December 16, after prayer meeting. A program for same being arranged by committee. Mesdames Morris and Vick were appointed advertising committee. There being no further business before the Society the following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, Mrs. Lynch; vice president, Mrs. A. M. Graham; vice president, Mrs. Vick; recording secretary, Mrs. Crim; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Norris; treasurer, Mrs. Burkett; publicity superintendent, Mrs. Bowman; agent for Voice, Mrs. McCain.

Publicity Superintendent.

Word was received here yesterday morning that the city bastille of Newcastle had been destroyed by fire. The building was discovered afire early in the evening and put out, but later in the night another attempt proved successful. Sheriff Mal M. Wallace and County Attorney C. Fay Marshall left here early yesterday morning for Newcastle to investigate the cause of the conflagration.

## U. D. C. Meeting.

The U. D. C's. had a call meeting last Friday night to see about serving lunch Big Monday. They met at the home of the President, Mrs. Stoffers. They will serve sandwiches, pie and coffee, on the west side of the square, next to the St. Louis Restaurant. Everybody is invited to eat with them.

## Presbyterian Church.

Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Be on time and help get ready for a Christmas service. Public cordially invited, especially any who have no church home. Come share our church and Sunday school with us.

Gaines B. Hall.

On account of the slow payment of the state apportionments many counties in the state are having no little trouble meeting the pay roll of the teachers in the common school districts. It is probable that this condition will not prevail for a great while, and that the first of January will see the schools in good shape and with plenty of money.

Your attention is called to the program for the money shower to be given at the Methodist church on Wednesday night, Dec. 16. Members of other churches are cordially invited to attend after their regular prayer meeting hour. The public is also extended a hearty invitation. The money raised in this shower goes to the Methodist Orphans' Home, and it is hoped a goodly sum will be raised.

## FOR EMERGENCY CASES ON TRAINS

### Senator Sheppard Introduces Bill Requiring Trains to Carry Equipment.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Sheppard introduced a bill requiring interstate railroads to equip each passenger train with a physician's emergency case, or first aid to the injured kit, and to keep them conveniently available for the traveling public.

Another bill by Senator Sheppard was directing the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate the use and substitution of raw cotton for other articles of manufacture in the United States, and of cotton goods for other materials. The department is to gather facts showing into what lines of manufacture raw cotton may enter. An appropriation of \$50,000 is made available. This was followed by a joint resolution by Senator Sheppard with a view of popularizing the use of cotton materials by directing the Governmental Departments to purchase them in preference to foreign materials, and requesting firms and individuals to make purchases with the same object in view.

## Program for Orphans' Home Shower.

Following is the program for the Orphans' Home Shower to be given at the M. E. Church Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 8:15.

Prayer.  
Song by Congregation.  
Talk—Rev. J. Hall Bowman.  
Piano—Mrs. H. L. Tidwell.  
Voice—Kathleen Criswell.  
Reading—Miss Winnie Tankersley.  
Piano—Rose Mary Bowman.  
Voice—Lois Johnson.  
Piano—Katherine Craig.  
Voice—Mrs. E. S. Graham.  
Violin—Bruce Casburn.  
Duet—Misses Leah Stewart and Myrtle Wallace.  
Piano—Mrs. Jno. Wood.  
Voice—R. E. Lynch.  
Violin and Piano—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb.  
Voice—Mrs. R. A. Duncan.  
Voice—Pat Wood.  
Piano—Mrs. A. W. Kay.  
Piano—Mrs. J. T. Rickman.  
Voice—Cadobel Johnson.

A. D. Billingsley, a former hotel man, lately a resident of near Eliaasville, has leased the Fisher House and will open it to patrons next Tuesday morning. Mr. Billingsley is recommended highly as a good hotel man and will no doubt serve his patrons in a very satisfactory manner.

## Methodist Church.

All regular services next Sunday. Don't forget—and you should attend—the Orphans' Home shower at the church Wednesday evening, the 16th. If you love the orphan even a little bit you will come if possible. Here is an opportunity to help in a great work. A nice program of music has been arranged.

J. Hall Bowman.

Mrs. Joe Carter and father, J. E. Parsons, left yesterday for Littlefield, Texas, where they will join Mrs. Parsons and Miss Alta. They are sojourning at Littlefield for Miss Alta's health.

Word reached Graham yesterday of the death of George Winters, who died Wednesday. He was a resident of the Bee Creek country.

Miss Blanche Lamar was indisposed yesterday.

## Methodist Preacher Pounded.

(Delayed Report.)

Wednesday night was inclement and the evening prayer meeting looked very lonesome and somewhat chilled. It is usually quite interesting. Come out and see for yourself.

The Board of Stewards and Woman's Mission Society had arranged a pounding, all unknown to the preacher and his family.

After the prayer service the preacher found his home stormed, with Mrs. C. W. Johnson, President of the W. M. S., assisted by Mrs. Stovall, in charge, handling the situation in their usual tactful manner. The tables were barked with a bountiful supply of the luxuries and necessities of life, a revelation to the minister.

Members of the church came, introducing themselves to the new preacher, giving assurance of loyal support, leading members with good wishes and apologies for the visit on such a night. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman took in the situation, extended welcome and gracious greetings making acquaintances, and the crowd became jolly.

At the first lull in merry making, Mr. E. S. Graham, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, said in part: "Bro. Bowman: In the providence of God and the wisdom of the late Conference, you are our pastor for another year. We greet your return with love and pledge our utmost devotion. Tonight we reinstate you in the parsonage as our 'new preacher' and tender you our Thanksgiving offering. Of course, you are surprised. Nobody gets pounded without being surprised. After three years of faithful service, the Board of Stewards hoped for your return. Our prayer is that together we may have a prosperous year." Mr. Bowman replied in his usual happy style and said in part: "In behalf of myself and family, I most cordially thank the Board of Stewards and the Woman's Missionary Society for this new manifestation of your loving kindness. In the past, we have received nothing but courtesy and feel sure of its steadfast continuance. The itinerant Methodist preacher is ever in the hands of his friends, the annual Conference. By its 'wisdom' we are again stationed at Graham, and are gratified to return. I thank you especially for the Thanksgiving offering, and acknowledge the surprise. The surprises of life give it zest. The expected is taken for granted and lacks flavor, without flower or programme, its music dull, but oh! the charm of a real surprise. Waiving humor, the substantial thank offering is received in the spirit given, as the seal of a new covenant between the minister and his charge, but the real bond must ever be, the mutual love, sympathy and helpfulness in the work of the Divine Master."

It appeared to the reporter that a grocery store had moved in, sugar, coffee, flour, meal, turkeys, to sardines, up or down as you like, and piles of canned goods. The entertainment that followed was not of the "canned" sort. The women had planned a little diversion, but the "stars" never shine rainy nights. The concert was impromptu. Miss Ethel Johnson led with an interesting reading. Her grace and ease indicated she would be at home on the platform. Music by Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Stovall and Mrs. Bowman, talented in that line, so well known that seeming praise seems out of place. Methodists feel at liberty to "work" the preacher's child, so little Rose Mary had to take her turn. She was in the blue

ribbon class at Crabb's School of Music, and so played like older folks. Mr. Bowman marshalled a class for sacred song to the inspiration of all who crowded around, except Bro. Finch and the reporter. They were accused of hanging back, lingering around the commissary. The entertainment closed with prayer by the pastor. The occasion was enjoyed by all, who separated with expressions of good wishes.

S. Boyd Street, superintendent of the Sunday school, was out in force. There is never utter calm when Boyd is around. He looked unusually like the requirement at the gallery, which is to say, "look pleasant." When a boy held the record for unbroken attendance, but he tipped the reporter not to tell how long ago it was.

Graham station sent a fine report to Conference, all claims fully satisfied. Graham is on the Methodist map in big letters.

Reporter.

## JEAN

Our school will begin the first Monday in December, owing to so much late cotton. Our school starts off late but let's all expect and work for a good school. We now have plenty of room and three good teachers, and we have a right to expect our school to be second to none.

I think Jean will be known as a show town. Camp's show stopped one week with us. Even a fool show man knows a good thing when he strikes it.

We have fine rains and the young wheat is growing nicely and cotton picking has gone on the bum.

Joe Robertson has sold his crop to one Mr. Howard and will go to parts unknown.

Sam Andrew, our station agent has been moved to the Loving station and W. F. Kilpatrick has taken his place at Jean.

I see our county has gone broke and the road gang has been fired. I am a strong believer in good roads but I don't believe in running the county in debt to build roads for the automobile.

I also notice that the county's books are going to be gone over. That also is a good move to my mind. We common tax payers have a right to know for what the county's finances are expended. I believe there should be an itemized statement of the county's affairs published at least once a year. Let's hear from the other Correspondents along this line.

The farmers pay nine-tenths of the taxes and he is entitled to know where his money goes.

Thank you Miss Brunette for your pencil, but you had better use it yourself and keep sending in those good letters. We will pardon you for breaking over the peace lines this time. I always did hate to see anyone insinuate like they knew something. If anyone has anything to say let them speak out in plain English.

I see Plow Boy said in last week's Reporter that the girls and boys had a right to vote their sentiments on the prohibition question. Now if he is correct our election judges here at Jean failed in their duty, for a man had to be 21 years old to vote on the pro question the last election. I guess he thought that Debs was president and woman suffrage was in vogue.

I received my invitation to the Correspondents' reunion. I hope to be there by a big majority. I know it will be a real treat to meet all ye scribes and Pharisees, on such an occasion.

I see Bono suggests that we all kick in a dime and buy the

Editor a big turkey. All right Bono, here goes if I can sell a bale of cotton for that much cash.

Joe Robertson has moved, with his family, to Cottle county.

I don't belong to any church but if I did I sure would be uneasy about my denomination, for I really believe that Plow Boy is going to kick all of the churches to pieces yet. "Poor churches, they are doomed to meet their Waterloo." The churches have stood a long time to meet so sudden a demise.

Kid, I see you report your Sunday school was small in attendance. You want to get a move on yourself and not let the lopsided thing go dead.

Dago, your write up on why the moon varies from north to south was very logical. I have never given the moon much thought, though I have always noticed that it shows up better at night than it does in day light, and changes every time it gets ready. If what Dago knows about the moon and what I don't know about it was put together it would make a big book.

Kid, instead of all writing a Christmas letter let's not have any paper Christmas week and let the poor, over-worked Editor take a lay off and go to see his wife's kinfolks. In fact, most of us won't be in any condition to read papers on Christmas day, see! You know—most of the men folks enjoy their "personal liberty" during Christmas times.

Press Willis has gone to Seymour to work on the railroad. His family will move up there soon.

C. W. Noah of Olney was in our community trying to sell a farm to a Mr. Marsh of near Orth. There are a good many new comers locating in our neighborhood. If you want to live in a good country and among good people come to Jean.

J. P. and Mrs. Haire passed through Jean on their way to Graham last week.

The singing class met last Sunday eve at the regular hour. Had quite a good singing. If all our people both old and young would come out and help in the singing we would have one of the best classes in the county. So come, one and all, and help this good cause along.

Miss Annie Price of Markey came in this (Sunday) eve to begin her duties as teacher of the primary department in the Jean school.

Skinny Swims called his girl up over the phone Sunday and after talking a long time he found out he was talking to a married lady instead of his best girl. Better look out Skinny, you might go the short route to the "happy land of Canaan" talking to other mens' wives.

Miss Maude Thompson left for Shearer school house this (Sunday) afternoon to begin her school at that place.

Buster, we have noticed that the moon, unlike a man, shines brightest when it is full. You hit the nail on the head, not that we are tired of getting letters, but it's a long time since we have visited her relatives and she just won't wait any longer. But, let's have a big one for the first of January.—Ed.)

## Received New Money.

The Beckham National Bank has received a shipment of the new Federal Reserve currency. They will exchange this new money for bills or silver should any of our citizens want it for Christmas presents or other use.

Miss Willie Cochran is visiting Mrs. Naylor in Ft. Worth.

When your subscription expires fill out this blank and send to us at once. Money may be sent later if not convenient to send with this slip. Paper will be stopped immediately unless renewed.

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#### Weather for December.

This will be a very cold, stormy month. 1st to 4th, great storm of rain and snow; 5th to 7th, moderating; 8th to 10th, pleasant; 11th to 14th, cold wave; 15th to 17th, stormy; 18th to 21st, cold; 22nd to 24th, pleasant; 25th to 28th, cold; 29th to 31st, clear and cold.

The guns are still booming around old Mt. Sinai and Ararat. Shades of Moses! The dove of peace has long since forsaken Ararat!

Some philanthropist suggests that every one give Christmas presents made of cotton. While this makes mustache cups ineligible, still it does not debar the ties and bedroom slippers that you have selected.

Thousands of British soldiers are registering their loyalty to their sovereign by being tattooed with patriotic sentiments, before going to the front. Such sentiments as "For My King," "England," etc., is often tattooed across the breast or on the arm, thus consigning their bodies, at least, forever to their country. This is a very permanent manner to record one's patriotism but it seems also, to us, very barbaric.

It is only fifteen days till Christmas. If you haven't done your shopping yet, begin today. By shopping early you make better selections of gifts by getting a full stock to select from; you save the rush and worry to many tired shop-girls, over impatient customers at the last moment; you enjoy the holiday spirit of the Christmas tide by knowing that your "shopping" is done. Try it for once. Shop early and avoid the final rush.

This is a good old world after all. What matters it if we do have a few ups and downs? We couldn't appreciate our joys if we had no troubles.

The state of Colorado went dry in a recent election by a vote of some 11,000. This state now has equal suffrage and prohibition. Washington, Oregon, and wild Arizona have all joined forces in abolishing the saloon, thus it seems that prohibition is winning in the west. Against the four states voting for prohibition, the important states of Ohio and California decided to remain wet and this is cause of rejoicing for the liquor interests. There are fourteen states in the nation at the present time that have state-wide prohibition laws. There are eleven full suffrage states and they are all grouped in the enlightened west. Montana and Nevada having been added recently. It is said that no state ever gave the vote to its women ever took it away again. Texas remains yet to be "enlightened" either to its equal suffrage or prohibition laws.

#### THE LAST REPLY TO PLOW BOY

Motto—"How can two walk together except they be agreed?"

By permission of the kind and patient Editor, I ask for only a little space to notice Plow Boy's long drawn out effort to try to answer the argument I produced in my former articles on union Sunday schools. It was pitiable to see the poor man floundering around in his miserable effort to meet the issue. His article made me think of the negro's "possum. A negro's hen house was being visited by a "possum and the dark key thought he would set an alarm and catch the intruder. So he hung a large old-fashioned cow bell in the door so Mr. "Possum would be sure to ring the bell when he tried to enter. Dark came and so did the "possum and when he started to crawl in the bell rang. The "possum jumped back and looked at the bell. When all was quiet he tried again with the same result. So Mr. "Possum eyed the bell critically and said to the bell, "You make the loudest noise, got the biggest mouth, the longest tongue and the least brains of anything I ever saw." Just so with Plow Boy. He made the most noise I ever heard to do nothing.

It was funny how seriously he objected to me calling him "brother." But, I always did believe in the "brotherhood of man" that is, we all sprang from the one human head. But maybe Plow Boy believes with Darwin, the noted infidel, who believed that man sprang from the monkey. If he does, then maybe we are not brothers and if he comes by that route, then we are not brothers and I am ready to make all kinds of apologies for calling him brother.

I wish to notice a few of the scriptural texts used by Plow Boy in his second epistle. "I am the vine ye are the branches." Plow Boy leaves the impression here that Christ spoke of the different religious denominations, though I don't believe Plow Boy believes this himself. A man with one eye and half sense knows that Christ was talking to his disciples as individuals as well as a church and at the time this language was used there was one Christian denomination in existence and that was the church He had organized, composed of the disciples. And if these 700 different denominations, calling themselves churches of Christ are branches of the true vine, then Christ is certainly "divided" for we all know that one church will teach one way for salvation while another one of "the branches" teach a very different and opposite way. Can they both be right? Come, now, Plow Boy, you know they can not. All thinking people of all creeds and no creeds at all know this to be impossible.

The Mormon church teaches and practices a multiplicity of wives. Are they a branch of Christ, or the true vine? Plow Boy, do you think Christ will recognize such a church and say to them "Come ye blessed of my Father?" Pshaw! Plow Boy, "a way-faring man though a fool" knows better than this. Plow Boy uses, "Other sheep I have who are not of this fold." This scripture has direct reference to the gentiles, as all Bible readers agree, and not to different denominations, whatever.

Plow Boy, your argument is so thin that it will not hold mud, much less water. Again he uses, "I, Jesus, have sent mine angels to testify unto you these things in the churches." Sure, in Christ's churches, not in man made churches. There is nothing in this for you, but a poor drowning man will catch at a straw and some time he gets hold of a "straw man" that sends him to the bottom to rise no more. Plow Boy said he had most all this spiel up his sleeve for some time. My! that sleeve must have been mighty empty unless he had something more up there.

Thanking the readers and begging pardon of the kind Ed-

itor for using so much of his valuable space, I remain.

A Reader.

(The End)

#### HENRY CHAPEL

Another week of damp weather; makes cotton picking somewhat of a lingering job.

Fine weather for indoor exercise, such as reading, eating and sleeping; the two latter we claim to be chief.

Messrs. Ruel Young, S. W. Ratcliff, Verna Crow and F. D. Craig put the metal ceiling on the school room last Saturday which adds much to its appearance.

Thanks Beauty for the compliment you passed on our new school building. I forgot this in last week's letter.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Mrs. T. G. Wade's last Saturday night.

Bill Williamson and sister Miss Lottie attended Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dora Ratcliffe left Saturday for Denton to visit relatives. She will be accompanied home Christmas by Miss Mattie Shannon.

Dee Harkey of Graham made a pleasant visit to home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Gilmore and children spent Sunday at the home of F. D. Craig.

All right Bono, I'll sell my old Christmas rooster and toss the dime in the contribution box as part payment on our editor's gobble. Let's all get busy at once, for the old gobble might need a little more fat put on his ribs before killing time. Let's every Correspondent have a hand in this, and if there is money enough left our editor could get a pair of winter sox with the balance. Thus we would make him happy twice. Yours for the gobble.

E. K. Criswell and wife are in Parker county this week visiting relatives.

No doubt our kind editor has killed hogs at last and is now ready to pull off the long talked of reunion, so we won't be bothered with stomach trouble any more soon.

Salemite I notice we have a new morning star. Had you noticed it?

It has been decided to have a Christmas program either in connection with the Christmas tree or on Sunday after. You are all invited. Dago.

#### CRAIG POINT

My! how many of you Correspondents like this kind of weather? I for one would like to see it clear off now as I think we have had enough rain for a while. I do hope it will not be raining on the 19th for I want to see all of the Reporter folks on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones took Sunday dinner with her brother, Mr. Walter Green and family.

Mr. S. D. Baugh and family attended church in the Briar Branch community Sunday and took dinner with the Cornelius family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Killion and mother visited the Knights in Tonk Valley Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Wade called on Mrs. Martin Jones Saturday afternoon.

Thanks Jolly Girl and Kid for your pencils. It has been so cloudy the past few weeks I haven't had time to catch any items as they went by they were in such a hurry to get out of the rain, but as I had so many good pupils this week I will try and write a little.

Vera and Willie Baugh, who are attending school in town, spent Saturday night and Sunday at home.

Rev. S. D. Cook was shopping in town Monday.

Rev. Patterson, the new Methodist preacher took dinner Sunday at Mr. Cornelius.

Miss Vivia Baugh spent Sunday night with Miss Nona Cornelius.

Mrs. Alice Killion was shopping in town Tuesday and called on Mrs. Bill Babb in the afternoon.

As it is mail time I will go. Bluebird.

Get rid of part of the Christmas rush and

## Have Your Clothes Fixed Up Now!

That is the kind of business we are in and we turn out work that we guarantee to satisfy.

That suit may have spots, the overcoat may need pressing, or those furs cleaned. We do all this and more, where experience only can accomplish thoroughly. GIVE US A TRIAL.

### Graham Tailor Shop

R. C. GOODE, Tailor

LOUIS RUBENKOENIG, Prop.

## Cotton Warehouse

We have leased the Graham Foundry Building, near the Depot, for a Cotton Warehouse. It will hold about 500 bales. In it we expect to store some of the cotton we buy.

There will be room for about 300 bales of Customers' Cotton which we will accept for storage at 25c per bale for the first month and 15c per bale for each month thereafter.

Mr. Joe T. Carter, the public weigher, will have charge of the Warehouse. He will weigh cotton at the Cotton Yard and have same put in warehouse the day it is received.

## Don't Let Your Cotton Damage

Cotton will damage rapidly now if it is left out in the weather. Putting cotton on logs, or turning it after each rain does not prevent it from damaging.

It will be more difficult to sell damaged cotton this year than ever before. Because of the big surplus mills and cotton exporters will not buy even slightly damaged cotton when they can get all the undamaged cotton they want.

If you intend to hold cotton it will pay you to build sheds for it at home, or store it in a public warehouse.

## S. B. Street & Co.

## Flint's Stable

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## OAKLAND

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents. I will make my appearance again, after a month or more absence.

I will tell why I have not been among you. I got my pen and ink and went for my tablet, and it was gone, after a search of an hour or so I found the tablet but in my search for the tablet I turned my ink over and I could not write with a dry pen, so then I got my pencil and the point was broken off and I still could not write so away I went for a knife. When I got the knife it had been so long since I had used it that it had rusted over and I could not open it, and it has taken me all this time to get my junk together.

We are having quite a lot of rain in this part of the world, and it looks now as though it would snow.

It has been several weeks since there has been any fit weather to pick cotton.

There is quite a lot of cotton in this community yet to pick. Our school began a week since, with Miss Florence Carmack as teacher. There are but few attending on account of not having the cotton picked.

Rosebud, from the looks of the weather you will get a few days or weeks' rest from the cotton patch instead of minutes and if you have much to pick you will have to hustle or you won't have it out by the time Santa Claus gets here.

Say, Gandy Kid, I'm coming down there some of these days to be at your literary, for I surely do enjoy them. He have none at our school. Yes, it looks like Daisy Flat would invite all of us, for we would be glad to be present when she goes to make the change, although we don't see how we can give her up from our band of Correspondents.

Trixie, we were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Campbell. J. D. Baty was in town Saturday.

Leonard Chambers returned from Bryson Sunday.

O. M. Blount received a message Wednesday from his son, Gray, that he had both legs broken. Mr. Blount and son, Clarence, left Thursday and Douglass left Wednesday night for Weatherford at which place Gray was at that time. They all arrived at Weatherford and took him to Ft. Worth Thursday where they hope to save both his limbs. He was fireman on the T. & P. railroad. We hope for him a speedy recovery and that he will be crippled in no way.

Aunt Emily Padgett is staying with Mrs. Blount a few days.

Mrs. Lester went to Graham on business Monday.

Mr. Singleton was in town last week.

Merry Enlow visited little Georgia Blount Sunday.

Mr. Whitfield and daughters were in town Friday.

Mr. Porter has company but we have not learned just who they are.

Mr. Roberts was at Mr. Baty's last week.

Messrs. Baty and Singleton helped Mr. Roberts kill hogs Thursday.

Mr. Whitfield and Jeff helped E. E. Craig kill hogs Thursday afternoon.

E. E. Craig was in town on business Friday.

Frank Aycock and Edgar Craig were at Mr. Whitfield's Wednesday.

The roads in this community are so bad no one goes anywhere, very much. But from what I hear we have the best roads around here of most any community, as where the roads are graded and not packed down they are something awful.

Jeff Whitfield and sisters, Flo and Fay, were at the show Monday night.

Well, that reunion day is near at hand and I hope to see every one of you there. I know Plow Boy and Kid will be there, fussing who eats the most.

Jack o' Diamonds, I sympathize with you and hope your hand will soon be so you can have your name among us.

Mr. Aycock says if it don't

clear up so he can go to picking cotton he is going to start to school. He knows he can learn the first lesson.

Well, Goose, you surprise me, saying you had to vote. I am like Silver Bell. No one has to vote. Carrie Nation.

## INDIAN MOUND

Yes, sir, Mr. Editor, I got the invitation to the reunion all right. Thank you for naming the date. Be sure and look for me because I am sure coming if nothing happens.

I would like to meet every Reporter Correspondent there that day.

Well, well, if here don't come the little boy from Mt. Pleasant hiking down the road again. His heart is full of trouble and his mouth is full of gum. He will never get easy till he tells us something.

In the commencement I will say I would hate awful bad if some of the Correspondents were to take the stand against me that you pretend to, because their general reputation would cause people to believe every word they told on me. But as nearly everybody knows the Boy, so why do I care what you tell or print? When I was swapping jokes with the Gray-eyed Girl, I was in a good humor and I guess she was too. I don't count it any disgrace to work, because I think it right

to work. I have never met Gray-eyed Girl, but hope to soon. I don't suppose that she ever thought anything more about it after it passed by and if I thought that I had offended her in any way I would stop right here and offer her an apology. Because I count Gray-eyed Girl one of our good number, and so far as you joining the crusade against Sunday schools, that wouldn't surprise me at all, nor anything else that came along, even to joining the Catholics.

Well, Plow Boy, I have always thought that anyone had enough to do to keep up with their own affairs, so I am not growling my life away over what I think some one else ought to do.

Snowflake, if I am not mistaken one man and boy were named Lewis. Lewis, I think it was told me that he used to be fireman at the union gin at Graham. Do you know them? Kid-o, did you ever live in Young county between Graham and Loving?

Bono, here's my dime for an interest in "de gobber fer de editor."

Dago, I think you had a fine time boating the cows.

Salemite, I see where Plow Boy tells us that you are one lady's favorite Correspondent. Please allow me to tell you that I enjoy reading your letters as well as any man Correspondent we have, because I believe you are honest in your belief in what you tell us. I believe The Reporter has six of the best lady Correspondents among the number that ever wrote to any paper.

R. G. Taylor and his wood choppers were getting wood last Saturday.

B. W. Drum, W. W. Hoggard and John McComas have been helping F. E. Borchardt build some porches the last few days.

Lamar Smith was unable to attend Sunday school Sunday on account of sore throat.

J. S. Fisher and Austin Bird carried cotton to Newcastle last Saturday.

Last Friday night about dark a Mr. Pruett and his family, who had been up west of Olney, for a month picking cotton, passed here en route to their home in Parker county, and when they reached what some people call the Williamson lane, their team couldn't pull it any farther, so Mr. Pruett went back a short distance and got Bob Taylor to pull him to Hightower's north line, where he camped that night and had a down hill pull next morning.

W. P. Fisher and daughters, Misses Ruth and Hazel, took Sunday dinner with H. H. Stephens and family.

Miss Virgie Borchardt took Sunday dinner with Miss Ruth Stephens.

B. W. Drum and wife and Mrs. Lizzie Bryan and daughters, Misses Ivy and Jean, visited Austin Bird and family Sunday.

Sunday school was rather small Sunday, there being only 38 present. We expect the attendance to be better when the weather clears up and the roads get better.

Bro. H. H. Stephens has our thanks for the load of wood he donated to the church and Sunday school.

Next Saturday and Sunday is regular meeting day and everybody is invited to attend these services.

John McComas and R. G. Taylor were seen driving two calves from B. W. Drum's Monday morning. I haven't heard for sure whether they bought the calves or just borrowed them.

There is some talk of Indian Mound Sunday school having a Christmas tree this year, but as there was not very many present Sunday it will be decided later.

Our school is getting along nicely under the management of Miss Zella Owen. The children all seem to like her fine and we see no reason why they shouldn't. New pupils are enrolled every few days.

E. G. Williamson and family ate Sunday dinner with G. W. McComas and family.

Hilliard Taylor visited the home of H. H. Stephens Sunday afternoon.

Miss Corrine Stephens went to Graham last Saturday to enter school Monday.

W. W. Hoggard and John McComas were getting wood Monday afternoon.

F. E. Borchardt and N. M. Newman were hauling hay to Jean Monday.

G. W. McComas went to Newcastle Tuesday.

Roy and Coy Frazier visited at Mr. Newman's Sunday afternoon.

Two wolf hunting boys, so we were told, passed here Monday. One was riding an old mule, the other a long eared Jerusalem pony. They had about fifteen hound dogs with them. Dago, was this the wolf hunting folks you saw?

Brunette, I think your suggestion a good one.

R. G. Taylor and wife went to Graham Tuesday while five of the children went to school, and little Misses Grace and Clematis, spent the day with Mrs. W. W. Hoggard.

We are sure having some bad, gloomy looking weather now-a-days. Looks like it might snow or sleet one, but as we are not a very good judge of the weather we will close. Kid.

## ROCK CREEK

Health in this community is very good at present.

Rock Creek school began Monday with Miss Fannie Stoffers as teacher. We hope she will have good success.

Miss Inez Cook, who is teaching at Bryson, and sister who is attending school there, visited home folks Saturday night and Sunday.

Dan Burk made a business trip to Bryson Saturday.

G. M. Foster went to Jermyn Saturday on business.

E. H. Burk harnessed up his feet and went hunting Monday. He killed so much game he couldn't carry but one squirrel home.

J. J. Foster was in Graham transacting business.

Joe Butler of Long Hollow took Sunday dinner with J. D. Burk. He was on his way to Graham.

Joe Foster, a traveling salesman, spent several days with his son, George, the past week.

C. L. Foster spent Saturday night at J. D. Burk's.

Messrs. C. A. Olree and Arthur Henderson killed hogs Friday.

Miss Fannie Stoffers, the school "marm," is boarding at D. W. Burk's.

Mrs. S. L. Burk called on Mrs. John Martin Monday.

J. D. Burk is improving some. Say, Jolly Girl, Daisy Flat helped to eat a watermelon yes-

terday. It was most too old to be very good.

Mrs. G. M. Foster and little son, Sidney, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Bud Bennett. Daisy Flat.

## TONK VALLEY

Looks like it might clear off this morning, after two weeks' cloudy, bad weather. I'm hoping it will, so we can finish our cotton.

Rev. Patterson preached to a large crowd Sunday. We are well pleased with him, and think he will make us a splendid preacher for this year.

There were eighty-four in attendance at Sunday school Sunday. Quite a few visitors were present. I failed to learn their names.

Prof. Burnett of Decatur is teaching our school. Mrs. Hudson is sick and unable to teach.

Misses Rudelle Seddon and Sallie Timmons were shopping in the city Monday.

Mr. Editor, I received the invitation you sent me to be present at the Correspondents' reunion. I'll be there and hope to meet all of the Correspondents.

Trixie, if I were to invite you to that future turkey dinner would you come? I'm sure Mr. Kid would, for I've been told he is very fond of turkey.

John George and family visited at Bruce George's Friday.

Henry Wingenruth and Miss Opal Vernon called Saturday afternoon at Mr. Robbins'.

Messrs. Edwards, Vernon, Bumgardner, Messer, Fisher, Curt, and Thompson of the road camp went to town Saturday afternoon.

J. H. Robbins went to Woodson Tuesday.

Miss Rudelle Seddon was a caller at Mrs. Timmons' Sunday.

Well, as I'm in a great big,

little, hurry will not write much this week.

Everybody come and hear Rev. Hall preach next Sunday. Jolly Girl.

## MOUNTAIN HOME

As I never got to write last week I will write some this afternoon.

Silver Moon, I spent Thanksgiving all right. It rained all day and I just got me a chair and sat by the fire.

How many of you all had thought it was nearly time for old Santa Claus to come? I am not expecting him to bring me anything but if he does come I will appreciate it.

Dago, I enjoyed your letter very much. I thought I had a time milking during the rain but from what you wrote you had a hard old time. We just moved my cows to the barn lot and the pen was some dryer.

That's right Silver Bell, old Jack Frost is no respecter of persons. He just takes things going and coming but I headed him off on the tomatoes. I got them first.

You spoke about that being the place to go to get fried chicken. I think the Goose will tell you there is some chickens at Mountain Home. I have been thinking of trying to trade the Goose some chickens for some corn, how about it Goose?

There were a few hogs killed last week and what haven't been killed are not doing any good as the pens are too muddy. I guess they need Dago's boat to stay in.

The Mountain Home school started Monday, the 7th. Mr. Guess will teach the school. We hope him success. He and his family have moved to the old Lisle place. We are glad to have them with us.

Pansy, I would hate for you to be late at school and I hate to see your letter so short, but

I hope you will be a good child and learn fast this week and we look for a long letter next week.

That's right Beauty, don't leave the work for your poor old mother. I always enjoyed helping do the work when I was at home so mother wouldn't have it to do. I am married now and I help my husband all I can. I don't work in the field like you do but I try to have all the work done at night when they all get in.

It looks like we can't have any more clear weather. I prophesy that it will snow and then clear off. Last Monday was a pretty day and I put in the day washing.

How many of you Correspondents are going to the reunion the 19th? I hope that we all will be there, as I am not acquainted with more than six of the writers, but have read all of the letters' until I feel like I know you all.

Mrs. Bill Bunger has been wearing a smile on her face the past two weeks, as she has purchased a separator.

Trixie, I would love to be at the box supper and would love to visit the school too.

Say Silver Bell, I think you are just right about not going to wear Gov. Ferguson's picture to heaven when you go, for if you get to heaven James, very likely, will be the first man you strike, and oh, there will still be a lost Ball.

Asbury Caudill came over to Bill Bunger's last Sunday. He brought his little daughter, Emily, to stay and go to school this winter.

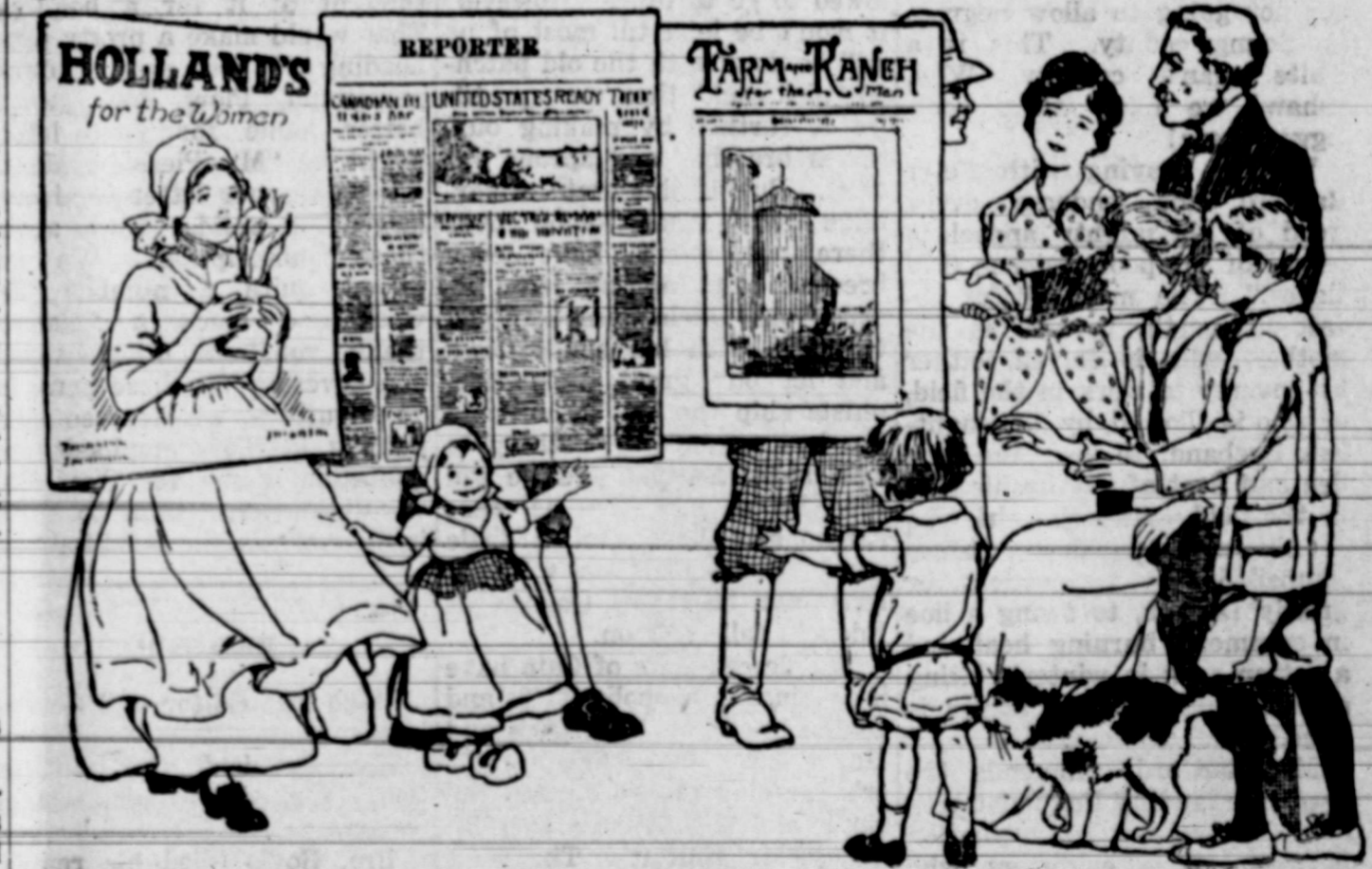
Sorry to state that Grandma McLendon has been chilling the past week.

Bill Bunger made a trip to Cedar Creek Tuesday.

Homeite.

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# Live News from our Correspondents

## MOUNT PLEASANT

Every woman in the Southland should cut out, frame and decorate with a wreath of roses and hang in the most sacred place in her dwelling Col. Radford's eloquent appeal in behalf of the "Women Who Work in the Field," as printed in the Dallas Farm News of the 24th of Nov. Conditions as pictured by Mr. Radford are not overdrawn. Of course the picture is not comforting to the town farmer, the absentee landlord, who, by the way, is the greatest curse to civilization—not the individual, but the system which allows it. In fact, Mr. Radford's withering, undeniable charges, brought one land-grabbing, negro-loving "poah white trash" hating excuse to his feet, whose initials are Jas. T. Stacy, and he seems to live in the city of Dallas, Texas.

Evidently Mr. Stacy owns land in some community where negroes are not allowed or else some of his ancestors owned negroes and Mr. Stacy is still mad because they were given liberty. He says: "When freedom came to the negro the vast body of liberated slaves were just as dependent on the white race for existence as they were before emancipation. They remained there and some of them with their descendants are there yet, perfectly willing and happy to perform field work. There is no prejudice against the negro over there, in the rural districts, and instead of driving him out they have enacted laws making it a penal offense to entice or colonize labor (aimed especially at negro labor) for the purpose of transporting to another state." Now reader isn't it plain that he is still mad about it? And if Mr. Stacy don't like Young county style he has my permission to cross the Mississippi any old time he wants to. We are not going to allow negroes in Young county. This is a white man's country. Why, pshaw! we have white bootleggers here!

We are staying with Peter Radford and endorse every word of his mighty appeal in behalf of the poor "women field slaves." The most pitiful object on earth, to me, is the mother, who is forced, either by poverty to work in the field, or who is allowed, by a thoughtless husband, to bear the burden and heat of day by his side in the field. And the girl who is allowed, yea, divers times compelled, by thoughtless or greedy fathers, to swing a hoe in summer's burning heat and a cotton sack in winter's biting cold till the bloom of health is gone.

Mr. Radford commends the press for lauding President Wilson for suggesting mediation between those engineers who threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from \$10 a day to \$11 a day, and goes on to say, "Our women are working in the field, many of them bare-footed, for less than 50 cents per day, and their schedule is the rising sun and the evening star, and when the day's work is over, they milk the cows, slop the hogs and get the baby to sleep. Is any one mediating over their problems and to whom shall they threaten to strike?" If no one has any objection I will answer that last question—Let them not threaten to strike but let them strike—strike their Precious husbands on the hat with a stick of that stove wood they have cut and carried in themselves.

Hold on here, while I hurrah just one time for Ferguson. He is going to appoint W. F. Barnett to succeed himself as Superintendent of the State Orphans' Home at Corsicana, and this in the face of the fact, that there was some question as to the force of the vehemence with which Barnett supported Ferguson for governor. But, go ahead, guess I'll not "holler" now. "Spect" they be-

long to the same church, and that makes a deal of difference, at least it does out here. Anyway I "betcher" old Ferg has a lawful reason. Maybe though he is a better man than we are used to. Let's hope so. But what I'm trying to tell you is, if he is better to the saloons and bootleggers than Colquitt is, he is well—he's a "sooner."

Now, Mr. Editor and printer, you may cut out my quotations and emphasis as you did last week, if you wish to, of course, but when you do, remember there will be precious little left. It is my style, and makes hard printing I guess. But, I can no more help it than I can help bragging on myself or hating a "spineless" editor, and you all know how impossible either is with me. If I had sense enough I might be a hypocrite instead of an egotist, but somehow I just can't hide 'er boys, and as to my quoting and emphasizing will say the hardest lick my old friend, Salemite, ever hit me was when he said, "Plow Boy says little with great emphasis." I knew he was telling the truth. Still I am so egotistical as comrade Gringo says, that I just keep bragging on myself and emphasizing. Well I've got to be bragged on and that bragging has got to be emphasized, and nobody but Kid and I to do the bragging, and I have no help at all in emphasizing and quoting. And, as I am so timid, you know, I beg you all to exercise just a pinch of charity toward me.

If we would all practice the same economy all the time that we have been forced to practice since they began killing off their surplus boys in Europe, there would never be any occasion for thinning out our own boys by the police and state militia. Of course, our clothes are getting thinner all the time and ere long we will not be allowed to go to town. However, it won't be long till most of us will be done with the old patch of "pick sack" then we can utilize it further by making ourselves breeches and aprons out of it. But, if this state of carnage lasts much longer over there we much not have even breeches and aprons left, because our Uncle Sam is going to stand with his hands down and let our great philanthropists ship the last biscuit and the last rag of our clothing to war-ridden Europe, and we will then be as primitive as were Adam and Eve, and a little more so, because we will not have the beautiful Garden of Eden to fall back on.

The descendants of Cain have long since monopolized it and rented it out to Tom, Dick and Harry till it looks like a renter's camping place—I mean the earth and the fullness thereof.

Say, Mr. Editor, if The West Texas Reporter and K. Lamity's Harpoon don't let up on those quotations from the German press this Plow Boy is liable to go over to the German side of the conflict now raging in Europe. But, for the fact that for a year or two before the war broke out the German's were secretly and designedly building foundations for those awful siege guns at different points of the compass (that is according to newspaper reports), we could easily imagine a frame up between England, Russia and France to destroy Germany and divide the spoils. But, when we remember that under the pretence of establishing cement block plants and other manufacturing at different places commanding shore defense and when we remember that they persisted in gutting poor little Belgium, whether or no, we are persuaded to stand aloof until further advised. You see, it is this way. The rich, red, egotistical blood in our veins is every drop a-kin to those people over there, and we might say to both sides, as my ancestry is Scotch-Irish and Holland Dutch. Hence, my passionate, head-strong disposition, and

therefore when I shall have taken sides, whichever it may be, it will be to love and brave as the Scotchman, hate as the Dutchman and hold on with the tenacity of the Englishman.

And, by the way, Mr. Editor, as the Dutch are pretty closely situated to the French, we have imbibed some of the Frenchman's jealousy, and what I want to know now is, why did you not thank Silver Bell for the subscriber she sent in last week? And, suppose you undertake to say thank you to Plow Boy for every subscriber he has sent in to the Reporter? No, I will modify that question, and only ask you to state the names of those who have gotten more subscribers for The Reporter than Plow Boy has? You must not show partiality you know? Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and by all means give the devil his dues.

Jim Anderson, brother to our fellow citizen, R. U. Anderson, and lately in from Johnson county left for Stephens county to visit an uncle last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and children spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pardue.

Ulys and Lannie Hughes spent the day with Marshall and Charlie Brown last Sunday.

Mrs. Wragg spent the day with home folks Monday.

Hog killing time is here in all its glory, and the chin of every old farmer is as greasy as a big, fat crackling.

Last Sunday J. W. Nisbett and family spent the day at the home of R. E. Griffin in Miller Bend.

We understand that Mr. Wriggles' barn (at the old Hunt ranch) in Miller Bend burned last Saturday night. We have not learned the extent of the damage.

Guess I had better bring this "self interview" to a close.

Plow Boy headed his letter "Mt. Pleasant Paragraphs" this week and asked us what we thought of it for a heading. That would make a pretty good heading if you ever made a paragraph, Plow Boy, but a better name for your letter might be "Mt. Pleasant Mountains," as your letter is always large and solid. Now about those subscriptions. We received quite a number last week and made a "blanket thank you," in other words, one covering all those sent in. The truth is, we were so busy putting in those emphasis and quotation marks for Plow Boy we didn't have time to write individual thanks.—Editor.

## RED TOP

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents.

My! but isn't this weather fine. We don't pick much cotton.

Bro. Boyle filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin McGee spent Saturday night with the latter's sister, Mrs. Henry Workman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and daughters, Emmie and Amelia, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert McBee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin McGee and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBee.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thigpen, last Saturday, Dec. 5, a boy.

Harris Cunningham of Hill county came in Saturday night to visit his sister, Mrs. Vera Bryant.

Miss Ida McBee spent Sunday night with Misses Emmie and Amelia Walker.

Few of the young people of this community attended the singing at Mr. Carter's Sunday night.

Ollie Armstrong is moving on the Wicklen ranch this week.

The singing at Walter Steen's Sunday afternoon was very well attended and everybody reported a nice time.

Messrs. Bruce Burton and

Willie Anderson were in our community Sunday.

Mrs. Workman and daughter visited at Henry Workman's one day last week. Little Floyd Workman accompanied them home.

George Slater made a trip to Graham Saturday.

Edd Slater killed hogs Friday.

Here, some good writer take my pen and I will run and wash the dishes. Augusta.

## SPRING CREEK

Bad weather and rain the past week.

I can't see how the people are ever going to get through picking cotton, unless it stops raining soon. Some say there won't be any more pretty weather until after Christmas.

The little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dalton, got scalded last Saturday morning by boiling water. The mother had been washing and left a tub of boiling water on the porch and went to put her dinner on. The baby was playing in another room at the time and was out on the porch before Mrs. Dalton knew it. At last report there was no chance of it living. Dr. Hamilton of Olney was called Saturday.

Misses Cora Vines and Lillian McNutt, Messrs. Bill Whittaker and John Wese attended the party at W. E. Whittaker's Saturday night. They report a fine time.

Mrs. W. E. Whittaker was called to the bedside of her little infant granddaughter Saturday.

Joe Dean and Miss Jennie Lee Roberts attended the party Saturday night.

There was a party and candy breaking across the river Saturday night. About twenty-four pounds of candy was disposed of.

Arthur and Alonzo Roberts went to Megargel Saturday.

Miss Edith Gibbs was a pleasant caller at the home of Miss Lillian McNutt Monday.

Miss Lillian McNutt was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Whittaker Tuesday afternoon.

Messrs. Joe Dean and Hobson Vines were the guests of Messrs. Eugene and Bryan Whittaker Sunday.

Mr. Editor I wish you were here to help me eat back bones and ribs.

Mr. Jess and Miss Trudie Duncan were pleasant visitors at Mrs. Willie Roberts' Sunday.

Several of the boys around here went hunting two or three nights of last week, but caught only a bad cold. That doesn't fare very well with you boys does it?

Misses Pearl Brumley and Addie Humphries attended the candy breaking Saturday night.

The dance at Mr. Alonzo Roberts' Friday night was very well attended.

Mr. Eugene Whittaker, Mrs. Annie Gibbs and family and Miss Elizabeth called at the home of their sister, and aunt Mrs. Tom Dalton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Herring and family were trading in Megargel Saturday.

Misses Willie, Mattie and Minnie Herring were shopping in Megargel Wednesday.

That mud ruined my pretty shoes Kid.

Rocky those dances have commenced nicely. I wish you were here, we would certainly go round and round at those dances every Saturday night.

I bid you all good afternoon and bring my letter to a close. Hollyhock.

## COUNTY LINE

Muddy, did some one say? Well, yes it sure is muddy down this way and liable to be still more muddy, as it continues to rain.

Grain sowing is at a standstill now, but what grain is up is growing fine.

The young people enjoyed a singing at the Atkinson home Sunday eve.

Well now, Beauty, I just yelled as loud as I could for you to come and get part of my candy and you wouldn't try to hear me, but come on it isn't too late, I'm saving it for you. Yes, I'll sure help you "holler" but I could "holler" with more hope if it was state-wide, but hurrah for old Palo Pinto just the same!

If the rain had just stayed off a few days longer everyone in this vicinity would have been through picking cotton, and it would now be in the hands of the merchants. Did I hear some one say, "Why don't the farmers hold their cotton?" Well just because they can't. They have to sell it to pay their debts, or part pay them. Of course their cotton will not pay their debts, for they did not get enough for it.

We suppose the farmers are

## ROCKY MOUND

Well, more rain more rest. How is the editor and Correspondents this muddy weather? I'll tell you it is hard on us school kids, we almost bog up before we get to school.

Health is very good in this community as far as I know.

Raymond Ragland spent last Tuesday night with Joe Mowery in this community.

Misses Sadie May and Eula Ragland visited their uncle, Ed Ragland Tuesday night.

Mrs. Joe Garrett visited Miss

Eunice Farmer Saturday night and Sunday.

T. H. Brown, Tate Phillips, Elbert Mowery and Mr. E. A. Blount visited Mr. H. Mowery Wednesday.

School is progressing nicely and there are a good many more on the roll this year than last.

Mrs. Virgil Willis and Mrs. Earl Rhodes visited their mother, Mrs. W. G. Golston Thursday.

Eula Ragland spent Friday night with Emma Ragland.

Jack o' D. we forgive you for being absent if you have a bonefelon on your finger, but hurry up and doctor it as Plow Boy says, we can't do without you.

Chancey Smith called on Mr. Mowery Thursday morning.

T. H. Brown visited the Phillips boys Wednesday night.

Bud Golston was in Bryson on business this week.

J. M. Atcheson is suffering with rheumatism this week.

Mr. Brashears and Homer went to town Saturday.

Joe Mowery visited Homer Brashears Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Moss of Graham visited her sister, Mrs. W. G. Golston Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. A. A. Moore visited Mrs. R. J. Robertson Saturday afternoon.

Why don't you Correspondents ever come to church at Rocky Mound? We do have church here once a month and Sunday school, we haven't any. I tell you this is a lively old place.

Miss Ruth Robertson and brother Jim spent the day Sunday with Miss Sadie May and Raymond Ragland.

Mrs. S. Mowery visited at Mrs. E. Mowery's Sunday.

What is the matter with the Gander. Come on from down there Gander, if you haven't fallen in the river. I think I know you.

I suppose all of you Correspondents are planning for a big Christmas are you not? It will soon be here and there will be another good year gone and a better one come.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Chambers were riding through the community Sunday.

Mr. Lawrence said he had enjoyed the day fine as he had killed two jack rabbits. We wish you better luck next time Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brashears spent the day with Mr. M. E. Brashears Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Atcheson visited at Mr. J. M. Atcheson's last Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Atcheson returned home Sunday night after visiting her daughter for several weeks at Waco.

As it is getting late I will hand my pencil to some of the other Correspondents. Happy dreams to all Rocky.

going to see some rather tough times as the merchants are not going to credit them another year, and then next fall Mr. Merchant will see where he is (?) and that will be at his rope's end.

The farmers will make it through some way. No one has ever starved here yet, but they may have to live harder than they have in the past, but they have the grit to do it. And, next fall when their crops are gathered the farmers will have learned by that time that they can live without credit, so they will say the home merchants refused to help me when I was in a tight and needed help, now I can "kinder" help myself, I'll just order my goods from some firm—where I can get my money's worth. We have heard lots of farmers say those very words lately and Mr. Merchant they mean it. They ought not to buy one single thing from home merchants, the way the merchants are doing them. The home merchant can sell just as cheap as those firms do. Why, the merchants out here at these little country stores are selling their goods cheaper than they do at town. The home merchant will have a nice time this winter. They will not need any clerks and can sit around the stove and wonder how the farmers happened to learn something after so long a time. It is a mighty long lane that never has any turn, and right now the turning point is almost in view. It will be in sight just as soon as the merchants cut the farmers off. Don't take old Silver Bell's word for it, but watch and see if this doesn't come true when the merchant refuses to credit, for cash is something the farmer hasn't got right now and has no way of getting it; there will be some no doubt, when they read this who will say Silver Bell has just come out of the bug house, but time will prove all things.

Mrs. Ella Barron and little daughter visited with Miss Lila Ritchey Monday.

Mr. Josh Burgess is at Palo Pinto this week on business.

Miss Mary Caudill is expected home from Louisville the latter part of the week.

No Dreamy Eyes I'm not lonesome since the frogs went into winter quarters for the owls now furnish music at the rate of 5c a mile and furnish people plenty of exercise too, jumping up to make them leave the frightened biddies alone.

Yes, crawfish and suckers are very plentiful at the present time.

Riley and Ernest Gann of Sorghum Flat spent Saturday night and Sunday with Dewey Ritchey of this place.

B. P. Gann and wife and Grandpa Hunt took a nice little walk over on Caddo Sunday.

Kid we do not think Dreamy Eyes was joking about these rent houses. If she was she hit the truth mighty square all right. And what good would moving do, for most all rent houses are just like Dreamy Eyes describes. Of course there are a few rent houses that are good, but they are very few and far between.

Thursday was general hog-killing day with the people in this community.

And Mr. Editor, if you were a little bit nearer I would give you a big old mess of spare ribs and sausage, but that big "if" is in the way as usual isn't it?

Jess Upham and Barney Crabtree called at the Ritchey home Thursday evening.

Bill Barron took a nice little walk to the city of Graham Friday.

I believe I have Blondie's and Johnnie Doolittle's pencils, and thank you girls ever so much for the use of them; if I have made them say some rather hard things just charge it up to Silver Bell.

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## SALEM

Well, if you ventured out much last week you know that the roads are almost impassable. "The melancholy days have come" and the leaves are fluttering back to Mother Earth from whence they came, and soon all the forest trees will be bare and wear a forsaken look, until the bright spring time comes again.

E. B. Gilmore and wife spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Henderson. R. L. Askew made a business trip to the city Saturday.

Owing to unfavorable weather cotton pickers are progressing slowly and schools that are held off on account of cotton will start very late.

Weather is moist and cool, just right to make salt strike deep in big, juicy joints of meat so it is a fine time to butcher hogs.

J. H. Carter was off last week on a business and pleasure trip in Wise and Tarrant counties.

A wagon load of lost, Hill county cotton pickers, wended their way through here Sunday trying to find their way back home.

What is the matter with Kid? He don't strike out sideways any more. He just keeps in the straight and narrow way of news items.

Casey, the beef buyer, was here this week buying cattle to ship.

Henry Lisle has moved to John Kisinger's farm, where he will work this winter.

"The north wind doth blow, And we soon shall have snow And what will poor birdie do then?"

Cold? Yes, the coldest wave of the winter.

Our good Correspondent, Silver Bell, called us to time in her last letter for the beeeeee her last letter for the big talk we put up when we said we believed Gov. Ferguson's name would go down in history as a friend of the farmers and as one who made their burdens lighter. If Silver Bell will take a retrospective view of the development of this state and note who had the most hand, or who had the most influence in making and shaping up the land laws of this state, she will discover that the farmer was hardly in the game at all.

But she will find that stock raising was the main revenue producer in the state and that the stock raisers were the big men down at Austin. That they were the men who had the money—and money talks and has talked since the world began. Think of Judas and the twenty pieces of silver. And during this time some farmers were here, and as time passed on they grew more numerous, but for years they were looked on as intruders and called "nesters" and left, so far as legislation in their favor goes, to "root hog or die" and their children to grow up in ignorance.

And as a result of this there may be found in this state today thousands of men and women who can barely read and write. But bear in mind I am not making any kick here on account of the way the resources of this state were developed up to the present time, for the land laws were made for all, and the opportunity to secure large bodies of land for a mere mite in price compared with what land sells for today, was open to all alike. We floated along this way until about fifteen or twenty years ago, then in some mysterious way they found there were farmers in this part of Texas. Well, for one, I will say I am glad they found us, for since the discovery was made they have been dishing out advice for the farmers in car load lots and falling over each other in a would be effort, at least, to see who could do the most for the farmers and the rural schools.

But, up to the time Mr. Ferguson's announcement it was all advice and wind and nothing tangible about it. He came out at his own expense and independent of the bosses, and in a plain worded statement offered something at least in the way

of legislation for the relief of the tenant farmers in this state. And it is evident to any one, that if the tenants' condition is made better that the land owners condition will be bettered. In fact, it will help all alike. Would Mr. Ball have offered anything in the way of relief for the tenant farmer if Mr. Ferguson had not made the offer he made? It is very doubtful, and looks very much like he was driven to make the offer he did make. The question is, "Will all the talk about bettering the conditions of the farmer die a-bornin'" or will it materialize and better his condition? If the latter, then Mr. Ferguson is the pioneer in the work and so it will be recorded. We don't claim that his land plank will win, however, it may do so, but we do claim that it is an opening wedge and that others will follow that will win.

Plow Boy said he held his nose when he voted for Ferguson. We don't know just why he did so, but will say it is likely that there was a sudden change in the wind that caused him to get a full scent of himself just as he voted.

Silver Bell's objections to Gov. Ferguson may be because he is not a member of her own party, for he is not a socialist. Or it may be because he is not an extremist on the prohibition question. Anyway, after all the mud slinging that was engaged in, in the last campaign he came out with his skirts as clear of saloons and of club rooms as Mr. Ball did if not more so. But he is not an extremist on the pro question, and right here we make the assertion that the extremist in reform work is one among the most dangerous characters that society has to deal with, and that the history of the world will prove this assertion.

And when we have space and time, if you will listen to the mocking bird, we will prove it.

To meet all the Correspondents at the reunion and then, and there, to be forgiven for all our meanness as a scribe is the wish of

Salemite.

GOOSENECK

Please excuse me for being absent last week.

We have only had one day of sunshine in the past two weeks. Several say they have plenty of rain for a while.

Health of this community is very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rose and sisters have returned from a cotton picking trip at Padgett.

Sam Kelley and family have moved to their new home.

Jeff Grantham and family now occupy the Kelley residence just vacated.

A. V. Brown is digging a cistern for Mr. Kelley.

Mrs. Nora Rose and sister, Miss Cora, visited the Wiley girls Thursday morning.

G. W. Wiley butchered six large hogs Friday. We hope he will save them all right.

A. V. Brown took supper at Joe Parsons' Friday.

Mr. Mullenax has bought the Bain farm.

Deacon Brown, J. G. and Alfred Parsons attended the W. O. W. meeting at Bunker Friday night.

G. W. Rose and wife went to Graham Saturday.

Thank you very much Homeite for your compliment.

Don't you Correspondents think there were lots of good letters last week?

Willie Conder spent Saturday night with Willie Parsons. I thought Silver Bell's letter specially good last week.

At this writing we don't know just when our school will start.

A. L. Conder and family attended church at Bunker Sunday.

Mrs. Virgie McLaren and baby are still improving.

Alfred Parsons took dinner with the Wiley boys Sunday.

Nathan and Maggie Reed of Fox Hollow spent Saturday night with Mrs. Jim Hunt.

Odel Johnson and Oscar James visited Joe Parsons Sunday.

Rainy Day, we may be mistaken in the one that Lee goes to see it could be you instead of Mr. Pickard.

John Clark went to Graham Saturday.

Lee McLaren and Roy Parsons attended the party given by Mr. Pickard.

Hoping to see you all at the reunion on the 19th I am the Gander.

## HAWKINS CHAPEL

Mrs. Lindsey called at Mrs. Whited's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Carl Newman and wife took Sunday dinner with Mr. T. F. Harmon.

Mrs. Thigpen was indisposed Sunday.

Master Eugene Whited came in last Tuesday afternoon from Cleburne where he had been visiting his grandmother for some time. He is still quite bad with his knee, but says he is glad to get back home again.

Mrs. J. C. Cross is still on the sick list. She has been indisposed for some time.

Among those who killed hogs the past week were Messrs. Ward, T. F. Harmon, Will Smith, Robert Miller and C. F. Newman.

Mrs. Joe R. Mayes of Abilene is expected the first of the week on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cross.

Mr. Robert Miller is boarding the school teacher this winter.

Mrs. Whiting is on the sick list; her mother is in to see her.

Mr. Walter Baker and wife called at T. F. Harmon's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Oia Herring took Sunday dinner with Miss Eula Carman Harmon.

Mr. Joe Cross of Megargel was down to see his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cross last week.

The people met at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon to practice for the Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. Starnes and children of Markley attended Sunday school at the Baptist church Sunday.

There was a crowd of the Chapel people in Loving Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Miller called to see Master Eugene Whited Sunday afternoon.

The weather has been too bad for the cotton pickers to do much the past week. There is some cotton to be picked in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harmon called at Mr. Robert Whited's Sunday afternoon. Violet.

## PADGETT

Dear Editor, will you admit Uncle Zeke into your number of Correspondents?

I think our paper is just fine. It gets better all the time. The letters are good. I read them all.

Cotton picking was progressing nicely but the rains have put a stop to all work in this part of the county.

The marriage of Richard Routen which was reported last week was duly celebrated Monday night. The boys gathered up all the tin buckets, cow bells, shotguns, horns and in fact, everything calculated to make nerve racking noise and proceeded to keep him awake very near all night, but Dick didn't mind it, as nothing of the kind ever happened before at his house.

Our gin has put up about fifteen hundred bales of cotton.

W. T. Robinson hauled a load of cotton to Olney Monday.

There was a singing at Mr. Huff's Sunday night, well attended by the young folks.

Uncle Zeke did not go, he had to read the good letters of The Reporter Correspondents; they are so interesting.

A Reader and Plow Boy sure do have their ups and downs, mostly downs. I guess A Reader is down and out, Plow Boy says he is only a straw man. Well, well, that was fortunate for Plow Boy, but Plow Boy did not mean all that letter for A Reader. He naturally had it up his sleeve for whoever it might concern. Now then that opens the way.

Your Uncle Zeke is just on his head to know just what you fellows are driving at. Why bring the Bible into this matter? Now Your Uncle Zeke was reared away back east on the Blue Ridge, he ate very many persimmons, maybe so, his mentality is just drawn up. But, your Uncle Zeke has, in times past, discussed the merits of the dishrag and pot hooks, so he just thinks that if you fellows were to make one point your Uncle Zeke would see it. Now, Mr. Plow Boy, you are a stranger to Uncle Zeke, but I trust you are a nice boy. Let your Uncle Zeke give you some fatherly advice. Don't try to settle this question by the Bible for you have told us in your article of Nov. 20 that the Bible says not one word about Sunday schools.

Now your Uncle Zeke wants all you readers to preserve Plow Boy's articles on Sunday schools, read his proofs, examine his argument, then couple it all up with his statement that the Bible says not one word about Sunday schools, then you will know why your Uncle Zeke is on his head to know what those fellows are driving at.

Now, my nice Plow Boy, if you really are a scripturist tell us the difference between strait and straight.

Uncle Zeke. (Welcome, Uncle Zeke, and we trust Plow Boy will be able to set you straight on the word strait.—Editor.)

## LUCILLE

How many of you are going to attend the reunion on the 19th, I for one will if nothing happens. I hope it will be so everyone can attend. Won't we have a jolly time.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and it will soon be Christmas, but think it will be dull down here on account of the cry of hard times.

Bro. Williams failed to fill his appointment Saturday and Sunday.

We had no Sunday school on account of bad weather.

Dick Barron of Cedar Creek spent from Friday to Sunday at A. Storm's.

We are told that the night riders or walkers, one tried to burn the cotton yard at Graford last Thursday night but failed as everything was so wet their fire went out before any damage was done.

Mrs. Bob Chick is real sick but hope to report her improved at the next writing.

Say Silver Bell you must be on that half way ground Saturday week at 8 o'clock sharp. I heard some one say they were going to take you, how about it?

I failed to get my Reporter Saturday from some cause but maybe it will come today (Monday.)

Willie McAvoy and wife and Ted Mason spent Sunday at Dick Boswell's.

I guess we will have plenty of corn bread now as Mr. McAvoy's mill grinds corn every Saturday.

As news is scarce on account of people staying at home because of the rain will bid you good night. Johnnie Dolittle.

## PICKWICK

Sunday school was fine this afternoon but there were only a few present on account of bad weather.

Mr. Jewell Nicklas was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Perrie spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Ollie Costello.

Miss Stella Lester spent Friday night with the Misses Costello.

We had an oldtime spelling at the school house on Friday night and all had a nice time. Miss Dovie Stokes was the best speller and little Earl Logston spelled remarkably well.

Billie Clay and Hobson Agee and Misses Lena and Hassie Clay went to Fox Hollow to Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams have returned to their home in Palo Pinto.

Mrs. Maggie Costello visited her sister, Mrs. Porter Sunday.

Mrs. Perry and Misses Connie Costello and Carrie Weldon visited at Mrs. Wester's Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Lettie Weldon and children, George and Ruby visited her daughter Mrs. W. A. Underwood.

Hale and Dock Weldon and Ernest Logston spent Saturday night at the T. F. Weldon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparkman Wester called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wester Sunday.

Misses Lula and Montie Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Off Spurlock of Lucille were on the river Sunday.

Mr. Dick Barron of the Cedar Creek country spent part of last week with his sister Mrs. Davie Nicklas.

My! that reunion is coming off the 19th and I don't know whether I will get to go or not, but sure am going if I can find a way.

Mr. Hart Wester is on the sick list this week.

Talk about boys that have an ax to grind, we have boys here that will walk two miles thru the sand to grind one.

Mr. Roy Gilmore of Carter Bend was in the city Saturday.

Don't tell me we won't have a good school after Christmas for we sure will, that is if all go who say they are.

Come on by Silver Bell and let me go with you to the reunion will you?

Jim Weldon sure is a trapper. He has caught about a dozen hawks and two dogs.

J. P. Nixon made a business trip to Graford last week.

Charley and Jack McMillan and Alton and J. C. Whatley were in town with cotton Saturday.

Misses Carrie, Louetta and Viola Weldon called on Mrs. D. Nicklas Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stokes visited Mrs. Camrick Sunday afternoon.

Beauty.

## SOUTH BEND

Dudley Ford spent Sunday with Leroy Britton.

Miss Mary McBrayer, who is attending school in Graham, spent from Saturday until Monday with home folks.

The young people enjoyed a singing at M. D. Harrell's on Sunday night.

The first week of school was not very well attended on account of cotton-picking and bad weather. We hope for a full school soon.

The suggestion of one of the Correspondents (I am sorry I have forgotten which one) that we chip in our dimes and buy our good editor a big turkey for Christmas is a good one, according to my way of thinking. I for one am willing. Don't you think he deserves it? He has been (and is) so good and patient with us, and now he has planned a "big reunion" all for us. Let's hear from others on this.

I suppose all have received their invitation to the reunion ere this. I have and if possible I expect to attend. Hope all can and will go, as I am anxious to see and know all the Correspondents.

J. W. Burgess and family and Nora Belle Thornton spent Sunday with V. M. Hale and family.

Miss Annie Holcomb visited the Misses McCluskey Sunday.

Bassett Wyatt of the Cedar Creek country was in the Bend on business last Saturday.

Rev. G. W. Black failed to fill his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday on account of bad weather I suppose. I haven't heard for sure.

Hoping to see all soon I remain the same Bashful Ben.

## SORGHUM FLAT

After a week's absence will make another attempt to write the news of the Flat.

Hog killing is about the order of the day in this part.

People can't say now that it don't rain in Texas. I think this year will close the seven years of drouth, if I am a prophet, next year will be a time of peace.

Our school will begin Monday

the seventh, and Miss Frazier will have charge again this term.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wyatt, last Saturday a boy.

The people are requested to tip their hats to Mr. Eugene West as he went to Graham last week and bought a brand new wagon.

Mr. Will Harris received a telegram from Oklahoma stating that his son Arnold was about to die and for him to come at once.

School Girl you can make arrangements to come over and we will try and take in the third annual reunion.

The wind has changed to the north and it looks like it will snow at any time.

Mrs. Couger and little boys attended the Sunday school at Fox Hollow Sunday and reported a pleasant time with dinner on the ground.

Misses Cecil and Rachel Haliburton visited Misses Ella and Vina Hughes last Sunday.

Mr. Jim Dooley and family visited Mr. Mack Rickles and family last Sunday.

Silver Bell come up Christmas, we are going to bake old chuck-a-luck.

Aunt Mary Agee is staying with Mrs. Barron of late.

Well Candy Kid I guess you are feeling better since hog-killing time. Good old spare ribs and sausages look real tempting don't they?

Buster when you said some of the Correspondents were making faces at each other, I couldn't help but feel guilty, I am always ready to make an honest confession. As the Kid has come to my rescue I will try not to make any more faces, but I'll make my resolutions very brief as I might have to break them.

The Steele and Barron boys went out coon hunting last Saturday night. I think from the way they hallowed they must have gotten on a trail all right.

Mrs. Mack Rickles and children visited Mrs. Creigh Monday night and Tuesday.

Well as this winds up the news this time I will hand my pencil to June Roses.

Dreamy Eyes.

## Farmers Read This.

Mr. B. M. Burgher, postmaster at Dallas, Texas, has been authorized to compile a list of names of the farmers having for sale anything that can be transmitted by parcel post mail direct to the consumer. This information should be given under three heads; first, butter; second, eggs; third, general produce, giving approximately the amount of each kind of the articles enumerated that could be furnished per week, also the price that would be reasonably expected, delivered at Dallas.

If you will send a communication to the postmaster at Dallas, giving this information, your name will be listed and furnished to the consumers of such articles in order that they may order from you from time to time such of the above mentioned produce as they may need.

To the Baptist Churches of Young County.

The minutes of the Young County Association are now ready for distribution but I have no money, so will have to send them out by hand. I can be found at the court house, in the tax collector's office. We did not have money enough to pay for printing the minutes, but if each church will send me sixty cents the amount will be sufficient to pay the debt. I would thank you kindly to attend to this matter at your next regular conference. Send postal order or by the hand of some brother or friend.

Yours fraternally,  
R. Lindsey.

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CEDAR CREEK

How are you all by now? I am just fine.

We are having some more rain down here now.

Thomas Hodges and family have been visiting in our little Flat. They returned home last Monday evening.

Melvin Pann visited Henry Steele Tuesday.

Mrs. Lillie Barron visited her mother, Mrs. B. P. Gann, Sunday night, and her aunt, Mrs. Mattie Wesley Monday.

Henry Steele and wife visited J. H. Wesley and family Sunday.

I. W. Steele, wife and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rickles Sunday and Sunday night.

Melvin Gann has been going to Fox Hollow quite often of late. There must be some bread and fried chicken down there.

Basset Wyatt hauled a load of wheat to Graham Monday.

What are you scribes going to do Christmas? I am just going to do nothing.

Uncle Josh West spent the night with Henry Steele and wife Saturday night.

Will Harris hauled a load of wheat to town for Basset Wyatt Monday.

The little Wesley children spent Saturday night with their sister, Mrs. Lula Steele.

You will have to excuse me kind Editor, but I just can't write every week.

B. P. Gann and wife went to South Bend Monday.

Henry Steele and Henry Wesley went to Ivan Saturday.

Well, we have a norther on hand now, and a cold one, too. Maybe it will quit raining for a while. I hope it will.

News is scarce so I guess I had better quit for this time and try and write oftener.

Well, Homeite, I did not fatten my turkeys for Thanksgiving, but I sold them all right.

I will hand my pencil to some good writer and go.

June Roses.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Well, well, I am going to see if this letter reaches The Reporter. Don't you all think it is time?

Mr. Elvers Ross and Miss Iva Lee Doss were married November 22nd at Mountain Home, Rev. Will Evans officiating. We wish them a long and happy life.

Miss Maggie Cox spent Sunday with Miss Anis Matlock.

Miss Anis Matlock spent from Wednesday until Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Massengale, of Old Rockland community and attended the dance at Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan's. Cake and chocolate were served for refreshments.

A few from this community attended the dance at John Shuck's. They reported a jolly time.

The writer attended one of the dances and believe me, I had a time. Danced every set but one. Jack o' Diamonds, Red Wing and Pansy, you all should have been with me, and all the rest of you dancers.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plaster went to Jacksboro Monday. Mr. Plaster had four of his teeth pulled and the dentist pulled out part of his jaw bone.

John Matlock went up in Archer county to his place to sow wheat. He preached at Markley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plaster spent the day Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Quite a number from this community attended the funeral of Mrs. Jessie Campbell, who was laid to rest Sunday in the Old Cottonwood Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock and two daughters, Misses Anis and Ora, and son, John, went to Jacksboro Monday, November 23rd.

School started at Mountain Home Monday. Mr Moore will teach the school this year.

I am right here Brunette.

Mrs. Jessie Jones spent Friday eve with Mrs. Ella Robbins.

How are you all enjoying this rainy weather? Silver Bell, of course I don't object to you using my pen.

Kid, I guess you think I have been a long time about answering your letter. I answered it and it never came out. Why was it Mr. Editor?

Kid, you are getting off the subject, talking about secret organizations. Read your Bible a little more. Read Ezekiel 8th chapter and begin at the 8th verse and read on, and see if that don't down your organizations.—You ask me what that verse meant. I told you if you didn't understand the Bible to ask God for wisdom.

I will hand my pencil to Carrie Nation. Gray-eyed Girl.

CENTER POINT

A good rain visited this community today (Tuesday) and it is still raining tonight.

Mr. J. T. Melton went to Jermyn on business this week.

Yes, Candy Kid, I have been to a good many Sunday schools, but don't know of any good to be gotten out of them. You seem to know so much about Sunday schools, I will get you to show me the good that you get out of them. I guess you are like the little children I saw at Sunday school last Sunday. The good they got out of it was a Sunday school card and they were mighty well satisfied.

Mr. J. N. McCoy and W. B. Clay went to town last Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Eastor is very sick with smallpox.

Yes Jolly Girl the long tail coats are fashionable for the ladies as well as the preachers. If you have fried chicken for the preachers I am sure you have been around them a great deal.

Silver Bell I agree with you on voting. I think if a man wants to vote he can go to the polls and vote, but if he does not want to vote it isn't anybody's business, but some people can be talked into most anything.

Silver Moon I believe I know you. You have changed your name since I saw you last. I think I know Pansy too.

Come again Mountain Boomer, your letter was fine last week.

Kid I would like to get an invitation to that turkey dinner but wouldn't care anything about the pa-in-law.

Center Point school starts tomorrow (Wednesday). All you Correspondents come and go to school with me.

Kid that is all right about the preacher that you heard say he was a forty-gallon baptist; he meant just what he said I am sure. As a general thing I take a person by what he says and not what he may mean.

Mr. Sam Newman and family of this community visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Durham of Darnern Sunday night. They had a derailment on the G. T. & W. R. R. Friday but no damage was done.

As it is getting late I will speedaddle. Kid-o.

MONUMENT

Well, Tempest and Sunshine heard some one making slight remarks about my last week's letter but I won't get discouraged, as you all know everybody can't be pleased. I always do as well as I can and that is all I can do.

It has been raining down here again. There hasn't been very much cotton picked in the past two weeks.

Well, I suppose all of you Correspondents have received an invitation to the Correspondents' reunion. I have and will sure be there if I can possibly get there. Jack o' Diamonds, I suppose you will go, won't you?

Kid, you said you knew me when I was living at what was once Old Loving. How came you to know me? I know you now. I believe you once lived on Mr. Tiffin's place near Loving, didn't you? I saw in your letter last week where you said if anyone wanted to subscribe for The West Texas Reporter, Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine to let you send in their subscription. I would say that too, but most everybody

down here takes the papers, The Reporter anyway, and those who don't are too stingy to give up the silver.

Our Sunday school was simply fine this afternoon.

There will be preaching the third Sunday afternoon in this month. I suppose the new preacher will reach us by then.

They are talking of having a box supper at the school house Friday night, the 18th, for the purpose of moving the doors and buying new shades, also some maps, and I don't know what else. I do not approve of the doors being moved, for I think they are just as good as they stand. We hope they will raise money enough to build a new brick school house.

Walter and Bettie Sanders spent today (Sunday) with Misses Ethel and Bernice Long.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rush Bills.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cearley Sunday.

Claud Alberts left last Thursday for his home in East Texas.

Miss Dennie Maples spent Saturday night with relatives near Loving.

Reese Harlan spent Sunday at Jack Sanders'.

G. W. Alberts made a flying trip to Graham Monday.

Tempest and Sunshine.

MURRAY

Health in our community is very good considering all the rain we have been having.

Rev. Newsome filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. There was not so many in attendance owing to the bad roads.

Miss Bertha Carmack left Saturday for Spring Creek at which place she has a position as assistant teacher in the school.

D. D. Cusenbary came out Friday to spend a while at home. We are glad to have him among us again.

J. S. Walsh and family also W. W. Fawks and sister, Miss Allie, took Sunday dinner with the Wootton's.

W. E. Braddock and family came in Saturday to make this their home again for a few months. Mr. Braddock will teach the school here again this season. This makes the third year in succession. We are very glad to welcome he and his family back into our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Price spent most of last week with his father, Thos. Price.

Bluebell.

Reporter is only \$1.00 a year.

LONE OAK

There will be church at the school house next Sunday at 3 p. m. Everybody be sure and attend if possible.

Rev. R. E. Boyle filled his regular appointment at Red Top Sunday.

Miss Smith of Olney and Miss Clyde Kisinger of Murray came over today (Sunday) to be ready to start the school tomorrow.

Dave Watson had a severe attack of la grippe last week.

Miss Lula Jackson was on the indisposed list part of last week.

Luther Howard of Red Top was in this community Sunday.

Mr. Walker and family were the guests of friends at Red Top Saturday night.

Mesdames McBride and Ruth-erford called on Mrs. May Pratt one afternoon last week.

Joe Dossett was marketing cotton in the metropolis last Saturday.

J. W. Arnold who has spent some time in this community left for Brownwood, Texas Sunday morning.

Hiram Stroud of Jean was in our community Friday afternoon.

Speaking of soliciting subscriptions for The Reporter, anyone couldn't get very many around here as most everybody in this vicinity already take it.

Many thanks for your compliment Rocky.

Frank Lee and Roy McBride are frequent visitors in the Jean community now from some cause. There must be some "large" attraction up there.

Mr. Stanford contemplates moving away right soon. Fred Moreland and family will occupy the house where Mr. Stanford now lives.

Mrs. Alexander was trading in Loving Saturday afternoon.

C. C. McBride was transacting business in Graham Saturday.

Kid, you'd better be careful what you say or that "varigated lizzard" Mountain Boomer will put the fixing on you, or try it at least.

I saw some young people driving along the public highway Sunday afternoon and I'm sure if their parents could have seen the way they were conducting themselves, they would have felt like their time was wasted in trying to make men and women of them.

I think it is time to discontinue the discussion of Gov. Ferguson and Mr. Ball. We all have our faults and so have they. But their faults are not the same. Some are opposed to Ferguson because he is an anti, and accused him of trying to oppress his tenants. They

never mention the fact that Mr. Ball owns five shares in an establishment in Houston where they dispense liquor on Sunday the same as through the week. The papers stated this. Also that he had been guilty of playing poker during the past year, though Mr. Ball promised he would not be guilty of doing so again. So why were some people so eager for him to be elected governor? We have not heard of Gov. Ferguson indulging in business like that. But he is an anti they say. I had rather be a dry anti than a wet pro. If I were a man I would be ashamed if I didn't have will power enough to let strong drink alone even if there was a saloon right under my nose. I would be proud indeed if we could vote the state dry and then prohibit liquor from being brought into the state. Then we would have what I call prohibition.

Mrs. C. C. McBride and daughter, Stella, made a trip to Jean last Thursday.

Brunette.

MIDWAY

Christmas will soon be here and I wish all you Correspondents a Happy Christmas.

Do every one of you Correspondents go to Sunday school? I go every Sunday and I like to go. We have from forty to fifty present every Sunday and have singing every Sunday afternoon.

The singing at Mr. Wood-rome's Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

Lee Drum and family and Will Smith all took dinner at Mr. Cox's Sunday.

Miss Nannie Adams and Miss Hettie Drum Harvey Smith and Earl Howard all took dinner with Miss Myrtis Woodrome Sunday.

Grandpa Drum spent the night with his son, H. W. Drum, one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

Edd Bagley and family spent the day with H. W. Drum and family Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Cox and children came in this morning to spend the holidays with her father and mother. We are glad to have them with us again.

The school began at Midway last Monday morning and we hope Mr. Simpson will have good success with his school.

Ollie Baker was in the Midway community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Adams is still on the sick list at this writing.

Apple Blossom.

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WEST SIDE OF SQUARE.

### BUNGER

The Goose was absent last week. She will be there with all four feet this week. She got a big invitation to the reunion on the 19th. Coming did you say, of course? All of you come and let's get better acquainted. Silver Bell, you be sure and come and we will settle our differences as to the governor. Oh! no, you don't live in Texas.

There have been several "big sandys" and a few small ones died in and near Bunger this week.

H. A. Driver has begun work on his new residence at this place.

R. L. McLaren hauled a load of corn to Bill Bunger Friday. Say, Dago, I know you have been having a time down there milking old Speck and Pide. You get you a gentle bicycle and attach an automatic clothes ringer to it and your trouble will vanish.

Cotton picking and ginning have been light this week.

Nathan Reed and sister were in Bunger Saturday afternoon.

G. W. Day has been hauling wood from Mr. Whittenberg's pasture this week.

Bill Howery is having a new set of teeth made. His children can't say Dad "gumit" much longer.

Deacon Brown is digging a cistern for Sam Kelley at his new house.

Mr. Rhoades is suffering with a bad cold.

Bro. Dickson filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday. Good attendance and a good sermon.

Fred Conder happened to quite a muddy accident today. On his way home from church the handle bars on his bicycle broke and he went head first into the deepest mud hole on the road.

Oscar James went to Graham Saturday with a load of corn at 85 cents per bushel.

G. W. Wiley and G. W. Mahaney made a business trip to Newcastle this (Monday) morning.

Bill Bunger was in the Valley today on his way to John Clark's.

### MING BEND

There were lots of good letters this week.

It has been raining so much the past two weeks people have not picked any cotton scarcely.

Rev. Roark filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Quite a number of the young people enjoyed the party at Mr. Pickard's Thursday night.

W. A. Pickard went to Graham Sunday after his son, Earl, who has been working at the gin.

Everett Newby has been going deer hunting the past week and as he goes over towards Fox Hollow every time I think it a "dear."

Wylie Sims and family and W. L. Newby and family took dinner at Mr. Cunningham's Sunday.

Jim Barnes and wife and Misses Reuby Newby and Ethel Cunningham, Messrs. Bill and Joe Smith all took dinner at Mr. Ribble's Sunday.

Miss Reuby and Everett Newby, Hugh and Roy Ribble took supper at Jess Williams' Sunday night.

Pat Smith and wife spent Saturday night at Wylie Sims'.

Mrs. Newby returned home Saturday, after spending a few days with her daughter.

Olaf Ribble went to Graham Saturday.

Mrs. Ribble is visiting her daughter this week.

Joe Smith and sister, Miss Georgia, spent Sunday night at Mr. Newby's.

How many of you Correspondents are going to the reunion?

Miss Mary Cunningham and Miss Ella Pickard took dinner at A. P. Owens' Sunday.

Yes, Homeite, I liked the day all right. You know I don't have to work these days and that is what I like.

Chas. Moran and family visited Mr. Williams Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Sullivan and wife visited Jesse Owens Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Marshall has moved to the Jim Ray place.

### Rainy Day.

### FLAT ROCK

Say, Plow Boy, you musn't let the widow B. hear you talking about the "striped stick" candy, for I'm afraid "one" of our Correspondents would miss the reunion doncherknow.

Rain! rain! We have certainly had our share for the past two weeks and the farmers are all grieving about the cotton ruining, even if it is selling at six cents, as it is still precious.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alford have sold their household goods and are preparing to move away. Although they did not live right in our community we regret very much to see them leave. They went to Miller Bend last week to visit Mrs. Alford's sister, Mrs. Letha Rickles.

Brunette, you spoke my sentiments exactly about Sunday afternoon—forty-two.

The school children who have started to school say they like the teacher fine and seem to be doing well with their lessons.

Bill Williamson of Henry Chapel started to town Tuesday with two bales of cotton, but on account of rain he stopped at Mr. Corley's and stayed until Wednesday afternoon. He went back home but returned and carried his cotton to town Saturday.

Miss Logan visited friends in Graham from Friday until Monday.

Several visitors present at Sunday school but some of the pupils were absent.

Newby Corley, while cutting wood a few weeks ago, accidentally stuck the sharp corner of the axe in his ankle joint. It healed and appeared to be doing nicely until last week when it rose and caused him a great deal of pain. We are glad to report him much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford visited friends at Miller Bend last week.

Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, went to Graham Saturday.

Last Thursday was hog killing day here. Mr. Editor you should have been here to help me eat spare bone and back ribs.

Hope to meet every one of the Correspondents at the reunion.

Tipton Smith spent Monday night at Mr. Corley's.

Poor Jack o' Diamonds, I can sympathize with you, for I was nursing a bone felon last Christmas and you can imagine how I enjoyed myself. Hope your's will soon be well. Candy Kid.

### ORTH

Now Plow Boy, you wrote like I hated all the pros. I am like you, it is the principle and also some of the leaders. Take the long-tailed coat preachers for instance, they will rave on the saloon and claim to be saving sinners when he knows and everybody else knows when you step the saloon where a minor can't get that bad stuff you pros hate and some of you like so well that you are learning the boys and men to lie like dogs. As for pros drinking more booze than antis I can't say for you pros that drink will go to the back door. You say you hate the saloon so bad. Did one ever run out and drag you into it? No, I think not, you nor any other man. Now as for land monopoly, it is bad but not as bad as our bootleggers, for they don't learn our boys to sneak, slip and lie. Any good sensible pro will admit that the bootlegger is worse than saloons. Say, Plow Boy, I once had a man to tell me that he liked preachers better and would do more for them than any class of people on earth, and I told him I was just like him, only that I hated them worse and would do less for them. Now I don't mean all preachers, for we have some who are all right.

That "strait and narrow" way you spoke of will be missed by lots of them a city block and they will not miss anything that belongs to them either.

Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Say Kid, do you think that that man would have hunted for anything else after finding as soft a thing as you?

I left Orth Nov 30, went to Wichita Falls, took the Fort Worth & Denver and landed in Fort Worth at 8:30 p. m. and took in the town, or I should have said a saloon and a big meeting, that claimed to be all of it. I let them have their way till I got off to myself. J. J. Miller was with me. We took the interurban to Dallas and got took in. We did not get took in but we had a time. Left next morning at 7 o'clock for Riley, eighteen miles in some direction. I was turned completely around. Well, we took our foot in our hands and walked through the mud two and a half miles to where my uncle lived. I said mud, I reckon it was mud, it had rained all the morning and it didn't stop at that, for it rained all day. We went down on the Trinity river next morning. The river was up and I bit a persimmon that was not ripe, I guess you all know how I looked. Got all the pecans I could eat. My uncle, cousin and I went back to Dallas that night. I took in Roebuck, Ward and those other fellows' establishments, walked over the viaduct and left Dallas at 12:10 p. m. arriving at Fort Worth at 1:15 p. m. Took a street car and went out to the stock yards also went all thru Swift's packing house. Talk about a sight, but that was a sight to me. I stayed in Fort Worth till 11:05 that night and took the train for Wichita Falls arriving there at 4:20 a. m. Took the local for Orth and arrived there at 3 p. m. and found all well.

It is fogging to beat the band this morning.

I want to tell you all something I saw in Dallas. I saw more vegetables on the streets there in one morning than the whole of Young county would raise in one year. Now I am not joking.

As I haven't been at home to get any news will quit.

We sure received an invitation to the reunion and will be there as sure as we live. Uno.

### LOWER-TONK

School opened here at Lower Tonk school house November 30th, with Miss Winnie Davis teacher and only a few pupils in attendance. I think there is somewhere about twelve pupils going this week. The reason no more are going is that there is right smart of cotton to pick yet. The weather stays so disagreeable that the people can not pick to do any good.

There has not been very much going through the week no account of rainy weather, and when it is so they can go there is cotton to pick and everybody marches to the cotton patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Jones, last week.

Mrs. Alice Moore and children went to Graham one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McClannahan visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers, one night and day last week.

Misses Ethel McClannahan and Della Collier are staying at the former's sister's, Mrs. Willie Wadley, and going to school.

G. W. Gowens was trading in Graham one day last week.

Miss Eppie Moore is taking a two weeks' visit with her brothers, Wiley and Hollis, at Mt. Pleasant.

Bruce Knight was peddling apples here last week. He appeared to have good luck selling them.

Well, Paasy, you just be sure and go to the Correspondents' reunion and if the roads are not too awful bad and it is not raining too much you will be sure to see me there. I don't aim to miss it if I can possibly

get there, and I hope that all of the Correspondents will be there, too.

Mrs. Lee Jones and Miss Ruby Fay visited Mrs. G. W. Gowens Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash Clements of near Padgett came down Friday to the latter's mother's, Mrs. Alice Moore in Briar Bend.

Mr. Clements returned home Sunday and Lee Moore and his wife's brother accompanied him home to pick cotton for a while. Mrs. Clements will remain with her mother until Christmas.

There were thirty-five at Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones took dinner with Mrs. A. A. Timmons Sunday.

Messrs. Ward Vaughn, Murry Moore, James Gowens and Charlie Reedy all took dinner with Jim and Roy Jones Sunday, and all went to Upper Tonk to church in the afternoon.

Misses Winnie Davis, Anna Belle Wadley, Ida George and Ethel McClannahan all went to Sunday school and church at Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rudelle Seddon ate Sunday dinner with Miss Sallie Timmons, and they attended Sunday school and church at Upper tonk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones and Sylvester and Clarence Gowens went to Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Jim Buntin, Mack and Vernon George, Jim McClannahan and Miss Alma George attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday.

Little Ruby Fay Jones took dinner with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones, Sunday.

Miss Jewell Moore called at Miss Nora Moore's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lillie Gray visited home folks Saturday night and Sunday and attended Sunday school at Lower Tonk.

Messrs. J. R. McClannahan and Willie Wadley and families went to church at Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. T. C., George and Bine Wadley and Bill McClannahan attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday.

Mrs. Bill McClannahan spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. T. C. Wadley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones called at G. W. Gowens' Sunday afternoon.

There have been several hogs to die in this part of the world the past week and the people who have killed them are feasting on spare ribs, backbone and sausage. They sure are fine, too.

Master Kemp and Ivan Moore ate dinner with Floyd Jones Sunday.

Word Vaughn called at John Youngblood's Sunday night.

It is still cold and cloudy. Th sun shone off and on thru the day today and it sure did look good too.

Prof. W. E. Simpson had better look out as there is another Prof. in the Upper Tonk neighborhood now.

Sylvester Gowens started to school at Upper Tonk Monday. X. Y. Z.

### DAKIN

J. M. Whitfield and daughters Fay and Flo went to town Friday.

S. S. Adair was in town Saturday.

Edgar Craig called on Curtice Findley Sunday morning.

Curtice Findley was in Graham Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett spent Saturday with Mrs. Bill Porter, who has been dangerously ill with tuberculosis.

Elmer and Bob Garrett visited home folks Sunday.

S. S. Adair, L. J. and Juanita Bryan and Hattie Bell Reed enjoyed playing rook Friday night.

A few in this community have killed hogs.

How many of you Correspondents are going to the reunion? I guess I will go.

I have been told that Red Wing is going to move up here in Young county close to me. What about it Red Wing?

Blondie.

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School inks, tablets, pencils, etc., at the Graham Printing Co.

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Bring your cotton to the Union Gin. We are now running eight stands—gin a bale every ten minutes. What is the use of waiting when we can gin it that quick?

We will also grind your corn and sell you meal at 75 cents per bushel.

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## Local and Personal Mention

### Loan Notice.

My loan man will be here on his last trip for some time Monday night so if you want a loan or notes extended see me at once.  
E. C. Stovall.

Mrs. Bob Fawks of near Pickwick was a Graham visitor Tuesday.

M. D. Harrell and daughter, Miss Winnie, of South Bend were trading in the city Tuesday.

### Fine Linen Towels.

For Christmas. See our complete stock.

Street & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edwards of Loving were shopping in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Horn of the Loving community were in the city shopping Tuesday.

### Silk Kimonos.

Special Values from \$3.00 to \$5.00 at.

Street & Co.

Mrs. Frank Stringer of Cedar Creek was a Graham shopper Tuesday.

Mrs. Z. A. Hudson is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. H. Robbins and daughter, Miss Delilah, were in the city Tuesday.

### Christmas Ribbons.

Big stock of plain and fancy ribbons on sale.

Street & Co.

Mrs. Agnes Smith of Fort Worth is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Briscoe.

A. B. Wood of New Mexico is in the city shaking hands with old friends.

Ward Spivey of New Mexico is visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Spivey.

### Fine Kid Gloves.

For Ladies. We have the best stock in Graham.

Street & Co.

Bill Johnson came in Saturday night from Childress where he has been for the past three months.

Tom Harris of Bunker paid us a call while in the city yesterday.

W. D. Barron of Bunker was here on business yesterday and paid us a call.

### Ladies' Silk Hose

Special Bargains at 50c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Street & Co.

Mrs. W. S. Childress is expected in from Asher, Okla., to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Sam Lane, who is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn of Weatherford spent the first of the week in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lyons of Vernon came in Wednesday afternoon to spend Christmas with J. P. Hamilton and family.

M. K. Graham of this city and Oliver Loving of the Loving Ranch are spending a week in Palacios on a hunting expedition.

Mesdames S. E. Turner and A. M. Brogdon of Medlan Chapel were shopping in the city Tuesday and paid us a pleasant call.

### Men's Christmas Ties.

New Stock just received.

Street & Co.

Miss Sallie Petty of Red Top was a Graham visitor Tuesday.

Jno. Steadham of Connor Creek was here on business last Tuesday.

### A Good Christmas Gift.

Let us suggest a Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suit or Overcoat.

Street & Co.

J. M. Taylor of Jean was here on business Tuesday. He paid The Reporter a pleasant visit.

Mrs. R. L. Fawks and children of near Pickwick were in the city Tuesday. They paid The Reporter a call while here.

**Christmas Handkerchiefs.**  
Big Stock of Men's and Women's Linen Handkerchiefs.  
Street & Co.

H. O. Bewarder, selling agent of the Mergenthaler Linotype company, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Misses Delilah Robbins of Tonk Valley and Lona Corley of Flat Rock were shopping in the city Tuesday. While here they paid The Reporter a pleasant visit.

### Christmas Letters.

We have on display original Christmas Letters, full of the holiday spirit and beautiful sentiments. Just the personal touch you would like your gift to have. Tied in holiday colors; in envelopes ready for mailing. Only 20 cents each. Come in and see them.

West Texas Reporter.

Miss Lillian Manning was a visitor and Xmas shopper in Ft. Worth this week.

Mrs. Walstead is expected this week to visit her mother, Mrs. Ely.

Mrs. L. A. Ringinberg has returned to Jacksboro.

Miss Pauline McJimsey is visiting in Houston, Texas.

Everything for your Christmas fruit cake at W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Miss Evans, the popular milliner at R. F. Short & Co's., left Tuesday morning for her home in Terrell. She will return in March for the spring season in millinery.

Mr. McGlammy of Eliasville was here Tuesday.

New Buckwheat and pancake flour at W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

G. B. Underwood of Loving was on the streets Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. Street returned Tuesday night from a two days' shopping expedition in Ft. Worth and Dallas.

S. R. Jeffery went down to Ft. Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. George Walstead and two little sons of Peacevale arrived Tuesday night to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Jonas Ely.

Are you wondering what to send your friend at the Christmas season? Let us show you our Christmas Letters; they will please you. Room at the bottom to sign the sender's name. Make very attractive little gifts. Only 20 cents.  
West Texas Reporter.

E. S. Graham left yesterday on a business trip to Moran in Stephens county.

Robt. L. Bailes of Throckmorton county was in Graham last Monday.

H. L. Driver of Bunker was transacting business with our merchants here Tuesday.

W. B. Harrison, a prosperous citizen of Loving was among other visitors here Tuesday.

Who will give Graham a Rest Room for a Christmas present? Thank you!

Do your shopping today.

Mrs. A. W. Kay has returned from Ft. Worth, where she spent several days shopping.

Miss Mayzelle Morrison spent several days in Ft. Worth this week on a shopping expedition.

Mrs. Q. Street left this morning for Ft. Worth, on a shopping expedition.

### Public Notice!

The County Board of Health will supply you diphtheria antitoxin through B. S. Doty & Co. or county health officer at the following prices. 1000 units at 55c; 5000 units at \$2.05. These prices are cash and under no circumstances will credit be given. Your physician or your druggist can not give these prices. Confer with Dr. J. L. Williamson, County Health Officer, who will see that you get it at these prices. The county furnishes the money to make you this saving and we want you to have it.

We sell it to you at actual cost, no one else can. Please take notice of this.

Sincerely,  
W. P. STINSON,  
Judge Young Co., Texas.  
J. L. WILLIAMSON  
County Health Officer.

Jim Jones returned Friday night from a visit to a brother in Clayton, New Mexico.

Mrs. Bruce Street is visiting and shopping in Ft. Worth.

## Opera House

HAPPENINGS AT OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK

### MONDAY

Renunciation, two reels.  
Universal Ike, the New Cook.

### TUESDAY

Lucille Love, Series No. 14, two reels.  
Willie Walrus and the Awful Confession.

### WEDNESDAY

The Sob Sister, two reels.  
A Beach Romance.

### THURSDAY

On Rugged Shores.  
The Universal Boy, Series No. 3.  
A Frontier Romance.

### FRIDAY

The Severed Hand, three reels.

### SATURDAY

When Eddie went to the Front.  
A Mexican Spy in America, two reels.

MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY

### LOVING

The new Methodist minister and his family arrived the latter part of last week and are making a temporary home with Jack Beard until their household effects arrive. We have not learned the name of the new minister but welcome him and his family to our town.

Mrs. Tom Proffitt has been quite sick for the past two weeks, and is still reported very ill.

Mrs. Claude Reeves has been quite sick but is some better at this writing.

John Kemp visited friends in and near Loving several days last week.

The Loving Band went over to Newcastle last Saturday night to play for the show.

Leslie Noard and family have moved over on Flint Creek and will try farming next year.

Lee Mayes made a business trip to Graham this week.

Mrs. C. T. Story spent Monday visiting Mrs. Lee Strickland.

Mrs. Lasater visited at Mrs. Winnie Box's last Sunday.

Mr. Box and Mr. Lasater made a flying trip to Bryson Sunday.

J. T. Marshall and family have returned to Loving and will make their home here.

Mr. White, our blacksmith, has been suffering for several days with a broken rib.

W. H. Baker has a brother from Elbert visiting him this week.

The quilting, so long delayed on account of the rain, has finally been completed. The ladies have finished three quilts for Buckner Orphans' Home.  
Loving Heart.

Boy's Suits and Overcoats. Let us show you the Special Values we offer.

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## Our Big Holiday Stock is Now Ready!

This is a season in which everyone is desirous of making a dollar go as far as possible in the purchase of holiday gifts, but it must be remembered that to buy where quality has been lowered in order to meet the demands of the conservative buyer will mean to regret it later. We have the largest stock of holiday goods in our line ever shown at Graham and the gift from here will be backed by the utmost reliability and worth in every article there is that which makes the gift from this store so much appreciated.



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## About Our Prices

As already inferred we have not in the least lowered the quality in order to sell cheaper, but suffice it to say that a visit to this store will reveal the fact that we are making unusually low prices. You can get the advantage of these low prices if you come late, but to get both choice and low price you must come early. Choose your gifts now and have them reserved for a later delivery if you wish.

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### NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that a stock holders' meeting of the Farmers' Cotton Warehouse Co. of Loving will be held at Loving Saturday, Dec. 19th, at which meeting stock certificates will be issued to subscribers upon their receipt for same. All stock holders are urged to be present.  
Board of Directors.

I can saw your cord wood or furnish you in good sawed wood. Call the Wood Yard. Ind. Phone 152-4 rings.  
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