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Lynn County Dots,  
Mrs. A. L. Jones gave a big  
Xmas dinner, her mother and  
family, of Light, were her guests.

There was a social at Mr.  
Birdwell's last night.

Mr. G. T. Beach and family  
have gone to Hilton and Merkel on  
a visit.

Mr. Charlie Weems spent Xmas  
at Light, also Mr. Clyde Jones.

There was a nice Xmas tree at  
Tahoka.

Quite a young couple was mar-  
ried Xmas. Mr Hatchet and Miss  
Ketner, the boy was 16 and the  
girl 14 years old.

Miss Stokes and Mr. Ira Doak,  
of Tahoka, was married.

Mr. West of Big Springs and  
Miss Ray of Tahoka were married  
and their future home will be Big  
Springs.

Mr. Walter White of Light and  
Miss Nevills of Tahoka were united  
together in matrimony.

Mr. Salyers has commenced to  
break land on G. T. Beaches place.

There was a prairie fire in this  
neighborhood last week but was  
soon put out by the neighbors.  
The fire put the men to ploughing  
fire-guards.

Cotton picking is the order of  
the day.

I. C. U.

Verbena, Dec. 22

Dear Editor:

We (and this "we" means  
everyone) are enjoying this  
pretty weather as it is like a  
weeks freedom after a long im-  
prisonment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. James  
are in Scurry Co. on a business  
and pleasure trip. Mr. A. J.  
Dill is looking after their effects.  
Mr. Thomas Hughes lately  
sold Mr. Joe Callis a small work  
mule for \$125.

L. A. Barrow has just recov-  
ered from a severe spell of  
sickness.

There has lately been 600  
head of cattle brought down in  
the breaks from the plains.  
They are to spend the winter  
here and are being kept at 30c  
per head a month.

Geo. Bradley returned from  
Snyder this week where he has  
been after a load.

J. B. Cotten Jr. has recently  
made a trip to Yoakum Co. He  
says everything is in fairly good  
shape out towards N. M.

Garza.

J. L. Munsey of Glasscock Co.  
is here prospecting.

F. W. Park and his sons in-  
law, Hamilton and Hoy have  
made another trip to Big Springs  
for lumber.

Judge E. R. Yellott and B. T.  
Harpold have formed a Real  
Estate co-partnership.

LOST.

Between Gail Cemetery and  
Gin, a ladies plush Cape. Find-  
er please return to this office.  
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For Sale,

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calves, price \$25.00 each.

J. Y. Everett.

We have been fortunate in se-  
curing the services of Miss Ver-  
da Layton in the publication of  
the Citizen, and she will assist us  
in our efforts to make it a live  
progressive paper.

A Spelling Bee is being gotten  
up by Prof's Mauldip and Mc-  
Clung. The necessary books  
will be provided and other steps  
taken to make this enterprise a  
complete success. It is proposed  
to add to the spelling match  
other features of an interesting  
character, and all who wish to as-  
sist in the exercises are invited  
to join the club and not only en-  
joy the entertainment, but share  
the benefits to be derived from  
an institution of this kind.

Eleonore Prochaska, born March 11,  
1785, at Potsdam, was the daughter of  
a sergant. After being brought up  
in the military orphanage of that  
town, she became a cook in some  
citizen's house. When the great war  
against Napoleon broke out in 1812  
she was led away by enthusiasm to  
quit her town secretly; by selling her  
poor belongings she procured male  
attire and weapons, and enlisted under  
the name of August Renz in the  
Lutzow corps. On account of her tall,  
slender figure her sex was not dis-  
covered until she was mortally wound-  
ed. This happened in the encounter  
in the Gohrde forest, Regierungsbezirk  
Luneburg, Kreis Dannenberg, Septem-  
ber 16, 1813. The Prussians were there  
attempting to storm a hill occupied  
by the French, she acting as a drum-  
mer. In 1863 a monument in memory  
of her was erected in the churchyard  
at Dannenberg, and another in 1889  
in the old churchyard of Potsdam.  
When a boy I often saw cheap illustra-  
tions representing her, and my mother  
told me about her.—Notes and Queries.

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### SMALL BOYS IN BACK SEATS

Odd Phase of School Days That Illustrates the Larger Business of Life.

With the opening of the schools after the long summer vacation it always seems queer to see such small boys in the back seats, says Youth's Companion. Those who went in June appeared considerably larger than the class that now take their places. Not only are these highest grade boys and girls of September younger than their predecessors of June, but they seem less prepared for the studies before them.

It is much the same in life. Whenever new men come to the front to take places which have been long filled by their elders, it seems as if the world were falling into the hands of a younger generation. The lieutenants who become captains appear younger than ever to the colonels who look on.

In new countries, where promotion in civil life is most rapid, it often seems as if youngsters were wholly in control. They do get ahead faster in the places which do not attract the men that have passed middle life. Yet taking the world as a whole, the figures would doubtless show that each decade was using about the same proportion of the young, the middle-aged and the old. The new occupant of any position who attracts attention because of his youthfulness soon loses this distinction. People forget that he ever had it.

"This college has been waiting 25 years for us" was the inscription on the banner which the freshmen class of Harvard college carried in a procession at the time that institution was celebrating the completion of two and a half centuries of life. There was deep truth in this bit of waggishness. The world is waiting all the time for the small boys in the back seats, whether the seats be in the schoolroom, the court house, the pulpit, the counting-room, or on the farm.

### DOG SAVED CHILD'S LIFE.

Daughter of California Rancher Carried from Burning Building by Great Dane.

Stories of dogs which have rescued people from fire or water are not uncommon. One, however, which comes from Marysville, Cal., says Youth's Companion, is quite new in its details. A heavy forest fire was raging near the line between Butte and Yuba counties. A rancher named Rogers left his little daughter, Florence, in care of Bruno, a great Dane, and with his wife hastened across the woods to assist a neighbor a mile away to fight the fire that was threatening his barn.

In less than an hour the wind shifted so as to menace the Rogers premises. Realizing the danger, Rogers, his wife and three neighbors started on the run, but they could not keep pace with the flames.

Mrs. Rogers fainted before com-

ing in sight of the house. When the men reached the edge of the clearing the flames were all about it, the stables on fire, and the house was just beginning to blaze.

Rogers, now frantic, was preparing to dash through the circle of flames to rescue his child. But before he could reach his house, out burst big Bruno through the kitchen window, holding the little girl in his great jaws.

When he landed with a bounce Bruno dropped Florence for an instant; but picking her up again he came bounding on across the clearing, the weeds of which were then on fire. He ran straight to Rogers and gently deposited the frightened child at his feet.

Bruno seemed to have realized his own peril as well as Florence's. He was in a closed room, and so made a bold dash through a window with his little charge. Florence's face and hands were painfully cut with glass and her clothing scorched. The dog was also gashed, and his hair burned off in places.

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Gail, Texas, Jan. 10, 1907.

### Notice

I have bought of Mrs O. V. Johnson the Maxwell Hotel and have employed Mrs Johnson to manage the house, so there will be no change made for a while.

W. F. Sewell  
—Western Light.

Durham, Texas.

Dear Citizen;

Now that Xmas is over and I have a moment to spare, will try to tell you what has been going on in this part of the world lately.

Our Xmas began on Dec. 24th. with the marriage of Mr. L. C. Crutchfield to Miss Lucy Wyche of Light, we join their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

Xmas day we ate turkey and other good things at the home of Mr. Willis. Wednesday at E. F. Wickers, Thursday at J. S. Yorks Friday at Mr. Grays, Saturday at J. K. Scoggins; we lived high one week anyway but we took it out in eating, not in drinking. I did not see or hear of a drunk man all Xmas. Some of our neighbors were too busy to take Xmas.

Misses May and Neoma McClinton and brother Gus spent a few days in our community during the holidays,

Mr Yorks children returned to Snyder last Sunday to reenter school except Miss Josie who will teach it the Caton community the balance of the Winter.

Mr. and Mrs Fullilove entertained the young people last Saturday night. All report a nice time.

W. P. Smith went to Snyder Monday with a Bale of Cotton.

John Waskom moved a house today for a rent house. From the rent houses being built looks like we have a farming country.

Old Foggy.

Troy Bullard has rented the farm of C. P. Smith for the present year.

Bean Cathey, who recently got employment with the T. & P at Big Springs is here on a visit and seems well pleased with the R.R. and hopeful of promotion soon.

### NOTICE.

Any one caught getting wood in the 49 pasture or trespassing in any other way after Jan. 1st will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

J. A. Arnett.

### ELECTION NOTICE.

Pursuant to the Election Proclamation issued by the Governor of Texas, notice is given that an election will be held on Monday the 21st day of January, A. D. 1907, in the several precincts of Borden and Garza counties, to be held at the regular voting places in said counties for the purpose of electing a Senator from the twenty-eighth senatorial district of the State of Texas, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. S. Hawkins, who was elected Senator from said senatorial district, and has since resigned.

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# With Edged Tools

By HENRY SETON MERRIMAN  
Author of "The Sowers," "Roden's Corner," "From  
One Generation to Another," Etc.

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of the magic simlacine leaves and mixed them in the brandy which he administered from time to time.

Before sunrise the next morning the alarm was given again and the little garrison was called to arms.

He took his station on the roof of a hut in the center of the little stockade, and from there he directed the fire of his men. Crouching beneath him he had a disabled native who loaded each rifle in turn, and just by way of encouraging the others he picked off the prominent men outside the stockade with a deadly steadiness.

If Joseph detected anything like cowardice or carelessness, he pointed his rifle with a threatening frown toward the culprit, with instant effect. Presently, however, things began to get more serious. This was not the sudden assault of a single chief, but an organized attack. Before long Joseph ceased to smile. By sunrise he was off the roof running from one weak point to another, encouraging, threatening, fighting and swearing very hard. More than once the enemy reached the stockade, and, ominous sign, one or two of their dead lay inside the defense.

He was everywhere at once urging on his men, kicking them, pushing them, forcing them up to the stockade. But he saw the end. Half dazed, the blacks fought on in silence.

In the midst of it a hand was laid on Joseph's shoulder.

"There," cried a voice, "that corner. See to it."

Without looking round, Joseph obeyed, and the breached corner was saved. He only knew that his master, who was almost dead, had come to life again. There was no time for anything else.

For half an hour it was a question of any moment. Master and man were for the time being nothing better than madmen, and the fighting frenzy is wildly infectious.

At last there was a pause. The enemy fell back and in the momentary silence the sound of distant firing reached the ears of the little band of defenders.

"What's that?" asked Meredith sharply. He looked like one risen from the dead.

"Fighting among themselves," replied Joseph, who was wiping blood and grime from his eyes.

"Then one of them is fighting with an express rifle."

Joseph listened.

"By heaven!" he shouted. "By heaven, Mer—sir, we're saved!"

The enemy had apparently heard the firing too. Perhaps they also recognized the peculiar sharp smack of the express rifle amid the others. There was a fresh attack—an ugly rush of reckless men. But the news soon spread that there was firing in the valley and the sound of a white man's rifle. The little garrison plucked up heart, and the rifles, almost too hot to hold, dealt death around.

They held back the savages until the sound of the firing behind them was quite audible even amid the heavy rattle of the musketry.

Then suddenly the firing ceased—the enemy had divided and fled. For a few moments there was a strange, tense silence. Then a voice—an English voice—cried "Come on!"

The next moment Guy Osgard stood on the edge of the plateau. He held up both arms as a signal to those within the stockade to cease firing, and then he came forward, followed by a number of blacks and Duruovo.

The gate was rapidly disincumbered of its rough supports and thrown open. Jack Meredith stood in the aperture, holding out his hand.

"It's all right; it's all right," he said. Osgard did not seem to take so cheerful a view of matters. He scrutinized Meredith's face with visible anxiety.

Then suddenly Jack lurched up against his rescuer, grabbing at him vaguely.

In a minute Osgard was supporting him back toward his tent.

"It's all right, you know," explained Jack Meredith very gravely; "I am a bit weak, that is all. I am hungry; haven't had anything to eat for some time, you know."

"Oh, yes," said Osgard shortly, "I know all about it."

## CHAPTER XVII.

THREE days after the arrival of the rescuing force at the plateau Guy Osgard had organized a retreating party, commanded by Joseph, to convey Jack Meredith down to the coast. He knew enough of medicine to recognize the fact that this was no passing indisposition, but a thorough breakdown in health. The work and anxiety of the last year, added to the strange disquieting breath of the simlacine grove, had brought about a serious collapse in the system which only months of rest and freedom from care could repair.

Before the retreating column was ready to march it was discovered that the hostile tribes had finally evacuated the country, which deliverance was brought about not by Osgard's blood stained track through the forest, not by the desperate defense of the plateau, but by the whisper that Victor Duruovo was with them. Truly a man's reputation is a strange thing!

And this man, the mighty warrior whose name was as good as an army in central Africa, went down on his knees one night to Guy Osgard, imploring him to abandon the simlacine plateau, or at all events to allow him to go down to Loango with Meredith and Joseph.

"No," said Osgard; "Meredith held this place for us when he could have left it safely. He has held it for a year. It is our turn now. We will hold it for him. I am going to stay, and you have to stay with me."

For Jack Meredith life was at this time nothing but a constant, never ceasing fatigue. When Osgard helped him into the rough litter they had constructed for his comfort, he laid his head on the pillow, overcome with a dead sleep.

"Goodby, old chap," said Osgard, patting him on the shoulder.

"G'by," and Jack Meredith turned over on his side as if he were in bed, drew up the blanket and closed his eyes. He did not seem to know where he was, and, what was worse, he did not seem to care. Osgard gave the signal to the bearers, and the march began. There is something in the spring of human muscles unlike any other motive power; the power of thought may be felt even on the pole of a litter, and one thing that modern invention can never equal is the comfort of being carried on the human shoulder. The slow, swinging movement came to be part of Jack Meredith's life—indeed, life itself seemed to be nothing but a huge journey thus peacefully accomplished. Through the flapping curtains an endless procession of trees passed before his half closed eyes. The unintelligible gabble of the light hearted bearers of his litter was all that reached his

ears. And ever at his side was Joseph, cheerful, indefatigable, resourceful. There was in his mind one of the greatest happinesses of life—the sense of something satisfactorily accomplished—the peacefulness that comes when the necessity for effort is past and left be-



The next moment Guy Osgard stood on the edge of the plateau.

hind—that lying down to rest which must surely be something like death in its kindest form.

The awe inspired by Victor Duruovo's name went before the little caravan like a moral convoy and cleared their path. Thus, guarded by the name of a man whom he hated, Jack Meredith was enabled to pass through a savage country literally cast upon a bed of sickness.

In due course the river was reached and the gentle swing of the litter was changed for the smoother motion of the canoe. And it was at this period of the journey, in the forced restfulness of body entailed, that Joseph's mind soared to higher things and he determined to write a letter to Sir John.

He was, he admitted to himself, no great penman, and his epistolary style tended, perhaps, more to the forcible than to the finished.

"Somethin'," he reflected, "that'll just curl his back hair for 'im; that's what I'll write 'im."

Msala had been devastated, and it was within the roofless walls of Duruovo's house that Joseph finally wrote out laboriously the projected capillary invigorator.

Honored Sir [he wrote]—Trusting you will excuse the liberty, I take up my pen to advise you respectfully—while writing this word Joseph closed his left eye—that my master is taken seriously worse. Having been on the sick list now for a matter of five weeks, he just lies on his bed as weak as a newborn babe, as the saying is, and doesn't take no notice of nothing. I have succeeded in bringing him down to the coast, which we hope to reach tomorrow, and when we get to Loango—a poor sort of place—I shall at once obtain the best advice obtainable—that is to be had. However, I may have to send for it, but money being no object to either master or me, respectfully I beg to say that every care will be taken. Master having kind friends at Loango, I have no anxiety as to the future, but, honored sir, it has been a near touch in the past—just touch and go, so to speak. Not being in a position to form an estimate of what is the matter with master, I can only respectfully mention that I take it to be a general kerlapse of the system, brought on, no doubt, by too long a-living in the unhealthy platters of central Africa. When I gets him to Loango I shall go straight to the house of Mr. and Miss Gordon, where we stayed before, and with no fear but what we will be received with every kindness and the greatest hospitality. Thank God, honored sir, I've kept my health and strength wonderful and am therefore more able to look after master. When we reach Loango I shall ask Miss Gordon kindly to write to you, sir, seeing as I have no great facility with my pen. I am, honored sir, your respectful servant to command.

JOSEPH ATKINSON,  
Late Corporal Two Hundred and Seventeenth Regiment.

With a feeling of considerable satisfaction Joseph approached the bungalow at Loango three days later. The short sea voyage had somewhat revived Meredith, who had been desirous of walking up from the beach, but after a short attempt had been compelled to enter the spring cart which Joseph had secured.

Joseph walked by the side of this cart with an erect carriage and a suppressed importance suggestive of ambulance duty in the old days.

As the somewhat melancholy cortege approached the house, Meredith drew back the dusky brown holland curtain and looked anxiously out. Nor were Joseph's eyes devoid of expectation. He thought that Jocelyn would presently emerge from the flower hung trellis of the veranda, and he had rehearsed over and over again a neat, respectful speech, explanatory of his action in bringing a sick man to the house.

But the hanging fronds of flower and leaf remained motionless, and the cart drove unchallenged round to the principal door.

A black servant—a stranger—held the handle and stood back invitingly. Supported by Joseph's arm, Jack Meredith entered. The servant threw open the drawing room door; they passed in. The room was empty. On the table lay two letters, one addressed to Guy Osgard, the other to Jack Meredith.

Jack Meredith fumbled rather feebly at his letter. It was distinctly an effort to him to tear the paper.

My Dear Meredith—Just a line to tell you that the bungalow and its contents are at your service. Jocelyn and I are off home for two months' change of air. I have been a bit seedy. I leave this at the bungalow, and we shall feel hurt if you do not make the house your home whenever you happen to come down to Loango. I have left a similar note for Osgard, in whose expedition to your relief I have all faith. Yours ever,

MAURICE GORDON.

"Here," said Meredith to his servant; "you may as well read it for yourself." He handed the letter to Joseph and leaned back with a strange rapidity of movement on the sofa. As he lay there with his eyes closed he looked remarkably like a dead man.

At that moment Marie came into the room, dignified, gentle, self possessed.

"Ah, missis," said Joseph, "I'm glad to see you. You're wanted badly, and that's the truth. Mr. Meredith's not at all well."

Marie bowed gravely. She went to Meredith's side and looked at him with a smile that was at once critical and encouraging. Nestorius, holding on her skirt, looked up to her face, and, seeing the smile, smiled too. He went further. He turned round and smiled at Joseph as if to make things pleasant all round.

Marie stooped over the sofa, and her clever dusky fingers moved the cushions.

"You will be better in bed," she said. "I will get Mr. Gordon's room made ready for you—yes?" Then she turned to Joseph with that soft, natural way which seems to run through the negro blood however much it may be diluted.

"Help Mr. Meredith," she said, "to Mr. Gordon's room. I will go at once and see that the bed is got ready."

By daybreak next morning Joseph was at sea again, steaming south in a coasting boat toward St. Paul de Loanda. He sent off a telegram to Maurice Gordon in England, announcing the success of the relief expedition, and then proceeded to secure the entire services of a medical man. With this youthful disciple of Aesculapius he returned forthwith to Loango and settled down with characteristic energy to nurse his master.

Meredith's progress was lamentably slow, but still it was progress and in the right direction. The doctor, who was wise in the strange maladies of the west coast, stayed for two days and promised to return once a week. He left full instructions, and particularly impressed upon the two nurses the fact that the recovery would neces-

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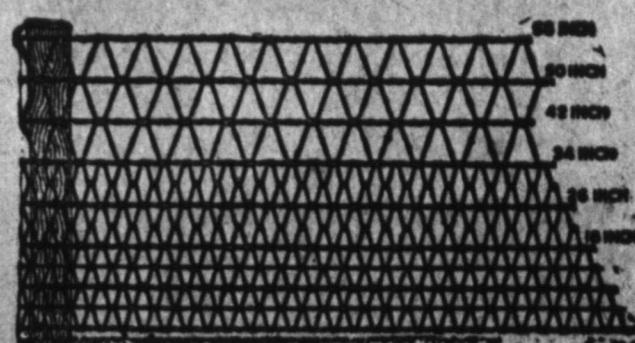
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We were visited by a nice rain Wednesday night, cooling and moistening the surface of the earth which had begun to get dry and dusty.

Mr. Rouse of Jacksboro Tex. is in this locality as a prospector.

Dr. J. A. Harlan our visiting dentist from Snyder is still at work here. The doctor in future will visit Gail at regular intervals of 30 or 40 days.

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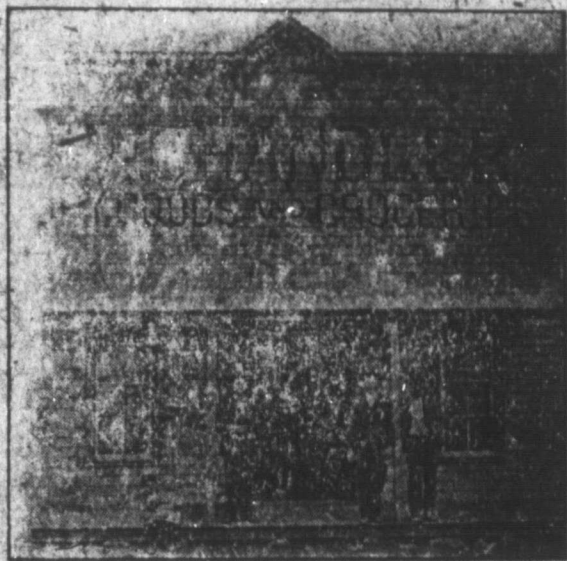
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The rainfall here is sufficient for abundant and successful farming. The products of the farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat and oats have not been grown extensively in this county, but some parts are specially adapted to the raising of small grain. We find the gardens bedecked with beans, peas, turnips, onions radishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts and watermelons. The orchards furnish peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and apricots. The wild fruits are grapes, plums and mulberries. At present orchards are comparatively few, but bear good and abundant fruit. Agriculture is fast becoming the leading industry. The lands which only a few years since were trodden under the foot of the buffalo and mustang pony, and the howl of the lobo and the yelp of the coyote were the only signs of life now are under fence and the soil beneath the plow. At present the whistle of the farm boy, the songs of the milk maid, the bark of the neighbor's dog, the rattling of wagons, and the hum of gins are some of the indications of life and civilization.

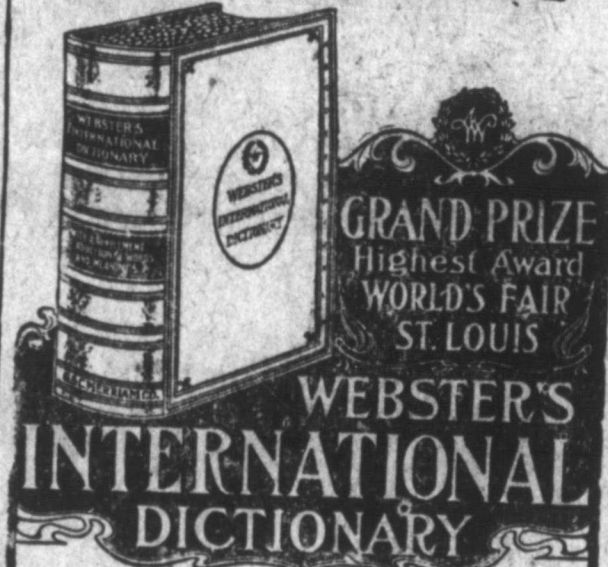
Stock raising is still a leading factor in the progress of our county. Borden county takes pride in raising some of the best horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry does extremely well in this locality.

The development of this county has been quite rapid the last six months. During that time there has been a nice little town built up. The Methodists have erected a handsome church building at Durham in the South-Eastern part of this county.

Gail, the county seat, is a small town but is building fast. There are four new business houses and a new gin, all of which have recently been erected. Borden county is almost sure to average one-half bale per acre to all lands planted in cotton. I have lived in Borden county for eight years and have never witnessed a complete failure in crops. The lands about Gail have not heretofore been for sale, hence the slow development. At the present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

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