

WEST TEXAS REPORTER

Volume 1

GRAHAM, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1912.

Number 14



CHRISTMAS NUMBER

Frank YerBeek

es.
ns.
bal-
oper
\$20.00
\$9.00
\$5.00
2c lb.
e!
rom
bles.

a-
t-
n
n
n
s
y



WEST TEXAS REPORTER

Volume 1

GRAHAM, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1912.

Number 14



CHRISTMAS NUMBER

Copyright, 1912
Western Newspaper Union

Frank VerBeek

West Texas Reporter

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY
THE GRAHAM PRINTING CO.
GRAHAM, TEXAS

Entered as second-class matter Oct. 7, 1912, at the postoffice at Graham, Tex., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Price of Subscription \$1.00 per year.

In closing the old year of 1912, which has been very good to us—in fact far above our expectations—we desire to say to the people all over West Texas that it is our aim and intention to make The Reporter even a better newspaper than it is; we will strive at all times to merit the encouraging and kind expressions that have been showered upon us during the first three months of our infancy and will work unceasingly to merit even greater reward. We cannot thank you enough for the confidence you have placed in us and trust the future will evince our high appreciation of this feeling.

Notwithstanding the muddy condition of our roads and streets Monday and Tuesday, we had the largest crowds of Christmas shoppers in the city than have been seen here for many years; everybody wanted to make everybody a Christmas present, and indications amount to a safe prediction we believe that everybody was happy Christmas morning.

The busy merchants of Graham have taken advantage of this Christmas issue to wish all of their patrons a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and show their appreciation of the liberal business transacted with them during the past twelve months. We bespeak for them a continuance of your favors, for we believe their courteous and fair treatment fully deserves it.

Mountainside Hotel
BEECHER M. BAKER, Prop.
\$2.00 per Day



New Building, New Furnishings
Electric Lights
Commodious Sample Rooms
First-class Accommodations for Commercial Men

IF YOU HAVE A SURPLUS OF HAPPINESS

During the holiday season why not telephone a part of it to some one who has less?

The Telephone is the great limitless pathway over which the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT can travel and cheer the hearts of loved ones from whom you are widely separated.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company
Agents for
Graham Steam Laundry

One System Universal Service

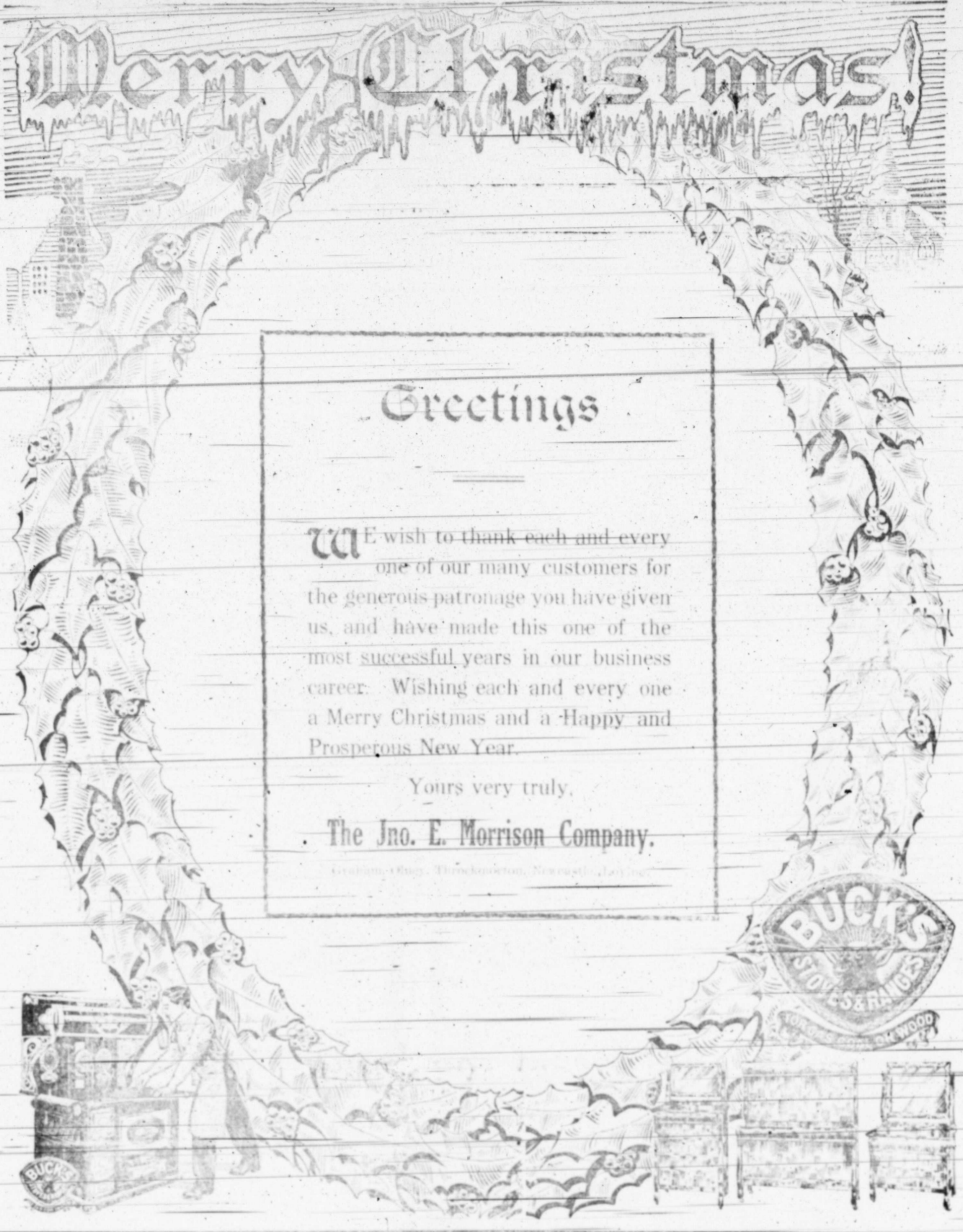
Merry Christmas!

Greetings

WE wish to thank each and every one of our many customers for the generous patronage you have given us, and have made this one of the most successful years in our business career. Wishing each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours very truly,
The Jno. E. Morrison Company.

Graham, Texas, Throckmorton, Newcastle, Luling



MAKING A CAMPAIGN BANNER

How the Big Affairs Are Made and Assembled and the Portraits Painted.

The services of twelve men are required to produce one of the big campaign banners, relates Harper's Weekly.

Two men prepare the strips or which the lettering is done. Two more look after the lettering of these strips, the painting of the names of clubs or associations ordering the banners, the captions for the portraits and the offices for which the nominees are to contend.

Two men work on the centerpieces generally consisting of an eagle and shield. One man devotes himself to the special portraits, and the others assemble the various parts, sew the strips together and give the finishing touches to the banner.

The "portrait man" seems to do any other work than the main portrait. The rest he calls "filling in." By working on the same faces day after day this artist becomes so skillful and so rapid in execution that he can paint the portrait of a candidate in the dark and paint it as true to life as the standard of the campaign banner industry requires.

MOVING PICTURES TIRE EYE

French Oculist Traces a Great Many Diseases to These Wonderful Modern Devices.

A French oculist has traced a large number of eye diseases to the impression made upon the eye by moving pictures. In some cases visual fatigue persists for days and makes reading impossible. The cinematographic illusion is due to the persistence of the luminous impression on the retina. The mean duration of that persistence is two-fiftieths of a second. To produce the illusion the pictures must pass so swiftly that there shall be no apparent lapse of time. The retina must seize every detail. Few visitors to moving-picture shows fail to note their sensations of visual satiety; despite their interest in the pictures, it tires them to follow the details of the play. Some part of the plates may be defective or the light may be too intense or too weak. Whatever the cause, even the most tolerant eye is conscious of weariness.

WHY POSTMASTERS GET BALD.

"Mornin', Joe."
"Mornin', Mr. Morely."
"Tom Warden been in fer his mail?"
"Nope."
"When he comes will you be here?"
"Yep."
"Say, when he comes will you tell him I told you to tell him that on his way from the cheese factory will he stop an' get that sheet of Herman Tanner's an' take it down to Fred Wilkins an' tell Fred that I said he could have it fer that single harness even up, if he'll fix up that bridle and throw in them rassel lines 'stead o' the old black ones; and if he won't swap tell Tom t' bring it down t' my place an' put it in the extra pen an' be sure an' shut that door to the henhouse or all the chickens'll get out an' Tom an' me both will catch! Sure they ain't no mail, Mr. Morely?"—Buffalo News.

PATIENCE EXHAUSTED.

"I have decided to quit smoking," said Mr. Bliggins, seriously.
"Doctor's orders?"
"No, I'm tired of hearing the various members of my family wrangling over the kind of pictures and certificates I shall be compelled to collect."

FAR FROM HOME.

"I wonder if the ghost will walk in the show this week."
"There is one thing certain about that. If the ghost doesn't walk we will."

ITS RESULTS.

"I suppose there is a lot in this automobile racing."
"Well, it raises the dust."

THE WEAPON.

"Did the prisoner cut the plaintiff with malice prepense?"
"No, sir. He cut him with his penknife."

THE DISTINCTION.

"He growled so furiously at me I was sure he was mad."
"So was the dog?"
"No, he was mad."

Service Cars
Auto Repairs and Supplies

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

RUTHERFORD'S GARAGE
Graham, Texas.

COAL

We are prepared to fill your orders for coal in any quantity.
Extra Quality Lump \$4.50 Per Ton
Delivered
Leave orders at Tidwell & Sons or drop us a postal card.
Patronize Home Industry
GRAHAM COAL CO.
Proprietors Burch Mines

J. A. DIETZ
BLACKSMITHING AND WOODWORK
ALL WORK GUARANTEED
HORSESHOEING
A SPECIALTY

Go to
John's Shaving Parlor
For First-class Barber Work
The OLD RELIABLE Stand
North of Postoffice

Hot and Cold
BATHS
Rubenkoenig & Bower
Proprietors

Agents for
Graham Steam Laundry

RAMBOULETT'S
The Wool and Mutton
SHEEP
Graham & McCorquodale
Graham, Texas

Neatness in Clothes
is an important factor in your daily life.

It adds to your appearance to keep your clothes neat and clean. Let us help you.

"The Shop of Hope"
Hope Newman, Prop.
R. C. Goode, Tailor. West Side Square.

Dolman & Belcher
Blacksmiths and Woodworkmen

The coming year will find us well equipped with a full stock of material for work of all descriptions

We will have expert horseshoers
We understand our business thoroughly

Satisfaction guaranteed Prices reasonable

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

**May the Chimes
of the
Christmas Bells**

A. D. 1912

echo the melody

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

and herald the coming of

another year of

Peace and Prosperity

for you

West Texas Reporter

**A Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year**

The News from our County Correspondents

Markley.

We are being favored at present with very pleasant but rather changeable weather.

The chill in the air and Jack Frost's finger prints bring to our ears the distant peal of Christmas bells and we can almost hear the hoof beats of St. Nick's flying steeds.

J. W. Wallace of Wellington has been visiting his parents and family of Markley. He returned home last Thursday accompanied by his brother, D. W. Wallace who made a short business trip into Oklahoma.

Mr. J. D. Portwood of Fort Worth surprised his many friends by his sudden arrival Sunday afternoon, after an absence of three years during which time he has become a benefactor and settled in Ft. Worth. Mr. Portwood is seeking a location, we understand.

Miss Nettie Cox and brother, Frank, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Noah Cantwell of Jean.

Bro. Noble of Loving paid us a short visit Saturday.

Markley Literary Society met Saturday night. The program was short but well rendered.

Again the joyous chime of wedding bells resounded at Markley from Jermyon on the afternoon of Sunday Dec. 8, when Mr. William Cooper of Gertrude and Miss Cordia Wallace of Markley were united in marriage, the nuptial knot being tied by Rev. Samply of Jermyon. A few friends witnessed the event, after which the party returned to Markley where a beautiful supper had been spread at the home of the bride's parents; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wallace. After a short time spent in congratulations and well wishing a number of friends and relatives of both contracting parties departed, leaving all good wishes to follow the young couple through their wedded life.

Cupid's conquests are becoming numerous and we predict many more victories for him with the coming of good St. Nicholas.

An auction sale was held at the home of Mrs. Jake Brown last week in order to dispose of her household goods, preparatory to her leaving to make her future home with her son, Mr. Mont Cates of Oklahoma. "Aunt Jake" leaves at Markley many friends and takes with her all good wishes that her declining days may be blessed with the rest and peace of mind that should ever attend old age.

Mrs. J. L. McDaniel who makes her home with her daughter Mrs. J. G. Curry is visiting her son Joe McDaniel of Markley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. are anxiously awaiting the return of their son Ed who has been absent from the family circle for a number of years. At present he is making California his home state. His boyhood friends at Markley will gladly welcome him home again.

Mr. Mont Cates is in Markley seeing after his mother's business affairs.

Mr. Crowder is moving on Mrs. McDaniel's place which he has leased for the coming year.

Markley school closed Friday for two week's vacation, one week of which will be devoted to Teachers' Institute at Olney and during the other all will partake of Christmas cheer.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cooper of Gertrude visited Mrs. Cooper's sister, Mrs. A. J. Cantwell, of Jean Saturday night and Sunday.

News all told. OLD WORK.

Hand-made boots stand the wear, look better and are far superior to any other kind. Let us take your order. F. L. Adair west side square.

Red Top.

Homer Brigham, Ernest Blakney and Leonard Graves were callers in Graham Saturday.

The singing at A. J. Graves was well attended and a good time reported.

A. R. Rutherford and daughter Isla left Thursday for San Antonio where they will be gone about two weeks. We hope they will spend a merry Christmas.

W. A. McBee and family of Lone Oak passed through the community Friday going to the city.

W. K. McBee and family were shopping in Graham Tuesday.

Miss Vera Dowdy invited some of the girls to come over to her house, enjoy the afternoon and spend the night, it being her brother Harper's birthday.

Look out girls, see who gets the first ride in Mr. Edd Jordan's buggy; it has come in.

What is the matter with West-Frank, have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Noah Cantwell of Jean.

Bro. Noble of Loving paid us a short visit Saturday.

Markley Literary Society met Saturday night. The program was short but well rendered.

Isn't the Reporter a fine paper anyway?

Miss Mabel Graves spent Saturday night with Miss Ida McFee.

Mrs. Walter Steen visited Mrs. Etta Slater Saturday evening.

Brother Black filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Rose Bud.

Indian Mound.

Well, were all of our correspondents present last week except me? I was prevented from being with you all on account of sickness. I suspect I wasn't missed, but I felt like I had missed something.

My, my! but aren't we having some winter weather? This snow was fine; it makes us think of Christmas, doesn't it? I suspect Old Santa called on all the children and they are happy.

Horace Busch and wife moved last Wednesday to their place a few miles west of Graham. We regretted to see them leave.

G. M. James made a business trip to Graham Saturday.

We failed to have Sunday school on account of the rain and cold.

L. F. Bird and family of Blanket, Texas, came in Saturday night for a few days visit to relatives here.

Miss Minnie Fisher spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Austin Bird.

The house on G. W. McCommas' place recently vacated by W. R. Cox is now occupied by a Mr. Beard. We welcome them to our community.

Rev. Wilson of Newcastle will preach at the Indian Mound church on the first Sunday morning in January. Everyone cordially invited to come.

J. A. Easterling of Wichita Falls came in Sunday night for a few days' visit with his brother Reece, and father-in-law, D. Bird; After a few days spent here he will visit his parents in Hamilton county.

W. P. Tate is preparing to move with his family to a farm on the Brazos river. We understand Mr. Taylor is to move into the house vacated by Mr. Tate.

Mr. Editor, we'll ask you to excuse this poor letter.

[Not only did The Reporter miss you, but our many readers on the Mound were disappointed.—Ed.]

WESTERN GIRL.

[Glad to have a "rainy day" among all our sunshine folks. You know it takes both sunshine and rain to make the earth give up its best.—Ed.]

New crop, 1912 pack, seeded raisins, currants, citron, pure spices for your Christmas cake. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Connor Creek.

Hello, Mr. Editor, we are here again after an absence of two weeks.

We are having some real good weather in our part of the county; a light snow fell Sunday night.

Little Zeline Chandler has recovered from an attack of meningitis and all are loose from the quarantine and no new cases.

Mrs. T. E. Smith has been real sick, but is better.

Ted and Jay Fay are home from a two years' stay in the northwest.

Miss Birdie Smith returned from Arizona last week.

J. A. Chandler and family visited Mrs. Eddie Ribble last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Choate's daughter and her husband of San Antonio are visiting them.

Edgar Goate and brother-in-law made a trip to Mineral Wells last week on business.

Fred W. Fay and son have gone to Mineral Wells on business.

Miss Helen Davis of Gooseneck is visiting Mrs. Fred Fay.

Mrs. Cochran visited Mrs. Claude McCasland at Graham last week.

Cliff Corson and family have moved on John Gilmore's place.

Erwin Campbell is selling out and is going to Oklahoma.

M. I. Gilmore was in our community buying cattle last week.

Walter Wagoner and family have moved on the L. H. Harris place.

W. M. Atwood carried his last cotton to town last Friday.

Simon Gilmore is breaking a bronco for A. L. Corson.

Rev. S. D. Cook came down Sunday to fill his appointment, but did not have preaching on account of bad weather.

Miller Ratchiff and Miss Myrtle Corson were married at the bride's home last Sunday evening. We wish them a happy and prosperous journey through life. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gaines B. Hall of Graham.

Jay Fay had the Gooseneck school teacher out riding this week and we fear the Gooseneckers may have to get the Gander to finish up her school.

Everybody is getting ready for the holidays and we wish The Reporter a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

THE GOPHER.

Ming Bend.

People in these parts are all through picking cotton and are now ready for Christmas.

The young people enjoyed a fruit supper at Mr. Mitchell's Friday night. Andy Owen looked blue because he lost his hat and his girl, too. Cheer up, Andy, there are lots of girls.

Miss Margie Ribble is all smiles today, as Ben Weldon and a Mr. Wiley were at the party.

Mrs. Mattie Lasiter and Dick Dalton visited homefolks at Palo Pinto last week and report a pleasant time.

Everett Newby left for McAlester last week, where he will attend school this winter.

Sam Williams and wife went to Loving to spend Christmas.

Several of the people from the Bend attended the debate at Bryson last week and report a nice time.

Jim Mitchell says he prefers a buggy instead of his wheel when he goes to Mr. Roark's.

Rev. Suttle filled his appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

It looks like we might have a snowy Christmas.

RAINY DAY.

[Glad to have a "rainy day" among all our sunshine folks. You know it takes both sunshine and rain to make the earth give up its best.—Ed.]

New crop, 1912 pack, seeded raisins, currants, citron, pure spices for your Christmas cake. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Gooseneck.

We have had a regular Duke's Mixture of weather this week, consisting of rain, sleet, snow and plenty of cold. There was no Sunday school on account of the bad weather.

Andrew Smith and Herman Johnson moved Uncle Pat Johnson to Eastland county last week.

Bro. Suttle moved to the Andrew Smith place today.

Herman Johnson spent last night with the Parsons boys.

Andrew Smith and family now occupy the Uncle Pat Johnson residence.

Miss Cora Rose spent the night with Miss Lona McLaren.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rose are the proud parents of a 12-pound baby boy.

Some of the boys are very attentive to Bob McLaren.

Sam Smith visited with Henry Driver Sunday.

Geo. Berry of Ft. Worth is spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Ella Smith has been visiting Miss Alta Driver.

J. M. Boyce and wife are visiting Mrs. Boyce's parents.

Bob and Etta McLaren were swapping yarns with Will Reeves Sunday.

One of the Peck-a-boor boys is doing some better now, since Uncle George began to call him son.

Miss Eula Phillips was seen in the City of Bunker Saturday.

Poor Uncle Joe has what he calls a carbuncle on his jaw, but it looks to us like he had run up against a stick of stove wood.

John Clark is no better. Some say that he has lost his appetite, has one eye stretched, knocked down in one shoulder and is very thirsty. We hope to report him improving next time.

Well, we are all looking for Santa Claus very soon.

Wishing the editor and his many correspondents a Merry Christmas, I am the

GANDER.

Lone Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stewart and daughter were trading in Graham Monday.

Lum McBride and J. W. Pratt went to Wichita Saturday.

Mr. Walker and family were buying Christmas goods in Graham Friday.

Henry and Sallie Hawkins visited at the home of G. W. Ligon Sunday.

Jim Shatto is moving to the place recently vacated by G. N. Burton.

S. T. Needham and family went to Graham Saturday.

H. M. and Dan Orr attended church at Red Top Sunday.

Messrs. Os J. McFadden and D. B. Wood returned from the Institute Friday evening and spent the night with C. C. McBride.

Santa Claus has already visited Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Orr and they think there is no other gift-like theirs, and it will be a useful one, Mr. Orr says.

D. B. Wood returned to his home at Graham Saturday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

G. N. Burton and family have moved to Jacksboro. We regret very much to lose these good people, but wish them much happiness and good luck in their new home.

Dan Orr went to Graham on business Friday.

Mrs. Ray of True has been visiting the family of H. M. Orr the past week.

Misses Lou and Jim McBride were shopping in Graham Saturday.

There was no Sunday school Sunday on account of bad weather.

We had a nice snow Sunday night. I hope it will cool off Buster a little so that he will be able to be among us again soon.

BRUNETTE.

Those potato chips are simply fine at our store. Mabry & Son.

Jean.

Buster feels very unworthy tonight but will try to send in a few news items.

The good people of Jean met and arranged to have a Christmas tree and from the interest manifested I think it will be a howling success. We are expecting Santa Clause in great style on said occasion. We extend a welcome to all; come out and make life worth living for "Sallie and the kids." We aim to use Billie Stroud for St. Nick and save the price of a false face.

B. W. King our County Superintendent made a very impressive and practical talk at our school house Friday night. Come again, Bro. King, we never hear too much on education.

Quite a number of our people attended Big Monday and the Street Carnival at Graham. "A fool and his money is soon parted," and it sure did look like it from the way the Flying Jennie and the Dog Show were doing business.

Mrs. J. M. Roberson arrived home Friday from a visit to relatives in Knox county, and Joe had a smile on his face that would have made a jossman ashamed of itself.

J. W. Wallace of Collinsworth county visited A. J. Cantwell and family this week. He was returning home after spending several days with his parents and other relatives at Markley, D. W. Wallace accompanied him as far as Wichita Falls.

T. M. Moore and S. T. Davis moved to Weatherford with their families this week. We think they are making a great mistake in leaving the garden spot of "Old Young County," but wish them every success in their new home.

Bro. Gopher, I am glad to know you are having sausage to eat these days; they are mighty fine and Buster would certainly enjoy helping you out in this matter.

I had the pleasure of shaking hands with Bro. Gander again last Monday. I was glad to see him looking so fat and saucy.

No, Miss Western Girl, it was the Thanksgiving dinner I did not get to eat that worried me.

W. P. Stroud and W. B. Markum attended the religious debate at Bryson last week and report a mixed up affair on the closing.

Wm. Cooper and wife of Jermyon were visiting relatives at Jean Saturday and Sunday.

The young folks had a candy party at Mr. Alcorn's Saturday night and all report a sticky, good time.

W. W. Cope and wife were shopping in Jean Saturday.

Uncle Billie Parsley boarded Saturday morning's train for Jack county to visit old friends and relatives.

The people of our community are daily expecting the second coming of Moses who has arranged to live in our midst another year. We have already had with us St. John, Paul, Job, Noah, Solomon, Jacob and Simon, whose surname is Poff, and are now looking for Moses. Who can beat us on old time names?

I will close wishing Mr. Reporter and all the correspondents a merry Christmas and a successful New Year, and if I live through Christmas and come out not too badly disfigured, will write again. I wish to state to the correspondents that I still have a good supply of Watkin's liniment on hand and hope to come out O. K. If you need any call on

BUSTER.

Members of Farmers Union.

Take notice that the next regular meeting of the County Union will be held at Lone Oak on the fourth Friday in January 1913 instead of the first Friday. This will be a very important meeting. We will hear the message from the Ft. Worth Convention. Dormant locals, wake up; get in line and send a delegation to County Union.

C. B. MORLAND, Pres.
FRANK H. WILSON, Sec.

Cedar Creek.

Pardon me, but may I come in? As I have not noticed anything from this part of the globe, with your permission I will jot down a few items.

Though I'm rather shy, a member of a bashful band, but if you have a slow-going steamer, with the moon brightly shining, and promise to keep your correspondents busy and not let them peep my way, I may be able to make a great speech or sing a song.

There isn't much news in this little prairie between the rockies. We have not had enough rain for the farmers to break land. Some hunt, some read and some are really putting in a supply of wood for the winter. The ladies, oh, no, they are not forgotten; they are all busy, too; that is, as far as to singing woman's rights.

Mrs. A. Rickles is visiting at the home of her son Mac, near Ivan, this week.

Rumor says that S. M. G. will soon be under the government of calico. How about it, Smith?

Mr. Mitchum of Ivan was in this community Monday and had the misfortune of letting his mules get away from him while closing a gate. However, they stopped at the first gate they came to, so he had only to walk about half a mile.

Wonder why Everett Reed is going to the Copeland Flat so often? Everett says he knows, and the next thing is a buggy. So be watchful, boys, or someone is going to get his time bested.

Tom Clay gave a farewell dance to the young people Monday night. He will move to the Pickwick community this week, and Smith will go too, we suppose.

B. P. Ritchey and daughter Ella visited J. M. Reed and family Monday.

Several of the Cedar Creek folks were trading in Graham Monday.

SILVER BELL.

[The news from Cedar Creek is Silver Bell's Christmas present to The Reporter and we appreciate the present very highly. We would be glad to have such a present fifty-two times in the year.—Ed.]

STALAGMITE OF ICE.

It is not often that one sees a column of ice in the woods standing 30 feet in height like a ghostly white monument. Such a column was recently to be seen in the vicinity of Schron, N. Y. The column had the appearance of a stalagmite of dazzling whiteness and it proved to be a hollow pillar. The causes that gave birth to this beautiful column of ice were simple enough, although to the uninitiated the puzzle was extremely baffling. The monstrous stalagmite stood about half-way between an old stock farm and the mountain reservoir which supplied spring water to the barn. A vent plug was removed, permitting a fine jet of water to shoot up 30 feet into the air and gradually build up a hollow cylinder of ice. The column proved a great attraction, and created wide-spread interest. People came from miles around to see the curious spectacle.—Scientific American.

KINDLY COUNSEL.

"Sir," said Baron Fucash, "I desire to ask your consent to my marriage with your daughter."

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "take my advice and don't let anybody know that you have done so. If she and her mother find it out you will be regarded in this household as having set a very dangerous precedent."

HER AGE.

Eye—There is one thing, Adam. Adam—What is it?
Eye—Never tell anybody the date you lost your rib.

AN AID TO VIRTUE.

"Do you believe that vertical writing makes it easy to forget?"
"I don't see how, since it's such an upright style."

TOO MUCH RISK.

"Is your husband insured for your needs?"
"He can't get insurance. He's a Maine woods guide."

The Teachers' Institute.

The teachers institute met last week at Olney, beginning Dec. 16, and continuing till Dec. 20th. As early as Saturday the teachers began to arrive in various ways at Olney. Each train was met by Supt. W. A. Cain and County Supt. B. W. King, who showed such interest and kindness toward each teacher that no one failed to feel at home.

On Monday morning the institute opened in the high school building with almost a full attendance. A nice program was rendered by the school children and citizens of Olney, after which Supt. King made the announcements in regard to the week's work.

The forenoon of each day was taken up in a general discussion by the teachers. In the afternoon of each day the primary and intermediate sections assembled in the auditorium, the high school section occupying a room on the second floor. Each section carried out their regular program and the subjects were ably discussed by those to whom they were assigned.

Several interesting addresses were made by Prof. Beck, county superintendent of Jack county, Supt. Timmons of Jackboro, Dr. Harrell of Olney and others.

Friday afternoon the institute went into business session. It was decided by almost a unanimous vote to hold the institute at Graham next year. They adjourned by singing "God Be With You."

Those present spent a most enjoyable week. Some form of entertainment was given each night. On Monday night Miss Bibro's music class gave a most interesting recital. Tuesday night a home talent play was given by the Olney High School children. Newcastle presented a well rendered play Wednesday night. A banquet was tendered the teachers on Thursday night by the Olney ladies.

The general opinion of all was that it was the most pleasant week of their lives.

The Literary Club.

The charming home of Mrs. Ino E. Morrison was thrown open last Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p. m. for the entertainment of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. She was assisted in entertaining by her daughters, Mrs. A. W. Kay and Miss Mazelle Morrison, and the club's three preceding hostesses, Messdames Hudson and Jones and Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig.

A cheerful poinsetta added to the Christmas colors in the parlors where a goodly per cent of the club's membership responded to roll call with Christmas quotations, full of the cheer and good will of the Yuletide. Preceding the program, Mrs. Gallaher appointed a committee to confer with the representative to the State legislature regarding the passing of laws relative to woman's property rights and compulsory education in the State.

Mrs. I. T. Gilmer, accompanied by Mrs. Kay, rendered a pleasing voice selection, which was followed by a most enjoyable Christmas reading, "How Santa Claus Came to the Mine," by Mrs. J. W. Akin. A special feature of the afternoon's program was a thoughtful paper by Mrs. J. C. Fisher on "The transformation of English Agriculture," selected from the text book for the afternoon. Mrs. R. G. Hallam directed the Round Table discussion, revealing the leading facts in the lesson.

The hostesses served a most delicious salad course, with sandwiches, olives and chocolate, to the membership present and the following guests: Messdames McJimsey, Bryan, Stovall, H. B. Graham, Lynch, J. C. and R. F. Short, C. C. Rickman, McCain, Vaughan, Rubenkoenig, Taliaferro and J. W. Taliaferro. The next meeting of the club will be on January 8th with Mrs. Gallaher.

N. E. Cantwell Writes.

Farmer, Texas, Dec. 17. I killed a large, gray eagle the 12th three miles south of Farmer near the Graham and Farmer road on O. L. Sweet's farm. The bird measured seven and one half feet from tip to tip of wings and seventeen and one-half inches around body under the wings. Its claws were three inches long and it was eight and one-half inches across its feet lengthwise. Its legs were eighteen inches long and measured seven and one-half inches around at largest place. It is the first one of the birds that has been seen in this part of the country.

The people in this part of the country are getting about done picking cotton and they are not sorry of it. The cotton crop was fairly good and we got a good price. Christmas is about here and the children are all expecting Old Santa to give them a call. One of Mr. S. T. Moreham's children was poisoned on mistle-

toe berries last Sunday but it proved not to be very serious, as the child recovered in about twelve hours.

They had an old-time candy breaking at Mr. Will Alcorn's Saturday night. There was a nice crowd in attendance and all seemed to have a good time.

W. L. Hoffman and family will leave Farmer tomorrow for Oklahoma and Mr. Brazelton and family will take their place, as he bought the farm some time ago. People are coming to Young county all the time. Land keeps selling and there are more renters than can get places. If folks keep coming we will have to set the lines back and make Young county larger.

N. E. CANTWELL.

Blacksmith Shop to Rent.
Best blacksmith shop in Graham, fully equipped, will be for rent Jan. 1, 1913. Apply to or write CARL WIDMAYER.

Teams wanted to haul cotton seed. Graham Cotton Co.

Young County Abstract Co.
Graham, Texas.

We Make Abstracts and Do a General Land and Loan Business
We Will Appreciate Your Patronage and Give You Good Service

Office in Tidwell Bldg.

R. L. TANKERSLEY, Mgr. E. W. FRY, Sec.-Treas.

GIFTS!

of all kinds in

Jewelry and Watches

New Stock Just Arrived

J. L. Woods,
Jewelry Store

Two Doors West of Beckham National Bank.

A Pair of Trousers Free!

With every suit or overcoat bought from us from now until January 15th. Look over our samples.

GRAHAM TAILOR SHOP

JOE E. MABRY, Proprietor

St. Louis Restaurant

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

Short Orders, Fish and Oysters

EVERYTHING GOOD TO EAT

West Side of Square

J. W. CARLTON
LIVERY

Rock Island City Transfer

The Rock Island Stable

North Elm Street

"WE NEVER MISS A TRAIN"

Southwestern No. 8.

Independent No. 62.

Notice, Farmers!

Don't forget that last February we put in the best cotton cleaner made. We are now running all eight gin stands and gin two bales every fifteen minutes. Come and get your cotton ginned now and go home to Sally and the children. We will also grind your corn.

Farmers' Union Gin Co.

A. H. JONES, Manager.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCE

IS the basis of all success. The institution with honorable, upright methods of conducting a legitimate business will always meet with the approval of a majority of the people, whether that majority assists in its upbuilding or not. They can not help but speak a good word for it whenever it is mentioned. This same mutual confidence has caused the fast growing list of subscribers to the

West Texas Reporter

Are you one of this number? The Reporter is being read by more people for the length of time it has been published than any other paper ever established in Young County. The reason for this is that it publishes the NEWS without bias or prejudice. It is a paper for all the people, reaches the subscriber on the same day every week. We want you to read The Reporter; we have confidence enough in the paper to believe that you will like it—in fact, we know you will want to read it all the time if you want the NEWS.

Now, if you have not yet subscribed for The Reporter, fill out one of the blanks below and send it to us. When your subscription expires we will discontinue the paper unless otherwise notified. We don't want to give it to you; we expect you to pay for it, but no longer than the time you contract for it.

Fill in one of these Blanks Today:

If you want to pay Cash, fill in THIS blank.

If you haven't the Cash and want the paper, fill in THIS blank.

_____ 191
The West Texas Reporter, Graham, Texas.
Please send me The West Texas Reporter for one year, for which find enclosed Check P. O. Order for One Dollar

_____ 191
The West Texas Reporter, Graham, Texas.
Please send me The West Texas Reporter for one year, for which I agree to pay One Dollar on or before Mar. 1, 1913

Name _____

Signed _____

Route _____ Postoffice _____

Route _____ Postoffice _____

If on a Rural or Star Route, so state; write name and number plainly.

If on a Rural or Star Route, so state; write name and number plainly.

Jones-Kinniburgh.

O. M. Jones and Mrs. Rhoda Kinniburgh were married this morning at 6 o'clock by County Judge E. W. Fry and left on the morning train for Cleburne, their future home.

Mrs. Kinniburgh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fisher, and has a host of friends in Graham who wish for her every possible joy in her sacred union.

Mr. Jones is a former Graham boy whom everyone knew and liked, and who is now operating a successful tailoring establishment in Cleburne.

The Reporter joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of shareholders, of the Graham National Bank, No. 3897 will be held at the office of said bank in Graham, Texas, on Tuesday, January 14, 1913, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. at which time and place the annual election of directors will be held and such other matters transacted as may properly come before said meeting. The Graham Nat'l. Bank.
By CHAS. GAY, Cashier.

New Nuts.

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

For Sale.

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

Electric Lights

Are so far superior to any other kind that argument is unnecessary.

Let Us Wire YOUR House

We have a complete supply of fixtures at prices you can afford.

Graham Electric Co.

Graham Auto

Supply Company

CHAS. WIDMAYER, Manager.

Automobile Accessories and Supplies

New Tires. Fire Proof Garage Day and Night Service Cars

COCHRAN & SON

CONTRACTORS - BUILDERS

Graham, Texas

KAY & AKIN

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

C. W. JOHNSON

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office West Side Square.

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

B. B. GARRETT

CONTRACTOR & BUILDER

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

DR. W. A. MORRIS

DENTIST

Office over Graham Nat'l. Bank.

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

REHDER & SON

PAPERHANGING AND

HOUSEPAINTING

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Local and Personal Mention

Fresh mince meat at Stewart & Son.

Virgil Eddleman is here for the holidays.

Pure Uvalde comb honey. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Wallace Finley is spending the holidays in Graham.

Good cabbage at 3 cents per pound at Owen Bros.

Miss Ollie Kidwell spent last Saturday in Ft. Worth.

Miss Myrtice Findley of Dakin was in the city this week.

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

Bismark Bower is chug-chugging around on a new motorcycle.

"Batavia" Maple Syrup is pure order a can. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Pete Fry is spending the holidays with his brother, Judge E. W. Fry.

Wear hand-made boots, for sale by F. L. Adair, west side square.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutchison are the parents of a fine boy, born Saturday.

Joe David Doty came in last Friday to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Buy your apples, oranges, coconuts and cranberries from Owen Bros.

Let J. L. Woods sell you your watches and jewelry. New stock just arrived.

Ben Neal is visiting relatives in the city and will spend the holidays here.

Sam Ragland and wife were in town Tuesday doing their Christmas shopping.

W. T. Parkinson, living east of Graham, is visiting his mother in Hood county.

We have a big lot of FRESH eggs; our Christmas Special price 27¹/₂ c per dozen.

Mrs. West of South Bend while in the city Saturday was a pleasant caller at this office.

W. M. Miller and wife left Thursday for Oklahoma City to make their future home.

Mrs. Lester Ringgenberg of Jacksboro is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McJimsey.

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

Miss Lillian Manning, who has been teaching in Abilene for the past session, is here for the holidays.

Miss Annie Belle Wadley is back from Carlsbad, Texas, and will spend the holidays with her parents.

Herschel Eddleman returned last week from Estancia, New Mexico, where he has been visiting relatives.

Section comb honey at our store. Mabry & Son.

If your shoes need repairing bring them to me. First-class work guaranteed. F. L. Adair west side square.

Harry Petty is spending the holidays in Graham. He has been employed in a grocery store at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

When in need of anything in the Short Order line call at the Midway Cafe, on the West side of the square. A trial of our chili will make you a regular customer. R. M. Todd, Prop.

Nuts of all kinds at Stewart & Son.

L. B. Kidwell will spend the holidays with his home folks here.

White Swan canned goods at Stewart & Son.

Chas. Cane of Greenville has accepted a position at John's Shaving Parlor.

If you are looking for real estate bargains read my display ad. R. E. Mabry.

Miss Lucille Miller is spending the holidays at Italy and Avalon, Texas, visiting friends and relatives.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold.

Jim Cochran, an old Graham boy, has returned to his home town after spending several years in California.

Mrs. L. H. R. Voules was operated on at Dallas last Thursday. She is reported as doing exceedingly well.

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

Misses Agnes and Mary Craig, who have been attending school at St. Mary's College in Dallas, are home for the holidays.

John Spivey is spending the holidays with home folks. He has been attending Southwestern University at Georgetown.

Florida Oranges at Stewart & Son.

L. T. Bishop of Walnut Springs arrived in the city last week and will make his home with his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Christy.

John Bower returned on Friday night's train from Fort Worth, where he has been a juror in the Federal Court of this district.

Let J. L. Woods sell you your watches and jewelry. New stock just arrived.

Oscar E. Huie, a member of the Reporter force, left Monday morning for Krum, Texas, to be with the home folks during the holidays.

Henry Mayes has returned from Abilene where he has been for some time, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayes.

Let J. L. Woods sell you your watches and jewelry. New stock just arrived.

Miss Lucille Crabb of Stamford left for her home Saturday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Crabb of this city, who will spend the holidays with Mr. Crabb's parents.

J. Marion Burkett, who has been at A. & M. for the past six months, is home for the holidays. Marion has been suffering with a severe attack of tonsillitis since his return and will no doubt miss the holiday events.

New crop figs and monogram dates at our store. Mabry & Son.

Ely's Cream Parlor

Ice Cream and Chili

Jonas Ely, Proprietor.

We are extremely anxious to increase the feeding of MEAL AND HULLS Among our Farmer Friends

As an inducement to this end, we offer for a limited time only, the following unprecedented bargains in
Exchanging Meal and Hulls for Cottonseed

For 1000 lbs. of Seed

We will give
1200 lbs. Hulls and 400 lbs. Meal

You have the seed.
We have the hulls and meal.
We want to buy your seed.
We want to sell hulls and meal.
You need meal and hulls, for though you have other feeds at home.

Meal and Hulls
at these prices make a
Better and Cheaper Feed

than anything grown or made for any kind of farm stock.

For feeding Horses and Mules

fattening cattle, hogs or any kind of poultry; 1 pound of meal is worth
3 pounds of corn,
2 pounds of oats,
4 pounds of wheat bran.

For Producing Milk and Butter

1 pound of meal and hulls mixed one to four is worth
2 pounds of corn
2 pounds of wheat bran
2 pounds of cotton seed
4 pounds of best hay.

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

If you have used meal and hulls you know it is

better feed than seed

It will make
More milk, more butter,
Better milk, better butter,
More flesh and more fat
and keep your cows or your steers in better fix than cotton seed.

If you have not used it

catch one bale of seed
Bring it to us
and take home on this basis:
1400 pounds of hulls and
400 pounds of meal, being
1800 pounds of mixed feed.

Worth pound for pound more in feeding value than

Cotton Seed, Corn, Hay

Feed it to any stock on your place and if you don't find it a

Better and Cheaper Feed
pound for pound, come and say so and we will

Pay for the Seed

You may be the judge and there'll
be no back talk.

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

TRADE A TRIAL BALE ANYHOW
Graham Cotton Oil Co.
GRAHAM, TEXAS

Miss Gratie Lichte Hurt.

News was received last week from Ft. Worth stating that Miss Gratie Lichte had been severely injured by an automobile as she alighted from a street car. No very definite information in regard to the accident has been learned by this office but we reproduce herewith a portion of a letter to Mrs. John Pohlman written just after the accident happened. The letter is from Mrs. Herman Lichte, who is with Miss Gratie in St. Joseph's Infirmary, where she was taken just after she was hurt.

"She went to the train to see some of the Grahams who were coming through and evidently did not go home immediately after they left. In the meantime she got a call to go to Itasca on a case and it was 7 p. m. before she got word of the call. The train leaves for Itasca at 8 o'clock so she had only an hour to get home, get her suit case and make the train and she was of course excited and worried for fear she would not make her train so when she got off the street car I suppose she started around the corner in a hurry and was hurt by an automobile.

Her right leg is broken below

the knee, left elbow bruised, head cut about one inch on right side and three inches on left. The left side is the serious wound as it was a very deep wound and she has bled so profusely at the left ear the doctor feared a severe skull injury and told me when he left the hospital he had no hopes of her ever regaining consciousness but she has been rational for several hours (when awake) and they have great hopes for her now."

In a message from Ft. Worth yesterday it is stated that Miss Lichte is improving rapidly and will soon recover. She has a host of friends in Graham who are anxious to hear of her complete recovery.

The Interse Club.

Ten members of the Interse Club responded to roll call at Mrs. R. E. Mabry's last Friday afternoon. Mesdames R. F. Short Stallings, Horton and Crop, of Brownwood were welcome guests. A piano solo by Ione Short was enjoyed by all. Two new members, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Douglas, were accepted.

The club will meet this week with Mrs. J. T. Cunningham.

Closing Out Sale

We want to close out the balance of the Kidwell & Cooper Hardware and will sell for cash the following:

2 Riding Cultivators, each \$20.00
3 Stalk Cutters, each \$20.00
9 inch walking plow \$7.50
1 Lister Planter \$10.00

1 Sulky Plow \$20.00
12 in. walking plow \$9.00
7 in. walking plow \$5.00
Lanterns 50c, Nails 2c lb.

Graves & Ward

World's Greatest Books

Complete list of Famous Authors and their Greatest Works
In 20 Volumes. Cloth Binding.

Special Price
\$12.50

Worth twice the price asked.
ONLY ONE SET LEFT.

Graham Printing Company

The present day is... Des... an int... a sph... Hall... "As... nity... especi... the b... The... to tw... man... The l... the ba... ing... Christ... to all... The... mem... of the... time... lighte... fices... name... reap... produc... in the... cultiva... devout... good t... The... is the... do; thi... other... i... fect ex... is to... first... of Dav... nant... ward... for hu... may be... but wh... the M... measur... your li... sake... The... that... cometh... Spec... much... Dr... was... showed... woman... illustra... which... tian m... The... reads... in the act... of the... who... pt... vile... lar... practice... estimat... as a mo... sinner... a... advanci... gospel... his ser... sinner... worst... C... The one... Christ... concept... The... was a... text... "A... flesh... at... What... C... first... kne... The... saving... i... cussed... You... 1 lb... tin... I Tidwe... E... An...

Items from the Churches

Presbyterian.

The Presbyterians report 98 present on last Sunday at Sunday school, with \$4.08 offering.

Despite the inclement weather an interested congregation heard a splendid sermon by Rev. Mr. Hall, selected from Gal. 6:10, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of David."

The moral law divides itself into two supreme duties, that of man to God, that of man to man. The latter phase of the law was the basis of the discourse, following: The object and end of Christian living is to do good unto all men.

The Christmas season, commemorating the unspeakable gift of the Son of God, is a fitting time to make others glad, to lighten burdens, to make sacrifices, to shed sunshine in His name. As we sow, so shall we reap. In the physical world like products like; this law is verified in the spiritual life also. Let us cultivate liberality, cheerfulness, devout habits, practice doing good that we may grow in grace.

The measuring test of our piety is the number of good deeds we do; the light that we shed upon other lives. Christ sets the perfect example of service. Our duty is to do good unto all men, but first unto those of the household of David—to those of the covenant, however weak and wayward. When we serve humanity for humanity's sake, our reward may be great honor in this world; but when we serve in the name of the Master, the reward is immeasurable in eternity. Invest your life in good deeds for Jesus' sake.

The thought was emphasized that time is passing—the night cometh and the day is far spent.

Special Christmas music added much to the service.

Baptist.

Dr. Taylor's evening subject was "The Sinners' Bible." He showed that the Christian man or woman is the sinners' Bible. He illustrated this by the light in which the heathen hold the Christian missionaries in their lands.

The chapters that the sinner reads in his Bible are the speech, the action and the social position of the Christian. If one man who professes Christianity uses vile language, indulges in evil practices or is held in very low estimation by society, he is taken as a model of a Christian by the sinner and does very little toward advancing the influence of the gospel in his mind. He closed his sermon by asking that the sinner take as his Bible, not the worst Christian he can find, but the one that is a real follower of Christ, in order to get a good conception of the Christian life.

Methodist.

The Sunday morning sermon was a Christmas sermon on the text, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." What Christ was to those who first knew him was the theme.

The incarnation, kingship and saving powers of Christ were discussed.

You buy quality when you get 1 lb. tins of Batavia coffee. W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

E. S. GRAHAM

UNIMPROVED LANDS

And First Lien Notes

Graham, Texas.

What is the Severest Test of a Mother's Love?

Paper read at the August meeting of the W. C. T. U. by Mrs. McInsey.

I believe the law of service is the regulation law of life. In attempting to answer this question I can serve only so far as I can grasp the meaning of "mother love."

"Mother!" Is it not the sweetest word in the English language? Who does not love the name of mother? We know that "God is love." Who said, "He who loves most is nearest akin to God?" It is even so.

Who can fathom mother love? High as heaven, deep as the ocean. A true mother loves her unborn children.

"When a weak babe lying safe on the mother's breast, And the tide of joy flows in, He giveth, He taketh, He knoweth best.

The Lord who sees within,"

Dr. Talmage once said: "No mother ever loved her child too well. She will need a heart full of love to be a true mother, with all the sacrifice the name implies."

The tender touch on the fevered brow; how earnestly she prays for the little life to be spared her. We step so softly while he sleeps, and we know the weary waiting and watching of one who has known and felt the charm of innocent babyhood. As she looks upon its beauty she prays God to bless the little one, that its life may be long and sweet. May no thorny pathway be traversed by its feet.

Babyhood passes swiftly. By and by he takes his first step. Then he learns to lisp the name of mother. She is his very shadow—careful that no harm comes nigh him.

A few school years of careful training have passed, and lo, he is a schoolboy. It is here a mother feels so helpless. She knows temptations lie out before him and her mother-heart cries out again for the safety of her precious child.

We can not appeal to strength of character, for he is so young, and the tender young life is at the mercy of every existing evil influence. But the mother-love follows on and on. Her love strengthens as the years go by, and she pictures a lovely manhood or womanhood. The faithful mother only sees the noise, the trife, the loyal in her son or daughter. She knows nothing of perhaps an evil companion of impure literature while at school or elsewhere, the evil influence of which is gradually fastening its iron grasp around the life of your precious boy or girl. The influence of an evil companion for a short time may undo the work of years of a good mother.

Can you imagine a test of a mother's love more severe than this? Yet with her heart-strings torn and bleeding, she takes the prodigal son or daughter back to her heart of hearts, and with hands outstretched she welcomes them home and still points to the highest and noblest.

"When the soul is with trials tossed,

There is help in the lifted prayer;

For never a soul that loves is lost,

And our Father is every where."

For Sale or Trade.

Five-room frame house with hall and two porches, cistern, well and barn on an acre lot. Close to school and church in Olney. Write or call on F. L. Adair, Graham, Texas.

BELMONT HOTEL

E. E. HALL, Prop.

RATES \$1.25 PER DAY

Clean Rooms - Good Service

METCHNIKOFF THEORY IS OLD

Curdled and Sour Milk Were Popular as Cure for Ailments in Ancient Times.

Literary research has revealed that Prof. Elie Metchnikoff of Paris was not the first advocate of sour milk as a cure for many ills. He has never said he was. An editorial note in the New York Medical Journal says:

"In a very interesting article on the origin of oriental curdled milk, Dr. N. Moissides of Constantinople, in Janus for July, speaks also of the mention of sour milk in the Old Testament, which Metchnikoff used to fortify his statement that the use of sour milk is one of the great secrets of prolonging life. Dr. Moissides remarks that Metchnikoff has followed the translation of Eibstein on medicine in the Old Testament, but with this translation our author disagrees, for the Septuagint, as well as Osterveld, used the word butter instead of sour milk. Of much more importance than sour milk during the Graeco-Roman and Byzantine times was curdled milk, oxygala, a word mentioned by many old writers, such as Strabo, Plutarch, the elder Pliny, Paul of Egina, and many others, down to Ptochoprodromos, a Byzantine poet of the twelfth century.

"The word of the old Greeks is still used in Greece, Cyprus and Turkey by modern Greek authors, while the Turkish word is Yagourte, derived from the verb Yagourmak, signifying fermented."

VERY RICH



Cannibal King—Let that last captive go.

His Assistant—But he's a millionaire.

Cannibal King—I know, but I've got to eat out all rich food.

PASSING OF THE PUNKAH.

One can hardly imagine the hot countries of the far and the middle east without the punkah, and it is something of a shock to learn from the American consul general at Hongkong that in that colony, at least, the punkah is rapidly giving place to the electric ceiling fan. Few new buildings in Hongkong are fitted with punkahs, but all are wired for electricity with reference to the use of electric fans. According to the consul general, while punkahs have many merits—especially in being easily regulated so as to maintain a gentle breeze—they entail a serious loss of light, do not promote active ventilation, as a fan does, and are hard to keep clean. Scientific American.

QUICK ACTION.

"That is my business and not yours," remarked a prisoner at Kingston, in reply to a magistrate's question.

"We will now proceed with ours," retorted the chairman, who promptly passed sentence of a month's hard labor.—London Tit-Bits.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

"Pa, I have accepted the sluke. He will cost only a million plunks."

"Cheap enough, my dear. Now the next step is to get the title examined."

HIS STATUS.

"He is in 'Who's Who,' I believe. 'Yes, but he is much more prominent in 'Here's How!'"—Puck.

ITS PROPER PLACE.

"That man's practice is going to be dogs."

"What's the matter with him?"

"Nothing. He's a veterinarian."

FAIR GAME.

"Why does that doctor look at you so wolfishly?"

"EH knows my appendix has never been removed."

We wish for you the

merriest kind of a

Merry Christmas

and the happiest kind

of a

Happy New Year

S. B. Street & Co.

We are displaying an exceptional and exquisite line of

Ladies' Correspondence Stationery

All the latest patterns and styles. Also

Embossed Initial Stationery

in tablets—very neat and pretty

Be sure and examine this stock

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

We Can Please You

The Graham Printing Co.

A Waterman Automatic Self-filling **Fountain Pen**

They Are Guaranteed by us.

Always ready to write—Easy to re-fill

USE FOUNTAIN PEN INK

Graham Printing Company

**A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
to the patrons of the Business Men of Graham**

S. B. Street & Company
Dry Goods and Clothing

The John E. Morrison Co.
Stores at Graham, Throckmorton,
Newcastle, Olney and Loving

A. F. Stewart & Son
GROCERIES
We appreciate your liberal patronage
Bring your Friends.

Graves & Ward
Staple and Fancy Groceries
Quick Service Prompt Delivery
We cater to please

Lyon Hardware Co.
Hardware and Implements
Moon Bros. Buggies

The Beckham National Bank
APPRECIATES YOUR BUSINESS

W. I. Tidwell & Sons
WE STUDY TO PLEASE

**Southwestern Telegraph and
Telephone Company**

J. H. Washburn
Distributor of Acetylene Gas

Graham Telephone Company

J. L. Flint
The Livery Man

R. L. Reed & Co.

Wanted—A new customer for 1913
You'll Do
The Rexall Store
B. S. DOTY & CO.

Rubenkoenig & Bower
The Old Reliable Barber Shop

Hallen & Jones
GROCERS

Young County Abstract Co.
LANDS AND ABSTRACTS

The Economical Tailoring Co.
HOPE NEWMAN, Proprietor
TAILORS. CLEANING AND PRESSING

Baker & Son
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

W. S. McJimsey
Wishes to thank you one and all for
your liberal Christmas Patronage.

Eddleman Bros. Saddlery Co.
SADDLES AND HARNESS

Sloan Drug Company
Pure Drugs. Prescriptions a Specialty

St. Louis Restaurant
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

The Graham Market
MILLER & SONS

J. W. Carlton
ROCK ISLAND TRANSFER STABLES

J. L. Woods
JEWELER AND OPTICIAN

The Graham Auto Supply Co.
SERVICE CARS. AUTO REPAIRS

Rutherford's Garage
SERVICE CARS

D. G. Vick & Company
Everything You Want

The Racket Store
JOHN GAY. NORTH SIDE SQUARE

Farmers Union Gin
OF GRAHAM

The Graham Mill & Elevator
Supreme Flour the Best

Graham Cotton Oil Company
COTTON SEED PRODUCTS

The Dependon Store
DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING
R. F. Short & Company

Mabry & Sons
Groceries and Feed

1870

1871

1872

1873

1874

1875

1876

1877

1878

1879

1880

1881

1882

1883

1884

1885

1886

1887

1888

1889

1890

1891

1892

1893

1894

1895

1896

1897

**A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
to the patrons of the Business Men of Graham**

S. B. Street & Company
Dry Goods and Clothing

The John E. Morrison Co.
Stores at Graham, Throckmorton,
Newcastle, Olney and Loving

A. F. Stewart & Son
GROCERIES
We appreciate your liberal patronage
Bring your Friends.

Graves & Ward
Staple and Fancy Groceries
Quick Service— Prompt Delivery
We cater to please

Lyon Hardware Co.
Hardware and Implements
Moon Bros. Buggies

The Beckham National Bank
APPRECIATES YOUR BUSINESS

W. I. Tidwell & Sons
WE STUDY TO PLEASE

**Southwestern Telegraph and
Telephone Company**

J. H. Washburn
Distributor of Acetylene Gas

Graham Telephone Company

J. L. Flint
The Livery Man

R. L. Reed & Co.

Wanted—A new customer for 1913
You'll Do
The Rexall Store
B. S. DOTY & CO.

Rubenkoenig & Bower
The Old Reliable Barber Shop

Hallam & Jones
GROCERS

Young County Abstract Co.
LANDS AND ABSTRACTS

The Economical Tailoring Co.
HOPE NEWMAN, Proprietor
TAILORS. CLEANING AND PRESSING

Baker & Son
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

W. S. McJimsey
Wishes to thank you one and all for
your liberal Christmas Patronage.

Eddleman Bros. Saddlery Co.
SADDLES AND HARNESS

Sloan Drug Company
Pure Drugs. Prescriptions a Specialty

St. Louis Restaurant
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

The Graham Market
MILLER & SONS

J. W. Carlton
ROCK ISLAND TRANSFER STABLES

J. L. Woods
JEWELER AND OPTICIAN

The Graham Auto Supply Co.
SERVICE CARS. AUTO REPAIRS

Rutherford's Garage
SERVICE CARS

D. G. Vick & Company
Everything You Want

The Racket Store
JOHN GAY. NORTH SIDE SQUARE

Farmers Union Gin
OF GRAHAM

The Graham Mill & Elevator
Supreme Flour the Best

Graham Cotton Oil Company
COTTON SEED PRODUCTS

The Dependon Store
DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING
R. F. Short & Company

Mabry & Sons
Groceries and Feed