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County Seat Question.

If such a thing should happen as the moving of the County seat to Newcastle, Young county would be in the most critical condition known to her history. She would be in debt over \$600,000.00 invested in a court house at Newcastle. Had you thought about it? This is some heap of money. The people of this county must join together and say we will stay from debt and hold up the standard of our county script. Who must pay these debts and suffer these hardships? In the words of a previous writer, "Our children and grand children."

Furthermore the enormous taxes on the present question would make a decided difference in financial affairs. The man who pays taxes on a \$2000.00 valuation of property would in one year at 20 cents on the \$100.00 pay \$4.00 over and above his regular taxation; in twenty years, which is the shortest time bonds could be issued, he would pay \$80.00. Can you imagine how much this would help in furnishing the comforts of life to wife and children? But on the other hand, if the county seat is moved, the laboring man must pay his regular taxes, the increase in taxation, and also the taxes of the merchants and bankers. He pays their taxes in high cost of living and high interests.

The moving of the County Seat would not bring any great amount of prosperity and fortune to anybody except two or three non-residents of Young County. So why plunge into something that will be a detriment to the people and at the same time add a little more wealth to the Newcastle town-site owners?

If we enter into the element of justice, is it not justice to leave the County Seat at Graham? For Graham is the center of the county in hours of travel. Man had nothing to do with the making of the hills and valleys of this land and country. And it is a well known fact that not all the people can inhabit the level land; some must dwell in the roughs. The Maker has created things in an all wise and justifiable way, and let not man revise the justice of our creator.

For these reasons I join in with the 'Western Girl' when she yells for Graham. - C. B. Hogue, Murray, Texas.

His System

The manager of a theatrical company playing a "one night stand" in Texas was talking to the hotel proprietor regarding the prospects for business, and had been assured they were good.

Then he asked: "What was the last show you had here?"

The Landlord thought for a moment and turning to the clerk, said:

"Say, Fred, what's the name of those trunks upstairs?" - San Francisco Chronicle.

S. L. Thornton of South Bend was in the city Tuesday. He called at the Reporter office and gave us some good reasons why Graham will always be the county seat.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall returned home Friday night from Memphis, Tenn. where he attended the laymen's convention of the Presbyterian church. Bro. Hall told of the convention in his sermon last Sunday. He brought back a quantity of hickory nuts and walnuts and gave them to the young people after services Sunday morning.

John C. Fisher Dead.

John C. Fisher, a resident of Graham for the past nineteen years, and one of the city's best liked citizens, passed away Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Fisher, at the time of his death, was employed by the Graham Leader, having been with them for something over a year. He was sick only a short time and death came very unexpectedly.

Mr. Fisher was born in Berlin, Somerset, county, Pa., on Jan. 27, 1862. He moved to Dallas with his parents in 1876, and from there to Weatherford in 1878. In Weatherford he married Miss Bernice L. Hulbert on Nov. 15, 1893, then moved to Graham in 1894, where they have since resided.

Mr. Fisher was employed for about 17 years by the Graham Printing Co., accepting employment with the Leader in the early part of 1912.

He leaves a wife, two sons, John and Lloyd, a mother, sister and brother to mourn their loss. The remains were laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery last Sunday at 5 o'clock.

The Reporter extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Burleson In the Cabinet.

There seems to be no doubt that Congressman Albert S. Burleson is to be a member of President Wilson's cabinet.

In view of the conspicuous and potential part that Texas played in the nomination of Wilson, it is becoming that this State should be recognized with a position of first importance. Indeed, to have ignored Texas would have been a serious reflection upon her statesmen.

But the selection of Mr. Burleson, while a just recognition of Texas Democracy is to be reckoned as a just recognition of the man himself. For sixteen years Mr. Burleson has represented the Fifth district of Texas in the lower house with such fidelity and ability as to command the respect and admiration of the entire body. He is a diligent and studious lawmaker. Deliberate, and resourceful and forceful, he has won his way to the first rank of party leaders in the house, and he may be depended upon to become a valiant and valuable factor in the larger work of the national administration.

Just 50 years old he is now in the prime of his intellectual vigor. With a rich and useful experience in public affairs, he will be of great service as councillor to the President and undoubtedly will reflect credit upon his native Texas. For all that he is rated as a progressive, Mr. Burleson is a man of conservative mind and cautious method. He is no rash hotspur or quixotic knight errant. He will know his ground before he gives battle and he will carefully appraise a policy before he ventures his party's fortunes upon it.

President Wilson has chosen wisely in calling to his intimate council the alert and prudent Texan. And the appointee is to be congratulated upon the well deserved honor and especially upon his modest behavior in not seeking it by the arts and influences which mar the preferences of so many men in public life. - Ft. Worth Record.

Judge and Mrs. E. W. Fry are in south Texas. The Judge is attending the Odd Fellows convention at Houston and Mrs. Fry is visiting relatives.

Standing of Contestants

Mrs. H. W. McGowan, Graham	66,500
Miss Stella McBride, Lone Oak	46,500
Miss Bessie Hinson, Salem	22,000
Mrs. Ella Carter, Graham	19,500
Miss Myrtle Sensibaugh, Spring Creek	8,000
Miss Ramelle Cooper, Graham	7,000
Miss Lila Ritchey, Cedar Creek	7,000
Mrs. Brit Alford, Flat Rock	6,000
Mrs. Lillie May Gregg, Markley	5,000
Miss Clara Rowe, Briar Branch	4,000
Mrs. Rhema Campbell, Proffitt	4,000
Miss Stella Stephenson, Bryson	3,000

The contestants that have made any attempt to secure subscriptions since the last report have made a good showing and they say it is easy to get the subscriptions when they find a man who is not now taking The Reporter. Mrs. McGowan is still in the lead and says she is going to try to stay there. She is working hard for the first prize, as are also some of the other candidates. Wonder who will be in the lead next week? The hustler will win in this contest and that is all it will take to win. Just go after the subscriptions - You can get them.

That fine \$450.00 piano and \$125.00 buggy are well worth spending a little energy for and it matters not who wins, they will be more than repaid for their trouble. Get busy this week and see how many you can bring in.

At the Temple of Learning.

Mr. Fletcher, visitor of schools from Texas University spent one day last week with the Graham High school, from which observation he was able to make a favorable report concerning the work of our High school. He also pointed out several shortcomings, all of which will certainly be done away with in the near future. He declared that he would recommend to the affiliation department of the University to give us three units in Latin, History and English; three and one half units in Mathematics; and one unit in Physics. This is practically all that we have asked for, and if we receive a favorable report from the examination papers and notebooks that were sent to the University, we feel that we will have no difficulty in securing first-class affiliation with that institution.

Junior Class Meeting.

Administrator Schittler circulated among the members of the Junior Class, Tuesday morning, a call for a meeting to be held that evening signed by President Short. The Class responded and about twenty minutes were consumed in considering the business that was put before the Class. The committee on the Class Flower made its report and the yellow carnation was adopted as the floral emblem of that most progressive of all Junior Classes. The chairman of the social committee made a motion that all social meetings be held jointly with the Senior Class. After much discussion the question was put before the Class and the vote resulted in a deadlock. It was then referred to the chair for decision; and he decided that the meetings would be held jointly. The class then approved decision of the Chair.

The President then named as a committee to select a Class pin, Marion Copeland, John Fisher, and Jewell Steen, and they were instructed to report as soon as possible.

After some minor business was disposed of the Class adjourned.

Mr. Will Fisher and mother, who were in Graham to attend the funeral of J. C. Fisher, returned to their home in Ft. Worth Monday.

Let It Stay In Graham.

I am the one that's for the court house and county seat to remain just where it is for we don't need two court houses in one county. I don't think it would be logical to do away with one court house to build another when the one we have is in just the right place, for that has already been proven. Why build another on credit when we already have a good one and it is paid for? What would you think of a man that had a good shirt and tore it up just to buy another one? You would say he was a fool and sure he would be, and I think all fair and honest people of Young county will think so too, let him be at Graham or Newcastle, or any other place in the county. Say, boys, what are we going to do with the old court house when we build a new one? Are we going to do away with a building that cost the people sixty-odd thousand dollars? The people of Newcastle claim they can build a better one for fifty thousand, but they must know that building material and carpenters' work is much higher now than when we built our court house and we don't see how they can build as good a house as Graham has for fifty thousand. As I mix and mingle with the people I find more than half of the people want to sell their places and if they vote to tax themselves another hundred thousand or two, how could a man sell at all for the taxes would be so high no one would want it, and he would move on somewhere else. Say, boys, let's not look at Graham or Newcastle, but let us look at the people that will be more benefited by the court house staying where it is. Now let's get our hearts right and work for equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

The Interse Club.

The Interse Club met at the home of Mrs. W. T. Finch with seven members present. The guests were Mesdames R. F. Short and Farmer. Enjoyable music and readings were furnished by Misses Lone Short and Bessie Finch. All members are urged to be present at the next meeting at Mrs. Porter's to elect new officers.

Where "Counts" Does Not Count.

Graham and Newcastle speakers entered into a joint debate at Olney last Saturday on the county seat question, and one of the speeches for Newcastle was made by Attorney L. C. Counts, of Olney. Mr. Counts is said to be a fine lawyer and an excellent speaker on subjects that have merit, but when he attempted to refute the argument set forth in our issue of last week, he utterly failed to make a single point.

It is generally conceded that a lawyer of any ability whatever, can usually find a weak place in any argument, but reports from Olney state that Mr. Counts was wholly unable to break down the truths set forth in our article. Now it is possible that Mr. Counts' heart is not in his work, and while we would not accuse him of laying down on his clients, (the people of Newcastle and wealthy non-residents) we all know that unless a man believes what he is talking about that the argument set forth will be poor. If Mr. Counts were speaking for Graham he wouldn't have to sputter and stumble about to find something to say. There's more good argument for keeping the county seat in Graham than Mr. Counts or any other lawyer could use in ninety days.

Let us offer you a little friendly advice Mr. Counts. When you take up a cause be SURE it is JUST and RIGHT, and that it means EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL. It will materially assist in winning you a reputation as a good lawyer. You know how hard it is for you to defend a man when YOU BELIEVE HE IS GUILTY. You have the same thing to contend with in this issue; you know you are on the wrong side and we do not hold it against you for not making a better speech for Newcastle.

Rook Party.

On Monday evening Misses Lula and Hugh Weaver entertained a few friends. The evening was pleasantly spent playing "rook" and the time for going home came all too soon, but the memory of the happy hours will linger long. Delicious homemade candy was served during the games, and at the conclusion of the 7th game ambrosia salad with whipped cream and fruit cake were partaken of by the following guests: Misses Lucile Miller, Mazelle Morrison, Lucile Doty and Eula McCain. Messrs. Wright McClatchey, Mabry Short, Paul Deats, Dan Cusenberry, Charlie Hinson and Leslie Scott.

John M. Davis of Proffitt was trading in Graham yesterday.

Les Hibeaux.

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27th Misses Eula and Allie Logan entertained the Les Hibeaux with several games of Bridge.

Miss Vera Norman won the high prize, a beautiful Bon-Bon dish, in a cut with Mrs. Charles Hutchison. Miss Aline Johnson won a cut-glass vase in a cut with all present. After being served with delicious coffee, cake and gelatine with whipped cream the guests took their departure. Club members present were Mesdames Frank Parrish E. S. Graham, M. K. Graham, Luther Clark, Bob Fowler, Charles Hutchison, John Gay, Harry Wadsworth, Q. Street, W. D. Norman. Misses Vera Norman, Pauline McJimsey, Aline Johnson, Dot Graham, Miss Sallie Porter, invited guests.

DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION

Grand Jury Finds Very Few Indictments for This Session.

CRIMINAL CASES MONDAY

Cases Represented by C. W. Johnson Continued Until Next Term on Account of Illness.

District Court opened last Monday, and there being very little on the docket, Judge Martin and District Attorney Edgar Scurry are having a little vacation, so to speak.

The Grand Jury was empaneled Monday afternoon and consists of the following named gentlemen: A. F. Stewart, foreman, Graham, R. V. Tyra, Murray, G. W. Hinson, Goosenock, T. E. Grant, Loving, F. E. Wilton, Markley, W. P. Stinson, Eliasville, R. S. DeLong, Newcastle, A. C. Anderson, Henry Chapel, W. S. Bailey, Orth, J. M. Birdwell, Graham, A. L. Baty, Oakland, W. T. Hightower, Olney.

Messrs. Chas. Fie and Claude Bryant were sworn in as bailiffs to wait on the jury.

The following civil cases have been disposed of:

Cook vs. Adams, judgment for plaintiff.

Jim Walker vs. G. T. & W. Ry. judgment for defendant.

Lasater vs. Lasater, divorced, decree granted.

Courtney vs. Courtney, judgment for plaintiff.

The criminal cases have been set for next Monday and what few are to be tried will no doubt be disposed of in short order.

Some of the civil cases for this term were continued on account of the illness of C. W. Johnson, who has been sick for several weeks and is just now able to get out.

Why We Have Eggs At Easter.

Washington Gladden, writing about the history of Easter in the March Womans Home Companion shows how eggs have been connected with Easter from the earliest days. Dr. Gladden's explanation of the origin of the custom of using eggs on Easter follows:

"Probably the fact that the egg holds, shut up in itself, the elements of future life - a life which may long be dormant and then come forth into vigor and beauty, into consciousness and activity, - made it a proper symbol of the Resurrection. But of all the millions who have decorated eggs at the Easter season or played with them as a pretty toy, or fed upon them as a delicacy, very few have ever stopped to reflect upon the profound meaning of the emblem. In my own boyhood a breakfast of eggs was one of the unwritten regulations of Easter Sunday; the main question with the boys was the number per capita that could be consumed. Among us there was none of that dainty decoration with dyes and pigments which has given so much pleasure in old times and new. This fashion, in the opinion of an old writer, "arose among the Christians from the joy occasioned by their returning to their favorite food, after so long an abstinence from them during Lent. This is not impossible, for the egg was formerly counted as flesh and denied to good Christians during the Lenten season."

Yancey and the Speakers.

MR. EDITOR:
We had a lot of Orators from the forks of the Creek with us the other night, and they made us some mighty pretty Pictures. Our Newcastle friends come down by the way of Graham, said they had some business over there. I never was at Newcastle but only once and if ever I have to go again I want to have some business by Graham; it is 33 miles that way but it's the nearest way for me, roads considered. I am not good in figures but men tell me in case of a removal it will take a half million to get the public improvements of Young county in shape again and I believe it. Some of them say it wont hurt us much; and it wont, for the present generation will be moulded back to the Dust when it is paid.

If there is good reasonable crops, they may be out of debt by 1960. It will depreciate every Dollars worth of property in Young county outside Newcastle. Of course there are some non-resident millionaires and some little fellows that our poor drouth stricken farmers have worked their little barefooted children to make them what they are, will be in it a wee bit; let them suffer, what Do we care, so we swim?

Mr. Editor, we learned the other night there was going to be railroad surveyors out right away down through here. Now I have been right here for 33 years and one survey was made through here before I came and since my little pasture is cut up with three surveys and all looking for the train to come through side ways and just simply wipe up the country, but I have never Leard the scream of the horse yet, and if I ever do it will have to come like the snake got through the sand just wiggle in and wiggle out. Well, S. R. Crawford will tell you the balance of the story because there is some words in it I am not going to say because some of your readers belong to the Sunday school you know

C. D. YANCEY.

Concerning Doctors.

The doctor is the first person we meet when we come into this world, and, unless we go out by accident or other unexpected summons, he is the last with us when we leave it. Such devotion is worthy of the highest praise, and that is often about all the doctor gets for it. Still, he keeps at it, because practice makes perfect, and a doctor without practice isn't worth much.

Who the first doctor was is not known, but he must have arrived shortly after the devil broke into the Garden, because before that there wasn't any need of him. In other words, a doctor is a matter of necessity. When you need him, oh, say, but you do need him.

It is common talk very common—that the doctor is in league with the undertaker, and that you might as well begin to pack up for the long journey when the doctor comes around. But plain business sense controverts this facility. "Live and let live," is the doctor's motto. "De mortuis non payabus, which, being translated, means, "The dead ones don't pay." True, some of the live ones don't but some do, and never a dead one does. A graveyard may mean something to an undertaker, but it doesn't to a doctor.

There are nearly as many kinds of doctors as there are varieties of professors of religion and politics. For example, allopaths, homopaths, hydropaths, milkopaths, restopaths, and mentalopaths, electropaths, osteopaths, aeropaths, prayeropaths, quackspaths and numerous other paths, all going different directions, but all leading to the same destination; the cure of the ills that flesh is heir to. So protestant, Catholic, Mohammedan, Jew, Buddhist and the rest of them, all going differently, but all headed for heaven; Democrat, Republican, Socialist, Prohibitionist, Populist and Progressive each taking a different way, but all headed for the pie counter. Man is fearfully and wonderfully made. If he were not the doctors wouldn't have half the trouble with him

they now do getting him started and keeping him going.

There are also women doctors. Women never have had any difficulty getting into religion, but getting into medicine and politics is quite another matter, and even in this day of phenomenal human progress, women doctors and women politicians are looked upon with more or less suspicion. They have got far enough along in medicine to have "Dr." prefixed to their names, but not far enough along in politics to prefix "Hon." yet. Note, please, that there is a strong accent on the "yet" in that sentence. From Lippincott's.

The Literary Club.

The monthly open session of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle occurred at the home of Mrs. E. W. Fry on last Wednesday, who was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames Akin and Rose. Mrs. Hall was scheduled for the fourth hostess but was not in the city. These monthly "social hours" of the Club are always enjoyable and entertaining. Notwithstanding the rainy afternoon, a fair per cent of the membership reported at roll-call with interesting current news of the world. Mrs. J. W. Gallaher was welcomed by the club, after an absence of several weeks, and directed a program full of interest and variety. Mrs. Rose sang in her happiest manner "at parting" by Rogers and the charming number "Since We Parted" by Addison. The program was featured by a well-prepared paper on the "Contribution of Pisa" by Mrs. Rickman, chosen from the text book, "Movings with Masters of Art." Following this, "Ghiberti, the Painter in Bronze" engrossed the attention of the Club. Both papers were full of entertaining information to all lovers of art. Mrs. J. W. Akin delighted the company with a charming little reading, "The Girl I Love" by Riley, responding to an encore with a laughable selection "Saying Good-bye." A most delicious nut salad was

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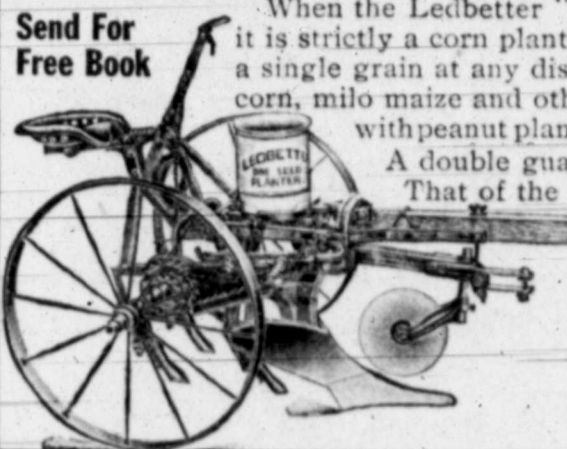
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The County Seat Proposition.

Who Pays the Taxes?

Socrates: You are a tenant farmer, then, and pay no taxes on land?

Tenant Farmer: Yes, my taxes amount to little, hence this matter of increased taxes to build a new county seat does not affect me.

Soc. Then the talk of equal rights and special privileges really means that you are to have the equal right of enjoying a new county seat while the taxpayer has the special privilege of paying for it. Is that the idea?

T. F. It seems so, but that hardly looks fair after all.

Soc. Well, things are not always as they seem, and I would like to have you answer a few questions.

T. F. Proceed, and I will take pleasure in answering them.

Soc. Do you know how the merchant figures the cost of his goods?

T. F. I suppose he takes the first cost, to which he adds the freight, insurance, clerk hire, and then adds his profit.

Soc. How about his taxes; should they not be added also? As otherwise the profit would not be all profit.

T. F. Yes, his taxes are as much an item of cost as rent or clerk hire and they must be included in the selling price.

Soc. Then, really, it looks like every time you buy a pound of coffee or a pair of shoes you pay his taxes on them, do you not?

T. F. It does look like it.

Soc. Well, how about the banker; do you pay his taxes, too?

T. F. You have put the above quite plainly. Perhaps it will be easier for you to answer that at once.

Soc. I will try to do so. The banker is really only a merchant who deals in money. He also has to pay his taxes, rent, clerk hire and insurance before he can pay any dividend, and he makes his interest rate high enough to cover all. The less these charges are the lower he can make his interest rate.

T. F. But I may not borrow much money; my merchant may carry me.

Soc. Very true, but in proportion as he carries you he borrows money, and this interest charge he has to pay must be added to his selling cost.

T. F. It seems, then, that I help to pay the banker's taxes, too, but certainly that is all. My landlord must have to pay his own taxes.

Soc. Your landlord is like the merchant and banker; he must have his profit in net rental or he can not afford to rent. If his place does not pay the taxes and then something, he will have to go out of business.

T. F. It begins to look like I am also interested in the landlord's taxes.

Soc. Yes, and that is not all. In proportion as you increase his taxes you decrease his profits and lessen his ability to make the improvements that are necessary to your comfort.

T. F. I had not thought of that. I do need some improvements where I live.

Soc. So you are vitally interested. There is no such thing as getting something for nothing. In society we all have to bear our part of the burden of expense. But things are not as bad as they look. You may not have to pay all of your merchant's, banker's and landlord's taxes, as you may succeed in reducing their profits to some extent, but there is no doubt that you pay your full part.

T. F. I will think this matter over again, and quit saying I am not interested in taxation.

Soc. You should do so, and tell your neighbors about it, because as your landlord prospers you will prosper, and next year you will be landlord yourself if you want to be. Such is the history of new countries.

Should it Be a New Hat, or New Shoes?

Tenant Farmer. I see an acquaintance coming who wants to ask you a question.

Socrates. Good-day. Please state your question.

Acquaintance. What is the difference between a 20-year, 5 per cent, \$100,000 road bond issue in 1910 and a 40-year, 5 per cent, \$150,000 court house bond issue in 1913?

Soc. That sounds like a conundrum, but as there is A GREAT DIFFERENCE, let us examine it together. In the first place, in times of public distress it is an old form of relief to issue bonds for such public improvements as the people can build themselves and use themselves. The proceeds of a road bond issue would have been apportioned over the entire county and the farmers could have got it all, by doing all the work, which work they could have done, while the proceeds of the court house issue would be spent at one place and largely for material and skilled labor, so the farmers could get but little of the work, hence would get but little of the money.

Acq. But each bond issue would require an increase in our taxes, would it not, Socrates?

Soc. No, our tax burden is already too heavy. And that calls attention to another difference between the two. As of course you know that Young County for many years levied and is now levying a tax of 15 cents on the \$100 for road purposes, which tax would have just a little more than taken care of the 20-year, 5 per cent, \$100,000 bonds without an increase in your taxes at all, while the court house tax was discontinued in 1904, when your present substantial court house was paid for; hence a new court house would call for an increase in your taxes.

Acq. But by making the court house bonds run for 40 years the tax would be insignificant, would it not?

Soc. Those who would mislead you say so. When you borrow money and expect to pay it back, the longer it takes to pay it back the more you pay eventually. Forty years is a long time. The voter who is casting his first vote now will be 61 years old when the last bond is retired, and all those agitating this matter now will likely have been in their graves many years. Your present court house has been built only 28 years, and even five years from now it will be safe and sound, but it may be too small. No! **Forty-year court house bonds are a crime against your children**, as you can not possibly pay the bonds yourselves and your children will likely not want such a house as you would now build and they would have to pay for. Now, may I ask you a question?

Acq. Your answers have been fair and I will try to answer you in the same spirit.

Soc. If you had but little money and had a perfectly good hat, but needed some shoes, would you buy another hat, or a pair of shoes?

Acq. The shoes, of course.

Soc. Then, as you have a perfectly good and adequate court house, if you have any money to spend, don't waste it on another house, but spend it on your roads, which are a source of income rather than a dead investment.

SOCRATES.

It Is Really 20 per cent., and Not 6 per cent.

You can not sell bonds bearing a lower rate than 5 per cent. To let them run longer than 20 years would be a crime against your children. The total county seat cost will be at least \$150,000. The total valuation is \$7,600,000. We then have 5 per cent on \$150,000 equals \$7,500, which added to 1-20 of \$150,000 for sinking fund—\$7,500 more—gives the total an annual requirement of \$15,000, calling for 20c per \$100 on \$7,600,000 or \$15,200, which at 6c per \$100 would take care of only \$45,000 bonds on the same basis. They dare not tell you it will cost less than \$150,000 to build a new court house and jail, furnish them, open required roads and refund the bonus of 1874. They dare not suggest longer than 20-year bonds, which are bad enough, for as to the first, you would not believe it; as to the latter, you would not stand for it. Your present rate is 86c per \$100 for State and County, to which add the 20c, making about one-fourth more than you are now paying.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS.

Liabilities:	
County Bonds outstanding.....	\$63,998.00
Open County Indebtedness (borrowed money).....	\$ 82,498.00
Chattel Mortgages, Dec. 1911, to Feb. 25, 1913.....	903,851.00
Deed of Trust on land.....	1,145,849.00
Common School Bonds.....	11,900.00
Independent School District Bonds.....	41,000.00
Local Indebtedness to Banks Feb. 13, 1913.....	550,663.40
Vendor's Lien Notes (estimated).....	1,563,675.00
Merchants' Indebtedness (estimated).....	100,000.00
Total.....	\$4,399,436.40
Assets:	
Assessed Values.....	\$7,604,928.00
Liabilities.....	4,399,436.40
Net Value of the County.....	\$3,205,491.60
Owned by Non-residents, Railroads, Telephone and Telegraph Companies.....	1,860,526.00
Net Owned by People of the County.....	\$1,344,965.60

State and National Bank Indebtedness:	
Graham Bank Loans and Discounts.....	\$375,902.00
Secured by Chattel Mortgages, 12 3/4%.....	\$47,993.00
Newcastle Bank Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 78,062.00
Secured by Chattel Mortgages, 5 1/2-7%.....	\$44,644.00

Population of Young County, Texas, Last Census.
 The population of Young County, Texas, is six hundred and fifty-seven people. A division of net assets gives \$98.00 per capita.
 State of Texas, County of Young.
 I, E. S. GRAHAM, Notary Public, within and for Young County, Texas, on this day personally appeared R. E. LYNCH, who, after being by me first duly sworn, said that the foregoing financial statement of Young County, Texas, is a true and correct statement of the records of said County and other reliable sources and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.
 E. S. GRAHAM,
 Notary Public, Young County, Texas.

The News from our County Correspondents

Mount Pleasant.

While waiting for something to happen I think I could hardly improve the time better than to boost "our" paper some more.

The last issue of The Reporter just simply took Plover Boy off his feet and made him almost wish he were an editor. Those editorials were simply fine. Our editor doesn't say much—he does not have to say much because every word he says means something. It acts like some dynamite—"goes down after it."

I am not one bit afraid to yell Graham for the county seat. That man or woman who thinks the court house should remain at Graham but is afraid to say so is a moral coward and I would rather be any sort of a coward. Furthermore I think it is a shame that the good people of the county must be torn up over this unjust, uncalled for question which amounts to a scheme originated by non-residents to make money while the people of Young county pay the expenses; a scheme that were it not for some old grudge or prejudice, or purely selfish motives, would not have a friend in the county. A man told me last Thursday evening (a former resident of the county but who now lives at Quanah) that if allowed to vote in this county seat election he would vote to move it anywhere to get it out of Graham, even to the bed of the Brazos River. He admitted that in doing so he would be prompted by an old grudge. Oh, patriotism, where art thou?

B. A. McClain received a consignment of three different varieties of fine cotton seed from the Hastings Seed Co. last Thursday. Mr. McClain takes great interest in cotton culture.

William and Frank sure looked lonesome Sunday.

R. D. Mote went to White Rose Sunday.

Rev. W. M. (Uncle Billy) Higgins informs us that he would like for all who can and will, to meet at Medley (Chapel) in May and have a memorial meeting. He will announce the date later.

Austin White and John Guess (I guess it is Guess, anyway) he is teaching school at Komo, were within our gates Saturday evening and attended church.

Rev. O. E. Dickson filled his appointment here preaching a very interesting sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday. His text was Luke 16:11; his theme "true and rich riches." Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Moore joined the church by letters and Frank Hamilton joined by promise of letter.

Considerable interest was manifested in the Sunday school Sunday.

Just a word to the correspondents: I understand that ere this gets into print the editors will have invited all the correspondents to be present Friday, March 7 to help the Woodmen celebrate. He tells me there will be plenty to eat. He says it does not matter whether we belong to the Woodmen order or not, we have a special invitation. Let's go and "fill up" at the Woodmen's expense and save our neighbors till we get hungry again. Also get better acquainted with each other.

Lewis and Bessie Brooks visited their sister, Mrs. Ethel Hultz, in the Elbert community last week.

Ethel and Stella looked sad Sunday.

Look out Bob, you will lose your hitching post, somebody tall and handsome came last night.

Yes, they have made up, I don't know whether they kissed or not. They reminded us of other days going down the road Sunday.

Yes, Gopher, I for one will meet you in Graham at The Reporter office Big Monday.

Plover Boy.

Cedar Creek.

Once more we correspondents have met to have a reunion and I think all will agree with me when I refer to this reunion as one of those bright occasions in ordinary life which afford us an opportunity to mingle in cheerful recreation with each other. When I look around the room and see so many friendly faces my heart warms and there comes bubbling up the desire that these happy reunions might be more frequent. But while we rejoice that this hour has been a triumph of social enjoyment, we should not be forgetful of those to whose thoughtful care and hospitality we are indebted for it, and I therefore have no hesitation in asking some of you good writers to pledge our warmest regards while I propose the health of our good and excellent editor.

Our people are rejoicing over the good, little rain which fell here Thursday night; some of our prosperous farmers were beginning to look rather sour, but they are all smiles now.

Quite a number of our people met at the Cedar Creek cemetery Feb. 22 to care for the graves of friends and loved ones. The morning was spent in raking the dead grass and weeds together and burning them. At 12 o'clock a nice dinner was partaken of. Thanks to the ladies. The afternoon was spent in planting flower seed and in putting out shrubbery to decorate the graves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Creigh were pleasant visitors at the home of B. R. Ritchey and daughter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Barron and little son Adran spent Friday night with Mrs. Barron's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Gann of this place.

Jim was all smiles Sunday. Wonder what could have made him so happy? Could it have been on account of a Fox Hollow girl being in our vicinity? How about it Jim?

Excitement ran high among our people Saturday when it was reported that Uncle Jimmie Creigh had struck oil in his new tank. Uncle Jim says that there is bound to be an ocean of oil near the surface, for nothing else could twist these old-time rocks into such unearthly shapes unless there was something in the very oil line underneath them. We failed, however, to learn which Uncle Jimmie thinks he has captured. Sweet Oil or Caster Oil.

Our home boys still continue to pay their annual visits to the school every Friday evening. They say it just took them one evening to learn the first rule.

Cross Barron of the Copeland Flat community spent Friday night with his mother Mrs. M. C. Barron of this place.

Jim was heard to say the other day, "O Lord, if you can't help me, please don't help the other fellow." Now we are wondering what he meant.

Uncle George Winter will leave here about May 1st for California to see about some mining stock which he is interested in.

Mr. Editor, I did not mean to talk so long but I forgot. I'll now give my place to—a friend and if I do not forget I'll come another time. — SILVER BELL.

Seed Field Seed Seed

Have just put in a full stock of field seed, such as corn, oats, sorghum, kafir-corn, maize and millet. This is all first-class stuff and it will pay you to give me a call before you buy. Feed in connection. Either wholesale or retail. In Finch building, northwest corner of square.

W. L. Howry.

Bring me your produce. I am located in the Finch building.

D. J. Brandon.

Red Top.

As Spinsters Maid has just gotten up from the measles she cannot write much news this week, but I will come to myself next week maybe.

Measles are getting to be kind of a common thing here of late, but they may get more common.

Mrs. A. R. Rutherford and daughter Miss Isla visited Mrs. Slater and family last Thursday afternoon.

Dora McBece attended Sunday school again Sunday. We are glad Miss Dora can be with us again.

E. T. and B. W. Slater were trading in Graham Thursday.

W. T. Bridges and son Charlie were in Loving Saturday, also Jack Petty.

Miss Isla Rutherford spent Saturday night with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford.

I agree with Western Girl on yelling for the court house to stay in Graham. I can't vote but I can say for which I stand.

Come on all you correspondents lets make the Reporter a more newsy paper than what she is.

I agree with Buster on meeting at Graham second Monday, but you see we school kids have to go to school most of the time. I am like Miss Western Girl I hate to miss a second Monday when I want to go right bad, but we must strive for an education if we ever get one.

Mr. Bruce Burtin was in our midst Sunday.

Think O. J. McFadden went deer hunting (deer not deer) over about Mrs. Graves a few Sundays ago, haven't heard whether he found anything or not, but we hope he had good luck.

We also think Mr. Leonard Graves deer hunts up about Mr. Walkers at Lone Oak, we will ask him later.

E. T. and B. W. Slater made a business trip to Loving Saturday. Edd Jordan and Bob Burns hauled a load of wood Saturday. We suppose they are fixing to keep warm the next cold norther that comes.

As it is about noon I will stop until later and come again.

As I have eaten dinner I will write a little more.

Singing at John Workman's was well attended and a elephant time was reported by all.

Lee Thigpin and family have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBece.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman, Irvin McGee and wife Mr. Burtin and wife, Vernon Parker and wife and Miss Isla Rutherford and Bruce Burtin took dinner at Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBece's Sunday.

I will close with all good wishes to the Reporter and correspondents, and readers.

SPINSTER MAID.

Ming Bend.

People in the Bend are all ready to plant their crops. They say they haven't got any winter seed and will not plant till spring.

Elder Suttle filled his regular appointments at the Bend Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of the Ming Bend people attended church at Mt. Home Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs from Proffitt is visiting in the Bend this week.

Some of the Mt. Home people attended church at the Bend Earl Pickard says he likes to go to school better every day as he gets wiser all the time.

Bird Stringer has bought an organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Newby made a trip to the city Monday.

Earl Pickard and Bird Stringer attended the spelling match at Mt. Home Friday night and report a jolly time.

John Mitchell is having a well drilled.

RAINY DAY.

See Dwen & Young for baled oats, alfalfa and Johnson grass hay.

Bunger

News is scarce this week.

Warm weather has come and the goose is thinking of going north soon, but not as far as Newcastle.

H. A. Driver, the merchant at Bungler and his wife built a cow pen the other day and H. A. says "I would help you build you one but I am afraid to pull off my coat for I would take cold."

T. L. Lisle the south side tax assessor was in town today.

Uncle Bine is still trying to catch that silver fox. He says he found his track on the creek. I don't see how he could tell it was a silver fox's track. It could have been a coon, Bine.

I see a cloud or a thin smoke arising in the south east part of Bungler caused by some of the boys wanting to move the court house.

Charlie McLaren says if you girls or old maids don't think he is in earnest just give your street and number, he's looking at you. My number is 11 to 11 go to bed at six and get up at seven.

Capt. Smith says he likes to carry wood up stairs at the W. O. W. Hall.

Mr. Mullen and family went to church Saturday at Ming Bend and report a good sermon.

A. Smith, Walker Beach, Jim Price and others took a big rabbit hunt near Bungler Thursday. Andrew says he has the best rabbit dog in the world.

Tom Bungler says Newcastle can have the jail but Bungler wants the Court House. The Goose is with him on that.

GOOSE.

Proffitt

C. L. Griffin went to Newcastle Friday and returned Saturday.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at Mr. Ben Blantons Sunday.

Will Dent went to Newcastle Tuesday.

Little Nettie May Gibbs has been on the sick list this week but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Thomas is the proud parents of a fine girl.

The young people enjoyed a fruit supper at Mr. Johnson's Thursday night.

Little May Pannel and father have been on the sick list but are improving.

Sam Gibbs and wife who have been visiting his parents left for Burk Burnett Wednesday to make that place their future home.

Mrs. Sarah Willhoit spent Thursday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Gibbs.

George Thomas went to Newcastle Monday.

Mrs. Hester spent Thursday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Weatherbee.

A sleet fell here Thursday night.

Mrs. Strother and son and daughter went to Newcastle Sunday.

As news is scarce I will ring off.

SNOW FLAKE.

Tonk Valley.

Sit over, you correspondents and let Sunshine in once more so she can holler "Hurrah! for Graham for the county seat."

Everybody is getting ready to plant corn in this part of the Valley.

Mrs. Knight returned home Tuesday after a few days visit with her sister Mrs. Gatlin of Graham.

Miss Elsie Sadberry, Miss Jessie Alford visited Miss Ada Gosset Sunday.

Carl looks lonesome now on Sunday. Cheer up Carl Monday isn't many miles away.

W. D. Gosset spent Sunday evening with John Knight.

J. M. Hand visited his son Walter Sunday.

Carl Knight took dinner with Arthur Gosset Sunday.

Carl was out hunting Friday, but said he didn't find any dear.

I will hand my pen to Six Old Maids and Gray Eyes and say Hurrah! for Graham again.

SUNSHINE.

Gooseneck.

Everything is o. k. this morning, the weather is a little cool but the farmers are all at work.

Edd Vaden spent the night with Alfred Parsons Friday.

Bob McLaren and wife made a trip to Ming Bend Saturday.

Joe Parsons and son, Frank, Oscar James and wife have been visiting Mrs. James' mother this week.

The Missionary car is now ready for use again.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullenox attended church at Ming Bend Saturday.

Uncle Day had a pleasant conversation with one of his Holiness lady friends of Graham this week.

Bob McLaren wants the song ballad of "Boys, don't stay after ten."

The party at Andrew Smith's was fine; the boys are all proud to learn where their postoffice is.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose visited Mr. Reeves' on Cove Creek Saturday.

F. E. Suttle and wife went to Ming Bend Saturday.

Deacon Brown made a trip to Mr. Day's Sunday. When he came back to Sunday school with his head down we thought we could hear him saying, "too late, too late this time."

In answer to the six old maids the bachelors would like to have the old maids' photos. Some of these old bachelors are too old to write and we don't know whether they can see or not, but they can talk. Send photos to West Texas Reporter.

Miss Cora Wiley and sister May were callers at Andrew Smith's Sunday.

Mr. Kelley and family visited Jim Price and family Sunday.

Herman Johnson sat up with Uncle Geo. Rose Saturday night. We did not know that Uncle George was sick, but he must have been.

Bob McLaren is talking of taking a wild goose chase to Ft. Worth.

Miss Mattie Owens is on the sick list.

Two Mr. Ribbles attended the party Saturday night.

Joe Parsons has moved his apartment into his new house so that he can take care of himself and avoid.

The Gander was out to singing Sunday and he looked just like he was hunting items and I believe from the amount he has written, that he found them.

GANDER.

Orth.

Protis Burton and wife have returned home.

Mr. Burton has been working for Mr. Hamilton.

T. J. Rounton spent a few days last week in Ft. Worth where he purchased a car of steers. If you don't think they will fight ask Dick, he will tell it straight.

I understand that B. T. Burton's folks have measles; also J. Y. Morgan's and Mrs. Vernon.

Dan Keith went to Dallas and brought back a car. Dan is a fine road hand now; he has been doing some grubbing with his car. Look out Dan, you will have to get the road hands busy or get another car.

I understand J. J. Miller was plowing by the railroad the other day and the cars slipped up behind him and his team ran away. You need not ask John what happened. Elmo Clark was also plowing and went to sleep. His plow struck a rock and he got off but didn't use any style.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Con Singleton.

On account of the writer's absence, haven't collected much news.

Am sorry to learn that T. J. Rounton is sick.

M. E. Clark and J. J. Miller made a trip to Graham Thursday and back Friday.

The farmers are getting along fairly well farming.

Will sign the name — USO.

Briar Branch.

Preaching services were excellent Sunday, there being three sermons that day. Bro. Mays preached to us in the morning, Bro. Cook in the afternoon and Bro. Ware at night.

The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stevens was buried Monday afternoon.

Ran Cole and family of the Lone Oak community spent Sunday with Mrs. Crawford's folks.

Miss Newman is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. H. H. Stevens.

Miss Jewell Baugh has returned home after a stay at Loving.

Rainy Day, don't get the idea in your head that Miss Ella got the first ride in that new buggy, for Miss Pearl rode in it before Miss Ella saw it.

Carl Newman and wife from Duff Prairie spent the first of the week with the Steyens.

Miss Nora Shannon was visiting the Misses Cornelius and attended church at Briar Branch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gallaher and little daughter of Graham attended church here Sunday.

E. H. Rowe and wife spent Sunday with Frank Lewis and wife of Graham.

Miss Hattie Condon visited Miss Susie Crawford Sunday.

Carl and Luther, Bishop of Graham attended services here Sunday.

A number of young folks enjoyed a musical at Joe Andrews Saturday night while the older folks enjoyed games of 42.

Miss Pearl Gallaher visited Miss Viva Baugh Sunday evening.

The Program for the Literary Saturday night is arranged as follows:

Monologue—Charlie Baugh.

Recitation—Mary Clark.

Dialogue—John Clark, Bowen Gallaher, George Slater, Willie and Earl Carter.

Recitation—Ruth Stephens.

Monologue—Jeff Gallaher.

Dialogue—Robert Crawford, Archie Condon.

Reading—Nona Cornelius.

Recitation—John Clark.

Dialogue—Clara Rowe, Hattie Condon.

Monologue—Archie Condon.

Dialogue—Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gallaher.

Current Events—Minnie Cornelius.

Recitation—Jewell Gallaher.

Monologue—Robert Crawford.

Dialogue—Archie Condon, Clara Rowe.

Recitation—Tobe Fitzgerald.

Reading—Clara Rowe.

Dialogue—Hattie Condon, Edd Rowe, Charlie Baugh.

Song.

Everyone is invited to be present.

BEAUTIFUL DOLL.

Rocky Mound.

Tate Phillips is about the only one that has finished his plowing.

H. Mowery and wife spent the day with Mr. Ragland Sunday.

John Rubenkeonig and family of Graham spent Saturday night and Sunday with H. Hunter.

W. C. Smith has just put him in a phone, suppose he wants to talk to his neighbors.

Elbert Mowery and Tate Phillips made a trip to Graham Sunday.

Bob Roberson and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Bower near Graham.

I notice a right smart said about moving the County seat. For my part, I say leave it where it is for these reasons: It ought to have been moved 25 years ago, but as the people of Graham and Young county have gone to the expense to make it what it now is I do not think it would be right to break it up and go to so great expense to build another one. I think our court house with its beautiful lawn and shade trees is very beautiful.

Mr. Reporter I just dont know anything more to write, will try and do better next time.

RED WINGS.

anch.

ns were excel- being three Bro. Mays the morning, afternoon and of Mr. and s was buried mily of the ly spent Sun- ford's folks. spending a sister, Mrs. has return- at Loving. et the idea ss Ella got new buggy, n it before wife from first of the is. was visit- us and ar- riar Branch r Gallaher of Graham Sunday. wife spent Lewis and visited Miss v. Bishop of vices here folks en- Andrews the older -42. r visited nday eve- Literary aged as Baugh, rk. Bowen r. Willie phens. aher. Crawford, lius. k. Hattie ondor. rs. Gro- ne Cor- laher. awford. lor, Cla- rerald. or. Edd be pres- BOLL. he only owing. nt the unday. family night or. it him ints to Tate raham spent y with r Gra- said seat. where ought s ago, n and o the now ld be to so other ouse shade know ll try ss.

Loving.

Last Saturday was Loving's busy day. Mr. Nance, a farmers Institute worker, spoke at the school auditorium at 9 o'clock a. m., and made an interesting talk. He said that it was not altogether poor farms, but poor farming was the cause of such poor yields and advocated deep breaking, better seed, and good seed bed for good crops. The house was full but Mr. Nance had to leave on the East bound train and had only about 50 minutes to speak. He took names of many farmers and will send them bulletins soon. The Local Teachers Institute was called to order at 10 o'clock and quite a number of teachers were present with Supt. B. W. King. Mr. M. A. Stewart, a member of the county school board spoke first, and made an interesting speech. Supt. King spoke next and explained the duties of the county board, and said that we need better graded schools, he said that no one teacher could do justice to seven or eight grades, and made very plain the advantage of a good high school when each teacher would have only two or three grades. Prof. McLendon of Graham spoke next on the subject of a high school at Loving. Mr. McLendon made a splendid talk and we heard quite a number say they fully agreed with him and enjoyed his talk. He made it very clear that Loving situated in a thickly settled community as it is, with five or six schools in five miles, Loving could have a central high school where all higher grades could attend. We hope to see the high school at Loving a reality soon. The Institute adjourned for dinner after Mr. McLendon's talk and scattered out for dinner, to meet at 1:30 p. m. The writer was not present afternoon but they adjourned early in the evening to take in the ball game played by the Loving first nine and the school boys, which resulted in favor of the first nine. As a side show the county seat question was discussed on every corner. We hear of several changes over to the right side and hope by the 22nd the tide will sweep everything for Graham. We hear quite a number of excuses, and some very poor ones we think. The main one is to "put it in the center" where it will be in equal distance to all. Anyone who has read Charles Dickens work can see Uriah Heaps false humility in this assertion. If there is only four miles difference between Graham and Newcastle in being in the center, why run the county to such an expense in building a court house, jail, and new roads? It has been made plain enough to any sane person that the court house is good enough for many years and the jail too, and it is folly to think of building a new one. It has been said that the Brazos River was up at the time of the first election and that the Miller Bend voters could not get over the river to vote, and if they could have voted, the result would have been changed. I want to say that the Gooseneck voters were on that same side of the river, and we learn that only three crossed over in a skiff to vote at Graham. If the people in this section are willing to make the sacrifice in money, and distance too, why will 12 good men in the extreme north west corner vote for Graham, which we are assured will. In 1884 there were not so many people here as there are now but we paid \$32,000, for a good court house and have bought our land just as the situation is now, we that live tributary to Graham paying more for land than it could be bought in the upper part of the county. The man in the north and west bought his land cheap and with Graham as the county seat; to change the county seat now would vote the

price down on the land in one section and place it on the land in another section, this vote too will be swelled by quite a number of miners, at Newcastle, who do not own any taxable property and who no doubt will shift to some other mines after the election. We don't believe it right for non-taxpayers to vote a tax on others, which would be the case in this county seat question. If you are in doubt as to the statement of the good court house, go and see for yourself and be convinced. I am sure that when you do go and find it in good repair with a nice expensive iron fence around it, and count the cost to replace it at Newcastle you will say, "We will let it stand its good enough for many years." Cor.

Flat Rock.

There is some sickness in our community, but we hope to report every body well and feeling dandy soon. At the home of the brides parents Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 4 o'clock, Dan Burk and Bettie Robbins were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. B. F. Stallings Pastor of the Christian church at Graham officiating. The groom has been raised in Rock Creek community but has for the past year or two been in our community so much he seems like one of our boys. He has gained the friendship of many. The bride has lived in this community for several years, and has been a leader in society, she is a sweet, modest, christian girl and is loved by the entire community. All the close neighbors were present to witness the ceremony. The brides dress was made of white sateen and was very becoming. We regret very much to lose this young couple from among us, but wish them every joy that married life can bring. They will make their future home at Rock Creek. Mrs. Corley, Lona and Corene spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Emma Cook. On account of the Woodman celebration March, 7, our literary has been put off until Friday night March 14th. Nuby Corley left last Thursday for Garland to see his grandmother who is almost helpless with rheumatism. Misses Pearl Adkins, Delilah Robbins and Lona Corley with the bride and groom visited Mr. Burk and family on Rock Creek Thursday. Miss Pearl Atkins accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burk returned home Saturday after a two weeks visit at Mr. Robbins. I too, am in favor of the correspondent meeting in town next second Monday. I noticed my letter wasn't printed last week, guess it did not get there in time. Miss Willie Hodge returned home last Wednesday night after a two months visit with relatives in Montague County. Miss Delilah Robbins visited Miss Maggie Corley Sunday. Miss Lillian Cunningham arrived in Graham Saturday night and will make her home with Mrs. S. E. Pritchard. Our Sunday school was well attended although Bro. Taylor was unable to fill his appointment here. A great portion of our young people were out kodaking Sunday afternoon. Miss Minnie Cook visited our Sunday school Sunday. Gene Martin and Lona Corley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Clatie Patton and children are visiting her sister Mrs. Mary Martin this week. Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford Gene Martin, Lona Corley, and Misses Jessie Alford and Lily May Patton attended church at Graham Sunday night. Hoping to meet you all next second Monday I will lay my pencil aside. CANDY KID.

Dakin.

Blondie thought she would pen a few lines this week to the Reporter. We are having some cold and cloudy weather at this writing. Health is very good with the exception of Mrs. J. M. Garrett who has been sick several days. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reed and family, spent Sunday at T. D. Findleys. Capt. A. C. White and family spent Sunday with Elder D. J. E. Clark and wife. Mrs. W. S. Bryan, of Tennessee is visiting A. J. Bryan. Misses Lilla Belle Findley and Hattie Belle Reed seemed to enjoy themselves Sunday, don't know what was the reason but guess they know. L. C. Reed spent Saturday night and Sunday with L. J. Bryan. Think they must have had a fine time all day Sunday the way they smiled and especially Sunday afternoon with the two old maids, but L. C. and L. J. say they are dandy company. The party at Mr. Hignights at Oakland Friday night was reported fine by all who went. Mrs. A. J. Bryan and daughter were shopping in Graham Saturday evening. Seems as though some of the Dakin boys enjoy going to Bryson real often, the must have them some girls down there. J. H. Reed spent Saturday night and Sunday with Clarence Blount of Oakland. The little boy horse that used to go east has ceased, what's the matter? am sure they are tired of staying at home so much, poor little man. Misses Fay and Flo Whitfield and brother Jeff went to the show at Graham Saturday night. Earl Clark spent Sunday with Curtice Fyldley and went to singing at Oakland Sunday evening. BLONDIE. Elm Creek. Miss Ruth Connor has been ailing for a few days; they think she is taking the measles. Hugh Sheridan departed for his home in Eastland county last Sunday. J. L. Webb and wife visited at the parental Helton home last Sunday. Mrs. Turner who has been visiting her son, S. W., went to her home in Kent county last week. Misses Pearl Adkins, Delilah Robbins and Lona Corley with the bride and groom visited Mr. Burk and family on Rock Creek Thursday. Miss Pearl Atkins accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burk returned home Saturday after a two weeks visit at Mr. Robbins. I too, am in favor of the correspondent meeting in town next second Monday. I noticed my letter wasn't printed last week, guess it did not get there in time. Miss Willie Hodge returned home last Wednesday night after a two months visit with relatives in Montague County. Miss Delilah Robbins visited Miss Maggie Corley Sunday. Miss Lillian Cunningham arrived in Graham Saturday night and will make her home with Mrs. S. E. Pritchard. Our Sunday school was well attended although Bro. Taylor was unable to fill his appointment here. A great portion of our young people were out kodaking Sunday afternoon. Miss Minnie Cook visited our Sunday school Sunday. Gene Martin and Lona Corley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Clatie Patton and children are visiting her sister Mrs. Mary Martin this week. Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford Gene Martin, Lona Corley, and Misses Jessie Alford and Lily May Patton attended church at Graham Sunday night. Hoping to meet you all next second Monday I will lay my pencil aside. CANDY KID.

Lone Star.

Mr. Langford and wife spent the day with Mr. Burnett and wife of Como Sunday. J. C. Akers and wife went to Graham Saturday. Mrs. Vaughn and daughter, Mrs. Fawks visited Mrs. Wilson Friday night. Mrs. Donley spent Saturday at Mr. Akers. Several men of this community attended the speaking at Eliasville Monday night. R. W. Dooley and son, Earl, went to Graham Saturday. Joe Pharris and family visited L. M. Pratt and family Sunday. Tom Billingsley and daughter, Lola Maud visited friends at Eliasville Sunday. Willie Hughes and family of Eliasville visited Mr. Lewis Sunday. Mrs. Dooley visited Mrs. Ball Thursday afternoon. Lowrey Kirtley and Miss Ada Hill of Ivan visited Dee Poindexter and wife Sunday. Miss Beulah Bradberry spent Saturday night with Mrs. Donley. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn visited Mr. Martin and wife Sunday. Miss Meda Poindexter and Minnie Dooley visited Miss Nanie Coon and Willie Pratt Sunday afternoon. L. M. Pratt and Joe Pharris attended church at Eliasville Sunday afternoon. Several of the Boys attended the wedding at Eliasville Sunday. J. S. Washburn of Graham visited his sister, Mrs. Dooley, Thursday. SLICK FRED. Connor Creek. We are having some more winter down on Connor Creek. Buck Stuart and wife of Miles, Texas have moved to Mrs. J. G. Chandler's, Mrs. Stuart's mother's place. Mrs. Graham has been quite sick for the past week but is convalescent now. Zell Kimple has returned home from Teicoma, Okla., last week. We understand that he and wife will move back to that country in the near future. We regret to lose them out of our community. Mrs. Nova McClure of Grafrod, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wright Sunday. Mr. Wright is still in feeble health. Mrs. Fay visited Mrs. Shaahan last week. Bro. Wysor filled his regular appointment Sunday with a fine sermon. He will be at Connor next time on Saturday before the first Sunday in April, all day services and dinner on the ground. Everybody invited to come and bring a well filled basket and have a good time. Miss Mary Smith teacher of

Henry Chapel School visited Miss Ida Watson Stangday night.

Misses Byrdie and Mary Smith were out horse-back riding Saturday. Mr. Fay was on the sick list Sunday. Miss Annie Cole came home last week she has been with her sister some time in Knox county. Mrs. T. E. Smith visited Jim Chandler's family Sunday. News is scarce this week people are too busy for news. They take time to talk county seat tho. The Gopher is still able to holler "Hurrah!! for Graham." GOPHER. South Bend. School is progressing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers attended church Sunday at South Bend. Mrs. Homer Beckham spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Edd McCluskey. Lester Braddock was in Graham on business Saturday. Walter Braddock came home Saturday and returned Sunday to his school at Murray. Will Goode and wife spent Sunday with Grandma Ficklin. There was a nice crowd at church Sunday. The county hands will begin grading on our road Monday which will be a great benefit to the farmers. Mrs. Ford visited relatives and friends in Graham last week. The people in this neck are keeping close in. The sick ones are getting along very nicely. Joe Phress and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pratt. Edd McCluskey went to see Joe Bob Sunday afternoon. Wheat and oats are looking very well considering the cold weather. Ola McCluskey spent Saturday night with Fannie Goode. Albert Rogers seem to be slow with his farm work but think he will get there after awhile. There is going to be speaking Saturday night on the county site question. Everybody come. Claud Ingram is about done farming and ready to plant corn. Joe Rogers and wife spent Sunday with Albert Rogers and wife. As this is my first call I will ring off. Best wishes to correspondents and editor. MOUNTAIN SIDE. Lone Oak. All of the farmers are very busy preparing their land for planting. Everyone seems to think we shall have another good crop year. Mrs. Lizzie Wall returned to her home here Sunday after spending several weeks with her sister Mrs. O. B. Garrett of New Hope. BLABB MOUTH.

Prof Wood and Lon Sockwell made a business trip to Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Boyle are visiting their daughter Mrs. S. T. Needham of Murray. The singing at J. W. Wall's was well attended Sunday night and all report a pleasant time. Several of the Lone Oak people attended the teachers meeting at Loving Saturday. H. M. Orr and family spent Sunday with relatives at True. Dan Orr is building more to his house which adds very much to the appearance of his place. C. C. McBride returned home Monday from Hunt County where he visited relatives. Miss Lee Hawkins has been right sick for the past few days but we are glad to know that she is much improved. We are sorry to report that Misses Sallie, Nettie, Edna, Lena and Lula Pettv have the measles but hope they will soon recover. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shatto visited the latters parents Sunday. Leonard Graves and Emma Walker attended singing at Red Top Sunday afternoon. I wonder what Buster is doing that he doesn't write any more. I guess he is too busy providing for Jane and the little Busters. BRUNETTE. Bryson. D. W. Jay who has been on the sick list for the past week is convalescent. S. E. Nichols (the prominent barber of Bryson) has bought the 4-room cottage belonging to A. B. Kuykendall. He still says that Bryson is good enough for him. Dr. E. Hughes has recently purchased a brand new Ford automobile. Let the good work go on. Miss Winnie Ferris of Jacksboro spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eatherly of this place. Dr. T. C. McCloud of Jermyn spent Sunday with his home folks and friends of this place. Mrs. Will Jones of Jermyn spent several days with her father, D. W. Jay, of this place who has been very sick. Miss Lou Henderson of this place is visiting friends in the editor's home town this week. Don't be gone too long, Lou, as some one is looking lonely. Mr. R. R. Clayton went out on a pleasure trip in his new auto last week and on his return, when about 3 miles from town, he came to a sudden stop without shouting "whoa Beck," either and upon investigating the matter he found he was out of gas. Now, Mr. Clayton, the correspondents would advise that you carry gas along instead of oats. As Blabb Mouth has been very busy this week will have to ring off. BLABB MOUTH.

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Speaking of trading characters reminds us that this is a hard thing to do where only men are involved. A man's character can hardly be traded by another man, but it is mighty easy for some fellow to get himself into a bad hole by having an India rubber conscience. Men who stick closely to the truth have very little to fear, but the fellow that allows his enthusiasm to get away with his common sense places himself in a bad light without the assistance of a trader.

There is a vast difference between lending money and offering accommodations. A man with good security can go most anywhere and borrow all the money his securities will be accepted for, but an accommodation is where a man goes to borrow money and puts up nothing but a plain note without anything else to insure the payment of the obligation. Men who have received accommodations understand the difference and they are MEN they know how to return the favor when an opportunity presents itself.

Interested in County Seat.

Loving, Tex., Mar., 2-13
Editor, Reporter;

As you have invited correspondence on the county site question and of course it is being agitated a great deal at this time and especially in this part. Some few have lost all interest in every thing else, that is if they ever had

any interest in anything else. To listen at some of the Newcastle fellows talk you would think they had no other interest; if you would believe them there would be a land-slide for Newcastle equal to the last Presidential election. Now do they believe that? Certainly not. You may ask one confidentially and his answer is, 'if we don't get it this time we will come again in 5 years.' They are becoming desperate, what few Newcastle fellows there is in this part. You may ask one his reason for moving the County Seat (In fact he has none) but he will say, about 30 years ago I lived away over in the South west part of the county, and about how long it would take him to go to Graham, and what kind of roads he had to travel but he fails to tell you that was the only town of any importance in the county; he is now living in the days when there was nothing much but Indians, coyotes, and ignorance, so to speak, he fails to tell you of the good roads that are being built, the bridges that are being built, and the many other improvements. Oh, he says it is right and justice, is there any right and justice in being good to the other fellow at the expense of yourself and family? I say not. If it was possible to put the election off for a month longer I believe this box would vote unanimous for Graham as there is one Newcastle agitator that would change every vote here and possibly himself for you know a wise man will change, but a fool never. Now why do we want to throw our court house away that is good for years to come, in order to build a new one after we have just got it paid for? If it was necessary that we had

to have a new court house, I would say move to the center but we have got a good house, so let us wait; if we have got money to burn why not spend it in building good roads and other improve-

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ments which I think would be much more profitable. I will ring off with best regards to the Editor and his many readers.—A Reader.

Col. Hunt Opposes Move.

Dallas, Tex., March 1, 1913.
Mr. E. S. Graham
Graham, Texas

My Dear Sir:

I have been thinking for several days about the proposed change of the County Seat from Graham to Newcastle. I am sure it should not be seriously considered for there is no good in it. The talk about the center is the greatest folly.

Wichita Falls, the most prosperous town in West Texas today, is not in the center of the county. Newcastle is only four and a quarter miles nearer the center than Graham. Graham, the present County Seat, has a splendid Court House which answers every purpose. It has also fine water works with a first-class filtering plant, excellent lighting plant, and ice plant, with good sidewalks and streets.

Why should a change be urged especially when it will work a hardship upon many tax-payers who are struggling today under present conditions? I do hope that this burden will not be put upon the County.

Cordially Yours,

P. B. Hunt

We take the liberty of saying in connection with this letter to Mr. Graham that, while Col. Hunt does not now live in Young county, he did live in the county for many years. He renders for taxes in Young county 4,238 acres of land which runs up to within 6 miles of Newcastle and yet is 10 miles from Graham. He owns no property in Graham.

Col. Hunt is a man of ripe experience and business judgment. He is always most considerate of the rights of others. He has always stood high in the councils of his family, his community, his state and his political party. As a tax payer of Young county, his opinion is worthy of your most serious consideration.

Our Free Seeds.

The Senate the other day struck out of the agricultural appropriation bill an item to pay for the free distribution of seeds by Congressmen, and if this action withstands the opposition of the House, we shall see the end of a practice that has come to be very properly called the "free seed graft." For once this practice is abandoned, we are quite sure it will never be resumed, for the reason that nothing can be said in defense of it. It is prob-

able that these seeds cost the country more than what they produced was worth, and that, as a measure of economy, it would have been better to buy and distribute fruits of the seed rather than the seed. Maybe Congressmen have not harvested as many votes as is popularly supposed from the distribution of these seeds, but they have harvested more votes than the people to whom they have been given have harvested vegetables and crops from the planting of them. Most of them have fallen into the hands of people who didn't want them, and who, if they had wanted them, were abundantly able to buy them. One result was that the quantities it was possible to send to those who might make good use of them were too small to make the gift of any value. The free distribution of seed has been merely a petty trick of the politician that somewhat affronts the popular intelligence.—Dallas News.

C. C. McBride of the Lone Oak community was in the city Monday. He had just returned from a visit to relatives at Quinlin.

G. M. James, one of our good friends in the Indian Mound community, was in Graham on business Thursday.

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The Teachers Meeting at Loving.

The Loving High School gave a play Friday night as was advertised in program for Teachers' Institute. The play was "In Plum Valley." Long before night the house began to fill up and there was between four and five hundred people to witness the show. The play consisted of three acts and lasted two hours and fifteen minutes. Every part was spicy and the audience showed their appreciation by their cheers.

Saturday morning Mr. Nance, the State lecturer on agriculture, gave us an hour and twenty minutes talk on better farming and stock and plant breeding. The house was crowded all day with farmers and teachers, some farmers coming several miles to hear the plan Mr. Nance had to offer. After his talk he organized a farmers club with Mr. Wheat President, Mr. Stewart, Vice-President and Mr. Ford, Secretary.

Then the Teachers Program was taken up and we had several fine talks. Mr. Burkett, a member of the County Board discussed the trustees place in our school system; Supt. B. W. King ably handled the Rural High School subject; Supt. McLendon of Graham discussed at length the consolidation of schools and the plans he offered seemed to take well and we think something can be done along that line as we are in a place to have the best High School in this part of the country. The visiting teachers and others were all cared for at noon and made to feel at home. At 1:45 the chairman, Prof. Bradshaw called the house to order, and Mr. Groner gave a good talk on the school as a social center, which was also discussed by Messrs. King and McLendon. Miss McFerron read a very interesting paper on the study of language in the school, discussed by Miss Carmack and others. Prof. Bradshaw and McFadden ably handled the subject of where and when should analysis be introduced in arithmetic which was discussed by several present.

Then came the ball game with the High School and the town's first nine. The game stood 8 to 10 in favor of the first nine but the school boys won a record as the best players. We had for the High School 18 strikeouts and the first team 12.

The school auditorium was filled with farmers and teachers all day and has solved the problem of holding teachers' local institutes. They can be held and can be a success if everywhere the people will take hold of it as they did at Loving. It shows the interest the people here have in the school and school work. There were some twenty teachers present and all took an interest in the meeting as well as the people in general, and it will inspire the teachers to do better work and the pupils will see that the people are interested in them. Loving has one of the best schools in Young county and we want to make it better.

Webb Bill Repassed Over Veto by Taft.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Webb liquor bill prohibiting the shipment of liquor into "dry" States was repassed in the Senate today over President Taft's veto within two hours from the time the President's message of disapproval had been laid before that body.

A short debate, in which the advocates of the bill voted down a motion to postpone action until tomorrow, and in which they reaffirmed their belief that the measure is constitutional, ended with the repassage of the bill by the large majority of 63 to 21.

The Webb bill passed both houses of Congress and went to the President ten days ago. His veto message reached the Senate about 3 o'clock today, accompan-

ied by an opinion from Attorney General Wickersham. Basing his decision upon the Attorney General's findings, the President expressed the belief that the measure was clearly unconstitutional because it gave the States the right to interfere with interstate commerce.

The Senate took up the bill at once. Attorney General Wickersham's opinion was not read, and Senator Kern asked that a final vote on the overriding of the veto be delayed until tomorrow, so Senators might have the opportunity to examine the Attorney General's arguments. A motion made by Mr. Kern to postpone the vote until 12 o'clock tomorrow was defeated, 71 to 9.

Senator McCumber declared both the President and Attorney General had misconstrued the grounds upon which Congress had passed the prohibition law. He said it had not attempted to give the States the right to interfere with commerce, but simply declared liquor "an outlaw," and had then prescribed conditions under which it might enter interstate commerce. Senator Kenyon also briefly urged repassage of the bill, while Senators Paynter, and Percy advocated support of President Taft's veto.

Efforts will be made tomorrow to override the veto in the House. Representative Clayton of Alabama will move to take up the veto for the purpose of passing the bill over the President's head as soon as the House convenes. Representative Webb, author of the bill, declared he had absolute confidence that the House would repass the bill by more than a two-thirds majority.

"After giving this proposed enactment full consideration," wrote the President in his veto message, "I believe it to be a violation of the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution, in that it is in substance and effect a delegation by Congress to the States of the power of regulating interstate commerce in liquors which is vested exclusively in Congress.

"It is stated that this is a question with which the Executive or members of Congress should not burden themselves to consider or decide. It is stated that it should be left to the Supreme Court to say whether this proposed act violates the constitution. I dissent utterly from this proposition. The oath which the Chief Executive takes and which each member of Congress takes does not bind him any less sacredly to observe the Constitution than the oath which the Justices of the Supreme Court take. It is questionable whether the doubtful Constitutionality of a bill ought not to furnish a greater reason for voting against the bill or vetoing it than a court to hold it to be invalid.

"The custom of legislators and executives having any legislative function to remit to the courts entire and ultimate responsibility as to the Constitutionality of the measure which they take part in passing is an abuse which tends to put the court constantly in opposition to the Legislature and the Executive and indeed into the popular supporters of the unconstitutional laws. If, however, the legislators and the Executives had attempted to do their duty, their burden of popular disapproval would have been lifted from the courts, or at least considerably lessened.

"For these reasons, and in spite of the popular approval of this bill, I have not felt justified in signing it."

The President cited several decisions of the Supreme Court which he declared strengthened his view. He sent to Congress also the opinion of Attorney General Wickersham, which coincided with his.

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Enterprise's Advice About County Site Election.

The Enterprise knows just as well as anyone else knows that advice is cheap, is seldom heeded and rarely ever appreciated; nevertheless we have a little advice to offer on the much discussed coming county seat election, and we intend to say our say regardless of consequences.

Just one little slang phrase of four words will be sufficient if our readers will remember it throughout the campaign which has already reached the boiling point in certain sections of the county.—The phrase we refer to is: "Keep your shirt on."

It is all right for you to have your opinion in the matter, and it's all right for you to express that opinion if occasion demands, but for the Lord's sake have sense enough and be gentleman enough to respect the view of your neighbor who is on the opposite side of the question. Don't get the idea into your head that you are right and that every man who disagrees with you is a darn fool; for the chances are that your neighbor has as much gray matter as you have and even if he hasn't, he paid a dollar and six bits for the right to effectively express his opinion in this election, and abuse won't affect his opinion or lessen the effectiveness of his ballot.

You will have the same neighbors you have now, whether the county seat is moved or not, so don't say or do anything in this campaign to cause strife between you. The continued friendship of your neighbors is of more vital concern to you than the result of this election anyway.

Somebody is going to read this article and wonder whether the Enterprise editor intends to practice what he preaches. Well, yes, our intentions are good, but

whether or not we heed it personally, it's sound doctrine and good advice just the same. The Enterprise editor has an inborn tendency to "pop off" on occasion, but we allow every fellow the right to his opinion and are making an honest effort to "keep our shirt on." You try it.—Olney Enterprise.

A County Seat Dream.

Now, gentle reader, just go out to some quiet place, sit down, shut your eyes and dream or meditate upon the mental picture drawn below.

That I voted for the removal of the county seat to Newcastle; that all of my old substantial friends have removed to the new county seat and to other towns, and are still making money; that the bankers and merchants of the county are adding a still larger per cent of interest and profit to their money and their goods, to the end that I shall remember them for the expense of moving and the decline in value of their property; that the railroad from Jacksboro to Graham is dead and the gins have gone to the railroad town and I am giving my cotton seed away, or hauling my cotton over the mountains and through sand; that I, being a renter, went to the north side of the county to rent a farm in order that I might be more convenient to market, but to my astonishment there were two men to every farm bidding against each other, actually paying large bonuses on the farms in order to stay; nearly all the farmers were tenants, the land having been bought up by my old time friends whom I thought to ruin by moving the county seat. I tried to buy a farm up there but alas, the price was out of a poor man's reach, it being in the hands of the speculator. Oh, this awful nightmare. When will it turn me loose?
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W. C. Cardwell of Proffitt paid Graham a business visit this week.

Chas. N. Keen of Farmer was here on business Thursday.

F. P. Brazelton of Farmer transacted business in Graham Thursday.

A. J. Wheat of Loving visited in Graham last Thursday.

Fresh vegetables every day at our store. Mabry & Son.

John Garvin was one of Farmer's citizens who was here on business this week.

We buy hides, furs, chickens, eggs, butter and all country produce. Highest cash price paid. Owen & Young.

Dr. Norris of Markley was here on business this week.

J. M. Wallace, a well known Merchant of Markley was transacting business in Graham last Thursday.

J. J. Dowdy of Red Top was in Graham on business Thursday.

W. F. Slater of Red Top was in the city this week.

A good variety of seed corn at our store. Mabry & Son.

Joe Johnson of Jean was among the business visitors in the city this week.

Lee Donnell of Elvasville was a business visitor in Graham Thursday.

Second car of Red Rust Proof seed oats just received. Owen & Young.

Messrs. Woods, M. P. McCracken and W. P. Reynolds of Olney were in Graham on business Thursday.

J. J. Gray of Bitter Creek was a business visitor in Graham this week.

Vegetables received fresh the first and last of each week.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

L. W. Pratt of South Bend was transacting business in Graham Thursday.

R. E. Lynch and P. K. Deats went to Jean Sunday. Mr. Lynch's mother returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Ward, of Marble Rock, Iowa are visiting in the city, guests of Mr. Ward's brother, H. Ward. This is the first meeting of the brothers in 28 years.

Pure ribbon cane syrup in barrels, 60 cents a gallon. Bring your jugs. Owen & Young.

R. S. Delong of Newcastle was in the city Thursday.

Dr. W. M. Terrell and John Bower were visiting in Jean Sunday.

Jno. C. Kay of Wichita Falls spent a few days in Graham this week visiting relatives.

Dr. Williamson attended the Odd Fellows convention at Houston.

If your coffee hasn't the right flavor, buy a can of "Golden Gate," at our store. Mabry & Son.

Mrs. Chas. Parsons is in Bowie this week. She went over to attend the funeral of her brother, C. E. Burns, who died at Beaumont last Friday.

Walter Burns, who attended the funeral of his brother in Bowie returned home Tuesday night.

Bloody Butcher, Hickory King and Strawberry Seed Corn at our store. Mabry & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greenlun have returned from a short visit to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Street and Mrs. A. M. Graham, who have been in Mineral Wells for some time returned home last night.

Pure Tennessee Triumph Seed Potatoes. Only a limited amount, at our store. Mabry & Son.

R. W. Dooley of Lone Star was transacting business in Graham Saturday. Mr. Dooley says prospects are fine for another good crop and if we get the usual amount of spring rains Young county will do herself proud again this year.

Mrs. W. M. Goode, Jr., and Miss Bessie Hutchinson of South Bend were in the city yesterday shopping, and paid us a pleasant call. Mrs. Goode said she had read The Reporter since the first issue and that it improves every issue.

Attractive prices on can goods this week at our store. Mabry & Son.

J. H. Greene of South Bend was in town Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kidwell spent several days the past week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Will Loving in Jermyn.

See me before selling your chickens, turkeys, butter, eggs, hides and furs. D. J. Brandon, Graham, Texas.

Ben Cunningham and Frank Forbes were in Jacksboro Monday night.

Guy Wilkinson of Proffitt was a business visitor in Graham yesterday.

Oliver Loving of Jermyn was in the city this week visiting.

We Want your Frying Chickens.

Bring all your frying size chickens to the Mountainside Hotel. Will pay from 15c to 20c a pound for all you will bring. Beecher M. Baker, Proprietor.

Will Benson of Olney was in the city this week and paid The Reporter a pleasant call.

To our Friends and Customers.

We wish to say that we will meet any and all competition in price and quality. No use to go elsewhere. We have it for the same money, and oft times less.

Graves & Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pharris were pleasant callers at The Reporter office Tuesday.

J. J. Masters, a prominent merchant of Masters was in the city on business yesterday.

Seed Corn.

The best varieties of Texas grown seed corn now in. Buy your seed early. W. I. Tidwell.

Lewis Rubenkoenig is now employed as bookkeeper with Sears, Roebuck & Co. at Dallas.

Mrs. Gaines B. Hall, who has been visiting relatives in Comanche, returned home Saturday night.

Mr. Horace Morrison who has been gone for several days buying the new spring goods for the John E. Morrison Co. returned home Friday night. Mr. Morrison attended the laymen's convention in Memphis while away.

Rev. J. B. Boen of Seymour, Texas, a noted evangelist will hold an evangelistic service with the First Christian church of this place, beginning the fifteenth of June. Dr. Boen is well known throughout the United States, having conducted revivals all over the country. He is known as a forceful speaker and the members of the local congregation are fortunate in securing his services.

Rev. W. M. Higgins of Salem was in the city on business Saturday.

Rev. C. R. Taylor, who has been pastor of the Baptist church at this place for the past year has accepted a call to Stamford and will leave next week. The congregation has called Rev. W. D. Boswell of Waco, who will arrive tonight, but it is not known whether he will accept the call.

For Sale or Trade.

A good work mule in good condition. Baker & Son.

F. H. Stafford of Denison is in the city on business.

J. F. Buntin of South Bend visited in the hub last Friday.

A. Williamson of Murray was trading in Graham yesterday.

Notice to Woodmen.

All members of Glen McDonald Camp are urged to be at the hall promptly at three o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. Be sure and be there promptly as the parade will be formed there at that time.

W. J. REHDER, C. C.

J. L. Needham, living one and a half miles from Newcastle, was in Graham last Friday. Mr. Needham is one of the substantial farmers of that section and said he was opposed to moving the county seat, as it would be a useless expenditure of hundreds of thousand of dollars.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking our many friends who were with us and so kindly helped us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife, and daughter and sister.—Lamar Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Slauchter.

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See Owen & Young for Early Triumph Seed Potatoes.

Cracked Cake, Meal and Hulls.

We have only a limited quantity of cake, meal and hulls on hand, and those who wish to purchase will please see us at once. We wish to supply our local trade before shipping our stock.

Graham Cotton Oil Co.

To Voters of Young County

The voters of the County will be addressed by speakers from Graham, setting forth facts that constitute the reasons why the County Seat should not be moved from Graham, and we respectfully invite you to be present at these places on the dates named below:

Orth	Friday, March 7
Newcastle	Saturday, March 8
South Bend	Saturday, March 8
Olney	Monday, March 10
Red Top	Monday, March 10
Bitter Creek	Tuesday, March 11
Miller Bend	Tuesday, March 11
Markley	Wednesday, March 12
Boggy Creek	Thursday, March 13
Rabbit Creek	Thursday, March 13
Lone Oak	Friday, March 14
Indian Mound	Saturday, March 15
Newcastle	Monday, March 17
Camp Creek	Monday, March 17
True	Tuesday, March 18
Farmer	Wednesday, March 19
Olney	Thursday, March 20
Loving	Thursday, March 20

A NEW FIRM

We wish to announce to the people of Graham and the surrounding country that we have bought the stock of Mr. W. S. McJimsey in the China Hall and would like to have you inspect our stock of

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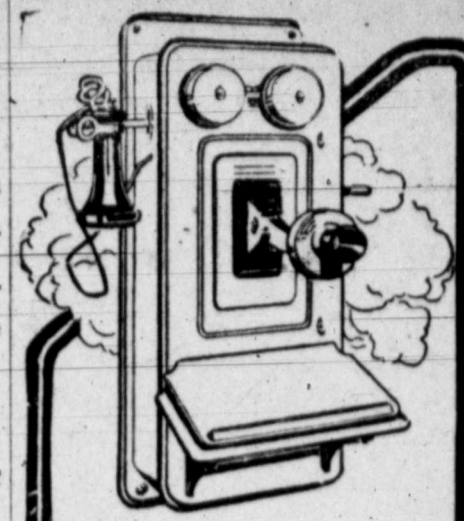
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