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STATE NOW BOASTS MARKETING BUREAU

Fruit and Truck Growers Will Receive Aid in Disposing of Their Products to the Best Advantage.

Texas has a marketing bureau in connection with the department of agriculture. Its provisions are as follows:

Section 1. That the commissioner of the Texas department of agriculture shall create in that department a marketing bureau and appoint to conduct same, an officer to be styled chief of the marketing bureau of the Texas department of agriculture and who shall be paid an annual salary of two thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. The chief of the bureau shall collect and compile statistics on the acreage of the various farm and truck crops in this state and the time of their maturing, and statistics on other farm products; ascertain the volume and character of products to be marketed at various dates; advise growers as to best method of grading, packing and handling fruit, truck and other farm products to be shipped to the markets of Texas and outside of the state and notify Texas producers of the facts and advise them as to proper distribution of products they have to sell.

Sec. 3. The chief of the bureau shall prepare in alphabetical order a list of produce dealers, secretaries or managers of fruit or truck growers' associations, and other individuals, firms and corporations who sell farm products, truck or fruit or who ship same on consignment.

Sec. 4. The chief of the bureau shall prepare in alphabetical order a list of individuals, farms and corporations who handle such produce as agents for growers or shippers.

Sec. 5. The chief of bureau shall inform growers and shippers, both individuals and associations, as to who will handle products for them and on what terms and shall furnish commission merchants and others who handle such produce, data regarding products to be shipped and shall, as far as can be, do everything in his power to enable Texas growers and shippers by track sales and otherwise to obtain the best financial returns therefor.

Sec. 6. The fact that the orchardists and other fruit growers, truck growers and farmers in this state now have no means of obtaining the information specified and are daily suffering great losses which will be largely increased if this condition is not immediately altered, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the same is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from after its passage, and it is so enacted.

\$50,000 Fire in Knox County

The entire south portion of the business section of Vera, a small town fourteen miles east of Benjamin, was burned on April 2, which losses involved Ausburn & Sons' general merchandise store, J. H. Hooser & Co's. hardware and furniture store, R. C. Sphinx's drug store, J. R. Wilson's grocery store and a wagon yard and blacksmith shop. Loss was about \$50,000, with only \$3,000 insurance, carried by Ausburn & Sons. It is not known how the fire originated.

Fort Worth Presbytery Meets at Eliasville

On Wednesday, April 16 at 2 p. m. Fort Worth Presbytery of the Presbyterian church will convene at Eliasville. The honor of entertaining such a distinguished body was accorded them largely because their faithfulness and work merited it. This church has given eight of her sons to the work of the gospel ministry. Their offerings to Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Orphans' Home this year, we are told, will average about one hundred dollars to each cause.

The union of Cisco and Ft. Worth Presbytery last fall very greatly enlarged the territory and increased the number of commissioners, so that the ministers and one elder from each church would give them about 75 visitors to entertain, if all should come. So famous has become this village church and its location, in spite of its distance from the railroad, that a number of the commissioners are going to bring their wives, coming from Cleburne, Hillsboro and Ft. Worth, on the east; Sweetwater, Abilene, Stamford and Haskell on the west, and all intervening territory. Our own townsman, Rev. James B. Hall, is the moderator of the body and tells us that they are expecting a great meeting at Eliasville. The reports coming in reveal a good years work over the Presbytery and make prospects bright for another year. At this meeting each church sends in its annual report, makes out its budget for aiding the weaker churches in the field, has report by evangelist Rev. Jno. E. McLean, presents the various causes of the church for consideration, elects four commissioners to the General Assembly, which meets in Atlanta in May and besides its regular business, reviews all matters handed down by the highest court, the General Assembly. A number of ministers from other states or presbyteries in the state (there being eleven others in the state) will be received, having accepted work in the bounds of Ft. Worth Presbytery.

Below is a report from the committee on devotional exercises who have planned to have preaching each day at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. throughout the session, looking forward to a great spiritual feast.

We have arranged a program as follows:

Wednesday 16, at 2 p. m. sermon by Rev. R. P. Walker of Hillsboro. At 8 p. m. sermon by Rev. J. E. McLean, D. D. of Files Valley.

Thursday 17, at 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. E. H. Lyle of Cleburne. At 8 p. m. sermon by Rev. J. D. Leslie, D. D., Cisco.

Friday 18, at 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. E. J. Durham, Bridgeport. At 8 p. m. sermon by Rev. T. S. Knox, Abilene.

Saturday 19, at 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. Wm. Caldwell, Ft. Worth. At 8 p. m. sermon by Rev. C. L. Altfather, Ft. Worth.

Sunday 20, 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. Wm. Caldwell, Ft. Worth; at 3:30 p. m. sermon by Rev. C. M. Hullen, Polytechnic; at 8 p. m. sermon by C. L. Altfather, Ft. Worth.

The communion of the Lord's Supper will be administered after the Sunday morning sermon. The friends of all denominations are invited to join with us in these services.

GEO. W. WYSON,
W. W. CUNNINGHAM,
Committee.

GOVERNOR COLQUITT NAMES CLEAN-UP DAY

Property Owners Requested to Help Reduce Fire Hazard by Cleaning Rubbish Away.

Believing some united action on the part of the citizenship of the State to be necessary to prevent the accumulation of waste material, which subjects property to destruction by fire, Gov. O. B. Colquitt has issued a proclamation designating April 18th as a "clean-up day" and urging the co-operation of all persons in the State.

Gov. Colquitt requests the owners of property to give personal attention to the removal of all refuse, trash and debris from their premises and to see to it that all chimneys and flues are carefully examined. He also advises that the careless burning of trash and rubbish near buildings be discontinued and urges the various Boards of Education and those charged with the responsibility of the safety of school children, students and wards in hospitals, use special effort to protect property and lives from injury and destruction by fire and requesting that fire drills be inaugurated by them.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, One of the greatest economic wastes of the country is the result of not exercising proper care and precaution in preventing destruction of property by fire, and allowing various and sundry kinds of waste material to accumulate on the premises of all persons owning property that is subject to destruction by fire, and,

Whereas, It is necessary that some united action be taken on the part of the citizenship of this State to prevent the accumulation of waste material which subjects property of nearly all kinds to destruction by fire.

Now, therefore, I, O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 18, A. D. 1913, as a general clean-up day, and I especially request that owners of property give personal attention to the removal of all rubbish and debris from their premises; that all chimneys and flues be carefully examined, and that the carelessness in permitting the burning of rubbish and combustible refuse near adjoining buildings be discontinued; that the various Boards of Education throughout the State and those who are charged with the responsibility of the safety of school children and students and wards in hospitals, shall use special effort to protect such property and lives from injury and destruction by fire, and it is especially recommended that city and village councils throughout the State shall observe the above mentioned date as "clean-up day" for the purpose of awakening the proper sense of responsibility of our people, and minimize as much as possible the damage from fire within our State; and that the Boards of Education, public officials and teachers having the responsibility and care of the children, especially in public schools, shall set apart this day for the inauguration of fire drills and such instruction as it is possible to give in regard to fire hazards and the simple methods of fire prevention and rescue work, and that these fire drills be made a permanent feature and practiced at frequent intervals throughout the school year.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the great seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at

my office in the city of Austin, this the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1913.

O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.
By the Governor: D. A. Gregg,
Acting Secretary of State.

Inasmuch as the Governor of the State has issued a proclamation, setting aside Friday, April 18 as general clean up day, we the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Graham, hereby urge all citizens of Graham to observe this day and to clean up all rubbish in and around their premises, both business property and residences.

S. Boyd Street, Mayor
James Porter,
John Pohlman,
G. Ben Johnson,
T. E. Matthews,
Aldermen.

Miss Miller's Recital.

The following program will be rendered at the opera house at 8:15 o'clock Friday night, April 11, under the direction of Miss Lucille Miller. Part of the proceeds will go toward the monument which the U. D. C. will erect in the court house square.

Prelude in C sharp minor—Miss Nell Graham.
The Loving Little Girl—Mary Louise Hallam.
You Gave Me—Ed Woods.
Um! Gee!—Thelma Burns.
Bivouac on the Rappahannock—Miss Fannie Stoffers.
Mr. Brown Has Had His Hair Cut—Bessie Finch.
Getting Letters—Adele Jeffery.
Enj'jin' Pore Health—Hardy Price.
Bowser Among the Dressmakers—Miss Willie Carmack.
Piano Solo—Miss Ruth Isaacs.
The Boy Kept Step—Ruby Snoddy.
Taking an Elevator—Miss Beulah Allen.
Quartette, "Simple Simon"—Messrs. Mabry, Jeffery, Johnson, Morrison.
The Rivals—Miss Buford Snoddy.
The Lost Word—Robert Lee Morrison.
The One-Legged Goose—Juanita Adair.

A BOX OF POWDERS

Play in One Scene—Characters: Col. Jack Humphreys—R. L. Morrison.
Mrs. Nellie Wemyss—Miss Lucille Miller.
Admission 25c.

Woman's Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in regular session at the church Tuesday from 3 to 5. The president being absent Mrs. Bowman presided. Scripture reading, 5th chapter of James. Comments on the lesson led by Mrs. Bowman. Reports were given by all the officers present. Twenty-five garments, and 133 papers and leaflets were distributed since the last meeting, forty visits were made to the sick and strangers and twenty-six subscriptions taken to "Our Homes."

Mrs. Graham read a letter from Mrs. Virginia Johnson, regarding her work and needs. In response to this appeal four subscribed for the King's Messenger. Committees were appointed by Mrs. Eddleman to see to a social entertainment to be given for the church. The program was arranged for the next regular meeting on the first Monday in May. Leader, Mrs. Eddleman. Subject, "Koreans and Japanese." There being no further business the Society adjourned with the Lord's Prayer in concert.

ANTI-BOGUS CHECK LAW IS COMMENDED

Under the New Act, the Making of Worthless Check Will be Construed as a Violation of State's Law.

Although it has been given little publicity, the Richey anti bogus check law is one of the most important bills passed by the recent legislature, according to R. E. Kerr, secretary of the Merchants' Credit association of this city.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is but an amendment to the swindling statute, the law affects every citizen of the state who carries a checking account and is of the utmost importance to the merchant whose ill-fortune it frequently is to transfer perfectly good merchandise for a worthless check.

Heretofore any man could pass a worthless check on the merchant, having no funds to cover, and no indignity was attached to his name further than an "X" in the credit guide for the following year, which is available only to members of the association, and which is information known as "confidential." It was the law, however, that any man who made a worthless check and stated he knew the check to be good and that he had funds within the bank on which the check was drawn, was amenable to the swindling law.

In view of this fact it has been necessary for a large number of institutions in the state to draw a draft on which was printed the words "I hereby certify that I have the above named funds in the above named bank" just above the signature of the drawee. With the new law this will be unnecessary and the mere act of making a worthless check is an offense.

Mr. Kerr takes particular pride in the new law on account of the fact that he was the originator of the idea. He suggested it to the Merchants' Credit association of this city three years ago and it immediately took action favorable to the law and recommended its passage.

Judge R. D. Gage, vice president of the First National bank of this city, drew the amendment, which was introduced in the legislature by Louis J. Wortham, representative from this county. The amendment was lost in the committee room.

At the next session of the legislature the law was introduced again, to be reported favorably by the committee. Just prior to this session, the Ft. Worth Merchants' Credit association waged a vigorous campaign in its favor. It succeeded in getting credit associations of Waco, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and other Texas cities interested in the proposition and concerted effort was brought to bear upon the house.

The fight was fierce on the floor of the house. According to Mr. Kerr, the chief motive of opposition was not a matter of opposition to the spirit of the bill, but rather a misunderstanding of the extent of its operations.

"Just as it is with every onward move," said Mr. Kerr Saturday, "it was with this bill; a campaign of education and information had to be waged first."

The bill was defeated on the floor of the house by a majority of one vote. The Tarrant county delegation, with the exception of one man, supported the bill. Louis J. Wortham was a strong supporter of it and Marvin H.

Brown, now judge of the Sixty-seventh district court, who was then representative from Tarrant county in the lower house, was enthusiastic in its support.

Mr. Kerr and the secretaries of similar organizations throughout the state, doubled their efforts and conducted an educational campaign preceding the legislative session recently closed. The bill was introduced with the signatures of a large number of the most influential members of the legislature. It was reported favorably and was passed with little difficulty.

Governor Colquitt signed the bill and in sixty days' time it becomes a law.

The law is not intended to affect the man who, because of neglect or carelessness allows his account to be overdrawn, according to Mr. Kerr, but the person who maliciously draws a check without funds to cover. In order to be fair to the innocent drawee of a worthless check, the law provides that if the drawee makes good the check within thirty days he will be held blameless.—Ft. Worth Record.

The Literary Club.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle met on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock; with Mrs. H. P. Miller. Owing to so much sickness prevailing in the town only nine members were present, a very helpful meeting resulting, notwithstanding.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. H. P. Rose presided in a most able manner and directed a program from the popular study, "Home Life in Germany," savoring of domestic life in this interesting nation. A home-like touch was given the program by responding to roll call with "Household Hints," to which each one responded with some practical suggestion for lubricating the domestic machinery.

Mrs. Hall read a complete and entertaining paper on "Servants and Food," verifying the truth that indeed one half the world doesn't know how the other half lives. Following this excellent paper, Mrs. A. B. Eddleman reviewed "The Shops and Markets" of Germany, giving interesting word pictures of the German lady "shopping."

Mrs. B. B. Garrett conducted a lively round table discussion, full of interest.

The committee appointed to investigate the advisability of a rest room in Graham reported in part and were retained. The Club hopes to establish a rest room in the near future, where our country friends may find a comfortable place to rest while in town. The Club further wishes to enlist the interest of the town in this laudable undertaking.

Christian Endeavor Program.

April 13. An Honorary Member's Meeting.
Leader, C. P. Hutchison.
Song.

A prayer of thanksgiving by honorary members will be read by the leader and all will repeat it word for word.

Special music.
Leader's talk.

Six one-minute talks by H. L. Morrison, J. W. Akin, H. P. Rose, Mrs. Z. A. Hudson, C. B. Jones and Mrs. Rose, on "God's Ability."

Have three honorary members make one-minute talks on the lesson.
Song.

Call for a sentence prayer; each one to take part and only a sentence.

Prayer for the consecration for future service—W. S. McJimsey.
Pastor's five-minute talk.
Benediction.

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Agricultural Co-Operation in Switzerland.

Hon. Henry S. Boutell, United States Minister to Switzerland, in Moody's Magazine: Though the great difference in conditions prevailing in Switzerland and in the United States prevents the adoption of many of the actual practices employed in that Republic for the financial assistance of the farmer, yet there is much in principle which the American farmer, at the brink of strengthening his position through the doctrine of co-operation, can learn from the farmer of Switzerland.

The farmers of Switzerland are the backbone of the Nation. The Government recognizes this. It is to the farmers that the country would turn if ever it became necessary for that confederation to defend its independence. Wisely the Government has done all in its power to aid the farmers, to stiffen the backbone of the Nation. Incidentally, however, the farmers have taken a hand in the question of the Government's looking to their welfare. They have made themselves a strong factor in the Government that is, the co-operation practiced by the Swiss farmers is largely political.

Several years ago they formed an association—the Swiss Farmers' Association—and established a central bureau at Brugg. This association is represented in the Swiss National Council, corresponding to our own House of Representatives, by many prominent politicians. One of the principal purposes of this association is more or less to fix and control the market prices of milk and other agricultural products in the interest of the farmers.

Similar associations have been established in the various Cantons (States), bearing the name of Cantonal Farmers' Association, which are members of the Swiss Farmers' Association, with the same principles and purposes as the latter. Besides the Federal and the Cantonal associations, there exist a great number of local (district) farmers' co-operative societies which have as their purpose the securing of cheaper prices for seeds and fertilizers by purchasing these articles in large

quantities, which are kept in storerooms and can be obtained as needed from the administrator of the respective local society.

The Federal Government can make no loans to any of the above mentioned associations or co-operative societies, but it contributes annually an amount of 25,000 francs to the expenses of the permanent central bureau of the Swiss Farmers' Association.

In the various Cantons provisions are made to facilitate loans to farmers. In some of the Cantons there exist mortgage banks, which are Cantonal institutions and which are authorized to make loans to farmers, against a first mortgage, up to two-thirds of the real value of the property.

The chief advantage secured by the farmer in placing a mortgage with the Cantonal or State mortgage banks is that he escapes the necessity of repaying the principal of his mortgage in a single payment, and he is practically relieved from the danger of foreclosure. The interest rate charged by the Cantonal mortgage banks is about the same as that collected by other banks. For instance, a farmer wishes to raise a loan of \$10,000 on his property. He secures the money from the Cantonal bank at 4½%. He could probably do as well for himself if he went to private sources, but here is where the Cantonal banks help him out. If he went to a private bank to borrow money at 4½% for a stated number of years—let us say ten years—then each year he would be required to pay that bank his 4½%, and the tenth year he would be required to pay back the entire \$10,000. Now, with the Cantonal bank he is required to pay each year, in addition to his 4½%, 1% as amortization. After the first payment he owes the bank \$10,000 less 1%. Naturally, the second year he must pay interest, not on the \$10,000, but on \$10,000 less 1%. However, his actual payment is 5½% of the \$10,000. Each year, however, a larger portion of the 5½% is for amortization; a diminishing portion of it, as the amortization continues, is for interest. In this way the farmer ultimately pays back the entire loan without having been burdened with one big payment in

any year as he ordinarily would have been. Only in rare cases are the loans made by these mortgage banks on farm properties foreclosed.

Financial assistance is rendered by municipal, Cantonal, and Federal authority to all undertakings which have as their purpose the improvement of the soil or to facilitate its utilization. Improvements of the soil which enjoy the financial aid of the public authorities are irrigation, drainage, clearance of land, road making, road mending, boundary walls (fencing in), and the erection of stables (shelters) on the Alps. Whenever a farmer possesses land of which the value could be considerably increased through the improvement of the soil, but can not afford the expense for such work, he can make application for a contribution to the costs of such undertaking to the government of his Canton, and through the latter to the Federal Government. In many Cantons the municipal authorities do not contribute to an improvement of the soil if by such improvement only one individual farmer would profit, while they contribute in those cases where a number of farmers or a corporation is concerned.

After a careful examination of the plans for the improvement by technical experts, the Swiss Department of Agriculture presents the request, with its report to the Federal Council; the latter then decides, on the basis of the report from the Agricultural Department and the plans, whether a contribution will be granted, and fixes the amount of such contribution within the limits of the Federal law (maximum 40% of the total cost).

leader for the afternoon study. In her able manner gave us an hour of splendid training and instruction, with her blackboard demonstration of the different divisions of the Bible, which was a treat to all present and we want all absent members to know that they missed a great deal by not being present.

Our President, Mrs. S. R. Crawford, then took charge of the meeting.

Song, "We will work till Jesus comes."

Prayer by Mrs. E. McLendon. Roll call, all present answering with scripture verse containing the word "prayer."

The collection of monthly dues was then taken. The Home and Foreign Missionary collection was taken which amounted to \$36.75. After this collection our president gave us some interesting facts pertaining to Home and Foreign collections and reports, which with her enthusiasm and interest in the Missionary Course, makes the writer feel as if she would only ask to own Hetty Green's check book for 15 minutes to write a check for Foreign Missions.

The report of personal service work was handed in to our chairman, Mrs. Steen. Just a word about these reports. When you hand in your report stop and think what blessings you receive when you visit the sick, the shut-ins, the distressed, the strangers and the Sunday school scholar. Let us make our reports larger next meeting and count our blessings, name them one by one. It pays; there is joy in service for the Master.

Song, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Closing prayer by Mother Short.

We regret that our secretary, Mrs. J. T. Rickman, has not been able to attend our two last meetings on account of being sick and hope to see her soon in her accustomed place.

We want to thank Messrs. Claude Rutherford and John Bower, especially, for their kindness of running the Missionary cars Nos. 1 and 2. They have not been called to the foreign field, but they show by their in-

terest they have the Missionary spirit.

Next Thursday, April 10th, the society will meet with Mrs. S. R. Crawford to sew for Buckner's Orphan's Home.

Mrs. M. W. High, Sec. Pro. Tem.

Obituary.

D. M. Higgins was born Dec. 26, 1842, died March 5, 1913. His first wife, M. L. Higgins, was born July 5, 1842, died Dec. 14, 1897. They were married Feb. 17, 1861. To them were born six children, four boys and two girls.

D. M. Higgins was married to Mrs. R. A. Self Nov. 22, 1900, who survives him. He moved from Mississippi to Texas in 1875 and afterward to Oklahoma, near Reed, in Greer county.

D. M. Higgins was well known in Young county, where he lived for many years. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Medicine Chapel soon after coming to

Texas. He had affiliated with the United Baptists in Mississippi. At the time of his death he was living on a farm near Reed, Okla. He has three living brothers, Thomas A., of New Mexico; Rev. W. M., of Graham, and A. J., whose residence is not now recalled. He leaves four sons and one daughter, Mrs. McCann, to mourn his departure. There are two half brothers.

Funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church at Reed, by Elder J. R. McCarty, after which he was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances attended the burial.

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GRAHAM HIGH DEFEATED.

The game on last Saturday between the Graham and Olney High Schools terminated with a score of 12 to 5 in favor of the visiting team.

This was the first defeat for the Graham boys, but taking into consideration the fact that the opposing team was not composed entirely of Olney high school boys, as it was supposed to be, and that Olney furnished an exceedingly partial ump, the outcome is not so surprising. Our



A Strenuous Day for the "Ump."

boys are always square and play no men who do not attend school, and they expect their opponents to do likewise.

The Olney players were strong hitters and swatted the pig skin freely. Graham also made some heavy hits, Morrison and Durham securing home runs.

At the beginning of the game one of our players stretched out a grounder that landed on the decision giver and after that he was turned over to the rooters on the side lines who did their part well, and it came near being a strenuous day for the Ump.

Batteries: Graham, Johnson and Cagle; Olney, Douglas, Terrel and Harmon.

The Interse Club.

The Interse Club spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. W. I. Tidwell Friday, April 4th. Eleven members were present. The next meeting Friday 11, will be held with Mrs. Porter.

Treasurer's Report.

Money collected and disbursed from Oct. 1, 1912 to March 31, 1913.

BOND INT. AND SINKING FUND.
Balance Oct. 1..... \$ 1,622.98
By Receipt..... 2,419.14

Less Disbursement..... \$ 4,042.12
..... 2,340.27

Balance April 1..... \$ 1,701.85
Bond outstanding Oct. 1 17,000.00
" Apr. 1 15,000.00

WATER WORKS FUND.
Due Gen. Fund Oct. 1..... \$ 603.34
Disbursement..... 1,725.62

By Receipt..... \$ 2,389.90
Balance April 1..... 60.94

GENERAL FUND.
Balance Oct. 1..... \$ 1,844.40
By Receipt..... 3,892.42

..... \$ 5,736.82
Less Disbursement..... 2,599.60

Balance April 1..... \$ 3,137.22
T. E. WALLACE, TREAS.

HER WAYS.

"Nature has a queer way of doing." "How so?" "If you notice, it is after night falls that day breaks."

THE LOCALITY.

"Did this ruffian hit you in the interim?" "No, sir. He hit me in the jaw."

SUITABLE HOUSING.

"What makes your friend look so cheery?" "He's just bought a house with a swell front."

INDEFINITE.

"I ran across a man I knew the

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ODESSA YOUNG BUT LUSTY

Great Commercial Center of Southern Russia Has Over Half a Million Inhabitants.

Odessa is one of the youngest of European cities—only a hundred and twenty years ago Hdji Bey, a little Turkish settlement, nestled on the cliffs that overlook the harbor and dozed under the sultan across the Black sea. The long arm of Russia reached out and took it, and planted there, upon the plateau overlooking the bay, the beginnings of a commercial city that now holds between five and six hundred thousand. The revolution in France soon sent refugees scattering over the world, and noble names came to Odessa, and one may read them still on street corners—Daribas, Richelieu and Langeron. Later Englishmen came and brought ships to carry away Russian grain; and then the Crimean war swept across this friendly relation. But the English stayed when the war had passed, and then Germans came, and afterward Americans, with reapers and plows and steam traction engines, to help the Russians to grow more richly the grain that the English and the German ships carried out to the world. Last of all came the Jews, and they cut the business so fine that the English starved and gave up; so the business of exporting today is mainly in the hands of the Jews. A few hardy Germans and English are left.—Sydney Adamson, in Harper's Magazine.

ALL EXPLAINED



Lady—How long were you in your last place?
Girl—Jist a month.
Lady—Indeed? What was the trouble?
Girl—The trouble was, ma'am, that I got sick an' couldn't l'ave sooner.

CIVIC JEALOUSY.

Squire Durnitt (of Lonelyville)—They tell me you felt that earthquake in your town th' other day. It didn't bother us none.
Uncle Welby Gosh (of Drearyhurst)—Should say not. Ther' hain't no way o' gittin' to your blamed little village 'ceph travelin' by dirt road, an' no decent earthquake would take th' trouble to do that.

HIS JOB.

"There goes a man who was once pulling down a salary of \$15,000 a year as a baseball player."
"What is he doing now?"
"Serving as a horrible example for those who think they may as well spend their money as fast as they get it."

VARIOUS STRATA.

"I'm digging a well in my back yard."
"Struck water yet?"
"Not yet. I expect to strike noopskirts by tomorrow noon."

TRYING TO PLEASE.

"I told Will I would like to see him kiss me."
"What did he do?"
"Did it before a looking glass."

IN THE CONSERVATORY.

"Don't say anything now. Remember, walls have ears."
"Yes, and I notice all around are rubber plants."

SOME PUNISHMENT.

"What punishment did that defaulting banker get?"
"I understand his lawyer charged him \$40,000."

AMBIGUOUS.

"Can you stake me off to a good dinner?"
"Yes, if you're content to go without the steak."

DESK USED BY HAWTHORNE

Famous Author Worked at It When He Was Surveyor of the Port of Salem.

The desk at which Nathaniel Hawthorne worked when he was surveyor of the port of Salem, during the period in the Polk administration, is still in existence in Salem, carefully preserved by its custodians. Hawthorne secured the appointment as surveyor through the intervention of his Democratic friends, who were influential at Washington at the time. Senator Fairfield of Maine was especially active in the matter, and the munificent salary of \$1,200 enabled this somewhat financially straitened literary genius of the first rank to live in comparative comfort during his four years of incumbency.

With the election of Taylor and Fillmore the Salem Whigs conspired to have Hawthorne supplanted by an official of their own political stripe, and the result of this unnecessary proscription against one of Salem's most noted native sons was his greatest story, "The Scarlet Letter." Appropriately, too, "The Scarlet Letter" is prefaced with an introduction, a reminiscence of the author's experience at the dingy seat of Salem's customs. The collector at the time was Gen. James Miller, the hero of Lundy's Lane, and Hawthorne's references to the man who would say in an exciting emergency, "I'll try, sir," lends interest to what is really one of the most attractive portions of the book.

Hawthorne refers to this identical desk in his minute description of the business room of the custom house. "An old pine desk with a three-legged stool beside it," is the way he referred to this equipment.

NOT AN ILL WIND.

Apropos of the bumper crops of 1912, Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture said in Washington:

"I heard a story the other day about a long-headed farmer. An auctioneer was to auction off his fields of standing grain, and the farmer said to him:

"I hope to goodness we have a good stiff breeze the day of the auction."

"A good stiff breeze? What use will that be?" asked the auctioneer.

"You must be green, young fellow," said the farmer. "Don't you know that, when grain's waving in the breeze, it looks a lot thicker—you see the same heads two and three times over."

SPELL OF WEATHER.

Mrs. A.—Well, if it isn't Mrs. B. What a stranger you are! Why, it's quite five years since I saw you.

Mrs. B.—Yes. Why haven't you been to see me?

Mrs. A.—Oh, dear, you know how bad the weather's been.—Pathfinder.

JUST AS WELL.

"A Chicago police matron claims that big men make the best husbands."

"In some cases, perhaps; but I know some little women who have succeeded fairly well at the business."—Youngstown Telegram.

SLIPPED.

"She had just been applying some cold cream when I tried to kiss her."

"And what happened?"

"I skidded and the kiss landed on her ear."

HASN'T BEEN MADE.

"Do you give your wife all the money she wants?"
"There isn't that much."

HAZY AS TO DETAILS.

"That was a famous love affair of Hero and Leander."
"Um—yes, so it was. By the way, did the story end at Reno?"

HIS HABIT.

"I never saw anybody so devoted as that man to continued stories."
"Yes, he even begins his breakfast with a cereal."

THE WRONG WAY.

"A popular book is religious in one way."
"What way's that?"
"It always keeps lent."

STRANGE WAYS.

First Actor—So you've gone back to the military drama?
Second Ditto—Yes, I'm in one of these "crook" plays.



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The News from our County Correspondents

Bunger

Some of the farmers are planting corn while others have a good stand already. Wheat and oats are looking good.

The school trustee election was a good deal lighter than the county seat election. There wasn't many of the boys out.

The graveyard working was well attended regardless of measles.

The gander is having some trouble with his goslings; five are down with measles.

Louis Bower and wife came through Bunger Saturday hunting the Whittenberg fishing hole and went as far as the Driver hill before he turned back. I guess he got lost again, he is still in the valley.

Some think the goose has gone to setting, but the gander don't think so.

The Gooseneck and Bunger ball teams crossed bats last Saturday. The score was 9 to 6 in favor of Gooseneck.

G. W. Rose had a very peculiar spell last week. He said he thought his time had come as he just knew he had spinal meningitis, but he was all right next morning and ate a dozen eggs.

Charlie Holt visited his father-in-law, Mr. Rodgers of Tonk valley.

The two practical farmers of Gooseneck, Messrs. Clark and Holt, have a stand of corn.

H. A. Driver received his new phonograph last Thursday. We had a good time there for a while playing Dixie Land and Sly old Possum.

Herman Johnson was the fastest footman we had at Mt. Home Friday night.

G. W. Day says he is afraid of these stormy looking clouds we are having this spring. Mr. Day, you get one of these reversible shirts with a draw string at the bottom and top and you will quit tearing them up.

G. W. Wiley attended the county union at Newcastle Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Mullenox's little boy is sick but we hope not serious.

Mack Rose, the yearling rider, was thrown Saturday morning by a Texas steer.

Rev. F. E. Suttle says he is the finest shot in Texas—he killed three rabbits at three shots, running very fast. Goose.

Hunt.

W. O. Rayburn and wife were shopping in Olney Friday.

Our box supper did very well, bringing about \$30.

Mrs. Matthews gave a quilting Tuesday. Those present were Mesdames Davis, Howard, Rayburn, Pringle, Rushin, Rutleg and Burton of Orth. Misses Davis, Howard, Pearl and Emma Smith. All had a jolly time.

Misses Pearl and Emma Smith spent Friday with Misses Ora and Clair Davis.

Miss Rushia Howard spent Sunday night with Misses Pearl and Emma Smith.

W. O. Rayburn and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with G. R. Smith and family.

The Benwaters' school boys came over and played ball with our boys who beat, of course.

Mrs. Matthews has a sick boy.

Mr. and Mrs. McCraghreen entertained a party of youngsters Friday night. All had a pleasant time.

Mr. Hulsey's children have whooping cough.

The gardens were damaged by the recent frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson made a business trip to Olney Thursday.

Those who went to Mineral Wells from here were Messrs. Davis, Matthews, Woolsey, Butler, Chas. and Homer Howard, Ross Davis and Estel Butler.

ROSEBUD.

Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Burch of Briar Branch were among us one day last week.

J. Wylie Moore is stocking his ranch with cattle, having sold off most of his horses.

Wm. Brown says he don't see any use in a fellow going three miles to his work when he has a vacant house right at his work and three bellies writing to him and sending pretty cards.

Be it known to all men by these presents that J. E. Martin is up with his work. Mr. Martin is, as a rule, a very busy man, and it is said that this is the first time he was ever known to be up with his work, but he says he is ready to go fishing now.

It is rumored that J. A. Brown is seriously considering the idea of making application for membership in the Order of the Sons of Rest, of which C. D. Yancy is president. Mr. Brown says it is optional with himself whether he works or not, consequently he feels very independent about it—he can either work or starve.

Mrs. J. A. Wright spent the day with Mrs. Wylie Moore last Friday while Mr. Wright and little son went to Graham.

Has anybody seen Will Nesbitt since the election?

Uncle Pink Brooks wired his folks the other day that he will be home soon. He has been in Mexico over a month. We guess he is coming back to take charge of the postoffice; we hope so.

Wheat and oats are looking good, corn, kafir and maize are coming up extra well.

Our school trustee election last Saturday resulted in the election of J. A. Wright and John A. Brown as district trustees, while V. M. Burkett of Pre. 1, and G. H. Bunger of Pre. 3 received a majority of votes for county trustees. Unusual interest was manifested in this election, the largest vote ever known at this place was polled and yet only 50% of the voters came out. Why, oh, why are the people so neglectful about the interests of our free schools?

Rev. O. E. Dickson filled his appointment here, preaching Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Plow Boy.

Orth.

Mr. Thomas and son Roy from Proffitt will about complete their job on the W. F. & N. W. this week, also another outfit from Newcastle will finish this week.

The boss and one of his men were running his three-wheel car and came by Protis Burton's, when his dog ran in front of the car and wrecked it. One of the men went on about ten feet and struck on his back and it bruised him up considerably.

D. James and wife are seen visiting Mr. Haggard's quite often this week.

Dan Keith had eight men on the road Monday and Tuesday and they did a good job on it.

Dan Keith, J. J. Miller and John Clark were greatly interested, as they own autos and bicycles and they never missed a stump.

Blue Dearing was seen at Mr. Hustage's Sunday. Look out, Blue, the old man can see if he does wear specks.

Protis Bruton says it will be too late to plant cotton pretty soon, and he will finish planting Monday or Tuesday.

J. Y. Morgan was seen going toward the river the 5th.

J. J. Miller, John Clark and Elmo Clark got a job grubbing for S. R. Jeffery.

J. J. Miller and John Clark are advertising the Blue Flag syrup and carry a sample in their bicycle tires.

G. W. Rux is digging a storm cellar.

Frog Hollow and Wheatland teams will cross bats on the Orth diamond the 5th.

UNO.

Indian Mound.

We had a nice collection of letters last week, didn't we? But some of our writers were still absent and our circle isn't complete without them.

S. F. Bird and M. G. Herring with their wives, of Ingleside made a flying trip to our community last Tuesday and visited at the Bird home.

A bunch of our boys played hookey from school last Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 1. They spent the afternoon on the mountain and seemed to enjoy it immensely, but I don't know how they enjoyed the "hereafter." The boys might be able to tell that part better than I.

Lamar Smith left last week for a few weeks' visit with his mother in Blanket, Texas.

Miss Maude Carmack visited her mother in Graham from Friday till Sunday.

R. W. Easterling, W. P. Fisher, E. G. and W. W. Williamson, Austin and D. Bird went to our county seat Saturday.

J. W. Douglas was elected school trustee in the election Saturday.

Mesdames William Beard and N. M. Newman have been sick for several days.

Miss Jimmie Bird and nephew, Hillard Easterling, visited relatives at Ingleside from Saturday till Monday. While there they attended the Archer Co., Singing convention at Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huckaby of White Rose were visitors in our community Sunday.

Charlie Dotts made a trip to Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fisher, Aunt Nancy Pierson, Miss Jean Bryan and George Slaughter took dinner with Austin Bird and family Sunday.

Miss Willie Carmack of Graham spent Sunday night with her sister, Miss Maude, at D. Bird's.

Grandpa and Grandma Drum of Farmer are spending a few days visiting their son, B. W.

Charlie James re-entered school Monday after having missed all of last week.

Miss Minnie Fisher returned Monday after visiting several days with relatives at Tonk Valley and Dakin.

Our road overseer, Austin Bird, got his big (?) crew out the other day and did some badly needed work on the roads.

Come on, you correspondents, and don't play hookey every week.

Everybody remember to come to Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

WESTERN GIRL.

Connor Creek.

The meeting at Connor was a success. There was a large crowd, good sermons and good dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have moved to Graham.

Wm. Wright is still very sick. Corn in this neighborhood is looking fine.

Quite a number of people from Flat Rock, Henry Chapel, Finis and Salem attended church at Connor Sunday.

Mrs. Gholson and daughter, Mrs. Kimbrel have been quite sick the past week.

Miss Annie Cole left last Monday for Dallas to visit her brother.

Fred W. Fay got something in his eye which caused so much pain that he went to Graham Monday to have a doctor remove it.

Mr. and Mrs. McCasland of Graham were at Connor Sunday. A certain young man living at Connor is a lover of sweet milk, but he says Kirby Chandler gave him a genteel sufficiency.

Some of our neighbors are planting cotton.

Miss Ida Watson was a Graham visitor Saturday.

Cleaning house is the order of the day and it makes us men folks so uncomfortable for we have to help.

CASEY JONES.

Elm Creek.

John Lewis and H. Buckler went to the school election Saturday.

Emma Webb and Mamie Sheridan were shopping in Newcastle Thursday.

Earl and Oscar Wilkinson from Elm, above Proffitt, sold some of their cattle and delivered them at Megargel April 1st.

Rumor has it that Oscar was at Graham for particular papers one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reeves and little son, Joe and John Webb were all on the sick list this week.

Dr. Cagle of Proffitt was called to the R. J. Johnson home Wednesday to see Mrs. Johnson who was very sick.

The singing at the Buckler home Sunday was well attended.

Charlie Norton and sisters, Alice and Ida spent last Saturday night with the Reeves young folks.

Supt. Remington of the Newcastle schools accompanied the Weilenman young people home for an over Sunday visit last Friday. They paid Elm Creek Park a short visit Sunday.

Walt Reid, Miss Willie Campbell, Roy Thomas and Miss Ruth Connor were pleasuring in the Park Sunday.

This fine week has called out quite a number of local anglers as well as several parties from Newcastle. As far as we have heard they were pretty successful.

R. J. Johnson and Arch Woolfolk were hauling sand from Post Oak Creek to Newcastle this week to be used in the concrete foundation of Mr. Johnson's fine residence that will be built soon.

G. Van Hermet, wife and son, Leonard visited at H. Buckler's Sunday.

A large crowd attended the fruit supper at T. J. Connor's Saturday night and all report a splendid time with all the fruit and cake they could eat.

Messrs. C. C. Reeves, J. L. Webb, Guy Reeves and H. Buckler, with their families attended the funeral of the late Edgar Mott of the Padgett community. He died Saturday night and was buried Sunday evening in the True cemetery.

REL K CUR.

South Bend.

Everyone is very busy at this writing.

Miss Bettie Dawson returned home Friday afternoon. She taught a successful school at Maxes. We are glad to have Miss Bettie with us again.

J. R. Holcomb and daughter, Miss Annie, were shopping in Graham Monday.

Bro. Black preached a fine sermon here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDavid took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rodgers Sunday.

Joe Pharris and family visited C. A. Melton and family Sunday.

Messrs. Adams and Stevens of Abilene were with us Sunday and helped in the singing so much. We were glad to have them with us. Mr. Stevens is a singing teacher and wants to get a school here. We hope he will get it for it is needed badly. Let the people of South Bend do their best to get a school at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burgess, Mrs. West and Mr. A. B. Taylor took dinner at J. J. Scott's Sunday.

Miss Manda Payne of Graham is visiting Mrs. V. M. Hale.

J. L. Smith and family visited John Williams and family near Olney several days of last week.

Mr. Crabtree and daughter, Miss Lillie, of Duff Prairie, Mr. T. E. Ribble and sons of the Stovall farm and Austin White of Komo attended church here Sunday. Come again.

The road crew left Monday. They made us some good roads for which we are very thankful.

Wishing The Reporter and its many readers much success.

DISC HARROW.

Red Top.

Mrs. E. T. Slater has been on the sick list this week, but is improving.

Bro. Boyle filled his appointment Sunday.

Ed Jordan, who has been working for Uncle Taylor McBee, started on his journey Monday.

The singing at Walter Steen's was well attended and a good time reported.

B. W. Slater, mother and father, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Slater Sunday.

Miss Ada Workman and Homer Brigham, Miss Dora McBee and Ernest Blakney took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker Sunday.

Miss Melia Walker was in our midst Sunday.

E. T. Slater was a caller in Graham Friday.

Homer Brigham, Leonard Graves, Bruce Burton, Harris Cunningham and Ed Jordan visited our school Friday.

The party at Charlie Thigpen's was well attended and a nice time reported.

Charlie and Dee Osborn made a flying trip to their home in Wise county Friday.

Mrs. W. T. McBee stayed from Wednesday till Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Irvin McGee, who has been sick.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman has been quite sick, but we hope to report him better soon.

Miss Allye Reid visited Teague Littlejohn and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBee visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman Sunday.

Harris Cunningham left with Ed Jordan Monday. He also was going to visit homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brigham visited Mr. and Mrs. Tarlton at Indian Mound.

SPINSTER MAID.

Ming Bend.

The farmers are still busy with their crops. We wish them good success.

Andy Owen went to the city last Friday.

We are glad to report that Jno. Mitchell's children who have measles are doing nicely.

W. A. Pickard went to Graham Monday.

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

Mr. Newby and family visited Andy Cunningham Saturday night.

Reuby Newby visited Margie Ribble Saturday night and Sunday. They went to the ball game Saturday evening and took supper with Mrs. Frank Ribble.

Andy Owen, Earl Pickard, Everett Newby, Chester Gibbs and Walter James all went to Connor last Sunday.

Several young people visited Reuby Newby Sunday evening.

Clyde and Dick Creager visited Mr. Newby's last Friday night.

There will be a box supper at Ming Bend Saturday night. Everybody invited to come.

RAINY DAY.

Bryson.

Luther Jones and wife of Jermyn spent Sunday with his parents.

Miss Louise Henderson was in town Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Henderson, a fine boy.

R. E. Graves and wife of Graham spent Sunday with Mrs. Graves' parents.

Dr. T. C. McCloud of Jermyn spent Saturday night and Sunday with homefolks.

Will McCloud went to Graham on business last week.

Ed Bailey of Wichita Falls is visiting homefolks here.

Mrs. Wes Preston is very sick with dropsy.

Peal Roberson and wife of Jacksboro visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Box, Saturday and Sunday.

BLABMOUTH.

Lone Oak

We still have fine prospects for another good crop. Most all the farmers have a nice stand of corn and the oat and wheat crops are fine. All are looking forward to a bountiful harvest this year.

The trustee election was held Saturday. W. A. McBee and G. W. Ligon were elected for this district. We think the men voted wisely for they are the right men for the places.

Miss Lula Jackson of Georgia came in a few days since to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lowe. We are glad to welcome her in our community.

Lon and Nat Sockwell made a flying trip to Newcastle Saturday.

J. V. Hamm and family were trading in Graham Thursday.

Miss Maude Willis of True visited relatives here last week.

Jess Willis and Misses Clara Slater, Lula Willis and Emily McBee visited our school Friday afternoon we were pleased to have them and would be glad to have them come again.

Bro. Boyle of this community filled his appointment at Red Top Sunday. Several of the Lone Oak people attended and report an able sermon.

Miss Easter Smith returned to her home at Flint Creek Sunday after spending a week with S. T. Moreland and family of this place.

Mrs. Oma Stewart and daughter, Ethel were shopping in Graham Monday.

Chas. Bridges and Rose Petty of Red Top were driving in our community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Moreland were trading in Newcastle Friday.

Eriel Baker of New Hope visited J. W. Wall last week.

BRUNETTE.

Rocky Mound.

Crops are looking fine so far, but a good rain would be welcomed.

Everyone seems to have the mumps around here, but they are not hurting anyone much.

J. S. Burkett and family spent Sunday eve with Mr. Mowery.

Ira Giant was seen driving down the road Sunday eve, and I'll bet I know where he went.

Nolan Smith and Dewitt Ragland spent Sunday with Joe Mowery.

Elbert Mowery and wife attended meeting in Graham Sunday night.

Mr. Casey and Addie Mowery attended meeting at Graham Sunday night.

W. C. Smith was seen driving his wild mule Sunday.

Sam Ragland and wife visited H. K. Ragland Sunday evening.

Mr. Blount and wife called on Mr. Hunter Sunday.

RED WING.

Tonk Valley.

There was church twice Sunday at the schoolhouse. Rev. Cook preached to a large crowd, and Rev. Bowman had a crowded house in the evening.

Miss Annie Belle Wadley returned one day last week.

The Misses Cherryholmes took dinner with the Misses Lowery Sunday.

Mr. Hand and wife of Graham attended church in the Valley Sunday.

Edmond Furgeson has a new buggy; wonder who will get the first ride.

Mrs. Knight visited her sister, Mrs. Galland, Saturday.

Mrs. Cherryholmes was shopping in Graham Saturday.

Arthur Gossett went to Eliasville Sunday to take his cousin back, who is working there.

John George and L. E. Higdon have a new surrey; guess they aim to go some.

Miss Vera Galland spent Saturday night and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Knight.

SUNSHINE.

Oakland.

Mrs. O. M. Blount is quite sick and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Bud Goldston was in town Saturday.

J. L. Lester and wife and two children visited at Finis the first of the week.

We are sorry so many were sick near here that the literary had to be discontinued.

Willie Keplinger—has been quite sick, but is better now.

Bill Porter and Keplinger were out hunting Saturday afternoon.

Jeff Whitfield was in Graham Saturday night.

Miss Ethel Beatty paid Mrs. Jewel Goldston a visit Thursday.

Josh Moore went to town Friday, returning with his two grandchildren.

Tol Garrett and wife spent the day with Mr. Moore Sunday.

Misses Fay and Flo Whitfield called on Miss Keplinger Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Porter visited Mrs. Jennie Craig Thursday.

All the old settlers are sorry to learn of Mr. Hill's death, which occurred Friday night. Mr. Hill lived in this county a number of years, but several years ago he moved to Graford.

Most of the men attended the school election Saturday. J. L. Lester and Mr. Enlow were elected trustees.

Miss Dora Robertson visited Miss Ethel Beatty Friday.

Douglass Blount says he has nothing to do until cotton planting time, as he has all his land broken. He is not so early as Mr. Hignight, as he has most of his cotton planted.

Virgil Morton visited Willie Keplinger one day last week.

Mr. Edgar called on Jeff Whitfield Sunday and they attended singing.

A FRIEND.

Cedar Creek.

Bunger brothers were gathering yearlings in this vicinity Wednesday, some they bought last winter.

B. P. Gann has succeeded in getting all the stumps pulled in his new ground and will soon have it ready for a cotton crop or boll weevil crop, we can't tell which yet.

Mrs. M. C. Barron and son Dick made a business trip to Breckenridge Wednesday.

Uncle Jimmy Creigh's new oil tank is letting the oil leak out; however, he is building another tank and we are expecting to be thrown into great excitement and Uncle Jimmy is expecting to become an oil king any minute.

The oil well on Mrs. Corbett's place is going deeper each day and they have water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink, as it is salty.

It is reported that B. N. has been looking awful sad since Jim has won "the only pebble on the beach."

S. M. Gann left Wednesday for Pickwick after a two weeks' visit in this community.

Mike Agee of Pickwick was in the community Thursday.

It has been our opinion that a bicycle could outrun a cow, but we are convinced now that a cow is the faster. As Wilburn Gann was coming from Ivan last week a herd of cattle decided to show him his bike was slow. He put on full speed and his bike got excited and bumped into a tree—we will let Wilburn tell what happened then.

Miss Ella Hughes called on Lila Ritchey one day last week and brought her kodak.

Mrs. Emma Cretzinger and children spent Wednesday with Mrs. John Wesley.

SILVER BELL.

No-Dust Antiseptic.

We have the Crescent Carpet Sweep in 3 lb. cans. The thing for fine rugs and carpets. The Graham Printing Co.

Henry Chapel.

We had a good shower Monday night but it passed by leaving us without stockwater, something badly needed in this section.

Wm. Wright of the Connor Creek community died Monday evening and was buried Tuesday evening in the Finis cemetery. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present. Mr. Wright has been living in this community for the past 35 years and was one of the most highly respected citizens in the country and will be greatly missed by everyone. His death was due to old age, being 72 years old. He leaves a wife, son and two daughters who have the sympathy of all.

H. L. Ribble is able to ride around after a two month's confinement with a broken arm.

S. W. Ratcliffe and Buel Young furnished our school house with a new blackboard which adds much to the convenience and appearance of the room. They also gave our organ some dope that cured it of the grunts. It had gotten into the habit of grunting after the organist had quit playing. Of course this was annoying to the little folks.

The trustee election Saturday resulted in the election of W. B. Hinson and L. P. Moren. It was the fastest race you ever saw two old men run. Mr. Moren outwinded Mr. Hinson one vote, but they both got there.

J. L. McLaren has been sick for several days. We wish him better luck.

Our school is doing fine with 51 scholars in attendance. You may guess the teacher hasn't much time to watch the road to see whether or not the people passing part their hair on the side or in the middle.

There is no doubt but that Spring is here, as all the ladies have new hats—no two alike, but everyone the very latest. Some turn up before, some turn up behind and some don't turn up at all, and all of them are certainly very pretty. Of course, they all could have gotten something that they liked better if they had had time to look around more.

We notice Salemite and Cor. from Loving think the peaches are killed. We agree with them part of the way. Don't think we will have but few, if any Elbertas, but the other trees seem to have a half crop up to the present. So if it don't freeze, or if it don't hail, or if it don't get too dry, or if the bugs don't bother them we expect to keep up a weak appetite for peaches.

We will meet at the Finis cemetery Saturday, April 19, for the purpose of cleaning the yard. Come and bring your dinner.

DAGO.

Murray

Mr. Rigsby is improving slowly.

Bro. Godfrey preached three sermons at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Myers is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walsh.

Lacy Mayes made a business trip to Graham via Newcastle last week.

J. S. Walsh and son Thompson have gone to Mineral Wells, where Mrs. Walsh is staying for her health.

The trustee election at Live Oak was a light affair, but heavy enough to keep the old trustees.

Miss Mary and Maggie McCan and Lois and Onie Ardis spent Sunday with Genella Mayes.

Miss Stella Gage has returned to the Graham ranch.

Mrs. W. H. Putnam of Proffitt visited with her daughter, Mrs. Speer, the past week.

MORE ANON.

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Hawkins Chapel.

Miss Florence Carmack spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother in Graham.

J. C. Cross and Miss Edith Cross visited their daughter and sister Mrs. Mays of Graham Friday and Saturday.

Charlie Miller dined with Jim Oatman and family Sunday.

Arthur Hawkins and family spent Sunday with J. C. Hawkins and family.

Mrs. Laura Baker took dinner Sunday with her son, Walter Baker.

Mrs. Emma Barrett and Brooks Barrett were the guests of Mrs. Alma Pedrow Sunday.

There was a large attendance at the Methodist church Sunday. Joe Wootten and Hope Newman of Graham were visiting in our community Sunday.

Frank Loftin visited his brother, Rube Loftin of West Fork Sunday.

Mrs. Stratten and daughter were the guests of Mrs. Otis Stratten Saturday.

Miss Emma Smith was the guest of the Misses Drum Sunday.

Louis Porter of Farmer attended prayer meeting Sunday night. The young people attended the literary at Markley Saturday night.

Farming is progressing nicely in this community. Some of the boys of our neighborhood took in the box supper at Loving Friday night.

Barnie Baker and Miss Florence visited Hiram Drum's Sunday.

VIOLET.

Salem.

A number of Salemites were transacting business and mingling with the big crowd in Graham Saturday, among them were Uncle Billy Higgins and son, Jim Neill, Godfrey Smith, Marion Henderson and Deé Howery.

Mr. Gallaher moved his well drilling rig from the Burch place to G. D. Hinson's and at a depth of 63 feet brought in a fine well of water, and to make a sure thing of it, Mr. Hinson put in steel casing at a cost of 75c per foot.

Uncle Billy Higgins and daughter, Mrs. Martie, visited relatives near Olney two days last week.

Sam and Ed Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Criswell were helpers in the work at Gooseneck cemetery Saturday.

T. K. Criswell and lady were visitors in the city last week.

See Byron Wade's new rig and be convinced that he has the finest buggy and harness on the road—at least we thought so as he flew past us recently.

A few peaches are left on the trees, but we will report on the fruit crop later.

Corn is making a much better stand than it did last year.

A crowd from here attended church at Connor Sunday.

E. K. Criswell and family were visitors at Clay Anderson's Saturday night.

We have the little cotton-tail, medium cotton-tail and the big jack rabbit here by the hundred and I want Gander to tell Bob McLaren to come down and get a wagon load of them.

Miss Tabbie Nelson is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Gilmore.

SALEMITE.

Flat Rock.

Most people had to replant gardens on account of the freeze.

Quite a number of Rockers attended services at Connor Creek Sunday.

Jim Corley came in from Dallas Tuesday to visit homefolks. Jim thought he would fool the people, but we think he got fooled himself, as the object of his affections left the day he arrived.

The young people enjoyed a party at Mr. Hodges' Tuesday night.

Rex Cornish attended spelling match Friday night.

Mrs. Pritchard and grandson, Carl Birdwell, spent Sunday with E. H. Corley and family.

The spelling match at the schoolhouse Friday night was well attended and enjoyed.

Jim Corley visited his sister, Mrs. Brit Alford, Friday night and Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, Thursday, April 3, a nine pound boy.

Mrs. E. E. Corley's daughter, arrived last week to be by the bedside of her sick mother.

Mrs. Lucy Mayes went to Graham Saturday.

Brit Alford and wife visited Mrs. Alford's parents Sunday.

There will be a picnic at Flat Rock April 18, it being the last day of school. Everybody invited to come and bring lots of good dinner. There will be a literary at night.

CANDY KID.

Dakin.

We are sorry to report again that Mrs. A. J. Bryan is still on the sick list.

Everyone is most through breaking their land. Oats are looking fine.

Earl Clark and Curtice Findley attended the literary at Mountain Home Friday night and returned Saturday. They report a fine time.

Earl Brewton and W. J. Bryan were in Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reed were shopping in the city Saturday.

Willie Keplinger who has been real sick the past week is better.

Misses Myrtice and Lilla Belle Findley and Jaunita Bryan surely enjoy horseback riding as they were out again Sunday riding like the wind. They report the best time they ever had. We also notice that since the girls have begun riding their horses the boys all go in their buggies. Wonder why, boys?

Misses Hattie Belle Reed and cousin, Maggie Reed, spent Sunday with the Misses Findley.

Master Jim Robertson called on the little Reed boys Sunday.

J. H. Reed called on Miss Bryan Sunday evening.

Curtice Findley and sisters, Misses Myrtice and Lilla Belle, went to the singing at Oakland Sunday night but as there were not enough to sing they departed to J. D. Baty's where they enjoyed themselves a while.

Austin Bryan has measles.

Miss Minnie Fisher of Indian Mound who has been visiting at Mrs. Bryan's for several days returned home Monday.

BLONDIE.

Notice of Final Account.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF YOUNG COUNTY, Greeting:

Now comes E. S. Graham, Administrator of the Estate of W. H. Logan, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said W. H. Logan, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said Administratorship.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, that by publication of this Writ for Twenty days in a Newspaper regularly published in the County of Young, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account of Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the April 14, Term, 1913, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the City of Graham, on the 14th day in April 1913, when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

WITNESS D. D. CUSENBARY, Clerk of the County Court of Young County.

Given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Graham, this 17th [SEAL] day of March A. D. 1913.

D. D. CUSENBARY, Clerk, County Court Young Co., Tex. BY ALTA PARSONS, Deputy.

A TRUE COPY, I Certify: O. H. BROWN, Sheriff, Young County, Tex.

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The Chautauqua Literary Society and Scientific Circle has appointed a committee to secure and equip a rest room for the ladies of the country who come to Graham to trade. The society asks the assistance of the business men of the town in helping them secure this room. The Commercial Club as a body should make an appropriation for the ladies, sufficient to equip the room with whatever the ladies deem necessary. Some of the members of the Club were asking what they could do—here is a very worthy proposition, one that interests every business man in the town, and it should be given the most liberal support. What are you going to do about it?

To Set the Enterprise Right the Third Time.

The Olney Enterprise is a corking good little paper, but it's awful hard for us to keep the bucking youngsters on the right track. It is possible that we will have to threaten to disinherit him before we can make him toe the mark.

The county seat election is over and we would not revive its issues, but we can not refrain from giving the Enterprise a slap on the wrist for this:

"We have been told that one of the Graham papers unloaded on us for having all the campaign dope marked advertising. Well, nothing that was editorial or appeared as editorial was marked that way, and all the rest of the dope was advertising and was paid for. Guess the belligerent brother who roasted us was shy on horse sense or he could have gotten a little coin out of the election himself. Envy, pure and simple, prompted the utterance referred to. He was simply bellyaching because he failed to get paid for his work. Oh, well, the work of neither one of Graham's papers was worth so very much anyway, hence the smallness of the pay received."

We don't know whether the Enterprise editor is too busy to read his exchanges or keeps a boy to do that for him, but if he had taken the trouble to read our issue of March 20, he would have found the following:

"The Olney Enterprise is trying to make capital out of the county seat proposition to gain new subscribers, and has this to say: 'The Enterprise is the only paper in the county that has carried both sides of the county seat question. We have been fair and impartial in this fight and have let both sides have their say without showing any preference, except to state our own views, and that we felt was in justice to both sides.' We make no roar over the Enterprise soliciting subscribers and trust its subscription list will grow with leaps and bounds, but we do object to the false position it takes. It says: 'We have let both sides have their say.' For what? Look at the

bottom of nearly every one of those 'says' and you will find the little word 'advertisement.' This means that the Enterprise collected money every time either side had a 'say,' which is right; but why should it try to flaunt its supposed fairness in the face of the people when its editor is trying to help impose a high tax on the people for a useless purpose and charging for each 'say' at so much per line or inch?"

Now, where you are wrong again is in saying that it was envy that prompted the utterance and that neither of Graham's papers was worth so very much anyhow, hence the smallness of the pay received.

What were we envious of? Your "fairness?" Not on your life! The Reporter asked for contributions on the subject and requested its readers to feel free to express themselves. The invitation went out to all alike, both to Graham and Newcastle supporters, and you didn't find us charging for the letters, either.

We have a town sufficient to support us without making the rural populace dig up every time it desires to be heard, and every letter received was published for the sole purpose of allowing the common people to have their say, and we didn't brag about our fairness, either.

There is no way of estimating what the Graham papers were worth in the campaign, but the result is strong evidence that they were worth a great deal more than the Enterprise was—its side of the question.

This, we hope, will be the last time we will have to set you right, and we hope you'll stay right, for frankly, we believe you're a nice little fellow and we want to see you walk the straight and narrow path in journalism. Come to Graham.

Yancey Says Others Guilty.

Mr. Editor: I have owned up to violating the rules of the Independent Order of the Sons of Rest, of which I am president. I turned the whole push loose about six weeks ago. We sorter had to, not on account of that big pill, for we could not swallow that. A man that has over twenty-five cents, you know, can't come into our order. We were only trying to hold on to our two bits; but my friend Pratt has been shooting off his bazoo as bad as I have, and that's not all. He has been living here close to me for four

years, and I have caught him twice—as soon as his wife would get the stove-wood cut he picked it up and carried it in the house, and he is one of us boys, too. I can't get him to keep his lip. He said our place was a dark spot on the Young county map, but bless your soul, honey, there were 26 bright stars that loomed up on the 22nd day of March.

I will have to tell you about Sister Ely. When she went to the door on Sunday morning of March 23rd and saw Old Glory floating from the top of the old building that stands out in front of her place, she went back with both hands up and says "Jonas, go to the front and look." She puts up some of the best chile the president of the Sons of Rest ever saw. I know it, for I tried it.

Say, Mr. Editor, that old court house is a hard lay. We have four acres of land up here at the mouth of Whiskey Creek I have decided to sell to the highest bidder. I guess it will bring enough to fix one of those cracks—that will help some.

Shaun Rogers deserves to draw a pension. He is the guy that rolled a goose egg out from among the cotton tails at Rabbit Creek. And the Connor Creek boys are the guys that aid the golden egg, God bless their souls, they are clean strained r sin.

Me and G. W. Pratt have a notion of moving down to Goose-neck and start a goose ranch as they were worth a great deal more than the Enterprise was—put the ham in Graham.

C. D. Yancey.

The Priscilla Club.

The Priscillas met with Mrs. I. E. H. Crabb this week, a goodly number of members present. All were busy, as usual. These ladies certainly should be "beautifully gowned in lingerie" as one reporter said last week, if they wear to their meetings the exquisite garments they are deftly embroidering. That these pieces of needle work are triumphs of artistic skill can not be questioned.

Mrs. Crabb was hostess on this occasion for the first time since being elected to membership in this popular club and as a special courtesy to her guests had received permission from the president to serve refreshments which consisted of delicious chocolate cream and cake. The guests besides the regular members were Mesdames Gallaher, High, Lamar and McJimsey. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Duncan.

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Miss Myrtle Sensibaugh, Spring Creek	8,000
Miss Clara Rowe, Briar Branch	7,000
Mrs. Brit Alford, Flat Rock	6,000
Mrs. Lillie May Gregg, Markley	5,000
Miss Stella Stephenson, Bryson	5,000

The Contest will close on May 12 (Big Monday). Get your friends to help you secure subscriptions as rapidly as possible. Some one is going to win that fine piano and some one else the buggy—Who?

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TIBET ISSUES NEW STAMP

Philatelic Curiosity That Probably Was Executed in Anticipation of Dalai Lama's Return.

A philatelic curiosity has just reached this country from Tibet. It is a postage stamp designed and executed apparently in anticipation of the return, after his long exile in India, of the Dalai Lama to rule once more over the land of the Lamas.

Of ruddy purple color, the stamp is very crudely designed and printed and bears traces of the divine ruler's long residence in India. It has evidently drawn its frame and spandrel ornamentation from the same value of the Edwardian one-anna stamp of India. In the place of the central portrait, however, there is the mysterious-looking beast identified as the white lion of Tibet. Possibly by an error of drawing the white lion is shown in color on a white ground.

The inscriptions are in native and English characters, the latter reading, "Tibet-Postage." The native characters are interpreted as (at top) Pod—Tibet, Shung—Government; (below) Yig—letter, The-Hu—postage or stamp, Kha—anna, Kang—one.—London Chronicle.

TO CONDUCT A BAND BY RULE

English Town Didn't Want the Director to Face the Audience, So Council Interfered.

The action of the director of the Eastbourne municipal orchestra, who varied the ordinary methods of the musical conductor by turning his back on his men while they were playing, was the subject of a long discussion at the meeting of the town council.

Councillor Eden moved that in future the musical director be requested to face his men while conducting the municipal band. No other conductor in England, he said, faced his audience, and it was utterly impossible for Mr. Henton to control the musicians in that way. The band ought to be conducted in proper English fashion. Eastbourne spent nearly \$70,000 on its music, and it was too big a place to allow of trifling with the band.—London Chronicle.

ABOUT WOODEN HEELS.

The manufacture of wood heels was at one time almost confined to France, but some British manufacturers have applied themselves successfully to this trade that they have not only succeeded in obtaining a large share of the home market but have also invaded practically all the continental countries.

A special feature is the excellent variety of covered heels, such materials as celluloid enamel, kid, skiver, canvas and various colored leathers all being pressed into service for this purpose, while the butt (leather) cased Louis and military heels are exceedingly well finished and form a highly specialized product.

The advantages of wooden heels compared with leather are that they are lighter, wear longer and always retain their shape.—British Trade Journal.

WRONG PLACE.

College President—You can't get into our college. You aren't qualified in the entrance requirements in Sanskrit, Greek or calculus.

Prospective Student—No, but I am very well grounded in reading, writing and arithmetic.

College President—Great Scott, man, you don't need a college education! Why don't you go into business?—Puck.

PROPER KIND.

First Lawyer—The allegator in 'his case seems affected.

Second Ditto—Yes, he is shedding crocodile tears.

JUST A TRIFLE.

"You say Cholly is rather particular about germs?"

"Well, he carries around his individual street car strap."

SHE HAD.

"Did you see the diamond engagement ring George gave me?"

"Did I see it? I'm the first girl that wore it."

APPROPRIATE.

"How shall we bill that actress from Alaska?"

"Why not call her the North Star?"

GILBERT HAD A READY WIT

Famous Author of "The Mikado" Was Never at a Loss for a Retort.

His table talk will not be garnered up in dismal little volumes where the champagne is flat and the lamps burn dim. Brevity was the soul of his wit, says Rowland Gray in the Century. The terrible verdict as to a certain "Hamlet" whose impersonator unwisely asked him to be candid is historical.

"Funny, my dear fellow—funny without being vulgar."

A remark about another conceited player was made to a very limited audience:

"Poor—! He has all the faults of an actor without the excuse of being one."

A word was enough. He described a sweet old woman, all sloping shoulders and Honiton lace, as "belonging to the early keepsake period."

Another, who was being ridiculed for the hideous Middlesex accent, which converted bad weather into a "voil d'y," was gravely defended by him: "She is of ancient lineage; for it is evident she is descended from the Twanglo-Saxons."

Of a stout matron in society he remarked: "I like Mrs. A—, but I prefer a woman to be as long as she is broad." Rallied for his admiration of several beauties at once, he retorted, "But surely I am too good to be true," which was unanswerable.

HIDE THE CAMERA IN ITALY

Country Jealously Guards Its Secrets of Defense From the Prying of Tourists.

No country guards the secret of its defenses with such care as Italy. Many an innocent tourist loses his camera through ignorance of the regulations enforced in districts near the French frontier. If you are traveling by train straight through from Modena to Turin you may safely take a camera with you. But should you get out at Bardonecchia, the first station on the Italian side, or at any other station between that and Susa—nineteen miles further on—your camera is confiscated.

Anyone bicycling, motoring or tramping across the frontier with a camera is forced to hand it over, no matter what his destination may be. Of course the camera can be recovered if you return the same way, but it is lost if you leave the country by another route.—New York Telegram.

ANECDOTE OF SHERIDAN.

When Sheridan was in distress in early life one of his recourses was that of writing for the fugitive publications of the day, in which he was materially assisted by his wife, and many years after his entrance into the sphere of politics he was heard to say that "if he had stuck to the law he believed he should have done as much as his friend Tom Erskine; but," continued he, "I had no time for such studies."

"Mrs. Sheridan and myself were often obliged to keep writing for our daily leg or shoulder of mutton; otherwise we should have had no dinner." One of his friends, with whom he conversed thus, wittily replied: "Then I perceive it was a joint concern."

AVOIDING OBSCURITY.

"Your constituents are blaming you for a lot of legislation you never had anything to do with!"

"Let 'em alone," replied Senator Sorghum. "Taking the blame for things he never did has made a man seem more important than he really was."

SURE LEISURE.

"Could you spare the time for an hour's talk?"

"Certainly. My wife has just told me she'd be ready in a minute."

USUAL COURSE.

"A sneak thief grabbed our roll of carpet in the hall."

"What happened?"

"Then he beat it."

THE RESULT.

"Did she pin him down to facts?"

"Yes."

"What happened?"

"He was stuck."

EXTREMELY SO.

"Prizefights are very deleterious in their effect on society."

"I suppose their tendency is somewhat knock-sious."

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Messrs. S. H. James and J. A. Ferguson of Ming Bend were pleasant callers at the Reporter office Monday.

Carroll's Studio, over post office. Photos, post cards, kodak work.

R. L. McLaren of Bunker was in the city Monday and called at the Reporter office.

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

F. M. Berry of Bunker was among our callers Tuesday. Mr. Berry raises fine Baptist watermelons and as soon as they are ripe we expect to go out and take a dip in his patch.

Let John Bower sell you a Buick automobile. They stand the test.

Kirby Chandler from Connor Creek community made the Reporter a pleasant call while in the city last Saturday.

Bring me your produce, I am located in the Finch building. D. J. Brandon

J. C. Akers and daughter called on the Reporter while in Graham last Saturday.

Hughes & Kizer have the very best Anti-Rust Sanitary Closet Buckets.

R. L. McKenney and family of the Loving country were shopping in Graham last Friday while in the city they visited the Reporter office and were shown thru the mechanical department.

Notice!

"Vick" will sell you anything you want, will trade for good young mules and horses, jersey cows or stock cattle. See him if you want to make any kind of a trade.

There is no pleasure like riding in a Buick. See John Bower for particulars about one.

Miss Lena Stoffers who has been sick for several weeks has so far recovered as to be able to attend school again.

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

G. W. Rice of Loving made a business trip to Graham last Saturday.

See Hughes & Kizer before buying Windmills and Supplies.

J. H. Corley of Dallas, who is visiting his parents at Flat Rock, accompanied by his brothers, called on the Reporter while in the city Tuesday.

6-Plow Case Cultivators.

We have 85 6-plow Case cultivators, 1912 and 1913 makes. We want to sell you your cultivator and will guarantee it to be the best, and will make the price right. Come and get one and try it.

"Vick."

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burkett were in Fort Worth Thursday.

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

C. B. Logan and family are visiting relatives and friends in Graham.

Leave your orders for tuning of pianos and organs at Carroll's Studio.

Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Wilson of the Mount Pleasant community spent last Thursday night with J. A. Deitz and family, of this city.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold

Miss Vera Gatlin spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of J. E. Knight in Tonk Valley.

Dry Goods and Notions.

I have just unpacked a large stock of spring and summer goods, lace trimmings of all kinds, everything nice, nobby and up-to-date. I would appreciate your looking at my new goods.

D. G. Vick.

C. W. Hinson, county surveyor, is surveying in Throckmorton and Baylor counties this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lud Martin of Center Ridge were shopping in Graham Monday.

For cheap money on land with or without partial payments, apply to C. W. Hinson, Graham, Texas.

John Clark of Gooseneck was in the city on business this week.

Cultivators.

6-plow Case cultivators are the best and the prices are right. See them at

"Vick's."

W. A. Pickard of Ming Bend was in the city on business Monday.

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

Mrs. C. W. Hinson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Yates of Olney.

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

C. J. Miller of Center Ridge is building an extension to his home.

My car is still in service and I will appreciate all calls. Special attention given to doctors calls, day or night. Chas. Osborn.

W. T. Finch has been under the weather for several days.

Spirella Corsets.

I am local agent for the Spirella Corset and have a full line of samples. Would be glad to have my friends call and examine them. Miss Bertha Eddleman.

Mrs. Geo. Valentine of Cedar Creek was in Graham Monday on a shopping expedition.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Sims of Loving were shopping in Graham Monday. They were pleasant callers at the Reporter office.

Misses Jewel and Eunice Moore, Zula George and Ethel McClanahan of Tonk Valley were in the city Saturday and paid the Reporter a pleasant call.

Furniture.

New stock of furniture, rugs, matting, etc. at

"Vick's."

L. T. Bishop, who has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Christy, left yesterday morning to spend the summer with his children in Walnut Springs, Brownwood and Floydada. Mr. Bishop renewed many old acquaintances while in Graham, meeting up with many he knew as a young man and some that he had raised from childhood who are now possessors of large families.

W. S. Williamson of Finis is improving his home.

J. R. Creigh of Cedar Creek was in the city Monday for lumber to build an addition to his home.

J. F. Orrell and family have moved into their new house in West Graham.

A. D. Moore of the Flint Creek community is making some nice repairs on his residence.

Quarterly Conference.

The Second Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church will be held at the church on the evening of July 16 at 8 o'clock. Let every official be on hand with a good report. Dr. Campbell will preside.

J. HALL BOWMAN,
Preacher in Charge.

"Listen!"

Don't buy a cultivator until you see the latest 6-plow Case at "Vick's."

Mrs. W. D. Norman entertained in honor of her sister, Mrs. Will Loving, of Jermyn, Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 with bridge. Mrs. L. D. Clark won high score and was awarded a handsome hand painted china plate. The honoree was presented with a beautiful hand embroidered towel. Delicious cream and cake were served to the following guests: Mesdames E. S. Graham, Luther D. Clark, M. K. Graham, R. G. Graham, Miss Alice Stewart of Fort Worth and Mrs. Jot Montgomery of Memphis, Texas.

B. S. Doty, one of Graham's good druggists, left Monday morning for Waco to attend the State Rexall convention. Mr. Doty is adopting modern business methods to his drug store and makes every effort to keep abreast of the times.

Ben Cunningham was in Ft. Worth last week to visit his father, who is reported gaining in health rapidly.

W. W. Crawford of the Briar Branch community has been in the city several times this week for lumber to build a nice house on his farm.

Mike Costello and Jim Denton of Pickwick were in the city on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. A. Cooper and son Kent visited in Newcastle Sunday.

Mrs. C. Fay Marshall is visiting relatives at Loving this week.

Mrs. S. A. Sharp of Coalgate, Okla. is visiting in the city, guest of her brother, J. L. Graves.

Will Ellars, who has been in jail here for some time, was taken to Clarendon last Saturday. Mr. Ellars addressed a card of thanks to The Reporter, thanking the sheriff and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harty for their kind treatment.

Mrs. H. W. Savage and son of Newcastle made The Reporter a pleasant call yesterday.

An athletic club has been organized in Graham and the lower story of the Woodman building has been leased for the use of the club. About fifty members have already been secured and many more are expected to join. J. W. Taliaferro has charge of the work and if you are interested see him. The club will fill a long felt want for the men and young men of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bratcher and Messrs. T. E. Grant and R. M. Sims of Loving were in the city yesterday.

For Sale or Trade.

A twin-cylinder, 10-h. p., belt drive, Excelsior motorcycle, 1913 model. Used only a short time and is in perfect condition. Will sell for cash or trade for horses. ROLLIE VOULES, Graham.

A tennis club of twelve members has been organized in the city and a fine court built in East Graham.

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The Dolman House which was partially destroyed by fire some time ago is being repaired and will soon be in readiness for the accommodation of hotel patrons.

Please Return Borrowed Hose.

The person or persons who borrowed about 200 feet of hose belonging to the county court house will please return same promptly. E. W. FRY, County Judge.

A party of Graham boosters went to Throckmorton Tuesday to interest the business men of that town to have their freight routed via Graham. In the party were Messrs. S. R. Crawford, S. Boyd Street, Jno. E. Morrison, John Bower, G. Ben Johnson, Chas. Hinson, R. E. Mabry and Mr. Thompson, assistant freight agent of the Rock Island. They were royally treated by the merchants of Throckmorton and invited to come again.

Presbyterian Ladies Aid.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. L. Morrison, a goodly number being present.

Mrs. J. W. Akin, our new president, opened the meeting with reading and comments on John 10:1-16, followed by a most earnest prayer. A duet "All in All to Me," was well rendered by Mesdames Rose and Rubenkoenig. Roll call was responded to with scripture containing the word friend, after which the two representatives sent to the Women's Presbyterian at Ft. Worth gave reports of that most interesting meeting, most important, perhaps being the two earnest, eloquent addresses of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith of Campinas, Brazil. The Women's Presbyterian will hold its next annual meeting at Cleburne.

The word "give" was announced for the key word. Mrs. Hudson was made a duly appointed Secretary of Literature. The foreign mission lesson will be used for next meeting to be held with Mrs. John E. Morrison on April 17.



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