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## INDICTMENTS AGAINST E. W. FRY, PETE FRY, TODD AND LISCHKE RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

### Charged With Murder as Result of Court House Fight, in Which G. T. Cherryhomes and Pat Carlton Were Killed. Case Set Monday.

An indictment, charging murder, was returned by the Grand Jury Wednesday against E. W. Fry, Pete Fry, R. M. Todd and John B. Lischke, in connection with the killing of G. T. Cherryhomes at the Court House on Wednesday morning, Feb. 24. A single indictment is returned against the four above named, and they are charged jointly with the crime.

The criminal docket has been set for next Monday, and it is possible that this case will be called for trial early in the week.

When Court was convened Monday afternoon the Grand Jury was empaneled and given its charge by Judge E. W. Nicholson, newly appointed judge of the Wichita County District Court, who exchanged benches with Judge J. W. Akin, on account of the fact that both judges were disqualified in many of the cases to be tried in their respective courts. Judge Nicholson will be remembered by the citizens of this county, he having presided over the trial of Arthur Mills in 1912, Judge P. A. Martin being disqualified at that time.

Judge Nicholson at that time demonstrated his ability as a presiding judge and jurist, and the people of this county are well satisfied with him in every way. He will remain in Graham throughout the entire term of court, which will more than likely consume the full four weeks.

H. L. Leberman of Olney was appointed by Judge Nicholson as foreman of the Grand Jury, and the remainder of the members of that body are as follows: L. P. Meren, O. B. Stowe, G. W. Vernon, B. E. Ward, R. T. Wells, E. G. Williamson, B. P. Larimore, R. F. Short, W. T. Gaw, J. W. Cox and R. A. Renick.

The Grand Jury has been kept very busy since Tuesday

morning, having examined nearly one hundred witnesses since that time. District Attorney Leslie Humphries and County Attorney C. Fay Marshall, are both assisting the Grand Jury in its investigations and they are leaving no stone unturned to assist in the prosecution of crime in this county. Be it said to the credit of the county and the County Attorney, that very little crime has been committed in this county since the last term of court, and with the exception of the recent trouble, very little is up for investigation.

The following cases have been disposed of and set for trial up to Wednesday night:

Jno. W. Groves vs. Globe Fire Insurance Co., debt, judgment for plaintiff.

Della Ritchey vs. David L. Ritchey, divorce, continued to perfect service.

R. Campbell vs. G. C. Theford, et al, debt and foreclosure, dismissed as to G. C. Theford.

Mrs. Nancy Martin, et al vs. J. S. Brogdon, partition suit, Joe Wright, Will Seddon and O. K. Freeman as commissioners to report Saturday of second week.

Ex-parte Joe Jelinek, application for citizenship, continued for term.

R. L. Reed vs. W. L. Blackwood, et al, trespass to try title. Judgment for plaintiff.

Claudia Holloway vs. Frank Holloway, divorce, continued to perfect service.

R. Campbell vs. A. A. Cooper, debt and foreclosure, passed to today.

Morris Woods vs. H. P. Akers breach of contract, set for second day of third week.

Sallie Rayburn vs. R. J. Rayburn, divorce, continued to perfect service.

Sallie Andrews, et al vs. Sallie Alice Mining Co., foreclosure and receiver, set for today.

J. J. Gray vs. L. T. Patterson, damages, second day third week.

James Grubbs vs. C. E. Grubbs, divorce, granted, property awarded to plaintiff.

J. Tate vs. H. P. Akers, foreclosure of mortgage note, judgment by default.

H. P. Thompson vs. Mary Thompson, divorce, granted, custody of children to husband.

J. J. Gray vs. J. T. Miller, restoration of notes, second day of fourth week.

T. F. Kindley vs. Mrs. Ellen Woods et al, trespass to try title, set for 4th day of third week.

Arthur Speed vs. John Sadberry, et al, trespass to try title, continued under rule for cost.

W. C. Burns and T. L. Douglass vs. C. E. Turner, foreclosure on vendor's lien notes, judgment by default.

W. J. Noah et al vs. O. G. Steen, et al, foreclosure on vendor's lien notes, dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

John Pohlmann vs. W. G. Graham and R. J. Johnson, foreclosure of vendor's lien note, continued to perfect service.

Young County vs. E. W. Fry, et al, suit on official bonds, last day of second week.

It will be noted that the civil suit against E. W. Fry, I. B. Padgett, D. D. Cusenbary and their bondsmen for \$25,900.00 the amount alleged to have been wrongfully appropriated to his own use by former County Judge E. W. Fry, is set for Saturday of the second week. This case will no doubt attract equal attention with the criminal cases against the parties indicted in connection with the killing of Cherryhomes.

Bailiffs for the Grand Jury were appointed as follows: Door, J. C. Owen; Walking, V. E. Eddleman; Riding, Will Rhodes, J. S. Munsey, Chock Pickard and F. A. Burnett.

### Anthrax in Jack and Young Counties.

To the people of Jack and Young counties:

Last year a malignant outbreak of anthrax inflicted an enormous loss to the live stock raisers of these counties.

The loss was due to the incompetency of the State Veterinarian and his assistants, they did not have the ability to make a diagnosis and after other veterinarians and the State Bacteriologist positively declared it to be anthrax or charbon they still maintained that it was not that disease, and by so doing confused the people and prevented them from taking the right steps to stamp out the disease, thereby causing an enormous loss of live stock, and by the infection of stock in so many neighborhoods covering a large amount of territory has infected the soil and water streams. The rains of last fall and this spring have spread the infection until there is very little doubt but that the disease will break out in new districts that were not infected last year, as well as all districts that were afflicted before and very likely on the same farms.

It is the purpose of this office to assist the people of these counties to prevent a new outbreak and if one should occur which is highly probable, to assist in its suppression.

This disease is caused by a germ (bacillus) that is very resistant to all influences and may stay in and upon the ground indefinitely. This is why the disease is so hard to stamp out.

Anthrax is never caused by any other agent. It is incurable in animals, however, a few that recover but will do so without as well as with treatment. Persons administer treatment and some animals recover but a few will recover in spite of the treatment. The reason that the human recovers from this disease is, that the infection is almost always local and caused by the germs getting into a sore or wound. According to a report of the State Health Board seven persons were afflicted with anthrax, and two died last year from administering treatment to sick stock, also two veterinarians contracted the disease from improper use of vaccine. All stock owners in these counties should immediately begin to vaccinate their stock. It should be done by a qualified veterinarian that has had experience in the suppression of anthrax. It is dangerous to the lives of the people and live stock for the laymen to attempt this work, they by improper use of vaccine are likely to infect themselves, their stock and the premises, thus causing a permanent infection of their farms and ranches. If vaccine is properly handled and administered there is not any danger, but if used by the untrained may be as bad as an outbreak of the disease.

This was the case in Young county last year and is likely the cause of so many stock becoming infected and the spread of the disease over such a large territory. Druggists, doctors and officials should advise against the laymen vaccinating their own stock, because if it is continued it is improbable if the disease can be stamped out in these districts for years. If stock are vaccinated this spring it puts them on the pastures in an immune condition which will assist in carrying them over until cold weather comes to help stamp out the disease. Vaccination, in my opinion, is the proper and only thing to do to stamp out anthrax. This department will be glad to assist

or advise any one requesting the same.

DR. W. T. CRISMAN,  
State Veterinarian of Texas.

### Miss Miller's Class in Elocution Gives Recital.

(Delayed Report)

On last Friday evening, Feb. 19, Grade A of Miss Lucille Miller's class in expression gave a splendid recital at the Opera House, to an appreciative audience. The whole program was rendered as published, each number reflecting credit upon the teacher as well as careful preparation and adaptability to character study on the part of her pupils.

Music was contributed by Misses Adele Jeffery and Lovella Eddleman, accomplished young pianists and two applauded numbers by the High School Quartette, "Nellie was a Lady" and "Noah's Ark." Three splendid orations added to the variety of the program, J. C. Rickman declaimed "The Power of Progress," Herschel Eddleman "Scene from 'Warwick the King Maker,'" Fred M. Hudson, "The Wounded Soldier." Miss Ethel Self read a character sketch, "An Abandoned Elopement," in a pleasing manner while Miss Fay Martin was at her usual excellence in "The Little Scottish Martyrs." The program closed with a farce comedy in two acts, "The Hole in the Fence" which was especially good. The list of characters follow:

Harold Bruce... Christian Stoffers.  
Bobby Hunt... James Porter  
Mike... J. C. Rickman  
Uncle Nat... Herschel Eddleman  
Katherine Erskine... Miss Ethel Self  
Madge Trent... Miss Verda Martin  
Zina Olson... Miss Beulah Allen

All of these impersonations were done with much credit and Miss Miller has proven amply time over and again her ability as a teacher of this fine art of expression.

### Talented Pianist Delighted Rotarians

One of the enjoyable features of the programme given last Tuesday night at the Metropolitan hotel celebrating the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Rotary club was the piano numbers of Miss Fatine Dowdle. Miss Dowdle displays wonderful talent and splendid technique. She is a pupil of Guy Pitner and Hugo Reinhold's impromptu in C sharp minor was so enthusiastically received that it brought forth Godard's fourth concerto as an encore.—Ft. Worth Record of Feb. 28.

Miss Dowdle is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dowdle of this city and her many friends here will be glad to learn of her successes.

### J. W. Jackson Moving.

J. W. Jackson and family will leave in the course of a few weeks for Lynn county, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Jackson has bought land in the northeastern part of Lynn county, fifteen miles from Post City, which is the county site of Garza county. A residence is now in the course of construction.

The Jackson family are among the oldest citizens of Graham and of Young county and they, together with other members of the family have been closely identified with the history of this part of the State. The Reporter regrets very much to learn of the contemplated departure of one of our very best families but wishes, with scores of other friends, that they may find unlimited happiness and much prosperity in their western home.

### LES HIBOUX

Mrs. Henry Criswell entertained the Auction Bridge Club on Saturday afternoon, there being quite a few members and guests present. Rook and Bridge afforded amusement for the guests.

After playing several games the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Sam Criswell and Mrs. Will Miller, served delicious angels food and devils food cake and ice cream.

The color scheme in the prizes and decorations was pink, the house being decorated with pink carnations. Mrs. Charles Hutchison won the high score prize, which was an elaborate pin cushion in pink, while the high score prize in Rook fell to Mrs. Widmayer, a pretty towel with crocheted and bordered in pink. The consolation fell to Mrs. Will Miller, a dainty chafing-dish apron, embroidered in pink.

Members present were: Mesdames Fowler, Hutchison, E. S. Graham, Parrish, B. and Q. Street, Stovall; Misses Lillian Manning, Bladen Garrett, Dot Graham and Zella Allen. Invited guests: Mesdames King, Crabb, Miller, Widmayer; and Misses Hugh Weaver, Adele Jeffery, Nelle Graham and Mrs. S. Criswell.

### Miss Belle Beckham Weds.

Cards have been received in Graham by the friends of Miss Belle Beckham, announcing her marriage at Fresno, California, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, to Mr. Archie R. Caughell. Miss Belle was born and reared in Graham, which was her home until 1913, when she went to Fresno, making her home with her aunt, Mrs. W. P. Beckham.

### Old Resident Visits Graham.

J. J. Bragg, now of Rochester, Haskell county, was a visitor in Graham last week. Mr. Bragg was a former citizen of Young county, coming here in 1857. At the beginning of the Civil War he joined the army. After the war he returned to this county and remained for a short time, then moved to Haskell county, where he has since resided. Mr. Bragg is 72 years old, but is as spry and active as many men at forty.

E. K. Criswell of Henry Chapel made The Reporter a pleasant call Monday. He leaves this morning for Coalgate, Oklahoma, where he is arranging to move permanently. We regret very much to lose Mr. Criswell and his excellent family and trust they will see fit at some future date to return to Young county. We need more families like this one.

G. W. Moore and daughter, Miss Eula, former citizens of this county, at Mountain Home, were in the city last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emma Moore, which was held at Gooseneck last Friday. Mr. Moore returned to his home in Frederick, Oklahoma Wednesday. Miss Eula is visiting an uncle in Mineral Wells before returning home.

W. F. Babb, who underwent an operation at Ft. Worth two weeks ago, returned home Monday night. Mr. Babb is greatly improved, but has not sufficiently recovered to be at his post at the light plant. His complete restoration to health, however, is expected in a short time.

Jean Brady of Caldwell, Texas arrived Thursday night and spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. W. Fry, returning to his home last Sunday.

### Methodist Church.

I was much pleased with our attendance last Sunday morning, considering the cold day. Some could not come on account of the weather, others "laid out." Now let us all get together next Sunday and have a good day.

I have been asked when we are to have a protracted meeting. Fix yourself for September, it will be at that time.

J. Hall Bowman.

J. Ewing Norris has bought the interests of Edgar Matthews and W. M. Matthews in the firm of Matthews & Norris, and will continue the business in his own name. Mr. W. M. Matthews is preparing to open a grocery store in the Heighthen building on the west side of the square.

### Priscilla Club.

The Priscillas met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. R. G. Graham. On account of the rain only ten members were present and it was decided to postpone the business meeting until next Tuesday afternoon, which will be with Mrs. C. W. Johnson. All members are urged to be present at this meeting to elect two new members.

Bill Stewart left Wednesday morning for Waco in response to a telegram from his sister there, stating that their father was dangerously ill and would undergo an operation at once in that city. A. D. Stewart was detained on account of the sickness of his little son, Don.

R. G. Hallam was a business visitor in Dallas Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

### Presbyterian Church.

After the morning sermon some newly elected elders and deacons will be ordained and installed.

The congregations have continued large in spite of bad weather. The public is cordially invited to services morning and night.

Gaines B. Hall.

### Ice Plant Now Running.

The ice plant of the Graham Mill & Elevator Company began the making of ice this week and will have plenty of ice for consumers by Monday or Tuesday. A delivery wagon will be put on as soon as business justifies and during the warmer months two wagons will be used to supply the trade.

Miss Kate Arnold of Henrietta is visiting in the city.

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#### Weather for March.

1st to 3rd, rain; 4th to 7th, pleasant; 8th to 10th cloudy; 11th to 15th, rain or snow; 16th to 19th, warm, showers; 20th to 23rd, showers; 24th to 26th, warm and pleasant; 27th to 29th, rain; 30th to 31st, cold and blustery; Temperature below average. Precipitation excessive in south.

Do your clean-up campaign at home early.

It is said that the most important lesson yet taught by the war is the geography lesson. But can we ever learn it?

Somebody says it won't be long before we will all have to take our meals abroad. Our meat and bread are over there.

The editor of the Waxahachie Light invites "old Sister Prosperity" to come to his home and bring her knittin'. The idea of referring to the lady as being old. She has bathed in the fountain of youth and will remain forever young and fair. We always have tried to win her smiles, but when we speak to her she never fails to turn up her nose at us.—Claud Callan in Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

We haven't even a bowing acquaintance with the lady in question so are not able to pass upon the charms of her physiognomy. However, somehow, we feel sure that she must be just as dazzling as described by this expert pen and we have actually heard, time over again, that she is just such a contemptible flirt.

#### Quit Kickin' My Ships Aroun'.

The use to which the Stars and Stripes have been put recently seems to us extremely dangerous and should not be tolerated by any neutral nation, while the great war is in progress, or at any other time for that matter. Undoubtedly the forefathers meant Old Glory to be used exclusively by our nation alone, yet by some perverse twist of the "unwritten rule of the sea" and the "understanding between nations," a neutral flag may be run up at a crucial moment to avert impending disaster. This is not an act contrary to naval customs. It has in fact, been practiced by all nations in time of war, including the United States. Under this deception, a German ship may creep upon an English ship flying the Stars and Stripes and send her to the bottom. But suppose it were really an American ship as it appeared to be? Then how about the "unwritten rule of the high seas?"

The Germans have put this custom into practice during the present war and the much talked-of "Emden" made many of her captures in this manner. The English vessel, Lusitania, floated Old Glory while on dan-

gerous waters recently and was thus given protection. But we are inclined to believe that the sincerity of our flag is dishonored just that much, and that false colors used frankly for deception is just as out of place and as subject to scorn as any other dishonest act.

#### Letter from J. E. Parsons.

Littlefield, Texas.

Sunday, Feb. 28, 1915.

Dear Friends and Readers of The Reporter:

After another week has passed I will try to give you a part of the happenings out this way. The night I wrote you from Dickens City, about 10 o'clock it commenced to rain and until 10 o'clock the next day rained steady. But at 11 o'clock I pulled out for Crosbyton, arriving there about 8 o'clock. I found out there were more people than I on the road, and Crosbyton seemed to be the center of gravity, for they were there from all parts of the country. The wagon yard was full. I asked for the yard man and they told me he had gone home, that there was not room enough for him, but on going to the livery stable I found him. He said there was no room in the yard and some were camped on the outside. I put my wagon in the yard and team in the livery stable. That night made me think of 1906 when I was in the yard at Graham and could not accommodate the people who came there that fall.

The country from Crosbyton to Abernathy via Estacado is a fine country. Lots of cotton and feed still in the fields. But little wheat sown in that section, but what was looked very well. Sunday night it rained again, a hard rain, but Monday morning we started bright and early for home. It was a very windy and disagreeable day but just about sundown we landed in Littlefield. Although it had rained and was cold, still my family were watching the road and the children came to meet us. Ella and the baby were glad to get here, and you can imagine how glad I was to get home and find all well except Alta. Although she had not been feeling well that day she was better and was doing very well that night, and since then she has been doing very well. Has some fever but not so much, and the most of the time she eats three meals a day. The rest of us eat enough for four meals, but the days are too short for that.

There has been several new houses built since I left here one month ago and lots of new land being broken. I have a job breaking 25 acres of sod at \$2.00 per acre. Now this price on breaking sod makes me think of the letters Dago and Plow Boy have been writing in answer to Salemite's letters. Now, when I was a boy my older brothers run sod plows. They got \$5.00 and \$6.00 per acre, and the first land they bought the consideration was breaking two acres for one, or the equivalent of \$10.00 per acre. That was in the Mountain Creek Valley or blackland belt and that land is now worth or sells at \$100.00 per acre. I came west where land was \$2.00 and \$3.00 and stayed to see it worth \$20 to \$30. This land is selling for \$30 now and only worth \$2.00 to break it. That would be 15 acres for one. There is where the difference is in the labor proposition. Then we worked four yoke or eight oxen to a 20-inch plow or 10 to a 24-inch plow. We did the most of the work on the grass and had lit-

tle expense. Now I work two horses to a 12-inch walking plow and when I have walked around two acres I know I have been somewhere. I have 25 acres in one land, a good solid set of grass and as level as a floor. After feeding my team it will take some time to pay for an acre of land here. But, I am not kicking about the price on the work, only mention this as there has been some writing about how to get a home at the present time. But one thing certain, land is not going down any, I don't think, and the sooner a man gets a home the better. If he can get it paid for. I am not dissatisfied with my home at Graham but if Alta can get well here I will stay here this summer. If I were going to buy land now I would step over into New Mexico. The people from over in New Mexico come here to trade. They bring maize and feterita here and sell it at \$17.00 per ton. The land is as good there as here and not half so high, so I would go over and try there.

I am not advising any one to go there but that is the cheapest land that I know of to be good land and that will soon be as high as the other. I saw a man here the other day who told me he was in Cooke county forty years ago and could have bought a piece of land, three miles from Gainesville, at \$2.00 per acre but did not think it was worth more than \$1.50 and came on to Clay county and stayed several years, but the land was too high there at \$3.00 and \$4.00. He kept renting thinking it would go down and he came on to Floyd county but land was still worth \$3.00 to \$5.00 there and still too high. These lands are now worth all the way from \$30.00 to \$75.00 and he is still alive and without a home, and the land here at \$30.00 to \$40.00, I agree with him, is too high. A man has to make all good crops to pay for land at that price and low interest, too. My idea is for a man to buy a small piece of land, then rent what he can cultivate until he gets that paid for. Then buy another small tract. By this means a man can rent all the land he wants out here and put in whatever he wants to. Some men here will put as much as 200 acres in feed to one hand. The sod they don't work and most all new land don't have to be plowed as many times as we do in Young county.

We had Sunday school today, and it has been a nice day.

Silver Bell, I thank you for your confidence in me but there was not a boy that had the nerve to offer to take my grip home for me the night I came in from Fort Worth, but the Goose is liable to say anything.

With good luck to all, and long live The Reporter I am,  
J. E. Parsons.

#### Compulsory School Attendance.

Compulsory education has been discussed both in newspapers and in debating societies in rural school districts, and the affirmative usually wins. As I see it there are two classes of people who advocate compulsory attendance at school. First, men and women who are in easy circumstances, and live and prosper by the use of the tongue and pen, and are not in a position to understand what a renter has to resort to in order to support his family. Take this class of people and let them take the renters' place seven years and they will say "I have been crawling on my stomach and eating grass like an ox or as did King Nebuchadnezzar."

The second class to my mind is some renters' wives, who have been school "marms" and married poor men, who are not able to keep their children in school as much of the time as they would like for their children to be in school. It seems to me there are serious questions to be considered in regard to compulsory attendance at school. The renter in Texas

is generally asked how much force he has to work, how much team, how many cattle and surplus stock to be cared for, etc. Then he is required to plant about three-fourths of his crop to cotton and pay the fourth for rent, and in many instances pay three dollars money rent per acre for all other crops grown on the place. And, if the corn and other feed crops were not sold when gathered would not pay the money rent charged by the land owner, unless seasons are favorable for feed crops, which is not often the case in Texas.

The cotton has to be gathered by whom? Is the renter able to hire it gathered? No, of course his family must gather it, and it takes his wife and all the children to gather it, and he is required to haul the rent to the gin without remuneration, which is not just. To return to compulsory school attendance there will have to be laws enacted to punish people if they neglect to send their children to school so many days each year. I saw where some one in Oklahoma advocated a fine of ten dollars for each day a child was kept out of school without a lawful excuse. Such a law is nothing short of tyrannical. As stated above those who advocate such laws are not in a position or condition to sympathize with the poor class unless they had to take their places for a time. This is the only way they can come to understand what the poor class has to contend with. It seems to me a compulsory school at-

tendance is the wrong thing unless the sessions could be divided to run so many months in winter and so many months in summer. Farmers could spare the children out of the crop better by having two sessions and could get better benefit of schools in rural districts than to have just one session each year. Old Pa.

#### Answer to Gringo.

Gringo, your questions are hard to answer, but we will say: There is no room in our government for a third party. Every would be third party that has been launched has criticised both the old parties for being so nearly alike. The facts are, there is one true line of government, that is best for all, and no radical changes can be made, and both the old parties in their platforms pull for the best places on that line.

We don't claim that third party efforts are useless, for the Populist party brought about some good reforms in our government but it lacked a long shot of ever getting control of the government. It would appear to me that of all the third parties that have ever paraded down the pike that the socialists have been the loudest in criticism and have accomplished the least good, and been the least successful in securing the offices they offered themselves for.

Gringo says, "The wants of all are identical." And in the way of food, clothing and amusement they are, but in

other main respects they are at exact opposites. Organized labor wants food and clothing at the very lowest figure it can be had while the very life of the farmer depends on getting a fair and reasonable price for the raw material from which both food and clothing are made. Their wants here are at opposites and they never can stand together in any party. As organized labor offers no commodity on the market except labor and as it finishes up the raw material for final consumption it holds a vantage ground that has enabled it to raise wages until now it ranges from \$3.00 to \$9.00 per day. Put your thinking cap on, Gringo, and then tell us who foots the bill for this? If there was a way of knowing, we believe it would be shown, that ninety per cent of the socialist vote comes from mine workers and from organized labor. The farmer vote among socialists is as scarce as beans in the bean soup up in Vermont where you can float a schooner in the bean soup all day and never hit a bean. Socialists make many good promises but they fail to explain in what way or how they will deliver the goods they promise. Come again and give us an explanation here, then we will try to answer your question about government ownership of some of our main industries and the cost of running some, and it may be we can save the country yet. But, Gringo, government was not instituted to keep up the people. Salemite.

## WINDY MARCH

Owing to the changeable and unsettled condition of the weather during this month, it makes it a hard period on those who have defective vision or weak eyes. If such persons only knew the ease, comfort and satisfaction to be derived from the use of a pair of

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MILLER BEND

If we should all take the editor's well meant advice "pay as you go or don't go" how many of us would go? Not one in fifty I'll venture to say. And that's not saying it isn't best to pay as you go. But, it is a case of "C-A-N'T" owing of course to different causes—extravagance, carelessness and buying on time or credit till fall. Extravagance and fine dress is my worst enemy, perhaps. During the last two years I have bought one hat, cost \$3.50; one suit of clothes, cost \$10.95; yes, and I have bought two "Sunday" shirts, cost \$1.00 each, and just think of it, I have bought two pairs of shoes in the last twelve months. Now "hain't that goin' some?" And Mrs. Plow Boy, well, it is simply exasperating the way she dresses. She nearly always gets two calico dresses a year. Sometimes, three. And she has just about worn out a good pair of \$3.00 shoes in the last twelve months and about twenty-two years ago she bought a \$3.00 hat. All the little Plow Boys are every bit and grain as extravagant as we are. Is it any wonder that we can't "pay as we go" or buy land either?

That "pay as you go" committee or delegation, that met in Graham a few weeks back contained one member who should, and I am sure does, inherit the profound contempt of all consumers, excepting grocers and wholesale grocery houses. That individual's name is G. S. Cottrell, he of Rock Island fame. Does Mr. Cottrell of the Rock Island and Mr. Clayton of Want & Co., wholesale grocers of Fort Worth, presume to think the farmer has forgotten so soon the order issued by the railroads at the instigation of the Wholesale and Retail Grocers Association to the effect that "no apple cars would be allowed to stand on the siding while the apples were being sold?" When we bought apples from the car door we got a fairly good apple for seventy-five cents per bushel. Now the same grade of apples cost us from \$1.10 to \$1.25. That's the way Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Clayton and the corporations and concerns they represent would really help the tenant "get by." Just like the State Agricultural Department telling us how to farm.

Appropriations are made by the legislature of the peoples' tax money and demonstration stations established, and maintained, throughout the State for the purpose of teaching us. When, according to the report of the House investigating committee, which visited the State farms, one farm alone, the Imperial Farm, lost \$15,752.54 last year. Only one farm out of five owned by the State, and, presumably under the management of these expert farmers. Tax money must supply this shortage, and thus we are helped again to "pay as we go."

Roseite, you misquote me. I said, "if we want government of, for and by the people, let's attend the democratic mass meetings, put out men from our own ranks and vote for them." Something to do before we vote, you see. And, to my notion, such initiative action on the part of the voter would forestall or dispense with all necessity for your "initiative and referendum" and would at the same time be a much shorter method of "government of, for and by the people." So the republican party and the democratic party look like twins to you, do they Roseite? Well, you can't pass them on me for twins. The republican party does not promise the common people anything hence we expect nothing from it. While the democratic party promises everything and does nothing. Where there is no promise there is no hope; not even a chance to work for our own betterment. But, where there is a promise there is also hope and at least a chance to "work out our own salvation," though it be with "fear and trembling."

I concede, however, that my

democracy was severely shocked the other day when President Wilson vetoed the emigration bill. Though the vote in the House just liked five votes of passing the bill over his head, yet he put his little head against 261 other heads, either of which may be just as good as "wooden-head" Wilson's. And I say any form of government that vests that much power in one man is wrong. And that is not giving any comfort to the socialists either, for they always have out a candidate for president. They have been running Eugene V. Debs regularly every four years ever since I can recollect, haven't you Roseite?

And, as to your ideas on the land question, you seem to be opposed to dividing up or redistributing the land. Then you endorse the plan for the State to buy up land and rent it out and when the rent pays for the land deed it to the renter. And then, just listen to yourself, Roseite. "I believe this would be a good way for the 225,000 renters to get a home in Texas without redistribution." Roseite doesn't seem to know that any plan whereby the land would be restored to the people would be "re-distribution." See the "pint?" I was not surprised at all at you having a better plan than the jubilee plan, Roseite, as that was God's plan, and one serious objection I have to the socialists is, they can almost invariably improve on the works of the Almighty.

Neither do I favor an abrupt division of the land, as Kid seems to think I do. Nothing could be more unjust than a law that would send the surveyor out to "divide up" the land with Dick, Tom and Harry, regardless of whether or not wanted it done or not, and regardless of whether or not Dick, Tom and Harry wanted a farm. If a man don't want a home the government can't give it to him. All I want is that the people, the farmers (none but farmers should have farms) be given a chance to buy and "pay" for farms. Most any man can buy a farm now but not one in fifty can "pay" for one. Can you pay for a farm Kid? No, you can't even pay the interest on land valued at \$20.00 per acre, after paying taxes and keeping the farm up.

Am sorry I can't thank you for your compliment on my "argument" Bro. Kid, because you complimented me and then apologized for it, like the fellow whose real generosity asserted itself and he exclaimed, "that's a man!" Then remembering how he hated the fellow he added, "you dog you."

"Betcher-life" Daisy Flat, stay "wid 'em" is part of my name. Thank you for your compliment.

Silver Bell, I wish you would quit playing hookey. The Reporter seems lacking when you are absent. Thanks for your compliment.

Gringo seems to be kinder stingy with socialist "dope." I thought I had as well use it Gringo as you fellows won't use it.

Say, Goose, you tell that socialist down there to shut up or I'll get Uncle Billy Higgins after him. I haven't time to fool with a two-bit socialist.

Some of the Correspondents seem to be worried about flour made at the Graham mill selling cheaper in other towns than in Graham, as if they had discovered something new "under the sun." All mills do the same thing. Flour may be bought cheaper in a town where no flouring mill is located than in a town where there is a mill or mills.

We understand that Rev. Fickland of the Apostolic Faith preached at the school house Saturday night and Sunday. We haven't learned whether he left a regular appointment or not. For different causes this writer was hindered from attending the services of Rev. Fickland, but we welcome him. We need more preaching in the Bend, and if any "good" preacher, of whatever faith, has a Sunday to spare let me ask him to "give it to us."

I am due acknowledgments of quite a number of compliments from the Correspondents, but time and space forbids it this time. My letter is already too long, and then, it is time to take a "nap." But, I just can't go till I thank the editor, for the NEWS he has been giving us recently. Though the facts were deplorable, yet the people wanted to know them, and they were and are entitled to them. That's what they pay their dollar for. And, Mr. Editor, I presume that when you said "let the people have the facts" you expressed the sentiments of every man in Young county, and I believe you have given the facts in so far as you were able to get them, regardless of your own opinion in the matter. And, I, for one, think you have just as much right to your opinion as any of us, and certainly as much right to express that opinion as we have. But, I believe there comes times when we all should guard our opinions with sealed lips and await developments.

Plow Boy.

SPRING CREEK

How are you Mr. Editor and Correspondents? I am sick with a bad cold just like almost everyone else here.

Wheat and oats are looking fine since the last rain. For a while you couldn't hardly see the oats at all. Insects or something else ate them down I suppose.

Tex Glenn called at W. T. Vines' Sunday.

One of Tom Dalton's little children has pneumonia.

Mrs. Annie Gibbs called at Mrs. Cora Dalton's last Saturday and Sunday.

Bill Whittaker left a few weeks ago for Seymour.

Grand Glenn and Miss Lillian McNutt attended Sunday school at Spring Creek last Sunday afternoon.

Master Herman McNutt left this week for Pontotoc, Miss., where he will make his home. Slim Glenn accompanied him as far as Fort Worth.

Jim Glenn visited his aunt at Newport Saturday, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Teague and baby moved to Don Parsons' farm east of Megargel last week.

Mr. Parsons of Megargel was in our vicinity Friday afternoon.

Bluebird, do you know for sure where Mrs. Mamie Pearce has moved to? Please give your reply next week.

Bill Glenn called at W. T. Vines' Saturday morning. He said he was anxious to read The West Texas Reporter.

I for one think The Reporter a good paper. When you have the blues pick the dear old paper up and it certainly will cheer you up, or at least it does me. Hollyhock.

Wellington, Texas Feb. 23rd, '15.

West Texas Reporter:

Enclosed you will find post-office money order for \$1.00 for which please send your paper to D. L. Foster, Wellington, Texas.

Yours respectfully, D. C. Brooks.

visiting his mother here, Mrs. Ellen Woods.

Miss Nellie Hightower entertained a few friends with a dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels from east of Graham spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elliott, last week.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed a singing at Jim Elliott's Sunday night.

Mrs. J. O. Striplin was sick a few days last week but is reported better at this writing.

David and Brice Woods were courting in Graham Monday.

W. C. McCombs and Dave Higgins were attending court in Graham Monday.

Bad weather doesn't stop Sunday school at White Rose. We had a large crowd and good lessons Sunday.

Bro. McCord preaches at White Rose Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

J. A. Gachter and family took dinner with Mr. Grimmitt Sunday.

Two amendments were proposed by the socialist party and are being signed by hundreds of tenants and small land owners of Texas. This petition will be presented to the legislature before it adjourns March 13th. Two years ago a similar petition went in signed by 50,000 citizens. The proposed amendments are these: 1. For a tax equal to its full rental value on all land not used and occupied by its owner, to the end that the holding of land out of use be prevented, that tenantry be eliminated and that actual use and occupancy be the sole title to land.

2. For a system of rural credits that will permit the loaning of money by the State of Texas to the amount of \$5,000,000 to begin with, to actual tillers of the soil for the purchase of farm lands at the interest rate of 3 per cent, for forty years, said land to be held as security by the State until the debt is liquidated and the bonds covering such debts are retired, also the loaning of money at 3 per cent to needy farmers to buy teams, tools, and other necessities.

Over 1,000 laws were proposed at Austin during the Thirty-fourth Legislature. Will any of them solve the land problem? Roseite.

MING BEND

Health is very good at this writing.

Mrs. Newby is puny at this writing.

Albert Askew and family of Salem visited Mrs. Askew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ribble, Saturday and were accompanied home by her brother, Olaf, who spent the night with them.

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Newby.

Mr. Moore and daughter of Oklahoma are visiting relatives here a few days, after attending the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Moore.

Miss Reuby Newby and brother, Everett, visited their sister, Mrs. Mattie Gibbs, Friday night.

Walter Green and family visited O. D. Lisle Saturday night and Sunday.

Everett Newby and Hugh Ribble visited relatives in Stephens county Saturday night.

W. A. Pickard went over to Long Hollow Saturday after Mrs. Bettie Butler, but she was sick in bed and couldn't come.

Mrs. Mollie Williams spent Thursday with Mrs. Lillie Marshall.

Bill Sims and Everett Newby went to Graham Thursday night and returned home Friday.

Albert Askew and family visited his brother, Emmett Sunday.

R. E. Sims and wife spent Friday evening at Mr. Newby's.

Mrs. Ettie Bains returned home Wednesday, after spending several days with her brother.

Walter Fawks and family visited his brother, Bob, in Fox Hollow Saturday night.

As news is scarce I will ring off. Rainy Day.

Extra Special Bargains FOR CASH

The following goods are offered, for one week only, at prices lower than quoted for many years. They are made from this year's low price cotton and will be sold at practically cost to us. Come, bring your money, get some of these bargains.

- Dress Gingham, 8 1-3c grade, extra special at 5c
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TONK VALLEY

Quite a lot of rainy weather out this way. It's beginning to make the oats show up pretty. Our fruit trees are in bloom. Some fear that a big freeze is yet to come and get the fruit for another year, but here is hoping not.

This community certainly was made sad on last Wednesday when the news came that our neighbor, Mr. Cherryhomes, was dead. Quite a number of relatives came to attend his funeral. Everyone from this community went that I know of. The Pleasant Hill, Lower Tonk and Tonk Valley schools were dismissed for that day so the teachers and pupils could attend. The writer joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Moses Knight is still suffering with a bad burn.

The Jolly Girl didn't go to Sunday school Sunday but she had two good reasons. I was feeling mighty bad, and the weather was simply awful. I'll

be there next Sunday if possible.

Little Woodrow Busch is recovering from a spell of diphtheria.

Mrs. Robbins and daughter spent Wednesday at Mr. Kilion's in the Craig Point community.

Carrel Robbins and brother, Walter, visited Saturday night and Sunday at Geo. Birdwell's on the Craig Ranch.

Bob Corley visited home folks in the Flat Rock community Saturday night and Sunday.

Some few went to court from here Monday. Guess Graham will be crowded until court is over from what I can hear. Everybody seems to want to go to town and see if they can't hear something new.

Geo. Birdwell from the Craig Ranch was a visitor at Mr. Robbins' Sunday night.

I saw Candy Kid, Bluebird, X. Y. Z., and the Kid in town Thursday. Am always glad to meet any of the scribes.

Mr. Kurk, who is at work for Mr. Nichols in the Mount Pleasant

community, visited at Mr. Knight's Saturday.

Mr. Kid, if you don't look out I'm going to beat your time yet with that ex-Prof. He came over and accompanied me to the picture show Saturday night. Was he ever this good to you?

Will Seddon is a business caller in the city today.

Bert W. Bray was very busy grubbing the other day. He struck the wrong limb all at once, and the result is a cut leg. We hope he will soon find out this is no way to grub and instead grub the stump up.

Preaching next Sunday by Rev. Patterson. Jolly Girl.

WHITE ROSE

Mr. and Mrs. Grimmitt spent Tuesday with W. C. McCombs. P. C. Walker spent several days last week in Graham.

Mrs. J. A. Gachter and Mrs. Elliott visited W. C. McCombs and family one evening last week.

Bryce Woods from Kansas is

## Live News from our Correspondents

### MOUNT PLEASANT

We had another good rain last week.

Most all farmers are ready to plant corn.

There is quite a lot of sickness in this community at the present.

Little Ima Lee Martin is sick with pneumonia. Hope to report her better soon.

Rev. Roark preached at Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Frank Hamilton is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

I have just finished reading last week's Reporter. I think it is one of the best papers in Texas.

As there is so much being said on diversification would like to know how many of the Correspondents who are farmers are going to diversify this year.

Most farmers of this community say they will reduce their cotton acreage about one half.

### WYNN HILL

Thanks to you, Beauty, for your pencil, but I am afraid there won't be much of it left when I get through with it.

We have been having some rain the past few weeks, and some cold weather too. I guess the cold weather will kill the fruit that has bloomed out.

Most all the farmers are through sowing oats and some few have planted corn. They must have planted winter seed.

Allen Williams of Markley came down and stayed all night with his mother one night last week.

Uncle Henry Wilton is having his residence repainted which helps the looks of his place considerably.

John Singleton is working for Joe Wells.

Ben Wilton is repairing his barn.

Ira Williams went to Berwick Saturday.

John Williams attended the play at Jermyn Monday night.

Uncle Dave Pevehouse went to Jermyn Saturday.

Henry Rogers is suffering from a severe attack of toothache. A physician was called last (Sunday) night and reported some danger of blood poisoning.

Jim Crum is on the sick list this week.

Pierce Zellener went to Jacksboro this (Monday) morning to attend trades day.

Ira Williams came over this morning four hours before daylight and told me to announce in the paper that he wouldn't marry before the first of June.

Well Kid-o, I will not use your pencil until next time I write. If you need a pencil before then you can borrow one.

Broncho Bob.

### HAWKINS CHAPEL

Rev. L. Strickling of Loving preached at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. He preached a good sermon on what we as Christian people expect to "Suffer for Christ's Cause."

Barney Baker worked for R. M. Summers last week.

Mesdames Ora Mae Miller and T. F. Harman called at Mrs. Jones' one day last week. Misses Orphia Starnes and Blackman of Markley attended church at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. T. F. Harman was suffering with toothache Sunday. There was a crowd of Chapel people attended the entertainment at Jermyn, celebrating the 22nd of February, last Monday night.

Prof. Simpson and Frank Loftin went to Graham Friday afternoon.

Messrs Arthur and Lonnie Ward and Miss Eula Carmon Harman were enjoying a pleasant time at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller's Saturday night.

We have had some good rains the past week. The ground is

in good condition for work now. Mr. Shoop of Loving has been at work on the Lawrence place the past week.

The crowd was small at the cemetery working last Monday. There were some present from Loving and Jean too, although the weather was unpleasant.

Mr. Strickling's family had relatives from Loving to dine with them Sunday.

Jim Oatman and family took Sunday dinner with her parents.

Robert Miller and wife, and Bro. Strickling of Loving took Sunday dinner with C. S. Newman and wife.

Mr. Ward and family failed to get moved last week. They intend to leave the first of the week.

There is to be "Missionary Day" observed in the Baptist Sunday school the fourth Sunday in March. There will be a special program for that day, rendered by the Sunday school, also an offering for missions. Bro. Strickling of Loving will preach a missionary sermon. All come.

Miss Eula Carmon Harman was the guest of Mrs. C. S. Newman Sunday.

Mr. Chapel has had a phone put in. Mrs. Chapel is still on the sick list.

A. E. Oatman left last week to finish his job of tax assessing.

There was quite a crowd from this neighborhood delivered poultry at Loving the 23rd.

Mrs. C. S. Newman called at Mrs. Mayes' of Loving Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Wright Holt was visiting last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newman are visiting H. H. Stephens of Indian Mound this week.

### KOMO

Oh, my! hasn't it been warm though, especially when you were at work?

Mrs. Ida Brooks and daughter, Hester, spent a few days last week with her brother, Albert Martin, and family.

Austin White and Albert Martin made a business trip to Newcastle Monday.

J. A. Bower and family spent the day with J. T. Townsend and family Sunday the 14th.

Willie Lynch went to help build a school house at Rabbit Creek Monday.

Mrs. Emma Burnett went to Graham Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tompson Townsend went down to their daughter's, Mrs. J. I. Guess', and family.

W. E. Lynch and family returned home Monday from a week's visit near Bryson.

G. R. White went to Newcastle Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Della Lynch and mother, Mrs. G. R. White, called at the home of Mrs. Tom Fletcher and family Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lucinda Odom spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Della Lynch and family.

Mrs. Emma Burnett called at Mrs. Tom Fletcher's Wednesday afternoon.

W. Long ate dinner at G. R. White's Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Burnett and her daughter, Mrs. Ella Malone, visited Mrs. Tom Fletcher one day last week.

Miss Mollie Elkins went to Graham Tuesday.

Mrs. Sallie Akers and sons, Horace and Will, went to Newcastle Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma White spent Thursday and Thursday night with her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Martin, and family.

Several in this community have had colds, especially the writer.

Mrs. Addie Townsend spent the past week with her daughter, Etta Guess, of Mt. Home, who has been sick.

Austin White went to Eliasville Saturday.

J. R. DeLong and wife, Arthur Bower and family spent the day Sunday with Albert Martin and family.

Mrs. Della Lynch and children and Miss Lottie White spent Sunday with Miss Mollie Elkins.

I almost forgot to say that Lon Evans had a fine horse to die.

Lon Evans and family spent Sunday with Miss Mollie Elkins. John Guess and family returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Burnett called on Miss Mollie Elkins Sunday afternoon.

J. R. Martin and family of Bryson visited relatives in Komo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. G. R. White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DeLong spent Friday and Friday night at Mrs. Ida Brooks'.

Wid Akers and family visited Arthur Bower and family Saturday night.

Lon Evans went to Eliasville Saturday.

Austin White spent Saturday night at the home of Arthur Bower.

Well, I believe I have written all the news I know, so many thanks Trixie, for your pencil. I think I have put it to good use this week.

### NORTH MIDWAY

Geel! haven't we been having some weather? It rained a long time and then came a norther, which has kept me frozen out of sight for quite a spell.

Health of the community is good excepting bad colds.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for your royal welcome, and as you say it will be a great pleasure to me, and being young as I am will be a still greater profit.

Wheat is still looking bad, but most of the spring oats are looking fine.

Miss Emma Cunningham of Throckmorton is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Miss Velma Wilman came from school with Miss Fay Trimble Monday.

Arthur Jones went to California Creek Saturday night, the 20th.

Mrs. Gertrude Remington, one of the teachers at the Newcastle school, has appendicitis. We hope to report her better soon.

G. W. Wiley was transacting business in Graham Tuesday and Wednesday.

Brazel Everett started to Graham the other day and upon hearing his dogs chasing a wolf he started in full pursuit, forgot he had ever started any where.

The party at Mr. Cunningham's Tuesday night was enjoyed by all.

The fruit supper at Mr. Jones' Saturday night was enjoyed by all present, Azure Skies being among the guests.

Henry and Oscar Owen of the Bunger vicinity came up here Saturday evening and went back this (Monday) forenoon.

Ernest Jones and Bruce Proffitt went to town today.

Richard Williams has gone back to Graham, after a two weeks' visit, to relatives here.

A crowd of young folks went down to Mr. Wiley's Sunday afternoon to hear some music, and then had a singing there that night.

Frelon Wiley and wife of Bunger are visiting relatives at this place.

Plov Boy, you certainly write some interesting letters, but you have said you were not a socialist. Why are you using so much socialist "dope?"

Silver Bell and Dreamy Eyes if I am a stranger to you allow me to compliment your letters.

Well I will quit and lend Gander my pencil.

Azure Skies.

### DAKIN

February has gone out and we will begin to hear March winds whistle around the corners.

Health in this community is very good.

J. M. Garrett and family visited at W. C. Porter's in Flat Rock Sunday.

Earl Clark and wife went to

Jack county Saturday to visit relatives.

Sims Adair went to Graham Saturday.

Curtice Findley, L. C. Reed and L. J. Bryan went to Graham Saturday night.

Our community was made sad the 24th by the death of Tom Cherryhomes. Mr. Cherryhomes was well liked and honored by everyone here.

L. J. Bryan was out calling Sunday afternoon.

L. C. Reed left Monday for Ingleside where he will resume his former job.

T. L. Bryan of Padgett spent Sunday night at A. J. Bryans. Charlie Gibson and Wesley Reed visited Willie Clark Sunday.

Austin Bryan spent Sunday eve with Gentry Gibson.

Clifton Findley spent Saturday with home folks.

J. H., L. C., T. P. and Miss Hattie Belle Reed called at A. J. Bryan's Sunday night.

Ichabod.

### LOVING

Quite a number went to Graham Monday. Among them were J. A. Holt, R. M. Summers, M. H. Steadham, James Shoop, Henry Moore, A. B. Daniels, Willis Hawkins and several others. Most of them were summoned there to court.

The weather is very cool and damp and it looks very much like snow today. Farm work is rather slow on account of the cool wet weather. A splendid rain fell here Friday evening and night, and there is a good season in the ground for planting.

There is some talk of putting in a flour mill here at Loving, and a meeting was to be held here last Thursday night to talk the matter over and see what could be done. A meeting will be held in the near future and it is hoped that all the farmers tributary to Loving will be on hand and take part.

It is to be a custom mill and every farmer in Young county should be interested in it as they plainly see the situation as it is now. I don't believe there is a farmer in the county but what would plant a field of wheat if a custom mill was in operation here. As it is we are at the mercy of the big mills who dictate any price they see fit to place on it.

When the European war began flour went up and wheat down. If we had a custom mill we would be independent of high priced flour by taking our own wheat to mill. It is said that the capacity will be sufficient to meet the demands of this section and that quite a number have already expressed a desire to take stock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett and some of their children are sick with the mumps. Several others in the community have the mumps.

The Chicago man who has been buying chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and other fowls here the past week was crowded all day last Tuesday with farmers and their wives with poultry. There was more money paid out here that day for poultry than there had been for several months.

Zack Wyatt has built himself a very neat and substantial hay barn which he will fill with baled hay and other stuff. Zack says that he is looking to be rich every day and will enlarge his barn from time to time.

The bad weather last Sunday prevented the people from going out to hear Rev. Gilliland of Mineral Wells preach. He came in Friday evening.

Harlan Reeves has gone to Wichita, Kansas looking for a situation. We hope he will succeed in finding a job.

Homeite, we read your letter with interest, especially about the spelling match. We attended spelling matches at Mountain Home away back yonder several years ago. We used the old "Blueback" spelling book at that time. There are but very few here now who took part in those spelling bees. We had Harlan Bunger and his father, who were among the best

spellers, also Dr. George LeGrand, Allen Gibson, Jeff McLendon and others we can't call to mind just now. We would like to be with you some time Homeite.

Salemite, I read your letter with interest, and can endorse all of it.

### RED TOP

I don't think there was any church Sunday on account of the cold weather. I hope next Sunday will be pretty so all can attend. Mr. McBee has been appointed superintendent as Mr. Ramsey has resigned.

Uncle Dock Slater is getting along nicely at this writing; hope he will soon be among us at Sunday school again as we miss him so much.

The men of this community are busy breaking land and planting corn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Steen and daughter Jewel returned home Monday after a few days visit with relatives at Bellevue and Archer City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McBee and mother, Mrs. W. T. McBee visited Uncle Dock Slater Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Slater and son spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Crawford, in Graham, who is keeping house for the children while they are going to school.

Mrs. J. W. Hodge, Miss Bessie Petty and Mrs. Kitty McBee called on Mrs. Bryant last Tuesday afternoon.

The Bryant family left last Thursday for Marlin, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Ada Armstrong visited Mrs. Kattie McBee Monday.

Annie Mary Slater visited Miss Alice Williamson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rutherford visited Mrs. Ramsey and

family Friday. J. C. and Blackburn Petty called on Herbert Slater one morning last week.

Misses Ada Workman and Beulah Howard visited Dora McBee Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Workman and daughter Ada called on Mrs. C. A. Slater Monday.

W. K. McBee attended the stewards meeting at Loving on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ada Armstrong was on the sick list last week.

Ernest Blakney visited relatives near Jacksboro a few days last week.

Mr. Cherryhomes, who was killed at the Court House last week had a number of friends in this community who extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Misses Nettie Petty and Garnett Ramsey spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Rose Bridges.

Little Bernice McBee was sick last week with bronchitis.

Jack Ramsey called on Ernest Blakney Sunday night.

Roy Rutherford and wife stopped at Mr. Ramsey's Sunday afternoon, enroute to Olney.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval McKibbens and baby of Jean visited Mrs. C. A. Slater and family Sunday.

John McGee called on Emmett Ramsey Friday afternoon.

Misses Dora McBee, Ada Workman and Beulah Howard called on Uncle Dock Slater on Tuesday afternoon.

Here, supper is ready and I must run before it is all gone.

Augusta.

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**PICKWICK**

Well, here I come again. We are having some cold weather now, aren't we?

Miss Maggie Costello has been suffering from a mighty sore throat the past few days. Miss Connie Costello spent Saturday night with Miss Stella Lyster.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Layton were made sad this (Sunday) morning by the death of their little baby boy. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of this writer and a number of other friends here.

Miss Georgie Weldon spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Carrie Weldon.

Don't tell me we haven't got some broncho busters here. Several of our boys have been breaking young horses the past two weeks.

Mrs. W. A. Underwood was on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Costello.

Misses Georgie and Carrie and Mr. Dock Weldon called at E. P. Costello's Sunday evening. Mrs. Nannie Weldon of Graham spent the past week with relatives here.

The rain Friday evening was a fine one. I know it was for I came home from school while it was raining.

Dago it wasn't me kicking up all that sand for I was at school.

Busy Bee sure had a good letter last week and it was so long and newsy. Those are the kind I like. Was sure sorry to hear of Mrs. Caudill being sick as she is a very dear friend of mine.

Alton Whatley and Kale Weldon were pleasant callers at E. P. Costello's Sunday night. Beauty.

**PADGETT**

Dear Editor and Correspondents, as the weather is bad and I am confined in the house with la grippe, I will write a few lines on the subject of owning a home.

Some seem to think it impossible for one to buy and pay for a home (a farm home) out of the proceeds of the farm. Others think that all can do it. This latter class look upon the homeless as being shiftless or lazy. They think that what they have done all others can do. This is not the case, as there are men who haven't the ability to make money. Others can make money but after having made it they either fool it away or get beat out of it. They don't know the value of a dollar sufficiently to care for their own financial interest. The money that is fooled away by the shiftless or poor managers very naturally finds its way to the coffers of the thrifty. It sometimes happens that the man who builds up rapidly does so through the poor management of his neighbors.

Isn't it very apparent that if every one of us knew how to take care of his own financial interest that fortunes could not be accumulated so soon by a few individuals?

A man, strong in mind and body, under ordinary conditions can buy land on credit and pay for it out of the proceeds of the farm. I speak from experience. But, can he afford to do so? Can a Christian man afford to place himself under bondage? I will illustrate: When I was renting land and working for wages I was care-free. I always had a dollar for charitable purposes. I had time to visit the sick, and did visit them, I was strong and active; but alas! Look at me now, I am broken in mind and body, not being satisfied with a little home that was paid for, I am now in my old age, trying to pay for a larger home. Have no money or time for charitable work, but worst of all; after all these years of bondage to debt I have but little time for these things. And, too stingy to give anything if I had it to give.

Fourteen years ago last September I was soliciting money for the destitute at Galveston. One man, a poor renter, gave

three dollars; another man, who owned a good home, gave ten cents. (Here is food for thought.) The Bible says for a man to give as he purposes in his heart. How was it that this poor man purposed to give three dollars and the man who owned a good home purposed to give ten cents? I believe I can tell you why such things happen. This poor man had always been poor, he knew what it meant to be poor; he, himself went thinly clad at times. No doubt he was in a better condition to sympathize with the destitute than the other. He was a young man, his soul had not yet been dwarfed through the love of money. Let us take a look at the ten-centor. He had never been poor. Descending as he did from a large land owner he had always had plenty, and had been pleasantly situated all his life. His father, like some of our Correspondents, was a man determined to leave footprints on the sands of time. He succeeded admirably. But what does any sane man want to leave such footprints on the sands of time for? This ten-centor was one of a large family; they were all devoid of sympathy, and too selfish to make average citizens. Who wants to leave such marks behind?

My advice to the young is to keep out of debt as much as possible. Enjoy life as you go. Be as economical as you would have to be if you owed for a home; buy a small place as soon as you can see your way out, but don't place yourself under bondage to debt. Every dollar is worth one hundred cents; insist on getting that much for yours, but don't put yourself in a position where you can't help any really worthy cause. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Uncle Zeke.

**JEAN**

I am proud of The Reporter in the way of its giving the news. That is what people take the home paper for, to get the local news. I think a paper should publish the news without fear or favor. I have heard a great many compliments passed on The Reporter since the all-absorbing county question has come before the people.

St. John's sale was pulled off last Saturday as per arrangements and from the price every thing brought it did not look like hard times. Everything sold at good prices and some stuff sold for fancy prices. One dry cow brought \$61.00 and one last spring mule colt brought \$77.50, these prices were cash in hand.

J. P. Haire and W. P. Stroud attended the funeral at Graham Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Nash boarded Friday evening's train to visit her sister, Mrs. Brown, at Seymour.

Grandpa Thompson is right sick.

Master Ferman Crabtree, who was taken to Olney for medical treatment, is reported to be some better.

Bro. Roach filled his appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. Church was well attended Sunday night.

Leslie Willis, who has been out west for some time, is back at Jean once more.

Miss Annie Price visited her sister at Jermyn last Sunday.

Mrs. Anderson of Perrin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Kilpatrick.

On account of the cold weather church was not very well attended today.

If you want to know what will counteract the poison of wood alcohol ask Hugh Griffith and Will Buchanan.

There has been a good deal of sickness here, mostly colds and la grippe, but most every one is reported better at this writing. Buster.

**HUFFSTUTTLE**

We have been having some cold, cloudy weather for the last two days. We had a nice rain last Friday and Friday

night. There will be a good season in the ground to plant corn.

Most everyone has planted early gardens.

John Otts moved back home last week.

Will Otts and Ocie Langston and their families started to New Mexico last week to make their home in the future.

Mrs. Brittain Campbell visited her father, A. M. Jones, last Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Otts visited her brother, Emmet Ware, last Wednesday.

J. J. Bragg of Rochester, Haskell county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ab. Campbell.

Brittain Campbell hauled a load of cottonseed from Woodson to Graham last week.

Frank Otts made a trip to Graham and one to Cisco last week. He was hauling freight for Robertson and Black of Crystal Falls.

Ira Otts, A. M. Jones and George Reger went wolf hunting one night last week but did not catch anything. The wolves are getting numerous here now.

Miss Annie Daniels and little sister, Ruth, visited at F. J. Peacock's last Saturday.

Ab. Campbell and Sherman McCready will have to attend court at Graham this week.

Mrs. Nellie Franklin is visiting at Dill Peacock's.

We had preaching last Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night by Bro. Littleton. Guess Who.

**INDIAN MOUND**

We were sorry to hear of the trouble that occurred in Graham and the sadness that has been brought to the homes of the deceased ones.

W. W. Hoggard, who is an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cherrymores, went to Graham Wednesday morning as soon as he heard of what had taken place there.

D. James, W. W. Hoggard, R. G. Taylor, F. E. Borchardt, N. B. Nolan and W. N. Fisher went to Graham Thursday. Some of these men went on business while others went to attend the funeral of Mr. Cherrymores.

Mrs. B. W. Drum visited Mrs. W. W. Hoggard last Thursday.

Riley Dollins of Graham visited his mother here Wednesday night, returning to Graham Thursday.

D. James and family are spending a few days with W. W. Hoggard and family.

Robert James, who has been suffering with burned hands, is doing fairly well.

Mrs. G. W. McComas visited her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Williamson, last Wednesday.

Mrs. G. W. McComas and son, John, went to Newcastle Thursday. Their daughter and sister, Mrs. Rhea Cox, came home with them to stay a few days.

Mrs. R. G. Taylor visited Mrs. W. W. Hoggard Wednesday.

This community was visited last Friday by a real nice rain, which will be fine on wheat and oats. They both are looking fine at the present. Some wheat is large enough to almost cover the ground and if nothing happens to it before harvest time it's going to look better to its owner than a field of six cent cotton does.

This cold Sunday is a bad time to have to get my box out by the road and gather up the news but maybe I can stand it a little while.

Azure Skies, you think you saw the Kid Tuesday afternoon. If so where was I and what was I doing. I am of the opinion that some other Kid was who you saw.

Come on J. E. Parsons with some more good letters.

Jack o' Diamonds, don't your Flint Creek preachers preach about anything but old Sambo or some other negro, as you call it? Whether I would go to a baseball game or not I could not say. It would be owing to circumstances. I haven't been to one in ever so long, I could not say just when it was.

X. Y. Z., if you don't take to going in instead of calling for "my brother" I believe you will cause one of our best Correspondents to have a bad case of heart trouble.

Sunday school was small last Sunday owing to muddy roads and bad weather.

Rob Taylor, as the lady friend called him last week, wishes the Kid to tell her through The Reporter that he sure got there in time for dinner, and if she was anyways hungry she ought to have been along, because there was plenty to eat and some to spare.

Uncle Zeke, I was truly glad to see your letter in The Reporter again last week.

We believe that most of the ladies have decided to put off gardening for a few more days yet unless there are more prospects of spring weather than it is today (Monday).

R. G. Taylor was getting wood Monday.

Mrs. Ed Steadham and children from Padgett are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Dollins, here this week.

D. James went to Newcastle Monday.

Miss Minnie Fisher visited Mrs. F. E. Borchardt Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Austin Bird visited her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Bryan, Sunday.

Lamar Smith and E. H. Stockings returned last week from Brown and Comanche counties and other points where they had been visiting relatives and old friends.

Mrs. Lizzie Bryan visited Mrs. Austin Bird Monday.

Bud Dollins returned last week from Stephens county, where he had been visiting relatives.

We learn that F. E. Borchardt has purchased an organ and is now ready to give music lessons.

Lamar Smith and Henry Dollins went to Newcastle Monday.

John McComas and sister, Mrs. Rhea Cox, visited their sister, Mrs. E. G. Williamson, Sunday afternoon.

We learn that Mrs. Jim Smith visited her mother, Mrs. W. F. Grubbs, from Saturday till Monday, who is at Olney, where she underwent an operation some days ago. She brought the good news back that her mother was getting along fine and could be removed home after a few days.

G. W. McComas has been doing some improvement on his place lately.

W. N. Fisher went to Graham Monday.

County Superintendent B. W. King and J. C. Owen of Graham visited our school last Wednesday and found we kids doing fairly well.

Messrs. G. W. McComas and son, John, Henry Frie went to Graham last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas and son, Maskel, went to Newcastle Monday.

Austin Bird went to Graham Monday.

Miss Zella Owen, our school teacher, is on the sick list today (Tuesday) and we have no school. Kid.

**DEVIL BEND**

Well, as I have been absent for two weeks I will come back with a few lines.

Health is very good at present.

Yes, Homeite, I am "sorter" afraid of the chicken pox but I don't think I will take them.

Miss Fay Lisle spent from Friday eve until Saturday eve with Mrs. Jeff Grantham at Gooseneck.

Roy Ribble spent Saturday night with John Lisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stringer have moved to the Grimshaw place. We regret them moving but glad they are not far away.

Yes, Azure Skies, but I don't think they hardly ever get as good as that one. I sure enjoy going to a singing.

Bird Stringer and wife went to Fox Hollow Friday night.

Misses Mattie and Hattie Upham were in this community last week on business.

Harlan Bunker is visiting home folks this week.

Miss Della Owen spent Saturday eve with Miss Lena Owen.

I saw Gander last Sunday night.

Miss Eula Moore visited Miss Fay Lisle Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Owen visited Mrs. Alice Lisle Sunday.

Clifton Moore spent Sunday with Clinton Lisle.

T. L. Lisle visited Tom Beach Sunday eve.

Well, as there are so many who write such good letters I am always ashamed to write. I wonder what's the matter with Arkansas Traveler. Come on with your good letters.

Where is Salemite? I have not noticed your letter this week but I may have overlooked it, but don't think I did, for I generally look pretty close and read all the news. As I didn't notice Salemite's letter maybe he has run out of a pencil and I will let him have mine.

Buster Blue.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$70,404.11
Overdrafts unsecured	3,619.24
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	12,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc., on hand (other than stocks), including premiums on same	8,033.50
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank \$3,600.00	600.00
Less amount unpaid \$3,000.00	600.00
Banking house \$6,419.34; furniture and fix.	2,250.00
Due from Federal Reserve bank	1,997.90
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	35,170.06
Due from banks and bankers (other than above)	4,426.46
Outside checks and other cash items	12,295.97
\$12,285.52; fractional currency, \$10.45	3,455.00
Notes of other national banks	1,587.00
Legal-tender notes	6,145.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	625.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$169,528.58</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits	6,440.50
Circulating notes	12,500.00
Due to approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	7.29
Due to banks and bankers (other than above)	1,508.82
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	89,018.05
Liabilities other than those above stated	
Bills of Exchange	53.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$169,528.58</b>

State of Texas, County of Young, ss: I, Chas. Gay, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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## MIDWAY

We have been having some rainy, disagreeable weather.

J. W. Smith of Olney, one of Mr. Adams' old friends, spent the night with the latter Wednesday night. Mr. Strickling and family and J. R. Cox came down and they all sang a while and had a jolly good time.

Mr. Adams is still on the sick list.

Miss Eunice Hazzard was in this vicinity Saturday. She was accompanied home by Earl Hazzard who will visit for a few days.

Mrs. H. W. Drum and little daughters, Aslee and Ina, spent the day in Loving with Mrs. Johnson Monday.

Miss Hettie Drum and Mr. Glaucox Cox and Miss Erma Garrett all took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox took dinner with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Sunday.

Frank Loftin and Prof. W. E. Simpson made a business trip to Graham Friday afternoon and returned Sunday afternoon.

Gentry Johnson spent the night with the little Drum boys, Cabert and Ira, one night last week.

Rev. E. A. Cox filled his regular appointment Sunday morning.

Miss Hettie Drum and two sisters called on Mrs. Loftin last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Nannie Adams spent Friday night with Miss Hettie Drum. Apple Blossom.

## LONE STAR

On account of sickness and other inconveniences the Embroidery Club did not organize, but we hope to organize soon.

Mrs. Archie Martin has been very ill and is still not reported any better.

Miss Meda Poindexter is improving.

Misses Oma Keller and Lola Maud Billingsley called on Miss Minnie Dooley Sunday evening.

Messrs. Clyde Billingsley and Henry Keller played forty-two at Claude Akers' Saturday night.

W. Dooley spent Wednesday in Graham.

Obe Clark spent Friday and Saturday in Graham.

I agree with Plow Boy on compulsory education and Rural High Schools. I think that is the only way to improve our present system of education.

Interscholastic competition in athletics is desirable. The fact about this is, that athletics in our schools is not emphasized enough. The mind is more vigorous when the body is exercised than when not. Does playing games help the mind? The most of our leaders are trained upon the athletic fields. Every community, school, state and nation must have a leader and these are invariably from the athletic field. The man who won the battle in the Spanish-American war learned obedience and discipline on the football fields of America. Now you see that obedience to orders and ability to lead is developed on the athletic field. There are fewer schools ruined by too much athletics than by not having enough.

Sunshine.

## SOUTH BEND

Rev. Marcus M. Chunn of Eliasville filled his regular appointment here Sunday at 11 o'clock, but owing to bad weather and muddy roads there were no services Sunday night.

Miss Rubenkoenig taught school Saturday to make up for the one day lost on account of the serious sickness of her brother. They had a short program in the afternoon. There were several visitors in attendance.

Glad to report Mrs. J. W. Burgess able to be up again.

H. M. Ford was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Rogers of Pleasant Hill ate Sunday dinner with M. D. Harrell and family.

Messrs. Noah and Nolan Pearce, with their wives and brother, Tom, of near Graham were visiting at the Stovall farm Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Newberry of Graford is visiting his sister, Mrs. Tom Johnson.

There was a mistake in my last letter. It stated that the young folks enjoyed a party at the home of S. W. Goode on Sunday and it should have been Saturday night.

Hallam Bros. of Graham are feeding a load of steers in Jim Boozer's pasture.

Miss Wallace Henderson went to Graham last week to work.

John Couger and Bassett Wyatt of Cedar Creek were in the Bend Monday.

Say, Sorrell Top, what is the trouble with you? Come on and give us the Duff Prairie news.

Quite a number of our people went to Graham Monday.

Frank Washburn and John Pratt of Eliasville were in the Bend Monday.

Mrs. Callie Osborn and children of Proffitt are visiting her Grandmother Fickling and son, Willie. Bashful Ben.

## DUFF PRAIRIE

I have been absent a few weeks so will try to be among you this week.

Today is Sunday and is sure a gloomy day.

Chock Pickard was in our community one day this week.

Mrs. Henry Rogers spent one day this week with Mrs. J. M. Ingram.

Floyd Burgess and family spent today (Sunday) with W. P. Martin and family.

W. P. Martin is building an up-stairs to his house.

Mrs. J. H. Groene and son spent a few pleasant hours with Mrs. Martin Saturday.

Master Clifton Rogers was puny Friday.

Mrs. Mark Crabtree spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Rogers.

Mrs. Groene and son, and Mrs. Lucian Adams were in South Bend last Tuesday afternoon.

J. W. Crabtree and family, J. H. Groene and family, and J. Quincy Adams sat with Lucian Adams and wife till bed time Saturday night.

I have just finished reading the good letters in the Reporter. I sure enjoy reading them too.

Say, Bluebird, were you in town last second Monday? If you were, I saw you. I was not sure it was you but if you were in town I know it was you. I saw Dago in town that day too, but he never did look at me. He was very busy talking to some women when I saw him, so of course, he wasn't looking around for a Correspondent. But I don't suppose he would have known me if he had seen me a dozen times.

Charlie Duncan visited at Mr. Crabtree's today (Sunday).

J. W. Crabtree and son, Mark, went to town today (Tuesday).

Floyd Burgess is suffering with a sore throat.

Sim Burgess went down on Cedar Creek today.

Mrs. Lucian Adams spent today (Tuesday) with Mrs. Mark Crabtree.

Guess I have taken enough space for this time so here, Carrie Nation, take my pencil quick!

Sorrell Top.

## MOUNTAIN HOME

Emmet Lisle and Roy Ribble spent Sunday with the Bunker brothers.

Yes June Roses, I wish you and I could be closer so we could have some good old times talking. I think you have a fine chance of chickens for a new beginner. I passed a compliment on you when I came home from Dreamy Eyes. I will tell you later. I have 33 little chickens and nine hens sitting. If you don't have good luck just visit me and then we can talk.

Busy Bee, I am sure I could be of some help to you about your work but I will have to stay close to Bunker so when Saturday comes I will be ready to get the dear old Reporter.

Trixie, if I could have been up there I would have put out those onions for you.

Mr. Parsons, I enjoyed your letter. It was the first one I read and I am always glad to read a letter from you and hope you arrived home all right. I thought your road described the road to the Set ranch thru the hollows.

Buster Blue, did you get burned very badly Sunday when you fell in the fire? You must be careful.

Dreamy Eyes, you and your sister be sure and come up Friday night.

Robert McLendon took dinner Saturday with Bill Bunker.

Our hearts were sorely saddened Wednesday morning when news reached us that our dear friend, Mrs. Emma Moore, was dead. Her brother, Frank Sharp, and Tom Bunker took the train for Bridgeport Thursday morning to meet Walter Moore, husband of the deceased.

Mrs. Moore died in Colorado and her body was shipped to Graham and interred in the Gooseneck Cemetery Friday.

Mrs. Moore was a daughter of Mrs. Tom Beach and leaves a husband and three children, besides other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Mrs. Willie Moore and father-in-law, George Moore, of Oklahoma came in Thursday to attend the funeral of their sister and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Moore.

W. C. and G. H. Bunker went to Graham Monday.

Here, June Roses, take my pencil and give the news of the flat.

Homeite.

## FLAT ROCK

Isn't this gloomy weather after so much sunshine? Give me sunshine the year around.

The fruit trees are most all in bloom and some gardens are growing right along, and we hope they won't be killed.

The attendance at Sunday school was small on account of the disagreeable weather, nevertheless, the teachers all reported interesting lessons, and after they were through with the lessons a number of questions were asked and the school discussed them, and several questions that were carried over from last Sunday were answered. The interest in our little school is growing rapidly; visitors are always welcome.

On account of the rain Friday night the literary was postponed until next Friday night. We Flat Rockers believe strongly in the old proverb, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," so if it rains next time we'll just keep trying until we do succeed.

A letter from W. A. Cook, who took his sick wife to Nevada, Texas, states that Mrs. Cook's health is much improved. Her friends here hope she will be restored to health and be able to return home soon.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lud Martin last Wednesday night, a girl.

Bob Corley of Tonk Valley spent Saturday night with the home folks.

Quite a number from Flat Rock attended the funeral of Mr. Cherryhomes.

Mrs. Matilda Parsons of Graham visited relatives in this community last week.

Daisy Flat, you must be sure and come to the literary next

time. Sorry you were disappointed before.

Robert Ash spent Saturday night with relatives in Graham.

Jolly Girl, what about that call Saturday afternoon? Were you not expecting a call?

Last Tuesday was chicken day at Graham. Several of the neighbors here carried chickens to town.

Horace Fain and Virgil Martin called at Mr. Corley's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Garrett and family of Center Ridge and Mr. Corley spent Sunday at Mr. Porter's.

Tipton Smith of Graham called at Mr. Corley's Thursday.

Mrs. Burton and daughter, Miss Georgia, attended the funeral of Pat Carlton Friday.

Some of our boys attended the entertainment at the W. O. W. hall last Monday night, but our mamas thought it was "too cold for girls to be out" so we had to stay at home and think of the good time we were missing.

Bro. Roark filled his appointment at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Barns of Ming Bend, who spent several days with her brother, Mr. Roark, and family, returned home last week.

Horace Fain visited Saturday night and Sunday with Tug Burk at Rock Creek.

Jim Lewis of Graford spent Thursday night with J. M. Taylor and family.

Miss Georgia Burton and Jesse Martin accompanied Miss Maggie Taylor home from Sunday school.

Warren Parsons visited at Mr. Wadley's Sunday.

Since the death of their wife and mother, Mr. Bill Porter and children are preparing to move to Cottle county. They think maybe they will leave this week. They have a number of friends and relatives here who wish them well.

Miss Ezzie Ash spent Saturday and Sunday nights with Mrs. Roark.

Horace Fain worked on Mr. Hodges' organ last Friday. He tuned it up in fine shape and Mr. Hodges says he's going to give a musical entertainment when the weather gets warm. You all can just imagine how anxious the youngsters are for the sun to shine.

I made a mistake in my last letter about Lucian Smith and Edwin Rehders boarding at Brit Alford's. They made arrangements for board there and worked on the bridge all right, but for some reason failed to board there.

This is the last page of this tablet and I guess my letter is long enough anyway so I'll lend Daisy Flat my pencil.

Oliver Hazelton was at home a few days the last of the week. Chicken pox broke out in his school and he had to dismiss school for a week.

Candy Kid.

## KEYSER

Health is good in Keyser at this writing.

Most all of the farmers are breaking land and a few have planted corn.

Bird Rhodes spent Friday night with Hugh Robinson.

We had a nice rain Friday and Friday night.

Messrs. Bird Rhodes and Hugh Robinson went to Bryson Saturday. Mr. Rhodes stayed for the show Saturday night.

Archie Kinder went to Bryson Saturday.

Sam Kinder called on Miss Ethel Ballow Saturday night.

Mrs. Keyser and sons have moved back in this community.

Mrs. F. N. Ballow and mother-in-law, Mrs. Ballow, called on Mrs. Alice Robinson last Tuesday.

Alfred Simpkins attended the show at Bryson Thursday night.

F. N. Ballow and wife went to Bryson last Wednesday.

Bird Rhodes went to Graham Tuesday and purchased a new saddle.

Miss Clara Ballow and little sister, Vada, spent Sunday with Miss Opal Robinson.

What has become of Gray-eyed Girl? Kid surely must

have gotten the best of her.

Messrs. Bird Rhodes and Archie Thompson were pleasant callers at Millard Sampley's.

Messrs. Hugh Robinson and Sam Kinder spent Sunday at Mr. Gilmore's.

Nelson Martin went to town Saturday.

Here is my pencil, some one take it who can write better letters.

Papa Sock.

## LONE OAK

We are having cool, rainy weather at present.

Some of the farmers have already planted corn and others have their land prepared for planting.

W. P. Reynolds, a real estate man of Olney, was in our community last Tuesday.

Rev. R. E. Boyle has gone on a prospecting trip to Post City.

Henry Veech and family were the guests of the Hill family Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude Cantwell and Miss Nettie Cox were pleasant visitors at J. W. Pratt's Friday afternoon.

Will Buchanan of Jean was in this community one evening last week for the purpose of getting one of his friends to teach him the latest steps in dancing.

Quite a number of the ladies marketed chickens in Loving last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McBride and Mrs. May Pratt were guests at the home of C. C. McBride Sunday.

J. V. Hamm was a business visitor to the county metropolis last Wednesday.

I'll tell you the dancing craze is in full sway in this part of the country now. I have never attended one of those "high-falutin'" balls but there must be something very attractive about them as the people have such a mania for attending them. I suppose it is all right though for those who wish to attend.

Jim Davis of Farmer was in our vicinity Wednesday.

Noah Cantwell made a trip to Jermyn one day last week.

C. C. McBride made a business trip to Graham Saturday.

Brunette.

## BEE BRANCH

We had a nice shower of rain this morning which was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Laura Kennedy is very sick this week.

Archie Corbett has been quite sick the past week, but is improving at this writing.

Quite a crowd from Bee Branch attended the Washington Birthday exercises in Ivan. Among the number were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Outlaw, Misses Georgia and Rachel Haliburton, Eva Moon, Myrtle and Jewel Jones; Messrs. Charlie and Pate Echols, Archie Corbett, Bryan Haliburton, Clark Moon and Herbert Key.

The people of this community were shocked Wednesday night when the news came over the phone that W. B. Richardson's house was in flames. The house was completely destroyed.

Winnie Echols spent last Friday night and Saturday with Ibbie Haliburton.

Mesdames Mollie Moore and Annie Echols made a flying trip to Caddo Tuesday.

Mr. Argo Davis and Ora Elledge of Eliasville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Corbett, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. N. B. Richardson and Miss Anis Brock called on Mrs. Corbett Wednesday afternoon.

Singing at the school house Sunday night was not very well attended.

School Girl.

## MURRAY

The cool rainy weather has stopped corn planting for a few days.

Miss Nellie Donnell visited Miss Genella Mayes Sunday.

Several of our people intended attending the entertainment at Eliasville Friday but their trip was rained out.

W. H. Ardis and daughter moved to Eliasville last week.

J. W. Walsh and family visited at G. W. Carmack's Sunday.

Miss Jessie Mayes has been sick but is better at this writing.

J. H. Megginson made a business trip to Newcastle the first of the week.

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### CEDAR CREEK

We have been having some more rain in this part of the world. It sure will help the small grain.

The literary Saturday night was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Several of the young folks of Fox Hollow attended the literary at the Cedar Creek school house Saturday night. We welcome you, friends, come again and bring some one with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Upham attended the literary Saturday night and went home with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Steele and family visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cretsinger Sunday.

J. H. Wesley went to town Thursday with his cotton. He sold seven bales for a little over seven cents per pound. What do you all think of that for a price for cotton? I call it sorry.

Mrs. J. H. Wesley and children stayed with her daughter, Mrs. Lula Steele, while Mr. Wesley went to town.

We heard that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicklas was real sick. We hope she is well by now.

The cemetery working was put off on account of bad weather. We will work next Saturday if it is not bad weather. If it is we will work the first pretty Saturday.

Health in this part of the country is very good. We do not know of any new cases of chicken pox. We are proud it did not hurt any one, any worse than it did.

The school children are not going to have anything to say in the next literary, but are going to rest, and see what their parents can do. We know that we can't come up with the school children but as they have been carrying the literary by themselves, we will give them a rest anyway.

The subject for the debate will be: "Resolved, that good roads and rural high schools are the only means of contentment for our future country boys and girls." Eugene West, John Couger, affirmative; John Wesley and Jim Dooley, negative.

Jim Dooley and family, Mrs. Wyatt and family, Bill Cretsinger and family all visited Heny Steele and wife Sunday night. They all reported a nice time.

Henry Steele and wife, and Miss Pearl Frazier visited Ben Upham and wife Sunday and enjoyed fish for dinner, as Mr. Upham caught one Friday that weighed twelve pounds.

Henry Steele and John Wesley took dinner with Mr. Hughes and family Saturday.

Some of the wheat is trying to grow a little now. Oats are looking very well.

Hurrah for Dreamy Eyes!

Come again we enjoy your letters. I am with you when it comes to hard times and socialists.

Mrs. I. W. Steele and sister, Miss Loe Cretsinger, visited Mrs. Lula Steele Monday.

Mrs. I. W. Steele visited her father, H. J. Cretsinger, Wednesday.

Bassett Wyatt made a flying trip to South Bend Tuesday returning Wednesday.

Our next literary will be the 13th of March. Everybody is asked to get a recitation or reading, or something, anything you want to.

Well, I guess I have written all I know so I will hand my pencil to Dreamy Eyes and go. June Roses.

### GOOSENECK

Mrs. S. J. Kelley spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Emma Dalrymple.

Mrs. J. L. Rhodes spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Grantham, this week.

Mrs. A. L. Conder visited Mesdames Dalrymple and Day Tuesday afternoon.

R. Mullenax killed his hogs Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Rose visited with Mrs. Parsons Monday.

Misses Hattie and Mattie Upham were delivering some nice goods Wednesday.

Bertha Watson spent Thursday night with Cordie Rose.

Walter Clark and family of Eastland county spent several days with his brother, John, and family.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Dalrymple no better.

Bill Sims came to see Mack Rose Saturday and while here he traded for Mack's buggy.

Mrs. Walter Moore, daughter of Mrs. Tom Beach, was buried here Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Moore died in Colorado and her body was shipped back here for burial. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Ernest Jones of Loving was a visitor to the Parsons boys Saturday night and Sunday.

A. L. Conder and family visited relatives at Graham Saturday night and Sunday.

John Clark assisted Frank Vaden in putting in his new telephone box Saturday night.

Odel Johnson and family returned home Sunday morning from an extended visit to J. A. Ferguson and family.

Eugene Kelley called on Cora Rose Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Virgie McLaren is confined to her bed again. We hope she will soon be up.

Wheat and oats are looking fine.

Mack Rose and Alfred Parsons had a pleasant trip to Graham Friday.

Some of the farmers are talking of planting corn next week.

Mrs. Nora Rose spent this week with her mother.

Herman Johnson and R. L. McLaren went to Bunger Saturday afternoon.

A. V. Brown was visiting R. Mullenax Sunday morning.

Nathan Reed took Sunday dinner with the Conder boys.

We welcome you Azure Skies, to our band. I think I can guess who you are, and I hope you will continue to send us the North Midway news.

We were glad to hear from you Mr. Parsons, and we are anxious to hear from you again.

As news is scarce I will ring off and hand my pencil back to Tulips, for she failed to write last week. Gander.

### SALEM

February proved to be an ideal month on the farmer and stock man here.

Wheat is making a nice start. Oats are up to a fine stand, grass getting green and all hands are ready to plant corn, the acreage of which will be much larger than usual.

We have had plenty of rain of late.

One of John Sadberry's little boys is quite sick with some kind of kidney trouble. The doctor has been with him several times lately.

Mrs. Maggie Gilmore return-

ed-home Thursday after a week's visit with her children at Flat Rock and Gooseneck.

Misses Sarah Hatfield, Bessie and Ressie Hinson spent Sunday with Miss Lena Fortner.

Rev. Patterson filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

On the second Sunday in Feb. a Sunday school was organized at Salem and Uncle Billie Higgins was elected Superintendent.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore spent part of last week with Mrs. Sadberry.

Dreamy Eyes, come on with another one of your good letters and we will soon have the hard-luck brigade in full retreat.

Hughie Henderson gave the young folks a singing Sunday night.

Kid-o, your answer is satisfactory, but we had no idea you were going to slide through the globe on the earth's axis. And your head is level on the question of shipping supplies to Europe, for they are our neighbors and we should treat them as such. Bad luck happens at times to the best of people and how would we feel toward a neighbor nation that would stand by and see us trampled under foot and wiped off the map, all for the want of food or for powder and shot? And your head is also level on the woman suffrage question. A reform that is surely coming.

Well, our paper gets better all the time, both in its management and correspondence. All the letters are good.

We read J. E. Parsons' letter with interest and hope he will come again and often.

Yes, Dago, memory is a fickle thing. We used to know a wealthy family who couldn't remember that their ancestors had run a beer saloon and a soap factory. And of course, then, you can't remember the old log school house at Henry Chapel. Well it was there and in use less than thirty years ago, and so was hundreds of log dwelling houses here and in use at the same time, just as I stated in the letter you objected to.

That old school house had intermissions of about fifteen minutes between the logs and George Washington Meeks was then a pupil in the school and one day he was caught coming in through a crack in the wall and when called on to answer why he treated a great temple of learning with such contempt testified that he crawled thru the hole in the wall to get his hat that another boy had "thrown outen" the house and George Washington was then and there acquitted. Dago arrived here a little too late to be on the real firing line when the first farming was done here.

Are the laws of fashion the same as thirty years ago Dago? And are not the laws of fashion about as strictly adhered to as the written laws of this state? We plead innocent to the charge of rounding up large herds of horses and beef steers. We said cattle and horses can be produced on the farms here now as well as then. In fact if a farmer tried to keep a few cattle then they were driven off in the round-ups. We will answer your unique question about buying a home, for we belong to a race that is not in the habit of dodging a question. As the land is of the same class the man would take the five dollar land in the way you have the trade fixed up. We answered this question for you in a former letter and we ask again where is there any fairness in the comparison you make? The contention is that taking prices and conditions into consideration that a land note can be met now with four times the ease that it could have been met thirty years ago. Start two men with nothing or start them with an equal proportion of the obligation they assume and then let one work under the conditions of today and the other under the conditions of thirty years ago, and the comparison will be fair. We don't claim Dago that buggies are

bought for chicken roosts, but we do claim that in many instances the chickens do roost on them. And we also claim that the man who really wants a home should close a deal as early as possible, for with the natural increase in population and with the heavy emigration pouring into this state land will soon be as high here as in other states. Salemite.

### PROFFITT

Glad to report Mr. Davis' little baby better at this writing.

Ray Connor of Ft. Worth is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb were trading in Newcastle last Monday.

Proctor Walker of Graham spent from Sunday till Wednesday with his brother, Henry Walker.

Hegie Hudson and Miss Den-

nie Maples, John Holder and Miss Edna Maples, Joe Maples and Miss Willie Hudson all went driving to Newcastle Sunday afternoon. All report a good time.

Mrs. Emma Webb spent Friday with Miss Bettie Gibbs.

John Lewis, who has been in Eastland county on business, returned home Monday.

Glad to say that Mr. Redwine, who has been pretty sick, is getting along fine.

Clarence Reeves and wife spent Monday night with her sister, Mrs. Emma Webb.

Say, Dreamy Eyes, you sure did have a good letter last week.

Charley Johnson is working for Mr. Holbert.

John Redwine has gone to New Mexico.

Homer Weatherbee went to Newcastle Wednesday.

Snowflake.

His ever-piercing eyes were wherever she looked. Gilbert Blye saw something in June, the runaway bride, that he liked. He followed her and made life miserable for her.

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**Dress Gingham 5c**  
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Now the next event of importance is the easter bonnet.

S. W. Lane spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Dallas.

G. W. Vernon of Olney visited The Reporter office Wednesday.

L. P. Brooks of Mt. Pleasant was in the city Wednesday on business.

**Fine Dress Gingham at 7c.**  
On sale at Street & Co's.

Don, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart, has been quite sick this week.

Miss Birdie Hogue of Bryson spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks here.

J. M. Taylor of Jean was a pleasant caller at The Reporter office Wednesday.

Austin Bird of Indian Mound was a visitor at The Reporter office last Friday.

**Apron Gingham**  
Special Bargain at 5c at Street & Co's.

Mrs. D. H. Creager is moving this week into the Henry Chapel community.

W. T. Gaw of Padgett was a pleasant visitor in The Reporter office yesterday.

W. H. Burnett of Eliasville made The Reporter a visit last Wednesday while in the city.

W. E. McCharen of Eliasville was a pleasant caller at The Reporter office yesterday.

**Bleached Domestic.**  
Yard wide, soft finish 7c at Street & Co's.

Mrs. L. A. Ringgenberg and children of Jacksboro are the guests of Mrs. W. S. McJimsey.

W. H. Cherryhomes of Lefras Texas, returned Wednesday night from a brief visit to relatives at Jacksboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blair have gone to Houston. Mr. Blair has been buying cotton here for several months.

T. W. Matthews of Medlan Chapel was in the city on business Monday and called at The Reporter office while here.

Mrs. Will Norman has gone to Cache, Oklahoma to attend the wedding of her brother, L. B. Kidwell.

Mrs. Jim Redmon of Kansas City arrived Wednesday night to spend some time visiting her parents near Ivan.

Mrs. E. F. Strube and son of Fort Worth are in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Finch.

Mrs. Clifton Finley of Fort Worth visited her sister, Mrs. T. T. Garrett, here for several days and left Monday for Bryson to visit other relatives.

Miss Theola Yates left Sunday for her home in Wichita Falls, after a brief visit here with her sister, Mrs. Lum Hinson.

Miss Edith Hancock left last Tuesday morning for her home in Bluffdale, after spending the winter here with her sister, Mrs. B. W. King.

We used to hear a little query something like this, "How short should be a lady's skirt?" And the reply was, "Just a little above two feet." However, this is out of fashion.

Germany ridicules the subjugated Belgians by saying that the latter country is lacking in population, in soldiers and in government. Her people are in Holland; her army is in Germany; her government is in France.

Mrs. J. Hall Bowman is in South Houston where her father is critically ill. Bro. Bowman and Rosemary accompanied her to Ft. Worth Monday. They are keeping "bach" while Mrs. Bowman is away.

Mrs. E. W. Fry and her mother, Mrs. Brady, of south Texas, left Monday morning for Cleburne, Texas, where they will spend a short time visiting Mrs. Fry's sister, Mrs. Harris, of that city.

The City Health Officer has opened up the Clean-Up campaign by a stirring call to arms. Let's co-operate with him for a cleaner Graham. Get after the back yards and alleys. Start the clean-up without delay. Now is the time to put your premises in order.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We use this method of thanking the Graham people for all the kind words and deeds that were so numerous given to us in the hours of our late affliction. We will ever treasure up in our hearts all these things which were in this dark hour such a comfort to us.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carlton.

**Johnstone the Bridegroom in "Runaway June."**

J. W. Johnstone, the popular Eclair leading man, has been engaged by the Reliance Company to play the bridegroom in "Runaway June," the new Geo. Randolph Chester serial of love, mystery and adventure in fifteen two-reel installments, the first of which is to be seen in this city at the New Electric Theatre on Friday, March 5th, and every Friday thereafter. Mr. Johnstone is a handsome, manly fellow and knows how to make love seriously and convincingly. He leads a busy life in the serial pursuing his bride, who is also followed by that master of mystery, "the man with the black Vandyke."

**Bitter Creek Honor Roll.**

Below is given the name of each pupil who attended school each day and was not tardy a time last month, the same ending Friday, Feb. 19, 1915.

**Boys:**  
Edgar Wilborn.  
George Wilborn.  
Dee Wilborn.  
Elbie Wilborn.  
Willie Hammond.  
Charlie Hammond.  
Werner Kunkle.  
Floyd Ray.  
Melvin Wainscott.

**Girls:**  
Loura Alexander.  
Lillian Hammond.  
Ruth Wainscott.  
Linnie Wilborn.  
Clara Gilmore.

We wish to stress that punctuality is very essential for efficient work, so we beg the parents to help us to enlarge our honor roll next month.

Thanking our patrons for their hearty co-operation and aid, which they have given in many ways, and asking them to please continue the same throughout the remainder of the term, and with best wishes to each of them, we are,

Theirs for service,  
H. L. Groner,  
Alma Greer.  
Teachers.

**Confederate Veterans**

Saturday, March 6th will be the regular meeting date at the Court House for the members of Young County Camp No. 127 U. C. V. Dr. W. H. Logan of Graham will deliver an address at this meeting. The public at large is invited to be present on this occasion.

F. Herron, Adjt.

**Library Paste.**

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## Mrs. Buck Stewart Entertains.

A jolly party assembled at the home of Mrs. Buck Stewart on Wednesday afternoon and passed a few hours in a most delightful fashion. The Carlton "jitney" was sent for the guests who arrived intact, with a few minor accidents, but no bones fractured or broken.

All brought their fancywork and many new patterns were on display and much admired. After some time spent in the delightful intricacies of fine needle work and merry conversation a delicious dinner of the following menu was served: Roast gravy, cranberry sauce, pickles, crackers, coffee and "cracker" cake.

At a late hour the "jitney" deposited the following guests at their respective homes, without an accident: Mesdames R. E. Lynch, R. G. Graham, John Wood, W. T. Finch, Chas. Widmayer, J. F. H. Crabb, D. G. Vick, W. I. Tidwell, Walter Douglass; Misses Annie Kramer, Lillian Manning, Dorothy and Nell Graham, and by special invitation, R. E. Lynch.

## NOTICE

I am informed that some few weeks ago some parties called upon you claiming to have the old, original Winona line of hosiery and that there was no longer any goods under the Winona name. This is false and misleading. I have the same old line of hosiery that has been made for 26 years in New Haven, with many new things in pure silk added. I will be here again in the summer to take fall orders.

Thanking each and every one who turns down such fakes and frauds as the parties who claimed such, a few weeks ago, I am District Manager of Texas.

J. R. ANDERSON,  
Amarillo, Texas.

## Fish Creek Honor Roll.

The following pupils have not been absent during February:

**First Grade:**  
Forrest Tyra.  
Joe Holloway.  
Jeswill Tyra.  
Green Moreland.

**Second Grade:**  
Richard Mayes.  
Leroy Maben.  
Olie Tiry.  
Pauline Braddock.

**Third Grade:**  
Marie Cloud.  
Zella Holloway.  
Sudie Mayben.  
Truman Mayes.  
Walter Moreland.

**Fourth Grade:**  
Willie Moreland.

**Fifth Grade:**  
Myrtle Holloway.  
Webster Mayben.

**Sixth Grade:**  
Elmer Mayes.  
Bessie Moreland.  
Eula Cloud.

**Seventh Grade:**  
Mayme Mayes.  
Fannye Moreland.  
Minnie Moreland.

The following pupils have not been tardy during February:

**First Grade:**  
Melvin Tyra,  
Jeswill Tyra,  
Forrest Tyra,  
Green Moreland,  
Joe Holloway.

**Second Grade:**  
Olie Tiry.  
Leroy Mayben.  
Richard Mayes.  
Pauline Braddock.

**Third Grade:**  
Zella Holloway.  
Truman Mayes.  
Walter Moreland.

**Fourth Grade:**  
Willie Moreland.

**Fifth Grade:**  
George Tiry.  
Jenette McKendrick.  
Myrtle Holloway.

**Sixth Grade:**  
Elmer Mayes.

Thanks for the improvement this month. Let us continue to improve. Parents, if your child is not on the Honor Roll, why not? It is your duty to see that your children get an education.

W. E. Braddock, Teacher.

## CRIB STATION

News is very scarce as the weather has been so bad the past week we have had to stay indoors most of the time. We certainly have had some fine rains the past few days. We are always glad to see it rain.

It is cold enough to snow today and looks like it might before night.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Georgia Carmack.

Mrs. Hoggard called at Mrs. Gibson's Monday afternoon.

Tom Pritchett has just returned from a trip to Midland, Texas, where he purchased an irrigated farm. He will leave in a few days for his new home. We wish them much success in their new home.

We understand W. M. Higgins will leave in the near future for his old home in Illinois where he will make his home in future. He will leave his farm here under the management of his son, Harry.

Rainy Day, I noticed in your letter the death of W. A. Butler, also the death of Mrs. Emma Moore. Sure regret to learn of their death.

Health of the community is good.

Mrs. Gibson and children attended church at Proffitt Sunday.

Here, I will hand my pencil to a better writer. Come on with some good letters.

Goldia.

## ORTH

Well, Kid, here you are butting in again. Now, as to getting acquainted with Miss Uno, I would not go to Sunday school for that purpose at all. If it was at church that would be different. Kid, it seems that you have got your mind on the saloon. Now don't you think that an open saloon is far better than a bootlegger? Now come on. I don't say that you patronize one, but if you do I can guess. As for myself, I take the open saloon. Never be ashamed to let the world know how you stand on anything.

Jno. Clark came up from Earl Clark's Friday to spend Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Willie Stafford spent the night with the Clark boys Friday night.

Had a nice shower this morning.

I hear some "hollering" education. I am with them, but how are we to get it? Not under the present system, for we have no school teachers. Now when I say no teachers I mean it. When you put a sixteen or eighteen year old girl to teach a bunch of little children, her education may be all right, but she has no knowledge of how to manage them, so you had just as well keep them at home. I say give us the right kind of teachers and our children will do the rest. I heard some one say the other day that a school teacher said she had the greenest set of kids to teach that she had ever seen. It may have been so but it did not become her to say so. What use have we for so many books? Teach our children the arithmetic, how to read and write and we

will be all right. As for grammar, language and other books too numerous to mention, we farmers do not need, for we can't all hold office.

We had a rabbit hunt one day this week and killed something over 100 rabbits.

J. N. Newman came in from Love County, Oklahoma, where he has rented land. He sold his shop and lot in Orth to Poke Williams. We hate to see him leave as he has been with us for some time.

D. L. Keith and wife went to Graham one day this week.

W. S. Hustage, Poke Williams, J. N. Newman and G. M. Jones went to Graham this week.

Edd Jeffery was in Orth last Wednesday.

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I will be in Graham second Monday with some thoroughbred Poland China shoats in fine condition.

J. D. Ferguson.

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For Sale—Johnson grass hay. 30c per bale. S. J. N. Martin. Route No. 1.

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160 acres of wheat land in Oklahoma. W. F. Wear Graham, Texas.

For Sale—Feterita seed at 3c a pound. Will deliver to Graham. Independent phone.

J. G. Parsons, Bunger, Texas.

For Sale—Mammoth White Holland Turkeys.

Mrs. Annie Sims, Loving, Texas.

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For Rent—Furnished room, southeast front, one block east of square, to one or two desirable young men. Call or phone S. W. 59. 23tf.

## HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK AT THE

## Opera House

MONDAY

Nestor: Out of the Frying Pan.

Victor: The Rock of Hope, two reels.

TUESDAY

Joker: In the Clutches of the Villian.

Bison: Love and Baseball, two reels.

WEDNESDAY

Imp: Shadows, two reels.

Sterling: Meyer's Mistake.

THURSDAY

Nestor: The Way of Life.

Eclair: The Line Rider, two reels.

FRIDAY

Goldseal: The Trey o' Hearts No. 7, two reels.

Stalermates.

Sterling: Hypnotic Power.

SATURDAY

ReX: A Law Unto Herself, two reels.

Joker: The Baseball Fans of Fanville.

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