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## FRY JURY DISAGREES AFTER BEING OUT FOR 72 HOURS, 7 TO 5 FOR ACQUITTAL

Other Cases Now Pending are Continued to September Term. Was Tried on J. M. Watson Check, Involving \$154.00.

The jury having the fate of E. W. Fry in its hands at Wichita Falls was discharged Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, having failed to reach a verdict.

Seven were for acquittal and five for conviction when discharged.

The following report of the trial is taken from the Wichita Daily Times:

The plans of both the prosecution and defense in the trial of E. W. Fry of Young county, on a charge of forgery, were made clear at the session today, while I. B. Padgett, former county treasurer was on the stand. The jury, which was completed late Wednesday is made up entirely of Wichita Falls citizens, as follows: N. G. Blacklock, barber; C. M. Doke, carpenter; J. M. Martin, tailor; O. D. Taylor, grocer; R. S. Dunaway, laundryman; W. J. Nolen, cotton buyer; C. M. Miller, contractor; W. Roberts, architect; S. W. Scott, carpenter; R. G. Couch, insurance; C. W. Creed, real estate; R. F. Burnett, barber.

The state is seeking to show that the check in this particular case, issued to J. M. Watson for \$154, was issued without the knowledge of J. M. Watson, who lives at Olney and that he knew nothing of it until some time after it was cashed; that Judge Fry, by reason of the manner in which warrants and checks were issued and by virtue of the confidence of the court house employes, was able to have checks issued on various occasions to various parties. Questioning by state's counsel indicated an effort will be made to show that the names of the payees were those of fictitious persons.

### Claims Another Watson.

The defense will be that while Judge Fry may have signed the name of the payee to the check, he did so with full consent, for convenience. The defense indicated that it will try to prove that the J. M. Watson to whom the check in question was issued was not the Olney man, but another individual of the same name who was in the county's employ.

### Haphazard Bookkeeping.

Young county's bookkeeping was rather haphazard in those days, judging from the testimony of the former county treasurer this morning. Any of the young ladies employed as deputies in the office of the county clerk could issue checks or warrants for the county clerk, and when the county treasurer was absent, they could issue checks for him. The defense is trying to show that the county commissioners, by a verbal order which was not recorded, authorized Judge Fry to approve accounts when they were not in session, so that the county's creditors would not have to wait three months for the money.

Over the objection of the defense, all of the checks and war-

rants involved in the 49 cases against Judge Fry in indorsement identified. Former County Treasurer Padgett, who appears to have a wide acquaintance in Young county, knew very few of the persons to whom the checks were issued, but admitted on cross examination that such persons might have worked in road gangs and have been unknown to him. There were numerous Kelly's in the list, with varying initials.

Judge John C. Kay is conducting the examination for the state; Judge Edgar Scurry is aiding the defense, which is also represented by Judge Taylor of Henrietta and Fred Arnold of Graham.

### Indictment Read.

When court opened the indictment charging Judge Fry with the forgery of a warrant issued to J. M. Watson in the sum of \$154 and with the passing of the forged instrument, was read by District Attorney Humphrey. Judge Taylor, for the defendant entered a plea of not guilty. The witnesses were then sworn and put under the rule.

Judge Kay of state's counsel then made the preliminary statement to the jury. He said that the state would seek to show that J. M. Watson, who lived at Olney, did no work for the county and did not know that such a check was issued until after it was paid and that he never signed it. It was also expected to show, he said, that Judge Fry enjoyed the confidence of the county treasurer, county clerk and the young women employed in the county clerk's office. Judge Kay said that the state expected to prove that as a result of this confidence the defendant was able on a number of occasions to have warrants drawn.

### Defense Objects.

Judge Taylor for the defense objected to any reference to warrants other than the one involved in this particular case. After argument, this objection was overruled. Continuing, Judge Kay said it would be sought to prove that Judge Fry would apply to County Clerk Cusenbary for a warrant, upon which County Treasurer Padgett would issue a check. This check, Judge Kay said the state would seek to show, would be signed on the back by Judge Fry with the name of the person to whom issued, and then indorsed by himself and cashed. He charged that in some cases Judge Fry had claims allowed when no work had been done, and that in some cases the person to whom the claim was allowed was unknown.

### I. B. Padgett Testifies.

I. B. Padgett, county treasurer, took the stand. At this point Judge Taylor presented a motion that the defense be permitted to see the documentary evidence in the case, saying that up to this time no opportunity had been given to in-

### Jacksboro 3, Graham 1.

The locals met their old time rivals from Graham here Tuesday afternoon and, in a close but slow game, were the victors by the score of 3 to 1. Graham's only score came in the 4th when Robert Bower hit to the pitcher, who caught Morrison at second; reached second on H. Birdsong's error; went to third when Callahan let an easy grounder get by; and scored when Harkey drove to short. Ringgenberg started the scoring for the locals in the first when Woods was slow in handling his grounder to third; stole second; reached third on a passed ball and scored on Hackley's well placed grounder. In the sixth, H. Birdsong drove clean to left; was advanced to second by C. Birdsong; went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Herring's bunt to pitcher. In the seventh, Ringgenberg sent a one-bagger to right and stole second; got to third on a wild pitch and scored on Wood's error.

Bases were full twice but Ham pitched himself out of the holes neatly in each instance. His pitching in this game, as well as all other games this season is above his best past record. Ed Myers was behind the bat for the locals in this game. Although a little inexperienced yet, it looks like Capt. Birdsong has solved the trouble that has infested this position since "Peggy" Owens' departure by its new occupant, Callahan did excellent work at first with the exception of losing an easy grounder that enabled Graham to get her only score. His batting showed some improvement over previous games. Capt. Birdsong at second and Ringgenberg at third played the game in their old time form. The all-time reliable outfield with Hackley, Horten and Herring took all offerings, most of the chances in this game going to Hackley who handled them with his usual brilliance.

C. Birdsong of the "Landstrum" reserves was called out to fill short and showed some of his old time form in field and at bat. Ham struck out six of the visitors and Bismarck Bower three of the locals.

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Umpires, Putnam and McClurkin.—Jacksboro News.

### Walker-Martin.

Mr. Proctor Walker and Miss Roxie Martin were married at the home of the bride's parents, east of Graham, on Monday, June 28, 1915, at 6 p. m., Esquire C. D. Brewton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. S. J. N. Martin. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker.

The young couple has many friends who wish for them a long and prosperous journey through life.

They will make their home in Jermyn, where Mr. Walker has a position awaiting him on arrival.

The Reporter joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Mrs. H. L. Morrison and son, Robert, leave in a few days for Toccoola, Miss., to spend a few weeks. Robert will stop in Dallas long enough to arrange a game for the Austin College football team at the Dallas Fair.

### Picnic Party.

On the evening of June 19th the Burkett home was the scene of a most delightful picnic party. The spacious lawn was beautifully lighted with electric lights.

The guests were asked to wear their picnic clothes and each young lady was requested to bring a lunch for two.

The guests assembled early and the lunch was served on the lawn in picnic style, after which the young people participated in many old fashioned, yet pleasing games, and the lawn presented a delightful picture of merriment and enjoyment.

Later in the evening, the hostesses, Misses Mary Ellen and Zada Burkett, assisted by Miss Eddleman served pineapple sherbet.

In the wee small hours all reluctantly departed, having spent a most delightful evening.

Those present were Misses Sadie Scott, Lois Loving, Mary Hudson, Catherine Craig, Lottie Bell Wallace, Myrtle Woolfolk, Mildred Martin, Eloise Morrison, Edith Birdwell, Beulah Stone, Eula Stone, Vera Gatlin, Berenice Miller, Lovella Eddleman, Fatine Dowdle; Messrs. Jim Porter, Jr., Sherril Norris, Reno Stinson, Herschel Eddleman, J. C. Rickman, Geo. Pickard, Johnnie Matthews, John Lynch, Floyd Henson, Le Grande Mabry, Oliver Loving, R. E. Short, Jr., John Morrison, Zurl Birdwell and Gray Howard.

### Rook Party.

Miss Aline Johnson had a few young people down to meet Miss Cheatham of Waxahachie on last Thursday evening.

After playing five games of Rook the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Crouch, served a delicious ice course. Miss Cheatham was given the guest prize, Mr. Paul Deats the high score prize and Mr. Wallace Sloan the cut prize.

Those present were: Misses Agnes Craig, Dorothy and Nelle Graham, Lucille Doty; Lucile Miller, Mayzelle Morrison, Lily Morrison, Bladen Garrett, Zella Allen Appoline Dow; Messrs. P. K. Deats, Wright McClatchy, S. Boyd Street, Chas. Hinson, J. P. McKinley, Scarborough Mabry, Mabry Short, J. B. Norris, Henry Porter and Wesley Johnson.

### LES HIBOUX.

Mrs. E. S. Graham entertained the Friday Auction Bridge Club on Friday morning with one table of Rook and three tables of Bridge.

After the guests arrived the hostess, assisted by Misses Dorothy and Nelle Graham and Lois Loving, served a delicious salad course consisting of fruit salad, ice tea, olives and crackers.

After playing several games Mrs. Wadsworth was given the high score prize, a pair of silk hose; the cut prize fell to Mrs. Crabb, and the Rook prize fell to Miss Lucille Doty.

Those present: Mesdames R. Fowler, Hutchison, J. Gay, B. Street, Q. Street, Wadsworth and Criswell; Misses Dorothy Graham, Bladen Garrett, Zella Allen, Aline Johnson. Invited guests: Mrs. Crouch of McKinney, Mrs. Crabb, Misses Cheatham of Waxahachie, Agnes Craig, Nelle Graham, Lucille Doty, Mayzelle Morrison Lucile Miller and Mrs. C. B. Jones.

### Prof. Edgar McLendon Resigns.

Prof. Edgar McLendon, who for the past ten years has been superintendent of the Graham High School, has resigned to accept a similar position at Mart, Texas. It is stated that Mart offered him \$1800.00 for the first year's work and \$2000 for the second.

Mr. McLendon is now teaching in the summer normal at Mineral Wells. He is recognized as one of the finest teachers of higher mathematics in the state, and has made an enviable record in Graham as a superintendent.

Patrons of the school here will deeply regret to learn of his decision but realize that they cannot hope to hold him here any longer.

The Reporter wishes for Mr. McLendon every possible success in his new field.

### Rook Party.

On Monday evening Mrs. Sam Criswell entertained for Miss Beulah Allen.

There were eight tables of young folks, Rook, Forty-two, and Bunco affording amusement for the guests. The color scheme of pink was carried out in the tally cards, prizes, refreshments, etc. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henry Criswell, Misses Ethel Birdwell and Beulah Allen, served an ice course consisting of brick ice cream and angel food cake.

Miss Lucile Miller won first prize and the "all cut" fell to Miss Lily Morrison.

Those present were: Misses Ethel Birdwell, Mayzelle Morrison, Lucile Miller, Ruth Doty, Buford Snoddy, Ada Rickman, Mary Craig, Lorena Wallace, Agnes Craig, Dorothy and Nelle Graham, Zella Allen, Appoline Dow, Lily Morrison, Lou Stroud and Beulah Allen; Messrs. J. B. Norris, Herschel Eddleman, R. L. Morrison, Marion Burkett, Charlie Hinson, Paul Deats, W. McClatchy, Leslie Scott, Henry Porter, Bill Johnson, J. P. McKinley, Scarborough Mabry, Lee Overlander, Wesley Johnson, J. E. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Criswell.

### Bryson Defeats Graham.

Bryson took the big end of an 8 to 6 score in a game here last Thursday.

Bryson used three pitchers to stop the onslaught of hits being registered by the locals, who had the game easily won except for errors. So many were made, and in such close succession that a little infield hit by Bryson meant a score most every crack.

Lack of practice on the part of the local team was the cause for so many errors.

The game was umpired by Tom McKinney, and all the boys say he is "some umps."

Jacksboro took the big end of a three to one score in a game between Graham and Jacksboro Tuesday afternoon. Failure to hit in the pinches was said to be the cause of Graham's failure to win, as they had men on bases several times, nearly every man getting a hit. At times the bases were full, but succeeding batters went out by the strikeout route. The locals played a much better game, however, than they did against Bryson, and with a little more team practice will be able to show some good results.

### Beckham National Bank Building Being Repaired.

The Beckham National Bank building is undergoing repairs to make it more comfortable and attractive.

A new roof has been added and the upstairs rooms are to be repapered and the openings and other woodwork repainted.

### Tidwell Building Improved.

The upstairs portion of the Tidwell building is being cut up into offices to be occupied, we understand, by physicians. This is one of the nicest office buildings in the city and we are glad to note this improvement.

### Commerce Hotel Remodeled.

The Commerce Hotel, owned by J. W. Harty, is being remodeled, the old portion of the house having been torn away to make room for eleven new rooms. When completed the Commerce will be a splendid structure, and Mr. Harty's record as a good hotel man will stand him in good stead to make the new structure a paying proposition.

### New Road Grader.

Royal A. Hawley, a local blacksmith, has recently patented a new style road grader, which is said to displace many of the old style graders, since this one combines so many new features not embodied in the old ones. People familiar with graders can easily distinguish the advantages in the new grader, a model of which is on exhibit at Hawley's blacksmith shop.

### Porch Party.

Miss Bessie Finch entertained a number of her friends on the porch and lawn at her beautiful home on South Cherry street Thursday evening. Bunco was the chief diversion, Miss Lovella Eddleman winning the prize for highest score, a beautiful hand-made combing jacket. Mr. Bryan Hall, in a cut with John Morrison and J. C. Rickman, won a beautiful tie. Miss Mary Hudson won the "booby" a package of Jumbo chewing gum.

Punch was served when the guests arrived by Miss Nola Adair, and later delicious ice cream and cake were served.

The following were present: Misses Berenice Miller, Lottie Bell Wallace, Ethel Gilmore, Ione Powell of Avalon, Texas, Mary Hudson, Lois Loving, Lovella Eddleman, Nola Adair, Myrtle Woolfolk, Eloise Morrison, Myrtle Wallace, Vera Gatlin, Mary Ellen Burkett, Catherine Craig, Beulah and Eula Stone, Fayline Dowdle, Edith Birdwell; Messrs. J. C. Rickman, Jno. Morrison, Sam Shanafelt of Bryson, Marion Copeland, Richard Williams, John Lynch, Le Grande Mabry, Gray Howard, Floyd Hinson, Dewey Matthews of Guymon, Okla., Fred Hudson, Bryan Hall, Jim Porter, Jr., R. G. Graham, Jr., and Sherrill Norris.

### Bryson Couple Weds.

Mr. Jim Kinder and Miss Lou Henderson of Bryson were married Tuesday, June 22, at Lubbock, Texas, and arrived at Bryson Saturday night. They have many friends in Bryson and vicinity who extend hearty congratulations.

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**Weather for July.**

1st to 5th, hot wave; 6th to 7th, heavy thunder storms; 8th to 11th warm. On the 12th a storm will advance from the lower Pacific Coast States and move eastward. 13th to 16th, hot and sultry; 17th to 19th, thunder storms; 20th to 23rd, cloudy; 24th to 26th, thunder storms; 27th to 31st, warm.

Silence may be golden, but we know of no "dummies" who have ever piled up any of the coin of the realm.

The fun we're having out of fishing these days is meeting the fellows who come in with the big catch and telling them all about what we "used to do."

California is still suffering from earthquakes, shocks having been reported several times recently. Indianapolis, Corpus Christi and San Antonio, are having some quakes of their own about now, and the shakeup seems to catch a large number.

Night work has been necessary in Young county to harvest the big wheat and oats crops, numbers of binders being run all night long. Young county is expecting to harvest one of the biggest crops of every kind that has been known here for years.

The Sackett resolution provides for the absolute separation of the A. & M. College and University of Texas, and we hope the people will vote solid for the resolution. Thousands of dollars have been spent in useless quibbling over these two State schools and the boys and girls have suffered as a result, but with a separation this can be obviated, and both schools will be enabled to do their best.

Judging from Mr. Lansing's past record he seems to be a man better fitted for the post of Secretary of State than was Mr. Bryan, and we trust this record will stand him in good stead in his dealings with foreign nations. His job is no cinch, and he'll need his wits about him every day in the year, especially so long as the European powers are flying at each other's throats.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court invalidating the pool hall law, would seem to indicate that the judges were greater than the people. When the pool hall law was passed Graham voted pool halls out, and yet the decision of the Court says to us, "you must take them whether you want them or not" provided some one decides to open such a place in this city. Not much local self-government about that.

**LUCILLE**

After an absence of two weeks will come again with the news. The good editor will have to excuse me, for I have not been at home.

Most every one is through harvesting. Some few small patches yet to cut.

Geo. Weldon liked about two days' cutting and broke his binder Saturday and had to go to Mineral Wells for repairs.

Mr. McAvoy went to Sand Valley Sunday to cut Tom Weldon's wheat, but only cut a while and broke down.

Grasshoppers, did I hear some one say? I should smile. They are eating on the cotton and corn in some places. Guess they will eat everything up before they leave. They are also eating on the peaches.

Misses Mandy and Grace Layton are hoeing for Mr. Donnell this week.

Al Storm is building a new granary.

Misses Lula and Monnie Bridges took Sunday dinner with Misses Bessie and Bonnie Storm and in the afternoon Lula, Monnie and Bonnie visited Mr. and Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hartnett of Weatherford, Lura, Vera and Pat Dalton all spent one night last week on Rock Creek fishing.

G. Weldon shipped a bunch of cattle last Friday.

Mr. McAvoy has bought a new thrasher. He brought it home Tuesday and will soon be ready for threshing.

Dago, do you belong to the Henry Chapel ball team? If so perhaps I will get to see you Saturday. I think they and the Lucille boys intend to cross bats that day.

Say\_Goose, I failed to find that Willie Dolittle. I found a man that said he guessed he was the one, but he doesn't resemble the Dolittle a little bit. He said he knew you all right.

You must be careful how you talk about the Dolittle living near Pickwick, for those people down there don't like that. If the most of Pickwick is kin to Johnnie Dolittle.

Singing at Sam Newberry's Sunday night was well attended. All report a nice time.

Mrs. Layton spent Sunday with Mrs. Storm.

Mrs. Storm has been suffering with a spider bite for the past two weeks.

The oil men unloaded three loads; one of casing and two of tanks, in Al Storm's hog pasture last Tuesday. Don't know when they will bring the rest of their stuff.

Hugh Bailey and family visited at Mr. Chick's Sunday.

Jim Barron of Cedar Creek was in our midst Saturday.

Aaron Nicklas of Fox Hollow was in our vicinity Saturday.

Aaron Nicklas spent Friday night at George Weldon's.

Busy Bee, I heard about your ball team. You all come and play the girls at Lucille, I mean you girls. We have nine and I believe we could make the boys ashamed of themselves, don't you?

Mrs. Tom Jenkins has gone down near Mineral Wells to visit her brother, Jim McPherson, whose wife is very low.

Clarence Newman had the misfortune to lose his milk cow last Monday. Did not know what was the matter with her.

Johnnie Dolittle had the misfortune to get the only cow—had rattlesnake bit Monday. Oh, my! I sure have been dopering her to a finish and she is getting well.

Mr. Editor, come down in about a week and help eat roast- ing ears. I think we will have plenty by that time if the grass- hoppers don't eat them up.

Gertie and Estel Spurlock of near Mineral Wells are here visiting friends and relatives.

Two cars came out to Rock Creek Saturday afternoon from Grafrod to fish. They stuck at Frog Spring Hollow and had quite a time getting out.

John Doan and Mr. McAvoy closed a trade Saturday in which Mr. Doan bought a strip of land from Mr. McAvoy that lay next to Al Storm's.

John Doan, Geo. Weldon, Bob Chick and Henry Shields spent Sunday morning at Al Storm's talking about the oil well.

Bro. Mrophis of Grafrod filled his appointment here Sunday. He preached to a large crowd. Sunday school was well attended as also was singing.

Say, Correspondent, don't you wish the reunion would hurry and take place, before the anthrax starts again?

Well, as some of the rest have described themselves I will give you a faint idea of how I look. I am five feet, five inches high, weigh 120 pounds, have dark hair and dark eyes. I was raised in Palo Pinto county. Father came from Iowa, mother from Navarro county to Palo Pinto county twenty-five years ago. Papa also came here the same year. Have been living here every since with the exception of two years, one in Parker county and one in Wise county near Decatur, so you see why I am partial to old Palo Pinto. Papa is talking of selling and going west but it will never be home again.

Will Reeves and family spent Sunday with Perry Nicklas and wife.

Grandma Reeves is visiting her daughters, Mesdames Caudill and Nicklas.

Jewel McPherson is real sick at this writing. Hope her a speedy recovery.

Master John Nicklas is spending the week with his grandfather Reeves.

Mr. Coffman and family spent Saturday at Lee McKee's.

L. O. McKee had several head of cattle to go down the river when it was up. He has had quite a time gathering them up. He heard of one this week that came out down close to Chick Bend.

Mr. Cooper's brother is visiting him at present. He came from a distance, I never learned what state.

Ed Dalton, William, Hugh Carrigan and Misses Laura and Veva Dalton called at Mr. Al Storm's Friday eve.

John Weldon is dipping his cattle this week.

Messrs. John Pendergraft, Al Storm and George Pendergraft went to Grafrod today (Saturday).

Well, I hear the editor say that will do for this time. Take my pencil some good writer.

Johnnie Dolittle.

**KEYSER**

As I have been absent for some time will try to write again.

Health is good in this community at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Rhodes are the proud parents of a baby girl, born June 25, 1915.

Messrs. William and Ras Smith, Elmer Key, Bird and Arnie Rhodes took Sunday dinner with Hugh Robinson.

Miss Lerah Sampley is visiting in Megargel at present.

Geo. Martin called on Miss Opal Robinson Sunday.

Mrs. Rhodes spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Hila Keyser.

Several from this community attended church at Mountain Home 3rd Sunday.

Peel Robinson has returned from Iowa Park.

F. N. Ballow and family attended church at Bryson tonight (Sunday night.)

Misses Rhodes spent Sunday eve with Misses Ballow.

Blue Eyes.

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## FRY JURY DISAGREES

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spect them. Judge Nicholson said that any document that had been filed could be seen by them and Judge Kay said that the papers in question, which filled a large sack, had been on file for two months.

"We don't want to stop this trial while defendant's counsel audits these records," said Judge Kay.

"We're not going to stop it for that," said Judge Nicholson. Defense took vigorous exception to both these remarks.

### Identifies Warrant.

Mr. Padgett's examination then began. He identified the check and the warrant issued to J. M. Watson. He said that the signature under Watson's name was that of Judge Fry. Mr. Padgett said he knew J. M. Watson and that the latter was a well known citizen. He identified the signature on the check as that of Judge Fry, and the check was then offered, and the warrant also. The check was as follows: "I. B. Padgett, county treasurer Young county, No. 3515. Graham, Texas, 10-21-1913. Pay to J. M. Watson or order \$154, one hundred fifty-four and no 100 dollars. To the Graham National Bank, county depository. (Signed) I. B. Padgett, county treasurer." The check was indorsed by J. M. Watson in ink and by E. W. Fry in pencil.

### Other Checks Identified.

The defense here entered an objection to identification of signatures on other warrants and checks. This objection was overruled. Identification of about 50 documents followed. Mr. Padgett said that the name "Fry" on the back of the warrants was put there by Judge Fry. He said he would say that the signatures were those of Judge Fry; this was over objection by the defense. The entire batch of warrants and checks were then offered by the state and the defense entered an objection on five grounds; this was overruled, but the jury was instructed to consider them only as showing the methods and intent of the defendant. Judge Scurry then presented a motion for a continuance on the ground that the witnesses to whom the checks were issued were not here to testify that Judge Fry was authorized to sign their names. This was overruled.

### Didn't Know Payees.

Taking up the checks one at a time Mr. Padgett testified that he did not know J. R. Kelly, W. A. Moreland, J. R. Walker, J. T. White, George T. Moore, J. John Simpson, J. M. Kelly, G. C. Winn, J. R. Tate, C. W. Kelly, S. C. Kelly, Frank Kelly and many others.

The defense here introduced the indictments against Judge Fry as a basis for an objection on the ground that the state was seeking to show that the persons named were fictitious. This objection was overruled. Mr. Padgett said he knew T. E. Jones and R. C. Wells. In many cases he knew families by the name mentioned, but could not recall anyone by the initials in question. He said that in none of the cases mentioned did the persons mentioned get the checks in person from him, but that Judge Fry would often put a check in an envelope as if to mail it.

### Got the Money.

"Does it appear that he took those checks to the bank himself?"

"It appears that he got the money."

Objection to this was sustained. Mr. Padgett said he and Judge Fry were friendly and that he had placed every confidence in Judge Fry.

On cross examination Mr.

Padgett said that up to the time of the recent events, Judge Fry's reputation was good. He said that there were several persons in the county clerk's office who were authorized to issue warrants and that the same deputies wrote checks for him when he was absent. It was brought out that Young county employed a great many men for road work, some of them transients, and that witness was not acquainted with many of them. Mr. Padgett said that in many cases checks were mailed to the men but that sometimes the checks were delivered in person. He said sometimes a road foreman would draw the pay for all his gang.

### Saw Fry Write Addresses.

Questioned as to the J. M. Watson check, Mr. Padgett could not say who put the Watson signature. He could not account, he said, for the six days that elapsed between the issuance of the warrant and the issuance of the check. The bank's stamp on the check showed it to have been paid on October 19, two days before the date of issuance. He said he had seen Judge Fry put checks in envelopes and write the addresses. Mr. Padgett testified that sometimes the county clerk would come in and get a check on a warrant, signing the payee's name on the warrant.

"Could you tell the jury that there was not a man, J. M. Watson and his boy, with their teams, working on the county roads in 1913?"

"I couldn't say."

Witness said there might have been another J. M. Watson and gave similar answers as to the other names previously called. He said he thought the commissioners approved the accounts and that a verbal order had been passed by the commissioners' court authorizing Judge Fry to approve such accounts. The commissioners themselves, he testified, sometimes drew considerable sums to pay road gangs. Witness said he thought all the warrants were regularly issued or he would not have cashed them. A question as to whether there was an audit of county books, was objected to as material. Judge Taylor said it was material because if there was no shortage in the county funds there could have been no forgery. Judge Martin replied that an audit would not necessarily show forgery. The objection was sustained. This ended cross examination.

The state rested shortly before noon Friday in the trial of E. W. Fry, charged with forgery and after dinner the defense sprang something of a surprise by "checking the bet" and resting its case without introducing a word of testimony. Argument began Friday afternoon following the delivery of the charge to the jury by Judge Nicholson.

In resting its case, the defense renewed its former motion for a continuance of the case, asking that it be taken from the jury and continued until witnesses subpoenaed by the defense can be located. This motion was overruled.

The state's testimony may be summarized as follows: That the particular check in this case being issued to J. M. Watson for \$154, was cashed by Judge Fry after the name J. M. Watson had been written as an endorsement; that J. M. Watson, who lives at Olney, never saw the check until after it was paid, knew nothing of it, and did not authorize anyone to indorse it for him; that the persons to whom the other forty-odd checks involved in this case were issued were unknown in the county or where citizens by that name were known the latter did not indorse the checks nor authorize anyone to indorse

for them; and that the indorsements on the checks were, according to the testimony of an expert on hand-writing, John S. Oglesby of Dallas, written by Judge Fry.

The defense has offered no testimony to offset this, and will doubtless rely upon the cross examination of the expert Oglesby to discount the effect of his testimony. As to the checks themselves, the cross questioning of the state's witnesses has indicated the plan of the defense is to set up that a great many men, some of them unknown in Young county, were employed on the roads and that checks issued to such men in payment of their services were cashed for them by Judge Fry for the sake of convenience, the indorsements being authorized by them.

With the exception of four persons, none of those whose names appear as payees on the checks have been located and several public officials of Young county have declared that, despite their wide acquaintance in the county, they never heard of them.

The hand-writing expert, Mr. Oglesby, took the stand Thursday afternoon and testified that in his best judgment, the names of the indorsers were written on the checks by Judge Fry.

The testimony of the expert, John S. Oglesby of Dallas, relieved the monotony of the trial late Thursday, as up to that time the state had been putting on witness after witness in an effort to show that the payees of the various checks were fictitious persons or that if they were not, no consent was given to anyone to affix their names. Mr. Oglesby gave it as his expert opinion that the indorsements on everyone of the checks, above Judge Fry's own signature, were written by Judge Fry. The checks were exhibited to the jury and Mr. Oglesby explained the similarities, some of which were certainly not apparent to the unpracticed eye, to the jurors.

Mr. Oglesby's cross examination furnished several tilts between himself and Judge Taylor of counsel for the defense, Judge Taylor pointing out some marked dissimilarities between the different ways in which the signatures on the various "Kelly" checks were written, and asking the witness to reconcile these differences with his direct testimony. Mr. Oglesby was on the stand again Friday morning for over an hour and testified, not only that the fifty checks upon which indictments were returned were indorsed with the payees' names by Judge Fry but that a number of other checks upon which no indictments have been returned.

### Evidence Over Objection.

All of the expert testimony, in fact every word of testimony dealing with any check other than the J. M. Watson check for \$154 upon which this particular indictment is based, was admitted over the objection of the defense, which cited authorities to show that where such testimony was introduced to custom or practice as is the purpose in this case, the state must first show that the other checks are forgeries. Judge Taylor, Judge Martin and District Attorney Humphrey argued this matter at some length Friday morning in the absence of the jury, the outcome being that Judge Nicholson overruled the objection.

Wishing to keep his record straight, but not desiring to object every time such a question was propounded, Judge Taylor asked if he might have a bill on each and every question relating to other checks was asked.

"You may," responded Judge Nicholson, "and I'll be willing to testify for you that you've ob-

jected at every possible opportunity during this trial."

The only other witness Friday morning besides Mr. Oglesby was Mrs. May Criswell, formerly in the employ of the Graham National Bank, who identified the "paid" stamp of the bank and told of its custom relative to indorsements.

### Thursday Afternoon's Session.

J. M. Watson of Olney was the first witness after dinner. He said he had lived in Young county fifteen years and that he knew of no other J. M. Watson in that section. Shown the check issued to J. M. Watson, he said the signature on the back was not his own and that he had given no one permission to indorse a check for him. He said he had no claim against Young county in October, 1913. The signature indorsing the check, Mr. Watson said, somewhat resembled his own.

Cross examined, he wrote his name on a piece of paper for purposes of comparison. He said he did not know whether there was another J. M. Watson who worked on the county roads. Mr. Watson testified to the excellence of Judge Fry's reputation.

Sheriff M. M. Wallace of Young county said he was widely acquainted in Young county. He was shown the list of names of persons to whom checks were issued and said he knew four of the number. A question as to whether he had made any effort to locate the others was objected to, objection being overruled. The sheriff said he had searched for all the persons named, and gave details of his efforts to locate them.

On cross examination, he said there were a number of Kelly's in the county and he could not swear that there was no J. M. Kelly. He said he was not particularly well acquainted with the men on the road gangs. He visited twelve out of 22 voting precincts in the county in his search. Shown the check issued to J. M. Watson, he said there was no similarity between the handwriting in the Watson and Fry signatures.

### Tax Collector Knew Only Four.

Henry Groves of Graham, a resident of Young county for 25 years, and now tax collector, was shown the list of names. He knew four of those mentioned, he said. The tax rolls of Young county from 1910 to 1914 were brought into the court room. On cross examination, Mr. Groves said the Watson signature did not appear to be in Judge Fry's handwriting. He was questioned along the same lines as previous witnesses.

### Cherryhomes Killing Mentioned.

County Commissioner Dillard Hinson, former tax assessor, also failed to recognize most of the names in the list. Judge Taylor on cross examination asked Mr. Hinson if he had not been bitter against Judge Fry and made denunciatory remarks about him. Witness said he might have said some things about him since "the murder of Cherryhomes."

"Why did you say 'the murder of Cherryhomes?'"

"That's what I thought it was." The rest of the cross examination dealt with the handwriting and with the names of the various Kelly's, questions being asked and answered with some feeling by both sides.

S. W. Brown, a saloon man of Fort Worth, testified that he had cashed a check for \$140 for Judge Fry in 1913, and another for \$70 in 1914. This testimony was over objection of the defense. On cross examination he said Judge Fry did not write the name of the check's payee on the back, but wrote only his own name.

H. L. Tidwell, a grocer of

Graham, told of Judge Fry giving him in January, 1914 in payment of rent, the check being made out to another party and indorsed over to him. He was cross examined as to the signature's similarity.

### Judge Akin Testifies.

Judge J. W. Akin testified relative to a check Judge Fry had given him. Cross examined he testified as to the excellence of Judge Fry's reputation in Young county.

J. T. Lowe whose name appeared as indorser on one of the checks in question, said that he knew nothing of the check and that the signature on the back was not his own. On cross examination he said he knew another Lowe, whose initials were A. G. Lowe. He said he did not know who signed the name J. T. Lowe on the check.

Similar testimony was given by T. E. Jones as to a check issued to him. Cross examined he said the signatures did not seem at all similar. J. C. Webb testified to the same effect.

### Hand Writing Expert Testifies.

John S. Oglesby of Dallas, expert accountant, qualified as a hand-writing expert. He examined the signatures of the payees on the various checks, and gave as his opinion that they were all by the same party. He said that the name of E. W. Fry was the last indorsement and that the rule of banks to pay the indorser whose name appeared last.

On cross examination, the witness said he never worked for a bank but knew of their rules and customs. He was questioned rather sharply on this point. Two checks, both indorsed by persons named Kelly, and he compared the signatures, showing the similarity. Mr. Oglesby used a magnifying glass in making his comparisons, sticking to his original assertion that the same person wrote them. Asked as to whether Judge Fry signed the name J. M. Watson to that particular check, he said:

"They are signed by the same party in my estimation, yes."

He said he based this opinion on the similarity of the letter "W." He was next asked to compare the names as written by the county clerk on the face of the warrant and as appearing in the indorsement, and said there was some slight difference. He said it appeared that the man who wrote the J. M. Watson on the back of the check apparently tried to copy the name from the face of the warrant. Shown Mr. Watson's genuine signature, he said it had a different slant from the indorsement. Mr. Oglesby discussed the checks at some length and when he concluded court adjourned.

The fate of E. W. Fry, under indictment for forgery, is now with the jury. The argument ended at 3:25 Saturday afternoon and up to a late hour last night there was no indication of a verdict. On the contrary, with an unconfirmed report that the jurors stood eight to four for acquittal, there was evidence of a long drawn out session. Late Saturday the jury sent out for changes of clothing and asked that arrangements be made for them to have baths this morning.

Judge Fry was tried on one of 50 indictments charging him with forgery and passing of forged instruments, the case having been on trial since Wednesday. The argument was completed early Saturday afternoon and after court and attorneys had waited nearly two hours, word came from the jury room that supper was the next thing on the program.

The presentation of the case to the jury was marked by both bitterness and eloquence in the

arguments of the attorneys. A large crowd heard the speeches, although the gatherings did not compare in size with that which heard the arguments in the murder cases last April. Judge John C. Kay opened for the prosecution Friday afternoon, being followed by Fred Arnold for the defense; Saturday Judge Scurry for the defense, Leslie Humphrey for the state, Judge Taylor for the defense and Judge Martin for the state was the order of speaking.

Mrs. Fry sat by her husband during the argument and was visibly affected by some of the remarks of the attorneys.

It was announced that the next of the 48 remaining cases against Fry would be taken up probably Wednesday of this week, but last night it was reported that the attorneys on both sides had reached an agreement for a continuance to September, provided this was acceptable to Judge Nicholson. Although the matter had not been brought formally before Judge Nicholson he said that such an arrangement would be satisfactory to him provided that the attorneys on both sides agreed to it.

### Judge Nicholson's Charge.

Judge Nicholson's charge, which was given to the jury early Friday afternoon, was the usual charge covering forgery cases, with a special charge on circumstantial evidence and another relating to the purposes for which the other checks besides the one upon which the indictment was based were introduced in evidence. The defense submitted a number of other special charges which were refused by Judge Nicholson.

The first to speak was Judge John C. Kay, opening for the prosecution. He referred in his early remarks to the high position which Judge Fry had held and to his standing in the community where he lived.

"There's a wide spread conviction, gentlemen of the jury," said Judge Kay, "that you can't put that kind of a man in the penitentiary."

The defense at once took exception to this remark, and the jury was instructed not to consider it. Continuing, Judge Kay said that the laws were not framed to reach only the poor and the ignorant. He dwelt with emphasis upon the fact that the jury could not doubt that J. M. Watson did not write his indorsement upon the check. Judge Fry, as a county official, had no business handling the checks at all, he said, and he mentioned the fact that there were entirely too many warrants and checks involved in the proceedings against Judge Fry. Judge Kay spoke at length upon the failure to locate 46 of the men to whom checks were issued and said that the defense never had the idea "that there were any such humans in existence."

### Misplaced Confidence.

Four of the men to whom checks were issued had testified, said Judge Kay, that they never saw them, and he said it was little wonder, under such circumstances, that the defense rested its case without putting on any witnesses, but decided to use "the same weapon that Samson used against the Philistines—jawbone." The first checks were small ones, but the amounts grew steadily larger as the practice continued, the attorney said, and every circumstance pointed to Judge Fry's guilt. It required no courage nor manhood to perform such acts, said the speaker, such as was needed by a man who was holding up a train, but the defendant had taken advantage of the confidence which the county treasurer had reposed in him. Judge Kay spoke of his long friendship for

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## Live News from our Correspondents

### WHITE ROSE

J. O. Striplin and David Wood were in Graham Monday.

Mrs. W. C. McCombs is on the sick list this week, and was not able to attend Sunday school Sunday.

Albert Elliott is hauling wheat for Mr. Thomas. We understand that he hauled 115 bushels Monday.

W. C. McCombs lost two cows last week. It is supposed that they ate grasshopper poison.

All the farmers are through cutting grain and we are expecting the thresher this week. Most of them are going to hold for a higher price.

W. C. McCombs was transacting business in Graham Saturday and hauled out a load of lumber to repair his granary with.

Mr. Hightower and son, Lloyd and Maston Thomas were in Graham Saturday.

### Unemployment.

"The immediate government relief of the unemployed by the extension of all useful public works. All persons employed on such works to be engaged directly by the government under a workday of not more than eight hours and not less than the prevailing union wages. The government also to establish employment bureaus to lend money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. And to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class."

Now, dear readers, the above plank is not radical, and with the exception of Plow Boy I do not think any of you will think it anti-religious.

Salemite says that they do not want anything we advocate, but let's see what effect that little plank would have upon the workers if it were put into operation. I say that Texas would blossom as the rose and be more prosperous than it has ever been.

Graham has twenty-five or thirty boys, and most all of them are industrious and want to work. All they need is a chance. The oil mill runs a few months in each year, and to that is a little cotton chopping and harvesting, then they are idle the rest of the year. We advocate building roads, bridges or if it is necessary to give employment, to dam up the Brazos River and start a big co-operative farm. Anything to give them work.

Of course, Salemite will say that we can all get work who try, and that the government would lose money. But let's investigate and see if something similar is not being done in the United States today.

On two-fifths of the surface of the United States nature has placed the curse of aridity. The National Reclamation Law was passed and signed by President Roosevelt in 1902. All other works heretofore were to be paid for out of the treasury, but this one was to pay for itself. The failure of many private enterprises had caused business to be stagnant, but the advent of the government into the field caused things to liven up.

Here is the task the government had before it. To transfer 3,000,000 acres of arid desert into productive farms and to establish thereon 50,000 families—home owners—not renters. In a little more than ten years, here are some of the deeds that have been accomplished. Twenty-six projects have been started. The crops on one, in six years, has paid

the whole cost of building, and many of the others seem as likely to be as successful. The service has dug 8,555 miles of canal, 86 miles of tunnel, mostly thru mountains, wagon roads, 733 miles; railroads, 78 miles; transmission lines, 402; telephones, 2,376 miles. Three of the greatest irrigation dams in the world are completed. The Pathfinder, 225 feet high; Roosevelt, 284; and Shoshone, 328 feet respectively. The Shoshone is the highest in the world. Hundreds of other things the government has accomplished in these regions, but space forbids me telling of them.

In 1913 700,000 acres responded to their skill and a crop valued at more than \$15,732,000 or about \$25 per acre.

The value of this government reclamation cannot be valued in dollars and cents, for it is a new America added to our empire. This work extended and enlarged will mean to the workers of America, as the late Henry Grady said, "A citizen standing in the doorway of his home, contented on his own threshold, his family gathered about his hearthstone, while the evening of a well-spent day closes in scenes and sounds that are dearest. He shall save the republic when drum tap is futile and the barracks are deserted." That is the kind of home and that is the kind of family we will have when the government furnishes the capital and we do the work. They will not be like the 200,000 rented shacks that we have in Texas.

Just think what an advantage it would be to the farmers of Texas if they had employment at good wages, when crops are laid by. Many a renter could lay up and buy him a home, and many a mortgage farmer could lift the mortgage that is hanging over him like a pall.

We see then two great government works were started in 1902. The Panama Canal and reclaiming arid America. Have they been failures? Let results tell. Some will say this is not socialism, well, it is not capitalism, and it is what we are after. Now some people oppose this on account of the dollar sign, for it is money to them, but the masses of Texas renters and small landlords oppose it through ignorance, that's all.

Salemite, that little Socialist Platform plank would make it possible for that fifty-seven per cent of the arable part of the United States to be put in cultivation.

Down at Salem your only incentive may be just clothing and food, but ours is more. We want to add to that music, art, and society. We also want to educate our children, take in the Dallas Fair, go to Galveston every year or two, and perchance take a trip to Europe, after the war is over. The Ford employees were given more of the wealth they created than any of the rest of the workers. Did that ruin their incentive? Explain how giving a man the full product of his toil would destroy his incentive. The incentive that you have in mind is that of taking the wealth of your fellow man, and socialism may not remove that, but it will take the opportunity away that you now have.

We want more than a market. We want the full value of the product so we can buy same back. Then the market will not be glutted. If there was an over production it could be consumed by the men doing the public work I have just spoken of. We do not want private capital to develop the natural resources of Texas, for it would be only used as chains to bind

the workers by.

Under private ownership of land and it rented out, billions of dollars' worth of soil has washed away—never to be gotten back again.

People do not know where the public land is, but under socialism they would know where the groceries were on sale. Great logic to your advertising ideas. Get a few more brands of soda on the market and the consumer would get soda for nothing, if we keep tracing your logic. Get this, if there is one company or twenty, they are going to live, and they don't live on air, so the consumer must pay for it.

Salemite, who produced those millions of dollars that were spent prospecting? Was it not the workers of the world? He may be a deadbeat or may not be but if he invests his labor to dig the wealth out he is entitled to it.

Plow Boy, give us some quotations out of Jack London's novels, if you are through with Upton Sinclair's.

Thanks Salemite, for your advice, but I prefer Plow Boys scripture.

Plow Boy, I am glad you are going to judge us out of our literature for we all accept our platform as the most important literature we have. Your strongest proof that we are a religious party is this: "The socialists are doing things that it is the duty of Christians to do. In the old countries now the socialists are, and have been, trying to get peace, while boastful Christianity is taking it back seat; but with all of these good works we are not trying to get to heaven on them."

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Roseite.

### YANCEYVILLE

More rain, more boll weevils. Yes, we have a good supply of both at the present time.

The boll weevils seem to be very brave and daring, as they sit on top of the cotton stalks and dare any one to come near. And the chinch-bugs are equally as brave, for they put up a good fight when a corn stalk is shaken just to give them a little fright.

Lewis Barron and little son, Adrian, of near Ivan, were visiting in this vicinity Friday and Saturday.

Walker Sales of Breckenridge has been seen in this community quite often the past two weeks.

B. P. Ritchey and Dewey helped E. L. Cretsingler stack wheat Friday.

Dick Barron has returned to his home at this place, after spending some time working on a ranch at San Angelo.

Grandpa Hunt came in Sunday night from Tulip, Ark. If any one wants to know anything about Arkansas just call on Grandpa, but they had better not wait too long for Grandpa still has a very bad case of Arkansas fever and is liable to return to old Arkansas at any time.

Old Pa, I'm real sorry that your "good gun" isn't sovery good after all. But maybe your gun is something like the one Silver Bell used when she tried to shoot the squirrel. I shot at the squirrel all right but what do you think that hateful old gun did? Why, it took a contrary spell and kicked Silver Bell down, and it kicked so hard I couldn't get up in time to see which way the squirrel ran. Silver Bell was not "told" that time she was "showed" and now she knows how to dodge when she fires the old shotgun.

Here's my hand, Old Pa, on that fine letter of yours in regard to the sinking of the Lusitania. Of course, Old Pa, the "war clouds" can't keep from

gathering thick and fast, for the United States will die a natural death if it can't succeed in becoming involved in a war with Germany, Mexico, or some other nation. You know that is one grand thing which the United States is noted for, is trying to attend to other people's business, and the best excuse they can hatch up is the sinking of the Lusitania. Well, what do the big men we have hoisted into all kinds of offices care if the United States does become involved in a war? They can sit back in some sheltered place and the poor laboring class of people can do the fighting, and die in the woods like dogs and wolves, while their mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts can slave their lives away or die broken hearted. If those who are so keen for war were forced to be foremost in battle, and had to face "one" German battle I believe they would get a taste of German lead that would do them all the rest of their lives. But, the American people will never have sense or pride enough to stop running at every beck and call of a millionaire. If the Lusitania had had only poor farmers, their wives and babies as passengers nothing would have been said of the lives that were lost, and the victims who were buried in the briny deep. Perhaps our good old Uncle Sam would have said they got their just reward, they were warned not to sail on the ill-fated ship. But as it is Uncle Sam must revenge their death. "Well, let him." But, who is going to "revenge" our old Uncle's death when the Germans hold the stars and stripes in their hands is what I want to know?

Honor, yes honor, if a person doesn't care for what they say. And still this is called the "land of the free and the home of the brave." There's not enough freedom, bravery or honor in the United States to keep one "supposed" Red Cross man from spying on our native land.

We can not boast of our Sam Houston's, Ben Milam's, Travis and Bowie now, but then Uncle Sam is going to show us what "honor" is.

We understand that Burgess Bros. will start their thresher Monday, and we wish them good luck, for they sure worked faithfully last year to save the people's grain.

Thank you, Beauty, for the kind invitation, and I assure you it would be a pleasure to Silver Bell to have the privilege of taking dinner with you the 4th. But, it's most too far for Silver Bell to walk. And listen, Beauty, tell your brother not to talk so loud again, for some young ladies up this way seem to think that your bud is very near blind. You see when that Cousin John of mine starts up this way he does like he always does when he goes to Pickwick, he dikes up and tries to look as pretty as red shoes with cotton strings in 'em. Well, anyway, your bud is a good judge and I don't think much of those girls' opinion. Of course you needn't tell John this. I'm trusting you.

Dick Barron of this place was in the Ivan vicinity Sunday.

Willie Steele was in this vicinity Sunday trying to get hands to help with the thresher. We don't know whether he succeeded in getting any or not. Most everybody here is busy with their stacking now.

Albert McDowell of the Set Ranch was in this community Sunday.

Grandpa Hunt spent one day last week at the Ritchey home. Grandpa's description of Arkansas reminds Silver Bell of "Three Years in Arkansas," or "On a Slow Train Through Arkansas," so I can now say that the Arkansas fever is not contagious in any form. My fever

is cool, I believe I'll continue to be a native of Texas.

Beauty, listen, I am going to guess at your age, and if I guess correctly you are due me a post card. I guess you will be 19 years old the 2nd of July, 1915. Am I entitled to the card?

Dewey Ritchey went to Ivan Tuesday.

Gander, how is the peach crop in Gooseneck? I've heard it was fine. If there is going to be any peaches up there for sale please whistle and Silver Bell will sure pay a visit to Gooseneck. When the peaches get ripe don't you forget to whistle.

Cole Brown and daughter of Breckenridge were in this vicinity last week. Miss Brown has applied for the Cedar Creek school. We did not learn whether she got the school or not.

George Wyatt worked for Eugene West the past week.

Here Sorrell Top, take my pencil and write us another good letter. We miss you when you are absent, so come cornerward. Silver Bell.

### CEDAR CREEK

I will try to write a few lines to The Reporter this beautiful morning.

Everything is flourishing now since the rain.

We had a fine rain here Sunday afternoon and some fine hail too. Some of the hailstones were as large as goose eggs. We did not like to see them falling but they did not fall but just a few moments, and we were all glad to see them stop. I notice there has been lots of hail and high water out north and west of here. I hate to hear such news, but the Lord knows best.

Health in this vicinity is good as far as I know.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steele visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wesley, Monday. J. W. Dooley called on J. H. Wesley Monday.

Uncle Josh West spent Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steele.

John Steele made a flying trip to Ivan Monday.

Mrs. I. W. Steele visited her father Wednesday.

The residence of I. W. Steele was struck by lightning last Sunday night. Much damage was done to the house, the mantle board was knocked to the floor, several planks were burst around the chimney and the chimney wrecked considerably. The family escaped injury.

Uncle Jim Lawrence of near Lipon has been spending a few days with the family of I. W. Steele. He returned home Sunday.

Uncle Josh West spent Friday night with I. W. Steele and family.

Uncle Josh West and Henry Steele crossed over on the other side of the creek Tuesday to work, and a rise came down the creek and they began to think they would have to swim if they got back, but John Steele heard the creek was up and went down there and brought Henry over in a boat. Uncle Josh went to Mrs. M. C. Barron's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cretsingler, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Steele, Mr. Q. R. Hunt and family, Mr. H. J. Cretsingler and daughter, the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wesley and Mitchell Wyatt visited Henry Steele and wife Sunday.

John Steele is suffering from a sore finger this week.

We are sorry Jack o' Diamonds is going to be so busy he can't write to The Reporter once in a while.

Mr. Editor, you and the Correspondents come down and help me eat roasting ears. If you will come about the middle of July we will have watermelons and fried chicken, too, if we can find them.

E. L. Cretsingler and family and H. J. Cretsingler spent Monday with I. W. Steele and family.

Henry and John Steele went to Bunker today (Thursday) to get a binder they bought from Mr. Wiley.

Will Steele spent Saturday night with home folks.

Misses Jessie and Lula Wyatt made a flying trip to South Bend Saturday.

Q. R. Hunt went to South Bend Friday.

If any one wishes to know how to drive turkeys on a cultivator ask Henry Steele and Henry Wesley.

I will hand my pencil to a better writer and go.

JUNE ROSES.

### HENRY CHAPEL

You are not at all stylish if you haven't the mumps, a well broken-out case of heat and lots of chiggers, and thus make scratching a household necessity. Everybody's doing it now.

Bro. Patterson preached Sunday afternoon also at night. Sunday school attendance, 91; weather hot.

A good shower Friday night was very acceptable.

Quite a number went to the ball game at Lucille Saturday.

S. W. Ratcliff, Miss Mattie Shannon, and Elbert Shahan, are all having a round with the mumps.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ratcliff, Sunday night, a fine boy.

Miss Mabel Hayden attended services here Sunday night.

Miss Ruth McLaren is on the sick list this week.

Clyde Creager of Wild Bend was over Sunday and gave us a few specials on the violin.

R. H. Young and family spent Monday night with relatives in Graham.

Mrs. Groves and daughter, Miss Alice, left Monday for their home in Fort Worth, after having spent more than a week with relatives here.

The old dirt daubers are singing a merry tune as they plaster their nests on our "go Sunday" clothes. The noise they make seems an exact reproduction of Arkansas Traveler played on an Edison Phonograph.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gildewell of Dillingham attended church here Sunday.

S. W. Ratcliff and Mrs. J. E. Lester received a phone message Monday eve stating the death of their sister, Mrs. Matthis of Denton county. Failed to learn the cause of her death. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

We consider today (Monday) the warmest day of the season so far, temperature 102 in the house. Some of you scribes tell us how much that lacks being smothering hot.

S. D. Williamson, better known as Uncle Sam, attended church and Sunday school Sunday. Glad to have the old people come out. Wish some more of them would attend.

Mr. Editor, can you tell us when the 4th of July happened on Sunday before and when it will occur again.

Mrs. Crow and Miss Lottie Williamson spent last Thursday at the home of S. W. Ratcliff.

With two more rains at the right time will give us the best corn crop we have had in several years. Dago.

(July 4th occurred on Sunday in the following years:

1756	1762	1773	1779
1784	1790	1802	1813
1819	1824	1830	1841
1847	1852	1858	1875
1880	1886	1897	1909

1915.

And will occur on Sunday as follows:

1920	1926	1937	1943
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1948.—Editor.)

Make those faraway relatives happy with The Reporter.



# BEE A B O O S T E E R

## SALEM

A fine rain fell over this part of the country last Friday night and as far advanced as the corn is this rain insures a fair crop of corn.

The main part of the small grain was stacked here last week.

Jackrabbits are not nearly so numerous here as usual. The scalp law has surely thinned their ranks, and a long string of scalps will show up at the July term of commissioners' court.

Millard Hinson and family spent Sunday with W. I. Gilmore and family.

Rev. Patterson filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore and sister, Miss Nannie Henderson, visited relatives near Eliasville last week.

Little Mamie Sue Criswell visited at the home of John Kinsinger last Friday and Saturday.

The ice cream supper given by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Askew was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Misses Bell Brandon and Josie Andrews of Graham visited Mrs. Hugh Henderson a few days last week.

Several from Ming Bend attended the ice cream supper at J. A. Askew's Friday night.

Gringo, even if Salem is the source from whence great wisdom flows—as you presume—we can not accept the statements or writings of partisan politicians on how and why the constitution of the United States was made. Come with standard history or with any treatise on civics that is used in our schools and we will accept it.

If Washington believed in royalty and was anxious to wear a crown why did he fight royalty to the last ditch? Why did he refuse a third term as president of the United States? But such statements amount to nothing, for all the barking the socialists can put up detracts not one iota from the fame of the patriots who framed the constitution under which we live.

The preamble and history of the constitution is at hand for all to read so we use no space or time in quoting any of it.

"Every man to his trade" Gringo, so don't intimate again that farmers or day laborers can and should frame constitutions and make laws, for they can not. But that they can demand and have them made is a fact. Don't kick any more because they are not the bell wethers or leaders in conventions and in legislative halls.

Gringo says to Plow Boy, "You are right when you say no one can give any details of the future society of socialism. You and Salemite are the only two I know of who have been trying it." Then it is an experiment, and no one can even guess at the results. Then why waste time arguing on the other end of it, when there is nothing left but the results of the experiment to argue on? Why have a platform if you can't explain how the demands of each plank in it are to be enforced? So come, and explain how the demands in your collective ownership planks are to be put in force. And please state what will become of State rights when you abolish the senate.

Roseite is anxious to know why wheat is now selling for less than \$1.00 per bushel. Answer: Because the farmers will, as they always have done, pile it on the market just as fast as it is threshed. They are now expecting wheat wagons to begin to roll into Graham at any time and even if wheat goes as low as 60c they know they will come. They will be advised to hold up on it but still

they will haul it in until they block all the railroads with it and of course then down goes the price. Is there any law that makes them do this? Or does the speculators ask them to pile all the wheat on the market at one time? Does a republican form of government drive them to do it? Is it not a fact that every good farm paper in the state advises them to build warehouses on the farm and to store their grain and cotton and not put it all on the market at once? You say they can't—and we thank you—but please give a fair and square reason why they can't. You can't advise a government that, can make laws that will protect a sucker or an individual who will use no more intelligence than a sheep. Give a man freedom and equal rights before the law and let him build to suit himself, and your task is done, for "man is the architect of his own fortune" makes no difference from what angle he chooses to build it. You may put a boy in a good school and the parents may command—and even weep and persuade, and also punish, but if the boy won't act for himself no progress is made. The feat of jumping over the moon would be as easy to accomplish as it would be for the socialists to remedy the evils—by law—complained of here by Roseite. The task belongs to the farmers themselves and they alone can perform it, for it is their own funeral or resurrection, just as you are amind to have it.

When the time comes that cold necessity drives the farmer to this task it will be performed but not till then, but just as long as he insists on playing the part of a jitney he will be a jitney, and the whole world will crank him up and get on and ride.

Mrs. William Hughes, an old resident of thirty years ago here, but now living in Haskell county, is here visiting relatives and renewing acquaintance with the few of her old neighbors that yet remain here.

The rise in the river today (Monday) shows that the rain was heavy on the upper reaches of the river. Salemite.

## CRAIG POINT

Well, Mr. Editor, how do you like this for good old summer time? It certainly has been warm out this way for the past few days.

We had a nice rain Friday night, which was a great help to the corn, but not very good for the wheat that was cut and not in the shock.

Mrs. Olaf Ribble of Ming Bend visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gallaher, a few days last week.

Mrs. F. R. Cornelius and daughter, Miss Minnie, visited at Mrs. Kelly's Friday afternoon.

Misses Maudie and Gladys Green and brother, Wickliff, visited in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ragland entertained company Sunday.

Guests at Mr. Cornelius' Sunday were: Messrs. Ward Spivey, Jeff Gallaher, Harry Blackwood, Robt. Crawford, Brog Carlton, Burl Martin, S. D. Baugh and family and W. H. Mayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gallaher have returned to their home in Newcastle.

Sam Houtan, who has been visiting in Throckmorton county, has returned to his sister's, Mrs. Etta Wade.

Mrs. L. F. Gallaher and daughter, Mrs. Olaf Ribble, visited Mrs. Henry Kelly Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Etta Wade and brother, Sam Houtan, were callers at Mr. Killion's Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Mayes and chil-

dren visited from Friday until Sunday with home folks.

Carl Knight spent Thursday night with Denver Killion.

Fritz Lindley is working for Walter Green this week.

Mesdames E. A. and D. G. Killion were pleasant visitors at Mr. Knight's in Tonk Valley Sunday.

Miss Viva Baugh is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Babb, in Newcastle.

S. D. Baugh left Monday for Seymour on a business trip.

Mrs. Edd Tackett spent Sunday with Mrs. Wade.

What are all you Correspondents going to do for the Fourth of July? I guess most of you will be at some picnic.

Bluebird.

## HAWKINS CHAPEL

Mrs. Elzie Tedrow called at Mrs. Hyram Drum's one afternoon last week.

Messrs. A. E. and Jesse Oatman went to Graham Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Misses Ella, Nora, and Maudie Oatman.

Mesdames R. Loftin and Joe Wootton of Graham, who have been visiting in the community, returned home last week.

There was a crowd met at the Baptist church last Saturday and worked on the arbor.

Mrs. Jesse Oatman and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Tedrow Sunday night.

Robert Miller took dinner at C. F. Newman's Saturday.

Rev. J. L. McCord of Loving filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Friday night of the past week. He addresses the children of the King or Christians.

Messrs. Oatman and Newman, with their families, enjoyed ice cream Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harman's little son, Robert, is not well.

The weather is too hot for the good of his health.

Mrs. Robert Miller returned home from Graham last Monday.

Jesse Oatman had one of the Sims boys of Loving chopping cotton for him last week.

Mr. Ward and son, Lee, of Bowie are here on a visit.

Charlie Miller, who has been visiting his brother, Robert, left for the northwest last week.

Lonnie Ward is at work for Mr. Shearer.

Mr. Valentine and part of his family are away on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Newman went to Indian Mound Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. H. H. Stephens, their daughter, who is sick.

Messrs. Tom Loftin and Bagley were out with the binder last week.

Misses Ada Bavousette and Eula Carmon Harman went to Loving Thursday afternoon.

Little Eugene Oatman was sick last week.

Some of the Chapel people attended church at Loving Sunday and Sunday night.

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. next Sunday. As it is the beginning of a new quarter let's strive to make a successful quarter in the Sunday school work.

Violet.

## MIDWAY

We had a nice little shower of rain last night.

H. W. Drum and son, Willis, went to Loving Saturday.

The Crochet Club met at Mrs. Loftin's Wednesday with a large attendance. The next meeting will be with Miss Rosa Strickling's.

Mrs. Lessie Wootton and Mrs. Loftin, who have been up here on a visit, returned home Monday.

Lewis Drum returned home this morning.

Health in our community is very good at this writing.

Mrs. Elzie Tedrow spent the

day with Mrs. Hiram Drum Wednesday.

Miss Nannie Adams and Mrs. Fannie Cox and little daughter spent the day with Mrs. Loftin Wednesday.

Glancus Cox came home Friday night but will leave for the thresher Sunday afternoon.

Frank Loftin and Lewis Drum went to Loving Saturday afternoon.

Miss Nannie Adams left last Thursday afternoon for Mr. Will Smith's, where she will begin her music class. We wish her good luck in her school.

Mrs. H. W. Drum and son, Lewis, and little daughter will leave Monday morning for Oklahoma to visit one of Mrs. Drum's brothers.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely. We had three new pupils Sunday morning and a large crowd.

Rube Loftin was present with us Sunday morning in our Sunday school and made us a nice little talk.

Hubert Loftin spent Saturday afternoon with the little Drum boys.

Misses Hettie and Lillie Drum, and Will Loftin and Lewis Drum took dinner with Mr. Glancus Cox Sunday.

Miss Rosa Strickling took dinner with Mrs. Cox Sunday.

The singing at Midway was enjoyed by all Sunday afternoon and a large crowd was present.

The young folks of this place have organized a young folks society league and the meetings will begin the first Sunday in August in the afternoon. Let everybody come and take part and it will be a great help to our community. I think it is something that will be interesting to each and every one.

Apple Blossom.

## TONK VALLEY

A fine rain fell here last Friday night. Came just in time to save the corn. Prospects for corn this year are good, but we notice the grasshoppers are coming fast. Chinch bugs are reported to be damaging the corn a great deal.

Dad went to his cotton patch this morning and examined his cotton, where he found two boll weevils to every square, and a lot waiting for more squares to form, so they could give them

a sting. If it is this way all over the country I don't see that there will be so much cotton made this year.

The grasshoppers can't be satisfied eating up our crops, so they are trying, now, to fill up on our peaches but think we can keep them scared off of the fruit. If they get any peaches out of my orchard it will be on the hop.

Sunday was an awfully hot day here, only a few ventured out at Sunday school. There was no preaching here Sunday.

Will Seddon and Ernest Beckham are at Newcastle today.

Miss Lola Lowrey was quite sick last week but is better at this writing.

Miss Katherine Higdon was the guest of Miss Delilah Robbins Thursday afternoon.

Mesdames E. A. Killion and Denver Killion spent Sunday at Mr. Knight's.

Mrs. Cherryhomes made a quick trip to Graham Monday. We are glad to welcome you, Yank, and hope you will pay us a visit every week.

Will Hand of Smithville is visiting relatives here this week. Walter Hand is reported very sick at this writing.

Misses Ruth and Belle Knight called at Mr. Robbins' Tuesday. Miss Zula George and sister, Willie, called at Bruce George's Saturday.

The thresher is in our community now, and you know that requires more "chicken and bread" so guess I had better get busy.

Jolly Girl.

## MOUNTAIN HOME

Oh, my! none of you scribes were present Sunday but Trixie, but anyway we had a time, did we not?

I sure did look for Jack o' Diamonds but he didn't show up. Why didn't you come Jack?

There were over 300 people there and about thirty brought dinner. There was even some dinner there wasn't there Trixie?

Mr. Editor, why didn't you come? We would have had some peaches and dinner, too.

Pansy, why didn't you come Sunday? Looks like you could have been there.

Say, Bono, will you have any peaches ripe by the 1st Sunday? The Gray-eyed Girl will be up that way about that time. Look out now.

M. Matlock of Poolville, Parker county, visited his brother, John Matlock, the past week.

Henry Plaster, and L. N. Shown went fishing Monday, returning Wednesday. They said they caught lots of fish.

Travis Matlock went to Markley to help his brother, Jim, in the harvest.

Mrs. Fannie Edmonson and children of Jacksboro visited her sister, Mrs. Pearl Rupard, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock, Sr. spent Thursday night with their son, John, Jr.

Mrs. Boss of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas have been visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kenedy of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White of Komo, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller and son, Pharis, spent Saturday night at John Matlock, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plaster spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Newman of Lost Valley.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crumpton, a fine boy.

Henry Plaster went to Jacksboro Friday to take some Irish potatoes to sell.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bolen, a fine boy.

John Matlock, Jr., is working for G. A. Bolen.

I guess there were some pretty girls at Indian Mound Jack o' Diamonds, but I also guess it was a good thing for me to stay at home I am so ugly.

Kido is at Wichita Falls. Why don't you hurry and write so

Mr. Editor will send us the Correspondents' names?

Homeite, there are lots of rats down this way. They have caught about seventy-five little chickens for me.

Why sure, Dirt Dobber, I know you. Come on.

Gray-eyed Girl.

## LONE STAR

The people of this community are expecting the thresher and all of them are not through cutting.

Mrs. Henderson and children visited Mrs. J. C. Akers Sunday. Mrs. Albert Martin ate Sunday dinner with Mrs. F. M. Danley.

Ellis Langford and Miss Nannie Coon were seen out driving Sunday afternoon.

Misses Wallace Henderson and Addie Akers visited the latter's sister, Mrs. J. L. Price, of near Crystal Falls.

Mrs. Ernest Stovall visited Mrs. Bishop Sunday.

J. G. Godley visited B. F. Langford Sunday.

Herbert Henderson visited Willie and Raymond Akers Saturday night.

Ellis Langford and Barnam Danley were business visitors at Graham last Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Martin, Saturday, a boy. The baby is very sick.

Albert Martin and family are visiting Archie Martin and family.

Miss Minnie Dooley visited Miss Oma Keller Monday.

Mrs. F. M. Danley spent Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Archie Martin's.

Hiawatha.



## FRY JURY DISAGREES

(Continued from page 3.)

the defendant and said he regretted that it had become his duty to prosecute him. He said that when the jury looked upon the tears of Mrs. Fry, who had given way to her feelings several times during his argument, they must consider that it was not the law, not the jury and not the prosecutors that brought those tears, but the acts of the defendant.

"The law is helpless except in the house of its friends," said Judge Kay, "and it is in the jury room that the law most often breaks down."

### Fred Arnold's Argument.

The first speaker for the defense was Fred Arnold, a young attorney of Graham, who addressed the jury for about 25 minutes Friday afternoon. He said he could join with Judge Kay in asking the jurors to do their full duty as citizens and that while there was no testimony offered by the defense upon which he could argue, it seemed to him, from Judge Kay's address, that the prosecution might have been without testimony also.

Taking up the matter of reasonable doubt, Mr. Arnold said that the fact that there could easily be more than one J. M. Watson was sufficient to raise a reasonable doubt in the minds of the jurors. He referred at some length to the "self-accused expert" and reviewed the testimony showing how unlike the signatures were. There was evidence to raise "doubts thick and plenty" in the minds of the jurors, said the speaker. As much evidence existed against Cusenbary and Padgett as against Judge Fry, said Arnold, and he cited the fact that these men, familiar as they were with Judge Fry's hand-writing, testified that the signatures did not appear to be by him. It was the state's duty to explain the signatures, he said, not the defendant's and to show who got the money on the Watson check.

Upon circumstantial evidence such as had been presented, said the attorney, it was the state's duty to show guilt clearly, and he contended that this had not been done.

When court convened Saturday morning, Judge Scurry was the first speaker for the defense. He began by saying that to ask for a conviction, the state must show either that Judge Fry forged the Watson check or that he passed it after it had been forged, and this proof must be he said, beyond a reasonable doubt. The jury could not convict upon the kind of testimony that had been presented, said Judge Scurry, with the fact before it that there might have been another J. M. Watson in the county's employ. He said that Judge Kay, in his argument, had denounced the defendant in terms not justified; Judge Fry, far from being rich had not enough money to pay his lawyers, the speaker declared.

Judge Scurry said there was nothing strange about being unable to locate, out of the number of men employed on road gangs in Young county in 1913, those wanted in this case. He referred at some length to the expert testimony on the hand-writing. It was often the case, he said, that transient laborers could not be located in a county after their work was finished. The search for these men he said, had been made by the sheriff of the county from which the case had to be transferred in order that the defendant could get a fair trial. Judge Martin interrupted at this point to serve notice that as Judge Scurry was out of the record on this question, he would consider himself privileged to discuss it also.

Referring to Judge Kay's remark about his friendship for the defendant, Judge Scurry said that no money could hire him to prosecute a man who was his friend. Judge Fry, he said, had been hounded by officials, in spite of his good reputation and official record. He discussed the testimony of Tax Collector Groves, that he did not believe the hand-writing was that of Judge Fry. He pointed out to the jury the consequences if they made a mistake that put Judge Fry in the penitentiary and called their attention to the fact that his liberty rested in their hands.

### District Attorney Speaks.

The next speaker was District Attorney Leslie Humphrey, who, answering Judge Scurry, said that whatever position Judge Fry now found himself, it was the result of his own acts. He considered Judge Kay's speech a fair one and said there came a time when a man, by his conduct, forfeited the friendship of those who had stood by him.

A considerable part of Mr. Humphrey's argument dealt with the testimony given by the hand-writing expert, and he went over this in detail with the jury. Discussing the differences in the hand-writing, he said it was not reasonable to suppose that a man who was forging an instrument would not attempt to disguise his hand-writing to some extent. He emphasized the fact that only four of the men whose names appeared on the checks had been found, and said it was too much of a stretch of the imagination to suppose that all of the others had disappeared, leaving no trace. The motion for continuance based upon this disappearance, he said, was a play for time.

Mr. Humphrey read Judge Fry's motion for continuance, signed and sworn to by the defendant himself. Judge Taylor objected, saying this could not be considered as testimony because Judge Fry had merely signed an instrument prepared by his lawyers. This objection was overruled. This motion for continuance, as read by Mr. Humphrey, indicated that Judge Fry expected to prove by the missing men that they authorized him to sign their names. Mr. Humphrey closed with an appeal to the jury for conviction.

### R. E. Taylor Speaks.

Judge Taylor began the closing argument for the defense at 11 o'clock, concluding after the dinner recess. He opened with a discussion of the district attorney's argument, saying that the official had been foaming and sweating in his efforts to make out a case for the state. If the state had made its case, he said, he could not ask the jury to do other than convict him. He urged the jurors that the question of public sentiment be not considered by them in their deliberations. Although the state had emphasized the fact that the defense put no witnesses on the stand, the defendant nevertheless had some witnesses on the state's side said Judge Taylor. He dwelt upon the statement of Mr. Groves, that the hand-writing did not appear to be that of Judge Fry.

Discussing the testimony of the Dallas expert, he asked why it was necessary to send to Dallas when there were such hand-writing experts as W. M. McGregor, P. P. Langford and Wiley Robertson in this city. The circumstantial evidence offered by the state, he declared was too slim for a conviction that would take the defendant from the side of his wife and close the prison doors behind him.

Judge Taylor declared that the state had failed to make its

case beyond a reasonable doubt. He referred to the fact that such persons as Judge Akin and Tidwell had received checks from Judge Fry and said the defendant would have been a subject for insanity if he, being guilty, had done anything as open as that. Judge Taylor devoted considerable time to the efforts made to locate the 46 missing payees and said that it was not to be expected that these men could be located so long after they had worked in the county.

Judge Taylor referred to the fact that Padgett had testified that County Clerk Cusenbary had also taken checks, and mailed them out, and he asked where those checks were, that the state had not presented them. No one had seen Judge Fry write the name J. M. Watson, he said, and there were many in the court house who were privileged to write checks for the county.

"Why try to lay it all on Judge Fry?" he asked.

The state must make all its circumstances coincide, and this he declared has not been done. The reason the defense had put on no witnesses, he said, was that the state's witnesses had proved the case for the defense. If Judge Fry had "pilfered" from the county for five years, said Judge Taylor, was it not strange that this had not been discovered sooner. He discounted the closing argument which he predicted Judge Martin would make and urged the jurors to disregard any inflaming speech that might be made and weigh the testimony dispassionately. He referred feelingly to Mrs. Fry and urged the jurors not to shut the sunlight of charity out in considering their verdict.

### Judge Martin's Argument.

Judge Martin, in making the closing argument for the state, defended the course of Judge Kay in assisting in the prosecution of one who had been his friend.

"The time comes when a man can't expect his friends to stay with him," he said.

Referring to Judge Scurry's remark about the change of venue and Judge Fry's inability to get justice in Young county, he asked the jurors why it was that Judge Fry could not expect to get justice among those who were his friends.

The testimony of the hand-writing expert, Judge Martin explained, was based, not upon any single check, but upon all the checks collectively, and he said Judge Taylor had misquoted the statement of the former county treasurer relative to the hand-writing. Judge Martin called attention to the fact that the checks did not leave Judge Fry's possession from the time they were issued until they were cashed at the bank, and said that no one besides the defendant had any opportunity to do anything to them. Answering Judge Taylor's question as to why the forgery, if such existed, was not discovered sooner, Judge Martin said it was because the people trusted and confided in their public officers and did not think such things possible.

Judge Martin said that the attorneys for the defense had referred nineteen times to the wife of the defendant and that this was done in the hope that it might have some effect upon "some tender-hearted, soft-headed member of this jury." He expressed his own sympathy for Mrs. Fry. The defense was basing its hopes "upon my old friend, reasonable doubt," said Judge Martin and he reviewed the testimony in an effort to show that no doubt should exist. It was up to the defense, and not the state, he declared, to show that there was another J. M. Watson of the same name, and he referred to the testimony

of Mrs. Criswell, formerly employed at the bank, that in most cases the road bosses came in themselves and obtained the money for their gangs. The county judge had nothing to do with it he said.

Although the law was not supposed to make any distinction between rich and poor, and high and low estate, said the attorney, a man's standing should be considered by the jury in fixing the punishment, and he asked the jury to give Judge Fry the maximum penalty, saying they should be much more severe with him than upon an ignorant man who forged a check because he needed the money. He made this plea, he said, "in the name of common decency," and said that the jurors themselves were on trial for their manhood in this case.

The case was then given to the jury, which retired at 3:25 p. m.—Wichita Falls (Sunday) Times.

## INDIAN MOUND

Sunday school was well attended here Sunday, there being fifty-three present.

Grandpa Grubbs of Spur came in Saturday morning to visit relatives here.

H. H. Stephens and wife visited at Briar Branch Saturday. While there Mrs. Stephens had begun to pain her and they went over to Graham and the doctor lanced it.

John McComas and Miss Ruth Stephens were enjoying a drive Sunday afternoon.

Floyd McComas was out at the ranch today (Tuesday.) Misses Fay and Inez Fisher took Sunday dinner with Miss Virgie Borchardt.

Will Fisher and children called at the home of R. G. Taylor Thursday.

Wesley Taylor went to Graham Tuesday.

George Douglass helped G. W. McComas reshock some of his wheat which the strong wind blew down Thursday.

We were visited by a nice shower Friday night, which was greatly appreciated.

Will Hoggard and family, A. Bird and F. C. Borchardt were all at Newcastle Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Bryan and daughters visited Mrs. A. Bird Thursday.

Jim Grubbs and daughter, Miss Louetta, Car Rutherford and family all took dinner at the home of Reece Easterling Sunday.

Jim Howell and family of Newcastle visited at the home of F. C. Borchardt Sunday.

Elmer Stephens visited Alvin Borchardt Sunday.

Oma Dollins took dinner with Roy and Coy Frazier Sunday.

Mrs. Bryan and daughters, Ivy and Jean, visited at the home of F. C. Borchardt Sunday.

Kid had the pleasure of attending church at Loving Sunday and meeting quite a large number of old friends. I met our Correspondent while there. I took dinner with Bro. McCord and in the afternoon we went to Monument where Bro. McCord preached at 4 o'clock.

Tempest and Sunshine, I think I saw you there too.

I don't know whether you knew me or not. I would have made myself acquainted but didn't know whether it would be agreeable with the one using that new fan or not.

Jack o' Diamonds was not there. I guess he was looking for another big rain.

Spinster Maid, we Correspondents would certainly like to have you give us the Red Top news.

Mr. Editor, I think it would be a good idea to set a time (not too far off of course) to mail we Correspondents that nice list of Correspondents' addresses and tell us through The

Reporter when it is to be, and let all who wish their names to be put on this list send them in between now and then. If any should be out of stationery they can write the editor a postal card. Correspondents, what do you all say?

Miss Lena Dollins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Douglass, in Stephens county.

The singing at J. S. Fisher's Sunday night was not very well attended.

H. H. Stephens and Wesley Taylor were in Graham Monday.

Roseite, I hope you enjoyed your trip to the harvest field.

During last threshing season I helped thresh for two men who say they are socialists and I too enjoyed well that is if you call it enjoyment—some of those fourteen and fifteen hour days, and neither one of them ever said a word about long hours. I have never heard but one grain man say they were working too many hours.

Mrs. Humphrey went back to the Loving community Sunday.

Mrs. Borchardt and son went to Newcastle today (Tuesday.) We are expecting the thrasher here about Saturday.

There is more news but I failed to learn the particulars. Kid.

(A good suggestion, Kid, and we'll set the date at July 17, when every Correspondent who has not yet sent in his or her correct name and address must do so if he wishes it published in the list, and then we can find out who is out of stationery, too. Since the number of Correspondents has grown so large it sometimes happens that we overlook the sending out of stationery promptly, and if we are not reminded again, the Correspondent fails to receive it. Just another reminder from any Correspondent who is out of stationery will suffice. We'll be sure to send it.—Editor).

## LOVING

The harvesting is over and the binders are stored away for future use, and now we are ready for the thrasher.

The grain crop is a little better than an average and the acreage is more than double that of any other year.

With an abundant grain crop, and feed of all kinds, such as maize, kafir, feterita, sorghum, Sudan, and corn, all just as good as could be, we feel very thankful.

Quite a number of new graneries are being built now and will be needed to hold the grain soon to be threshed.

The hail storm some time back injured several fields of cotton, and some of it is being replanted in feed stuff. The grasshoppers are now doing some damage but most people got busy and put out poison and thinned them out to some extent.

Nath Harlan went to Graham Saturday evening to get a doctor to treat his eye, which had been almost out on account of getting something in it while harvesting oats.

Bro. G. W. Rushing of Olney, attended services at the Baptist church Sunday morning, and preached at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Ford are off on a protracted visit in the eastern counties, and will be gone about three weeks. Grady Millican holds the position of cashier at the bank while Mr. Ford is gone.

Violet, I am sorry that your Sunday school class was disappointed last Sunday, as we had no exercises that day, but be sure and bring them over next Sunday and we will try and entertain you all. The Children's Day was put off on account of

so much rainy weather we could not get ready.

W. E. Prescott, a Farmers' Institute worker, will lecture here next Friday night at 8 o'clock. He will speak on the subject of "Improved Methods of Farming" and we hope all who can, will come out and hear him.

S. P. Taylor went to Jermyn last Friday with two wagons after lumber to build a wheat granary.

There are several farmers in this section who are trying Sudan grass this year, and all we have talked to about it are well pleased with it. The grass resembles Johnson grass a good deal, but has not the runners the Johnson grass has, but it spreads in the row, when planted in rows, and will almost meet in the middle. It will easily make two crops of hay and is as fine hay as can be raised. We heard one man say Saturday that he had already cut his crop of Sudan, and it would probably make three tons per acre, with a good show for another crop this fall.

Mr. Burdick, east of Loving, who has about 15 acres in peaches, went out of Loving Saturday with a canner, with which he intends working up his immense fruit crop. The fruit of all kinds is very good here this year, but some damage was done by the hail.

We are glad to note in Salemite's letter that stock of all kinds were doing well, and that there was no announcement of anthrax in the community. We hope we will not hear of any more of this dread disease in any section of the country any more.

R. G. Taylor of Indian Mound attended church here Sunday. He went with Bro. McCord over to Monument Sunday afternoon to meeting. Correspondent.

## WESTOVER

No rain for the past week and everyone is busy trying to get their grain cut before it rains again.

There were three separators and engines, unloaded at Westover Tuesday.

R. D. Miller intends to run one of the engines for Mr. Brown throughout the threshing season.

Lark Campbell's residence was burned last Monday night about 8 o'clock. The writer has not learned how it caught as none of the family were at home that night. A quilt box and trunk were the only things saved. Mr. Campbell received \$800.00 insurance on his house.

Little Christine Waters has been real sick but is better at this writing.

Robert Wright and wife visited home folks at Jean Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Jones called on Mrs. R. D. Miller Wednesday afternoon.

Say, Pansy, did you go to Mountain Home third Sunday? I guess you had a jolly time. Sure would have liked to have been there.

Mrs. Polly Johnson of Newcastle has been visiting her mother, Mrs. William Campbell, the past week.

Boyd Campbell and Tilman McWhorter filled their regular appointments at Warn's Sunday.

Here, Gray-eyed Girl, catch my pencil and I'll be going. Dirt Dobber.

## Burl L. Martin

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### KOMO

Most everybody in this vicinity is through cutting their grain.

Miss Eddie Akers returned home Friday, 18th, after attending college at Fort Worth nearly a year. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Nannie Stringer. They will return to Fort Worth later.

Miss Lottie White spent last Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Dora Fletcher.

Willie Akers—of Lone Star was in this community Sunday, 20th.

Bryan Ardis left for Fort Worth June 18th.

I will have to send in some news that was too late for last week.

Pike Ardis and four little children, Onie, Mattie, Earl and Robert, and Mrs. Tom Fletcher and two babies, and John Akin were all pleasant callers at G. R. White's Sunday 20th.

J. J. Martin and family went to the Graham Ranch one day last week.

Mrs. Rhama Campbell and daughter, Fern, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Akers.

A. P. Martin and family visited at the Graham Ranch Tuesday.

Messrs. Will Martin and L. F. Evans returned the 18th from New Mexico.

G. R. White has purchased a canner with five hundred cans. Miss Hester Brooks spent Friday with Miss Lottie White.

Mrs. Lillie Akers and children were at Mrs. Sallie Akers' one day last week.

Mr. Souter of Eliasville was at G. R. White's Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Gilmore and sister, Miss Nanine Henderson of Salem, came up to Mrs. N. R. Martin's Friday.

Several from the Cedar Creek community attended church at Komo Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Pardue and children visited in this vicinity Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. S. J. N. Martin, daughter and son, Dora and Albert, and M. G. Kennedy attended church here Sunday.

Say, Trixie, I sure would have liked to have been at Mountain Home 3rd Sunday. I know you all had a nice time, and the folks were telling me about you after they got home.

Mrs. M. G. Kennedy of Graham visited in this section from Thursday until Sunday.

Gray-eyed Girl, I sure do wish you were here with Red Wing and I. We sure are having a fine time.

Herschell Akers and two Williams boys took dinner Sunday

with Austin White.

Elder D. J. E. Clark of Dakin attended church here Sunday.

Miss O. C. Ardis took Sunday with Miss Lottie White.

Obe Clark and little son, Glenn, of Lone Star attended church here Sunday and took dinner at G. R. White's.

Mrs. Mattie Wynn and children of Breckenridge are visiting at Mrs. Sallie Akers'.

H. M. Martin, Mesdames Lula Evans and Ruth Gilmore went to the Graham Ranch Sunday.

Dirt Dobber, your letters are fine. Write every week. It seems as if it had been a year since I saw you. Here, take my pencil and write a long letter next week. Pansy.

### UNION RIDGE

We have been visited by a good rain, which fell last night and this morning. The rain will be a great benefit to corn.

Most of the farmers are complaining about the boll weevils, and grasshoppers have made their appearance down this way.

Everybody has their hay harvested.

Health of the community is very good.

Stock is doing well as we have plenty of grass.

Old Pa's letter was good last week. We love to read those good letters.

Silver Bell, I hope you and Bashful Ben won't get into serious trouble, but I don't blame you Silver Bell. I think old maids and old bachelors should be looked up to. I have tried the way before me and I can sympathize with them all.

There seems to be quite a lot of fuss on socialist discussion, but I am neither for nor against but will step over on the women's side, for I love all good women, as my dear old mother belongs to the women sex.

Salemite, you spoke as though you thought Plow Boy was perfect on quoting scripture. I am not much of a hand but we have plenty of them down here who can do that.

Homeite, will you accept my thanks for such a hearty welcome you gave me? Will invite you over to eat plums and grapes with us. They are fine. We are not quite so hoggish as Dago, we know when we get enough. Sorry Homeite, you did not get to go to preaching Sunday. Bro. Roark used to visit us but he has kicked the dust off his feet against us and has gone to return no more.

Trixie, you must have been mistaken, for I wasn't mowing grass for I haven't any to mow only in the cotton patch, but I was in the field and saw you all right.

Wonder what has become of the County Line Correspondent. Huse Denning has returned from Newcastle where he went with peaches.

W. R. Tripp was called back to Jacksboro, Thursday to attend the bedside of his sister, who still remains very ill.

Sam Cullers, who left last Sunday with a car of peaches, has returned. He reported a dull market.

Grandpa Stamford of the Loving community visited his daughter, Miss Sallie Stamford and Mrs. Minzel Tripp Thursday night.

Say, Sub., step over and wake Buster up. He has been asleep long enough and you are the nearest to him.

You are right Ignorant Voter. I believe if more people would lead a better Christian life we would all be better off. But that great war of all nations is to come and it seems to be very near at hand.

Gray-eyed Girl, don't let your age bother you. Old age is an honor, and should you be an old maid someone will pass your way bye and bye.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sill Vanhooser, who has been sick for several months is slowly recovering.

Mr. McAdams made a business trip to Bryson Monday.

J. S. Avants went to Bryson Wednesday.

Mrs. Math Denning was the

guest of Mrs. Huse Denning Friday.

Aunt Lacy Cook, who has been confined to her room for several days, is reported much better.

J. T. Ainsworth was peddling apples in Bryson Friday.

Miss Velma Kerbie has been on the sick list this week.

Dolph Cullers returned from Olney Thursday.

Ellis King cut hay for A. F. Kirbie Monday last.

Charley Denning helped his father bale hay Wednesday.

Well, Mr. Editor, you needn't look so cross, I'll quit and hand my tablet to Silver Bell, as she said she was out of paper and it's most too wet for her to be in the garden this morning.

All good wishes to The Reporter and its many readers.

Yank. (No danger of the editor looking cross, Yank, for he wears the smile that won't come off. If everybody in this country were always in as good humor as ye editor, we'd have no fusses and scraps. We don't mean to throw bouquets at ourself—but just trying to impress upon you the fact that we're really in a good humor.—Ed.)

### FLAT ROCK

We don't think the weather could get any hotter than it has been the past few days, but nevertheless we can still sing "Good Old Summer Time," for we prefer summer to winter any old time.

Corn is good and cotton is looking fine.

We are glad to report Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons able to be up again.

Clarence Corley has been real sick but is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Matilda Parsons and little daughter, Juanita, of Graham visited from Saturday until Monday with relatives here.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor was called to Weatherford last Wednesday to attend the bedside of her sister, who is very low and not expected to recover.

The crowd at Sunday school was small Sunday. Almost one-half of the pupils were absent. Why not have a full house next Sunday, and not only next Sunday but every Sunday after.

Miss Maggie Corley is spending several days in Graham.

Mrs. Bird returned home Sunday, after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Iva Fain.

Mrs. Roark and children spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Ash's, while Bro. Roark was away to fill an appointment at Bunker.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parsons and baby and Virgil Martin spent Sunday at E. H. Corley's.

Bro. Whiteley will preach here next Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited to hear him.

Lud Martin and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alford.

Miss Lona Corley visited Mrs. Roark last Tuesday.

Miss Jessie Alford spent last week with her sister, Mrs. May Martin.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Walker of Center Ridge. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Bro. Roark preached an interesting sermon for us Sunday night.

Miss Jessie Alford spent Sunday night with Miss Lona Corley.

Mrs. Lily Alford visited her mother, Mrs. Corley, from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lud Martin and children, Jessie Martin and sister, Miss Dollie, and Miss Georgia Burton took supper with Miss Maggie Taylor Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martin and baby called at Mr. Corley's Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to report Mr. Burton on the sick list.

Mrs. Gilmore of Salem visited her daughter, Mrs. Tabby Nelson from Thursday of last week until Monday.

Edgar Wadley visited the Corley boys Sunday afternoon.

We were glad to have Mrs. Whiteley back to Sunday school

Sunday afternoon.

Miss Edith Parkinson of Graham visited Miss Lucille Cook Saturday night and Sunday and attended Sunday school here.

Mr. Editor, if you will remind me of it next time I start to town I'll sure bring you a peach.

Mrs. Nelson spent Monday with Mrs. Parsons.

### MILLER BEND

Well, Tumukty-ous Wilson and Prince of Peace Bryan did not recall that silly, meddlesome note to Germany as I predicted they might do after they read in The Reporter what Plow Boy had to say about it. But rather than sign another one Mr. Bryan resigned, thus winning the title "Prince of Peace" as he has so often been "dubbed."

But never again will this Plow Boy dubb him thus because he "is" the "prince of peace" so far as men are concerned. And when he resigned he was simply practicing what he has preached so long. Of course, Bryan, nor any other man or set of men, can't prevent war. But, Mr. Bryan showed to the world that he has the courage to back his convictions. Some say he resigned at the wrong time; that the nation badly needed a secretary at the time he resigned, but such talk is inconsistent.

If a man finds himself in company with a gang of cold-blooded murderers he must not desert them then at a time when they are about to do a fine piece of bloody work, eh? If he should acquiesce in all they do would he not be the most guilty one of the whole bunch, because he would be practicing one thing and preaching another?

When Mr. Bryan accepted the position of secretary of state he probably did not anticipate this important and far-reaching Jesuitical move, and likely he doesn't yet realize that it is a trick of this auxiliary organization of the Catholic church. He is likely among those who are destined to continue to sleep on this hidden volcano until the "crack of America's doom." But he is opposed to war, and possesses the manhood to back his convictions.

Mr. Bryan is a plain man of the people, and they would soon realize it but for the Romanized associated press, whose business it is just now to get this country into the European war in order to crush Germany. Unless they can bring the influence of this country to bear against Germany they know they can't "crush" her. And, if the United States should forget herself so far as to butt in against Germany she will be hastening her own downfall, because some day there is going to be a "United Europe" and the sooner Germany is crushed the sooner such a coalition will take place. In fact, it can not take place so long as the German Empire stands as it is. Neither can it be while the English Empire stands as it is. Therefore, our Uncle Sam should busy himself in bringing about terms of peace, because a "United Europe" would inevitably mean the ultimate downfall of "free America." And then people who believe that men can and will prevent war will hunt up their histories and read to their children Mr. Bryan's note of resignation, and tell them what a great man he was.

Yes, Mr. Bryan is a plain man of the people, a man with the courage of his convictions. He had the courage to speak out while he was secretary of state and say he favored national prohibition. He had the courage a few years ago to transfer his church membership from the first or highest church in his town to one among the common, poor people, because he said he felt that he could

better serve the Master and help others to do so better.

Even Tumukty-ous Wilson did not abuse him for resigning, and why should we? Poor little Woodrow. No doubt he feels his insignificance when he gets off to himself and compares himself to Mr. Bryan. But then, we feel just a wee bit sorry for Woodrow because he just can't help these queer little capers he cuts. You see the "Holy See" has a ring in his nose and when Mr. Wilson is cutting "didos" and talking about "firmness" the great "pap" at Rome is pulling his string. And, when the United States helps to crush Germany and then all of Europe crushes the United States, the big "pap" will then have control of the whole world as he swears he is going to have.

We got a glimpse of Pansy the other day as she went to Graham. I wanted to say "howdy" but as I had only seen her once before, and that some three or four years ago, I was afraid of appearing too familiar. Pansy was in the wagon with her brother, A—there I like to have told his name,—anyway he had a load of fine peaches, which he was selling like hot cakes.

Say Gray-eyed Girl, shall I speak a word for you to this nice enterprising young man?

Uncle Zeke, I am glad you have found the "strait way." I think we just misunderstood each other anyway. I think every child of God of whatever denomination is in the "strait way," but all church members

are not in the "strait" way, do you?"

But, I do say, Uncle Zeke, your question "what is the difference in you and the socialists?" reminds me of an old man I knew who would stand and listen to any one relate a thing, no matter how long it was and then he would say, "What did you say?" Now come, Uncle Zeke, a man with the gifted pen you possess surely knows wherein the socialists and I differ. If you don't I can't tell you. Plow Boy.

### MURRAY

We have had two nice rains which were fine on corn and feed.

Miss Mable Brock, who has been visiting Mrs. J. T. Hamilton for some time, left Monday for Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Besky visited Miss Zephyr Cusenbary Sunday.

Frank Megginson entertained a number of his friends at his home Friday night. All reported a nice time.

Miss Kate Carmichael, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Brockman, for some time returned home last week.

A number of the boys are working with the thresher on Myers Branch.

Some of the young people enjoyed a party at R. F. Calahan's Saturday night. Bluebell.

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I. F. Porter of Farmer was in town Tuesday.

S. Boyd Street is in West Texas on business.

Rufe Choate of True was a Graham visitor Tuesday.

Prof. J. F. H. Crabb is in Throckmorton on business.

Mrs. Fred Arnold has returned from a visit to Henrietta.

N. C. Harlan of Loving was in Graham Tuesday on business.

Miss Julia Meece of Bay City is the guest of Mrs. Fred Arnold.

Mrs. J. M. Harris of Rocky Mound was in the city Wednesday.

J. W. Groves of Olney was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

For breakfast try a box of Swift's Premium sliced bacon at R. L. Reed & Co.

Jake J. Jones of Bunker was a business visitor in Graham Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Choate of True were visitors in the city Tuesday.

Misses Zella and Beulah Allen left this morning for Dallas and Hillsboro.

Clarence Goode, Jr., is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

Sheriff M. M. Wallace was in Proffitt Wednesday to sell some property.

C. C. McBride of Lone Oak was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Murdock and family returned from Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby.

Jim Turner of Fort Worth is visiting his father, E. C. Turner at Center Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Freeman of Tonk Valley were visitors in Graham Saturday.

Editor Jim Hubbard of Newcastle was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. E. F. Self of Frederick, Okla., is visiting the family of her son, B. F. Self.

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Miss Lillian Hall was in the city this week visiting her sister, Miss Elizabeth.

Mrs. Will Norman returned Tuesday from a visit to her parents at Cache, Okla.

Mrs. G. Q. Street and son left Tuesday morning for Memphis, Texas to visit her parents.

E. H. Burk of Rock Creek was a pleasant visitor at The Reporter office Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Parrish and son have returned from a two weeks' visit to Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Casburn were made happy Monday over the arrival of a fine baby boy.

Mrs. W. H. Logan and niece, Miss Capitola Walker, of Dallas, are visiting at the Logan Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hallam and children are spending the week with relatives in Albany.

Mrs. R. E. Sherrill of Haskell is in the city visiting the families of C. M. Rickman and J. B. Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Graham and children left yesterday for Winslow, Ark., to spend the summer.

Mrs. L. A. Ringgenberg of Jacksboro is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McJimsey.

Bryan Hall, of near Farmer, who has been visiting his sister, Miss Elizabeth, returned home Wednesday.

We wish to express our thanks to Miss Lona Corley of Flat Rock for some nice peaches brought in Saturday.

G. A. Woodrom of Bunker was a business visitor in the city Saturday. He paid us a pleasant call while here.

Mrs. M. A. Lowe and sister, Miss Hugh Weaver, have returned from a vacation trip to Cleburne and Mexia.

W. I. Herrington of Independence, Kansas, was in Graham Monday looking after oil interests for his company.

Miss Lou Stroud left Thursday for Austin after a season's work in the millinery department of S. B. Street & Co.

Jno. H. Mitchell of Ming Bend was in the city this week on business. He paid The Reporter a pleasant call while here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bryson of Bryson are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. N. Martin, east of the city.

Miss Cheatham, guest of Mrs. Crouch and Miss Aline Johnson, left Wednesday for Mineral Wells. She was accompanied by Mrs. Crouch.

Jake Schlittler raised some extra large peaches on his place this year, and kindly remembered The Reporter with some nice samples.

Aunt Bettie Medlan of the Mt. Pleasant community was shopping in the city Monday. While here she paid The Reporter a pleasant visit.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Halaby will leave soon for Richfield Springs, N. Y., where they will spend the summer.—Dallas Evening Journal.

Rev. J. Hall Bowman, who has been away for some time working in the interest of the Southern Methodist University, is expected home tonight.

Mrs. W. T. McWilliams and Yates left Wednesday morning for Mineral Wells after a short visit with their sister, Mrs. C. W. Hinson.

F. M. Berry of Gooseneck was in the city Wednesday with a quantity of produce. He had some very fine onions and tomatoes, and states that he made excellent crops of both.

Oliver Loving and son, Oliver, Jr., of Jermyn were in Graham Wednesday for a visit to Mrs. E. S. Graham. Miss Lois Loving, who has been visiting here returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fry in company with Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bower and Dr. W. M. Terrell returned Wednesday night from Wichita Falls. They made the trip in Dr. Terrell's Buick.

John Kisinger, a prosperous farmer of the Salem community, was in town yesterday afternoon on business.

Mrs. Walter Price and children, who have been sick for some time with typhoid fever, are rapidly improving, and The Reporter trusts will be entirely well within a few days.

Rev. C. A. Norred of Terrell is here on a visit to the home folks in the Rocky Mound community. He was in the city Wednesday and paid us a pleasant call.

A. E. Oatman and daughters of Jean were in the city this week visiting Mrs. R. E. Mabry. Misses Maud and Ella have just finished a year's successful work at Baylor University at Waco.

**Dental Announcement.** Dr. Morris takes this means of announcing to his friends and patrons that he will return to Graham July 7, and will resume practice at his office over the Graham National Bank.

Respectfully, Dr. W. A. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kennedy left Monday for Westover to visit their daughter, Mrs. R. D. Miller. From there they go to Oklahoma to visit another daughter.

Miss Eunice Craig expects to leave one day next week for a visit to Denison, Texas and Atoka, Okla. Miss Ethel Johnson will fill her position at the Southwestern Telephone exchange while she is away.

Thanks, Homeite, for your compliment. I don't think I deserved it though.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones visited at the Cunningham home Sunday.

Miss Roxie Williams spent Sunday with Misses Norris at Newcastle.

Everybody is preparing for a big time the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of this month.

Say, Gander, come up and exchange the mumps for the chickenpox.

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News is scarce and time too, so I will quit. Take this pencil, Buster Blue, but avoid the catastrophe that happened the other time. Azure Skies.

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## NORTH MIDWAY

Smallpox and chickenpox appears to be the order of the day now, but luckily isn't of a very serious nature.

A very nice shower fell here Friday night, which was appreciated very much.

Grasshoppers are very thick now and some fear is entertained that they will do much damage to corn and cotton.

Merritt and Norman Cunningham came home from True Saturday where they have been threshing grain. The shower Friday night made it most too wet to thresh.

Miss Roxie Williams has returned home from Graham.

Misses Mae, Iva and Annie Norris spent Saturday night with Miss Roxie Williams.

Misses Sophia and Jo Ann Quisenberry went to church at Newcastle Sunday morning.

Miss Ethel Cunningham spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones at Newcastle.

Arthur Jones and Eddie Evitt went to California Saturday night.

Hiawatha, didn't I see you at a party in this vicinity the second night in last June?

Yes, Buster Blue, things were a little wet for reapers when I wrote that letter, but grain is all cut now.

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Bettie and Sadie Scott spent Sunday at Eliasville.

Bill Akers and sister, Miss Addie, of Lone Star and Miss Wallace Henderson of the Stovall farm attended church here Sunday. Welcome, come again.

Mrs. O. A. McBrayer and daughter visited Mrs. H. M. Ford Monday afternoon.

Silver Bell all "little" boys should surely be polite to "old folks." I've been taught to respect "old age" and I think I do, hence my great "respect" for "you." Hurry and come to the store I want to show you how "little boys" can "bow."

But be sure to let me know when you are coming so I can be sure and have some ice on hand. I'll meet you at the door, hat under my arm, smile all over my face, with a brimming glass of ice cold Clear Fork water. I'll show you that "little" boys can respect "old maids."

Floyd Burgess and family of Duff Prairie spent Sunday night with E. N. McCluskey.

We had a good rain last Friday night.

Corn is fine. Some in good roasting ears. Cotton looks good, with some boll weevils, Grasshoppers by the bushels, but they are not doing any serious damage so far. Some complaint of chinch bugs.

Roy E. Smith has sold his crop to J. N. Boozer, and he and family have gone to Springfield, Mo., to make their home. We regret very much to lose these good folks.

Chas. Duncan spent Saturday night and Sunday in Ivan.

Mrs. O. A. Rogers ate Sunday dinner with her son, Albert, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burgess of Duff Prairie attended church here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Rogers ate Sunday dinner with O. A. McBrayer and family.

Bashful Ben.

**ROCK CREEK**

After an absence of three weeks will step in and chat with you all a while.

Since I last wrote I've been fortunate enough to meet Miss Jolly Girl and chat with her.

Friday night and Saturday morning we had a nice rain, which came just in time to make lots of corn.

Yes, Mr. Dago, this is a nice time to visit around among our neighbors. Most every one has more than plenty to eat and the kind that's good.

Miss Fannie Stoffers of Graham was a pleasant visitor in this community last week.

J. J. Foster and Miss Bessye Burk called at D. W. Burk's Sunday afternoon.

Little Winford Burk was real sick Sunday but has improved greatly.

C. A. Olree has gone down in Palo Pinto county to work in the harvest.

Mrs. Annie Johnson is staying with Mrs. C. A. Olree.

Mrs. Orton Bennett was called to the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Bottoms, who was very sick. Mrs. Bennett returned Saturday and reported her improving.

Carrel and Walter Robbins of Tonk Valley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk.

News is scarce and weeds are plentiful so they don't give any one time to hunt for news.

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Dago, take this pencil and give more news next week. Daisy Flat.

**Dental Announcement.** Dr. Morris takes this means of announcing to his friends and patrons that he will return to Graham July 7, and will resume practice at his office over the Graham National Bank.

Respectfully, Dr. W. A. Morris.

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## Church Announcements

**Presbyterian Church.**  
The pastor will preach Sunday morning. At night the pulpit will be filled by Rev. T. M. Cunningham, who will sing either before or after the service, in addition to the special music prepared by the choir. Public cordially invited.  
Gaines B. Hall.

**Methodist Church.**  
Rev. J. Hall Bowman will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and night.

**Henry Chapel.**  
Rev. T. M. Cunningham will preach Sunday at 11 a. m., go to Connor Creek at 3 p. m. and back to Graham that night. Please note the change to 11 a. m., so he can preach for me Sunday night.  
Gaines B. Hall.

**Briar Branch Meeting.**  
At 3 p. m. Sunday the meeting at Briar Branch will begin. Rev. Gaines B. Hall will do the preaching. All the people around are cordially invited to co-operate. Talk to your friends about it and pray for a great revival. Help get the arbor ready, get a start with the meeting.

**Christian Endeavor.**  
Topic: "National Ideals and How Home Missions Will Promote Them." Is. 62:1-7.  
Leader—Mrs. H. L. Tidwell.  
Prov. 14:31-34—Ethel Johnson.  
Deut. 16:18-22—Mary Wallace.  
Gal. 5:22-26—Irene Reed.  
Ps. 15:1-5—H. L. Tidwell.  
I. Tim. 6:5-12—Mildred Martin.

Special meeting of Young County Lodge No. 485 Thursday evening July 8th, at 8:30 o'clock. Members of this lodge are urged to be present.

D. G. Vick, W. M. Wright McClatchy, Sect'y.

Land Abstracts furnished on short notice. King & Marshall, 31fc Abstracters.

## Want Ads

A surrey for sale or trade. 36-39 R. G. Hallam.

For Sale—Good Jersey milch cows for sale. My place in Tonk Valley. J. T. Rogers. 38-39p. P. O. Graham.

Found—Coat 4 miles southeast of Graham on Breckenridge road. Owner may have same by describing property and paying for this notice. Apply at Reporter office.

Strayed—One white bull dog, 10 months old, with clipped ears, has on spike collar, answers to the name of Ted, Reward, Ind. Phone 109-155. 39c Claude Rutherford.

For Sale—Baby walker, in good condition. Apply at this office.

Wanted—Fat hogs. Phone Ind. 104-2r. 40pd. Bud Goldston.

For Sale Cheap—Old tin roof off bank building (pitch and gravel coated) in squares rolled. Will make good roof for barns and sheds. Apply at once. 40ch. Beckham Nat'l Bank.

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