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GIRL IS DROWNED IN SALT CREEK

STEPS OFF INTO DEEP WATER BELOW THE FALLS.

Companions Were Unable to Render Any Assistance, as None Could Swim.

Miss Mine Ola McFerran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. McFerran of this city, was drowned in Salt Creek Wednesday afternoon while out with a swimming party of young ladies, chaperoned by Mrs. Henry Groves.

The party were at the falls, near the old ice plant, and Miss Mine stepped into a hole several inches over her head, and being unable to swim, sank. The other girls with her attempted to hand her sticks with which to pull herself out, but could not reach her.

Mrs. Groves started to town to get assistance, and Met Will Stewart and family, who were going to the creek to fish. Mr. Stewart ran his horse to the place and located the body, which was then lifeless. Bismark Bower arrived shortly behind Mr. Stewart and assisted him in bringing the body out.

Every effort was made to revive her, but she had been in the water so long that all efforts proved futile.

Miss McFerran was thirty-two years of age. She was born in Antelope, Texas, July 20, 1883. At the age of fourteen she united with the Methodist church at Jacksboro, and was a member of the Methodist church here at the time of her death.

She was a graduate of the Jacksboro High School and Denton Normal, and for the past eleven years has been teaching in Jack, Clay, Erath and Knox counties.

Her life had been one of devoted Christian service to the church, her family and scholars. She was prominent in church and social life wherever she lived.

Besides the father and mother, three sisters, Mrs. Walter Rehders, Misses Louvinia and Queen, and one brother, Luther, survive.

Luther has been making his home at Barksdale, Texas and the family will await his arrival before making funeral arrangements.

Popcorn Wagon Burns.

The popcorn wagon, owned by Justice of the Peace C. D. Brewton, was destroyed by fire last Friday morning.

A pipe through which gasoline was fed to the burner became disconnected, and Mr. Brewton placed his finger over the end of the pipe to stop the flow, but the fire became so hot and burned his arm so bad that he was forced to turn loose, and the entire machine was destroyed.

Presbyterian Church.

Services Sunday morning and night. Every member of the church is urged to help make it a great day. The public in general is invited. We shall appreciate a visit from any who have no regular place for the day.

Gaines B. Hall,
Pastor

ALL CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION DEFEATED.

Separation of State University and A. and M. Comes Nearest Carrying.

With approximately 30,000 ballots accounted for in returns to The Record from Saturday's constitutional amendment election, it appears that all six proposals to amend the state's organic law have been defeated.

All of the majorities against the amendments are decisive.

It is possible, with later returns from the country districts there will be some changes, but at present the averages on the different propositions are about as follows:

McFarland resolution to permit voters to vote in precincts other than their own: For 38 per cent, against 62 per cent.

Amendment to increase the number of supreme court judges For 40 per cent, against 60 per cent.

Amendment authorizing levy of special road tax: For 39 per cent, against 61 per cent.

Amendment authorizing commissioners' courts to create students' loan funds: For 34 per cent, against 66 per cent.

Amendment authorizing bonds for levees, drainage, etc.: For 40 per cent, against 60 per cent.

Amendment providing for separation of State University and Agricultural and Mechanical college: For 48 per cent, against 52 per cent.

Scattered votes from Northwest Texas counties seem to indicate considerable support for all the amendments among the voters of those sections. The student's loan proposition won the least favor anywhere.

Central North Texas voted strongly against all the amendments. South and Southwest Texas showed an extremely light vote.—Fort Worth Record.

G. L. Joiner Improving.

The editor had the pleasure last Sunday of paying a visit to Mr. G. L. Joiner, of near Farmer, who has been quite sick for the past twenty days.

The trip was made with Dr. W. M. Terrell, "Chief" Bower and Nat Price in Dr. Terrell's car.

Mr. Joiner, an old time friend of Dr. Terrell, has been confined to his bed for some time with stomach trouble, and for a while his life was despaired of, but he is gradually improving and with favorable conditions will soon be up.

Several years ago Dr. Terrell became sick and Mr. Joiner was a constant attendant at his bedside, and a friendship has grown up between these two not often seen between men. The Doctor was out to see him about two weeks ago, and promised to see him again within three days, but because of other business here was unable to go. Upon arrival Sunday Mr. Joiner told him that it was about the longest three days he had ever experienced.

On the return trip we stopped over in Farmer and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. N. Gegg, but our vocabulary is too limited to tell of the good things set before us. We can say, however, that when you get ready to go again, Doctor, we're ready.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Lacy of Eliasville left Tuesday morning for points in Oklahoma for Mrs. Lacy's health.

Community Co-Operation

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The winter months include the greater part of the school term, and it is during these months that the roads are at their worst. Children who have to wade two or three miles or more of mud to get to school are out of their classes a great deal of the time. The children suffer loss, the school suffers, and the community suffers.

In the same way bad roads hinder the social and religious life of the community, for the grown-ups cannot attend social and religious gatherings any more than the children can attend school when the roads are impassable. Again the community suffers.

The attendance of the average rural or village school

therefore, and the service rendered by it, can be materially increased if not doubled by the building of good roads. At the same time conditions for a healthful social and religious life and growth will be made more nearly ideal.

How is it in your community? Do your roads take you where you want to go when you want to go, or do they keep you mud-bound at home a great part of the time?

Road building is a community enterprise calling for co-operation, whether it be building a surfaced 365-day road or the regular dragging of a well-graded dirt road. The community benefits—and the community must do the work.

TWO VIEWS OF THE "CORRECT IDEA" ROAD GRADER



Showing the Grader Cutting Down Embankment on Roadside.



Moving Dirt to Proper Place After Cutting Down from Bank.

LES HIBOUX.

The Friday Bridge Club met at Mrs. Frank Parrish's on Friday with several invited guests.

The guests assembled on the spacious porch to enjoy delicious refreshments served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Bladen Garrett, Dorothy and Nelle Graham. Chicken salad, olives, cheese balls, crackers and ice tea constituted the refreshments.

Mrs. Henry Criswell won the high score prize, a dainty hand-painted dish, while Mrs. Horace Tidwell won the high score in rook. In the cut prize, Miss Agnes Craig won a pretty dish also.

Those present: Mesdames J. Gay, Norman, Fowler, Hutchinson, Wadsworth, Stovall, Criswell; Misses Bladen Garrett, Lucile Miller, Aline Johnson, Zella Allen, Dorothy and Nelle Graham, Agnes Craig. Invited guests: Mesdames Bryan, H. L. Tidwell, I. T. Gilmer of Mississippi, Misses Lillie Morrison and Mayzelle Morrison.

The Reporter enjoyed a visit last Saturday from Mr. R. W. J. Parsons of the Flat Rock community.

Pellagra Victim to Be Sent to Father.

Fort Worth, Texas, July 27.—Miss Abbie Ayles, 26, pellagra victim and former trained nurse, who arrived in Fort Worth penniless, will be sent to her father at Megargel by the North Side Emergency Club. The club notified Dr. Charles P. Brewer Tuesday that it would furnish money for the woman's ticket.

Mrs. J. B. Smart, 1332 Edwin street, telephoned The Star-Telegram Tuesday that she wanted to donate \$2 to Miss Ayles. She may be cured if she receives proper care and attention Dr. Brewer says.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Stanley J. Clark to Speak on Socialism Today.

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Stanley J. Clark, Indian orator of Oklahoma, will speak at the Opera House, on the subject of "Socialism." Mr. Clark is reputed to be one of the ablest speakers in the South and will no doubt interest all who go to hear him. The general public is cordially invited to be present.

NEW ENTERPRISE ORGANIZED HERE

TO MANUFACTURE GRADER—A LOCAL INVENTION.

First Machine Will be Tried Out at Weatherford in Near Future.

A new enterprise has been organized in Graham for the purpose of manufacturing and selling a new road grader, known as the "Correct Idea Grader," the invention of a local blacksmith, Royal A. Hawley.

A machine is now under construction at Weatherford and as soon as it is completed will be demonstrated there. Another will be brought to Graham a little later and shown here.

The main features of the new grader will be seen from the illustration, showing two revolving parts, one of which controls the setting of the blade in a vertical position, the other the horizontal position.

Dr. W. H. Logan, who is promoting the company, states that all the capital stock has been subscribed, and that in a short time the company will begin the manufacture of the graders.

Program Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Young County Baptist Association.

Meeting to be held in First Baptist Church, Olney, 9 a. m. August 7:

Deny Self or Christ?—Mrs. S. R. Jeffery.

Mark 8:34-38.

Greetings—Mrs. O. T. Anderson.

Response—Mrs. H. P. Miller.

Announcement of committees.

The Year's Work.—Mrs. B. W. King.

Recommendations of Personal Service.—Mrs. R. V. Tidwell.

Roll Call of Societies.

Response in three minute talks by President.

Introduction of Visitors.

Sketches of Woman's Organized Work.—Mrs. D. F. Ford.

Sketches of B. W. M. W.—Mrs. Rhea Cox.

Education—Our State—Baylor College.—Mrs. E. W. Hunt.

Student Loan Fund.—Mrs. Irene McClatchy.

B. W. M. Training School.—Mrs. J. L. Robertson.

Bible Scholarship.—Mrs. E. L. Holland.

Work of the W. M. W. Training School.—Mrs. Thomas.

Our Own District School—Decatur College.—Dr. J. L. Ward.

Report of Committees.

Constitution.

Obituaries.

Resolutions.

Nominations.

Election of officers.

New Business.

Program Committee.

Miss Ona Masey Dies.

Miss Ona Masey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Masey, died Monday night from a self-inflicted pistol wound two weeks previous.

The remains were interred in the Oak Grove Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Religious services were conducted at the Methodist church by Rev. J. Hall Bowman.

BRIGHT NEW DRESS FOR COURT HOUSE

MANY YEARS SINCE BUILDING WAS PAINTED.

Will Present Handsome Appearance When Work is Completed.

The Commissioners' Court has contracted with Rehders & Sons for the repainting of the Court House, and work has already begun towards dressing it up in its new colors.

A slate color is being used for the body of the work, with trimmings in white, and the progress of the work thus far shows that when it is finished the building will take on quite a handsome appearance.

It has been many years since the house was painted, and its need was very apparent.

The Reporter is pleased to note this improvement, and congratulates the Court on its selection of colors.

Porch Party.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. V. E. Eddleman entertained at her beautiful home in West Graham, for her niece, Miss Lorena Wallace.

Progressive rook and forty-two were the chief diversions of the evening. The gentleman's prize, a box of handkerchiefs, fell to J. C. Rickman in cut with Lee Oberlander. Miss Ada Rickman won the lady's prize, a box of handkerchiefs also.

Delicious ice cream with angel food cake was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Matthews, Miss Wallace and Miss Lottie Bell Wallace.

The following were present: Misses Lucille and Ruth Doty, Zella Allen, Willie Kizer, Nelle Graham, Agnes Craig, Ada Rickman, Eva Leveridge of Cisco, Buford Snoddy, Elsie Rubenkoenig, Lizzie Johnson, Lottie Bell and Mary Wallace, Lucille Reed, Aytchie Chism, Pearl Matthews and Lorena Wallace; Messrs. Will Johnson, Wright McClatchy, Lee Oberlander, Fred Hudson, J. B. Norris, Leslie Scott, Henry Porter, Marion Burkett, J. C. Rickman, Jesse and George Fore, Paul Deats, Mabry Short, J. E. Evans, and Mrs. V. E. Eddleman and Mrs. M. V. Bell.

Honoring Miss Fatine Dowdle.

Complimentary to her friend, Miss Fatine Dowdle of Graham, Texas, who is her guest, Miss Rubybelle Davis was hostess at an enjoyable party Friday evening, at her home in North Seymour. The guests on being received, were shown to the dining room where Misses Grace Davis and Georgie Lou England presided over the punch bowl, which was banked in a profusion of flowers and smilax. "Bunco" was the main feature of the evening, Miss Fatine Dowdle winning the first prize. Piano selections were rendered throughout the evening by Misses Fatine Dowdle, Hazel Richardson, and Thed Davis.—Baylor County (Seymour) Banner.

Mrs. R. G. Hallam and children left Tuesday for a visit to her father and other relatives at Italy and Avalon, Texas.

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Weather for August.

1st to 2nd, hot and sultry; 3rd to 5th, rain; 6th to 8th, cooler; 9th to 12th, cloudy, rain; 13th to 14th, cooler; 15th to 17th, rain; 18th to 21st, pleasant; 22nd, cyclone from Gulf moving north; 23rd to 26th, rain, cooler; 27th to 31st, warm and pleasant.

The Ultimatum.

"The Government of the U. S. will continue to contend for that freedom (of the seas) from whatever quarter violated, without compromise and at any cost. Repetition by the commanders of German naval vessels of acts in contravention of those rights, must be regarded by the Government of the U. S., when they affect American citizens, as deliberately unfriendly."

In these words have we said our ultimatum to Germany and, indirectly to England. Our third note calls for no answer at present in words from Germany and promises an early day of reckoning with England. It should and does suit all of us exactly as far as we are authorized to speak.

Having delivered an ultimatum, we must see that our gun is loaded. Of course, we do not mean to use our gun for a while, as we have many other perfectly legitimate tricks up our sleeve before finally resorting to the gun—which incidentally, is of the old style and rather small calibre for real work. But, we have awakened to that lack of style and size and we are going to make us a much larger one, of a model not yet perfected, but under way. Mr. Edison and other inventors have promised us their help; we have called on the Army and Navy for reports as to their state of preparedness and their plans; and we think that a trained army of half a million men is about the right size. This half million will include the militia, which must be nationalized.

Except for his strict neutrality State Press of the Dallas News might have sung hi le, hi lo, instead of so much tra la la business the other day. Seldom do you see State Press go into ecstasies, but when he does he speaks in unknown tongues.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Great Prosperity and all the little Prosperity's are enroute to Graham and will reach here in a short time. We believe the report is true, and trust the Graham citizens will have the Opportunity, Energy and Stickability families prepared to meet them.

We are not so well pleased with the loss of all of the constitutional amendments. As a matter of fact, the amendments were not very important and things will go on as usual, but the light vote and the loss of all of them indicates little interest and much ignorance on the part of the voters. Ignorance sounds blunt and bad, and is both, but the word is used advisedly, and may describe you. Can you tell what the six amendments were, and why you voted against all?

General Funston has received orders to use force, if necessary, to prevent the Mexicans from firing across our border and killing our citizens. If they do shoot across the border again they may get a real taste of war, and not a mere skirmish, for the boys in blue lined up along the border have been waiting a long time to take a shot at the greasers, and when they start in there will be a "hot time in the old town."

The Reporter extends a cordial invitation to the young people of the county who anticipate going to a high school, to come to Graham. Here you will find one of the best high schools in the state, clean moral surroundings, a church of almost any denomination, and good, wholesome pleasure to entertain you when you are not busy with your studies. Come to Graham.

If the owners of the boat which turned turtle in Chicago resulting in the loss of nearly a thousand lives, knew that she was unseaworthy, or that she was liable to do just what she did, then they are as responsible for the deaths of those people as the man who speeds his automobile through a crowded thoroughfare and kills and maims, is responsible for the resulting deaths. In each case the owner would know it was an unsafe procedure, and should be given the limit of punishment. The boat owners, especially, would be guilty of a grave crime, if they knew the boat to be unsafe, for the reason that they advertised upon their tickets that she was "safe."

Marvelous!

The workman knows no sleight of hand. Of magic powers he does not talk; Yet he can make some motions, and Behold he makes the concrete walk! —Peoria Star.

The boarder is no scientist, He hardly does get by; But he can take hot biscuits And make the butter fly.

Marketing is the great hindering factor in commercial fruit growing. Solve the market problem and you will save millions in labor and money and be the cause of more profitable farming. The safest way to market is through well-organized, well-managed associations. Much is often saved by evaporating and canning.—Farm and Ranch.

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Did you ever know of a business man who would put up an attractive sign in front of his place one day and then take it down the next, and after a week or so put it up again and keep it there maybe two or three days, and then take it down and hide it away for another interval, and so on and so on? Well, an advertisement in a paper is just like a sign, the difference in it and the one across your plate window being that it is carried to the fireside instead of staying in one place all the time; the sign is carried to the people instead of waiting for the people to come to it. Is it necessary to carry the comparison any further?—Rule Review.

Marketing Grains.

Reports are to the effect that farmers in Denton county, Texas, are selling wheat and that some have received from \$1.10 to \$1.17 a bushel. This is good news and it confirms the opinion so often expressed a few weeks ago that farmers need not be in a hurry to market their wheat, as conditions indicated that prices would be higher.

When farmers can get one dollar a bushel for wheat they are fortunate, especially when the yield is large. No one knows, but many believe prices will be better. Be that as it may, much of the land where wheat has been harvested has been or will be planted in peas, soybeans, sorghum, feterita, milo, Sudan, etc., consequently there is an excellent chance for two crops on this land. With such prospects, few will regret that they followed the suggestions of practical farmers thru Farm and Ranch to plant wheat last fall.

The oat crop this year will likely be profitable to many, inasmuch as prices for oats are now considered good, with prospects of better prices. Retail grain dealers in Dallas were getting 45c a bushel for oats last week, which is more than oats generally bring at threshing time.

The farmers of the Southwest have a great opportunity this year. Their products are in demand. They were in very unfortunate circumstances last fall when the European war demoralized their cotton market. But they have used such circumstances to advantage. Now they have food and feed and the men who censured them for raising cotton are anxious to buy foods.—Farm and Ranch.

A Few Thoughts for Taxpayers.

There's the federal government, raising taxes, running into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Here's the state government, raising taxes, running into millions of dollars.

Here's the county government, raising taxes, running into the thousands of dollars.

Here's the city government, raising taxes, running into the thousands of dollars.

And the burden annually grows larger!—Waco Times-Herald.

Unnatural.

"Mark Twain was visiting H. H. Rogers," said a New York editor. "Mr. Rogers led the humorist into his library."

"There," he said as he pointed out a bust of white marble. "What do you think of that?" It was a bust of a young woman coiling her hair—a graceful example of Italian sculpture. Mr. Clemens looked and then he said, "It isn't true to nature."

"Why not?" Mr. Rogers asked. "She ought to have her mouth full of hairpins," said the humorist.—Christian Register.

To Dock Yancey of Eliasville, President of the S. O. R.

My Dear President:

According to our previously arranged plans while there I returned home and as soon as I had procured the proper amount of rest as designated by the above order I proceeded to work up an interest in that line, and as soon as the teachings of the order became known it caused great enthusiasm. It spread faster than the Farmers' Union or a prairie fire; got fifteen members the first week and they all agreed that organization was the thing, and met a long felt want. And I have intimated that in time to come that yourself and Jack W., president and vice-president, would be out and all the rules and regulations could be more thoroughly gone over.

Up to the present we haven't had more than two or three infractions of the rules. First, was a report from Red Mud that some one had made a big fish catch and one of the members, under the excitement, grabbed a grubbing hoe and dug up a half acre of ground looking for fish bait before he got on to the joke. Another one heard that some good cold beer had come in on the train and made a half mile run to get there; all to his sad disappointment. Another one went to a patent medicine show and sat till 11 or 12 o'clock, but we let him off when he explained that it was his understanding that they were going to distribute some free corn and bunion medicine. I gave all three of these erring brothers a lecture on the importance of precaution and let 'em go. And, if the goods boxes and pocket knives hold out I think we will have a large working order before the summer is gone.

Hoping you will accept this report, to which I will make affidavit to when you come up, and that all the members are still whittling. I remain, Very truly yours, A. G. LOVE, Pres. Pro tem.

Potash at Amarillo.

It is within the range of possibility that Texas may soon be supplying the United States in its need for potash. It was at first thought that the deep well at Spur would yield potash in sufficient quantity to justify its exploitation, but other discoveries in the neighborhood of Amarillo have shown potash as high as 9.23 per cent. This is a greater per cent than is found in the famous mines of Germany that supplied the world before the breaking out of the war.—Farm and Ranch.

Marshmallow Roast.

The monthly social meeting of the Young People's Bible class of the M. E. Church was held on the banks of the Clear Fork Monday evening. A delightful supper was enjoyed by all, after which the young people gathered around a bonfire and roasted marshmallows. Delicious ice cream and watermelons completed the feast. Mrs. V. M. Hale chaperoned the young people.

The following pupils were present: Christine and Winnie Harrell, Annie Holcomb, Belle, Ola and Alma McCluskey, Fannie and Naomi Goode, M. D. Harrell, Jr., Arthur Holcomb, Roy and Fay Corbett, Luther Rogers, Lester Braddock, Ernest Taylor, Will Akers, Joe Smith, Wilbur Weaver, Lonnie Keller, Will McBrayer, Ben Burgess; invited guests were: Miss Florian Joiner of Newcastle, Marcus M. Chunn, pastor and T. Marvin McBrayer, superintendent of the Sunday school. Press Reporter.

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LONE STAR

Several from this community attended the meeting at South Bend last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poindexter visited Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ball Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Akers visited Mr and Mrs. C. W. Henderson Sunday.

Clyde Billingsley has gone to Breckenridge to the reunion. He will join the Eliasville band boys at Eliasville. The Eliasville band will play for the reunion.

Jess Ingram of Duff Prairie, Willie and Raymond Akers ate Sunday dinner with Archje Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Akers and Mrs. Patrick, with their families, visited Mr. Akers' mother, Mrs. Sallie Akers, of Komo.

Lola Maud Billingsley ate Sunday dinner with Opal McCluskey.

There is some sickness in this community but think it just summer colds.

Ellis Langford and Miss Addie Akers ate Sunday dinner with Miss Oma Keller.

Kind Editor, you have my sincere thanks for the list of Correspondents. I was more than glad to get it. I think it so kind of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick are visiting her sister, Mrs. Claud Akers.

B. F. Langford went to Graham today.

J. G. Godley left today for a ranch east of Graham.

Raymond Akers left today (Monday) for Olney to help his brother, Roscoe Akers, top maize this week.

Miss Addie Akers called on Mrs. Danley Monday eve.

Mrs. Vest and granddaughter, Bessie Akers, went fishing this (Monday) afternoon.

As I am in a hurry will go. Hiawatha.

OAKLAND

We have been having some cool days and every one enjoyed them, although the rain we have been needing for so long has not yet come.

Quite a large crowd enjoyed a moonlight party at Mr. Baty's Friday night.

Miss Ethel Baty spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lilla Belle Findley.

Mr. Whitfield was in Graham on business Thursday.

Mr. Baty was in town Friday. Mr. Whitfield and family have been attending the meeting at Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester are moving to Graham.

Miss Julia Logan of Graham spent a few days out on the farm.

Emmet Blount and family of Rocky Mound spent Sunday with O. M. Blount.

Douglass Blount was in Graham Friday.

Several of the boys played ball in the Logan pasture Saturday.

Amelia Robertson spent Saturday and Saturday night with her grandmother in town, returning with Dr. Will Padgett and wife, who called a few minutes Sunday morning to see Mrs. Lester.

Mr. Creek lost a cow last week with the fever.

Mr. Roberts has been attending the meeting at Bryson.

Miss Lucille Lane and brother of Bridgewater visited at Mr. Whitfield's a few days last week.

Thanks, Mr. Editor, for the names of all the Correspondents. We have quite a nice little crowd and I hope to meet you all at the next reunion.

Carrie Nation.

Ladies' Fine Dress Skirts.

All skirts have been marked down to special bargain prices. S. B. Street & Co.

MING BEND

I will step in a few minutes. As news is scarce will not take up much time.

Most everybody has been going to the big meeting for the past two weeks and there is not much news.

Riley Sims and family, who have been camped up at Goose-neck the past two weeks, returned home this (Monday) morning.

Virgil McCasland of Vernon, Texas, came in last Thursday to visit relatives and friends.

W. A. Sims and daughter, Mrs. Zadie Owen, went to church at Gooseneck Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Ribble returned home Sunday, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher.

S. L. Ribble and family went up to the meeting and camped.

Several from this community went up Saturday and stayed until Monday.

The Baptist meeting will begin at Ming Bend Saturday night before the second Sunday in August.

Everett Newby worked a few days for J. F. Ribble last week.

Mrs. Rena Owen and daughter visited her brother, J. F. Ribble, last week.

I will ring off and do better next time. Rainy Day.

An Untimely Fall from Tenant to Tramp.

There is no doubt that we have a serious tenant question in Texas, and it is all the more serious because it is a landlord question as well as a tenant question. It has two sides, and sometimes more than two sides to it.

There are some landlords who mistreat, impose upon and swindle their tenants. Some restrict their tenants mercilessly and others overreach the ignorant and the helpless. There are other landlords who treat tenants fairly and liberally. Many a man from the older States has come to Texas penniless to find some honest landlord to start him and back him until he grew stronger, year after year, and wound up by owning the place upon which he first settled. In one such instance the former landlord, broken to pieces by floods and the failures of others, is now a tenant himself on a plantation owned by a former field hand.

There are many good tenants and many shabby ones. There are men settled on the lands of other men who take as good or even better care of the property than the owners themselves would take. They observe every clause of their contracts conscientiously (even the Johnson grass clause), and do many things which they are in no wise bound to do. They are friends and not enemies of the men from whom they rent. Of course there are other kinds of tenants. They are improvident, indolent, dishonest and discontented. They are losing their foothold even as tenants and are rapidly coming to be mere field hands, just as others have in many other States.

In States in which no cotton is raised the sowing and reaping with modern machinery is not done now by tenants. A few hands are hired at planting time and again at harvest time, and with these "itinerants," when needed, the owner of the farm and a few former tenants now employed as washwomen, cooks, dairy hands or stable boys, can look after the feeding of the live stock and do the rest of the work. The change to "machinery" has given to some of the grain States a much more serious problem than this tenant problem in Texas is, in that it has left no room at all for the tenant, and has called in the "field hand," and sometimes the tramp, from town or

city to take his place. The fact that a great State like Illinois, Iowa or Kansas has no tenant question to worry over may certainly not be a fact that is at all favorable to the tenant class.

The fall of a man from a settled home on the farm, with land to cultivate, and backed by the credit of the landlord, or by the credit that comes of his own settled habits and good qualities, to the position of a mere occasional field hand has been the fate of hundreds of thousands of men now crowding each other to death in the large cities of the North and East.

These men are now getting a few weeks' work as harvest hands, after which they return to the cities where their families fight for shelter, food and life. They are tenants indeed, in that they fill the slums of the cities and towns; but the workers among them are now merely field hands, when they find any employment at all; and thousands of them have degenerated into professional tramps and criminals.

If it is better to be a tenant farmer with a home for one's family and at least a little hold on the soil, then the fact that Texas has more such farmers and fewer itinerant field hands and tramps that the States usually cited as prosperous is not against us, but is in our favor.

What a pity, for example, that a hundred thousand men now in Chicago with their hopeless families can not be given places

on Illinois farms as tenant farmers, instead of remaining the idle occupants of shabby tenement houses in the city! It is notable that some of the main protests against the large proportion of tenant farmers in Texas comes from States in which the tenant farmer has been crowded out entirely, and from cities in which three-fourths of the population is made up of tenants, many of them most miserable and helpless.

But the purpose of this argument is to call attention to a serious change that is now going on here in Texas, the same change that has long since taken place in these "tenantless" States, and for which tenants themselves appear, in this Texas instance, to be chiefly to blame.

It is a change by which many Texas tenants are rapidly becoming mere field hands, by which their families will be moved to the cities and towns; by which many men and boys will be reduced to trampedom in time.

When it comes to farming, some risks and chances must needs be taken. This truth was fully and forcefully illustrated along the Brazos and other rivers of Texas last spring. After the crops were planted and had come up there came an overflow, and parts of many farms were covered with water. This occurred after the tenants had been underwritten by the landlords, and after accounts for four or five months' provisions had been made and doctor bills and other bills contracted. Of course the landlords were liable for the bills. Now, to make the burden all the heavier, scores of the tenants, in some cases by concerted action, quit the farms and left the landlords with the bag to hold, all the debts to pay, and absolutely without help to save the situation. On some large places not a tenant remained, and none of the deserters returned except for so much cash wages for each day's work. The landlords were obliged to lose all and go under or to resort to large loans at the banks, to secure money to pay wage hands. They were left to assume all the burdens already incurred and to take all the risks for the future. The result has taught many of them that the new plan is for them

a better plan than the old. They hire the hands only when they need them, like landlords do up in Kansas and Illinois, and the families of the hands remain in the towns and cities. No debts have to be assumed, no children or disabled men and women have to be fed, no doctor bills paid. A more extensive use of large machinery, with less hand help, is possible. There is less uncertainty in getting the help that is needed, and the cultivation of the land can be carried on in a more satisfactory manner.

Such is the conclusion of a number of planters who met recently and resolved that hereafter they would work up as rapidly as possible to this new "wage hand policy."

While nobody can find any ground to criticize the farmers for adopting the policy thus forced upon them, and for making the best of it, it is no less unfortunate that any long step in this direction should have to be taken in Texas. While the average tenant farmer's condition is by no means ideal, and should be improved in every reasonable way, still his condition is far better now than it will be after he has become a mere field hand, with his family learning indolence and extravagance in the city, himself adrift and never settled or sure about anything. As The News sees it, this is a serious situation in which many a man with a fair show to make a start and to prosper will surely lose the one opportunity left to him to win for himself a farm and the comforts and blessings that come with home, sweet home.—Dallas News.

STATE AND DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

According to statistics compiled by the secretary of the Hogg Organization at the University of Texas, it would seem that higher education in Texas is largely in the hands of the churches rather than under the supervision of the state, as is popularly supposed. The state institutions of higher education are eight in number; the University of Texas, the A. & M. College, the four normals for white teachers, the Prairie View Normal, and the College of Industrial Arts. As against these eight state-supported higher educational institutions, there are 61 denominational colleges and universities, according to the latest available statistics, those of 1912. There are employed in the denominational colleges and universities of Texas 909 teachers, while the state-supported institutions of higher education employ but 378 teachers, including tutors; in 1912 there were 14,887 students being educated in the denominational colleges and universities of Texas, while but 8,370 students were attending the state-supported higher institutions of learning. Incidentally, it may be observed that while denominational institutions have, roughly, twice as many students as the state-supported institutions of higher education, the denominational colleges and universities employ, approximately, three times as many teachers. At the present time in Texas our system of higher education could therefore with propriety be called denominational rather than state-supported, or both.—Farm and Ranch.

ARMY AND NAVY DEFENSE PLANS UNDER REVISION.

Officials Prepare Data for Consideration of President Wilson Upon Return to White House from Vacation.

Pending President's Wilson's return from New Hampshire, when he will formulate with Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels what the White House has announced will be a sane, reasonable and practical national defense programme, army and navy officials are busy assembling information upon which the new military policy will be founded.

It is known that the army and navy boards at work on the needs of the respective services, already have their tasks well advanced. It had been planned to lay the reports before the respective secretaries within a month or six weeks, but in view of the White House request it was regarded as probable that they would be submitted within a few days.

It is known that navy plans contemplate a big increase in submarines, thirty and perhaps fifty being recommended; that several battle cruisers will be urged and at least four dreadnoughts, and that a big increase in the auxiliary fleet and in navy air craft will be sought.

Several additional small navy yards to serve as submarine bases will be suggested it is thought.

Such a programme would carry with it of necessity an increase in navy personnel and probably the enlargement of the naval academy at Annapolis.

Army plans look to the building up of an army of 500,000 men, regulars and militia, within territorial United States.

This long has been the figure at which army officers placed the country's needs. To make the plan efficient it is believed some scheme to federalize the militia will be advanced, and also that methods of building up army and militia reserves will be proposed. Enlargement of West Point may be postponed.

This general plan contemplates, it is understood, only the mobile forces. The coast artillery, garrisons for the canal zone, Hawaii, Philippines, Alaska and Porto Rico will be considered separately. Army officers hold that ample equipment of field guns, rifles, machine guns and heavy field ordnance must be prepared in advance. It takes time to make these and also to manufacture big ammunition.

Field gun ammunition and small arm cartridges can be turned out in a hurry. It is said private plants to make these have increased manifold under the stimulus of European contracts.

A year ago the government owned 50 per cent of the total American capacity for this work. It now is estimated that private plants could make in a month as much as government shops could turn out in four months.—Dallas News.

The Reason

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INGLESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. N. Hocken visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gibbs of Orth Sunday.

Mrs. N. Hocken visited J. M. Grimes Saturday evening.

Miss Mattie Bird spent the night with Miss Lena Morgan.

Miss Anna Garrett and Miss Pearl Weems called on Misses Alice and Fay Grimes Sunday.

Miss May Grimes spent Saturday night with Miss Pearl Weems.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockens, and their niece, Miss May Grimes ate cream with Mrs. Paris and family Saturday night.

Miss Anna Garrett spent Sunday night with Miss Pearl Weems.

The young people of Ingleside had a singing at Grandpa Bird's Sunday night and everybody reported having a nice time.

Mrs. Fannie Paris called on Mrs. N. Hockens one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hockens are talking of moving to the coast. The community certainly regrets to lose such good neighbors as they are.

Mrs. Morgan visited Mrs. J. M. Grimes one day this week.

Miss Pearl Weems visited Miss Anna Garrett Sunday.

Miss Alice Grimes spent the night with Miss Pearl Weems one night last week.

Some of the Ingleside girls lost their fellows and must have been mourning, for they were dressed in black Sunday night.

I wish some of you Ingleside girls would tell me the kind of glue you get to glue your nose on when you get it broken off, for I am thinking I will get mine broken off pretty soon and may have to glue it back.

Some of you Wheatland guys come over to Ingleside to some of our parties for they have a play here that the young men ask the young ladies to crow like roosters.

Sam Bird ordered himself a wheat thresher. You may know it was a dandy for when it came it was a peanut thresher.

Wonder what is the matter with Jim Doyle and Lonnie Corley. They always ride by themselves as many pretty girls as there are at Ingleside.

Nat Grimes of Hunt visited N. Hockens Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pearl Weems of Jean will return to her home Saturday. Her friends regret to see her leave for she is a kind friend and will be missed very much by her friends at Ingleside.

N. Hockens and Mr. Lenzey transacted business in Olney Saturday.

Lee Garrett and wife visited at Spring Creek Friday afternoon and returned Sunday eve reporting a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herring are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy.

There must be something awfully attracting at Spring Creek for every Sunday Jim Garrett visits down there.

Miss Della Graham of Wheatland has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mark Herring.

Miss Mae Grimes visited Miss Anna Garrett Sunday afternoon. Mr. Brewster and sister, Miss Brewster, visited Miss Lena Morgan Sunday.

Magnetic Pole. (Welcome, Magnetic Pole, to our faithful band of Correspondents. We know you will draw the hearty welcome of all our Correspondents and attract new friends to the paper. Please send in your correct name and address so that we may list you with our regular Correspondents.—Editor).

KOMO

I didn't get to be with you all last week so most of this letter will be last week's news.

A. P. Martin and family have been visiting relatives in Wichita Falls.

Miss Grace Billingsley of Graham spent a week visiting at Komo.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner White visited at Cedar Creek from Friday till Monday.

A large crowd attended the ice cream supper Saturday night at Miss Mollie Elkins'. Everybody seemed to have a most enjoyable time.

Misses Onie Ardis, Hester Brooks and Grace Billingsley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lottie White.

W. H. Burnett and family spent Sunday at Miss Mollie Elkins' and made ice cream.

Bryan Ardis returned Saturday from Fort Worth.

Tom Fletcher and family and Pike Ardis and children spent Sunday at G. R. White's and made ice cream.

Austin White and W. H. Burnett made a flying trip to Graham Saturday.

Pike Ardis went to Eliasville Saturday.

Mrs. Dora Fletcher, Onie, Mattie Earl, and Robert Ardis, J. A. Bower and family helped can fruit at G. R. White's last Thursday, putting up 217 cans that day.

W. H. Burnett and son, Melbourne, and Austin White went to Newcastle Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend visited at G. R. White's Sunday. Arthur Bower worked for L. F. Evans Thursday.

Roy Pardue and John Guess helped G. R. White head maize part of last week.

Several are reported to be on the puny list this week.

Miss Zula Griffin called on Miss Lottie White Friday evening.

Austin and Miss Lottie White called at J. T. Townsend's Saturday and played some music.

J. I. Guess and Roy Pardue and families were at J. T. Townsend's Saturday night.

Mrs. Mattie Wynn and sister, Miss Eddie Akers, called at Mrs. Tom Fletcher's Friday afternoon.

John Sitton is visiting at J. T. Townsend's. Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for

the list of Correspondents' names. I appreciated it very much.

Mrs. Emma Burnett and son, Melbourne, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Grubbs Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White spent Saturday night at J. A. Bower's.

G. R. White and family called at Mrs. Sallie Akers' Sunday.

J. A. Bower and family attended church at South Bend Sunday.

Here, Azure Skies, take my pencil and write another good letter. Pansy.

MURRAY

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mayes of Loving are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carmack.

Bryan Ardis returned from Fort Worth last week, where he has been at work for the past two months.

Miss Maggie Wootton returned home Friday from a five months' visit with her sister, Mrs. Thornton, of Goree. She was accompanied home by her niece, Ida Thornton, who will visit here for some time.

Miss Hattie Martin left last week for an extended visit in Missouri.

Mrs. J. L. Wootton visited Mrs. Martin Monday.

Mrs. Simpson of Newcastle visited her mother, Mrs. Megginson, last week.

Well, as news is scarce and it is getting late will make my letter short. Bluebell.

OAK GROVE

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday morning. Bro. McKenzie went on to West Fork, where he preached Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A number of Oak Grove people attended the service.

The meeting has been a good one, although some times the attendance was not as large as it might have been, owing to the fact that there were so many other meetings going on around us at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing attended the meeting here Saturday night and Sunday. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Self and Mr. and Mrs. Waddell.

Miss Lois Harmerson of West Fork spent part of last week with Miss Vernon Miller and attended the meeting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotholl and family of near Olney were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Zilla and Allye Harwell were guests of Mrs. Almond Peters Sunday and Monday.

Little Leonard Harwell, son of Boaz Harwell, is seriously ill at this writing.

Mr. Morris, a nephew of J. W. Keen, is visiting relatives here.

We had our regular prayer meeting Sunday night.

Miss Vernon Miller visited Miss Ethel Self Monday.

Misses Nannie and Sallie Waddell visited Miss Carter Sunday. Spot.

CALIFORNIA

Well, Mr. Editor, will you admit another one into your happy band of Correspondents?

Health in this community is very good.

Mrs. Emma Webb and Etta Helton spent Saturday with Mrs. W. E. Foster.

Mrs. Bessie Reeves and Miss Carrie Lisle have returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Stephens county.

Miss Kittie Kelley spent last Thursday night with Miss Mary Helton.

Miss Ethel Webb spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb near Proffitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reeves spent the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Elzy Lisle.

Miss Ethel Kelly spent Thursday with her brother, Jeddie Kelly, near Elbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Helton were shopping in Newcastle Saturday.

Mrs. Vern Scobee visited Mrs. Ike Clifton Saturday.

Miss Mary Helton called on Miss Ethel Webb Friday afternoon.

Rev. Pursley filled his regular appointment here today (Sunday).

Mr. and Mrs. Gay spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Helton.

Mrs. Bob Arnold of Miller Bend spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kelly.

Quite a crowd enjoyed Sunday evening at J. M. Helton's.

Liberty Bell.
(Sure we will admit you, Liberty Bell, and will say that we are more than glad to have a Correspondent from California. We hope that you will be a regular visitor.—Editor.)

INDIAN MOUND

Sunday school was well attended here Sunday.

Mr. Colvin and son, Will, are cutting feed for R. G. Taylor.

Mrs. Ernest Price and children are visiting at the home of D. W. Beard while Mr. Price is in Oklahoma for his health.

Misses Fay and Inez Fisher visited at the home of W. R. Bellins Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Salter called on Mrs. R. G. Taylor Monday.

S. D. Cowan and John McComas went to Graham today (Tuesday).

G. M. James, of Lincoln, Ark., who has been here for some weeks on a business and visiting trip, left Graham Sunday morning for his home. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Hoggard, and children. We never learned how long they are to be gone, but suppose they will stay until

they get tired of eating those great big, red, Arkansas apples and then we will look for them home.

Azure Skies, all that is wrong with Plow Boy is, he has been trying to make it appear that the Kid was very much afflicted with a good case of lopsidedness, but you can take his words some two or three weeks ago and be your own judge.

Miss Jolly Girl, if you ever expect to own that good 320 acre farm at Indian Mound and that nice Arkansas fruit farm too, you had better learn to know that Mr. Man as you called him. He didn't know you either.

We have had a good meeting here the past week. The thresher being here kept it from being well attended like it would have been. It was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Evans, of Loving, and his father from Abilene, Texas.

Bro. Perry Harmerson was with us from Thursday till the close of our meeting Sunday morning. Bro. Harmerson spoke Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the subject of "Christ's Church and Its Work."

Thanks, Mr. Editor, for that nice list of Correspondents' addresses I received Saturday.

W. F. Grubbs' thresher is now taking its Sunday rest at the McComas ranch. This is the third thresher this season and Monday we are to have a thresher here from Graham, so I hear.

I will try to give a few grain reports from here next week.

Bashful Ben, give us some wheat and oats reports from the Bend.

Miss Lizzie Thomas took dinner with Miss Mary Beard last Sunday.

F. C. Borchardt went to Newcastle Saturday.

W. P. Fisher and children ate dinner at the home of G. W. McComas and family Sunday.

Mrs. E. G. Williamson and children visited the home of G. W. McComas Saturday evening.

Floyd McComas of Graham attended church here Sunday and visited home folks.

R. G. Taylor was a caller at the home of G. W. McComas Sunday.

Mesdames W. R. Dollins and F. C. Borchardt are still on the sick list.

Mrs. Rhea Cox returned home Sunday, after attending church and visiting here a week.

Miss India Newman of Hawkins Chapel visited her sister, Mrs. H. H. Stephens, and attended church here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. R. G. Taylor called at the home of F. C. Borchardt Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herring of Ingleside visited at the home of A. Bird and attended church here Sunday.

Several of the Red Top people attended church here Sunday.

Some of the young people of White Rose attended church here Sunday.

There has been lots of wheat hauled to Graham this and last week.

There are two threshers here now. I guess all will get their grain threshed soon. Kid.

UNION RIDGE

We are having some real old dry summer weather in our part of the country. A good rain would be appreciated.

Crops are holding up very well and so are the boll weevils and grasshoppers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ainsworth accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hill spent the latter part of last week in Jacksboro visiting and attending the Holiness meeting there.

Mrs. F. A. Gladden spent last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Nora Hill.

Mrs. Gertie Denning was a guest of Mrs. Estella Gladden yesterday (Monday).

Howard Barnes from Jacksboro is visiting friends and relatives here.

J. T. Ainsworth made a business trip down on Camp Creek Tuesday.

Uncle Geo. Cullers has returned home, after spending several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Denning were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Denning, Monday.

Lee Keyser from the Keyser community visited his uncle, Joe Cullers, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tripp spent from Saturday until Sunday eve with Mrs. Tripp's sister, Mrs. Smith, near Loving.

The ice cream supper at Ellis King's last Wednesday night was well attended. All reported an enjoyable time.

H. H. Avants is on an extended visit to friends in Bryson and attending the meeting at that place.

Several from here are attending the meeting at Bryson. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gladden left last Friday to visit relatives near Jermyn. They returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Avants were guests at Huse Denning's Saturday night and Sunday.

Master Ufern Ainsworth is very sick at this writing.

Little Edith Gladden is on the sick list this week.

D. R. Barnes from Jacksboro is visiting his nephew, W. B. Hill, this week.

Willie Simpson visited in the Loving community last week.

Lawrence Simpson and Rufe King made a flying trip to Finis last Tuesday.

Little Loretta Cook is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Syl Vanhooser went to Jacksboro Sunday, making the trip in their car.

Miss Lena Vanhooser is suffering with sick headache today.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scarbrough visited Mrs. Scarbrough's mother, Mrs. Brewton, the latter part of the week in Long Hollow.

Silver Bell, your letter last week was simply fine.

Tempest and Sunshine, I am glad you are not bothered with the boll weevils, for they are very pesky little creatures.

Plow Boy, I really can't tell what Old Pa is, can you? He seems to cross himself up at times.

Kid, I was at that Association at Jean all right, but the Prof. is not added to my name in front.

F. A. Gladden was talking over the telephone. Said he had the pleasure of meeting an old lady 110 years of age while he was visiting.

Salemite, your letter was quite long last week. Do you suppose you will convert any one?

Hiawatha, I hope you enjoyed the cream supper that night. Many thanks for your invitation.

As I am tired and sleepy will hand my pencil to Gray-eyed Girl and go. Yank.

BRYSON

Aren't we having pretty weather? The days are not so hot and the nights are cool.

The Christian meeting is in progress. The meeting began last Thursday night and will last till next Sunday. Have been having fine preaching by Rev. Thornton. A large crowd has attended each service. People from Graford, Jermyn, near Graham and from all the nearby communities have been attending. We welcome them here and glad to have them with us.

Carrie Nation has been attending the meeting. They look as natural as ever. If any of the other Correspondents have

been attending the meeting I haven't met them.

Isn't our little Correspondents' book nice? I wish to thank Mr. Editor for the honor roll of Correspondents and for being so kind to furnish them to us.

Mrs. W. A. Jones of Bridgeport is visiting her son, A. L. Maddux and family, here.

Uncle Josh Moore is reported very sick. Hope to report him better soon.

Mrs. Clemmie Martin of Long Hollow is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols.

Glad to report that Grandma Walden is able to attend the meeting some.

The Baptist meeting will begin on Saturday night before the first Sunday in August, and the Methodist meeting will begin the second Sunday in August. Three big meetings right in succession. Somebody ought to get good.

Very good of you Mr. Parsons for sending a letter to the paper last week as all of we Correspondents might have decided to celebrate a reunion and feast on your chickens. It would have been bad if we all had gotten there thinking that we were going to have a happy time eating chicken and there wouldn't have been enough lard to fry the chickens in. But maybe we could have thrown in as much as a penny apiece and sent Plow Boy or the Kid running to the store after some lard.

Well, Yank, I feel awfully sorry for you because you feel so slighted because I didn't whistle at you. I beg you to excuse me this time as I was in such a hurry cooking that custard for the preacher. Never mind now and don't cry and come next Sunday and I'll have a custard cooked especially for Yank.

Joe Clayton and family spent Monday with Vester Hanhooser and family of Union Ridge.

Everybody is invited to attend the meetings which start soon.

Thanks, Yank, for your pencil. Here, take it before I use it all away. Trixie.

PROFFITT

Miss Ethel Webb of California Creek spent last week with her brother, John Webb, and wife.

Mrs. Lewis of Eastland was called Wednesday to be at the bedside of her son, John Lewis, who was seriously ill. Glad to say that he is getting along just fine.

Miss Dennie Maples spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Weatherbee.

Mr. Turner's mother of Oklahoma is spending this week with him.

Mrs. George Thomas left Tuesday for Anadarko, Okla., to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Sims, who is seriously ill.

John Precilla and family left Thursday for Thurber, where they will make their home. We wish them success.

Joe Maples spent from Sunday until Friday visiting relatives and friends at Loving.

Mrs. Etta Briggs spent Friday with Mrs. Cloud.

Henry Walker and family have moved to Graham.

Bryant Thomas came home from the thresher sick.

Mrs. Mattie Reeves spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Jones of Newcastle.

As I haven't time to write more will bring this to a close. Snowflake.

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Miss Fannie Stoffers is visiting in Cleburne.

Lester Ringgenberg was over from Jacksboro Friday.

S. Boyd Street is on a business trip to West Texas.

Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb is visiting in Jacksboro this week.

J. A. Duckworth of Loving was a business visitor here last Tuesday.

J. L. McLaren was a pleasant caller at The Reporter office Saturday.

Dr. H. K. Weems of Jean was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Woodson Young of Eliasville was a business visitor in the city Monday.

W. W. Cook of the Burch Mines was here on business Wednesday.

J. L. Fisher of Indian Mound was transacting business in the city Wednesday.

Will French of the Red Top community was in town Saturday on business.

District Clerk Willie Riggs spent part of last week fishing on the Clear Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Morrison and children are visiting relatives in Haskell.

J. A. Wright and Will Nesbitt of Mt. Pleasant were visitors in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. King left this week for a visit to relatives at Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grubbs and son of Lake Farm were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Attie Allen of San Angelo is here visiting her mother, Mrs. L. E. Gilmore.

Mesdames Vas Shanafelt and Johnson of Bryson were shopping in the city Tuesday.

W. W. Reid and son, W. C. of Proffitt, were transacting business in Graham Monday.

John C. and Robert Bower and Buck Stewart made a trip to Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred T. Arnold returned home Sunday night from a visit to her parents in Texarkana.

S. M. Hinson of Salem community was here Monday. He was preparing to move to Megargel.

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M. K. Graham, Jr., and Kent Cooper of Lake Farm were shaking hands with old friends in the city Wednesday.

G. M. James, of Lincoln, Ark., who has been visiting in and near Graham for several days, returned home Sunday.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats \$1.00
We offer choice of any Ladies' Hat in the store for only \$1.00.
S. B. Street & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Padgett visited Mrs. Padgett's sister, Mrs. John Veach, at Jean one day this week.

Miss Sadie Scott of South Bend is spending the week in the city with Misses Mary Ellen and Zada Burkett.

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W. F. Keathley of Olney was a business visitor in Graham Monday. While here he called at The Reporter office.

Miss Violet Johnson of Eliasville paid The Reporter a pleasant call while in the city Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Loving and little son of the Loving Ranch, were in the city this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Norman.

Mrs. G. Q. Street, who has been visiting relatives for some time in Memphis, Texas, returned home Saturday night.

Slippers at 50c.
One lot Misses' and Children's Slippers, former price up to \$2 to close out at choice for 50c.
S. B. Street & Co.

Mrs. H. L. Morrison and son, Robert Lee, returned Wednesday night from a visit to Mrs. Morrison's parents at Toccoola, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Padgett of Fort Worth spent several days in the city this week visiting Mr. Padgett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Padgett.

Don't fail to put in your appearance at The Airdome tonight. Vaudeville and moving pictures. The Master Key; always something doing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Owen and daughter, Miss Pearl, of Eliasville spent from Friday till Sunday guests of Henry C. Wilson and family of this city.

Almost Given Away.
One lot Children's Slippers, former prices \$1.00 to \$1.75 to close out at choice for 25c.
S. B. Street & Co.

Dr. R. A. Petty and Mrs. Hattie P. Miller and daughters, Misses Lucile and Berenice, left Monday for Avalon, Texas for a ten days' visit.

Messrs. A. C. Anderson and S. W. Ratcliffe of Henry Chapel were in the city Monday looking after school matters for the Henry Chapel school.

Ladies' Hats \$1.00.
Choice of any Ladies' Hat worth from \$2.50 to \$6.50 now only \$1.00.
S. B. Street & Co.

Grant Daniels of Cisco was in the city this week prospecting, with a view to locating in Graham. Here's hoping he'll find a suitable location.

Mrs. Chas. Widmayer and children are spending several days in the Mt. Pleasant community, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright.

Ladies' Skirts \$1.00.
Three dozen Ladies' Wool Dress Skirts, former prices \$3 to \$7.50, choice for only \$1.00.
S. B. Street & Co.

Louis Wheat, Jr., Mack Wheat and Herman Durham of Memphis, Texas are visiting in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Q. Street.

Boys, spend something more than the evening. Take your lady friend to the Airdome tonight. Vaudeville and motion pictures.

O. H. McAlister, manager of the Bowman Lumber Co., yard at Jacksboro made The Reporter a visit Friday while in the city on business.

Mrs. Polk Kirby and little daughter, Mildred, of Avalon, came in Sunday night to visit friends in the city. They are now guests of Mrs. H. C. Stoffers.

Palm Beach Suits for Men.
We have a complete stock of Genuine Palm Beach Suits, light and dark colors, all sizes, the best made, price only \$7.50.
S. B. Street & Co.

W. C. Weems and daughters, Misses Pearl and Nannie of Lone Oak were in the city Wednesday. The young ladies paid The Reporter a pleasant visit while here.

A double bill tonight at The Airdome. Vaudeville and moving pictures. The Master Key will be sure to hold you spellbound and the vaudeville acts will more than satisfy you.

Mrs. Nat Price and children, who have been visiting her sister in Cisco, returned home Wednesday night. Mr. Clem McCarver returned with them. The party came through in a car.

J. T. Snodgrass, who is afflicted with tuberculosis, left Saturday for a tour of West Texas in an effort to regain his health. We trust he will enjoy a permanent recovery.

Dress Goods at 9c.
Extra Special Bargains in Wash Dress Goods, former prices up to 33c, to close out at 9c.
S. B. Street & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wesley and children of Ivan, and Mrs. Wesley's father, Mr. J. M. Hunt, were in Graham Friday. They paid The Reporter a pleasant call. Mr. Hunt left Saturday morning for Tulip, Ark., to visit his daughter, Mrs. B. P. Gann.

Dress Goods Bargains.
We have on our bargain counters a big lot of dress goods worth from 25c to 75c yard at choice for 15c.
S. B. Street & Co.

Elder and Mrs. D. J. E. Clark and two grandsons, Willie and Noel, left last Saturday for near Lawton, Oklahoma, to attend a three days' Primitive Baptist meeting, and to visit Elder Clark's son, S. Lee Clark, near Junction City. They will be gone about fifteen days.

We Have the Goods.
Our stock is the largest and most complete in Graham and you can always find the goods you want and at the lowest possible prices.
S. B. Street & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wootton, who have been visiting Mr. Wootton's sister, Mrs. Thornton, in Goree, for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday afternoon. Miss Maggie Wootton, who was with them in Goree, brought them over from Murray and remained over Monday.

Mrs. Louise Barron and family of Cedar Creek have recently moved to Graham to take advantage of the excellent school facilities here. The Reporter welcomes this splendid family to our city and trusts they will enjoy their stay among us.

Judge W. P. Stinson and Sheriff Mal M. Wallace of Graham were business visitors in Olney Wednesday. The Judge informed us that it is expected that the work on the Padgett Bridge will begin about August 1, and will be rushed to an early completion. The contract calls for another 185 ft. span which makes six such spans in the completed bridge, and will give it a length of 1,110 feet exclusive of the approaches. This is doubtless the longest bridge that crosses the Brazos river.—Olney Enterprise.

Bring your chickens to the Union Wagon Yard. Will pay the top price.
40tfc W. L. Howry.

Men's Work Clothes.
Best Shoes, Overalls, Gloves and Shirts in Graham.
S. B. Street & Co.

The 900 acres of land near Olney that I have cut up and am offering for sale in small tracts has been sold only once since it was made. The Graham Land Office offers nothing but what is well worth the money. Ask for details.
E. S. Graham, Graham, Texas.
44-7c.

Mount Pleasant.
Rev. Gaines B. Hall will fill his regular appointment at Mt. Pleasant the second Sunday in August, at 3:30 p. m. Everybody invited.

Tonk Valley.
The Union meeting at Tonk Valley began last night. The public is most cordially invited to co-operate and help give and receive a blessing.

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Business Meeting of C. L. S.-C.
A business meeting of the Chautauqua Literary Society will be held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Burns, on Wednesday, Sept. 8. All members are requested to be present.

Christian Endeavor.
Topic: "Little Every-day Kindnesses."—Eph. 4:25-32.
Leader.—Lucy Morris.
Mutual Courtesy, Acts 28:7-10.—Jess Fore.
Good Rules, I. Pet. 3:8-13.—Ethel Johnson.
Dispenser of Kindness, Prov. 15:1-4.—Mary Wallace.
Our Example, John 13:1-15.
H. L. Tidwell.
A Widow's Reward.—I. Kings 17:8-16.—Etta Schlittler.

Land that will pay for itself in one year is very cheap. The 900 acres near Olney that I am offering for sale in small tracts on easy terms would have paid for itself in wheat this year. Ask for descriptive circular.
E. S. Graham, Graham, Texas.
44-7c.

Card of Thanks.
Through the columns of this paper I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friends who have been so nice to me while confined to my room as a result of being shot. I hope each and every one of them will be rewarded for their kindness shown me and my family.
There are some matters I expect to explain to the public in the near future, which I believe will change the sentiment of some fair and considerate people with reference to me, and their opinions of other people.
I have never, at any time, meant to harm my fellow man, and the last night I stayed in jail I promised my God that I would try to do better, and since I was freed I have earnestly tried, and my being shot was positively not caused from any recent occurrence, and any report or statement to that effect is absolutely untrue.
Very respectfully,
R. M. TODD.

Not His Fault.
She—When we were married a year ago I never expected to see you coming home at 2 o'clock in the morning.
He—Well, you wouldn't now if you'd only go to bed and to sleep.—Boston Transcript.

Improving.
"That man doesn't tell the truth half the time."
"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "he must be reforming. A 50 per cent veracity average is pretty high for him."—Washington Star.

But He Understood.
The artist was painting—sunset, red, with blue streaks and green dots.
The old rustic, at a respectful distance, was watching.
"Ah," said the artist, looking up suddenly, "perhaps to you, too, nature has opened her sky pictures page by page. Have you seen the lambent flame of dawn leaping across the livid east; the red-stained, sulphurous islets floating in the lake of fire in the west; the ragged clouds at midnight, black as a raven's wing, blotting out the shuddering moon?"
"No," replied the rustic shortly; "not since I signed the pledge."—Tit-Bits.

Inexplicable Industry.
"What did Rastus git married for?"
"Lawd only knows, chile He keeps right on workin'."—Boston Transcript.

Metallic.
"He is a man with a grip of steel, an iron nerve, but a heart of gold."
"Ah! A regular man of metal."—Baltimore American.

Application Coming.
"Have you joined the commuters, Mrs. Nurich?"
"No, but I'll get Paw to put in an application."—Buffalo Express.

A Finished Musician.
"Is he a finished musician?"
"No, but he will be if he doesn't let up soon."—Philadelphia Press.

For Trade.
House and lot (Cornish place) in Northeast Graham to trade for young stock. See or phone Ind. 126-sll.
44-7p A. F. Sparks.

Found—Lady's hand satchel, with purse inside, on Salt Creek, near town. Owner may have same by proving ownership and paying for this notice.

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For Sale
Second hand Deering Row Binder; been used 2 seasons, in good condition.
Price \$50.00. D. G. VICK.

House for Sale Cheap—Good 5-room house and two lots, with up-ground cistern, new barn, big garden and chicken yard, within 200 yards of school building. Long time to pay. Apply at
43-44ch. Reporter office.

Hay Baling.
We have two hay balers in operation and will put up your hay at the following prices.
Johnson grass, 7 cents and board, or 8 cents without board.
Oat straw, 6 cents and board, or 7 cents without board.
G. H. Nored,
B. L. Nored,
41tfc. Era Threadgill.

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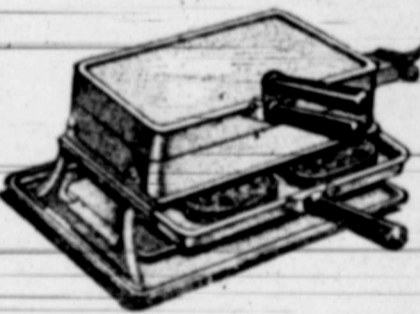
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Electric Grill

Boils, Toasts, Fries

An entire lunch prepared on one cent's worth of electricity.

Graham Electric Co.

To Patrons of The Graham Meat Market

The Graham Meat Market will open Monday, Aug. 2. I wish to thank each and every one of my patrons for their past favors and ask a continuance of same. Owing to the high price of cattle I am compelled to make my business strictly cash. I will handle only the very best of meats and guarantee every one the best of service. Trusting you will all appreciate my efforts, I am

Yours to serve,

FLOYD McCOMAS