

Editor Eagle: No rain yet. Some sickness in the Valley. Mrs. Judson Thomas is on the sick list this week; also Henry Ezzell's little daughter, Ida, has been suffering with a sore mouth for some time.

ZEPHYR. Editor Eagle: No rain yet, although the past day or two the indications have been that it will not be long before we will receive a shower.

Ed Reese has been sick for several days, but is out again. Mrs. W. Wilburn is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thompson visited relatives in Goldthwaite Sunday. The teacher of the Blanket Creek school, Miss Janie Warren, came in from Brownwood Sunday, and was accompanied to her school by Z. Coleman.

Little Willie May Osburn is among the sick patients of our little town. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Falkner, of Salt Creek, returned home Sunday, after a week's visit to Rev. Osburn and family.

Editor Eagle: As I didn't see anything from Indian Gap last week, I thought I would send you a few of my thoughts. Health of the community is very good at present.

There was preaching here last Sunday by Rev. Savage, and singing in the evening at Mr. Stoddard's. Among those that attended were: Lon Dunn and Annie Robison, George Abney and Ella Jacobs, Lynn McColester and Ellen Payne, Jim Rudd and Belle Jacobs, Ralf McKinney and Dee Brannan, Ben Brannan and Clara McColester.

Charley and Joe Featherstone from Sims creek attended church here Sunday. Sam Carrel is visiting his mother in Goldthwaite.

Mr. Carson has gone to St. Louis to attend medical lectures. Hearne McMillen and Tom Lovelince went to Newburg Sunday. Messrs. Wooley and Carson from Sims creek were here last week and made several pictures.

Mr. Graves has been teaching writing school at this place for some time. Cherley Lovelace and family will move to Comanche to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson from Sims visited their son, Dr. Carson. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Jacobs is improving after an illness of about four weeks.

Editor Eagle: Luther Higgins, the boy who shot himself on the night of Feb. 28, died Monday night. It is not known to this writer whether the boy killed himself on purpose or not.

Among the visitors from Goldthwaite to our town this week were: Messrs. Jno. J. Cox, J. W. Slavin, Jr., Chas. Widmayer and R. M. Thompson, the jolly Eagle editor. Jno. J. Cox, Esq., addressed a large and attentive audience Tuesday night, on the subject of Prohibition, representative of the anti side of the question.

HOW IT MAY BE DONE. How shall we keep our young folks on the farm? Is the question which is with constant reiteration asked by the fathers and mothers of the rural districts. That is a question which can be answered only by the fathers and mothers themselves, and no nice laid plans which will work automatically can accomplish the results desired.

We are beginning to need rain and a few of our farmers are fearful of a drouth, but generally our farmers are just moving right along, and are well up with their work. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, father and mother of this writer, are visiting in Star this week. We are always glad to have our dear parents with us, for it reminds me of home, when under the parental roof I spent the happiest days of my life.

MULLIN. From the Record. H. F. Butts made a trip to Ft. Worth this week, where he went to purchase goods for his house. H. Barker, Eli Fairman and son Walter made a trip to Goldthwaite Tuesday.

P. W. Bolton and S. H. Huling were visitors to the town of Goldthwaite Monday. Miss Elma Burks returned Tuesday from Brownwood where she has been under the treatment of an expert optician.

Dr. Herrington attended a little boy of John Welby's who is sick this week. Rev. G. W. Temple of Blanket Springs was present at the lecture Tuesday night.

Dr. J. P. Sharp attended the lecture at this place, Tuesday night. Bob Henry is out prospecting for awhile.

Mr. Parker of Lampasas has the contract for plastering the stone buildings and is now at work on them. Prof. Mills' private school will close Friday afternoon. It is to be regretted that his school did not continue longer.

A slow drizzling rain is falling as we go to press. That it may increase to a regular down pour is the wish of our people. The party of engineers sent out by the Santa Fe Company to ascertain the drainage, returned last week after surveying several days in and around Mullin.

Rev. Carroll of Brownwood attended the lecture by Luther Benson Tuesday night. Mills county met at this place last Saturday. The attendance was not as large as it should have been, or as was expected, but the members present went ahead with the business of the association.

Editor Eagle: We are needing rain in this part of the county. Farmers are about done planting corn, and some of it is coming up. J. W. Hackney of McGregor, was in the Valley this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Frey, but left for his home Saturday morning. Grandma Oglesby, mother of our druggist and postmaster, is very sick with pneumonia.

Prof. J. E. Bradley and wife closed their school last Friday and will leave for Missouri Saturday. Grandma Oglesby, mother of our druggist and postmaster, is very sick with pneumonia. Huckleberry. He added that he wanted 50 copies of the paper for contribution to his constituents.

Senator Roger Q. Mills has withdrawn from the race for reelection. This decision was made known the first of the present week and was received by the people of Texas with a feeling of sadness. Not that they had any intention of returning him to the United States senate as their representative, but because his announcement carried them back in memory to the dark days in the South when he was among the first honored and best loved among the people of the South.

Things have changed since then and those who exalted him have come to look upon him with distrust. They believe him to be a Cleveland worshiper and an office-seeker without patriotism. While it is true Mr. Mills has not been in touch with the people for several years, he is as true and noble, in our opinion, as any man in this nation, and his every act and deed was prompted by a desire to benefit his people.

Not only this, but he was a Confederate soldier and that fact alone makes him worthy of all the love and honor that we can bestow upon him. Frank Wilson and Jim Clemens were given an examining trial Tuesday before United States Commissioner Finks at Waco on the charge of robbing the post-office at Abbott, Hill county. Wilson pleaded guilty, but Clemens denied any connection with the robbery.

They were held for grand jury investigation, the bond of each being fixed at \$1000, in default of which they went to jail. The board of investigation has not yet reported on the case of the Maine.

Prospects of war. The United States and Spain are on the verge of a war, and it has been freely predicted by the press and the public of this country that hostilities would begin within the next two weeks. The opinion is not without foundation, for the congress of the United States has appropriated \$50,000,000 for use in case of war and preparations are being hurriedly made for an emergency.

BROWNWOOD. From the News. Reva Lassater and Steele went to Comanche Tuesday. Leon Brin has returned from New York. Attorney Harrison went to Goldthwaite Monday. The Santa Fe delivered to the Rio Grande Friday, a train of 147 rail cars for the northern markets. W. T. Melton left Tuesday to attend the convention in Fort Worth.

We have been told on good authority that the International Compress Co., will positively rebuild before next season. Mrs. Wm. Charles of Cleburne, is here on a visit to her husband, of the Santa Fe road.

Engineer B. A. Donley, of the Santa Fe, who has been running through freight out of Brownwood, has taken a work train at Dallas and will be stationed there for several months. Rev. C. E. Brown has taken a few days outing, spending the time with friends at Ballinger.

Rev. Brown is about worked down and the change and rest no doubt will be beneficial to him. PROSPECTS OF WAR. The United States and Spain are on the verge of a war, and it has been freely predicted by the press and the public of this country that hostilities would begin within the next two weeks.

It was reported on Wednesday that the Spanish government had asked for the recall of Consul General Lee from Havana. This report has since been denied and was probably an idle rumor.

The board of investigation has not yet reported on the case of the Maine. The report will reach Washington early in next week and will be sensational in the extreme, in that it will connect several high officials of Spain with the blowing up of the Maine.

An exchange contains the following bit of history: "Popular feeling in the United States is not stronger against Spain now than it was when the Virginus was captured. The Virginus was a filibuster engaged in aiding the Cuban's during the ten year war. On the 31st of October, 1873, she was run down and captured on the Cuban coast by a Spanish gunboat, the flag of the United States being displayed from her deck. The supplies on board intended for the insurgents were thrown overboard before the capture, in order that the Spaniards could not detect from the character of the mission of the Virginus. The crew were tried by a military tribunal and sentenced to death. Quite a number were shot, but others were saved by the interference of an English man-of-war. The war spirit immediately kindled in the United States and it was difficult to restrain the tide. Matters stood until near the close of the year, during which time investigating proceedings were on. The feeling at Madrid was intense; and the American representative there was subjected to several indignities. After a tedious delay, it was finally determined that Spain should surrender the Virginus to a United States warship, and that the United States flag be saluted. This was done in December, 1873, and Spain escaped without the payment of an indemnity."

Here is a straight tip from a newspaper called Brains. It says there is but one right way to advertise, and that is to hammer your name, your occupation, your business so constantly, so persistently, so thoroughly into the people's heads that if they walk in their sleep they will constantly turn their steps toward your store. The newspaper is your friend in spite of your criticism. It helps to build up the community that supports you. When the day comes that the newspapers are dead the people are on the edge of the grave with nobody to pity them.

POSTED-My pasture is posted and all persons are notified not to hunt, haul wood or otherwise depreciate therein under penalty of law. No exceptions. J. J. MILLS. NOTICE. Strayed or stolen from my pasture near Goldthwaite, one dark brown horse mule, about 15 hands high, three years old, branded S J (not positive whether branded or not.) I will pay \$5 for the delivery of said mule at my home near Goldthwaite. N. S. MCGARTNEY.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE. We want to exchange dry goods, clothing, notions, boots, shoes, hats, tinware, crockery and glassware, for cattle, country lard, eggs, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, country butter, beef, hogs and corn. WOODY & ROBERTS.

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ALBERT WACHES. Come Running and see our watches. Worms rob children of the life-giving properties of their food, retard growth and cause all sorts of ailments. The symptoms of worms. Children are pale, restless and peevish, appetite is feeble and sleep is disturbed. Thousands of mothers have found White's Cream Vermifuge a prompt, safe and absolutely certain remedy. It kills worms and gives the child strength and vitality. You can't afford to take chances with worthless imitations; remember the name. Price 25c. Sold by J. H. Logan.

REPAIRED WILCOX. Job Printing In The Latest Styles At Lowest Prices At The Eagle Office. The Progressive Ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matters of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a subject of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds, bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale at GIBBS'S drug store."

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