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Special Invitation!

We beg to announce that we have, in addition to our extensive **GROCERY DEPARTMENT**, added the most complete **LINE OF DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, BOOTS, SHOES AND CLOTHING.**

ever brought to this market, and we extend to all the people a cordial invitation to call and see our stock and price for themselves. We have no old stock, bad debts or overwhelming expense accounts to add to the cost of our goods. We will sell you **EVERYTHING** at the **LOWEST Cash Prices.**

We make no LEADERS, they come too high in the long run to the purchaser of a bill of goods. Our goods are all marked in plain figures, and when we tell a customer what goods are we mean to make it just that way in every instance.

Our Motto: THE BEST POSSIBLE GRADE OF GOODS FOR THE LEAST MONEY.

We again invite you to call and be at home in our store. Remember, it is no trouble to show goods whether you desire to purchase or not.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE COMPANY.

E. B. Norman, President.
R. F. Arnold, First Vice President.
J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.

W. T. Stewart, Cashier.
J. H. Norman, Ass't. Cashier.

The Beckham National Bank.
Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

PRICE BROS.,
Manufacturers of and Dealers in
SADDLES & HARNESS.
We carry a full and complete stock.
Fine Hand Work a Specialty.
All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Figures.
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

PORTER & EDDLEMAN,
MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN
Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Whips, &c.
Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to order on short notice.
BUGGY TOP REPAIRING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

LARGE STOCK
Fruit Jars and Jelly Glasses,
Also Sealing Wax, Extra Rubbers and Tops.
My Jars are put up one dozen in a partition box, with rubbers and a wrench. The box is the thing to keep jars in after being filled. Large stock all kinds of **Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Silver Ware, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Bird Cages, Clocks, Etc.**
Call at the Furniture and Cockey Store of **W. S. McJIMSEY.**

The J. B. Norris Hardware Co.
ARE CARRYING AN IMMENSE STOCK OF

BUGGIES, HACKS, CARRIAGES, WAGONS, SURREYS, PHAETONS, CULTIVATORS, HARROWS.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
WIND MILLS, TANKS, PUMPS, PIPING, ETC.
IN FACT, EVERYTHING FOUND IN A FIRST CLASS HARDWARE HOUSE.

Our Tin and Repair Shop is Complete.
AND ALL ORDERS WILL BE EXECUTED ON SHORT NOTICE.

A Large Stock of Heating and Cooking Stoves,

Among which are the "SUPERIOR" "WOOD BOWHAWK" "CHAR-TER OAK" and other popular brands, which we are selling at Reasonable Prices.

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

What is the Time of Life With You?

Just as you would ask the time of day. The clock ticks away as gaily at sunset as at sunrise or noon. Is it sunrise, high noon or sunset with us? What matters it? The spirit never grows old. Changes come over us as changes come over the landscape; there need be no withering and blight, only ripeness and richness. This richness of life is "life's insensible completeness, got as the ripe grape gets its sweetness." It is not the dwarfing of nature, but its perfection. With every true human life the autumnal glories are decked with a smile, and the solemn rustle is full of music. There comes a blessed fitness of internal experience to external change. There may always be a ready staff for the hand of approaching age.

He who has learned life's lesson well knows no loneliness as the twilight comes. Constant activity settles into enforced quietude; softness takes the place of sternness; gentle consideration for others takes the place of self-consciousness; charity busies itself in discovering the virtues and concealing the failings of those bound for the same home at last; the trailing vine of contentment beautifies the branches that must be leafless soon; and the soft dew of refreshing memories keeps green the garden of the heart.

There are two grave mistakes made in regard to the matter of approaching age. The first mistake lies in the attempt to make an artificial youth. The second mistake lies in the attempt to bury life prematurely. A green old age is never made up of artificiality. As well attempt to paint a dead tree green. It is a ridiculous failure. But "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."—The Pacific.

It is four years before another United States Senator is to be elected by a Texas legislature. In that time what changes may occur! Death may remove the present aspirants for that office. Political changes may work political death to others. New issues may be before the people. Other candidates not now dreamed of may come to the surface. Why bother our craniums thus early about the man who shall wear the Senatorial toga, so far in advance.—Weatherford Democrat.

An exchange tells a good story heard the other day of a father and mother trying to find names for their twin babies, who by the way, were girls. It was decided that the father must name them. After casting about and finding no names that exactly suited him he determined to end the strain on his mind and named them "Kate and Duplicate." In course of time another pair of twins came, and they were boys. This was the husband's opportunity to get even, so he wanted his good wife to name the boys. Imagine his feeling when the mother one day told him she had named the boys "Pete and Repeat."

No Place Like Home.

It is astounding how ready the average American is to rush off to some far away spot upon the suggestion of some one, who knows nothing about it, that he will profit by the change. It is but necessary to work up a colonization scheme in some out-of-the-way place and people are found ready to start at once. No thought of inquiry, no study of the conditions surrounding the new situation is undertaken, but a blind faith in security and comfort are the only motives for the venture into unknown paths. Notwithstanding the fact that most, if not all, colonization schemes have proven failures, they still thrive.

Much has been said and written about the colonization of negroes in Liberia. Last March a company of 210 persons left Savannah for that country. Two men of the party have arrived in London and they report that of the whole number only two secured work in Monrovia. Half the number died of fever aggravated by privations and the remainder, except a few who were too ill to travel, made their way to the coast in the hope of finding means to return to America. The two men say that the society which organized the colony and promised to furnish its members three months' rations after they should land in Liberia, failed to fulfill its promise.

White colonists who have gone to foreign lands from the United States have fared equally ill. It is about time the American citizen comes to the realization that there is no place like home. It is not often that the gates of this country swing outward for those seeking a better land than this. The instances should be less than they are.—Greenville Herald.

"What's the trouble, Jim? You look angry."
"My uncle has promised to pay my debts."

"That's a funny thing to get mad about."
"I'm wild that I didn't make more debts."

"What's dis I fin' in yer hair, boss?" asked the barber.
"My scissors," replied the rural editor coolly. "I lost them last spring! Give her another rake and see if you can't find my ink bottle and oil can."

It is thought that the judge of the United States court at Fort Smith, Ark., who has sentenced 151 murderers, has the highest record ever made in the United States, at least in this generation. It is made possible by the fact that he has jurisdiction over the Indian Territory, in which fugitives from justice from all the surrounding states take refuge. He has, of course, nothing to do with crimes committed in Arkansas.

J. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Wanted to Borrow Him.

A genial Philadelphian, who for obvious reasons does not care to have his name printed on this occasion, secured a parlor car seat on an express train for Reading a few days ago, and as he was about to pass through the gates was surprised to hear himself accosted in feminine tones with the somewhat startling question: "Please, mister, could I borrow you for awhile?"

Looking around he found two buxom women, who hastily and hesitatingly explained that they were riding on a pass made out in the name of a gentleman and his wife, and, as the gentleman was not present, they wanted the genial-looking citizen to place his bought ticket at the disposal of one lady and take the other one under his wing while he personated the absent owner of the pass.

"Which is my wife?" he inquired with an inward quiver, lest his own absent better half should ever hear the story.
"You can take your choice, sir," said the lady in search of an escort, and he promptly did so by tucking the arm of the youngest fair one under his own and leading her into the car. The couple proved to be right jolly traveling companions, and the citizen's only regret in the transaction was due to a fear that the story might leak out and get home ahead of him. But it didn't.—Philadelphia Record.

Ticked Mrs. Lease.

A Denison paper in speaking of the action of the Sherman city council in bestowing the freedom of the city on Mrs. Lease, says: "She was immensely tickled by the mayor and city council." Now, if Mr. Lease has a spark of manhood in his make-up he will immediately sue for divorce and name the city fathers as co-respondents. The idea of a grave old mayor and dignified city councilmen doing such a thing! Mrs. Lease the mother of her party, too. It certainly looks bad. Let us hope, however, that the Denison paper, in an earnest and constant endeavor to libel a competing town, has libeled the city council and the distinguished lady from Kansas. Did anybody see the mayor and city council tickle her? Do the mayor and city council deny it? In the name of aldermanic dignity and the Ocala demands, we call for the facts.—Clarksville Times.

The first white man to be hanged in Central Africa has gone to his reward. His name was Stokes, and he was a renegade missionary who had made a fortune in trade. He was hanged recently in the Congo Free State for supplying munitions of war to the Arabs with which to fight his own race.

Miss Lizzie Buckwater, of Lebanon, O., is just now an object of interest to lawyers out of a job. She is defendant in slander suits aggregating \$114,500.

More About the 1892 Platform.

We see in a great many papers and speeches the declaration that the last national democratic platform should be construed as a declaration against the free coinage of silver because a resolution specifically demanding free silver coinage was voted down by the convention.

Some time ago we published an extract from the speech of Senator Daniel, of Virginia, delivered in the senate of the United States, in which he stated that the language used in the platform was adopted because it meant free silver and gold coinage. He stated there was an undue prejudice in some parts of the country against the word "free," and for this reason they used language conveying the same meaning. Senator Daniel said that this was the view all the members of the resolution committee gave the financial plank which they reported. He said this publicly and defied a challenge of the truth of his words. We have never seen them denied.

Recently, however, Senator Daniel has been corroborated by other members of the committee. Chas. H. Jones, of St. Louis, who was chairman of the committee and also chairman of the sub-committee that framed the platform, has stated over his own signature that not a single member of that committee favored the single gold standard. He said the word "free" was replaced by other words of equivalent meaning for the reason that it had a special meaning in some sections that would be misleading. He says that Senators Vilas and McPherson claimed to be genuine bimetallists and that they were as friendly to silver as Patterson and Daniel.

"During the discussion," says Mr. Jones, "Senator Vilas read the plank as it now stands to Patterson, dwelling with special emphasis on the first clause, and asked Patterson how it differed essentially from his demand for free coinage."
So it will be seen that the declaration of the convention cannot fairly be construed as a declaration opposing the free coinage of silver. The substitute offered by one of the members of the convention, using the word "free," was voted down simply because its meaning was already embodied in the platform.—Belton Reporter.

Max Muller insists that the oldest book in the world is 'The Rig Veda,' which was in existence, complete as we have it now, 1,500 years before Christ, and not the so-called "Book of the Dead," from Egypt, consisting of disjointed fragments, collected from many sources, the earliest of which may possibly be dated as early as 6000 B. C.

A princess, a countess, a duchess and a daughter of the reigning prince were among the 4,000 thieves, professional and unprofessional, arrested in Paris during the first six months of this year.

Holding Back the Crops.

When Mr. Kolb, of Alabama, advises southern planters to hold back the cotton crop he is as wasteful of his breath as if he were telling them to stop the earth from revolving.

The marketing of the cotton crop is governed by economic conditions which can never be changed by any possible combination in any given year—which cannot be changed at all except slowly and without observation as a part of general improvement or retrogression in trade conditions. The cotton of the south can be picked it will be marketed, because the planter needs supplies from the village merchant who has a bill against him. The merchant in turn has a bill to settle with his jobber in the nearest town. The jobber must satisfy the demands of his banker, the banker must make his remittances to the seaboard cities, and they in turn must settle trade balances with Europe. Our trade conditions are calling for the early marketing of the cotton and corn crops. We own their exportable value to Europe in payment for imports we are bringing in. If they could be held back business would be dislocated and international trade brought to a standstill. But it is impossible. It will be marketed rapidly, and every pound of cotton shipped from the port of New York will count for its full value in relieving the European demand for cash in settlements.—New York World.

Had a Pension and Lost It.

It has been discovered that George Francis, of Roysersford, Pa., has been drawing a pension since 1886 by impersonating the late Herman Francis, his brother. Herman enlisted in 1861 in company K, 97th Pennsylvania regiment, and after serving for three years he re-enlisted. But a short time after he came home on a furlough, and, deciding not to go back, prevailed upon his brother George to go in his place. The latter agreed, and, owing to a strong likeness, no one was aware of the change except Lieut. Marshall, one of the officers, who gave his consent. At the mine explosion at Petersburg George was severely wounded and was discharged from the army in August, 1865. His discharge papers were made out in Herman's name, and the latter's consent was secured when George applied for and secured a pension. A year or two ago Herman died, and his widow applied for a pension, and as such a person as her husband was still receiving one, investigation was made, which resulted in the discovery of the above facts. Because it was obtained by misrepresentation the pension will be stopped, and as Herman was practically a deserter his widow will be unable to secure a pension.

An old soldier died at the Washington Home the other day who, out of a pension of \$20 a month had saved \$6,800.

The Graham Leader.

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People are too busy just now to theorize and dispute on assertions of public finance, and are engaged in applying practical financing to their own business affairs.

Judge Aldredge declines to be a candidate for governor and requests that his friends will destroy the petitions now in circulation requesting him to make the race.

Northern cotton mills are coming south, presumably for their health. If they only knew it, the climate and facilities to be found in Texas are eminently conducive to the longevity of robust cotton mills.

As an evidence of the fact that business controls morals in many instances, we note the announcement in a Kentucky paper that the railroads will give a rate of one fare for the round trip to the prize fight in Texas, and only one and a third rate to the great Atlanta Exposition.

Judge Hurt's decision may have cleared up some legal doubts relative to prize fighting in the state, but it did not touch the moral aspect of the question. Tried by that standard it is a shame and disgrace to the civilization of the age.

Says the Mineola Monitor: "The Fifth Regiment band of Greenville won the applause of the American people by their splendid showing at the recent Knights Templar convocation at Boston. All Texas is proud of the Fifth Regiment."

Said a good sister in her testimony at a late camp meeting: "My husband opposed my coming to the sacred spot, but I can truthfully say that in coming here I have received a blessing, and I know when I reach home my husband will be a blessing." No one seemed to doubt her.

A large number of farmers are buying their bacon. If, with the abundance of this year's corn, farmers buy their meat next year they cannot reasonably hope to see better times.

This is the old way in Texas; but fortunately for Young county the farmers have learned to keep their smoke houses at home, as a large majority of them have, this year, an abundance of "hog and hominy."

Extra Session. Governor Culberson last week called a special session of the legislature to convene on the 1st inst., for the purpose of enacting a law, with an emergency clause, to prohibit the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight and to make prize fighting in Texas a felony.

Judging from the present outlook it is going to be somewhat difficult to get a quorum of the legislature. Notwithstanding to-morrow is the day set for convening there are not more than thirty-five members of both houses in the city.

HICKS' GREAT WORKS. Rev. I. R. Hicks, the celebrated storm prophet, of St. Louis, is now a household name in nearly every home in America.

DR. W. A. MORRIS, DENTIST. Office opposite College building in Crawford addition. Operative and Mechanical Plate Work a Specialty.

DR. M. H. CHISM, DENTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER. West side of the square, one door south of Garrison's.

DR. R. N. PRICE, Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician. Office at Graham & Co's drug store.

Hold Your Cotton.

New Orleans, Sept. 28.—Hon. Hector D. Lane, president of the American Cotton Growers' Protective association, issued the following circular to the cotton growers to-night:

Twenty days ago I issued a circular stating the crop conditions and warning you against a hasty disposal or marketing of your cotton. Since that time the crop has deteriorated to such an extent as to amount to a disaster. No such weather has ever been before seen in the cotton districts. The worms have continued to do great damage, and where the crop was said to be good comes reliable information of a forty per cent. deficiency.

The situation as to the price of cotton is plain. The European manufacturer, relying on mistaken information given him about the size of this crop, and not realizing in time that the world is on a trade boom, has sold manufactured goods ahead until July next year.

Under present crop and trade conditions your cotton is worth 10 1/2c. Do not sacrifice it because last year it sold at 5 cents and now is selling for 8 1/2 cents.

A Cook Book Free. "Table and Kitchen" is the title of a new cook book published by the Price Baking Powder Company, Chicago.

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NEW YORK WORLD.

Thrice-a-Week Edition. The Twice-a-Week Edition of the New York World has been converted into the Thrice-a-Week.

This gives 156 papers a year for One Dollar and every paper has six pages eight columns wide or 48 columns in all. The Thrice-a-week World is not only much larger than any weekly or semi-weekly newspaper, but it furnishes the news with much greater frequency and promptness.

STORY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES. The best book out! Written by a Southern man, for Southern people. 448 pages, 130 illustrations.

English Spavin Lintment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stiffness, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, Coughs, etc.

Relief in Six Hours. Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "NEW GREAT AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

WANTED.—Several trustworthy gentlemen or ladies to travel in Texas for established, reliable houses. Salary \$750 and expenses.

W. M. W. & N. W. RAIL ROAD TIME TABLE. No. 1 Leaves Weatherford 11:40 a. m. Arrive at Mineral Wells 12:40 p. m.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS. P. A. MARTIN, ATTORNEY. Practice in all courts. His complete abstracts of Young county land titles.

J. JOHNSON & AKIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Will practice in the courts of Young and adjoining counties.

O. E. FINLAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in the Court House, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

E. F. LEWIS, DENTIST. Office opposite College building in Crawford addition.

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All work in the Boot and Shoe line executed neatly and promptly. Give me a trial You will find my work first class and at the lowest prices.

WHOEVER HEARD OF Any One Underselling the Original House of GERNSBACHER & CO.?

We are always in the ring to combat the old principle of high prices. It's a big effort on the part of some of our would-be competitors to follow in our wake; but take it all around we always LEAD THE VAN in Low Prices.

We are always alive to the wants of our customers, and by purchasing in Large Quantities and from first hands, we are able to dictate prices in this market.

300 Galvanized Buckets at 18c. No. 1 Tub 60c. Large Dipper 10c. Large Dish Pan 85c. Large Wash Pan 10c.

Large steel enamel Wash Pans 35c. Extra large steel enamel 50c. Medium size 25c. Fine Large Glass Pitcher 25c.

Special Attention Given Mail Orders. H. GERNSBACHER & CO., THE STRICTLY CASH HOUSE, Mineral Wells, Texas.

Prevention better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent Sick Headache, dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, constipation, jaundice, corpoid liver and kindred diseases.

DRS. BRIGGS & KETCHUM, SPECIALISTS, IN DISEASES OF THE EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.

For the ECONOMY of the HOUSEHOLD and the HAPPINESS of the FAMILY a good cooking apparatus is indispensable.

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EUREKA THE CRESCENT HOTEL. Is the Favorite Resort for Texas SPRINGS.

SANTA FE RED EXPRESS a solid vestibule train. Address Manager Crescent Hotel, Eureka Springs, Ark.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away. The truthful, startling title of a book about No-to-bac, the only harmless, guaranteed tobacco-habit cure.

Patents. Grants and Trade-Marks obtained and all Patent business conducted for SEPARATE FEES.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Reported by B. W. Drum, com'r precinct No. 5, Young county, Texas, one bay pony horse, about 14 hands high, 8 years old with saddle marks.

JOHN POHLMANN, Manufacturer and Dealer in BOOTS & SHOES, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Cotton Pickers Wanted. S. L. Thornton wants all the cotton pickers that will come to his farm in South Bend.

New Firm, New Goods. MATTHEWS & TIDWELL.

Have Just Opened a Spick Span New Stock of STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

J. B. ROBERTSON & CO., DEALERS IN STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

East Side of the Square. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

D. M. HOWARD, Of Mineral Wells, Texas, Carries the Largest and Best Assorted Stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Millinery, Etc.

I will sell you goods as cheap as any house in North-west Texas. Will buy Cotton and Wheat. Give me a call, I will treat you right.

W. H. GEORGE, DEALER IN FURNITURE, CARPETS And Household GOODS.

Window Curtains, Matting, Picture Frames, Etc. Undertaking a Specialty. Coffins Furnished Promptly.

Palo Pinto Lumber Company, Successors to the Carey-Lombard Lumber Co., Carry a Full Stock of Lumber, Shingles, Mouldings

Sash, Doors, Etc. Liberal Discount on large Bills. W. L. KEARNS, Mang.

B. F. HOWARD & BRO., DEALERS IN Harness and Saddles, Hardware, Queensware and Implements.

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W. A. SIMMANS. One bay horse, 5 years old, about 14 hands high, branded 5 on left shoulder. Any one finding him please hand and notify me at Farmer, Texas. A liberal reward will be paid.

THE LEADER.

W. L. GRAVES, Local Editor and Manager.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Indian summer, Cotton still climbing. Butter and eggs very scarce. How do your fall turnips look? October came in on the first this year.

You may now begin to get fat again. The matrimonial fever is still raging.

Business is brisk with the merchants. Prospectors will be numerous for the next few weeks.

The chile and tamales man is doing a land office business. Lay in supply of cord wood. Old Boreas is tuning his whistle.

The hum of the gin is heard continually, and it means prosperity. There are no flies on Jack Cornish when it comes to painting signs.

Wild geese are migrating southward. Look out for squally weather. Bob Collier is quite sick at the residence of his aunt, Mrs. Wallace.

Three pleasant furnished rooms for rent. Apply to Mrs. M. E. BECKHAM.

The cool weather is welcomed by all, with the probable exception of the ice man.

The largest stock and the lowest prices on Canton flannel in town, at Shumaker Bros.

Judge R. F. Arnold and his brother, Henry, left yesterday for a visit to Fort Worth.

J. C. Hindman is still confined to his bed with a spell of fever, but is reported convalescent.

J. E. Johnson, the jeweler, left one day this week for Mineral Wells where he will probably locate.

Mrs. S. R. Crawford returned on Tuesday's stage from a month's visit to her mother at Bunkie, La.

Heavy Round Thread Cotton Checks at 80 yards for \$1 at Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

Ed Wallace went to Mineral Wells Wednesday, driving the stage down for Mr. Dewey, who was sick.

Quit borrowing THE LEADER from your neighbor. Subscribe for yourself. Only one dollar for a whole year.

C. W. Johnson and Bob Garrett left yesterday morning for Clairmont, Kent county, where they go to attend court.

Everybody busy. With the large amount of work now to be done in this section there is no occasion for any one being idle.

All Standard brands of prints at 5c. per yard at Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

J. T. Brockman, W. P. Oliver, J. W. Walsh, Willis Harty and Frank Kramer, of Fish creek, were marketing cotton here this week.

C. H. Dewey has been taking a lay-off for several days on account of sickness. He resumed his regular run on the stage line yesterday.

Capes. They have sold this week like hot cakes. Call before the line is broken and make your selection. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

Eld. Lowry, of the Christian church, will preach at the residence of J. H. Newby, northeast of town, next Sunday. All are invited to attend.

D. H. French has returned from a visit to his old home in New Jersey. He was accompanied on his return by his partner, Mr. Hendricks.

There is still some sickness in Graham, but the cool weather has had a tendency to check the "slow" fever which had become almost epidemic.

Flannels. We defy competition in quality, width and prices. See our Opera Flannels in every shade. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

Mrs. A. S. Lobban of Fort Worth is visiting in Graham and will spend the winter here and at Gertrude with her nephews, Messrs. W. T. and W. P. Stewart.

J. M. Parker and family of Seymour are visiting relatives and friends in this county. Mat seems to like his new home well enough, but we notice that he continues to come back to the old lick-log.

Willie Bell has accepted a position in the grocery department at John E. Morrison & Co's.

A. R. McDonald and J. L. Payne attended the meeting of the county alliance at Fish creek this week.

Mrs. R. G. Graham and children are visiting relatives at Weatherford this week and Rob looks disconsolate.

Leroy LeGrand left one day this week for Austin, where he enters the state university for the present annual term.

Mrs. Alice Williams went to Weatherford and other points last Saturday in the interest of the Graham Mercantile Co.

Everything in the GROCERY line at BED ROCK prices can be had at Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

Squire J. T. Cunningham's smiling physiognomy can now be seen in the dry goods department at Jno. E. MORRISON & Co's.

The mail now arrives on schedule time. A little kicking now and then is a good thing for mail men as well as other people.

A Great Combination. Clover Leaf and Topsy, at GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

J. M. Kellar is confined to his room at the Bell house with a chronic complaint. Drs. LeGrand are attending him in his illness.

Hon. S. O. Daws of Wise county paid his respects to a few friends here last Wednesday while on his way to the county alliance at Fish creek.

An addition has been built to the "sub-treasury" building, an awning erected, a conspicuous sign displayed and the place otherwise improved.

A. M. Aycock of Greenville has been visiting his brother-in-law, S. R. Ragland, and returns home highly pleased with Young county and her people.

Shumaker Bros. have the cheapest clothing in town. Men's half wool suits at \$2.50 to \$12.50. Boys' suits at 65 cents.

Rev. M. L. Moody announces that he will preach on the subject of Baptism at the Methodist church on Sunday, October 13th, at 11 o'clock. All are invited.

C. W. Johnson has been improving the side walk in front of his residence on North Oak street. Others might do likewise with credit to themselves and to the city.

Pattern Hats. Hat Shapes, Plumes, Feathers, Flowers, Tips, Ribbons, a complete line of fall styles at GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

Col. P. B. Hunt returned Saturday from a trip to Arkansas. He was accompanied by Mr. Boaz, an extensive cattle feeder, who is buying beef cattle in this section to feed.

Dr. Farris, pastor of the Christian church at Paris, Texas, writes us that he will be here to begin our meeting on Sunday, October 6th. We invite everybody to come.

Fruit, Fruit, Fruit. The Finest Apples, Choice Northern Pears, Fresh Luscious Grapes, At BIGHAM & CRAIN'S.

James V. Harkey, the 11-year-old son of Mrs. S. M. Sealey, died at their home in Goose Neck bend on the 25th ult. Vic was a good boy and we deeply sympathize with the parents in their sad loss.

S. B. Street & Co. are arranging to rebuild on the site occupied by them before the recent fire. Mr. Street left Wednesday morning for the east to purchase another large stock of goods. They will occupy the Dreschel building temporarily.

Macintoshes. For Men, For Ladies, For Misses, For Boys, at GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

H. E. Morrison is selling goods with more than his usual vim and good nature. The matter can be fully explained, however, by congratulating him upon the arrival of a fine daughter at his residence a few days ago.

A good rain fell last Saturday, but it was not sufficient to wet the ground thoroughly; in fact it is yet too dry to plow satisfactorily. Many are disappointed in not being able to sow turnips, and the farmers will be late in getting their wheat sown.

The Latest In Ladies, Misses, Children and Infants Jackets, Capes, Cloaks, Headwear, etc., at Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

These nights and morning are getting quite chilly and reminds one of the overcoat left with an "uncle" for safe keeping. They also remind us of some cord wood that has been promised on subscription; but which has not yet made its appearance.

Cotton continues to come in and the number of wagons on the streets has been considerably augmented this week, as the late cotton is just now beginning to come in. The price of the staple is still firm with an upward tendency and the farmer is happy.

Clothing. We haven't room to handle it and must dispose of our immense stock just received. Prices are no consideration, it is store room we must have to accommodate our extensive Dry Goods and Shoe business. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

W. A. Bennett was in town Tuesday and informed THE LEADER that Mrs. Bennett and her sister, Mrs. Harper, killed a deer last Monday. Kim Davis had shot the deer and the dogs caught it in Mr. Bennett's field, when the ladies went out and dispatched it with an axe.

J. A. Woolfolk left a sample of his millet crop at this office a few days ago. It is the German variety and is as fine a specimen as we have ever seen. One stalk has seven separate and distinct heads. Mr. Woolfolk claims this is a new variety and that the seed can only be obtained from him.

We have made arrangements with the publishers of the American Farmer to club that paper with THE LEADER at the low price of \$1.00 per year for both papers. This applies to all paid-up subscribers. If you are in arrears for THE LEADER pay up, one year in advance and you get the American Farmer free. See advertisement in this paper.

Parents: We call your attention to the following for dressing school children: Clover Leaf and Blue Ribbon Shoes, Boys and Misses Macintoshes, guaranteed water proof. "Mother's Friend" Shirt Waist. They save labor and cost.

GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO. THE LEADER needs every dollar that is due it on subscription and those of our subscribers who know themselves to be in arrears are requested to bring or send the money in at once. The amount may seem small to you, but you must remember that all our accounts are small, but when added together will make quite a nice sum. Do not say you cannot pay such a small amount, because we know you can if you want to. To the hundreds who annually pay their subscriptions we lift our hat to inform them that now as the busy season is open, we are supplied with blank receipts which will be filled out on short notice.

Go to Shumaker Bros. for your Shoes. They bought a large stock before the advance in prices and will maintain old prices through this season.

Go to the Sub-Treasury building for cheap groceries.

Mr. T. B. Griffith of Terrell and Miss Ada Lee Girard of this city were united in marriage at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening; Rev. W. H. Wycough, officiating. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the beautiful and impressive ceremony. The altar was handsomely decorated with rare flowers; Mrs. Edgar Rye presided at the organ, while Messrs. W. T. Stewart and Jno. M. Wyatt were entirely at home in performing their part as ushers. The bride is the only daughter of Major F. W. Girard, and is loved and admired by all who know her, she having grown to lovely womanhood in this place. The groom is a prominent young business man of Terrell and is to be congratulated upon capturing one of Graham's fairest flowers. The happy couple left on Thursday morning for Terrell, where they will reside. THE LEADER joins their hosts of friends in tendering hearty congratulations.

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Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Clothing and EVERYTHING CARRIED IN THE DRY GOODS LINE.

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A TRIAL ORDER WILL CONVINCING YOU. YOURS FOR BARGAINS, JOHN E. MORRISON & CO.

Cotton is selling in the seed at \$2.65 to \$2.75 per hundred.

It is still trying to rain and when the elements get good and ready we may look for a down pour.

Mart Walker and Jess Bidwell were tried in the justice court Monday on a charge on fast riding and were fined \$1 each.

M. S. Handy returned yesterday from a trip to Mineral Wells, where he met Miss Grace Darling, who is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Handy.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a birth-day entertainment at the court house on Friday evening, 19th inst. All are cordially invited.

The anti-prize fight bill was passed with the emergency clause on Wednesday. This puts a stop to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight and all other prize fights in Texas.

The most pleasant and exclusive place in the city for ladies to do their shopping is at the millinery emporium of Mrs. E. E. Johnston. Here they will find anything they want in Millinery, Dress Goods, Corsets, Hosiery, Shoes, etc., all at prices so low that the most astute bargain hunter will be astonished. Mrs. Johnston selected this stock of goods in person and with great care and she is prepared to satisfy the most fastidious in goods and prices. Ladies are especially invited to examine this stock.

Fine residence property in Graham to trade for a good farm. Apply to THE LEADER.

Want to Trade A good, gentle work mare for corn, Apply to THE LEADER.

When in Mineral Wells buy your Groceries from Cogdell Bros.

The cheapest and best Flour in town at the Sub-Treasury building.

Subscribe for newspapers and magazines with James M. Wood at the post office.

D. P. RANKIN, dealer in Groceries, Hay, Corn and Seeds of all kinds. Wheat, Oats and time. Will buy and sell all kinds of country produce. Will not be undersold by anybody in town.

Wagon Yard in connection. Oak Street, Mineral, S. Tex.

Look! I have a new lot of School Desks, Office Desks and School Furniture that will arrive in a few days. Will undersell any other agent to Young county trustees.

J. N. JOHNSTON.

Every reader can get a handsome briar pipe free. See advertisement in this paper.

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From South Bend. Baptism by immersion was so extensively and earnestly discussed here Saturday last that all who attended church were pretty thoroughly immersed before they reached home.

Eld. Parker is enjoying a rest now with his family after having been away, engaged in revival work for some time.

Messrs. E. B. Norman and J. L. Payne of Graham were attending meeting and visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. H. Parker is listed this week with the sick.

Preaching on the grounds and dinner all day was the way they had it Sunday.

Welcome, thrice welcome, was the rain that fell here Saturday. Some plowing for wheat is now in progress, which was impossible before the rain.

Cotton pickers and corn gatherers are wanted in South Bend.

The fifth Sunday meeting held here last Sunday by the Baptists was a pleasant and profitable religious gathering. The program was an interesting one and was well carried out, all subjects being thoroughly discussed by those to whom the subjects were assigned. Preachers from various points were in attendance, among whom were Elds. O. P. Stark and R. Lindsey of Graham, I. H. and W. Cunningham of Ming Bend and R. E. Farmer of Throckmorton, and on Sunday Eld. Milan of Stephens county. Dinner was spread on the grounds both Saturday and Sunday. A liberal collection was taken Sunday evening for the Buckner orphan home. On account of inclement weather the meeting adjourned Sunday evening and had no night services.

Mr. James Keller, who has had some dangerous attacks of some chronic trouble the past week or two, was taken to Graham Saturday for medical treatment, since which time we learn he has been getting worse.

Wedding bells are going to be heard in South Bend at no distant day.

Miss Clara McBrayn was confined to her bed with sickness the first of the week. GEE A. GEE.

Farmer Budget. Farmers and merchants alike are wearing a bright smile, owing to the advance in the price of cotton.

Little Tommie Simmans, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is now improving.

J. M. Keen has been dangerously sick since Friday and has telegraphed for his wife who is visiting relatives in Hill county.

Rev. J. J. Harris is holding a protracted meeting at Zion.

John Hunt is working at Loving's ranche this week.

E. E. Simmans and Walter Keen are in Henrietta this week attending court.

Mr. Neely and Miss Dita Davidson of Olney were visiting in Farmer Wednesday.

The Epworth League is to give a musical entertainment at the residence of Rev. J. J. Harris Tuesday night.

Prof. Hardgraves made a flying trip to Markley last Monday.

Miss Nannie Hunt is spending the week with Miss Annie Koon, while Mrs. Keen is off visiting relatives.

R. O. Hunt and Willie Simmans made a hurried trip to Olney last Thursday.

J. W. Casey returned Friday from Fort Worth, where he has been buying a new stock of goods.

C. N. Keen was called to the west on important business, seeing after his steers in Throckmorton and Baylor counties.

C. R. Peters has been on the sick list.

Miss Tennie Andrews of West Fork is visiting Miss Sallie Lamone. Mrs. Lula McCall is visiting relatives in Hill county.

S. M. J. Benson and Prof. Wilson visited Graham Monday.

Charlie Graham of Cottonwood was visiting friends here Sunday.

Misses Ida, Willie and Marshell Cook of Archer county were dealing with the merchants here Friday.

Two Busy B's.

Another One From Farmer. Did you have a nortner? We did and there were plenty of old rusty heaters dragged from under a pile of rubbish that had been accumulating since last spring.

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Goben & Caldwell are going to take their photograph gallery to

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K. O. P. P. Corinthian Lodge, No. 144, Knights of Pythias, meets in Castle Hall every Monday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. J. T. BISHMAN, C. C. J. W. AKIN, K. of R. & S.

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Sure Signs of Death.

"Apparent death from an electric shock," said a physician in discussing the case of a workman on the Metropolitan "L," "is one of the most deceptive things in the world. Those who opposed the employment of electricity for the infliction of capital punishment in New York were able to cite the opinions of some of the most eminent authorities on this subject, among them Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, who in an address before the Medical Society of London some years ago on 'The Absolute Signs of Death' took a strong position against the employment of electricity in the case of murderers, and asserted that as the result of a series of careful experiments he had been forced to the conclusion that it could not be relied upon to produce death. Birds and small animals, he had found, could be killed without any difficulty, but sheep upon which the experiment had been tried subsequently revived, and he was unable to fix upon a voltage sufficiently great to insure death. Sometimes, he said, the current would produce a mere scorching, while in other instances the subject would be thrown into a cataleptic state from which he would subsequently recover.

"The fact is that when we are asked to say definitely what constitutes death, so far as outward and visible signs go, we doctors must confess with the rest of mankind that we can make no conclusive answer any more than we can if you ask us to define life. Except where decomposition has set in, or where a body is so injured as to put the matter beyond question, there is always a possibility of error. No physician should sign a death certificate in the case of a patient unless he was present at the final moment, or unless he has made an examination after death is reported by those in attendance, although I know this precaution is often taken. I have never had any case of recovery after apparent death in my practice, but I have known of them, and many others are recorded. For example, there is the instance of a physician in New York city who was called to see a student at a young ladies' seminary. He was unable to respond immediately, and upon his arrival he was met at the entrance by one of the young woman's fellow students, who said, 'It's no use now, doctor; she is gone.' He went to the room, where he found the girl lying as if dead. Her face was white and her heart had ceased to beat. The other physician in attendance, who was present when the change took place, pronounced her dead. But the girl, as the doctor learned, was subject to attacks of what is known as grave hysteria, and it was during one of these attacks that she had apparently passed away. Considering the evidences of death were by no means conclusive, he resorted to artificial respiration, with the result that the girl recovered completely and became a strong and healthy woman. Examples of this kind, while by no means common, are sufficiently numerous to show the danger in which friends and physicians are constantly placed of making mistakes of the most shocking nature.

"Some years ago an award which had been placed in its hands by a professor in the university of Rome was made by the Academy of Sciences of Paris for an essay on the question, 'What is an Infalible Sign of Death?' In the essay for which the award was made it was asserted that death could always be determined by a prolonged absence of beatings of the heart upon auscultation; that is to say, by listening either with or without the stethoscope. It was required, of course, that the auscultation should be performed by a physician, but this test was soon shown to be unreliable by numerous cases in which it was tried. The Paris Academy of Medicine has had for a number of years a standing prize of several thousand francs bequeathed to it by some marquis for a solution of the same great problem, but it has never been awarded."—Chicago Tribune.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Award.

A Notable Event.

The spectacle of thousands of old soldiers at Louisville the other day, the guests of that proud old Southern city, and the generous hospitality exhibited by the Gray to the Blue, is an event in the history of this country which should be recorded.

It marks an era in this country of good will, and a reunited people. It demonstrates the fact that armies of thousands of soldiers, though deadly enemies in war, can be the strongest friends in peace. It is proof that these old veterans and their sons and grandsons stand ready to defend their common country against a common foe.

Let us hear no more of a geographical division such as "Mason and Dixon's Line." Let us henceforth throw down every effort of demagogue and mischief maker to wave the bloody shirt. The spirit of the age in which we live demands that we live on a higher plane. We have the best and grandest country on earth, with resources illimitable and with a citizen soldiery ready to protect the old flag of the nation at all times on the land or on the sea. There is a grander destiny yet in store for us—Weatherford Democrat.

Increased Pensions.

Washington, Sept. 27.—A year ago Commissioner of Pensions Lochren said that the limit had probably been reached in the number of pensions, or rather in the amount to be yearly appropriated for pensions, but for two or three years the payments would remain about the same. While the amount of money paid for pensions this year will not be materially different from that of past years, it appears that there has been added to the pension rolls during the year about 1000 names in excess of those who have dropped, so there has been an increase instead of a decrease. There have been a great many outstanding pension claims adjusted during the year and that accounts for the large increase. The year has not been very fatal to pensioners, the death rate being less than would be anticipated at the time of life at which the veterans of the late war have arrived.

There was found between the trusses in the roof of a Methodist Episcopal church in Providence, R. I., which was recently pulled down, a piece of board 5x9 inches, which served as a wedge. It had on one side the following written in pencil: "This house was built in 1850 for the use of the theological God of those days, that is to preach hell and damnation in the year of the passage of the Fugitive Slave bill by the congress of the United States." On the reverse side appears the name of Samuel F. Dexter, also written in pencil. The directory of 1853 gives the name of Samuel F. Dexter, a carpenter, and the presumption is that he worked on the church and left this written memento.

It is not strange that the early love of the heart should come back, as it so often does, when the dim eye is brightening with its last light. It is not strange that the freshest fountains the heart has ever known in its wastes should bubble up anew when the life blood is growing stagnant. It is not strange that a bright memory should come to a dying old man, as the sunshine breaks across the hills at the close of a stormy day; or that in the light of that ray the very clouds that made the day dark should grow more gloriously beautiful.—Hawthorne.

The Financial and Industrial Record of Boston has the following: It has been stated, backed up by conclusive statistics, that if Texas were put to the test she would be able to supply the whole world with cotton. In 1845, the year Texas was admitted into the union, the whole cotton crop of the United States was 2,394,503 bales. Last year the cotton crop of Texas alone was 3,275,858 bales. Texas, however, is not confining herself to agriculture, but has, during the last few years, developed a diversified manufacturing which she is steadily increasing. Her natural resources are marvelous, and her people are the kind who know how to take advantage of them.

Hamilton Nicholas, of New South Wales, is said to be the oldest resident of that country. His age is one hundred and twenty-seven years, and he was ninety-eight years old when he emigrated to that country from England.

HE HAD NO GIZZARD.

A Burglar Who Did Not Have the Heart to Resist a Baby's Influence.

The burglar was not a bad-looking man, although his business had a bad look.

He stood by the door of a sleeping room and peered in. A faint light was burning and he could hear the measured breathing of some one asleep.

Cautionously he crept inside, stooping low, and looked around. No one was there save a sleeping woman.

In an instant a cloth saturated with ether was thrown over her face and he waited one, two, three—ten minutes, and the startle breath of the sleeper told that the drug was doing its work.

With a dexterous hand he seized the jewelry and money lying on the dressing case and began a quick search in the drawers of the case.

"O-o-o-o," came a voice from the shadow of the room.

Quick as a flash the burglar clutched his silent knife and turned to meet his victim.

"O-o-o-o," came the voice again and the burglar saw a child in its crib by the foot of the bed.

It was a pretty baby, sleepily holding up its hands to him.

He let his knife fall to his side, and stepping over to the crib, touched the child.

It cooed again softly and held up its arms for him to take it.

The impulse was beyond his control, and he lifted the baby to his bosom and it nestled its soft, white cheek down to his and put its white arm about his neck.

He purred to it, and in a moment its curly head was laid against his face and it was asleep again.

"Never seen a kid like that," he whispered to himself. "Most of us is afraid of strangers," and tenderly he laid it in the crib.

Then he went back to the dressing-case.

He stood still a moment, and then looked furtively over his shoulder toward the crib.

The sleeping face of the child was turned toward him.

Slowly he replaced on the case all he had taken from it, hastily snatched from the woman's face the saturated cloth, and quickly slipped down stairs.

Once on the street again he looked up at the house hungrily.

"Dang it!" he growled, "a man that ain't got no more gizzard than I have ought to git out of the business."

And he disappeared into the shadow of the night.

SURRENDERED SIX TIMES.
Curious Experiences of a Union Soldier in the South.

"I surrendered six times in one day during the war," said Dr. Thomas S. Hazley, according to the St. Louis Republic. "It was at Holly Springs, Miss. I was with the 11th Corps, and was making my headquarters with a resident physician. The family was a very respectable one, but there was one daughter, about 19 years old, red-haired and a regular little spitfire, and a rebel through and through.

"When the confederates made their raid on the town they took us by surprise. I was in bed, and I was awakened by the discharge of guns. I got up and dressed, and in the early morning light soon saw our boys coming into town from the outside. I noticed one poor fellow badly wounded, hobbling along the road, and I took him in my bed and gave the best attention I could to his wounds. While I was engaged in this work my host called me downstairs, saying, 'You are wanted.'"

"I knew what this meant. I went down and met a confederate officer, who demanded that I surrender. I did so, and explained that I had a wounded man in the house who demanded my attention. The officer very courteously pardoned me on the spot.

"It seems, however, that the red-haired little rebel was mad because I had brought the wounded Yankee into the house, and she was determined to make trouble for me. She told some other confederate officer that I was there, and he very promptly took me prisoner. He came at me with drawn sword and said, 'Surrender!'

"I have surrendered," said I. I again explained and was paroled and returned to my patient. This surrender business was repeated until six different confederates had taken me prisoner. Mr. Sixth Captor was a private, a boy about 18 years old, and he rushed in the house with his musket leveled and seemed determined to shoot. I have always had a suspicion that the girl put him up to it.

"I tried to explain that I had already been paroled five times, but it was hard work to get him to listen to anything. He kept yelling at me to surrender, and made me stand with my hands high in the air while I made my explanation. I believe he would have shot me but for the interference of my host and some confederate officers who happened to come along.

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