

# THE GRAHAM LEADER.

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## KEEP CLEAN

You Get the Water,  
We Furnish the Soap.

As long as this advertisement appears you can get from us

Cuticura Medicated.	20 cents.
Pears' Transparent Glycerin.	15 "
4711	15 "
1 Good Cake Castile.	5 "
1 Box 3 Good Cakes Fancy Toilet	15 "
1 " 3 " "	10 "
4 Cakes Good Glycerin.	10 "
3 " Toilet Soap.	5 "
1 Dozen Large Cakes Toilet Soap.	30 "

Watch this corner for Bargains.  
**Graham Drug Co.**

## THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

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### LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Men's heavy Overcoats \$1.95 to \$2.50 at J. E. Morrison & Co's.

Rev. S. A. Thomas and family, of Mineral Wells, are spending Christmas among friends and relatives in Graham and vicinity.

Michigan Salt. \$2.50 per barrel at SHUMAKER BROS.

Fred Adams and Miss Grace Horner were married at the residence of the bride's parents last Thursday evening. Elder Ira Adams officiating. The LEADER extends congratulations.

The following named subscribers have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since last issue: S. A. Brooks, W. L. Chandler, Mrs. W. L. Willis, G. W. Carlton, C. P. Benedict, H. L. Mitchell, F. M. Mathis, P. E. Best.

Pat Crozier is rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl baby at his house.

The Graham Mercantile Co. has a big lot of Men's and Boys' Clothing which they are selling lower than ever before known in Graham. Now is the time to buy. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

The furniture and fixtures belonging to the Federal court here, including the big safe, was sold at private sale to S. R. Crawford.

Trunkies—A big lot of them lower than ever known, at The Graham Mercantile Co. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Miss Ivy Darling has accepted the position of assistant teacher in the Farmer High School.

Window Shades—In endless variety at the Mercantile Co. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

This cold, damp weather is very disagreeable and a number of our citizens are complaining of colds and laggings.

Don't be fooled by false advertisements, but trade with us and get honest values.

S. B. STREER & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

W. L. Chandler of Murray has been in town several days trading and visiting friends.

When you are in Mineral Wells buy your groceries of Coggell Bros. and save money.

We will sell you more goods than any house in town for the same amount of money.

S. B. STREER & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

Buy your Lumber and Portland Cement from H. N. FROST, the leading Lumber Dealer of Mineral Wells.

Feed is getting scarce in the county. Kansas hay is selling here at 85 cents per bale, and corn at 60 cents per bushel.

New goods coming in every day. S. B. STREER & Co.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

Speaking of Cleveland's message a republican senator is quoted as saying: "It is a splendid message, full of platitudes and common places. He appears to be human enough to admire McKinley and malignant enough to be his friend."

### The Credit System.

COMMUNICATED.  
Yes, I investigated this system a little more last week. I want to talk to you again. You owe me for labor, for goods, for medicine, for the newspaper, and I asked you for a few dollars to buy my wife and babies a few little presents for Christmas and you told me that it was impossible for you to pay a dollar on your account, as Bill Smith had not paid you. I believed what you told me, but went into a store near by and I saw you buy and pay for some fine wraps for your family and some fine jewelry for wife and daughter, and I saw you buy some fine clothes for yourself and boys. You owed me and I needed something of the sort for my family and I was compelled to go home without it, and as I looked into the faces of my wife and children and saw disappointment express itself, when my wife said: "Well, children, I reckon this is one Christmas we'll not get any nice presents." My little boy said: "Papa, does not Bill Jones owe you \$50.00 that was due last month?" I told him Jones owed me but said he could not pay me now. The little fellow said: "I saw him buy lots of things today for his boys and he paid cash for them too."

Strange to say that we have men in this christian land that will lie, and promise to pay, use every pretext for not paying, when the real truth and holy honesty would make many happy instead of making people miserable.

I saw a family in town last week that owed debts four years old; the family went around all the creditors but spent "quite a neat sum" for goods. There was one very poor fellow standing around waiting for just two dollars; but the gentleman said: "I just cannot spare a cent today. I was never so hard pressed. Now, why did not this man pay that two dollars to the poor fellow? Ah! why? The little amounts that a few men owe in every town and county will help every one."

I have written more on this subject than I intended, and not in a very scientific way, but I have endeavored to present it the truth. If you owe a man a dollar and have just one dollar in your pocket, pay it for his use. Need it more than you? Pay your teacher, preacher, editor, doctor, merchant, neighbor.

SHOES.—Call on the Graham Mercantile Co. and examine their stock of shoes and get their prices before buying elsewhere.

W. E. Keyes of Fort Worth, came in last Saturday on a visit to relatives and to transact some business.

Overcoats.—We are selling our stock of Overcoats at prices never before known in Graham. Winter is here and you will need one better get it while they are cheap. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager, Graham Mercantile Co.

After one week's holiday the Graham School opened yesterday morning. The young lads and lassies have had a gay time during Christmas.

HATS.—We can suit you in a hat, both in style and price. Try us. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager, Graham Mercantile Co.

A fine lot of Boys' boots at the Mercantile Company.

S. R. Crawford closed down his gin Tuesday night about 9 o'clock, for the season. He has ginned about 800 bales this season.

Men's heavy work pants 25 cents per pair. J. E. Morrison & Co.

They say J. E. Morrison & Co. is selling Dry Goods and Groceries cheaper than any house in town.

When you come to town don't fall to come in and get our prices before you buy, as we sell cheaper than any house in town, and have the goods. S. B. STREER & Co.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 Years the Standard.

### Facts From Farmer.

WRITTEN FOR LAST WEEK.  
No school fill after holidays. Miss Ella Fort of Galveston, who has been assisting in the Farmer High School, left for home Friday; she will not return after holidays. Miss Ella has made nice progress in the school; her pupils learning rapidly, besides she made many friends who regret to see her leave, but she wishes to find a place where she can be better satisfied.

Mr. N. Gogg went to Graham Saturday after a load of corn. Zeal Steen is home again from Fort Worth—came in Thursday. W. A. Pritchett and G. E. M. New returned Saturday night from Bowie with Xmas goods. Several parties from the lower country have gone to Bowie this week.

A. H. Wilson has dismissed his school this week. Dr. Predeaux was over Friday after his daughter May, who is attending the Farmer High School. Mr. Dick Caro of Antelope was over Tuesday and bought S. M. Benson's 3 year old steers.

Dr. C. C. Davis of Bowie, passed through Farmer Sunday on his way to P. P. Cady's. He wants to buy a car load of nules.

The following went to Graham Tuesday, Dr. J. D. Wilson and wife, S. S. Hunt, Chas. Keen, T. H. Wann and Harry Hunt. There will be no Xmas tree in Farmer this Christmas; what makes her so far behind all other towns?

SOME TIMES.  
We want a correspondent in every community in the county, and as an inducement to secure them we will furnish them the LEADER, stamps, envelopes, paper, etc.

Arbuckle Coffee 6 packages for \$1.10. J. E. Morrison & Co.

A Quana woman has invented what she calls a "snore diverter." It is composed of a hood flexible pipe. When her husband's snore becomes unbearable the hood is lowered over his head and the snore is conducted into the cellar. Since the diverter was used there is not a rat on the premises.

The Graham Mercantile Company are selling out their stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, and everything in their line at astonishing low prices. Call and get bargains while they are had. The goods must be sold within a limited time and now is your opportunity.

N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

South Bend.

Strange to say, there has been no weddings in our community this Xmas.

Parties have been too numerous to mention this week. We hope they have been so numerous that there will be no more of them after holidays—no not one.

School re-opened Thursday after a week's vacation.

Prof. Frank Lindsey of Throckmorton spent a few days in South Bend this week with friends.

There is a new Wm J. Bryan at the home of M. D. Harrell, Al doing well.

B. F. Scott, Misses Bell Scott, and Myrtle Lindsey left for Jones county last week, the former's home.

GEE A. GEE.

David R. Akin is off on a trip to Dallas this week—so they say.

R. F. Arnold, S. R. Jeffery and W. P. Stewart left Wednesday morning for the east bound stage.

Marriage licenses have been issued since our last issue to J. I. Whitton to Miss Bettie Kirkland; Sam B. Waters to Miss Lelia E. Gibbs; J. E. Allen to Miss Katie L. Logan.

Boys' work shirts 10 cents at J. E. Morrison & Co's.

Ed Wallace and Miss Belle Bennett were married at the residence of the bride's father, Capt. J. W. Barnett, last Wednesday evening. They will reside at the Wallace farm. THE LEADER extends congratulations.

Six pounds best Soft for 25 cts. at J. E. Morrison & Co's.

Frank Girard and Miss Lela O'Donnell were married at Mineral Wells last Monday evening. Both parties are well and favorably known at Graham and they have many friends here who will join THE LEADER in wishing them long life, success and happiness.

The Brazos River is said to be higher than it has been for a long time.

### The Graham Public School.

Through the medium of the LEADER I desire to speak of a matter that concerns the public.

Our school regulations have not, in the past, prohibited the students from keeping the company of the opposite sex, Saturday, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. But there has been a universal craze for attending all sorts of meetings, some religious, for the sole purpose of keeping the company of the opposite sex and not for the purpose of serving the Lord. Several parents have requested me to regulate against attending so many meetings and indulgence in company seeking by children of immature age and mind. We think this a matter belonging to parents and we are sorry that parents must call upon the teacher to assist them in the control of their own children. The parent has but one to eight to control, while the teachers must police nearly three hundred. It is a sad fact that parents wish to shift this responsibility to the teacher; but as many others attend school here, and in compliance with the requests of many good citizens of the town I hereby make the following rules: No student shall receive the company of the opposite sex after Dec. 31, except under such restrictions as the Superintendent may see proper to make.

All students who have been in school during the year, whether in school Dec. 31, shall be subject to regulations. Staying out of school a few days or weeks will not be sufficient to grant them the privilege of keeping company, or to attend socials, singings, choir practices, New Year's dinner or parties. Every student and patron will please take due notice of this matter and govern themselves accordingly. Yours respectfully, J. N. JOHNSON.

An Error.

In last week's LEADER the types made Jno. E. Morrison & Co. say they were selling six packages of Arbuckle coffee for \$1.00 when it should have been \$1.10, and the mistake was not discovered until a portion of the issue was run off.

We regret the error and gladly make the correction. They are reliable business men, but they don't propose to sell anything for less than cost. You can always get full value for your money from them.

Go to A. R. McDonald & Co's for Cheap Groceries.

We are in receipt of Rev. I. R. Hicks' Almanac for 1897. It is a valuable publication, giving forecasts of the weather for the entire year, and Hicks knows what he is talking about. He gives timely warning to prepare for storms. Send 25 cents to Word and Works Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo., and get one.

We have the best stock of goods in town and will beat all competitors. S. B. STREER & Co., Cheapest House in Town.

Miss Bettie Taylor is assisting in the Post Office.

PUBLIC SALE.

On Saturday, Jan. 2nd, I will sell at public sale at the First National Bank Building, all the furniture and fixtures of the old Federal Court here, consisting of one large safe, chairs, stoves, desks, lounge, carpets, &c.

S. R. CRAWFORD.

### Indian Mound.

Christmas with its festivities has come and gone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Spadham of Miller Bend are visiting at the Mound.

Mrs. Margaret Wright and son, Roll, of Mangum Greer county are on a visit to relatives.

Will McCombs and family are visiting the family of W. L. Grubbs. M. H. Steadham of Profit with his family are visiting Mrs. C. A. Harmonson.

Our school Christmas tree Thursday night was pronounced a grand success.

We are going to organize a "Bachelors Club" here pretty soon with about fifteen members. Leap Year is almost gone and owing to the fact that the young ladies have not taken proper advantage of their opportunities we will have to organize in self defense and in preparation of the coming campaign.

Several names have been put forward for president but we think either Jack or Henry will be elected.

Mrs. C. A. Harmonson was very sick several days last week.

John Bullock and family are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Billie Steadham's books are plentiful but awfully hard to get. Miss Dora Harbison entertained her school-mates Tuesday eve. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown entertained Friday night. Everybody reports a pleasant time.

Misses Pearl Hunt and Della Neely of Farmer were visiting at the Mound last week. Services at the church were well attended Saturday and Sunday. Bro. McGhee preached one of his latest sermons Sunday at eleven.

X. Y. Z.

Jno. Lee attended a wedding at Belknap last Tuesday eve, and reports a nice time.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Beckham National Bank.

At Mineral Wells, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1896.

Assets	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts	\$139,572.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	18,232.80
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	1,650.00
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	12,641.38
Other real estate mortgages owned	17,038.04
Due from National Banks (not listed as assets)	14,029.39
Due from State banks and bankers	9,257.28
Due from approved reserve agents	8,135.08
Checks and other cash items	112.00
Notes of other National Banks	155.00
Fractional paper currency, gold coins and cents	22.17
Unpaid money orders in bank, etc.	2,300.00
Legal-tender notes	13,375.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,125.00
Total	\$296,986.53

Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00

Surplus fund \$25,000.00

Unpaid profit loss expenses \$7,758.49

National Bank notes outstanding \$22,500.00

Due to other National Banks \$61.74

Dividends unpaid 75.00

Individual deposits subject to check \$6,058.07

Time certificates of deposit \$60.00

Certified checks, mortgages owned 100.00

Notes and bills redeemed 10,000.00

Bills Payable 4,000.00

Total \$296,986.53

State of Texas, County of Young: I, E. B. Norman, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. B. NORMAN, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Dec. 1896.

J. M. NORMAN, Notary Public Young Co., Texas. Correct—Attest: Wm. E. CRAIG, J. B. NORRIS, J. W. GALLAGHER.

## Bigham & Crain

Have just received a Car of the Celebrated Magnolia Flour,

Which we guarantee to be the best and finest goods in the city. If you want light bread that will mak a man

## Hrt His Daddy

buy the Magnolia Brand. If you have never tried it give it a trial, and our word for it you will be pleased.

In addition to this we have a nice line of FRESH GROCERIES,

All of which we sell as cheap as any house in the city. Will be pleased to have you call and examine our stock. If we can't sell you any goods we will be pleased to have you call at our store. John will entertain you on politics.

## BIGHAM & CRAIN.

PRICE BROS. Manufacturers of Dealers in SADDLES & HARNESS.

We Carry a Full and Complete Stock. FINE HAND WORK. All Repairing Done Promptly at GRAHAM TEXAS.

## W. H. GEORGE.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in FURNITURE, CARPETS, And Household GOODS.

Window Curtains, Mating, Picture Frames, Etc. Undertaking a Specialty. Coffins Furnished Promptly. Mineral Wells, Texas.

## Hon. W. J. Bryan's

ALL who are interested in furthering the sale of Hon. W. J. Bryan's new book should correspond immediately with the publishers. The work will contain

An account of his campaign tour . . . His biography, written by his wife . . . His most important speeches . . . The results of the campaign of 1896.

A review of the political situation . . . AGENTS WANTED

Mr. Bryan has announced his intention of devoting one-half of all royalties to furthering the cause of bimetalism. There are already indications of an enormous sale. Address

W. B. CONKEY COMPANY, Publishers, 344-351 Dearborn St., CHICAGO.

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

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

## The Beckham National Bank.

Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

## M. H. CHISM,

Dentist and Photographer, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

West Side Public Square, First Door South of Slaughter Brothers.

## DON'T BE FOOLED

Info buying spurious imitations of B. T. BABBITT'S POTASH

Sold under similar names and labels. THE BEST AND PUREST POTASH put up in WHITE TIN CANS

containing one pound full weight is manufactured only by B. T. BABBITT

NEW YORK CITY

and has stood the test for over 50 years

## Welcome the Coming!

Eighteen Hundred & Ninety-Seven

Is now with us and I hope it may be a prosperous year to each and every one of us.

To this end I offer you my services as a First-Class Blacksmith.

I have the material and know how to shape it, and will make it to your interest to give me your patronage. Respectfully, R. L. HENEGAR.

## C. G. KING,

In the Post Office Building.

Has Opened a Nice Stock of

Drugs, Chemicals, Patent

Medicines, Paints, Oils, and Toilet Articles.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.



# The Graham Reader

J. W. GRAVES, Publisher.  
GRAHAM, TEXAS.

To really have a model world, industry ought to be as contagious as influenza.

It is easy enough to get up a code to control the habits and morals of other people.

A majority of mankind know little beyond what they learn from their business.

You can never cultivate flesh nor comfort by comparing what might have been with what is.

Prisons will never lack tenants so long as the general public pays homage to successful rascals.

Now that a bear has been shot in Lake View, Chicago has certainly established a reputation for being the most cosmopolitan city on the continent.

By a recent order Boston policemen are prohibited from leaning against any upright object during working hours. It is intended that they shall keep straight.

Probably no man ever took a hold-up more costly than did the Chicago bartender who was forced to retire to the ice-box while the thieves secured their plunder.

The bottle manufacturers announce that the price of beer bottles will probably go up, but the contents will continue to follow their good course in conformance with the law of gravity.

The next great advance in anaesthesia will be along the line of producing an agent which will insure insensibility to pain without loss of consciousness. Sir Benjamin Richardson has been experimenting and while he has not entirely satisfied himself he thinks a method may be adopted which will be far superior to any now in use. The most promising agent is methyl ether. It destroys sensibility before consciousness, and recovery from it is rapid.

Did you ever hear of such remarkable bets as the late campaign produced? Here is one that takes the eye of the common man. George Le Grange, Ind., wagered his wife against property worth \$5,000 with George Barnett that McKinley would win. Mr. Barnett was a very successful man for the purpose. If Bryan was a very lucky man, for Mrs. Le Grange gave him a deed in fee simple for the purpose.

A New York police magistrate imposed a peculiar punishment upon a man who had been convicted of stealing a watch. The magistrate ordered the man to wear a watch.

It has been committed upon some that the man who was killed in the massacre in Armenia is a man of a hero, gathered around him a band of his countrymen, and if nothing better, died fighting. There is much to be said for the submissiveness of the light to her eye. The young lady often visited the Leemans, sometimes making protracted stays, and after Mrs. Leeman's death the thoughts of the bereaved husband often reverted to the pretty girl friend who was so widely around his house in days gone by. Mrs. Leeman's death the thoughts of the bereaved husband often reverted to the pretty girl friend who was so widely around his house in days gone by.

The good roads committee of Massachusetts have struck upon a very novel but effective manner of promoting their plans. Instead of using the money at their disposal to make continuous stretches of good road, as far as the money held out, they have altered good roads with bad, each having one mile in extent. This the farmer hauls a heavy load to market spots mostly along for a mile or two, and then strikes a mile of mud and mire. This makes him swear, of course, and when he finally gets through to the next mile of good road he appreciates it all the more and is all the more miserable when he strikes the second mile of bad road. The committee figure that by this means they can excite and quicken a general interest in the improvement of the country highways.

There are 200,000 Spanish soldiers now massed in Cuba and the final struggle will be desperate, indeed. It seems to be definitely understood that in case of failure the Spaniards will give up the island but the insurgents have got the hardest fighting of the campaign ahead of them if they wish to win out.

And now the Venezuelan controversy is out of the way. The world is rushing through with its business, and the Cuban and Armenian matters are about all that is left for consideration.

A Chicago grocer discovered a veritable tarantula of large size in a bunch of bananas just arrived from the tropics. He succeeded in capturing him and now has him in a fine glass cage. The animal is apparently cheerful, and as his legs are four inches long he must be about full-sized.

The railroad companies cannot find time or money to do many things that are required of them, but they are always peculiarly prompt and efficient in providing persons to shoot anyone who comes too near their coal cars.

Europe has again honored American erudition in the appointment as an honorary doctor at the University of Halle, in Switzerland, Mr. Powell, director of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, one of the prominent scientists of the United States.

By the aid of the Roentgen ray the size of the heart can now be measured successfully. By the use of a white cardboard on the back of a screen perfect outlines of the heart may be traced with a fine introduction between the chest and the screen.

## OLD MAN'S DARLING.

RICH CATCH OF A PRETTY YOUNG TYPEWRITER.

The Groom is 78, Bride Just 22—She Becomes the Mistress of a Beautiful Suburban Home Instead of a Clerk of Machine Kets.

(San Jose, Cal., Letter.)

William H. Leeman, aged 78 years, and Miss Jessie Brock, aged 22, of San Jose, were married last day of the month.

The bridegroom is a well-known capitalist of the Santa Clara valley, and his bride is a pretty typewriter.

Effort has been made to get the affair as quiet as possible, but the marriage leaked out and created somewhat of a sensation, owing to the age and standing of the groom and the youth of his bride. Mr. Leeman is one of the pioneer capitalists of the Santa Clara valley, the owner of a beautiful orchard, home in Willow Glen, one of the garden spots of the Santa Clara valley and his favorite residence about San Jose.

The aged woman has passed the painful span of life and his physical appearance does not belie his age. He walks with a step that gives evidence of his vigor and his hair is as white as snow, but his eye is as bright, his mind as clear, and his disposition as gallant, as when he first wooed his bride 45 years ago and won the first Mrs. Leeman, who was his partner until death called her about two years ago. Since that time the life of Mr. Leeman's life has been one of loneliness. Although possessed of a fortune estimated at a quarter of a million, he has preferred to live in close retirement at his lovely home, surrounded by his lawns, flower garden and choice fruit trees, a boy and his wife from New England spent some months with the bereaved capitalist, and the widow of a dead man visited him, but for some reason the visitors left for their eastern homes.

The first year after his bereavement Mr. Leeman wore the usual ring, but the friends and acquaintances of his acquaintance, widows and spinners, who were not content with the usual change of name, but the widow of a dead man visited him, but for some reason the visitors left for their eastern homes.

Another great friend of the old couple was Mrs. Leeman's daughter, Miss Brock, who was a young girl when she was first married to Mr. Leeman. She was a very pretty girl, and she was very fond of her father-in-law. She was a very pretty girl, and she was very fond of her father-in-law.

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## Talmage's Sermon.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29, 1898.

Considering the time and place of its delivery, this sermon of Dr. Talmage is of absorbing and startling interest. It is not only national, but international in its significance. His subject was the 19th century.

Text, 2 Kings 20:1: "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."

No alarm bell do I utter in the utterance of this text, for in the healthy glow of your countenance I find cause only for cheerful prophecy; but I shall apply the text as spoken by the angel of death, and with bad carbuncle, to the nineteenth century, now closing. It will take only four more long breaths, each year a breath, and the century will expire. My theme is the Dying Century. I discuss it at an hour when our national legislature is assembling, some of the members here present, and others who are absent, are in the halls of the capitol, tomorrow morning, from the north, south, east and west, all the public conveyances coming this way will be crowded with men and women, and men, so that to-night-to-morrow, at high noon, the gavel of senate and house of representatives shall fall and fall, the destinies of this nation and of the destinies of all nations struggling to be free, will be put on solemn and tremendous trial. Amid such intensifying circumstances I stand by the text before me, the Dying Century, in the words of my text, "Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live."

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## STANGE THINGS IN ALASKA.

It Will Be a Good Century When It Is Finished.

Prof. L. L. Dyche of the University of Kansas returned from Alaska on the City of Topeka, and has left by way of California for his home, says a Seattle correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Prof. Dyche has been in Alaska for some time, and has been especially in search of natural history specimens. He has been to the source of the Yukon river, and has been to the mouth of the Yukon river, and has been to the mouth of the Yukon river.

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## HOW A SHIP IS STOPPED.

It is a Matter as It Appears to Be.

The motion of a steamship on the Atlantic when the sea is calm is so smooth and steady that the passenger hardly realizes the tremendous momentum of the vessel. The ship is stopped by the action of the propeller machinery. The ship is stopped by the action of the propeller machinery.

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The Graham Leader.

Published weekly by J. W. GRAVES, G. W. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

The Johnson County Review contends that a man who voted for McKinley, Kerby and Gibbs has no more right to call himself a democrat than the devil has a right to be a Christian.

A brother editor in reply to the question: "Do Hogs Pay?" says: "A great many do not. They will take the paper for several years, and then some day the paper will be sent back marked 'refused.'" We had two of that sort last month.

In a letter to the Wichita Ledger, Senator Goss favors calling a Constitutional Convention to frame a new Constitution for Texas.

The expert committee which has examined Treasurer Cole's books if Dallas county report a shortage of nearly \$10,000 beside the \$13,000 paid by his bondsmen for the shortage lost in the old Ninth National bank failure.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

A full page advertisement in the Ladies Home Journal costs \$4,000. Yet some of our merchants complain that \$40 is entirely too much to spend with the home printer during the year.

Married—Last Tuesday evening Miss Katie Logan to Mr. J. E. Allen, Elder Ira Adams officiating. A number of friends were invited and after the ceremony the guests were ushered into the dining room where all partook of an excellent supper. After which Miss Willie Logan entertained the guests with music, which made every one feel at home.

The happy couple left Wednesday morning for Tipton, Missouri.

Dr. E. J. H. is engaged in the stock raising business and is one of the most prominent men in the county.

The writer wishes them both a long and happy life and may peace and prosperity sojourn with them through life.

Stands at the Head. Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best I have." Dr. F. Campbell, merchant of Suffolk, Va., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is a great cure for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. E. J. H. says: "I have used this medicine and it has been tried for a number of years and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles of Dr. A. R. McDonald's Drug Store.

A. R. McDonald & Co. will sell you more Groceries for a Dollar than any house in town.

The amendment to sec. 2, article 6, of the constitution, relative to foreign born persons taking out papers before voting, was carried by a vote of 268,262 to 51,648. The governor has issued a proclamation putting it in force. The other amendment was lost.

Ladies' Hats.—Mrs. Williams, at the Graham Mercantile Co., can fit up a lady's hat in the latest style and at a price that will astonish you. N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

Mrs. Anna Gage, wife of Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshal, Columbus, Kan., says:

"I was delivered of TWINS in less than 30 minutes and with scarcely any pain after using only two bottles of 'MOTHERS' FRIEND'." DID NOT SUFFER AFTERWARD.

You Can Be Well When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you suffer either from some distressing disease or you will easily fall a victim to sudden change, exposure, or overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

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John English Again.

Through correspondence coming from an officer at Austin it was learned in Graham yesterday that a strong effort is being made to induce Gov. Culbertson to pardon John English, the murderer of J. T. Horton, who is now serving a thirty-five years sentence for the crime.

It is learned that the governor has received a number of personal letters from such men as Senators Harris and Bate, Gov. Turney and Congressman McMillen, and a large number of the State officers and supreme and circuit judges of Tennessee, praying for the pardon of John English; also large petitions from the people of Giles and Pulaski counties, Tennessee.

Mr. P. A. Martin, who was employed by the friends of Horton here to prosecute English in the trial court, is now at work getting up a statement of facts and a strong remonstrance to present to the governor, and he has written to Mr. Culbertson urging him to postpone action on the matter until the people here can be heard from.

At the time of the trial of John English, his father received the genuine sympathy of the people here but since then matters have transpired which place the old man in rather bad odor.

His presence in Dallas at the time John got a pistol in his belt gave rise to the suspicion that he probably got it to him. Then it was ascertained that he beat the faithful attorneys who so ably defended his son out of the fees he promised them.

It is said that the elder English, being a Mason, is working the fraternity racket on all he can to secure his son's pardon. Last week there was an emissary of English by the name of "Theoromont" in the county and although he kept his business shady, it has leaked out that he secured a list of the jurors who tried the case, doubtless with the intent to work on them for a pardon.

The murder of J. T. Horton was a cold blooded, unprovoked assassination. This conviction was affirmed by the higher court. English was ably defended and the evidence

disclosed the fact that he is one of the worst men who ever lived on Texas soil. He came to Young county reeking with guilt—guilty of horse theft, saddle theft, assault to murder and God only knows what else; he was approached by our sheriff and a quiet citizen on an errand of peaceful inquiry. He opened fire and killed Horton. He then defied the law and his officers till surrounded in a house. After his conviction he was, (so says Joe Rhodes, the Dallas jailer), the toughest criminal ever confined there. Now after such a record if Gov. Culbertson yields to the demands of Tennessee politicians, who are inspired by a sickly sentimental sympathy for the man who raised John English, he will bear a howl from Erath, Jones, Callahan, Shackelford, Young and other counties that have suffered at the hands of John English which will make his ears tingle.

Election Investigation. Washington, Dec. 16.—Yesterday Senator Allen, of Nebraska, introduced a resolution which attracted no general attention at the time. To-day, however, it develops that Allen's backed up by a majority of the senators, which includes the few courage element of all shades of political opinion. Senators Allen's resolution is: "Resolved, That a committee of nine senators be elected by the senate to constitute a committee on the use of money in elections, and that the said committee be instructed to thoroughly investigate the extent to which money is used in the recent presidential election, either in promoting the nominations or in influencing the choice of electors; and to inquire whether or not any such expenditures were excessive, corrupt or unlawful; and especially to inquire to what extent for such purposes the owners of silver mines, bankers, manufacturers, railroads or other corporations and millionaires of all classes made contributions; and if any were made by persons and corporations residing abroad; and to report to the senate to what extent, if any, was used in the opinion of the committee, any legislation by congress is necessary to lessen the use of money in elections. Such committee shall have power to act, to send for persons and papers, and sit during the present session and until the first Monday in December, 1897, the expenses thereof to be paid out of the contingent fund of the senate."

Everlasting Paste. Dissolve a teaspoonful of alum in a quart of water; when cold, stir in as much flour as will give it the consistency of cream, carefully beating up all lumps. Stir in half a teaspoonful powdered rosin, and pour on this mixture a teaspoonful of boiling water, stirring well. When it becomes thick pour into an earthen jar, cover and keep in a cool place. When needed for use, take some from the stock and when mixed with warm water. Paste thus made has been known to keep in good condition for at least twelve months, and can be made more pleasant by adding oil of cloves.

See that it is there! This is the trade-mark which is on the wrapper (salmon-colored) of every bottle of the genuine SCOTT'S EMULSION. Be sure this is on the package, and that nothing else is palmed off on you when you ask for it.

Noting has been made that equals it to give strength and send flesh to those who are thin and emaciated. Your doctor will tell you that it is the one food for all those whose weight is below the standard of health. Put up in 50 cent and \$1.00 sizes, and sold by all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

Boys Lost. Eleven years ago, lost in Erath county, Tex., Alonzo and Frederick Jenkins. Alonzo was 16 years old and Frederick 14 years old at the time of their disappearance. The boys were left at a neighbors while their father went to Grayson county to consult a physician. The boys were to remain at the neighbor's until their father's return, or until they heard from him, but on his return they were gone and he has not heard from them since. Mr. James Jenkins the father, is now living in Pottawatomie county, Ok. near Tecumseh. Any information leading to the discovery or location of the boys will be suitably rewarded by the father, James Jenkins. Territorial and Texas papers please copy.—Edmund Sun Democrat.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. H. Allen & Co.

Wanted—An Idea. Who can think of some device for getting people to buy more? Write to J. C. Stewart, 1010 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

Has moved to the Power building, next door to Short's CONFECTIONERIES, &c. Delicious Cold Drinks. Express Office in Connection.

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The place to take the measure of a man is not the forum of the field, nor the market place or the amen corner, but his own fireside. There he lays aside his mask and you may judge whether he is imp or angel, king or cur, hero or humbug. I care not what the world may say about him—whether it crown him with rays or pelt him with bad eggs. I care not what his reputation or religion may be. If his babies dread his home-coming and his better half swallows his heart, everytime he has to ask him for a \$5 bill, he's a fraud of the first water, even though he prays night and morn till he is black in the face and howls halloo-jah till he shakes the eternal hills. But if his children rush to the front gate to greet him, and love's own sunshine illumines the face of his wife when she hears his footfall, you may take it for granted that he's true gold, for his home is a heaven and the humbug never gets that near the great white throne of God.—Brann.

Electric Bitters. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, and when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often cured long and perhaps fatal bilious fever. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the national poison, Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at A. H. Drake's Drug Store.

FOR SALE. Blacksmith and Wood Shop, Hotel and Livery and Feed Stable in connection. For further information call on or address F. M. DRUM, Olney, Young Co., Texas.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the True Blood Purifier. All druggists sell it. Prepared only by J. C. Hood, Lowell, Mass. It acts easily, promptly and effectively—40 cents.

What Shall a Young Man Do To Let Him Tie to Home. The members of his own family are his best friends on earth. His father will do more for him, and his mother will sacrifice more for him, and his brothers and sisters will take a livelier interest in him than any companions he could possibly select. Their concern for his well-being is deep, elevated and abiding. The influences of his own immediate fireside circle are helpful and helpful as outside influence can never be.

When he begins to cut loose from home, and to prefer the street or the resort of kindred spirits, especially when he wishes to spend his evenings out, this eagerness to cut home ties is not a hopeful sign. Presently the parents are likely to hear of cigarettes, cards, evil companions, neglected studies and other indications of waywardness and folly.

Until he goes forth to battle with the world alone, let him stay close by the home circle. It is the place of safety. In its atmosphere temptations lose their power, and all the sturdier virtues thrive. The home boy and the home man will never go far wrong.—E. B. Hulbert, in Baptist Union.

Ringing noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh, is dispelled with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Railroad men—officials—do not talk much to outsiders, and all they can learn generally would not blind a snow bird. But we are not so blind and so deaf that we cannot see and hear enough to raise a suspicion that the Northwestern will, when the "content season" arrives, make a strike that will surprise everybody. That road's interests are too great, and the wealthy owners of it have too much invested, to sit idly by and allow other lines to gobble up their territory that it can hardly do without. There is not a man connected with this line—from C. F. Fouts, Supt. Beck and Passenger Agent Furber down—who is not a natural born railroad man. This railroad has millions at its back, and when the proper time arrives we predict dirt will fly from Mineral Wells northwest and from Weatherford to Fort Worth. And this time is not far in the distance, think we.—Weatherford Times.

JOHN POHLMANN, Manufacturer and Dealer in BOOTS & SHOES, GRAHAM, TEXAS. I have a large and complete stock and fill orders on short notice. Price reasonable. Give a trial. 700 S. Main Street, west side Public Square.

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