

THE GRAHAM LEADER.

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No. 25.

DO YOUR Lamp Chimneys BREAK?

We can't stop the breakage, but we can make the price so low you can afford to buy them.

Listen to these prices:

No. 10 Rochester Chimney 25 cts.
No. 2 Fireproof " 10 "
No. 2 Crimp Top " 5 "

Don't pay any more; these are the prices.

Don't forget we have the largest five cent School Tablet in town.
Graham Drug Co.

THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

Subscription \$1.00 a Year.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Wintery weather is now in order.

2 bottles Ink for 5 cents at Gorrissen's.

Case Beckham and family of Hufstutte, have been visiting in the city this week.

V. F. Gorrissen claims that honorable competition is for your fellow merchant to sell the same grade of goods he does for less money, but not shoddy and inferior goods.

Elders J. W. Newbrough and S. E. Brooks were last Sunday, and the former preached two interesting sermons to large congregations in the Baptist church.

Try and buy a No. 2 crimp top Fire Proof "LaBastie" Chimney for 10 cents. You can't do it.

V. F. Gorrissen.

Don't forget that Gorrissen will sell cheaper than any house in town.

Fred Adams and wife have moved to the old Joe Graham place, northwest of town, and have gone to housekeeping.

10 Hair Brush at V. F. Gorrissen's for 75 cents.

25 cent Hair Brush for 15 cents at Gorrissen's.

Farmers have been sowing oats and preparing for corn planting.

2 quires note paper at V. F. Gorrissen's for 5 cents.

Best Envelopes 5 cents per pack at V. F. Gorrissen's.

What is looking well and gives promise of a large yield.

"Buttermilk" soap 4 cents; "Coconut Oil" soap 2 for 5 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Four Clothes and Hat Racks for 25 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

The effort to abolish the city incorporation seems to have died in its infancy—the petition having less than the requisite 100 names of property tax payers.

"Cuticura" Soap at Gorrissen's, 20 cents.

"Carbolite" soap at Gorrissen's 10 cents.

Stock are generally in fair condition, owing to the open winter so far, and the people are supplied with sufficient feed to carry their stock through even if the remainder of winter should be severe.

V. F. Gorrissen can sell the No. 10 Rochester head glass Lamp Chimney for 20 cents, but he sells the best fire proof made, the "LaBastie" for 30 cents; one will last a lifetime.

500 page ruled Pencil Tablet at N. V. Gorrissen's for 5 cents.

The Mill company started a bunch of hogs to Fort Worth Tuesday.

Local weather has been called week that few people from country have been in town.

Boro-Mental Dentist make your gums firm, fresh and sweet.

Fred Obits, of New Jersey, are here Tuesday on a visit to friends.

Tom Wallace returned last from a visit to his old home home. He was accompanied by his brother James, who will stay with him this time.

Judge H. D. Williams, J. C. Reynolds, J. W. Proffitt, Diak Allen and others from the Belknap country were in the city Monday. Mr. Reynolds is doing a well on the site of the new town of Median, and when plenty of water is assured other improvements, such as a commodious school building, stores, etc., will immediately follow. It is said that a petition will be presented at the February term of the Commissioners' Court praying for an election to remove the county seat from Graham to Median.

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

Rev. W. M. Higgins will preach at Brier Branch School House the 2nd Sunday in February, at 11 o'clock.

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

Mrs. J. W. Carson has been seriously ill with an attack of asthma.

The movement in cattle is quite lively and local buyers are picking up all the surplus yearlings and two-year olds at fair prices.

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

Miss Alice Quinn, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Crawford, for several weeks, left for Waco last Wednesday.

At A. R. McDonald & Co's is the place to buy Cheap Groceries for cash.

Mrs. Bartlett, one of the oldest residents of the county, was tried before County Judge Finlay, Monday, on a charge of lunacy. After a thorough investigation of the case the defendant was declared sane and promptly discharged.

The Teachers' Institute will be held at Graham, Jan. 29th and 30th, 1897. The attention of Teachers is called to the meeting of the Institute at Graham, and all teachers are urged to attend. Your attention is called to Sec 71, Page 27, School Law of 1895.

O. E. Finlay, Co. Judge.

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

Fine weather for pneumonia.

G. W. Penn, of Mineral Wells, has been in the city this week repairing and repolishing pianos.

Boro-Mental Dentifice will make your gums firm and your breath sweet. DAVID R. AKIN.

Rev. S. A. Thomas and wife, accompanied by their two daughters, Misses Mary and Ida, left Monday for their home in Mineral Wells, after a pleasant stay of four or five weeks with relatives and friends in Graham and surrounding country.

Robert Fowler left Tuesday morning for Valparaiso, Ind., to attend school there.

Lacy Locals.

Hugh Cox is very low with typhoid fever.

J. A. Keith, Lena Hawkins and Ed. Cox started for Bowie last Monday.

W. F. McMillen visited Farmer Monday.

John McEntyre and family were in this community Sunday night to see Hugh Cox and Uncle John Cox, who are sick.

Jacob Cross is improving.

Miss Eva Daniels has returned from Clay county.

J. R. Cox has moved to his new residence.

The road hands did some good work on the roads last Friday and Saturday.

Our school has reached an enrollment of 59 and is progressing nicely. When the parents work with the teacher as they are doing here everything moves along nicely.

A. SWINNEY.

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.

Red Top Dots.

The weather is somewhat changeable of late; yesterday was so pretty and to-day it is a race between rain, sleet and snow, which shall have the right of way.

Our school is progressing finely under the tutorage of Prof. R. L. Johnston.

Married, at the home of the bride, near Red Top, W. K. McBee and Miss Katie E. Graves, Roy. L. M. Midwell of Lacey officiating. After the ceremony and usual congratulations they were entertained with some nice music by Misses Mary Fisher and Ida Graves, thence to the dining room, where the table was groaning under such nice eatables as only a good woman like Mrs. Graves could get up. We wish this couple a long, happy and prosperous life.

Mrs. J. T., Laura D. and Charlie Culbertson-Wilkens are visiting in Graham this week.

Mrs. Harve Stewart and children were visiting in this vicinity last week.

J. L. Steen and wife went to Graham yesterday.

Cattle are still on the move. Will Slater having sold his two year old steers for \$12.00 and Geo. McComas his three year old steers for \$17.50 per head to J. L. Steen. Considering the severe drought of last year and short grass for this winter, live stock are doing real well.

HAMP STYLES.

Bitter Creek.
Some sickness in our community—a mild form of the lairpige seems to be the principal disease.

Farming has commenced in earnest. Nearly all the farmers have their corn ground broke ready for planting. What looks well since the rain, but the acreage is not large—J. J. Jones has 110 acres.

Mr. Blakey, Weaver Jones, Jim Lemons and J. J. Gray and families have recently moved to our neighborhood.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Eunice Ellis. There are 20 or 25 scholars enrolled.

W. C. Bryan of Salem community, visited this place last week.

J. R. Lemons has gone to Graham to attend County Court this week.

If his escapes the waste basket you will hear from me again.

J. G. J.

Olney Locals.
Health is good here, though we are having some very disagreeable weather.

Wheat and oats look fine.

Our school under the management of Prof. Lindsey, is progressing nicely. He is assisted by Miss Jennie Drum of Farmer. Olney has the best Literary School in Young county. G. W. Hutchings is President and Miss Jennie Drum Secretary. We have reading, recitations and as fine a lot of debating material as will be found anywhere.

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DAVID R. AKIN

Hasn't been saying much but he is still

Doing Business at the Old Stand.

Where you can find him with a complete Line of
Drugs, Patent Medicines, Stationery &c.

He makes a specialty of Toilet Articles, etc.; Fine Soaps, Face Preparations, Perfumes, Tooth Washes and Powders, Tooth Brushes, &c.

Prices as low as consistent with **QUALITY OF GOODS.**

David gives the Prescription Work his personal attention. Enough said.

EDITOR LEADER: It has become proper for us to reply to your article of the 1st inst., touching the English case. It is not true that Col. English repudiated the fees promised his attorneys, so far as we are concerned. We do not know how THE LEADER came to make the charge as we never intimated any such thing to anybody, and a denial is proper that we may not seem to have disclosed business between attorney and client, always held in strict confidence.

We think it is not fair to the editor of the City of Retegue to say that he did not fire the pistol shot, although the law would hold him accountable for Williamson's act. We insist that the record shows large No. 9 tracts leading from the place of murder in the direction the slayer ran—that small tracks, about No. 6, went south west from the place. J. B. Norris, Rev. G. W. Black and others pursued the large tracks by cover and fitted Williamson's boat therein, and the fit was complete. On this testimony we insist that Williamson fired the shot; while Sheriff Williams is of the opinion the small man fired the shot; yet it was no time to take measurements and he was probably mistaken.

Now Williamson got five years, while English got 25; yet THE LEADER attacks English and his father because the latter wants the punishment equalized or his boy pardoned.

We ask THE LEADER, always fair, to publish the above to correct the error affecting us and to present John English's side of the dreadful tragedy. Very truly,
JOHN R. AKIN.

Indian Mound.
News rather scarce.

Mrs. Margaret Wright, and Roll, left last Wednesday for their home in Greer county Ok., accompanied by Steve Hunt and family who will go to their new home in Collings worth county. Jack McComas, also, went with them, to be gone a few days only.

Rev. John Newbrough of Cleburne preached here Tuesday night.

Theo. Dolins and son, Riley, and C. M. Been went to Bowie on business Monday.

Henry Fry started to the Indian Territory after his brother Jim Saturday.

J. N. Bryan left Tuesday for Bowie on business.

Masters Emory Hunter and Will Hamilton are the champion croquet players in this section. They break fast the other morning.

School getting on nicely with a good attendance.

We have the best stock of goods in town and will beat all competition.

If you need anything for your Liver, Kidneys or Blood, get a three months treatment of Root-Tea-Na, for 90c., at David R. Akin's Drug Store.

C. G. KING,
In the Post Office Building.

Has Opened a "Ice Stock of"

Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils, and Toilet Articles.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

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 A SPECIALTY.
All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Prices.
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.

W. J. Bryan's
ALL who are interested in furthering the sale of 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 Unionism. There are already indications of an enormous sale. Address:
W. B. CONKEY COMPANY, Publishers,
341-351 Dearborn St., CHICAGO.


E. B. Norman, President. W. T. Stewart, Cashier.
J. F. Arnold, First Vice President. J. T. Norman, Asst. Cashier.
J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.

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 Shumaker Brothers.

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.
The great watering place of Texas, is reached only via the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway. Excursion tickets are on sale with the principal roads of the State. All Santa Fe and Texas & Pacific trains make connection at Weatherford, to Mineral Wells.

ESTRAY NOTICE.
ESTAYED by R. A. McCristen, one bay horse, 15 years old, branded  on left shoulder, 14 hands high, 12 or 13 years old, 14 hands high, branded  on left shoulder and VFF (com.) on left hip. This Dec. 19th, 1896.

REPORTED BY A. J. Wheat, Commissioner Prentice No. 1, and left with Alex. Kutch, one dark bay horse, 8 or 9 years old, 14 hands high, has work signs, branded  on left hip, & 4 or 5 years old, no brand, has bell on, This Dec. 11, 1896.

REPORTED BY H. L. Laberman, Commissioner Prentice No. 2, and left with J. R. Bidwell, one black mare, 4 or 5 years old, no brand, has bell on, This Dec. 11, 1896.

W. U. FORBESS,
G. E. A., Weatherford, Texas.

TIME TABLE.

No. 1 Leaves Weatherford	10:38 a. m.
Arrive at Mineral Wells	12:00 p. m.
No. 2 Leaves Mineral Wells	7:00 a. m.
Arrives at Weatherford	8:37 p. m.
No. 3 Leaves Weatherford	4:45 p. m.
Arrive at Mineral Wells	6:45 p. m.
No. 4 Leaves	2:45 p. m.
Arrive at Weatherford	8:45 a. m.
STEWART ONLY.	
No. 5 Leaves Weatherford	10:38 a. m.
Arrive Mineral Wells	11:38 a. m.
No. 6 Leaves Mineral Wells	7:40 a. m.
Arrives at Weatherford	8:40 a. m.
No. 7 Leaves Mineral Wells	2:45 p. m.
Arrive Weatherford	4:45 p. m.
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For further particulars, address: W. U. FORBESS.

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A SOUTH WIND

Is a scourge to Northern Climes in Winter.

Select ten men at random north of the 50th meridian, and eight of them will be found to have chronic catarrh of the head, throat, or bronchial tubes or kidneys. Of the women, at least seven will be found to have chronic catarrh; about half of whom will have catarrh of the head, throat or lungs, and the other half of the stomach or pelvic organs. The exposure of man to the out-door climate makes them more liable to catarrh of the breathing passages and kidneys than woman. On the other hand, women are more liable to catarrh of the alimentary canal and pelvic organs. It is astonishing that a large multitude of people have this disease. It is the exception rather than the rule, and the exceptions are becoming more and more rare to find any one perfectly free from catarrh.

It is coming to be the general belief that local applications, which include snuffs, sprays, inhalations, medicated steam, etc., can not cure catarrh. At best they only relieve. A permanent cure can only be secured by a course of internal medication with some catarrh-specific, notably Pen-n-a-n.

A Free Medical Book

A 64-page book on catarrhal diseases which has lately been written by Dr. Hartman will be sent free to all who desire it by The Pen-n-a-n Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio. The book is written in an instructive, interesting and should be in every home during the winter.

HE PUT UP BOARDS.

Farmer Gibson Receives a Visit From His Neighbor, A Lawyer.
"Might as well stop the hunting," one-time another," said Farmer Gibson to his wife, when he had securely nailed the last board to the walnut fence in the meadow lot. "Herd! There comes Atkins, the lawyer from town."

"He, ha, Gibson, glad to see you out on a little trawl, and come over to see if I could borrow your hunting dog."

"Yes, I guess he'll holler you, with the eyes. By the way, Gibson, is your tongue gun at home?"

"Gibson—Yes, I'm glad of it. Wanted to make it pleasant for him. Hoped he would go back and warn the town people against the stingingness of the farmers."

Then he went around and took down the boards and nailed them into a feed box for a mule.

First Cat—'Goodness! But aren't times hard?'
Second Cat—'Aren't they, though? This raimous Chinese competition will be the death of us yet.'

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After a boy's voice changes he thinks all the girls are in love with him.

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A Courteous Rival.

This is a tale of a courteous gentleman, an impetuous lover and a fickle maid. The scene is in the gay Crescent City, twenty years or more before the war, when New Orleans promised to be the second city of the continent.

The services at the large Catholic cathedral had just been concluded, and through the entrance, out into the public square, sauntered a middle-aged man with a young woman, as fair as any desired to look upon, at his side. Her cheek had the hue of the sun-kissed peach and her sparkling glance showed that she was by no means a demurely matron, although she had just come from the church. Her companion was tall and distinguished-looking, dressed in the height of fashion and carrying himself with a military correctness. Everyone admired Mr. Marsden, the elegant lawyer, the superb orator and the brilliant soldier.

He had been addressed by the girl with the sparkling glance as well as the attention he had bestowed upon her for twelve months past, giving rise to much speculation among the frequenters of the city. Her name was Helen Manville, had felt extremely venal toward the gallant soldier.

"This duel shall not go on!" "But," began Jack.

"Sir, I was in your way last night and naturally got in the way. You had the right to feel offended, I presume. I am convinced now that I should have apologized. Having neglected to do so, I will accept of your pardon."

"Yes, do accept it, Jack," pleaded the young lady.

"The lover was about to make a shrewd remark when the rival interrupted him with a flourish of his sword." "You have returned in triumph, in your divinity's carriage, while the rival drove back alone, telling himself that even in never too old to learn."

"Gad's Hill was a merry house," writes Stephen Fluke in fondly recalled incidents of his visits to Charles Dickens. In an article telling of the personal side of the novelist, "Dickens was a wellspring of mirth and humor affected the whole party."

"I LOVE YOU, JACK," said Jack, as he again felt his divinity, who looked simply indescribable. Jack forgot his resentment in a sudden spell of admiration, and he deliberately looked the other way.

"You are always engaged when I happen around," said Jack, severely.

"You, too, have certain engagements, I believe," she retorted, with biting sarcasm.

Jack was eloquent of the prima donna and she smiled. As he turned away Mr. Marsden carried off the young lady. Feeling the most profound aversion to witnessing his rival's triumph, Jack immediately ordered a bottle of champagne. Then he lit a cigar and coughed bitterly, trying to shut out the sound of the orchestra.

"The rival bowed and left the room, without excepting a word to the belle, while Jack resumed his attentions to the fine wince of his host. Late that night, or rather early next morning, when the French maid was describing her mistress, the girl appeared anxious to impart certain information."

"Mademoiselle, the butler at the ball told me something very curious."

"What is it?" inquiredly.
"He served Monsieur Jack with much wine and many cigars. Monsieur Marsden's family taxidermy, Jack boasted. Monsieur Marsden responded with anger; they exchanged words and are to meet early this morning at the Oaks."

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Beet and Beet-Culture. — Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

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Below we give an illustration of a healthy beet. Of it William Saunders says: "This healthy beet is a very desirable one. It is not only a very desirable one, but it is also a very profitable one."

The beet is a very profitable crop. It is not only a very desirable one, but it is also a very profitable one. It is not only a very desirable one, but it is also a very profitable one.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Important to All the Readers of This Paper.

We have decided to extend time to January 15th, '07, that we will send to every reader of this paper pre-paid one 25c bottle of 5 drops for 10c. Large bottles 50c (300 doses), \$1.00.

6 drops is not sold by druggists. Only by us and our agents. This wonderful curative gives relief to rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, dyspepsia, backache, asthma, hay fever, catarrh, sleeplessness, nervousness, nervous and auricular headache, heat weakness, toothache, earache, group, l. grippe, malaria, creeping numbness, bronchitis, and kindred diseases.

It is not often that we commend in these columns anything of a medicinal character, but our Chicago representative has had personal access to the correspondence of this Company, and has seen some of the many thousands of genuine testimonials and letters they receive daily, and assures us that the cure effected by this remedy borders on the marvelous.—Chicago Opinion.

If suffering do not delay, but order today. Your money refunded if 5 drops falls in any way short of what we claim. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 127 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Kind words of mothers saves many a boy from the gallows.
YOU WANT A FARM AND YOU WANT THE BEST? Then go to the best farm in Texas. High grade soil, best tract in Texas. Don't fall for low prices and bad terms. Don't fall for low prices and bad terms.

Scientists say now that handshaking conveys disease. "Of course that's the way the grip got started."—Louisville Courier-Journal.
Miss Flora did a pair of stupendous shoes—How do I look, Ned?—Boston Transcript.

"Thomas told the mass meeting that he was a self-made man." "Very noble of him to take the whole blame on himself."—New York Herald.
Gen. Pomposo—I am to speak at a banquet tonight, and I want you to write my speech for me. Scribble—What is it you ask me for—a passerby?—Truth.

"I'm sorry I stole the president's watch." "Ah, your conscience is troubling you, is it?" "I don't know exactly. Where is your conscience, man?"—Yonkers Statesman.
Dashaway—I have an idea that Mrs. Hightower has asked me for dinner in order to get me out of her house. "Why yes, we all get together and formed a new club."—Harpers Bazar.

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Mend it or End it.

Has been the rallying cry of reform, directed against abuses, municipal or social.

For the man who lets himself be abused by a cough the cry should be modified to "Mend it, or let it end you. You can mend any cough with"

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Many wives deny themselves necessities that their husbands might require. Do not delay.

A girl with her first long dress imagines herself very attractive. Why should an intelligent woman be content with a second-rate dress?

The little boy with one gall and a swollen eye is spending his happiest days.

Three times as much money is spent for whiskey as there is for bread.

Stagnating Fermented. That Was Most of The Time.

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Bank failures, assignments, suicides! A gloomy picture, truly. That promised wave of prosperity has failed to wave.

What few bank cashiers there are left in Illinois and Pennsylvania ought to begin at once to take something for that suicide habit.

Bradstreet is the authority that 28125 failures have occurred in the United States within the past two years.

An estate estimated at the value of \$210,000 was left by the late Joseph B. McCallah, editor of the Globe-Democrat.

Quite a number of Texas towns have passed the curfew ordinance prohibiting boys under 19 years of age on the streets at night.

An aged man and his wife arrived in Palestine the other day in hand carts, drawn all the way from Alabama by their two sons.

On a conservative estimate the apple crop of the United States this year amounts to two barrels for every man, woman and child.

Bishop Garrett, of Dallas, will visit "The Holy Spirit Mission" May 16th to perform the rites of confirmation. Persons wishing to join the class will give their names to Mrs. Voules as early as possible.

The Republican party seems to be all at sea over the financial question. All indications are that they realize the seriousness of the situation but can not agree as to the remedy.

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

N. J. TIMMONS, Manager.

The Bonham News is hopeful and says: "The only evidence of prosperity that is now all at the fact that stock cattle and beef steers have advanced in price, corn has gone up from 30 to 35 and 40 cents for good and 10 to 25 cents for common. The farmers are all going ahead preparing their ground for another crop, and most of them have already got it prepared for planting. They work cheerfully and faithfully and this gives hope and makes these hard times bearable and gives bright places where darkness would be."

The joint caucus of the democratic members of the Missouri legislature have nominated Senator Vest to succeed himself in the United States Senate.

The legislature should amend the law so as to require that all property sold at forced sale, whether by decree of the courts, or by deed of trust, shall be appraised—value, or so sale be made, and in the case of real estate that the unfortunate debtors shall have a certain and specified length of time in which to redeem his property.—Cleburne Review.

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The True Remedy.
W. M. Napier, editor Tribune, Ill. Chief says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as it is so easy to use, and cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all other ailments of the throat and lungs, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. It is not a good, because this remedy has a record of cures and decides it guaranties it. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at Akin's Drug Store."

There were about 110 boys, between the ages of 6 and 14, asleep in their dormitories, many of them were upstairs, but they were the larger ones, as the 6-year-old tots had been quartered on the lower floor with a view to such an emergency.

Even with this precaution some of the smaller ones were buried to death, either not being awakened by the alarm or being in such a demoralized state from childish terror that they did not know how to make their way out.

Those with more presence of mind followed the larger ones, who raised the windows and jumped through them. A few had presence of mind enough to save some of their clothes, but most of them escaped in only their night garments.

The panic-stricken little ones did not stop even after they were out of the burning building; but fled in their wild terror as if some nameless horror was pursuing them, through the rain and wind across the fields in every direction. Some went to neighbors' houses as far as half a mile away, and others were found staggering along the slushy lanes by their cries and brought them back to the home. Those who had found a house were accommodated and motherly hands dried their eyes and washed the mud from them and supplied them with warm clothing.

The District Court of Young Co. having ordered the undersigned to sell for CASH, the new and well selected stock of

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Little Men and Women
We call them little-men and little women, but they are neither. They have ideas and ways all their own. Fortunately they soon become fond of cod-liver oil, when it is given to them in the form of SCOTT'S EMULSION. This is the most valuable remedy in existence for all the wasting diseases of early life. The poorly nourished, scrofulous child; the thin, weak, fretting child; the young child who does not grow; all take Scott's Emulsion without force or bribe. It seems as if they knew that this meant nourishment and growth for bones, muscles and nerves.

Book telling most about it, free. It won't pay to try a substitute for Scott's Emulsion with the children. They will resist the real thing. For sale at 50c. and \$1.00, by all druggists.

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RAM'S HORN.

God's mercy can no more wear out than his love.

If our beliefs are wrong, our eternity will be wrong.
Growth in grace is often helped by having the grace to say no.

If some people would laugh more their doctor bills would be less.
Persecuting a good man is the devil's way of showing that he hates God.

When praise is going up, showers of blessings are sure to be coming down.
When we have a keen eye for the faults of others, we are apt to be blinded to our own.

The wages of sin is death, no matter how promptly you pay your penitence.
If you have a nice little farm or business, or steady employment, and out of debt do not fret and worry yourself and wife into the grave for the sake of making money.

You have but one life to live and it is brief at best. Take a little comfort and pleasure as you go along day by day and try to do good to others. Wealth alone will never keep your memory green after you have gone to another world.—Ver-non Globe.

Pros Pills.
Send your address to H. E. Buckner & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. The pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels, greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by D. R. AKIN, Druggist.

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Boils

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Impure Blood
blood, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and prevent such eruptions and suffering. I had a dreadful carbuncle abscess, red, fiery, fierce and sore. The doctor attended me over seven weeks. When the abscess broke, the pains were terrible, and I thought I should not live through it. I heard and read so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I decided to take it, and my husband, who was suffering with boils, took it also. It soon purified our

Blood
built me up and restored my health so that, although the doctor said I would not be able to work hard, I have since done the work for 20 people. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my husband of the boils, and we are well and happy.
MISS ANNA PATTERSON, Latimer, Kansas.

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STAYED
From the undersigned on Bitter Creek, about Christmas, 7 or 8 head of horses and mules; one black mare with bell on, branded K on left shoulder, has a black collar, branded J on left thigh; one black 2-year-old mare mule branded J on left thigh; one sorrel year-old mule same brand; one sorrel mare branded half moon on left shoulder with black mule collar branded J on left thigh; one black collar brander H on left shoulder. I will pay \$5 for information leading to their recovery.
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If Bryan had been elected, republicans and republican newspapers would have pointed to the bank failures and yelled: "I told you so."

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His Own Business.

If a man wants to drink whiskey, that is his business says the saloon apologist.

Let's see, says a writer in "Motivation." When Bob Poland and Conon Parker were drinking in Heflin, Ala., last Saturday night, and in their spree ran a car of the Southern railroad off the switch and out on the main track down the grade, until it stopped on a high trestle, it became the Southern railroad's "business." And when a loaded freight train came along and rushed into the car, causing a \$100,000 wreck, destroying much valuable merchandise, it became the business of a great many merchants and shippers, as well as the railroad.

And when three bodies were dug out from under the wreck, it became the business of some wives and orphans.

And when the taxpayers are called upon to support the families whose natural providers have thus been suddenly taken away, it will be the business of some other people.

One man's drinking often becomes the business of several hundreds of thousands of people, and the man who cannot perceive this fact ought to be sent at once to an institution for the education of the feeble minded.—Collinsville Times.

All Men are Liars.
Man born of woman is of few days and full of promises. He buyeth freely in the market place and sayeth "charge it," and it is charged. On the first day of the next month the collector calleth at his domicile and findeth him out neither is he at the synagogue nor at the well. He absideth at the car avansary and no man hath seen him this day. Night cometh on apace and the collector giveth up the chase and wendeth his way home waded, sorrowing. The second day cometh and he who has bought at the market place is seen of all men; he perambulateth the highway and looketh large; yes, he weareth a carysanthemum in his button-hole. He applaudeth his own pride and smeth to own.

The seller in the market place sayeth to his collector: "Behold him, whom thou sought the whole of yesterday. He that was hid to view hath appeared again. Go thou and seek of him the seven dollars and fifty cents he oweth me." Straightway the collector calleth him and sayeth, "here 'tis thine account which is due the merchant at the market place, seven fifty, please." And lo, the man sayeth, "thou comest too late, O son of a gun; I sought thee earnestly to pay these on the first day and found thee not, now my purse is empty and I am shy of a son." Then the collector flieth up his voice and wept, exclaiming bitterly: "O Solomon, wisest of all the sages, well hath thou said all men are liars!"—Kansas Cyclone.

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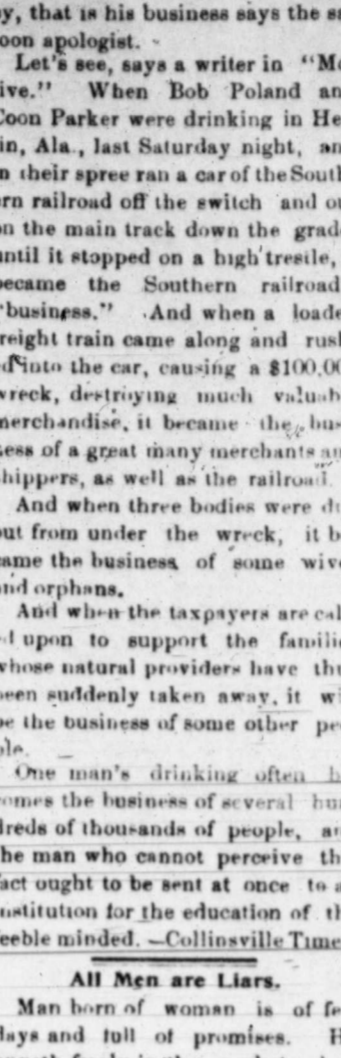
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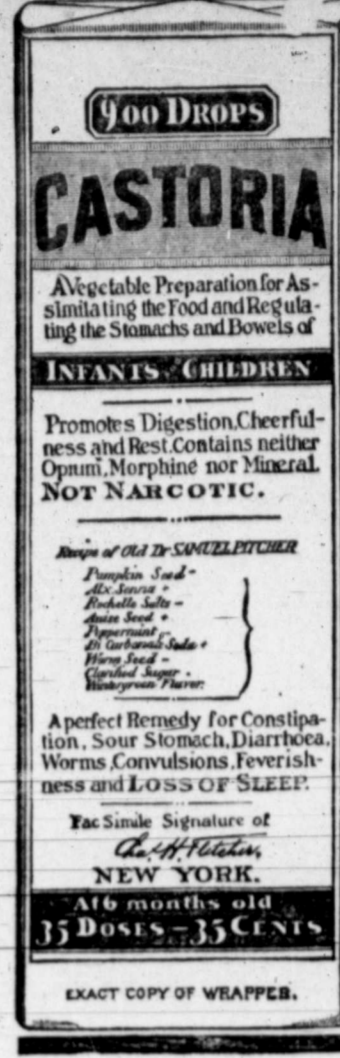
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