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One or two Bottles of good Blood Purifier may save you a spell of sickness.

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is guaranteed to do the work. Better take a bottle. It is sure to tone up the Blood and put your system in condition for the long hot summer.

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Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Kenneth Aynesworth will leave in a day or two for Galveston to attend the medical department of the State University.

I am headquarters for Paints and Oils. Mineral paints for fences, barns and roofs. Standard brands of paints for all kinds of outside and decorative purposes. You will serve your own interests by calling on me before buying.

Miss Emma LeGrand, Tom Timmons and John Gay left yesterday for Huntsville, where they will attend the Sam Houston Normal Institute.

Our Big Stock is nearly all in, and such a stock has never been seen in Graham. Call and see for your- S. B. STREET & CO., Cheapest House in Town.

Habbitt Metal in any quantity for sale at this price.

A. R. McDonald and Squire Starrett returned from Oldham county so much impressed with that country that both contemplate returning and residing there in the spring.

Talk is Cheap and nearly anyone can pay for a little space in the paper, but you need not take our word for it, but we know our prices are right.

S. B. STREET & CO., Cheapest House in Town.

Miss Maggie Broyles will leave in a few days for Huntsville, where she will attend the State Normal school the coming term.

Call and see us before buying elsewhere. We will save you money.

Matthews, Tidwell & Norman. Jim Dowdle, who has been in the Panhandle for several months has returned to Graham, satisfied to remain here.

Honey! Honey!! Uvalde Comb Honey at Matthews, Tidwell & Norman's.

The Wells, Fargo Express Co. has established an office at this place, with E. H. Wade as agent. Headquarters at Bigham & Crains.

Rev. W. H. Wycough was in Graham this week attending to the removal of his household goods to Ellavilla, his future home.

Matthews, Tidwell & Norman's is the place to get California Fruits of all kinds, Cheese, Potatoes, Fresh Grits, Fresh Oat Meal, Canned Hominy, Canned Sausage and Saur Kraut.

E. C. Fain went to Weatherford this week on business.

Table Board, Or Board and Lodging. Apply to Mrs. B. B. GARRITT.

Biggest Stock of Clothing ever seen in the west. Our big stores just full of bargains.

S. B. STREET & CO., Cheapest House in Town.

H. L. Morrison and wife have returned from New York City, where Mr. Morrison has been purchasing goods for his firm.

We are headquarters for cheap Groceries.

MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN. Prof. Lindsey and Jas M Wood have gone the Little Wichita Association.

Refreshed Locals.

From the Graham leader, August, 1878. The Mexican dollar is still worth 100 cents in Graham.

Mr. R. E. Mabry and family left last Saturday for Nebraska. Mr. Mabry was one of our leading stockmen, and we regret to lose him.

We noticed emigrants from Missouri, Arkansas and Texas passing through Graham this week, going west to grow up with the buffalo. Why don't they stop here, buy our cheap lands and save their scalps?

DIED.—Thursday 14th, little Eddie, six years old, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Crawford, living eight miles north of town. Disease, syncope. He was buried in the town cemetery the following day.

Casburn Bros., of Dallas, called on us this week. Glad to meet them. They are mechanics, and judging from the endorsements they have, we would say that they understand their business. They will locate in Graham.

Mr. Street is building a handsome cottage on Plum avenue, east of the Methodist church.

Everybody is busy cleaning guns and pistols. Beware, birds, turkeys, squirrels, deer, antelope and buffalo. Your days are numbered.

Mrs. Shock killed a rattlesnake with nine rattles in the Graham hotel last Monday. Rather queer bed-fellow, Parson.

Oh, for a church bell; a good, clear-toned bell. A Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or any other kind of a church bell, just so we have the old, familiar sound once more. Parson, if we can't do any better you might give us an old-fashioned tavern bell.

The young man who dreamed that he was hunting wild hogs the other night has recovered from his bruises. Another jump like that might result in more serious consequences.

Salt Creek Items. As A. H. K. is gone, and our community seems full of life this week, I will represent him.

The first topic of interest is the marriage of Mr. Bascom A. Gatlin to Miss Ammie P. Summers.

The marriage ceremony was performed Thursday evening at eight o'clock, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. M. Summers, Rev. G. W. White, of Graham tying the nuptial knot—the consummation of Love's young dream. Quite a number of the bride's friends and relatives were present, and after the ceremony prayer was offered and the minister introduced Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin, then congratulations followed and an elegant supper was served. After supper good music was furnished by some of the guests.

The bride is a beautiful young lady of the brunette type, and one of Salt Creek's belles.

Mr. Gatlin is a popular and deserving young man of the Indian Mound community. He came to this county from Mexico, Limestone county, four years ago and has won many friends while here. Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin will reside at Indian Mound.

Walter Johnson returned Tuesday from Cleburne.

Rev. Rogers was in our community this week.

J. A. Baker and James Johnson are attending the quarterly conference at Hawkins' Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Mayes returned Wednesday from Seymour.

Miss Roxie Hughes, of Fisher county, visited her sister, Mrs. C. M. Been last week.

Nearly all of the community attended the Christian meeting at Indian Mound Sunday.

Miss Jessie and Ross Cornelius spent two days last week with their aunt, Mrs. Johnson.

R. M. Summers and wife are visiting Mrs. Nichols, who is very sick.

Gordon Timmons, of Graham, was on the creek Tuesday. He was wearing a very business-like appearance, as if he might be hunting a school.

A. H. K.'s REPRESENTATIVE.

To My Customers, One and All. As beef is scarce and scarce only, I have to ask you to buy your beef early.

We are receiving this week a large stock of Groceries brought to Graham, by the

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



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Institute Program.

AT GRAHAM, OCT. 9TH, 1907.

1. The course of study recommended by Superintendent Carlisle: J. N. Johnston, J. E. Simpson, J. H. Aynesworth.

2. A model recitation in primary reading: Mrs. Mollee Dowdle, Miss Mary Fields, Miss Lillian Ernest.

3. Socrates and Franklin compared: C. G. Telford, J. N. Johnston, G. H. McLaren.

4. A model recitation in advanced reading: G. Alex Gray, H. Fowler, W. T. Blakely.

5. Necessary qualifications of the teacher: B. A. Bouldin, L. H. Rose, C. W. Hasuro.

6. The Institute and what it should be: H. Fowler, Miss Martha Elkins, J. A. Fairly.

Classes of pupils will be furnished by the Graham Public School to illustrate the model recitations in reading.

Recitations and music will enliven and give variety to the program.

The teacher whose name stands first under each number of the program will lead in the discussion or in developing class methods.

Every teacher in Young county earnestly requested to attend. Trustees are invited to attend. Remember the date.

O. E. FINLAY, Co. Supt.

Irish Potatoes at FORD BROS.

Tom Price is improving slowly.

Canvassed Hams and Bacon at FORD BROS.

The proper way to build health is to make the blood rich and pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier.

The mass meeting of members of the Christian Church, according to previous announcement, convened in Graham Sept. 13th.

The following suggestions were offered: We, your committee on plan of work, submit the following report:

1. We suggest that the Elders of the different congregations of Young county act together as a body to transact business.

2. That the chair appoint one member from each congregation to find out at once the amount of money each member will give for the support of the work of evangelizing Young county for the following year, and report to the next mass meeting of the brethren.

3. That an annual camp meeting be appointed for Young County, to begin on the first new moon in August of each year; the place of meeting to be designated by the body of elders for each year.

Respectfully submitted, R. M. Anderson, P. M. Knight, R. E. Mabry, C. B. Blakely, Ira Adams.

According to suggestion 2nd of above report the following brethren were appointed: F. M. Knight, Putnam school house, N. Hammond, Indian Mound; C. G. Telford, True; J. A. Mundell, Upper Tonk; A. P. Stewart, Bethel; W. W. Parker, South Bend; G. W. Pratt, Ellavilla; J. T. Fitzhugh, Ming Bend; W. L. Newby, Mountain Home; R. E. Mabry, Graham; J. D. Carr, Boggy; Ira Adams, Graham precinct.

The next mass meeting will convene in Graham at 10 o'clock, Sept. 25, and each elder of the church in the county is urgently requested to be present.

C. O. TERRY, Secretary.

Buy Your Books. I am informed that the public school will make no use of text books this year, therefore I will handle all old books that can or will be used in the school.

It is probable that many parents will refuse to buy books for their children, when they are asked to do so for immediate use. Again, teachers are concerned concerning the expense of the books, and cause the parents to spend money when there is no necessity for it.

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First National Bank Building

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Uniformity of Text Books.

The law provides that certain officers shall constitute a state text book board for the purpose of adopting a uniform system of text books for a period of not less than five years from the date of adoption, which adoption shall become effective Sept. 1st, 1898, or as soon thereafter as the said board shall deem advisable. The adoption will include only a few elementary school books, but will be of service to all country schools, the lower grades in towns and cities not exempt from the provisions of said law, and also to a large per cent of the class of people who have no permanent abode.

The subjects include the following: Spelling, reading, English language lessons and grammar, geography, arithmetic, the elements of physiology and hygiene, history of the United States, history of the state of Texas and a graded system of writing books. The text book board shall appoint a text-book commissioner, whose duty it shall be to examine all books submitted with a view to adoption, under the provisions of the law for said adoption, and to report the results of said examination, under seal, to the text-book board, which seal shall not be broken until the text-board meet for the purpose of opening and passing on bids made under seal to the Comptroller of the state.

Said board shall immediately advertise for bids, and the commissioner shall pass upon several books of the same grade, and shall recommend upon the mechanical execution of the books and the subject matter contained. The law does not give a monopoly to any one publisher, for speller may be selected from one publisher and arithmetic from another and so on. The books are to be furnished at a uniform price during the entire five years, and provisions are made for a state depository at some convenient place in the state. Each county having a scholastic population of five hundred or more, as shown by the census, shall be entitled to one depository, which shall handle the books at the one price mentioned in the contract between the state board and the publishing company or companies. The said company or companies pay all the expenses of the state and county depositories without extra charge on the retail price of the books. Where no depositories are established, books shall be sent post-paid upon receipt of price named in the contract between the company and the state board. The books sold at the depositories named shall be labelled, "The price fixed hereon fixed by state contract, and any deviation shall be reported to the state superintendent at Austin."

If any company fail to supply to any county in this state the books at the contract price, the county judge of said county may file suit in the district court of his county and recover on the bond of the contractor the full amount of value of books so failed to be furnished, and the amount recovered shall be placed to the credit of the available school fund of said county.

The law does not include many books. They are named above. The law is not effective until Sept. 1st, 1898, or nearly a year from date. There is no provision for exchange of old books as part pay on the books to be adopted, and it is not certain that the feature of exchange will be mentioned in the contract with the companies.

Only nine subjects are mentioned, but in the event no exchange can be had it will cost the people of Texas two dollars per pupil on 400,000 children affected by this law, or \$80,000—nearly a cool million to make the introduction.

What shall we do this year for books? All above the books mentioned, the trustees and teacher should do as they have done in times past, and use any books that are available.

It is probable that many parents will refuse to buy books for their children, when they are asked to do so for immediate use. Again, teachers are concerned concerning the expense of the books, and cause the parents to spend money when there is no necessity for it.

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Billiousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. This follows dizziness, headache, nausea, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, cleanse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only pills to take with Hood's sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

Farmer Cleanings. Cotton pickers are wanted here now.

We had a nice rain Tuesday morning which delayed cotton picking a while.

Misses Ella and Della Peery, of the north side, were in Farmer shopping Thursday.

Rev. Telford, of True, passed through town Friday on his way home from Markley, where he has been recently engaged in a meeting.

J. J. Dillard, of Lubbock county, was here in the interest of the New York life insurance company Friday.

Our gin caught fire twice last week, but no serious damage was done. They are now prepared that in case of fire it can be extinguished immediately.

R. C. Wann and Miss Lou left here Saturday for Austin, where they will attend the state blind institute.

E. A. McDonald and wife, of the north side of Archer county, were here visiting Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs A. A. Soward and Joe Lemons, of the north side, were dealing with our merchants Saturday.

Willie Simmons was perambulating our streets Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Ida and Carrie Cook were shopping in our city Saturday.

Harry Winston, who recently came back from Mexico, is thinking of moving to Farmer soon.

Rev. R. J. Burnett, of Sunset, preached at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He returned to his home Monday.

Rev. Perry Harmonson, of Archer county, was here attending church Sunday night.

Mr. J. W. Casey, one of our prominent merchants, has gone to Fort Worth and Dallas to buy a bill of goods. Rev. J. B. Hawkins, of Lacy, will hold the store down during Mr. Casey's absence.

Farmer is coughing alive. New goods coming in almost every week. We will buy cotton too.

Say, what are we going to do for Christmas? We must have a Christmas tree this year in Farmer. Can't afford to miss it.

A. E. Oatman, our telephone man, came home Saturday night. He reports work moving along rapidly. It won't be long before we can talk over the wire.

Messrs S. M. J. Benson and G. E. McNew started to Bowie Thursday with cotton.

Miss Della Neely is a welcome guest at Farmer. She is staying at Mr. J. M. Keen's now.

Mrs. J. W. Brinkley is sick this week.

The attendance of the Farmer high school, under the management of Fred Perry, is still increasing. More to enter next week.

J. B. Wear and wife attended church at Hawkins' Chapel Saturday.

J. B. Gholston, of Archer county, was here at church Sunday.

A. A. Andrews, John Benson and families passed through Farmer last week on their way home from Burleson county.

Our roads are reported to be in bad condition, and I expect it is true. Overseers ought to wake up and put the roads in good repair. Farmers are beginning to haul off their cotton.

Eld. Daniels, the presiding elder, preached at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Eld. W. C. Benson was calling on his friends in Farmer Saturday. Bro. Benson will preach at the Baptist church here Sunday night. Let everybody who can come out and hear what he has to say.

Joe Peters and Walter Gilchrist, of the North side, went to Ham Saturday.

W. J. Ragle, of the Huntville neighborhood, was in the future great Tuesday.

Mr. F. M. J. Benson is having an addition made to his home.

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"Saving!"

Is a good thing in its place, but when it comes to setting fire on a wheel it is economy to pay a good smith the price and have them properly set. The rush at our shop the past two weeks shows that we do the work right.

See us, northeast corner square when your tires need resetting. Will make it to your interest to do so.

HENEGAR, The Blacksmith.

Lacy Locals. A much needed rain is falling today.

Cotton picking is the order of the day.

Miss Fannie Adams came home last Friday from Stephens county and went back to Stephens Sunday.

Mr. Adams and wife accompanied their daughter, Miss Nannie, to Bowie this week. She is on her way to the Blind Institute.

Quite a number from a distance attended the quarterly meeting at Hawkins Chapel Saturday and Sunday.

Aunt Sallie Hawkins returned Saturday from Quanah.

Aunt Alsie Hawkins and Miss Clara have gone to visit Aunt Alsie's mother in Denton county.

Jacob Cross is assisting with the work on the telephone line.

W. A. Daniels visited Farmer Monday.

Mrs. E. W. Johnson will resume her lessons in music Monday, Sep. 13th. Two lessons a week—\$2.50 per month. Patronage solicited.

Wanted. 500 frying chickens. 5000 dozen eggs. For cash or trade at BIGHAM & CRAIN'S.

Mrs. M. E. and David Akin left yesterday morning for Kentucky. Mrs. Akin will remain there for some time visiting relatives.

We handle all kinds of produce and will pay you the very best prices in cash or groceries.

BIGHAM & CRAIN.

Everything in the Fancy Grocery line at FORD BROS.

Mrs. M. A. Carr, of Nevada, Mo., arrived in Graham last week to visit her friends, who were surprised to learn had married during her absence, her husband's name being Lovell.

We say and can establish the fact that we handle the best and freshest groceries in Graham.

BIGHAM & CRAIN.

J. H. Rutherford has moved to town and will go to work in the saddlery shop of Porter, Edleman & Finch.

J. L. Steen will move his family to town for the benefit of our schools.

And still it rains.

Building paper prepared with a rosin finish, and makes a good, cheap lining for your house.

2000 rolls wall paper, beautiful patterns, border and ceiling to match.

Crockery ware direct from England and Glassware direct from factories. Bed-room Suits, Chairs, Book Cases and Tables, Fruit Jars, Sealing Wax, Extra Rubbers and Tops, Wire and Canvas Cots, Iron Express Wagons, Bird Cages, Window Shades, Oil and Straw Mattings, etc., and other goods daily arriving at the Furniture, Crockery and Undertaking house of

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We carry a complete line of everything usually found in a First Class Drug Store. Our prices are the lowest. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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FURNITURE, CARPETS

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Cottages Furnished Promptly

Wild Goose Oil possesses the most wonderful healing properties for Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Sores of any medicine on the market. For sale by C. G. King, Graham.

Good rats have fallen in most parts of the county this week.

The Mineral Wells mail has been delayed the past two days by high water.

A large stock of fancy groceries at A. R. McDONALD & Co.

Another boy at Elder A. E. Foster's. If Graham can hold her present population the natural increase will make it a good sized city in a few years.

Notice. I have for sale 320 acres of land on the head of Salt Creek, near Olney, adjoining the land formerly owned by J. M. Keen. Will sell this land at a fair price, if sold at once. Address, M. HARROLD, Assignee, Fort Worth, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

PHYSICIANS.

DRS. LEGRAND, PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS. GRAHAM, TEXAS. Office up-stairs in First National Bank Building.

DR. R. N. PRICE, Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician. —Graham, Texas.— Calls promptly attended to in town or country. Office at Graham & Co's drug store.

DENTISTS.

E. F. LEWIS, —DENTIST— Office opposite College building in Crawford addition. Operative and Mechanical Plate Work A Specialty. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

DR. W. A. MORRIS, —DENTIST— Office over Bigham & Crain's Store. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

DR. M. H. CHISM, DENTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER. —Graham, Texas.— West side of the square, one door south of Morgan's.

ATTORNEYS.

J. E. SIMPSON, LAWYER. GRAHAM, TEXAS. Office at Court House.

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The yellow fever scare in Mississippi and Louisiana is dying out.

The citizens of Mineral Wells will protect the negro population from the ravages of the "regulators," which is correct and right so long as the negroes do right.

Mills has a knack of getting close to the people every six years but Texas wants a successor for him in the senate who will stay close to the people all the time.

Gen. Longstreet was married last week to Miss Dorch, aged 19 years. The general is in his 80th year.

The only obstacle urged against Judge Reagan for the Senate is his age. With a life ripe with experience and noble deeds who can claim a more respectful consideration of the claims of Texas than the grand old man.

The last legislature passed a law that requires city marshals and all other officers to make report of their operations to the grand jury at each of its sessions.

The rise in the price of wheat is due to the failure of crops in Europe. The decline in the price of silver is due to the fact that the nations continue to outlaw it and the banks of the world continue to pump it on and crush it down. There now, you have the reason for the rise of the one and the fall of the other.—Terrell Times-Star.

The fossil remains of an extinct species of seal said to be eighty thousand years old have been discovered in Oregon. There are lots of fossils in Texas but none of them claim to be that old.

Hangings by mobs is by no means confined to the southern states. New York, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Kansas and Colorado have all given exhibitions of this kind.

An expedition is being fitted out for an exploration in search of the south pole. It will meet with as frigid and icy a reception as Andree's balloon voyage to the north pole.

Another Scene of Horror. The worst wreck in the history of Colorado occurred on the morning of the 10th, on the track of the Colorado Midland railway, near New Castle, Colorado, caused by a head-end collision between a passenger train running forty miles an hour and a stock train running thirty miles.

So terrific was the concussion that both engines, baggage and express cars, and two stock cars were totally demolished and the track torn up for rods in both directions. To add to the horror of the scene the wreckage caught fire from an explosion of a gas tank on the passenger train and burned so rapidly that many passengers pinned beneath the debris were burned to death before help could reach them.

Thirty persons were killed and 185 seriously injured.

The miscarriage of a train order resulted in the collision of two passenger trains near Emporia, Kansas, recently. Several cars were wrecked and a number of people killed. W. J. Bryan was aboard one of the sleepers. He was unhurt and was one of the most active in caring for the wounded and dying.

Armour, the great packery magnate, says that wheat will be \$1.00 before Thanksgiving, and \$1.50 before another crop is raised. He says also that cattle will continue to rise. He is one of the best authorities in the United States on prices, and what he says should receive the utmost consideration of every man who has wheat or beef to sell. Hold your wheat and cattle is what Armour would tell you, if you want the top of the market. Don't get scared and sell too early.

Inferior and out-of-date editors like inferior and out-of-date fools, are not at a premium in any intelligent community.—Banner.

It is just as reasonable to say that the present Republican administration is responsible for the shortage in wheat and famines in foreign countries as it is to say that the McKinley-Hanna administration is responsible for the present price of Ames.

A prohibition election was held in Ellis county last week. The county went wet.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

57 instructors, 751 students. Women admitted to all departments. Tuition free. Total expense \$150 to \$250.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT: Session begins Sept. 29; Entrance Examinations Sept. 22; Matriculation fee \$10; 116 courses of study; University system of instruction and discipline; well equipped scientific laboratories; Library of 35,000 volumes; Y. M. C. A.; Y. W. C. A.; Gymnasium; Athletic Field.

Teachers' Courses lead to permanent State teachers' certificates. Engineering Department confers degree of Civil Engineer.

LAW DEPARTMENT: Session begins Sept. 27; Entrance Examinations Sept. 22; Matriculation fee, payable only once, \$30. A two years course leads to Degree of Bachelor Laws and entitles holder to practice in any court in Texas.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: (Located at Galveston.) Four years course; Faculty of 20 trained specialists; School of Pharmacy; School of Nursing (for women); Matriculation fee, payable once, \$30. Complete equipment in all Schools. Session begins Oct. 1; Entrance Examinations the preceding week.

For Catalogue of any Department, or for information, address PRESIDENT WINSTON, Austin, Texas.

Terrible Climax to the Strike in Pennsylvania.

HAZELTON, Pa., Sept. 10.—The strike situation reached a terrible climax this afternoon when a band of deputies under Sheriff Martin, fired into a mob of infuriated miners. The men fell like so many sheep, and the excitement since has been so intense that no accurate figures of the dead and wounded can be obtained.

Reports run from fifteen to twenty killed and forty or more wounded. One man who reached the scene to-night counted thirteen corpses. Other bodies lie in the mountains between Latimer and Harleigh. Those who were not injured took their dead and injured friends into the woods and the estimate is baffled.

The strikers left Hazelton at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, announcing their intention of going to Latimer. When this became known a band of deputies was loaded on a trolley car and went whirling across the mountain to the scene where the bloody conflict followed. On reaching Latimer they drew up in line at the edge of the village just as the strikers approached. Sheriff Martin went out to meet them.

The men drew up sullenly and listened while he once more read the riot act. This finished a low muttering arose among the foremen and there was a slight movement forward. Perceiving this, the sheriff stepped toward them in a determined tone and forbade advance. Some struck the sheriff and the next moment there was a command to the deputies to fire. The guns of the deputies instantly belched forth a terrible volley, and a cry of dismay went up from the people.

The strikers were taken entirely by surprise and as the men toppled over each other, those who remained unhurt stampeded. The men went down before the st r of bullets like tennins and the groans of the wounded and dying filled the air. The excitement that followed was simply indescribable. The deputies seemed to be terror stricken at the deadly execution of their guns, and seeing the living strikers fleeing and others dropping to the earth, they went to the aid of the unfortunate whom they had brought down.

Martin Rakowski, an intelligent Hungarian from Mount Pleasant, who was shot in the arm, was seen by a reporter and gave this version of the affair:

"We were going along to Latimer and the deputies were lined along the road barring our progress. We tried to go through them and did not attempt to hit or molest them when they fired upon us. We ran, but they kept on shooting at us while we ran."

Citizens' meetings were held in various parts of the city to-night. Opinion was divided about the responsibility for the shooting. At one meeting attended by bankers, coal operators and business men, resolutions were adopted calling on Gov. Hastings to send militia here immediately. At other mass meetings, attended by thousands of people, the sentiment was against bringing the troops here, and it is asserted by those that there was no necessity for having the deputies here.

Cyclone Davis, up in Nebraska making pop corn, and taking up collection in Harry Tracy is doing his best in Texas.

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Anti Prohibition Election.

The anti-prohibitionists of Henrietta held an election last Tuesday to determine whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be sold in the corporate limits of the city. The election was very quiet, only 163 votes being cast.

In the first ward there were 57 votes cast, of which 84 were against prohibition and 3 for. In the second ward there were 76 votes cast, of which 75 were against and 1 for prohibition. The total vote was 159 against and four for prohibition. The total vote of the town is about 300.

According to a prearranged general understanding the protest took no part in the election except as shown above. They maintain that the election is a farce, being held without warrant of law. The question involved will be settled by the court of civil appeals at Fort Worth, by a decision in the Cleburne case. This court meets early in October and it is expected to decide the case during that month.

Alabama's cotton crop, as reported by its commissioner of agriculture will be but 70 per cent of last year's crop. The bears will not be able to conceal the truth much longer as to the cotton situation.

The millers tried to combine on wheat and hold it at 50 cents. It went to a dollar. Now the combine is trying to hold cotton at 3 or 6.50. Farmers should not sell at such prices.

When you sell a bale of cotton or a load of wheat, don't forget THE LEADER.

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The historian, Ridpath, now

editor of the Arena, prints a scathing arraignment of Wall street, from which we make the following brief extract: "I note with surprise that Mr. Clews, in his sketch of Wall street, dwells not at all upon the benevolent agency of that power during the civil war. This is an oversight which I beg leave to supply. There perhaps never has been an instance in human history in which a great power has so ardently devoted itself to the preservation of free institutions as did Wall street in that epoch of mortal agony. Then it was that Wall street engaged in the patriotic work, first of destroying the national credit, then of buying it up at half price; then of converting it into a bonded debt to be perpetuated for a full generation, of finally compelling the people to pay it in a dollar worth four times as much as the dollar with which it was purchased. It was a beautiful scheme of devotion and self-sacrifice, the like of which history has never before recorded. It was a speculation which involved the life of the American people.

Mr. Julius Runge, the cotton expert of Galveston, adheres to the opinion expressed several weeks ago that cotton will advance in price, and claims that the "bears" are now manipulating the market. He advises farmers not to push their cotton on the market. It will be remembered that wheat took its jump after the crop had been harvested. Speculators on the "bear" side of the market are making claims as to the yield which will soon be disproved, and then cotton, in a modified pace, may follow wheat. At any rate it will not sell lower than its present price. Mr. Runge gives good advice.—Texas Farmer

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As to the pay—the compensation as at present may not be enough to compensate some members, but unless legislators put in more time attending to the duties of a legislator and waste less of the session in "excursing" and unnecessary adjournments, the compensation is adequate for at least two-thirds of the members. If the pay was increased we doubt if the character of the legislature would be improved. As a rule, good men are elected to both houses—a majority of the members will average up with the best citizens of the counties or districts that elect them.

But this is not the trouble. The difficulty lies in the disposition of members to frit away and waste time after they meet in session. The state is very large and interests are varied and conflicting and the session perhaps should be made 100 days instead of 60 as now, but even that change is unnecessary unless a reform is brought about and waste of time prevented. Even with the present large number of representatives the session can be shortened by good presiding officers and a determination of a majority of each house to reform and abolish "time-killing" rules and practices.—Terrell Times-Star.

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REPORTED BY A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec. No. 1, and left with J. G. Hill, 4 miles east from Graham, one milk-white horse, two years old, no brands. This Aug. 25, 1897.

REPORTED BY W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2 and left with J. H. Thorp, one brown horse, about 5 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, no brands, collar and gear marks are plain. This Aug. 2, 1897.

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