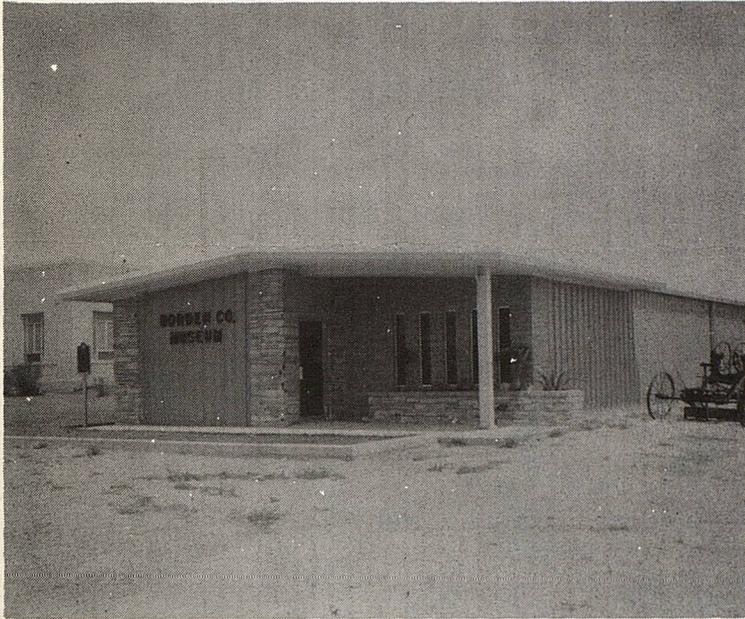


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BORDEN COUNTY HOMECOMING August 16, 1970

Another Borden County Homecoming is now history and if you did not get to attend - we missed you!

The joy of reunion and reminiscing with old friends and of welcoming some new ones was relived in the atmosphere of the land rushes of 1902-1904. The day began early with coffee and doughnuts being served to first comers at the Borden County High School cafeteria. Doris Rudd and Fran Bennett had their group of hostesses, dressed in pioneer costumes, ready to register and pin name tags on all comers. Junior hosts and hostesses, also in pioneer dress, were at hand to help with directions, information, or whatever was needed.

By 10:30 A.M. the halls of the school were filled and everyone filed into the Auditorium to hear a sermon by Rev. Elra Phillips of Big Spring. Special music was by Gary Miller of Welch. Pianists for the service were Miss Vickie Newton, a descendant of the R. N. Miller family, and Miss Mary Anderson, a descendant of the R. M. Clayton family. The Reverends Phillip Lopes, Roy Haynes, and John Reece assisted with the community-wide service. Following the Church service, Rich Anderson served as Master of Ceremonies for the recognition of our special guests and the presentation of awards as follows:

Mrs. Pearl Johnson Keene, oldest person present born in Borden County - 1892.
Mrs. George (Ludie) Clark, of Clovis, N. Mex., oldest lady present, 86, and also oldest person who settled in Borden County - 1892.

Mr. Ben Jenkins, Kenna, N. Mex., oldest person present - 88.

Mrs. Alma Taylor Cathey, oldest County Official present, who served as County Treasurer for 27 years.

Mrs. Ellen Johnson Davidson, earliest to teach school in Borden County. She taught at Rogers school - 1914 to 1915.

Tucker Johnson who came from London, England, was the person coming the greatest distance. At our last Homecoming, Aug. 14, 1966, Tucker also won this award coming from Tripoli, Libya. Tucker was born in Gail, the son of Lillie Rogers Johnson and the late Jim Johnson.

Bradley James, 4 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie James of Stanton, was the youngest person present.

Mrs. Bessie Tredway Wright of Fresno, California, for whose family the Tredway Community was named, almost won out for the person coming the farthest but lost to our world traveler, Tucker Johnson.

At noon, delicious barbecue and beans with "trimmings" was served to about 700 people in the cafeteria of the school, courtesy of the people of Borden County. After much eating and visiting the crowd moved downtown to the west side of the Courthouse Square for the dedication of the LAND RUSH marker and the new MUSEUM Building. A surprise reenactment of the land rush caused much astonished and merry comment as the "nesters" in the mule drawn wagon, with their red ribbon arm bands, came in to throw out the cowboys, wearing blue ribbons, who held the court house door. Even the reenforcements who arrived horseback couldn't turn the tide. As "Kate Turner" fainted (?) her sister slipped past the men and "filed" the papers securing land for the only women ever to participate in a land rush. They all shook hands in the end, and we hope Rich Anderson's commentary helped the uninitiated to understand what was going on.

Mr. Tom Bouchier of Post, whose father was involved in the land rushes and lost some of his grazing land to "nesters", made the dedication address of the LAND RUSH marker and recalled incidents of those days, but left untold some which might have touched spots still sore from those long ago struggles.

Borden County Judge, C. C. Nunnally, gave a brief history of the Borden County Museum and told of the decision of the Commissioners Court to erect a fireproof

And more commodious building to house the valuable Museum collection that has been assembled over the past five years and is growing steadily. Dr. W. C. Holden, former Dean at Texas Tech University, made the address for the dedication of our new Museum building. Dr. Holden, head of the West Texas Museum, is the author of several books on West Texas history and at present is President of the Ranch Museum being put together at Texas Tech. He spoke of people listed in the early census of Borden County and of the importance of preserving our heritage as we are attempting to do in our Borden County Museum and "Borden Citizen". Brud Boren, chairman of the Scurry County Historical Survey Committee and member of the Board of Directors of the Texas State Historical Association, gave the Invocation. Mr. Dave Briggs of the Borden County High School said the Benediction. Following the dedication, the Museum was opened and after "seeing the sights" the people were invited to the school for refreshments. OPEN HOUSE for new additions and remodeling of our High School ~~was~~ held throughout the day.



The day started cool and cloudy, but the hoped for showers did not materialize. To help temper the heat, shade was provided by Bell-Seale of Snyder, Nalley-Pickle of Big Spring, and Brannon of Lamesa. In this, as in every thing else, our Homecoming and our Museum was a cooperative venture and made possible only by the help and interest of the people of Borden County and of our many friends. It would be impossible for us to express our appreciation personally to all who helped. But to all of you who contributed so generously of your time, energy, talent, and money we do say a heartfelt "THANK YOU".

Borden County has "done it again" putting on a great show with not many people but with much resource.

Museum Report

If you Haven't visited the new Borden County Museum - which was dedicated on August 16th - we hope you will do so in the near future. We cannot begin to Thank You for your gifts, your help, and your support. We have one of the best Museums in West Texas. We urge you to help make it even better. Everybody has an urge to collect something. Why not share your collections with us. We

welcome school and organizational tours. Children love to see our collections because these things are all new to them. For older folks, our antiques invoke pleasant memories of their childhood. We have a new Multiplex picture display and need your old pictures. Note: A little history of each -who -what -where -when. Items are taken on loan, or you may wish to give them. The Museum is open on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1 - 5 P.M., or by appointment.

Space doesn't permit us to mention everyone who has donated to the Museum but we, of the Museum committee say a big Thank You and do plan to write you a personal letter. Two unusual donations are:

Resolution:

Be it Resolved that the third reunion of the Henry Hollar Family meeting at Lake Brownwood, Texas, on the 26th day of July 1970 - is Hereby Dedicated to James H. Parker and his wife Eula Hollar Parker on the occasion of the observance of their sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. And be it Further Resolved that on Behalf



1927 NASH - On display in our Museum.
Owned by Bennie Edwards, O'Donnell.

of the entire Hollar Family a Donation be collected by the Treasurer and Presented to the Borden County Historical Society, Gail, Texas, in Honor of the said James H. and Eula Hollar Parker. \$124.00 was given to the Museum.

A new Register for the Museum was donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Everett by Naymon & Moody Everett. It is rapidly filling with interesting names of interested people.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dorward - a donation in memory of Kelvin Dorward. Items mailed to us should be sent to Pauline Clark or Sibyl Gilmore at Gail, Texas, 79738

Members of Historical Survey Committees from neighboring counties who have shown much interest and given support to our Museum from the beginning, came to help us celebrate and to participate in our dedications. We probably do not have the names of all, but among those who shared the day of Homecoming with us were: From Midland Co. - Mrs. John McKinley, Mrs. H. N. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kusling and Mrs. George Grant.

From Scurry Co. - Mrs. Jess Everett, Mrs. Wayne Boren, Mrs. Billie Von Roeder, Brud Boren and Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Taylor.

From Garza Co. - Mrs. Jack Burrus, Mrs. Winnie Tuffing, Tom Bouchier, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Boren & Mattie Bell Fluitt.

From Crosby Co. - Mrs. C. Sanders, Mrs. Charlie Wheeler and Mr. & Mrs. Herman Cornelius Jr.

From Stephens Co. - Mrs. B. H. Trammel and Mrs. Paul Pitzer.

Representing Ranch Headquarters Ass'n. from Scurry Co. were Ophelia Dorward Blackard and Aline Parks.

Reunions of early day Borden County families were the order of the day at the Homecoming. Among those who began arriving on Saturday, Aug. 15, and using the Museum for visiting and reminiscing were Pearces, Mitchells, Bennetts, Rogers, Dorwards, Clarks, Wilsons, Pratts, Coveys, Cantrells. Other families sharing "Do you remembers when's" and "We had one of those" were the descendants of Tom Smith, J.R. Jenkins, Calloway Johnson, Uncle Charlie Taylor, J. Y. Everett, "Doc" Reeder, Hugh Kincaid, Henry Hollar, Dr. J. N. Prince, and there were Yorks, Fritz, Sealys, Catheys, Morrows, Currys, Askins, Keens, Cranfills, Isaacs, Grays and others. If your name doesn't appear here, you were just as important to us. We couldn't seem to get around to everyone.

J. W. Cluck, 72, a long time resident of Borden County, passed away at his home in the south west part of the county of June 23, 1970.

Bill Drum passed away June 23, 1970, in Faith S. Dakota. He was the brother of Mrs. Roy Reeder and Mrs. Sid Reeder of Borden County. The Drum family settled in Borden County in 1920.

Mrs. Maude Jenkins, 84, passed away on June 28, 1970, in Abilene. Burial was in Snyder Cemeters. She was the mother of Pauline Clark, Gail, who is Chairman of our Museum Committee.

Mrs. Jennie Martin Gray, 76, a former resident of this area, passed away recently in Lovington, N. M. Her husband, J. W. Gray, was one of the first pupils to attend the Fairview school in south Borden County.

Mrs. Tom (Montie) Hudson, 84, passed away in Clovis, N. M. on July 22, 1970. Her survivors include one son, T. G., of Clovis, two daughters - Cleo Moore of Vernon and Doodie Cranfill of Wickett - a sister, Mrs. Alma Cathey of Gail, and two brothers, Martin Taylor of Hico and Lud Taylor of Littlefield. Burial was in the cemetery at Gail.

Charles Brazee, 75, of Portales, N. M., died July 24, 1970. He is survived by his wife the former Locia Skeen. The Skeen family lived in Borden County for many years.

Mrs. Bertha Sales Munger, wife of L. S. Munger, died in Abilene in June of this year. Mr. and Mrs. Munger were married Jan., 1905, at the Abney ranch and made their first home at the Munger ranch in southern Borden County.

This issue of the BORDEN CITIZEN begins our sixth year of publication. Subscriptions in the amount of \$3.00 per year are now due. Please send your checks made payable to the Borden County Historical Survey Society to Sybil Helmes, Box 137, Gail, Texas, 79738.



Reenforcements arrive for the "Nesters"

Clifton Smith, Pat Hensley, Barbara Miller Farmer, and Doris Taylor Rudd playing roles of the Turner Family await chance to file on Homestead.



Mr. Tom Bouchier reading the inscription on LAND RUSH MARKER as Edna Clark Miller, Pauline Clark & Sheriff Norman Sneed look on.

"Blue Ribbons" concede victory to "Red Ribbons". Don Wills, Corky Ogden, Rex Cox, Doyle Newton, Larry Reeder, Alvin Bradshaw, Larry Smith, Buster Taylor and Mike Toombs.

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In our September of 1959 issue of the BORDEN CITIZEN we told of our Land Rush Marker and of the history of the Land Rushes in Borden County. We asked if some one did not know of a copy of the BORDEN CITIZEN published March 17, 1904, which gave a list of those who participated in the Land Rush. A copy of this paper had indeed been preserved by Mr. Joe Roper and through the generosity of his daughter, Mrs. Maude Hull, it was made available for our use. Because of Mrs. Hull's gracious generosity we are able to share this paper with you. We hope that others of you may have such papers or other documents important to Borden County history and will also share them with us.

THE BORDEN CITIZEN

MOTTO: "Hew To The Line; Let The Chips Fall Where They May."

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Neck Broken.

Probably the saddest death that we have ever been called on to chronicle occurred last Sunday morning about 15 miles south-west of this place.

Mr. Andy Pyeatt had given a bunch of horses up to the corral from the pasture and in the bunch was a one-eyed horse which obstinately refused to go in the pen, so Mr. Pyeatt decided to rope him and, unfortunately, when the horse reached the end of the rope he turned with the blind side toward Mr. Pyeatt and ran against the horse he was riding, throwing both horses and breaking Mr. Pyeatt's neck.

Mr. Pyeatt has been a citizen of this county for several years and had a host of friends. He attended the big land rush here two days before his untimely death and acted as deputy sheriff during the pull. No one who saw him then in his perfect physical manhood would have dreamed that that was the last time he would be seen alive. In this case, particularly, it was very forcibly demonstrated that "no one knoweth the day nor the hour" he will be called hence to the mysteries of the Great Beyond.

Mr. Pyeatt was about 45 years of age and leaves a large family to mourn his loss.

The remains were brought to this place Monday evening for interment, and after a short funeral oration by Rev. H. C. Jolly, the lifeless form was tenderly laid to rest by his many loving friends who, accepting the irrevocable decree of the Omnipotent, bade him God-speed on his trip to that "lourne from which no man returneth."

The CITIZEN joins the host of mourners in extending sympathy to the unhappy family in their sad bereavement.

The Rev. Mr. Nance, of Snyder, preached to a large and attentive audience at this place last evening. Mr. Nance is a whole-souled broad hearted christian gentleman, and his labors here have been productive of much good.

The Johnson Hotel has recently been thoroughly renovated. So complete is it in its equipment that travelers, accustomed to fewer luxuries, even in much larger towns, wonder how Gail can afford such accommodations.

J. W. Chandler left here last Monday for St. Louis where he will purchase his Spring and Summer dry goods.

District Court meets here next Monday, March the 21. There is a very light docket.

The settlers who obtained land at the big rushes have all moved out to their claims.

O. C. Locklear left here last Saturday for Puerto, N.M.

Every person who sends us 5 yearly cash subscriptions will be entitled to one year's subscription to THE CITIZEN, free.

Most all the stockmen who attended the convention at Ft. Worth last week have returned.

Andrew Coggins returned last Thursday from Ft. Worth where he went to attend the convention.

Mrs. J. S. Weatherford left here the first of the week for an extended visit to relatives at Lockhart, Tex.

Al Nelson, a prominent stockman of Terry Co., remained over night at this place last Thursday enroute home from the convention at Ft. Worth.

J. K. Epperson, who has sold his place north of town to Hatfield Bro's. left here the middle of the week for Terry Co. where he will probably make his future home.

J. M. Searcy has sold his place south of town to a Mr. Treadway for \$2000.

Mrs. Bolell has been quite sick for several days but we understand is some better at present.

NOTICE.

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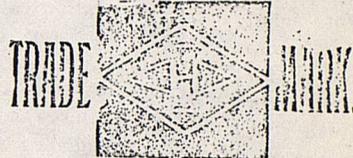
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J. A. West,
Siam, Te.

H. A. Kincaid, our popular assessor, who has been under treatment of Dr. Phenix' X-Ray machine at Colorado for the past two weeks for a skin disease, has returned.

G. E. Harlan, a prominent stock-farmer of the northern part of the county was here Saturday. He reports stock doing tolerably well despite the terrible drought.

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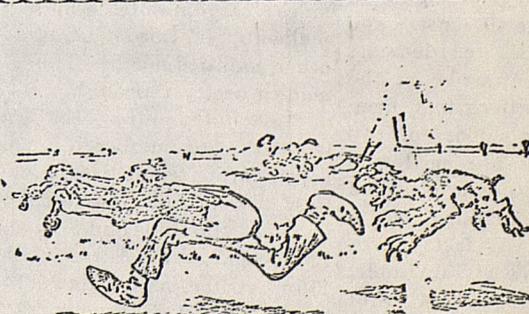
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WAR OF THE RIBBONS.

A Clash That Rivals The War Of The Roses.

"Rip 'em And Split 'em And Go And 'Git' 'em!" Is The Cry.

A Signal Victory for the Reds

During the first ten days of this month Gail was the scene of a friendly yet very exciting conflict between the Red and the Blue Ribbons. It is perhaps unnecessary for us to state what cause the "Red Ribbons" and "Blue Ribbons" espoused but for the benefit of those who never saw a Texas "Land Rush" we will go into details as to the respective sentiments of the contending forces.

The "Reds" are known in all parts of West Texas as the actual settlers, and the "Blues" are the stockmen and their cow-boys. The famous land laws of Texas went into effect, it is always the strongest side that wins—"might makes right." In other words you must have more help than the other fellow can get, if you want to take up school land in West Texas. But to proceed:

Notwithstanding the fact that every one was searched by the officers and all pocket-knives etc taken away from them before they were allowed to enter the scene of strife as participants, it was not a bloodless war wholly, for many and rough were the scratches and tumbles; yet good order prevailed, and, with the exception of a few personal differences, the kindest feelings were promoted and sustained throughout the contest.

Five sections of land came on the market on the 4th inst., and three on the 11th. Settlements had already been made on the land and the settlers had been holding the Clerk's door for two or three months. The cattlemen were none the less determined on filing their applications, so a great struggle was freely predicted—in fact was inevitable.

On Feb. 29 a large number of cow-punchers arrived in town from various parts of the country. They took in the situation at once, donned the blue ribbon and finding the enemy very weak they concluded to take advantage of the situation. Big Bob

Odom, Commander-in-chief of the Blue army, held a short council with his chiefs and it was decided to make the attack at once. No sooner resolved than they filed into the courthouse yard and into the hall. The struggle was short. About ten minutes later they tossed the last red ribbon man out of the hall and then there went up from the Blues a yell that would have stampeded an army of Apaches. But this move was probably made too soon. It gave time for reaction and the reaction came. The red ribbon boys picked themselves up out of the dust and mounting their ponies rode hard and long reuniting their forces. On the evening of the 10th they were ready and charged the fort. After 20 minutes of rolling and pulling, exultant shouts and the waving of red ribbons told that the Reds had retaken the hall. The Blues did not make any effort to retake the hall, but leaving the Reds to file without any opposition they departed, fully resolved to return with sufficient force to insure the filing of their applications for the land that should come on the market on the 11th. It is estimated that 225 men participated in the pull just described.

While preparation was being made for the "pull" on the 11th excitement was running high. The Blues hired and brought out a great many men from Abilene, Colorado and Big Springs, besides a large number which they picked up in Borden, Garza and other counties north. The Reds made a pretty thorough canvass of the country and on the evening of the 9th numbered 225 men, representing ten or twelve counties. On the morning of the 9th, however, the Reds had only about 125 men while the Blues claimed 175. At 10 a. m. on the 9th these forces clashed. There was grunting, grunting and gnashing of teeth for a short time after which there was a blue ribbon demonstration. But this demonstration was not to last long. The Reds were continually coming in, and

every detachment served to decrease the faith of the late victorious army. The Reds were more than 200 strong when on the afternoon of the 9th Red Rogers, the Commander, lined them up for action.

The enemy had about one-third of its force stationed in the hall of the courthouse and the remainder just outside the hall doors.

The attacking army was composed of three divisions, also. The first two divisions were to engage those who guarded the entrance. The reserve force, composed of the third division, was to leap the breastworks (composed only of heaps of struggling humanity) and take the fort. Moments and everything went off on schedule time. The Red Ribbon Reserves charged the hall at the opportune moment and the climax of the struggle was soon reached. Outside the main body of each army was scuffling, rolling and tumbling. A few less, less fond of such active sport, compromised with members of the opposing army, and thus paired, they locked arms and retreated to what they considered a more respectable distance where they watched with interest as the battle raged. In the hall the Red Ribbon Reserves and the Blue Giants were fiercely struggling for supremacy. For a few moments none of the results of this conflict were visible to the outsiders, but very soon the Blues were outnumbered, broken up and demoralized and the Reds began to put them out. Apparently no mode had been prescribed for this feature of the fight, much to the annoyance and discomfort of the Blues who were now being pulled out, snaked out, rolled out, backed out, scrouged out, talked out, led out, pushed out, tossed out and torped out. Neither was there any precaution exercised as to what particular portion of the enemy's anatomy should first collide with their own. The Blues were ousted in just 15 minutes, and though they were completely defeated it was made

possible only through the fact that they were outnumbered. They conducted themselves well and bore their defeat manfully, even heroically, and won the applause and admiration, not only of the spectators, but of their opponents as well. Withal they have no obvious cause to regret their endeavor.

SIDE LIGHTS.

Unexpected Termination.

It was thought that the Blues would charge again on the morning of the tenth, or else they would try to take the door by strategy. But the fond anticipations embodied in their thoughts were not to be. At the tenth to affect a compromise, they "Like the Arabs, folded their tents and as silently stole away."

A Graceful Surrender.

J. V. Stephens, a strong blue ribbon man, and manager of the US ranch, when he started into the hall to bring forth a recreant "red" was promptly collared by B. N. Green who intended to "go to the earth" with him, but Mr. Stephens, seeing that he was no match for his big adversary, proposed to "set up" the bee, and compromise, which proposition was readily accepted by Mr. Green.

Discussing on the actions of the opposing forces Mr. Stephens said: "Never a more gentlemanly set off could be found than the Red and the Blues. They are each striving for what they believe is right, and the strongest man will win."

In The Hands of Fate.

Joe Roper, who was after the Mesquite Tank section, looked like the little end of hard luck when, on the evening of the first rush the Blues came in and threw him out of the hall, but his despondency was short-lived, as the Reds easily recaptured the hall next evening.

The section for which he was (Continued on next page.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Borden County,

Greeting: You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Borden there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not seen in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon the heirs of Jonas Garrett, deceased, whose names and residence are unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. County Court of Borden County, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Borden at the Court house thereof, in Gail, on the first Monday in May, 1904, the same being the 2nd day of May 1904, File number thereof being No. 12, then and there to answer the petition of M. J. Thornton filed in said Court on the 7th day of March, 1904, wherein he prays the said Court to appoint him administrator of the estate of the said Jonas Garrett, deceased, which said estate consists of the following real estate situated in Garza County, Texas, described as follows to-wit: Sur. No. 1, in block No. 10, located by virtue of script No. 697 issued to the F. L. & R. R. Co., which no all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein fail not under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in Gail, this 7th day of March, 1904.

J. D. Brown, Clerk,
County Court, Borden County,
(SEAL) Texas.

From Gaines County.

We have had a very mild winter out here. There have been but few cold days and the ice has not been more than an inch thick. We have had but very little rain and no snow. Stock is doing remarkably well. Grass is holding out well but little feeding is being done. Losses will be very light.

Most all the settlers that got land last year have come in and made improvements.

Every section in this pasture has been taken up. We have plenty of neighbors and everyone seems contented. Every four-section man expects to put in feed crops and vegetables. One man told me he expected to plant ten acres in cotton as an experiment. The soil is fine. All we need is rain. (Note: We thoroughly understand the situation.)

Ed

Mr. Chriswell, of Lubbock, has

completed his residence and will move his family soon.

Mr. Ramsey, manager of the Hat X ranch, filed on Clark ranch and is building a very nice house.

Mrs. Daisy and Mattie Cook visited their parents this week.
JOSIE.

John Arnett is stopping at the Johnson this week.

We learn with regret of the misfortune of Vol Stephens, whose horse fell with him Monday, breaking his leg.

J. E. Norris, of Pickering, is at the Johnson Hotel this week.

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Exhibit showing the receipts and disbursements of the different Funds of Borden County, Texas, for the quarter ending Jan'y. 31, 1904

Jury Fund, 1st Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 173.27
Am't. Paid Out	\$ 2.18
Road & Bridge Fund, No. 1. 2nd Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 463.67.
Am't. Paid Out	\$ 110.81.
General Fund, 3rd Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 1555.51.
Am't. Paid Out	\$ 1065.23.
Court House Fund, 4th Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 463.77.
Am't. Paid Out	\$ 110.81.
Jan Fund, 5th Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 158.51.
Am't. Paid Out	\$ 44.38.
School Fund, 6th Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 628.02.
Am't. Paid Out	\$ 859.58.
Road & Bridge Fund, No. 2 7th Class.	
Am't. Rec'd.	\$ 12.00.
Am't. Paid Out	\$.30.

Done by order of the Commissioners' Court, Feb'y. Term, 1904.

J. D. Brown, County Clerk.

It was thought that the Blues and the Reds would not work together, but at the Johnson Hotel where the Reds and a large portion of the Blues took their meals this charge found no verification. Beyond a few friendly guys all was quiet.

Severe losses are reported on the Jumbo Ranch, resulting from scarcity of grass and water.

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WEST SIDE OF SQUARE, Gail, Texas

Roseola and measles are having a very disastrous effect upon the school at this place.

Miss Myrtle Bacon, an attractive young lady of Denton, is visiting Mrs. F. E. Abuey.

Miss Katie Willis, who was compelled to give up her school work here a few weeks ago on account of illness, is in the city this week much to the delight of her many friends here.

War of Ribbons,

(Continued.)

pulling had on it a large tank which cost near \$1,000; hence his despondency at first and his subsequent elation.

Strategic Jim.

On the evening of the 9th, Jim Rogers, one of the US boys decided he would take the fort by strategy. Accordingly, he crawled under a desk in the clerk's office, intending to remain there till the following morning, when, as the clerk opened the door, he could easily file his papers first. But woe unto him, his presence was discovered and his speedy exit was accomplished by actions more forcible than Chester fieldian.

Wrestles with The Devil.

Even as Jacob wrestled with the angel, so did Joe Ainsworth, champion wrestler of the Light country, wrestle with the printer's devil who was in the van of the Reds when their irresistible charge was made. We are restrained from giving a detailed account, but we venture to assert the fact that the devil got his toes suaned.

A Cocn Appears.

It was reported among the Reds that Jno. B. Slaughter would bring 200 or 300 negroes here to and then in the rush on the 10th high in consequence. Total annihilation threatened the dark brood should it ever put in an appearance. It was therefore decided by some of the neutrals that a little fun with the Reds who were standing guard at the Clerk's door at night would not be out of order. So about 2 a.m. one of the boys blacked himself and in company with "Red Jack" Gregg (who was a stranger to the guardsmen) he sallied forth to take possession of the door. The time was well selected as the Reds, feeling secure in their possession, were all asleep or in the sheriff's office, and not a man was at the door. "Red Jack" and the pseudo nigger marched in and took possession, and ere long the careless guards discovered the nigger. "!!, br-r-r-r!" The commotion can better be imagined than described. The startling news traveled like wild fire. Runners were sent out. In a few moments the sleepy-eyed Reds were all activity. The nigger just kept holding the door and talking about "J. J. John" and his 300 niggers. The excitement was finally cooled down by J. J. Dodson, who half suspecting the truth grabbed a flatap and holding it close to the darkey's face, discovered the fraud. Every-

body (especially Messrs. Roper and Creighton,) hugged themselves with delight when the truth was learned. They went to sleep no more that night!

A Roller Rolled.

In the struggle on the morning of the 9th W. R. Harris, of the Durham country, won laurels by entertaining three Reds in a scuffle. But alas! Mr. Harris entered the ring one time too many. In the pull on the afternoon of the same day Mr. Harris collided with J. H. Sp... a favorite High-roller held to the Light-weight Artillery of the Red Ribbon Rounders. During the entire struggle Mr. Harris, unwilling to compromise, vainly struggled beneath the athletic form of his adversary.

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Referring to the destruction of Mr. Slaughter's tanks and windmills, Mr. W. H. Rogers, chief of the Red Ribbons, said, "It is a very unfortunate affair,—occurring at this time it is especially so. It can in no wise be attributed to the Red Ribbons, but is the result of some personal differences and advantage was taken of the absence of Mr. Slaughter's men to perpetrate this cowardly deed."

Some of the boys have truly remarked that land rushes are rough on old clothes.

Reg Burnett, the Scurry Co. leader of the "Reds" was here in all his glory, with a young army and did some very effective work with his boys.

The Reds made a great demonstration before leaving town on the morning of the 11th. Red flags were freshly exhibited and one was hoisted over the Court House by Red Rogers.

We have on hand a number of copies containing account of the land rush. 5 cents a copy or 6 for a quarter. Send us the price together with the names and ad-

resses of some of your friends and let us mail each of them a copy.

Horston Bostic, the far-famed loop-spreader, was present, wearing the Blue. He made no time as his steer got up.

Sid Garrett was perhaps the only one who smiled through it all.

Anent the pull our village poet has produced the following:
They fout and fit
And gouged and bit,
And tousled in the dust,
While standers-by
Would laugh and cry,
—And everybody cussed.

Thus ended the biggest land rush ever in West Texas, and very probably the biggest one that ever will be anywhere. In the matter of land rushes, Gail is the undisputed champion of the world. The first land rush on record was at this place, but she will have to retire on her laurels now, as there is no more land to come on the market for settlement in this county.

Partial List of Red Ribbon Participants.

BORDEN COUNTY.

Cass Lyons, Roy Lyons, Jim Dorward, D. Dorward, Sr., Lewis Polk, George Foster, Charles Morrison, A. J. Baker, Red Mathis, Pat Weems, Jno. Petty, Clebourne Stevens, J. C. Davis, Lee Murjly, Brooks Jackson, Nute Harris, Jno. H. Smoot, E. A. Bering, J. L. Bley, J. Sackings, J. C. Johnson, W. M. Sturdivant, W. O. Roberison, W. Robertson, H. B. Leake, B. N. Green, J. S. Howe, Sr., J. H. Doyle, W. T. Epperson, Frank Hughes, Bob Hughes, Will Chaney, W. H. Hamilton, Fred Park, J. E. Park, E. W. Howell, Chas. Berry, J. H. Berry, Wesley Berry Jno. Howe, Jr., J. R. Roper, J. J. Dodson, W. P. Hughes, Hub Ellis, Geo. Russell, Jim Russell, Ed Russell, J. G. Davis, Will Olson, Bob Olson, Jno. S. Fritz, Boxter Cathey, Jim Cathey, M. L. Cathey, Jno. Cathey, Calvin Grissom, Jim Kincaid, Lee Miller, A. L. Jones, E. A. Gleghorn, Bob Anderson, John Anderson, John DeShaze, J. C. Stevens, J. J. Curry, Dillard Denton, Frank Denton, W. Cotten, T. W. Cotter, W. L. Eorten, Geo. Shaver, Will Bell, Jno. T. Creighton, D. W. West, Bob Hurley, J. H. Dillalunt, Rev. H. Pruett, Red Rogers, Sam L. Jones, Wade Howdell, T. M. Jones, J. L. Snellings, Peter Boyd, Edgar Cowan, T. M. Burnett, B. N. Burnett, Charley Daniels, Bob Hurley, Bob White, J. Cotten, Charley May, C. B. Morrison, J. Cam Taylor.

SCURRY COUNTY.

John Sumners, Fred Miller, P. A. Miller, C. M. N. Jennings, W. F. Daley, S. N. Cade, J. E. James, J. F. Clawson, J. A. Scrivener, Sterling Lane, Dick Stokes, Tom Leach, Orbie Seicher, John Williams, Clyde Fairly, Charley Harliss, Jim Harliss, Oscar Smith, Tom Cary, C. D. Weems, J. J. Weems, Ira T. Mathews, J. K. Jones, C. A. Jones, Reg Burnett, DICK WOOD, Cleve Wood, Lewis Berry Charley Hollers, Jim Hollers, Gordon Tomlinson, BEN DITTO Jno. Tomlinson, Jim Wilson J. V. Davis, W. R. Lowery, Will Lowery, Millard Lowery, S. H. Maxwell, Earl Maxwell, Bud Woolever, E. C. Taylor, Cass Means, Chas. Glover, H. P. Wellbourn, Ollie Welbourn, Walker Huddleston, Jake Millhollon, Aron Dives, J. M. Sterling, W. R. Sterling, R. L. Burdett, John Davis, A. M. Ellis, Jno Dozier, T. J. Ellis, G. R. Berryhill, J. F. Williams, Henry Newman, Thos. Newman, Bud Newman, Bay Dunn, Ed Green, Henry Angel, Doc Green, Ed Angel, Joe Stenson, A. C. Crow, J. H. W. Weems, Nick Baird, Ed Crowder, Joe Crowder, Wiley Crowder, Bill Weems, Ben Huffman, Jake Huffman, Doc Bradley, S. W. McCrany, T. J. Barbor, Wallace Berryhill, Marvin Berryhill, Ed Woolever, Geo. Newman, D. L. Newman, M. M. Lowery, W. H. Grant, J. B. Cad... land.

LYNN COUNTY.

T. P. Counts, J. W. Meyer, T. D. Spratt, S. P. Ferguson, W. P. Ferguson, Reg Keith, T. E. Alexander.

GARZA COUNTY.

Perry Crowley, Bishop Crowley, Wm. Henry, — Burnett, Sr., John James, Roy Lotten, John Howe, Arthur Cotten Rufus Crowley, Henry Johnston, N. H. Graham, Perry Graham, John Wilbourn E. S. Boulden, Tul Ivey, J. M. Boren, Robt. Merable, A. E. Tuffing, J. F. Maxey, S. F. Maxey, J. J. DODSON.

FISHER COUNTY.

J. D. Baker, C. L. Ginn, J. W. Ginn, L. B. Ginn.

NOLAN COUNTY.

Jno. C. Montgomery, Sr.

GAINES COUNTY.

W. T. Epperson, Frank Waldrip.

DAWSON COUNTY.

Jim Wasson, Ira Wasson, Claude Wasson, Arthur Wasson, J. V. Sewalt.

HOWARD COUNTY.

John Edmondson, D. R. Cotten, T. W. Cotten, W. D. Edmondson, J. E. Edmondson, J. M. Edmondson, H. C. C. rr, J. B. Denton, J. H. Sullivan, Ain Flacher.

MITCHELL COUNTY.

Jno. McNew, Lee McNew, Jno. Daugherty.

We were not supplied with a list of the Blue Ribbons, and obtained only a partial list of the Reds.

Mr. J. A. West, from near the line of Terry and Gaines, reports grass and water plentiful.