OAK BRANCH.

Oak Branch, Texas, Nov. 2.—Health is very good, with the exception of George Beardon and G. L. Ingram, who are on the puny list.

T. C. Williams and wife were the guests of J. J. Beardon at Boz Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. John McCauly has moved on Mr. P. F. Bearden's place.

Several of the boys attended the Molly Bailey show and reported a good time.

The people are trying to finish picking their cotton which has been a larger yield than expected when they commenced picking.

Revs. G. F. Hullett and P. F. Bearden filled their regular appointment at Enterprise School house Sunday.

Mrs. Celia Dorsett, who lives in Grayson county, is down visiting relatives.

Notice.

All parties indebted to Drs. Thompson & Stacy are hereby urged to settle their accounts promptly.

S. P. SKINNER, Executor,
H. O. Stacy, Deceased. d86w41

Notice.

All hack and baggage work will be cash after Nov. 1. Waxahachie Livery and Transfer Co. tf

Merit Will Always Win.

That is the reason that Spotless, Olive Branch and Jersey Cream flour is having remarkable success in Waxahachie. Always good, made from choice winter wheat. Sold by all leading grocers. JNO. V. SINGLETON. 181

Read the Want Ads

EXPLORATION BY BALLOON

A Dutch Officer's Plans for New Guinea.

An attempt will be made next year to explore a part of New Guinea by balloon. This great island, the largest in the world, excepting Greenland, is very difficult to explore. It abounds in swamps, dense tropical forests and hostile tribes. Dr. Poch two years ago found tribes only fifteen miles inland from the coast of German New Guinea that had never been seen by white men.

The chief of the mining department of British New Guinea in his last annual report said that, though gold had been found in many parts of the mountains, the cost of prospecting further afield was almost prohibitive, because parties have to hew their way through the tropical vegetation and are likely at any time to be attacked by the natives. The worst savages are in Dutch New Guinea, two-thirds of which is still unexplored.

These are the reasons why Lieutenant Rambaldo of the Dutch navy—and experienced aeronaut, has been authorized to make an experimental balloon trip next year across the western part of Dutch New Guinea for purposes of exploration. His plans are all made and his government is backing the enterprise.

He will travel in a free air balloon, and he has the utmost confidence that, ascending from Cape Steenboom on the south coast, he will land at the foot of Geelvink bay, on the north shore. The meteorological conditions seem to justify his faith.

From April till October the southeast trade winds can be counted upon as regularly as the daily appearance of the sun. From October till April the northwest monsoon takes its turn. Rambaldo will choose some fine day in June next for his ascent and has no doubt that he will be carried almost due northwest and will land somewhere near the shore of Geelvink bay.

Upon the success of this short air voyage depends future endeavor of this sort in New Guinea. The distance in a straight line is only 200 miles, and the balloon explorer expects to make it in the daylight of one day.

Of course, he will be equipped to see and record a great deal. He will have a number of the special cameras now used in balloons, and he expects to secure panoramic views of the earth below and on both sides of him throughout the journey.

His course will take him about midway across the Carl Louis mountains, and he thinks it very likely that he will be able to count all the snow peaks in that mighty range. The plains, forests, rivers, lakes and hills will all be caught on his photographic plates, and Rambaldo believes that this material will suffice for the production of an excellent map of the region above which he will float.

If the journey succeeds it will afford a good idea of the topography of an almost unknown region.—Boston Herald.