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Penitentiary Evils Too Frivolous to Require the Necessary Expense

report of the penitentiary investigating committee is the public has digested We had the privilege at the last week of talking with the chairman of the committee and with the governor on the subject of the report. Each conversation was unknown to the other and hence we perhaps know the facts about as they are. A full consideration of the report we can see no reason for the necessity of a special session of the legislature to correct any evil at this time. If the committee had been more diligent in giving facts, dates and names of the parties guilty of infractions of the law we believe the report would have been greatly strengthened. The governor and board of control would have more facts to base a dismissal of employes upon. Special sessions of the legislature are expensive and slow and to hold a special session early next year with a campaign would be very prolific of no good. The penitentiaries are needing improvements and modern methods, but to call the legislature together just now would be of great material good.—

County Herald. and why not? Could the state under the money she has in coffers in any better manner to undo the wrongs that has allowed to be practiced for years? Does it make no difference if a few more are beaten, starved and killed to death between now and the assembling of the next legislature? Is the dismissal of the brutal corporation tools which would likely be replaced by others of their kind) the

only way to correct the penitentiary evils? No. The system of leasing prisoners out to greedy thieves, to be beaten, starved, frozen and worked to death is the evil that must be corrected, and it can only be done by an act of the legislature. We did not read the report of the investigating committee, but the fact that it was not sufficiently precise to give the governor grounds for the dismissal of those guilty of infractions of the law, leads to the conclusion that very little real investigating was done and that the abuses, most damnably outrageous and repulsive, of the lease system were not thoroughly brought to light.

It is the duty of the governor to see that the state revokes this law and that at its earliest possible moment, for every hour of every day is fraught with grave consequences. Men who have been sent to the penitentiary for correction and for moral training are being herded in vile convict camps where vice of every conceivable form runs riot and those who are hired to carry on this work of correction are not only cognizant of the existing evils but use it as a means of private gain, while at the same time the men are subjected to the most revolting hardships and cruelties that mortal mind can conceive.

Why are men sent to the penitentiary? Is it to renew the life the murderer has dispatched? Is it to recover the money or valuables lost through the cunning of the thief and forger? Or is it for the purpose of inflicting judicious punishment and at the same time giving moral training that they may leave its confines with the determination to be better men? Can the results sought emanate from a convict camp where both moral and Christian training are unknown and where gambling and all

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Panhandle Flour—guaranteed the best
The Genuine Standard Granulated Sugar
The best canned goods for less
All kinds of Christmas goodies
Big stock Dress goods and Furnishings
Everything in clothing for Men and Boys

C. A. Cash & Sons
Largest Stock General Merchandise in McLean

Cast a Vote on the 18th

other forms of law breaking are winked at by those in charge?

These are the things that should be corrected for they are a sin against both God a man, and the paltry sum of money needed to correct them should

not suffice to answer for the loss of a single immortal soul or the death of a single mortal body.

The Depot Crowd.

A condition that exists at the depot on cold days should be changed and the only way we know of to reach this end is by presenting the facts as they really are. In conversation with Agent Salmon Sunday afternoon that gentleman said:

"While waiting for the east-bound train today there were in the little waiting room forty men, most of whom were crowded around the stove, and five ladies, all sitting back in the cold. Out of this number seven were passengers and five were accompanying passengers, the balance were sweaters, smokers, tobacco chewers, etc. Our lady travelers ask and pay for first class service when traveling and what man would consider this condition first class service for his wife, mother or sister? Yet you will make yourselves responsible for this kind of service for other men's wives, mothers and sisters. We are always glad to receive and accommodate customers, but such conditions as are outlined above should not exist, yet if I call attention to the matter I am dubbed a crank."

Those conditions certainly did exist Sunday, and we were one of the guilty number. The room was crowded with men who came sight-seeing, the air was rank with all kinds of foul odors and the ladies who were compelled to sit in the room while waiting for a train were not only subjected to the foul air but did not get the benefit of the fire as the stove was completely surrounded

by men in overcoats. As is a fact in our case, we feel sure the majority of this infraction of the courtesy and humanity due to ladies is the result of thoughtlessness, and not an intention to offend, and hence we take this method of calling your attention to the matter.

Lost a Toe.

Martin Dewberry of Oklahoma, who is visiting with the family of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Justice, near Alanreed, had the misfortune Sunday to get his foot badly torn by the untimely explosion of a shotgun. The gentleman was hunting and while waiting for a bunch of birds to get in range had the gun standing barrel down on his foot, thinking the hammer was down. While fumbling with the trigger the gun was discharged and the entire load went through his foot. A physician was called and it was found necessary to amputate the middle toe of the injured foot. At the last report he was resting easy and it was thought that another operation would not be necessary.

Will Try Farm

J. W. Holder has traded his city property for the farming implements, stock, etc., of E. D. Langley and rented the Langley place on Northfork, where he will farm next year, having moved this week. Dr. Langley and family have moved to town, where they will make their home for the present.

Goes to Arkansas

Claude Cox and family of Alanreed were here the latter part of last week the guests of the family of C. E. Shelton. They will leave in a few days for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will make their home. The News joins their many friends in this section in wishing them success and happiness in their new surroundings.

We Announce to The Public

The addition of a large stock of coal to our business and in the future will be prepared to supply your wants at any time from a big stock of the

BEST COLORADO COAL

Our large and commodious sheds recently built are filled with a clean stock of coal and we can fill your orders promptly. We solicit a share of your business

Western Lumber Company

Shoes

Crawford shoes are made in the shoe world where good shoes are made and are sold to good dressers. We have just received a shipment of these shoes. Prices from

\$3.50

to

\$5.00

IN ADDITION



To this we already had a good stock of shoes and we are still getting shoes. We purchased the W. P. Rogers stock and got some more shoes. We are overhauling our stock and cutting out certain numbers in shoes. These numbers we are going to sell at a price. Our store does not misrepresent, and when we don't think a shoe is worth the money we will tell you so. I have the shoes. I make the price.

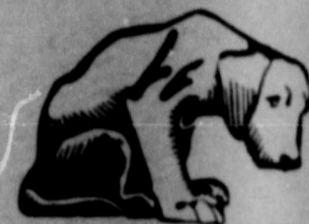
I Am HERE to STAY

**"High Price Buster"
ARTHUR COOK**

Shoes

We have in transit a large shipment of Selz Shawb Shoes. These shoes are good medium priced shoes. These shoes are guaranteed against inferior workmanship by the company and are guaranteed in price by

Arthur Cook



Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

Oh my! see them new post cards at the Palace Drug store.

M. H. Kinard was among the visitors in the city Tuesday.

Fresh bread on hand at all times. City Restaurant.

W. C. Foster was quite sick the latter part of this week.

Wanted—clean cotton rags. 5 cents per pound. News office.

U. S. and O. C. Hawk were here Tuesday transacting business.

Wagon covers must go. Standard size, \$3.00 while they last. E. H. Small & Co.

Mrs. and Miss Smock were in the city shopping Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Haynes orders his name placed on his subscription list, for which he has our thanks.

Mrs. Horace Rippey and Miss Evelyn Rippey called at the News office Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McElroy, on the 5th instant, a fine baby girl.

Bud and Charlie Back were business visitors in the city Monday afternoon.

Geo. Woodard left Sunday afternoon for a short stay with friends at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Bumpus and little daughter spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Alanreed.

J. L. Porter, the Alanreed section foreman, was here Saturday afternoon.

Lee Kennedy of Alanreed was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Chas. Slavin of Alanreed was a business visitor between trains here Monday.

T. D. Dawson was among the visitors in the city the first of the week.

B. M. Miles, who ranches northwest of Alanreed, was here on business Monday afternoon.

H. T. Brooks of Brownfield, Texas, was here this week for a visit with the family of his brother, M. J. Brooks.

Just received a car of the very best Niggerhead lump coal and can deliver it to you for \$7.50 per ton. Foster & Son.

The picture on the cover of the Christmas number of the Ladies Home Journal is worth the price. Get one at this office.

W. H. Langley left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas, where he went to get his two babies who are staying with his relatives.

Everything in the millinery line at cost this month. Must close out fall and winter stock. Mrs. Lillie R. Bumpus.

Our car of assorted feed stuff has arrived and we can give you anything you want. We pay spot cash for feed and sell at small profit, hence must sell for cash. Henry & Son.

Bring us your hides and furs, we pay the highest market price and guarantee to take every one you bring. Foster & Son.

Prof. Loftin, principal of the Alanreed schools was a business caller in the city Saturday afternoon.

John B. Vannoy left Saturday for Waco, where he goes as a delegate to the Masonic grand lodge now in session at that city.

We are in the market for all the hides and furs you can bring us at the highest market price. Henry & Son.

Walter Mullis is having considerable work done on the post office preparatory to putting in more lock boxes.

Little Miss Bessie Steffey, who has been suffering with fever, is reported better and on the road to recovery.

G. W. Ellington of the Heald neighborhood spent Friday and Saturday of last week in the city on business.

W. T. Veatch was in the city Monday afternoon shaking hands with friends and transacting business.

Mrs. Ben Moore and baby left Saturday to join Ben at Amarillo where he is employed as fireman on the west end of the Rock Island.

We handle Snowflake flour and guarantee it. If you don't like it bring it back and we will pay you for your trouble. L. M. Haynes & Son.

Baxter and John Black of Noble, Oklahoma, who have been here for several days visiting and prospecting, left for their home Monday afternoon.

Dr. McGee the Clarendon Veterinary, will be in McLean Friday and Saturday the 17th and 18th instant. Be sure to see him.

W. P. Vermillion and family of Hollis, Oklahoma, have arrived in the city and will make this place their home; having opened a meat market in the building formerly occupied by C. Short, the bootmaker.

Going to market the first of the year and must sell everything in the millinery line before I go. Come early before the stock is picked over. Everything at cost. Mrs. Lillie R. Bumpus.

Miller Anderson and wife left Monday afternoon for Indianola, Oklahoma, where they intend to make their home. The best wishes of their many friends attend them.

W. P. Rogers has sold his big stock of dry goods to Arthur Cook.

A. R. Guill had the misfortune Friday morning to receive an ugly gash in his foot. He was cutting wood in the backyard and in the act of striking the axe caught in the clothes line over his head and deflected, cutting entirely through his foot. Dr. Ballard dressed the wound and it is at present healing a little, but the gentleman is

unable to use the foot and probably go on a crutch some time.

To Tax Payers of Gray County

I will be in McLean December the 20th and 21st to collect taxes. R. P. Reeves, Tax collector, Gray County.

EVERY-THING

—To Eat and Wear

We are in debt, whether anyone else is or not, but we are determined to pay it by the first of January. We have the largest stock of dry goods and groceries in McLean and from now until the first of the year, regardless of cost, we will sell Clothing, Overcoats, Over-shoes, Shoes and Hats, and if we can fit you, the price is no object. Groceries fresh and up-to-date.

Tomatoes, best	.10
Corn, best	.10
Peabery and African Java Coffee	.20
Standard Granulated Sugar	5.90
Best Flour on the Market	3.25

In fact everything we have is in line. Also have a few fine mules and horses, a good farm and a house and lot in town. If you want anything in our line get busy.

L. M. Haynes & Son

PHONE 18

Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank

MONEY BURNS

Holes in the pockets of some people, but we have a place to keep it cool and safe here in this bank, and it is always handy when you need it. Better try it, and save your pockets, as well as your money.

DO IT TODAY

Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank

Of McLean, Texas

S. O. COOK

HARDWARE FOR HARD WEAR

S. O. COOK

Palace Barber Shop

W. M. MASSAY, PROPRIETOR

Have moved to Paschal building opposite Palace drug store, with two chairs running you don't have to wait. Clean, Pressing, Dyeing and Tailoring in connection.

All Work Guaranteed to Be The Best

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Please sign your full name to all communications. We do not wish to publish it. If possible mail your letter so we will get it not later than Thursday. We want to hear from your community every week.

EDITOR.

LAND! LAND! LAND!

If you want to buy a farm, if you want to buy a ranch, if you want to buy raw land, for an investment, or if you want to buy city property, see or write

J. L. Crabtree & Co.

McLean, Texas

Stock Election.

We, the undersigned qualified voters and freeholders of the town of McLean, Gray county, Texas, hereby respectfully petition the honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of McLean, to order an election within the corporate limits of the town of McLean, submitting the qualified voters the question, whether or not Horses, Mules, Jacks, Jennetts and Cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the town of McLean, from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of March following, of each year.

going petition the town council of the town of McLean, Texas, did at a regular session thereof, held on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1909, order an election to be held within the corporate limits of the said town of McLean, to determine whether or not Horses, Mules, Jacks, Jennetts and Cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the town of McLean, Texas, from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of March following, of each year.

Now therefore, I, C. S. Rice, Mayor of the said town of McLean, Texas, by the authority in me vested, do hereby order an election, to be held at the office of J. L. Crabtree, in the town of McLean, on the third

Can You Can a Can of CANNED GOODS?

If you can you cannot can them as well a Louis can. We can sell you "LOUIS BRAND" canned goods at a price you can easily afford—it's the best, you know. We handle the famous

Amarillo Flour

Put up by the Star Mill & Elevator Co. at Amarillo. Also everything in Groceries. We appreciate your business.

M. D. Bentley

THE VILLAGE GROCER

TELEPHONE 85

Brooks Nearly Ugly

If newspaper men, like doctors, could bury their mistakes, there would be nothing left but gasoline engines and blues as an incentive to the use of "unpretty" language. Reformers will please take note. The occasion for this remark was an item in last week's News referring to M. J. Brooks as having gone to Snider, Oklahoma, when in reality he went—probably—to Snider, Texas. Of course Brooks was mad and in the throes of his unrestrained wrath the distortion of his pretty features made him almost ugly. It is possible that he didn't get a hundred miles from home but he insists that he went to Snider, Texas, and we run the risk of another mistake in stating that fact—a fact it must be, for Brooks never handles any other variety of assertion. Being a subject of our solicitation for advertising, he has often made the remark that he nor anybody else ever reads the old paper, any way. Wonder how he discovered we had sent him to the wrong state.

It is time you are buying that cook stove for your wife you promised her two years ago and if you want the best money can buy, you will get one of the Superb line from McLean Hardware Company.

Slavonia Sayings.

The Sunday school hour has been changed to ten o'clock. There will be preaching at the school house Sunday by the regular pastor, Rev. Sherman.

There will be singing at the home of Geo. Sapp tonight (Friday).

C. A. Linkey of Amarillo is here for a visit with his son, C. A. Linkey, Jr.

Messrs Pakan and Pocerney went last week to Amarillo,

Saturday in December, the same being the 18th day of December, A. D. 1909, for the purpose of determining whether or not Horses, Mules, Jacks, Jennetts and Cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of said town from October 15th to March 15th following, of each year.

J. T. Foster is hereby appointed as presiding judge of said election, and the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 7 o'clock p. m.

All qualified voters who are freeholders under the laws of the state of Texas, shall be allowed to vote in said election.

Those voting in favor of preventing such stock from running at large, shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For stock law, from October 15th to March 15th," and those voting against preventing stock from running at large, shall have written or printed on their ballots, "Against stock law, from October 15th to March 15th."

Witness my hand at McLean, Texas, this the 16th day of November, 1909.

C. S. RICE, Mayor.

THE North Pole

HAS BEEN REACHED

But we are still wondering what we must do to get your trade. Must we call on you at your homes? Or shall we send an officer to bring you in? Or will you consider your own best interests and call and see our stock and get our prices? A full line of everything in the building line. Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, etc. Windmills, Casing and Pipe.

Niggerhead Coal

CICERO SMITH
LUMBER CO.

CARE

Is taken with all goods we handle. Try us.

SPEED

THE DRAYMAN

A Shave that won't come off and a Hair Cut that

FITS

At the City Barber Shop, G. H. Simmons, proprietor.

Agents for Amarillo
Steam Laundry Co.

Rock Island Cafe

Regular Dinners

Fresh Bread always on Hand.

Short Orders a Specialty.

where they bought a corn shelter and a large traction engine, which will be the property of the farmers of this neighborhood and will be a great time, labor and money saver in the marketing of the corn crop.

Geo. Sapp and daughter, Miss Lorena, went to Wheeler Friday of last week, where the young lady took the teacher's examination. They returned Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith went to McLean Tuesday after coal and other supplies.

The farmers in this vicinity have inaugurated the work of planting large groves and orchards and the first shipments of trees are beginning to arrive, three big wagon loads having been hauled out up to date. This is considered the best move made in this section as it will not only add to the beauty and value of the homes but will be, in a few years, an excellent wind break for the stock.

We have a number of Santa Claus letters from the little folk but will not publish them until next week. Every child who would like to drop Santa a letter should hand them in early as we will send him next week's paper.

For Sale—Good young Jack, 3 years old, Spanish and Mammoth, 15 hands high, horse measure, good flat bone, good disposition. Inquire Geo. Weaver, McLean. Also like to buy 20 good sheats at six cents.

A. P. Rippey left Monday for San Antonio where he will spend the winter in the interest of his health. Mrs. Rippey also left on the same train for eastern Oklahoma. She will spend some time visiting with her parents.

BOOKS CLOSED

We are going to throw our stock on the market for cash and reduce it as much as possible by the first of the year as we intend making some radical changes in our business at that time. If you are owing us anything we insist on you coming in and paying up. If it is absolutely impossible for you to pay all or part of your account we would like for you to make that fact known. Come to see us

With every \$25.00 Purchase
we will give you a

Beautiful Rayo Lamp

Be sure to see this lamp—it's a bird

**MCLEAN
MERCANTILE
COMPANY**

We handle nothing but imported goods in queensware. J. & G. Meakin Iron Stone China never cracks. We have a large and handsome assortment. McLean Hardware Co.

Premium Pictures, a large shipment just arrived at McLean Hardware Co.

Rent houses are beginning to get scarce again.

SATURDAY EVENING POST

AT THE

NEWS OFFICE

5 CENTS

Additional Honor Roll

The following are children on the honor roll that were not ready at the last report:

Mrs. HORTON'S ROOM.

Ora Geren, William Carver, Allie Heald, Elvin McClain, Mammie McClellan, Maudie Biggers, Millard William, Mary Williams, Amal Tiemeyer, Robert Turner, Thelma Beall, Lettie Bogan, Sallie Lou Haynes, Lula Hudson, Gladys Cunningham, Nora Hale, Erwin Rice, Odessa Smith, Charlie Luthye, Burrell Irwin, Willie Heald.

Mrs. VANNOY'S ROOM.

Janie Cousins, Bill Cook, Rome Crawford, Leonard Sewel, Enloe Crisp, Robbie Ashby, Donel Beall, Clara Turner, Eugene Erwin, Opal Reeves, Roy Sheets, Clyce Holland, Jack Cooke, Harvey Grigsby, Opal Weaver, Gorgia Littleton, Rowena Upham, Ancil DeSpain, Lossie Mann, Gracie Stanley.

NOTES FROM FIFTH GRADE.

On Friday afternoon the sixth and seventh grades visited our room and spent about an hour, in which we spent the time singing, reading and entertaining.

Phillip Duyer has joined our class work.

Walter Holder has left our ranks for a home on the ranch.

Messrs. Gardenhire and Kibler made the round of the rooms Monday morning.

The cold weather has frozen our ink, but our spirits are light notwithstanding the frigid atmosphere, and our work continues good.

Emmett Mathew is a new student in the high fifth.

Important Notice.

There will be preaching at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. To all the members of the other churches in town, having no preaching service at their respective places of worship, we cordially invite you to worship with us.

At the eleven o'clock hour we particularly desire the presence of the parents and householders of the town. There is a matter involving some of the most important community interests as well as the character of our community life to which we desire to call your attention, and with reference to which secure your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,
M. L. Moody.

Our harness is here. McLean Hardware Co.

There will be no issue of the News the last week in December. We will take a week off.

Get a nice set of dishes for your wife for Xmas. McLean Hardware Co.

The school children will have a two weeks holiday for Christmas.

The Vortex Hot Blast never fails, it is the 'chewed rawsum'. McLean Hardware Company.

W. B. Upham has moved to the Luthye place west of town, which he recently purchased.

Of course we are still giving away pictures—come and see. McLean Hardware Co.

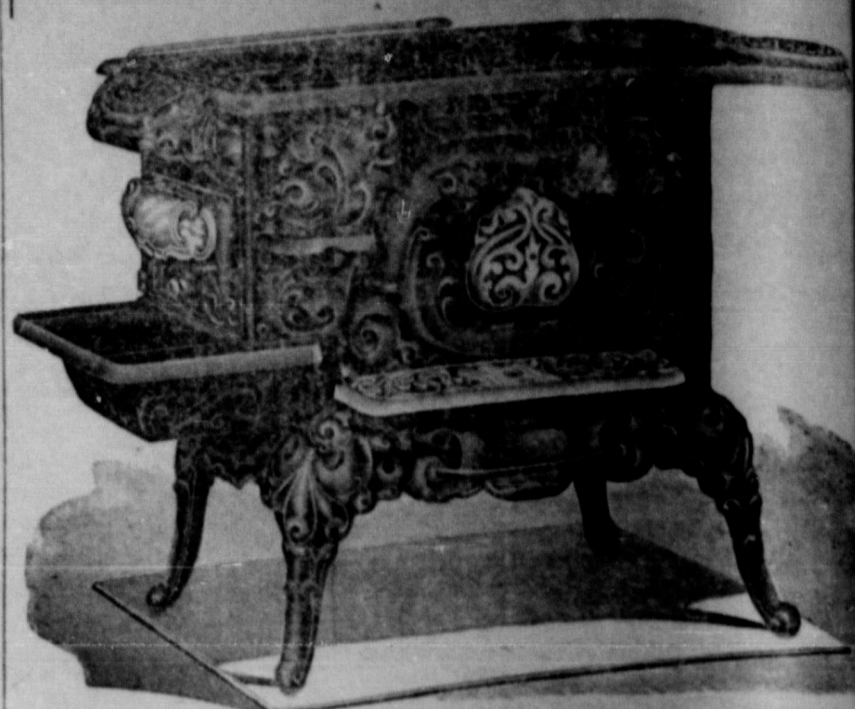
Mrs. Haynes and Miss Gertrude left yesterday for Colorado where they will attend the hearing of their damage suit.

HOGS WANTED

Have opened a first class meat market next door to the Rock Island Cafe and would like to buy fat hogs and cattle, will pay the highest market price. Would also like to have a share of your market trade.

W. P. VERMILLION.

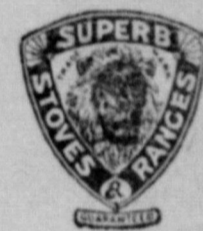
PRINCE SUPERB



THE LATEST production in SQUARE oven, combining Rococoe and Scroll ornamentation. Has every modern feature of convenience. The top over plate is so constructed that there is no possible chance for ASHES to drop into the OVEN, and is made so that it can be easily removed without dismantling the stove—if necessary. This plate is made in one piece, including the swell on the sides, and is guaranteed against fire crack.

Found Only In The Superb Line

Also, is the LOCK CENTER—fills a long felt want. The trade all appreciate its merits at once and the housekeeper is made happy when she realizes she is no more to be annoyed with buckling or warping centers—causing uneven tops. This device has been thoroughly tested and never failed, and is fully guaranteed. No other line of stoves have these special features as they are covered by patents. Buy a Superb and get the best.



WE STAND FOR
QUALITY

**MCLEAN
HARDWARE
COMPANY**

Buy your wife a cook stove, you know she needs it. You will find the best is the Superb. McLean Hardware Co.

J. S. Rogers moved the first of the week into the house formerly occupied by W. B. Upham.

Campbell caught, but that cuts no ice with McLean Hardware Company, they still lead in sales and quality in all kinds of stoves.

Mesdames T. W. Henry and J. B. Hext went down to Alanreed Tuesday to be present at the election of officers of the Woodmen Circle at that place. They report the lodge in excellent shape and the ladies well up in their work.

Shake your grate and turn on the steam is all you have to do when you get up—if you have a Vortex. McLean Hardware Company.

Dr. C. E. Donnell returned Sunday afternoon from a trip to Dallas, where he attended the meeting of the state medical association. He also went on an excursion to Galveston while away and reports a most enjoyable trip.

Program B. Y. P. U.

All young people and old are invited to join the union.

Leader—Ernest Clark.

Subject—Practical Christian Duties.

Joining the Church—Num.

10:29; Ruth 1:26; Acts 2:41, 42

Acts 11:24; Acts 6:14; Acts 16:5

Song.

Baptism—Matt. 3:13, 16; Mark

28:19; Acts 8:36, 38; Acts 9:2

Acts 26:33; Rom. 6:3; 1 Pet. 2:2

—Ruby Rice.

The Lord's Supper—Matt. 26

26; Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23

28, 29; Acts 2:42—Cora Cash.

Brotherly Love—John 13:34

35; 1 Thes. 4:0; Rom. 12:10. 1

Ae4. 1:22; 1 John 2:10; 1 John

4:20; 1 John 4:7, 8, 11; 1 John 3:8

1 Pet. 4:8; Rom 13:8; 1 Tim. 1:5

Gal. 5:14; Heb. 13:1—Mr. Bentley.

Song.

Select Reading—Lizzie McMillan.

Motto by members.

Remember we stand for quality. McLean Hardware Co.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

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McLEAN

TEXAS

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year\$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at McLean, Texas, under the Act of Congress.

SATURDAY a good farmer said to us: "Hit 'em again on the good roads proposition." He has the right idea. The subject of good roads should be in the mouth of every farmer and business man in the McLean country, but they must also do some of the hitting. Let us all make a long strong pull for the betterment of our highways. The benefits will outstrip the cost. Supposing there are five hundred able bodied citizens in this vicinity who pay five dollars a year as road duty. That would total \$2,500, which would be a small sum with which to undertake road improvement, but it would pay five per cent interest on \$50,000 and that amount added to what would come from the rail roads and other large interests in the county would put our roads in excellent shape. Is not the proposition feasible? Could you not easily put from two to five dollars an acre more on your land if you had number one good roads to market? Think it over and say what you think.

If the city has not the funds to build a callaboose, there should be some steps taken by the citizens to build one and take script until such time as there is money in the treasury to repay them. The need of a stronghold is very apparent, for instance, on Monday afternoon there was a "tourist" at the depot who had neither money nor friends and was cold and hungry. The terrific norther that was blowing would have frozen him to death had he been turned out and told to hike, and yet what was to be done with him. The hotels would not take a dirty tramp into their house; the city marshal could not sit up all night some place with him and guard him and keep him a fire. A few of the business men subscribed to a fund and a bed was finally located for him, but neither the marshal nor the city received any remuneration. We have an

ordinance providing for the punishment of vagrants, but how are they to be punished if we have no place to keep them? Ten or twelve dollars, or its equivalent in street work, from every vagrant and other offender would soon total a sum sufficient to pay for a jail. What do you think of it?

On Saturday, the 15th instant, the people of the city will vote on the question of keeping up all stock within the city limits from the 15th of October until the 15th of March, each year, and every voter should exercise his suffrage on this question. Saturday a farmer drove to town with a load of hay for the market. He stepped into a business house to see about selling his hay and was invited to take a seat and thaw himself out, but he replied, "I can't do it, my hay is out there and the hungry cows are after it." A little later in the day we saw a sack of flour spilled in the street where some cow had ripped it open and dragged it off of some man's wagon. It is such depredations as this that cause farmers to want to go somewhere else with their produce. We will not have a vote, but we have a cow and we will gladly keep her up.

THROUGH the efforts of the Hereford Commercial club and the persuasion of her citizens, quite a few farmers in that vicinity have promised to experiment next year with broom corn and we hope they will find the experiment successful. There are a number of farmers in this section who have also signified their intention to give it a trial. It will undoubtedly pay a larger dividend than Indian corn, and we hope those who try it will be able to tell their neighbors of the fact.

TEXAS has so far this year ginned 553,000 more bales of cotton than any other state in the

union. Her total, according to the ginners' report, is 2,210,000 bales, while her nearest competitor, Georgia, has 1,698,000 bales. And the majority of this record breaking is done way down in east and north Texas, the sorriest part of the state—compared with the great Panhandle.

Mr. Chambers Will Help

J. H. Chambers was a caller at the News office Tuesday morning and expressed himself as pleased with the proposition of holding a county fair next fall, and especially with the announcement that premiums will be offered early in the year in order that those so inclined can make all arrangements to produce the best results. Continuing he said: "I intend to talk the matter up at every opportunity and see no reason why we may not have an excellent showing here of every kind of plant that will grow in this altitude. I am sure that the majority of the farmers will interest themselves in the matter. I am not farming much now, but will make some special efforts along the line of vegetables and small fruit, and would suggest to those raising berries and grapes, and all kinds of fruit for that matter, that they watch for good specimens all through the season and when they find one keep it for exhibition. If they are not prepared to use alcohol as a preservative, they can use a strong solution of salt and water and the fruit will keep in perfect shape. We should pull for a first class fair." Mr. Chambers is one of the old time Grayson county farmers who knows how and we hope his advice will be heeded.

Announcement.

Elder W. W. Brewer, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, will preach at the church of Christ Saturday evening and Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Brewer preached here about a year ago and will be remembered as an excellent exponent of the faith he espouses.

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MAY GOLDEN	Topsy's Cousin	Miss McMurtry
MRS. CLARENDON	Topsy's Mother	Miss Merritt
MISS SPRIGGS	Topsy's Governess	Miss Helm
LORD CLARENCE	A Rich Englishman	Weaver Voyles
FRANK GOLDEN	May's Brother	Roy Rice
DEACON JONES	A Pillar of the Church	H. W. Mullis
NED	A Servant	W. R. Patterson

SYNOPSIS

ACT I

Scene I.—Mrs. Clarendon's Parlor—The Deacon almost proposes to Miss Spriggs—Topsy Turvy interrupts the scene and shows up a little of the Deak's character—The second rascal appears—"That's the bombardment of Santiago"—Poor Miss Spriggs resigns her position—"Oh, Heavens, what now? It's Topsy Turvy."

Scene II.—The thunder storm arouses uncanny feelings in the Deacon's mind—The ghost—Ned arrives—"Dis yere's a b-b-bug house, sah"—The ghost and the Deacon—The two rascals appear—"Golly, whareber dat skal-e-wag ob a gal is, ebber ting just done get topsy turby, sure's yo' born."

ACT II

Scene I.—The arrival of Lord Clarence—Miss Spriggs has troubles of her own—The two rascals hold a council of war—Ned hears his sentence—"I's a gone coon suah's yo' bohn."

Scene II.—One proposal interrupts another—"Do you mean to say that you didn't say what you just said you didn't say, say?"—Miss Spriggs consents to fill poor Jennie's place—Another trick on the poor negro.

Scene III.—Topsy Turvy makes friends with Lord Clarence—"Hi wonder if she thinks Hi ask her if she don't know"—The Deacon and Miss Spriggs are married and the poor negro excites the angry passions of the bridegroom—The two rascals appear again and take part in the proceedings.

ACT III

Scene I.—Ned makes a contract with Lord Clarence—May's jealousy gets the better of her good sense—Ned, in trying to fulfill his contract, falls into the hands of his tormentors—"You chilluns don't play fair, no how"—A trick on the negro.

Scene II.—Mrs. Jones begins to think marriage is a failure—Topsy gives her a lesson on how to handle a husband—Mrs. Jones demonstrates the lesson—Frank and Topsy witness the Deacon's surrender—"Confound the luck, I guess I've married into a hornet's nest."

Scene III.—Ned explains the situation to Lord Clarence—May talks unguardedly—Mr. and Mrs. Jones' visit rudely terminated by one of the rascals—May goes to meet her fate, but fate comes to meet her—"Hi 'ave won the love of a loving woman, not an avacilous one, don't you know"—"Golly, whareber dat skal-e-wag ob a gal is, ebber ting just done get topsy turby, suah's yo' bohn."

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If such there be, go mark him well,
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The man who never ask for trade
By local line or ad displayed
Cares more for rest than worldly gain,
And patronage but gives him pain.

Tread lightly, friends, let no rude sound
Disturb his solitude profound.
Here let him live in calm repose
Unsought except by men he owes

And when he dies go plant him deep
That naught may break his dreamless
sleep;

Wherein no clamor may dispel
The quiet that he loved so well;

And that the world may know its loss
Place on his grave a wreath of moss;
And on a stone above, "Here lies
A chump who wouldn't advertise."

—Rolla Sharpshooter.

Shoot The Dude.

The father who raises a son to manhood and neglects to teach him some avocation by which he can earn an honest living, makes a serious and sometimes fatal mistake. The big, brawny, stapping young fellow in blue overalls, with bare arms black with coal and grease, who slings a heavy sledge-hammer eight or ten hours a day, or heaves ton after ton of coal into a flaming furnace, may not look quite so neat, sweet and kissable as the spider legged dude in a tailor made suit of clothes, but when it comes down to a bread and meat proposition the latter individual is lost in the shuffle. No matter, particularly, what trade or avocation a man follows, just so it is honest and legitimate, and the man has the inclination and ability to do the task well. A first-class, ignorant wood chopper who is willing to work is worth all the educated vagabond that you could pack inside a forty acre lot. Young boys should be educated, but they should be taught something practicable—that in any event renders them independent, so far as making a living is concerned. —K. Lamity's Harpoon.

Believes in Kaffir.

J. W. Steffey, who lives near Alanreed, was in the city Monday and made the News office a short call. Mr. Steffey is one of the best farmers in this section and is making quite a success of his business. He reports that this year he gathered off a piece of land fifty by one hundred yards in size nearly six hundred

bundles of fine kaffir corn. In the assortment of samples we carried to the Dallas was a few heads from this field and they were among the best. Mr. Steffey says he can make more money year for year raising kaffir corn than he can raising Indian corn, as it is absolutely certain and will usually yield more per acre.

Results Satisfactory.

Geo. Weaver called at the News office Monday afternoon and in the course of conversation said that he is finding his feeding experiment entirely satisfactory so far. The recent cool and wet weather has sharpened their appetites and they are putting on flesh rapidly. Mr. Weaver is engaged at present breaking sod and intends to put his entire place, with the exception of about fifteen acres, in cultivation next year.

Roy Ballard Honored.

Roy Ballard, who graduated from the Dallas High School last Summer, is named as one of the three debaters who represented the Washington-Lee Literary Society in a debate at Washington and Lee University. —Dallas News.

Roy is a McLean boy, son of Dr. W. E. Ballard, and his many friends will be glad to note the honorable recognition of his ability.

Have You a Spare Room?

It should be remembered that during the week of November 20-25 we will have as our guests a number of county teachers

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who will be here to attend the institute and every home in the city that has a bit of spare room should be thrown open to the entertainment of these guests. If you think you could entertain one or more of the visitors let the fact be known to Judge Wolfe or any of the teachers and the courtesy will be very much appreciated.

Severe Storm.

The worst storm so far this season arrived Monday when the wind drifted to the northwest and blew with terrific force all afternoon and night. While the thermometer did not register very low the dry hard wind was exceedingly disagreeable and considerable suffering among stock was occasioned.

Saturday School

In order to give special impetus to his class in mathematics, Mr. Horton has adopted the plan of giving them three hours instruction in this one subject every Saturday morning. All who will be requested to attend and the apparent indifference that has been manifested in this branch is rapidly giving place to a keen interest. The gentleman is to be commended on his unselfish interest in the advancement of his pupils.

Notice

Owing to the fact that a change in business, which of course matures all wholesale bills, and these obligations must be met and I therefore insist that all who are indebted to the Palace Drug store will call and settle without delay.

Thanking each and every one for their past patronage and trusting all will call on me in the future for anything in my line, I am, Very Respectfully,

Will H. Langley.

Here to Stay

R. H. Collier is in McLean again and this time to stay. His family arrived this week and they are for the present staying at the McCullough home, but will probably go to housekeeping in the near future.

Bought at Alanreed

F. M. Barker of Alanreed was a business visitor in the city Friday and Saturday of last week, and while here paid for the News to be sent to his address. The gentleman recently purchased the Claude Cox place, where he will make his home in future.

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