

## We Entertain the Panhandle Editors April 13

### Home Trade Vs. Ordering

Some few weeks back I read a much interest some articles in your paper on "Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs. the Home Merchants." I have been anxiously waiting to see more in your columns on this subject, but presently the writers considered the matter exhausted and quit. With your permission I would like to call the attention of your readers to some few facts that are to my mind. It is conceded generally, that the reason we patronize mail order houses is because the home merchant doesn't carry in stock such goods as the customer wants; at that is one argument. Another is "the prices are high" to the customer. I say these are arguments; they are not without some foundation. But people ought to be reasonable and consider that it takes much capital to keep in stock a sufficient variety of goods everybody (and many of these are seldom wanted) at the merchant's money is tied up, and in many cases lost, and the count of said articles going "style".

We are living in a progressive age. Why, forty years ago a little store at the "cross roads" supplied the needs of the community—and I'll venture to say that the merchants of McLean today supply the needs of the people as I said, we are no longer satisfied with our

NEEDS, but our WANTS have gotten a bigger place in our minds than our needs; hence, one can readily see why the country merchant cannot supply everybody. The mail order house can because their trade reaches over such a vast territory, and they never "charge" an article, but it is always "paid in advance".

I dare say that if all those who patronize mail order houses would step in the store of their local merchant, give him their order and plank down the spot cash with the order, then wait as patiently as they do with the mail order house, pay the express or freight, they could get just as good prices and the local merchant would make a little profit, too. Why could he make a profit? Because he has nothing invested, no risk to run, no insurance to pay on those orders and no accounts standing on his books.

But, says the customer, I always pay for what I get, and I can get it just as cheap as he can. We will admit that to be true, but he is in the business and you are not. Again, Mr. Customer, it is not right for you to expect the merchant to buy your eggs, chickens, butter, peas, beans; in fact, all your little produce, and you not trade with him. It is not right for you to buy only such things from your merchants that wouldn't pay you to order, such as sugar, flour, coal oil and many other articles too heavy to pay freight on, and on which the local merchant makes no profit. I say it is not right.

Did you every stop to think

who it is that helps to keep up local government? How much does Sears, Roebuck pay towards your pastor's salary, maintaining our school (and we are proud of our fine school building) where your children receive their education, the city taxes to improve your home town, and which indirectly increases the value of your home? Who visits you when you are sick and takes care of your loved ones? Go to the tax collectors and find out how much taxes Sears, Roebuck pays towards keeping up the county expenses, working the roads, etc. If the merchants didn't invest their money here there would be no town, no school like we have. In all probability the railroad would not have a depot here.

Now, I do not mean to say that the merchants make these things exist, but it takes the customers as well. There should be a greater spirit of unity and if McLean ever amounts to anything there MUST be. You have your home here and many have property to rent and for sale, and yet complaining because there are no buyers nor renters. Quit sending your money away, and build up the business of your own town; that will bring more business here in the different lines and soon will have a little city to be proud of. Your property will increase in value because there will be a demand for it. We will have better schools and churches, better business, cheaper goods and everybody will FEEL better and be in better humor with each other.

Show me the community where the mail order houses are not patronized and I'll show you a wide-a-wake little town, one that is building up and is prosperous. "Man cannot live unto himself alone." Nor can a town prosper where its citizens patronize the mail order houses. I believe in reciprocity first, last and all the time, and I believe in being loyal to my friend, neighbor, merchant; to my own town, county and state.

I have no money to help build up the wealth of Sears, Roebuck, Seigel, Cooper or any other Jew house.

Finally, let me admonish you and all to spend your money at home, where you can indirectly get some of the benefits and you can have a good conscience, feeling that you have done nothing that you would be ashamed to show your merchant in the face, and shaking him with a hearty hand shake and brotherly love.

Yours for prosperity,  
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## R. A. THOMPSON

Who will open up a NEW clean up to date stock of Dry Goods about March 20 in the Christian-Cousins building. One door north McLean Hardware Co.

Every dollars worth of Goods NEW.

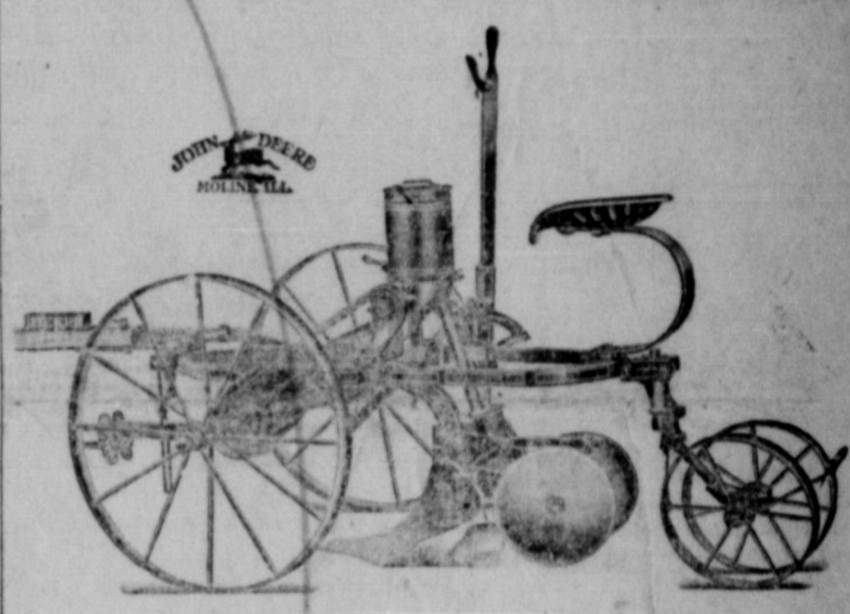
### Another Bad Snow Storm

The storm god of the icy north appears to have a grudge against this particular section the repaying of which has cost him many brilliant efforts during the present winter season, and on Tuesday of last week it looked like he had exhausted his utmost resource in the mad fury of his onslaught, but nixy.

He decended upon our coasts last Sunday morning with re-enforced energy and for eighteen long hours his fiendish deviltry held sway and his blinding, raging tempest of wind and snow swept over us, through us, about us and darn near froze us.

A lot of the above talk we copied out of an old rhetoric, but the main facts in the case were about as represented. The Sunday storm was the worst in two and in the history of ten inches of snow to our midst, the snow lying up in huge drifts as we have been used to see among live-stock during the winter season but the snow is probably the worst in many days of both years.

It is the hardest of the Panhandle, the worst of old times, and certain that 1912 will be a good crop year. If there is a drought in an early season and a rough season we feel confident of a good crop year.



This is The Best One Made

No Use to Look for Another

## McLean Hardware Co.

### Go Cook

By Herman Soelte.

from one to six cooks pay the Panhandle and the cooks in small railroad.

### Restaurant Changes Hands.

A deal was consummated last week whereby Frank Pleasant purchased the interest of H. C. Gardenhire in the Bon Ton Restaurant and has actively engaged in the business.

Mr. Gardenhire and wife have moved to Jericho where the former has engaged in the hotel business, having leased the Lyon Hotel in that city.

### COTTON SEED—Parties intending planting cotton this year should see Scott Johnston for seed.

He is the local agent for the Mebane cotton—a five lock, Panhandle raised variety. Matures early and evenly. Prices reasonable.

Why not advertise that butter you have to sell; or those chickens or any thing else you have that you don't need. A "For Sale" ad will bring results.

### Socialist Call.

Alanreed, Texas, 2-10-12.

The Socialists of the Alanreed Precinct, Gray County, met in mass meeting and after organizing appointed W. K. Stokes a committee of one to get in communication with Socialists in all other precincts of the County for the purpose of appointing a time and delegates to a meeting at LeFors for the purpose of organizing the County of Gray for the coming political campaign.

All Socialists interested will please write him at Alanreed.

### Road Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the public road leading from the south side of McLean to the north side of Alanreed will be opened on the first of next April, and all parties along this road are requested to have their fences up by this time. This road was declared open by the Commissioners Court two years ago and they have given me positive instructions to have it open on the date named.

A. H. Blebrich, OVERSEER.

Wanted—To trade for for small small gentle team, mules preferred. Would buy if price is right. Jas. F. Heasley.

## Union Trading Co.

T. U. SALMON Mgr.

We handle reale state and livestock, coal, grain and hay. you have anything for sale let us know about it—that is our business. We buy everything the farmer raises and pay the cash. See us about country produce. We are going to start things to MOVING right away.

## We Accommodate All Classes

Many persons keep their money in this bank, that they may have it within ready reach when needed for daily use; some keep it here awaiting oppotunities for investment; others, to avoid the risk and annoyance of loaning, keep their money here as an investment.

It will be seen that we accommodate all classes.

## Citizens State Bank

McLEAN, TEXAS

## READ THIS

List what you have to sell or what you want to buy or what you have to trade on our exchange book. If you have a horse to sell there may be a want registered for that very horse on our exchange book. Cows, hogs, mules, farm implements, feed, grain, etc. You may find just what you want, or sell what you have or trade what you don't need for something you have to have. Try it once. It costs our customers nothing.

Respectfully,  
J. E. CLEM,  
Prop, Guilford Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.

OR WALLS AND CEILING PAPER YOU CAN HAVE IT at 10 cents and 15 cents per roll and address to the Prop, Guilford Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.

INFAILLIBLE FOR WEAR SORE EYES

FOR YOUR PROTECTION see the name on the wrapper and the name on the wrapper and the name on the wrapper.



## Building Material

Brick is Most Suitable for Many Reasons

By THOMAS LACY, Worcester, Mass.



HE value of a building material is determined by its adaptability, its durability and the fire protection it affords. Any architect or builder, not suffering from cementitis, will tell you that brick is the most plastic of building material. It furnishes a unit which lends itself to all the intricacies of construction. Beauty of design, strength of building and convenience are all in turn served by it and its limitations are set only by the capacity and imagination of the architect or engineer who uses it.

To the architect who is an artist in color as well as form, and who disdains the pot-boiler, the use of burnt clay material, is indispensable. He knows the harmonies of color that can be wrought with brick and terra-cotta. Indeed, I believe that the demand for a building material of a nature that includes the possibilities of color is continually growing, and accounts in a large measure for the ever-increasing use of brick.

Enough is commonly known concerning the lasting qualities of brick to remove that phase out of the realm of discussion. If the ancient temples along the Nile were to be torn down the brick with which they were built could be safely used again for new buildings, despite the centuries since they were manufactured.

As to fire protection, we again seem to be discussing the obvious. One has but to remember that brick is made perfect by fire, and has to pass through 1,000 to 1,800 degrees of heat before it is ready for the builder. In a conflagration, stone, cement and other building materials are melted and resolved back to sand and carbon, before the heat experienced by brick in its original baptism of fire has been reached. Many a fire has been stopped by a good, stout brick wall when stone, steel and cement have failed.

Mr. F. W. Fitzpatrick, consulting architect of the International Society of State and Municipal Building Commissioners and Inspectors, in an article in McClure's Magazine, says: "The average man who is at all observant must have noticed that granite and marble and sandstone and limestone and steel and concrete spall, disintegrate and are greatly damaged by heat and fire. It is therefore more logical in building external walls to use in place of any of these a material that is not affected by fire. Brick that has gone through intense heat in its manufacture has best stood the test of flames and heat, so why not use it instead of the damageable material?"



A good deal of perplexity is added to our world by the lack of correspondence between the thermometer and the human body as indicators of weather conditions.

The thermometer is a device which indicates one thing and only one thing, and that is the relative amount of heat in the air. The thermometer is unaffected by either moisture or wind. It registers exactly the same in moist air and in dry air, and also in still air and in air moving 100 miles an hour—if the amount of heat is the same.

The human body, on the other hand, takes account not only of the amount of heat, but also of the moisture and the motion of the air. A wind of thirty or forty miles an hour will add to the body several degrees of cold beyond the temperature indicated by the thermometer. Ten degrees below zero by the thermometer may be twenty degrees below to the human body if a high wind is blowing. That is, moving air which is ten degrees below zero may be as cold to the body as twenty degrees of still air.

The thermometer is purely a heat indicator and is, hence, an imperfect reporter of weather conditions from the standpoint of the body. I have often noticed errors in human judgment arising from a lack of knowledge of this fact.

The death of John Bigelow calls attention to the beauty of the old who die in the full possession of their faculties—in the vigor of old manhood. Yet the full possession of the faculties at old age—yes, the attainment of old age itself—lies greatly with the individual.

The individual by regulation of diet and drink may live long. Perhaps one of the greatest deterrents to longevity is the common practice of eating too much. Nearly everybody eats overmuch, particularly of meat.

The eating of too much meat causes ferments and toxins in the body that are injurious and result in the breaking down of the kidneys. Too much food lays on fat and too much fat is a deterrent to good health.

As to drinking, everybody should drink four pints of water at least daily. The water, however, must be soft and pure, as hard water carries too much lime with it.

By careful dieting, careful drinking and letting intoxicating liquors strictly alone, and with some gentle exercise, one should live to a ripe, vigorous old age.

What are the wages of professional man cooks? There are great differences, because there are so many different cooks, good, bad and indifferent.

There are chefs, sauciers, second cooks, soup cooks, broilers, roast cooks, fry cooks, cold meat cooks, chafing dish, etc. Some know how to handle all of these stations, some handle a few, and some only one.

This covers only the first-class hotels and restaurants. Their pay is as follows: The chef, from \$150 to \$750 a month; cooks, \$50 to \$150 a month.

But restaurants and hotels that have \$10 to \$30 a week, and again, the camp cook and eating houses get from \$30 to \$70 a month.

## Schedule of Wages for Cooks

## Cardinal Lace



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The interest throughout the country in the return of Cardinal Farley from Rome is responsible for this piece of neckwear, designed from decorations on ecclesiastical robes. The smallest particle of lace is caught together in front by a brooch, but the back has all the decoration in unbroken lines.

### MODEL MADE UP IN TWEED

Soft, Fine Material Should Be Selected for This Smart, Though Severely Simple Style.

A soft fine tweed is selected for our model, which is smart and simple in style, and has the skirt cut to fit plainly round the hips; it is trimmed at foot by a deep band of plain cloth to match the check in the material; the upper part is shaped up in front and has the edge turned in and laid over the lower; a row of stitching in silk is worked at edge.

The bodice has a piece of the cloth let in at center of front and back; material straps piped with the cloth

### CURTAINS IN THE BEDROOM

Economy May Be Combined With Good Taste in the Manner Described in This Article.

In making curtains for the bedroom windows you can economize in material by selecting swiss or scrim the width of the window. Now measure off the length you desire the curtains and cut the material from corner to corner on the bias. In other words, cut from the lower left-hand corner to the upper right-hand corner.

To this bias edge apply a ruffle either of the material or of coarse lace.

Finish the joining seam neatly by stitching a strip of featherstitched braid or a narrow bias fold over the ruffle and seam edge.

Now finish the broad straight edge at the top with a hem and narrow casing, through which is run a tape the length of the width of the window. The curtains are then shirred over the tape or small brass rods and attached to the windows.

Drape them to each side of the window with ribbons or cotton cords, and you will have a pair of very good-looking curtains, made from the quantity of material generally employed in making one curtain.

### Beaded Photograph Frame.

Among the decorative articles made of beads, and one you can make yourself as a holiday gift, none is prettier than the beaded frames.

These are made on a groundwork of net. The beads are sewed on in any pretty design you may fancy, are lined with a bright-colored satin and mounted on square, oblong or oval frames.

An attractive square frame is made on silver net, with a border of tiny opal beads showing a vine design running through it.

A conventional fleur-de-lis in silver and bottle green beads decorate each corner. The whole is mounted over green satin.

Beaded frames will remain in fashion longer than most articles decorated with beads that are finding so much favor now.

### Veils Match Hats.

Plain hexagons of rather heavy mesh, dotted and fancy fine meshes and the familiar cobweb or shadow designs in veillings should not be overlooked by the shopper who needs a smart finish for her runabout tailored suit of serge or a smart mixture suit and a simple, natty hat. The veil should be as nearly as possible the shade of the hat's brim and its trimmings, and in this instance not an elaborate detail of the costume. Lace veils, on the contrary, may be made a prominent feature of the afternoon's reception costume with which they are usually worn and the wisest choice in these is a black and white chintilly. For motoring the newest and smartest thing in veillings is chiffon, with an embroidered border done in wools of contrasting color like green on navy, brown on tan or black on purple.

### Cretonne Covered Frames.

Cretonne covered picture frames for bedrooms are easily made. When selecting your cretonne purchase a piece with colors that harmonize with the furnishings in your bedroom.



are taken over shoulders at the edge of yoke, which is of lace to match under-sleeves; the over-sleeves have straps piped with cloth sewn on the outside.

Hat of stretched satin to match cloth, swathed in a lighter colored nylon and trimmed at side with a feather mount.

Materials required: 3 1/2 yards tweed 46 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard cloth 46 inches wide, 1/2 yard lace.

### Outlook for Fancy Jabots.

Fancy jabots on the cascade order and the flat types, some suggesting bows, are expected to be in demand, says the Dry Goods Economist. These will be produced in attractive laces that will suit them for wear with simple dressy waists and dresses. These, like the side frills and flat revers, will be shown separate and attached to stock collars

## HE WAS SOMEWHAT PEEVED

Attendant at Spiritualistic Seance Considered Himself Aggrieved and Said So.

Charles M. Cross of Indianapolis thinks variety adds spice to life, so he went to a spiritualistic service.

It was a lively affair with sepulchral voices sounding through trumpets, tambourines playing mysteriously in mid air, and cold, clammy hands of partially materialized men and women making free in the dusky room with those who were in the flesh. In the midst of it something dealt Mr. Cross a vicious whack on the nose and he called for lights in a tone not to be disobeyed. With the light the circle as disclosed was all natural and human again. The most human member of it was Mr. Cross, with a bloody nose, spilling for a fight and all the "madder" because he did not know whom to fight.

"Who did that?" he demanded of the medium.

The medium said the gay spirit was that of St. Peter.

But even this explanation did not satisfy Mr. Cross.

"Well, all I ask of St. Peter," he said, "is to materialize for just one minute and if I don't make a vacancy for a new gatekeeper I won't ask to get in."—Indianapolis News.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT BLUING.

Talk No. 10.

Be thrifty on this little thing. Don't accept water for bluing. Think of it, a little dab of bluing in a large bottle of water. Give me 10 cents. Well I guess not.

Buy RED CROSS BALL BLUE Best bluing value in the whole world for the consumer. Makes the whole family smile. Large packages. AT YOUR GROCERS.

## Dental Operation on Pony.

A remarkable operation has been performed by a Wanstead (Eng.) veterinary surgeon on a pony which had a bad fracture of the lower jaw. After injecting cocaine and wiring the teeth together, the surgeon drilled a hole through the jawbone, and the broken parts were then firmly drawn together by strong silver wire. The pony is expected to make a complete recovery.

## The Commander.

"Does Mrs. Peck's husband command a good salary?" "He earns a good salary; she commands it."

Let us then be what we are, and thus keep ourselves loyal to truth.—H. W. Longfellow.

## WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders of sex should write to Dr. Pierce and advice of a physician of over 40 years—a skilled and successful specialist of women. Every letter of this sort careful consideration and is regarded confidential. Many sensitively made fully to Dr. Pierce what they would tell to their local physician. The is pretty sure to say that he cannot without "an examination." Dr. Pierce these distasteful examinations are less, and that no woman, except

Dr. Pierce's treatment will your own home. His "F" hundreds of thousands, so

It is the only medicine of its kind in the world. The only one good enough ingredient on its outside wrapper. No alcohol and no habit-forming ulous medicine dealers may offer you with your health. Write to World V. Pierce, President, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Indigestion

is not only very distressing results if neglected.

Nervousness, nausea, stomach, dizziness, sickness, fullness after eating, are or stomach trouble, an treatment, as your strength largely upon your food.

You want quick and ailments, and you should of known merit.

Its 75 years of splendid of just such troubles, prove

## THEIR BLACK-

Safe, pleasant, get after-effects, it is sure to

Mr. Chas. A. Rag says: "I have been taken for indigestion and colds, and find it to be ever used for these conditions. After taking it for a few man; in fact, it makes a genuine Black-Draught stores. Price 25 cents

## Special Offer

This paper is printed from the SOUTHERN OIL & INK per pound. F. O. B. Savannah







WHEN YOU THINK OF DRUGS THINK OF ERWIN

INK OF ERWIN THINK OF DRUGS

### BON TON RESTAURANT

We have purchased the Al and Joe Restaurant and will be pleased to serve you in the most up-to-date manner with clean wholesome food. Try us.

Cooke & Pleasant, Props

### Bundy-Hodges Co.

Dealers in Dependable Merchandise  
Shoes, Gents furnishing and Groceries.

WE SOLICIT NEW BUSINESS

#### TRY CUCUMBERS.

The following clipping from a Houston paper furnishes information on an industry that could easily be made a paying one in this particular section. It refers to the culture of cucumbers and the probable price they will bring on the market. Farmers in this vicinity are authorized for the statement that cucumbers grow to profusion here and make enormous yields where properly cultivated and cared for. It might be well for the local truck growing association to look further into the matter with a view to introducing this crop if promises a lucrative return:

Bellville, Texas, January 21. —About one hundred people from the country and town attended the "cucumber" meeting held here at the court house Saturday. Editor A. L. Holland of the Bellville Times, was made chairman of the gathering and made a vigorous speech, urging the farmers to plant cucumbers for pickling. Mr. S. D. Price of the firm of Price and Booker, pickle manufacturers of San Antonio, was present, and stated in short the size cucumbers desirable for pickling purposes and that 50 cents per bushel would be paid for the product by his firm.

One hundred acres to be planted to cucumbers was promised by the farmers present and it is believed that two hundred acres can be figured on.

There is no section of the state better adapted to the practice of diversification than this and every product that will yield in paying quantities should be investigated and given a trial.

#### Work for the Editor.

Most anyone can be an editor. All an editor must do is to sit at his desk six days in the week, four weeks in the month and twelve months in the year and

"edit" such stuff as this:

"Mrs. Jones of Lost Creek let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry."

"A mischievous lad of Mether-ton threw a stone and struck a companion in the alley Tuesday."

"John Die climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch."

"While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from a church social last Saturday night a vicious dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green on the public square."

"Isiah Trimmer of Lebanon was playing with a cat Friday when it scratched him on the veranda."

"Mr. White, while harnessing a bronco last Sunday, was kicked just south of the corn crib."

--Ex.

#### Farm Implements for Sale.

We have on hand a few farm implements that we will close out at the following low prices for cash:

Moline A1 two-row cotton and corn planters, \$22.50

Moline rotary Dutchman double disc plows, \$40.00.

Moline King cotton planters, \$5.00.

A few Blue Bird walking plows at the same reduction.

These prices are 25 per cent less than wholesale cost.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

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#### Time Table.

Westbound—  
No. 41—1:04 p. m.  
No. 43—4:26 a. m.  
Eastbound—  
No. 42—12:15 a. m.  
No. 44—10:25 p. m.

### A New Dry Goods Store

R. A. Thompson of Sulphur Springs, Texas, arrived in the city Tuesday of this week to investigate local conditions with reference to the advisability of opening up a stock of general dry goods.

After conferring with prominent citizens and business men and looking the ground over carefully the gentleman reached the conclusion that existing conditions would warrant the venture. He made a lease contract for the Christian-Cousins store building, recently occupied by D. W. Owen, and same is being refitted and equipped to accommodate his needs.

In conversation with a News representative Mr. Thompson said:

"Having decided to locate in your midst, I did so after mature investigation. I have had my eye on this little city for the past two years and I believe that your people will easily support an institution of the character I intend to conduct. I do not intend to get, or even ask for all the dry goods business. My business principles will be guided by a spirit of fairness and honesty and by such methods I hope to get a share of the trade."

"I am leaving for St. Louis immediately, where I will buy my entire stock, and I intend to bring nothing to McLean but brand new stuff of the very latest patterns. I have been asked if I had an old stock to move here and wish to state positively that at the present time I do not own a nickel's worth of dry goods of any kind. Everything I get will come direct from the factory."

Mr. Thompson left Wednesday for St. Louis and hopes to have his goods here and open for business by the twentieth instant.

#### LeFors-Stephens.

At the home of the bride's parents, seven miles south of this city, on Monday afternoon of this week occurred the wedding of Miss Oree Stephens and Mr. Emmet LeFors, Rev. H. A. Goodwin officiating. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present.

The wedding was scheduled to take place on Sunday but on account of the terrific snow storm that was raging it had to be postponed. The young people left Monday afternoon for a short wedding trip, but failed to leave their friends any trace of their whereabouts, probably on account of the groom's antipathy for mule riding.

Miss Oree Stephens is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stephens, one of the first families to settle in this section of the country and she enjoys the friendship and admiration of a wide circle of acquaintances. Mr. LeFors is the eldest son of the late lamented Perry LeFors and Mrs. Emma LeFors, who were also early settlers, the former having moved to this country more than thirty years ago. Emmet is a straightforward manly young fellow whom to know is to like. Both the young folks have the best wishes of the News for a happy wedded life.

#### Hindman-Cooke.

A quiet wedding that came as a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties was consummated on last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Guell, when Miss Dot Cooke became the bride of Joe Hindman,

the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. A. Goodwin. Immediately after the ceremony the young people returned through the blinding blizzard to the Hindman Hotel where will make their home for the present.

Miss Cooke is the daughter of Louis Cooke of this city and was raised here. Mr. Hindman is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hindman and was also raised in this vicinity. Both of the young folks enjoy the friendship and esteem of hosts of friends who join the News in predicting for them a long and happily wedded life.

#### Mothers to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mother's Club will occur on next Friday afternoon, March 8th, at 3:30 p. m., and a most interesting program has been arranged. It is desired that every member attend and the general public is cordially invited.

Following is the program: Scripture reading—Mrs. B. F. Newton.

Lord's prayer in unison—Led by Mrs. F. L. Cooke.

Roll call—Response with a quotation.

Song—Audience.

Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report.

Paper, The Influence of the Teacher and Parent Over the Child's Life—Mrs. W. B. Upham.

Short business session.

Piano Solo—Mrs. O'Neal.

Round table discussion, Shall we take up civic work—Led by Mrs. R. P. Brown and closed by Mrs. J. W. Kibler.

#### Senior League Program.

Subject—Religion and Love. The tragedy of domestic unfaithfulness. The American home—Hos. 2:7, Matt. 19:3-9.

Duet—Luther Petty and Eula May Anderson (the selection to bear on religion and love)

Talk on subject—Leader.

Leader—Edith Stockton.

Paper, "The home in Pagan lands"—Alvah Christian.

Reading, "Our national problem"—Minnie Foster.

What is the proportion of divorce to marriage in this country and what is the remedy—Discussion by different members.

Song.

Business meeting with written reports.

Calling of roll and response with quotations on love.



### Excursions To

El Paso, Texas, account of Panhandle Stockmen's Convention, dates of sale March 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, return limit March 13th. Fare for round trip \$23.00. For one dollar deposited with agent of Railway of New Mexico tickets will be extended to March 25th if you desire to make a trip to Mexico City.

Fort Worth, Texas, account Fort Worth Fat Stock and Horse show March 18th to 23rd. Dates of sale March 16th to 21st, return limit March 27th. Fare \$12.00.

Dallas, Texas, account Texas Hardware and Implement Association. Date of sale March 25th and for trains due to arrive Dallas before 4 p. m. March 26th, limit March 31st. Fare \$10.85 for round trip.

D. A. DAVIS  
AGENT

### Furniture

One piece or 10  
It is cheap but good  
it.

J. A. GR

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the State of Texas, at the close of the month of February, 1912, published in the monthly report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, printed and published at McLean, Texas, of March, 1912.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or real estate .....  
Loans, real estate .....  
Overdrafts .....  
Real estate (banking house) .....  
Other real estate .....  
Furniture and fixtures .....  
Due from approved reserve agents .....  
Due from other banks and banks .....  
Cash items .....  
Currency .....  
Specie .....  
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund .....  
Assessment for Guaranty Fund .....  
Total .....

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in .....  
Surplus fund .....  
Undivided profits, net .....  
Individual deposits subject to call .....  
Time certificates of deposit .....  
Cashier's checks .....  
Bills payable and rediscounts .....  
Total .....

#### STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gray } We, D. S. H. Bundy as cashier of the State of Texas, do hereby swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 19th day of February, A.D. nineteen hundred and twelve, at the city of McLean, Texas.

[SEAL] W. R. Massey  
W. M. Massey  
J. L. Chabert  
W. E. Ball

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the State of Texas, at the close of the month of February, 1912, published in the monthly report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, printed and published at McLean, Texas, of March, 1912.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or real estate .....  
Loans, real estate .....  
Overdrafts .....  
Stocks and Bonds .....  
Real estate (banking house) .....  
Other Real Estate .....  
Furniture and fixtures .....  
Due from approved reserve agents .....  
Due from other banks and banks .....  
Cash items .....  
Currency .....  
Specie .....  
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund .....  
Total .....

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in .....  
Surplus Fund .....  
Undivided profits, net .....  
Due to banks and bankers, subject to call .....  
Individual deposits, subject to call .....  
Time certificates of deposit .....  
Cashier's checks .....  
Bills Payable and Rediscounts .....  
Total .....

STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Gray } We, R. Veatch as vice president of the State of Texas, do hereby swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 19th day of February, A.D. nineteen hundred and twelve, at the city of McLean, Texas.

[SEAL] W. R. Massey  
J. L. Chabert  
D. B. Ball  
R. H. Ball

## Things Are Moving

We are mighty well pleased with business we have been doing lately and to show our appreciation and our belief that the people of this community want first class service in every respect we have been buying heavily of all Spring and late winter goods of every kind. Our new stock is coming all the time and we are proud of the great variety of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes hats, etc. that we are now able to show you.

### Albatross Flour

We are selling that famous Albatross Flour and we stand behind it with a positive guarantee. It may not be the cheapest but is the best. Everything in the way of fresh groceries

BASSEL & WISE  
The Face-Makers



## Local Happenings

### Items of Interest About Town and County

I sell Standard and Canton pianos. S. O. Cook.

The Rock Island has been running occasionally this week.

The best pocket knives on earth can be found at the McLean Hardware Co.

Now balling was the order of the Monday.

Master Sunday is coming soon, for that New suit. Cooke & Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Yokley are spending week at the ranch.

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## Furniture For Sale

One piece or the whole lot. It is cheap but good. Come and see it.

**J. A. GRUNDY.**

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the Citizens State Bank, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 28th day of February, 1912, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 29th day of March, 1912.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	
Loans, real estate	
Overdrafts	
Real estate (banking house)	
Other real estate	
Furniture and fixtures	
Due from approved reserve agents	10,000.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	207.00
Cash items	1,000.00
Currency	1,000.00
Specie	3,400.00
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	
<b>Total</b>	

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	
Surplus fund	
Undivided profits, net	
Individual deposits subject to check	
Time certificates of deposit	
Cashier's checks	
Bills payable and rediscounts	
<b>Total</b>	

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray } We, D. N. MASSAY as president, S. H. BUNDY as cashier of said bank, each of us, do swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. N. MASSAY, President

S. H. BUNDY, Cashier

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of February, A.D. nineteen hundred and twelve. Witness my hand and seal on the date last aforesaid.

W. R. PATTERSON, Notary Public

Correct—Attest { W. M. MASSAY, J. L. CRABTREE, W. E. BALLARD } Directors

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the American State Bank, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 28th day of February, 1912, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 29th day of March, 1912.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal and collateral	
Loans, real estate	
Overdrafts	
Stocks and Bonds	
Real estate (banking house)	
Other Real Estate	
Furniture and fixtures	
Due from approved reserve agents	\$10,707.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	10,070.00
Cash items	2,328.00
Currency	7,348.00
Specie	1,984.00
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	
<b>Total</b>	

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	
Surplus Fund	
Undivided profits, net	
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	
Individual deposits, subject to check	
Time certificates of deposit	
Cashier's checks	
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	
<b>Total</b>	

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Gray } We, R. H. COLLIER, as president, D. B. VEATCH, Vice President, each of us, do swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. H. COLLIER, President

D. B. VEATCH, Vice President

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of February, A.D. nineteen hundred and twelve. Witness my hand and seal on the date last aforesaid.

(SEAL)

CORRECT—ATTEST: { W. R. PATTERSON, Notary Public, J. T. FOSTER, D. B. VEATCH, R. H. COLLIER } Directors

Buy a razor and do your skinning. McLean Hardware Co. has the kind that get the most hide. Try one—they are guaranteed to get the hair.

The Mothers' Club entertainment will be held at the school auditorium tomorrow (Saturday) night, having been postponed from last Friday night.

We have just received our new sample books for spring and Summer come in and order your clothes made to measure. Cooke & Cooke.

Messrs. Hulon Collier, Sam Erwin and Sidney Geren have returned from Oklahoma City, where they have been attending school.

Don't run the risk of sending away for watermelon seed when you can get guaranteed seed from S. B. Fast at 50 cents per pound.

Henry Thut was over from the county capital the first of the week and was detained here several days on account of the inclement weather.

J. W. Sugg and wife left latter part of last week for an extended visit with relatives and friends at Hooker, Okla.

The lecture scheduled to have been delivered by Rev. Weary Saturday night was postponed for thirty days on account of the severe weather.

D. Bassel left the first of the week for St. Joe, Mo., where he goes to purchase the spring stock of goods for the firm of Bassel & Wise.

Messrs. Hicks and McClellan received this week a peanut thrasher attachment for their machine and are now ready to handle the peanut crop.

Has anyone thought of the 1912 Gray County Fair? We should not fail to continue these annual affairs. They are helpful in many ways.

A cotton gin is crying need in this community and should be commenced at once. Who is sufficiently interested to make a move?

We call your attention to the add in this issue of the News relative to the W. A. Layburn sale of livestock, which will occur on the 12th of March.

Texas is receiving an immigration of 69,000 people per annum from other states in the union. Thanks—we need the people.

At the election held in Pampa recently that little city decided to incorporate and take her place among the progressives.

W. R. Patterson has removed the McLean Mercantile Co. bankrupt stock from the old Haynes building to the Jennings building first door south of the News office.

I have on hand a supply of pure hog lard of my own rendering. If you have to buy lard I would like to show you what I have. City Meat Market.

C. A. Cash and Son have moved their big stock of general merchandise from the Small building to their new store recently purchased from P. J. Sanders.

I sell goods that show up for what they are. Investigate and you will find that all leading hardware dealers are selling the lines I carry. S. O. Cook.

If you are behind on your subscription to the News, please pay it now. We need the money.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our rates for announcements are as follows, cash in advance:

District, county and state officers, \$10.00.

City and Precinct officers, \$5.00.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

J. B. PASCHALL.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:

SILER FAULKNER.

R. E. WILLIAMS.

FOR TREASURER:

HENRY THUT.

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

C. L. UPHAM.

FOR SHERIFF:

J. S. DENSON.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

E. D. FRAZIER.



### The Pure Drug Act

Would not have been a necessity if every drug store carried the kind and quality of drugs that we carry. Purity means health, and we are the people who want to keep you healthy. We have just received a large shipment of Nyal remedies and want you to try a bottle. Phone 6.

**Will H. Langley**

DRUGGIST

Roger Francis left Saturday for Sealia, Mo., where he goes for an extended visit with relatives friends. He visited with a brother at El Reno enroute.

Mrs. W. B. Hedrick and little Miss Jane McCullough are down from Amarillo for a visit with the R. E. Dorsey, R. H. Collier and C. B. Hedrick families.

There are lots of good implements in McLean and the rest of this world, but I handle the leading lines that are sold in this town. Canton and Standard. S. O. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Doucette and little son, Albert, were here the first of the week for a visit with Mrs. Doucette's mother, Mrs. Emma LeFors.

J. W. Sherrod of Alanreed has paid for the News to be sent to his daughters, Mrs. J. T. Todd at Norman and Mrs. John Rozellas at McComb, Okla.

Messrs. Kachelhoffer, Jackson and Dalrymple are engaged in building shelving and renovating the Christian-Cousins store building, getting it ready for occupancy by R. A. Thompson.

C. M. McCullough, formerly cashier of the American State Bank of this city, but now promoting the town-site of Slaton, Texas, is here this week visiting friends and shaking hands with his many friends.

It might be worth the while of local farmers to investigate to liberal prize offers for the best production of different crops by the Texas Industrial Congress. \$10,000.00 in gold is offered.

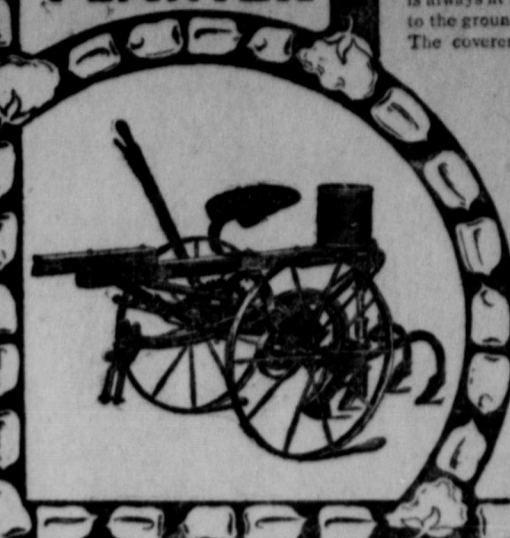
Yes, I will buy what you have to sell and pay you the money. Will also sell what you need in hardware line cheaper than you can buy elsewhere. S. O. Cook.

We call the attention of our readers to the bank statements in this issue of the News. The two local banks show a combined deposit of about \$108,000, while the Alanreed bank has about \$21,000. This tells the story of our prosperity.

We are requested to announce that Prof. J. W. Dennis and daughter, Miss Ethel, both noted singers, will attend the next meeting of the Wheeler County District Singing Convention, which occurs on the 16th of March at the Heald school house.

Another large shipment of the beautiful Thistleware just received at the McLean Hardware Co., consisting of water pails, Berlin kettles, tea kettles, double boilers, insets, dish pans, mending pans, mixing bowls, dippers, pie plates, milk pitchers and cups and saucers.

## THE CANTON NO. 11 COTTON AND CORN PLANTER



A combined Cotton Planter and Erieter, which can also be equipped as a Middle Breaker.

A superior feature is the one controlling the depth of plowing, as the bottom is always at the same angle in relation to the ground, whether set deep or shallow. The covers are controlled by pressure springs, allowing flexibility in crossing a depression or ridge.

Only one lever is required, and it is always within easy reach. An easy lift is secured by a balance spring. Has detachable hopper, sight feed, adjustable seat and foot rests.

The most popular cotton planter in the south, and one which never fails to do just what we claim for it. We desire to "show it off" and invite inspection.

**S. O. COOK**

## GARDENHIRE REALTY CO.

Established in 1899

We have sold more land in Gray county than all other real estate men. We sell land anywhere. If you want a home or want to sell one let us know. List your land with

**A. B. GARDENHIRE, McLean, Texas.**

OR

**B. F. GARDENHIRE, Cole Camp, Mo.**

Look for

## The Big Sign

We sell

- Coal
- Barbed wire
- Hog wire
- Red picket Fence
- Post
- Building material
- etc.

## Western Lumber Co.

S. R. JONES, Mgr.

## IN OUR NEW HOME

We have finished transferring our stock from the old and to our new home and we hope that we are now permanently located and invite the public to come to see us. We are daily enlarging our stock of both groceries and dry goods and can make you interesting prices together with the right kind of treatment.

### LET US SERVE YOU

We are still selling that good Amarillo Flour and we are standing behind it with a guarantee that

## IT IS BETTER

## C. A. Cash & Son

GENERAL MERCHANDISE



### Anchor Your Savings

No man can feel absolutely secure unless his savings are anchored in a good bank. We extend every courtesy and accommodation to our depositors that is in the bounds of reason and good business. We operate on a business basis and can offer the very best safeguard for your deposits. Come in today and make the start.

## American State Bank





**WAKE UP!**  
Shake off that tired feeling due to sluggish liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels.

Cleanse and purify your system with the greatest of tonics,

**OXIDINE**

—a bottle proves.

The Specific for Malaria, Chills and Fevers, and a reliable remedy for all diseases due to disorders of liver, bowels, stomach and kidneys.

50c. At Your Druggists

WACO, TEXAS.

**FORCE OF HABIT.**



Father—Now, if you ask me one single question more I'll send you to bed—

Son—Why?

**Kaiser as Writer.**

The German emperor, had he been born a commoner and chosen newspaper work as a profession, would without doubt have become one of the most famous journalists of the day. He has written a great deal which has never seen the light, but which will doubtless be published in the future. Recently the emperor assisted in the preparation of an article entitled "How the Kaiser Works," for the Strand Magazine, the proof sheets which he read and corrected himself.

**Consolation.**

Father (to his daughter's suitor)—I have sad news for you. I am ruined! I have lost everything!

Suitor—Console yourself, dear sir, with the thought that you are now in no danger of losing your daughter.

**Bostonese.**

Hokus—So that Boston girl said I wasn't worth my salt, eh?

Pokus—Well, she did remark that you were in inverse ratio to our chloride of sodium.—Puck.

A pretty girl doesn't have to propose during leap year, and a homely one is afraid to—but there's the strenuous widow.

**A TROUBLE MAKER**

Coffee Poison Breeds Variety of Ills.

A California woman who didn't know for twenty years what kept her ill, writes to tell how she won back her health by quitting coffee:

"I am 54 years old," she says, "have used coffee all my life, and for 20 years suffered from indigestion and insomnia. Life was a burden and a drag to me all the time, and about once a year my ailments got such hold upon me that I was regularly 'sick in bed' for several weeks each time.

"I was reluctant to conclude that coffee was the cause of my trouble, but I am thankful that I found out the truth.

"Then I determined to use Postum exclusively—for a week at first—for I doubted my ability to do without coffee for any length of time. I made the Postum carefully, as directed, and before the week expired had my reward in a perceptible increase in strength and spirits.

"Seeing the good that my short experiment had accomplished, I resolved to continue the use of Postum, cutting out the coffee entirely. This I did for nine months, finding, daily, increased cause for gratification at my steadily improving health. My indigestion gradually left me, my sleep returned, I gained 26 pounds in weight, my color changed from sallow to a fresh, rosy hue and life became a blessing.

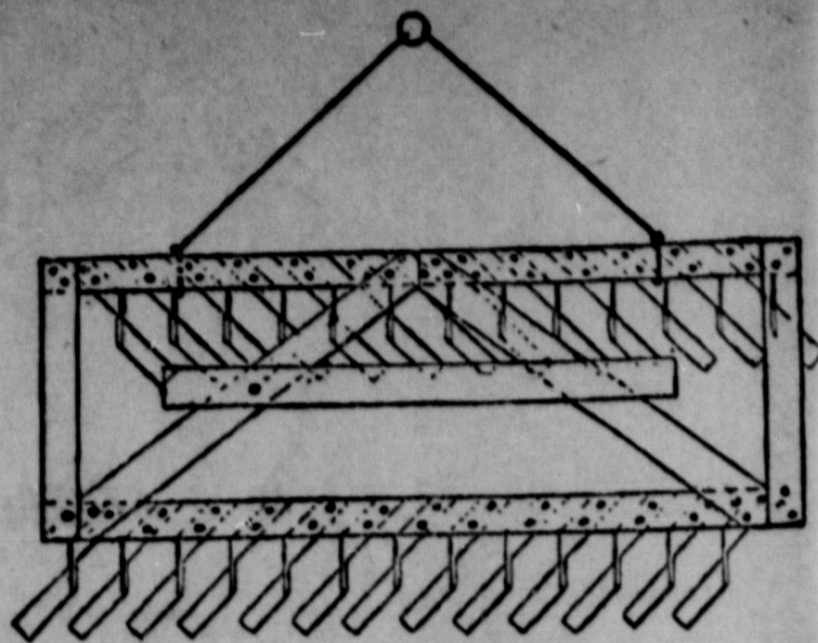
"Then I thought I would try coffee again, and did so for a few weeks. The punishment for deserting my good friend, Postum, was a return of my old troubles.

"That taught me wisdom, and I am now and shall be all my life hereafter using Postum exclusively and enjoying the benefits it brings me." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in plgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

**USEFUL IMPLEMENT IN ARID SECTIONS**



The implement shown in the illustration is used with good effect in the arid districts of Utah and other western states. It not only deals effectively with weeds, but also tends to level the surface and create the necessary "dust blanket" mulch. The implement consists of a rectangle, 10 by 4 feet, made of two-inch planks 8 inches wide. To the under side of the 10-foot planks are bolted nine knives, made from 1/2-inch steels, 24 inches long. The steel is bent eight inches from one end, so that it will drop down behind the plank. The knives

are bolted to the plank diagonally at an angle of 45 degrees by means of two bolts. The bend is about three inches deep, which allows the knives to work that distance below the surface of the ground. The long part of the steel below the bend is sharpened on the front side, so that weeds will be cut. The knives on the front slope to the right, while those on the rear plank slope to the left. This arrangement makes it impossible for any weeds to be missed, or any part of the ground to remain unstruck, thereby preparing a bed for rainfall.

**FOR SAVING MOISTURE INCREASED VALUE OF FARMS**

**Type of Soil Should Determine Depth of Plowing.**

Certain Kinds of Plows on Market which Have Tendency to Thoroughly Mix Soil From Bottom and Top of Furrow Slice.

(By ALVIN KEYSER, Colorado Agricultural College.)

The question of whether land should be plowed deeply or not is largely a question of the type of soil with which one has to work. If the soil is quite sandy, much shallower plowing will give better results than if the soil is a silt loam, a clay loam or adobe. Deep plowing should be performed for certain definite purposes; chief among these is making a deep reservoir to catch the water that falls. A sandy soil does not need such treatment because water penetrates a very sandy soil with very little difficulty without the deep plowing. Such a soil is also sufficiently loosened and aerated for crop growing purposes. On heavier soils, however, such as the silt loams, clays, clay loams and adobes, deep plowing is of decided advantage. It enables the precipitation obtained to penetrate the soil in which humus is blended. As a consequence deep plowing on the heavier soils is always of advantage if it is done sufficiently long before the crop is put in to allow nature through time and rainfall to properly compact the furrow slice. Such deep plowing is usually best accomplished by gradually increasing the depth, although there is no great damage done on ordinary soils by going down deeply at once.

There are certain types of plows on the market which have a tendency to thoroughly mix the soil from the bottom and the top of the furrow slice. Such plows can be used with safety to plow as deep as desired and do it at once, observing the precaution given above, viz., plowing a considerable period prior to the planting of crops.

Plowing is best done when the soil contains a degree of moisture which is just right to cause it to pulverize well when thrown out by the plow. If plowed in this condition deep plowing works no serious injury on the soil; in fact, it usually works a benefit. Deep plowing when the soil is very dry and lumpy unless followed by propitious rains, usually works injury.

**DRY FARM LAND THAT BLOWS**

Most Difficult Problem Perhaps Best Solved by Heavy Listing Crosswise to Prevailing Winds.

Much of the very best dry farming land is of such a loose nature that it blows badly. Theoretically, clays hold more moisture than sands and sandy loam, but the difficulty of maintaining a soil mulch allows so much escape of water by evaporation that this characteristic is largely offset.

How to stop blowing has been the most difficult problem, and is perhaps best solved by heavy listing crosswise to the prevailing winds. Here again theory and fact conflict, for it is evident that there is more surface exposed for evaporation on listed than flat ground and not only that, but the bottom of the furrow has no soil mulch until the furrows crumble somewhat. The fact, however, that the furrows catch the drifting snows must be taken into consideration, and in practice there will usually be a greater moisture content in spring in furrowed ground than that which is left level, besides which it holds the better the fine soil which drifts away so easily. Sand continually breaks down under cultivation and weathering, making a good soil of it if it can be retained.

**Census Bureau Gives Aggregate in the Arid and Semi-Arid Regions as \$10,488,000,000.**

The arid and semi-arid regions make a remarkable showing in farm values, according to the census taken last year.

A bulletin recently issued by the census bureau shows that the aggregate value of farm land in the sections named is \$10,488,000,000. This enormous value is all the more remarkable because of the contrast with the \$3,249,000,000 indicated by the census of 1900.

The value of farm land in the arid and semi-arid regions in 1910 was nearly half that of all the farm land in the United States ten years before that year. Whether values of this kind in other parts of the country increased in the same proportion or not, it is evident that they made a big advance; and from it all one may form an idea of the vast growth in the country's wealth from this source.

The census report should open the eyes of people in the east and middle west to the importance of that part of the country which lies west of the ninety-eighth meridian. It forms nearly half the area of the national domain outside Alaska and the insular possessions; and the great increase in farm land values in ten years suggests the importance of the part it will play in the national development of the future.

**POULTRY NOTES**

Hens relish a feed of boiled potatoes occasionally.

There is no better place for the incubator than a clean, dry cellar.

It is an easy matter to chill a lot of profit out of a hen this time of year.

Young hens should be depended upon for winter eggs.

Fowls for killing will be better for not having had food for from 10 to 12 hours before butchering.

As a layer the overfat hen is about as useless as the hen that is thin from not getting enough to eat.

Hens do their best laying before they are two years old. Hens more than two make the best sitters.

For successful work it is necessary to have good incubators, good eggs and good, common-sense management.

A chicken will drink as much water, proportionally, as a cow, and it is quite as important that it should have it.

Leg weakness is the result of a lack of mineral elements in the feed. Green feed and lime in some form are needed.

Having dropping boards made of matched lumber will save time and temper when it comes to cleaning them.

It costs more to keep a poor hen than it does to keep a good one. More worry, more vexation, more dissatisfaction.

Wherever cement floors are used short litter should cover them several inches deep. The bare floor is too damp and cold.

Keep the temperature of the egg chamber as near 103 degrees as possible, and keep the incubator away from the sunlight.

To encourage duck eggs, which are so greatly in demand during the winter months, the stock birds should be fed liberally.

An occasional drink of water in which ten drops of carbolic acid per gallon have been mixed is a recommended preventive of disease.

**IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS BY W.M.A. RADFORD.**

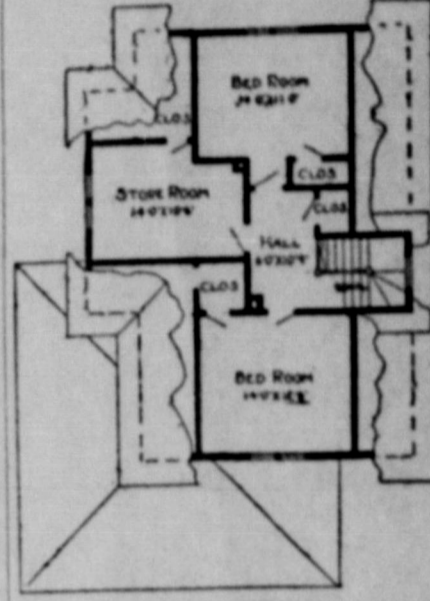
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 128 West Jackson boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

comes or when there is a funeral in the family. At such times, one window is opened a few inches if the weather is warm enough; but the room retains its damp, musty odor and gruesome associations. Entertaining company in such houses is an unusual occurrence. Visitors never feel at home, and they don't come again for quite a long while. The best

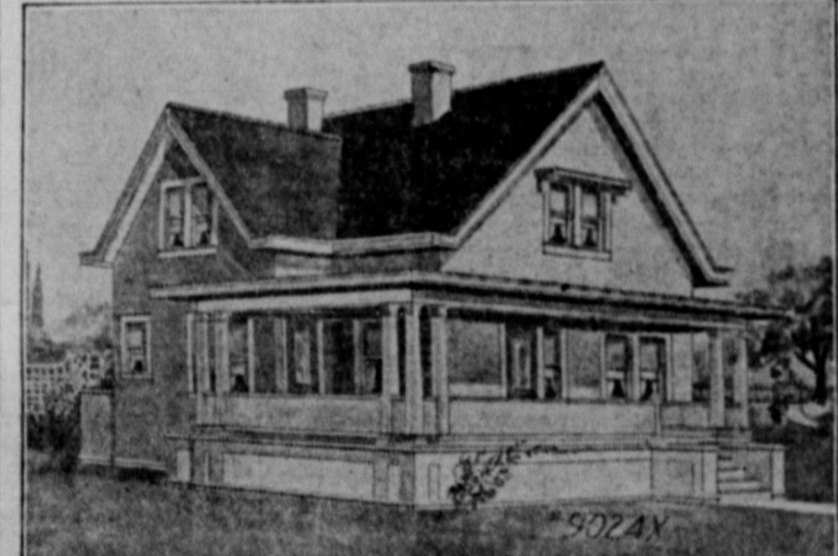
A cottage house requires a little more room on the ground than a two-story house having the same amount of floor area. Sometimes builders claim that such houses cost more because of the extra foundation and the extra roof; but if you steal a little space from the gables, the way this plan does it, you get more room and more comfort than you have with the ordinary restricted two-story house.

The foundation and roof to cover two different floors, one above the other, may not cost much more than a foundation and roof of the same size to cover one floor, but there are arguments both ways. It is a question that builders have never settled, and one they never can settle, because individual tastes differ and requirements are different in each case. If a person prefers the comfortable home look of a low, wide house, that is the proper thing to build, provided, of course, that conditions are favorable for such a dwelling.

Generally speaking, in a village or the suburbs of a large town, a cottage looks better than the ordinary cheap two-story house, because it is easier to give it a cozy, home-like appearance. The higher you get up into the air, the more difficult it is to design at moderate cost a house that



Second Floor Plan.



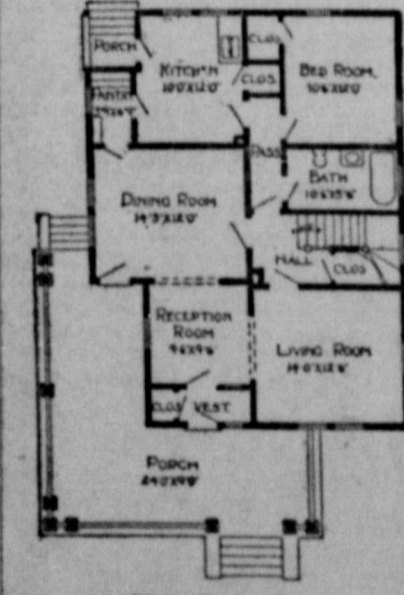
will offer a pleasing appearance as you approach it from a distance.

The house design here shown can be worked into a very cozy, comfortable home, at a cost of about \$2,700. It gives four good-sized rooms downstairs, with three bedrooms on the second floor, and a great many conveniences by way of closets and cupboards of different kinds. In a cottage house, it seems to be the most satisfactory to have the bath room on the first floor, because you always want one or two bedrooms downstairs, as the upstairs in a house of this kind is not used except when necessary. You live downstairs. The ceilings are high; the rooms are light and airy; and everybody seems to prefer the first floor in a cottage house.

In this design very little room is

their friends. This room is made as bright and cheerful as possible, and furnished in such a way as to invite confidence. The chairs are heavy, and there is a great big davenport or a wide lounge that looks substantial and feels comfortable. You are not afraid to sit down in the best chair in the room, because it looks strong and it is covered with some kind of material built for wear instead of mere attractive appearance. A good appearance, however, is by no means sacrificed, but is merely incidental to the serviceable qualities of the furniture.

Such rooms usually are found in the house of large-hearted, brainy people, who have the interests of their families and friends at heart—people who entertain pleasantly and agreeably because their hearts are in the right place. They may not "put on" a great deal of style, but they understand how to dispense hospitality in a natural, comfortable way that puts every guest at perfect ease. They get more out of life because of it, and their influence in the community spreads the spirit of genial intercourse and is good and uplifting to all.



First Floor Plan.

taken up by hallways. Architects have been laboring a great many years to get away from long, dark halls. A desirable combination of rooms very often leads to awkward passageways. This should be avoided, even if you have to discard all your pet ideas in building to accomplish it. The reception room in this house cannot be counted in as a hallway, because it really is part of the living room. The idea is to have all the front part of the house open and free.

The modern tendency in building seems to be, also, to get as far away as possible from the old-fashioned, closed-up parlor. We occasionally find houses in country places where the old-fashioned parlor still occupies the best part of the house. It is cleaned twice a year, and closed up the rest of the time, except when company

**"NIGHT SWEATS" A WARNING**

Proof of Disorder in the Alimentary Canal, According to John Nelson Goltra, A. M., M. D.

The "night sweats" which come on some times in the early stages of consumption are due, not to the presence of the tubercle bacilli in the lungs, but to the absorption of poisons from the disordered alimentary canal.

The proofs of this statement are first, that the night sweats sometimes occur when there is no other evidence of tuberculous infection, and secondly that when the intestinal tract is thoroughly purified the night sweats will invariably stop. If after that the strength is carefully conserved, and good fresh air is admitted to the lungs night and day, and a wholesome and varied diet containing only small proportions of proteins (lean meat, white of egg and cheese), but plenty of starches and sugars, and a moderate amount of fats is supplied, the person will go on slowly to overcome the disease and get well.

But if, as usually happens, unfortunately, the digestive errors are not corrected, the sweating and the wasting of the body go on. In late stages both these are increased by the poisoning from the lungs, and by insufficient aeration of the blood.







**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

Of the financial condition of the Bank of Alanreed at Alanreed, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 20th day of February, 1912, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 1st day of March, 1912.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts, personal and collateral	\$16,700 67
Loans, real estate	3,750 70
Overdrafts	261 04
Real estate (banking house)	4,510 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,305 00
Due from approved reserve agents	7,415 71
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	800 00
Cash items	\$ 373 37
Currency	1,045 00
Specie	1,036 08
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	136 43
Assessment Depositor Guaranty Fund	11 92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,345 92</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000 00
Surplus Fund	2,500 00
Undivided profits, net	3,104 80
Individual deposits, subject to check	21,741 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,345 92</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Gray } We, D. B. London, as cashier, and F. R. McCracken as president of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. R. McCracken, President.  
D. B. London, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of February, nineteen hundred and twelve. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

[SEAL] J. A. COPPEDGE, Notary Public.  
S. R. KENNEDY }  
F. R. McCracken } Directors  
D. B. London }

CORRECT—ATTEST:

**Thirteenth Is Correct Date**

The Canadian Record, in its latest effort, handed the News man a slight little dig in the ribs concerning the date for the holding of the next meeting of the Panhandle Press Association, and for the first time in our life we are constrained to admit that we made a mistake. It was the original and inflexible intention to hold this meeting on Saturday and while we have been laboring under the impression that the second Saturday in April would fall on the 12th it remained for Bro. Jamison to remind us that it comes on the 13th, and hence the "box car letters" at our mast head have been changed to "13" where it once was "12" and we herewith execute one of our most graceless bows and admit that we were at fault.

The Panhandle editors will be heartily welcomed by the good people of McLean and vicinity on Saturday the 13th day of next April. It is our earnest wish that every editor or "near" editor in the bounds of this great commonwealth known as the Panhandle should be in attendance upon this meeting and help make it a successful one. There is no reason why the printers of this section should not meet and mingle at least once each year and in this manner get to know and understand each other better and line up for effectual work in the great business of promoting the growth and development of one of the greatest empires on the face of the earth.

We are assured of the attendance of Walter E. Gunn at the April meeting and we hope he will be able to give us some valuable suggestions along the lines of co-operative effort—the one thing the newspapers of the Panhandle need to understand and practice more than all else. Let everyone interested in this great work be on hand and whether you are in the newspaper business or not your presence and your suggestions may be helpful.

We hope to be able to print an interesting program for the meeting within the next few weeks.

**Help! Help!**

You help me and I'll help you. If I help you it will help me, too.  
Give me a list of your land, your farm.  
If I can't sell it there will be no harm.  
But if I can a deal pull through. It will help me and will help you, too.  
I'll list your property just at your price.  
With terms and payments at your advise.  
Your city property and livestock, too.  
And do my best to pull a deal through.  
I sell land straight at five per cent.  
If I can't sell it it wont cost you a cent.  
So come around and list your land.  
And I will sell it if I can.  
Good prospects don't always win.  
But if one fails I will try again. To find another and make it stick.  
And this I'll do if I can right quick.

—Jas. F. Heasley, The Land Man.

**Moore Eggs.**

Get some green bone meat at the City Meat Market and feed your chickens. It is the best egg producer on the market.

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**Old Windmill Be Removed**

The old town windmill which has been the hero of many wrecks and disasters has at last severed its connection with the city and will retire to private life on the farm of C. C. Cooper east of town. While we regret to part with this faithful old friend, yet it had to succumb to the resistless march of progress and give way to the advent of the gasoline engine. The old windmill tower, which has been an eyesore for the past few years will also be torn away and replaced by a neat concrete house.

At a called meeting of the town council Tuesday afternoon the proposition of C. C. Cooper to trade a gasoline engine for mill and tower was accepted and work was immediately commenced removing the mill and placing the engine. As soon as the weather will permit the engine will be placed on a cement foundation and a suitable house built around it to protect it from the elements.

By this arrangement the city will be furnished with plenty of water at all times, whether the wind blows or not, and the plant will be maintained on an economical basis, too.

**Visiting Cards.**

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Penal Code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any message by telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or in any other manner such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

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**Prepare The Seed Bed**

Following article was furnished by Dr. W. E. Taylor, for Deere & Co. Early I want to impress the mind of the farmer that good farming involves four essential features, equal importance and all dependent, and a neglect of one of them will be soon reflected in the production of the farm. The four operations are as follows:  
1. The seed bed.  
2. The fertility, which involves the necessity of stock raising.  
3. Seed selection and breeding.  
4. Cultivation and crop management.  
First consider the seed bed. It should be made and should contain:  
1. The seed bed is the home of the seed.  
2. From the seed bed the plants receive their essential elements, namely, air, warmth.  
3. Requirements—Plant roots, like those of animals, are exacting. The laws of development of the plant permit of no repeal, nor tolerate radical interference.  
4. Plants, like animals, resist on a starvation diet an unsanitary environment under such conditions with and production is unequal. The best results are only when nature's laws

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10 Registered Brood Sows  
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Everything goes in this Sale. Besides above stock, I will sell all farm equipment of every description, including wagons, cultivators, for farm and garden, scales, farm harness, household goods, hay, grain, feed, seed, etc. All go at your own price.

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