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THE FUTURE HOME-MAKER.

Sound Doctrine For Both Young and Old.

We do not have it very firmly impressed upon our minds as we look at our young people that they are to be the future home-makers. Will they know how much it costs to furnish a house comfortably, and run the same economically, when they are old enough to give serious thought to such things? Do we as parents give our children the benefit of our experience?

We hear the cry that young men nowadays are afraid to marry on a small salary. Why? Because, they being ignorant, are easily frightened by some one's bug-a-boo cry. So many of our girls are self-supporting that we can reasonably suppose that they understand the value of a dollar better than though they had never done anything toward their support.

Young couples must not expect to begin where the old folks left off. Simplicity in housefurnishing is strongly advised by our best authorities. A few articles of good quality, well chosen and well cared for, make a much more pleasing impression on the beholder, while giving greater pleasure and peace to the inmates than a house full of cheaper goods and bric-a-brac is a source of much work and worry in the vain attempt to keep everything clean and orderly. Have a pretty corner in each room, but do not overdo it.

A few lessons on the most wholesome foods, the comparative cost of different articles of food, the adaptation of food to the different temperaments, age and occupation, are needful. There is as much science in feeding ourselves as in feeding our stock, and we are gradually waking up to that fact. Not many of us but what have to depend on our reading for such information, but it is surprising how much one will learn of a subject if one bears it in mind. This is an important subject, for really do not both health and prosperity in the long run hinge on the care we give our bodies? Teach the proper care of the body; cultivate in the young good judgment as to what they put into their stomachs, and how much. Give a good, clear understanding of business principles and practices, and you have equipped your child with something "better than gold; yea, than much fine gold."

There is very apt to be a hard pull somewhere in every one's life, and blessed indeed are those who experience their dark day early. It is much better to begin poor, form habits of thrift and industry, thus saving early, than to live up the entire income as you go. In the race of life you must plan for the future, or you will be the one to

suffer. Despise stinginess if you like, but remember there is a difference between it and looking out for a rainy day.

A girl will willingly marry a man of 20 with nothing but his ability to work, and together they will work and rear that holiest of all institutions, the home, but she will hesitate before she marries a man of 30 who has nothing at all to show for his ten years' work.

There cannot but be a question in her mind as to whether he is going to be a good provider or not. There is something wrong either in his make-up or training. He may be able to correct it, but even so, ten years of his life are gone. The mechanical world has little use for a man when he commences to go down hill in life. Times have changed; machinery is fast replacing skilled hand labor, and the old man in the shops is giving way to the younger, stronger and quicker man. This younger man must bear in mind his time is coming, too, and make hay now while the sun shines.

If you will take a woman's definition of a business man, it is one who puts his money where it will bring him interest. And the one who looks farthest into the future is the keenest business man. Don't confound business with knavery, a successful

Notes For Stockmen.

The St. Louis Live Stock Reporter comments on the situation in Texas as follows:

The conflict between the settler and the cowman in Western Texas gets fiercer as the march of civilization goes Westward, and the big expanse of prairie is converted into agricultural land. Of course, the cattleman does not like to be elbowed off land which he has occupied unmolested for years. To defeat the "nester" many schemes are resorted to. One is the play for time to dispose of their cattle, which they never do; another, according to a Texas writer, is as follows: About the time the leases are to expire a number of the "cowboys" are given jobs on the ranch and a kind of secret-bargain struck, to the effect that the "boys" are to have employment a specified time if each will file on four sections (the limit of land in his own name, the ranchman footing the bill, and at the expiration of three years, or so soon as the land is "proven upon," the "cowboy" to sell to the ranchman. Thirty "cowboys" can file on 120 sections of land, or 76,800 acres. The ranchman thus becomes the purchaser,

where ignorance is bliss and knowledge would be incontinently chased off the earth with a broken hoe handle.

As a matter of fact, the cattlemen of Texas are interposing no impediments in the path of the honest nester who is trying to acquire a home in the West. They have occupied the land for several years under lease from the State of Texas, and as these leases expire, they are surrendering the land back into the hands of the state, which has the privilege of selling it to whomsoever applies for it. If the state sells the land to those constitutional pets to whom she owes a home, and they in turn choose to sell or lease it to the cowman, nobody's anatomy is skinned and there is no reason for any man to howl.

Cowmen in West Texas are making no effort to retard the settlement of the country, and they are in reality paying no attention to the public land that is coming on the market upon the expiration of leases. They have accepted the situation in good faith and the contest now for possession of the land in question is between rival factions of nesters, inspired by the fever of speculation, and in some instances, with a genuine desire to make a home.

harmonize and co-operate. But don't forget that it is the duty of the trustee to see that the school is well and properly taught, as much so as to see that your farm hand does his work well. You may say that you are not qualified to judge of good school work. Then your neighbors were disappointed in you for they no doubt thought you were, when they elected you trustee. But this is the way to qualify yourself: Get acquainted with school methods, study and watch their results. Attend the institutes and associations. You can do nothing perhaps that would render you more useful in the community and you will soon learn to enjoy and appreciate the work. Try it.

The superintendent is in no way connected, nor financially interested in the management of our county paper, and has not been requested to solicit subscriptions therefor; but if the proprietor sees proper as a matter of kindness to teachers and the schools to give us the use of the columns for educational purposes, the teachers of the county can not well do less than subscribe for the paper. We fail to see how any progressive teacher can get along without the county paper for general reasons, to say nothing of the considerations mentioned above.

We had the pleasure last week of forming the acquaintance of Prof. J. E. Koonce, who has filed a contract to finish the term left vacant by the resignation of Prof. G. G. Foster of the Canyon school. We are pleased with the appearance and recommendations of the Professor and bespeak for him and his room a pleasant and successful conclusion of the term.

Don't forget the trustees election, April 4th. Select your best material to look after your schools. This election is important, in that, you elect two trustees—a majority of the board—to serve two years. The interest of your schools for the next two years, depends on your choice at this election.

What about your school house? Will it not need painting or papering this summer? Elect trustees who believe that children should be as comfortable and contented at school as at home.

Every district in the county should vote a 20c tax and build cosy and comfortable school houses, and supply them with comfortable desks.

N. A. Parks, the general deliveryman, is prepared to do your water hauling for 20 cts. a barrel, soft water. Give him a trial.

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TO THE PUBLIC GREETING:

We have bought The Stayer, (Canyon City News) and hope that everyone else in Canyon City will do the same. It will cost you a simple dollar per annum. IT COST US A GREAT DEAL MORE.

We will have delivered at every door in Canyon City, this week's issue of the News. If, after reading it you feel that its weekly visit would be profitable, kindly notify us and your wish will be our pleasure. The News is a permanent fixture in your town and will ever endeavor to merit your influence and support.

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business man may be just as truly honest as the poor man who criticises him. Look well to your own dollars in your youth and the chances are you will never spend your time in railing at the rich and bewailing your poverty. Buy where and when you can do the best and spend where it will do you the most good.

From nothing, nothing comes, but when ready to invest, put your money where it is safe with a smaller profit in preference, to large gains with great risks. What comes by chance goes by chance. Never be afraid to ask advice. You may do as you please about following it, but it is well to know what people think who have been over the road before you. Look for advice, not from the most fluent talker, but from the man who has made a success in life.—Farm and Ranch.

years granted by the state to the settler in which to pay for the land at \$1 per acre, at 3 per cent. interest, which he can very well afford. Thus he acquires title (and unless collusion be proved the title is unquestionable) to vast areas of land for good and always, barring forever the farmer from an opportunity of getting a home, and by the way, a home on land which, according to figures, is about ten times more prolific, dry weather or what not, in the hands of the farmer than in the hands of the stockman.

The West Texas Stockman, which is recognized as authority by West Texas cattlemen on matters of vital interest to the ranchman, in commenting on the above says:

The St. Louis paper has evidently been reading the Populist platform adopted in some backwoods county in Texas,

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the County Superintendent.

There are three cardinal virtues that the teacher should impress on the public: punctuality, deportment and scholarship. Make it an honor to be punctual, an honor to be perfect in deportment, an honor to recite perfect lessons.

We would like to insist on the trustees of each school district meeting at the school houses of their respective districts at least once a month, talk over the needs of the school with the teacher, get acquainted with the scholars and with each other and establish friendly and co-operative relations with each other, with the teacher, and with the pupils. Don't go to criticize or to dictate, but to

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GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.
WALTER R. BRANDON, Editor.

Entered at the post office at Canyon, Texas, as second class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTION.
One Year.....\$1.00
Six months..... 50

ADVERTISING RATES.

Locals 10 cents per line for the first insertion, 5 cents each subsequent insertion.

Display ads, one inch, \$1.00 per month. Liberal reduction for large ads.

A mill has been put to work in Indiana making paper out of corn stalks. There is no telling what paper will not be made of and no one can even surmise what is yet to be printed on it.

An exchange tells of a man who, to be good for one time, got up and started the fire, and then affectionately called his wife but found her dead. The shock was more than she could stand and her convulsed spirit passed away. Husbands should remember this and not run any risks.

We see in Sunday's Dallas News that Aunt Lucindy is a strong advocate of good roads. From an illustrative cartoon, one can easily see her motive, for "Old Billy," her horse, is stuck in a mud-hole, while on her way to town. It must be terrible, that mud.

By the passage of the "Prairie Dog" bill, fifty freeholders of any organized county in Texas as can petition the Commissioners' Court of such county for an election to determine whether or nor prairie dogs shall be exterminated in said county. If the result be "for the extermination of prairie dogs," it is then compulsory with owners or lessees of land in such county to kill all prairie dogs on his land.

The Bryan quarantine bill has been laid on the shelf by postponing consideration until April 1, the last day of the session. We hope that it will remain on the shelf until it gets so musty and dusty that the author of it will not recognize it, which we have no doubt has been his sincere wish since the unpopularity of the bill has been discovered. Some representatives whom we send to Austin to frame our laws become possessed with the idea that they will take a ride on the wheel of fortune by working some great reform, which reminds us of a fly attempting a ride on a buzz saw.

The "smart set," "exclusive set," or "400," as some people term the select aristocracy of New York, has did many things that called upon them the severe criticism of practical, every-day people, but the latest sensation "has broke the string." A negress, arrayed in a clownish costume representative of the monkey or ape species, who ekes out an existence by doing cakewalk stunts, was entertained by this assemblage of "codfish aristocracy" as a guest at a social function at Delmonico's. Verily, the human race is fast degenerating to the monkey specie.

Ex-Governor J. S. Hogg has had some difficulty in making his position clear in discussing "Railroad Consolidation, Lobbying and the Free Pass System," but in his recent speech at Austin, he defined his attitude in a thoughtful, conservative argument and established to the enemies of good government and monopolists of every order, that he was yet the true son of Texas.

A writer in an exchange says that he was perfectly entranced by hearing a sweet-voiced damsel of 18 summers singing "Oh Ain't it a Measly Shame?" Yes; we do consider it a measly shame to hear such rag-time nothings issue from the mouth of a young lady, so suggestive of an African. Why, some of our young men would blush if they were to catch themselves singing such ditties. (?)

Last week was another record-breaker for Dallas people, owing to the excess of rainfall. Two inches of rainfall in one day is the latest report. The residents of East Dallas have filed application for an ark, the design to be identically the same as that of Noah, to insure safety and preservation of life. And still, there are many people scattered over Texas, who contend that Dallas has not yet been cleansed.

In the respect of advertising we are like P. T. Barnum. If you like the News, tell your neighbors about it; giving all the good features, and if you care to magnify them, that's your business. If you don't like the News, tell your neighbor and tell them to tell their neighbors and so on, saving all the mean, contemptible things you like, for if you don't talk about us we will have to talk about ourselves and this sort of personality in a newspaper grows monotonous to readers.

Another mushroom has greeted the beholder of surprises, between here and Roswell. During one night, so the report goes, six business houses sprang up as if by magic, chasing away the coyote and planting civilization on the spot. The new born wonder has been christened Elida, but as yet the newspaper man has not appeared to extol its virtues. By the way, there are several mushroom rooms, or room-for-mush, between here and Roswell.

The organization of our young men for the selfish purpose of the entertainment of young men who come to our town as strangers, and also to establish a more brotherly relationship between one another, is an example that would prove beneficial to our "dags," who have the guardianship of this town with its requirements in a commercial sense, as well as many other features. Young men, maintain your organization to a high plane of excellence and virtue, and never miss the opportunity of making the stranger feel that he has found a host of friends when in your midst. You will find pleasure and contentment in this noble purpose.

Dr. W. E. Robertson, dentist of Hereford, will be in Canyon City Thursday and Friday, (today) making a specialty of crown and bridge work, also aluminum plates.

We citizens of Canyon City must begin pretty soon in the cooking of that "harmony pie." We would imply by this that harmonious action for the benefit of our town must begin and now is as good time as any to start the fire and get the pot to simmering. Let some energetic citizen who has the interests and upbuilding of our town truly at heart strike the first match and do not go about it as if you were afraid you might burn your fingers. Canyon City has undisputed merits that will naturally make of it a good town, but friends, be careful that you do not, in "just lettin' 'er take 'er course," let other towns eclipse us in this fast age of city building.

That New School Building.

We hear echoes on all sides commendatory of the preliminary action of the school trustees in the matter of getting a new school building, and the prevailing sentiment apparently inclines to the argument of having a good substantial building that will be a credit to the town.

No public enterprise can be of more importance than the placing of our educational institutions in the front rank, first, last and all the time. In order to do this, the first necessity is of course to have a commendable school building, the degree of permanency in this the initiatory step, leaving a lasting impression on the minds of those who have centered their ambition in the thorough training of their children. To a parent who has the responsibility of the education of their children in an approved manner, nothing can be a greater inducement and recommendation to others than to have the fact established that the town has a good school.

Our responsibility reaches in this direction to the extent of assisting in every way possible, the erection of a building that will forever be a source of pride to both parent and child. As the child develops to useful manhood and womanhood, the finger of pride will point to the institution in which the fundamental principles of good government were instilled in the young mind, if that institution reach the standard of excellence to which our institutions of learning are being elevated.

**"UNITED WE STAND,
DIVIDED WE FALL."**

The proper spirit with which to enter the campaign for the upbuilding of Canyon City is one of unqualified good humor. What's the use of Canyon City pulling itself in twain simply because we have divided forces? Some towns with a part of its citizens on one side of a question will pull against his brother who does not see the point as he sees it, until we have a game "pulling" that reminds us of a young team of two year-old oxen in "heel fly" season, when one attempts to make a rush for a thicket nearest him and the other has his eye skinned for the same opportunity. Why not unite and all pull together for the common good?

The deliberation which we would then take would be governed by a very simple reasoning and we may as well consider the arguments pro and con with a calm, dignified intelligence, unfluffed by partisan spleen, animosity or vindictiveness. There is nothing that should animate us more than a sensible, good-natured resolve to do our very best for Canyon City and Randall county. If possible, we must sweep out little petty prejudices with one single stroke of the broom. In order to accomplish this we must have a complete undoing of old regimes, and everyone's hands pulling in the same direction. There will be a strong resistance at once on the broom handle, but when the good of our town is considered there will not be enough weight to break it, and enough of us may pull together to work substantial good. We should undertake the task with fixed determination, but with all good grace, enlivened by the inspiration of common purpose.

Assuredly it is a common purpose which should animate the people of Canyon City in this question of enterprise—to do the best possible under all circumstances and conditions. There is no room for division over the main chance, the great aim. There are minor differences as to the best means of securing the choicest plums, but our choice of the means should be prompted by sane wisdom and expedience; and we should not quarrel because some of us are prohibitionists and some anti-prohibitionists—we are citizens first. "United we stand, divided we fall."

AH, THERE AMARILLO!

The following, clipped from the Amarillo Star will give you some idea of the rapidity with which we are growing:

"The employes of the Union depot reports that the immigration to the Panhandle and New Mexico is larger than it has ever been in the past. Every train arriving brings hundreds of people seeking new locations. Most of these stop in Amarillo. The hotels are crowded every night."

Yes; we will admit that most of the emigrants headed for the Panhandle STOP in Amarillo and we do not doubt that the hotels are crowded; yea, to overflowing. But it must be remembered that we citizens of the Panhandle who have grasped the opportunity of locating on the Pecos Valley & Northeastern, only have two trains a day, one at 10:05 a. m., which is the westbound and the eastbound at 5:18 p. m. (Though we are inconveniently incapacitated just now with the lack of railroad facilities, we however expect to be in a position in the near future to accommodate this influx of prospectors.) As a matter of fact, most of the emigrants, who are in reality bound for Canyon City, must stop over in Amarillo during the night as No. 201 leaves Amarillo west at 9:25 a. m., and only makes connection with the Santa Fe—the only passengers who do not have to stop at Amarillo during the night.

We do not doubt the fact that the hotels are crowded every night, for why shouldn't they? The class of emigrants that we are getting are the kind that go to the hotels.

Thus we account for Amarillo's boom: our emigrants must pay hotel fare on the route. It would be a terrible calamity to that little town should our immigration bureau by some means check the high class emigrants from entering our town, and import in their stead great beves of "hoboes." The dream of a future greatness would receive, an awakening that would be heart-rending. Blasted hopes and lost fortunes would drive the good citizens of that little town frantic, but the possibility of a stampede to our already crowded town, would appeal to our bureau if nothing else would reach their sympathetic natures.

Of course we do not wish for anything like this, for we do not believe in the adage in this particular instance, "that one's downfall is another's gain." Let Amarillo continue in the modernizing of her hotel system until she reaches perfection, and then the less complaint we will hear of "poor accommodations along the route," by our emigrants.

Grip Remedies in Great Demand.

When colds and grip are prevalent the quickest and surest remedies are in great demand. Mr. Joseph D. Williams, of McDuff, Va., says that he was cured of a very deep and lasting attack of the grippe by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after trying several other preparations with no effect. This remedy has become famous for its cures of colds and la grippe and can be depended upon with implicit confidence. It prevents any tendency of those diseases toward pneumonia. For sale by Thompson Drug Co.



RANGER R, 31428.

A handsome bay 15 3-4 hands high will make the season of 1903 at my place two miles west and one mile north of Canyon City.

TERMS: \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00.

Ranger was sired by Rabelais 11123, Rabelais by the famous Belmont 64 and out of Repose.

Ranger R is out of Mattie Mont and she by Norwood Star 1395 and out of Daisy H.

All good judges of horse flesh have pronounced Ranger a chip off the old block; being a grandson of Belmont, the world-renowned trotter, is sufficient recommendation to all breeders who are acquainted with the lineage of pure-bred horses. Ranger is a saddle horse with qualities of the first water, traveling all gaits known to the lovers of saddle stock.

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SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

I am receiving this week my entire stock of spring goods, which consists of all the novelties in Dress Goods, Ladies' Belts, Trimmings, Etc.

MY STOCK OF MILLINERY IS UP-TO-DATE

And we extend a cordial invitation to the ladies of the town and surrounding country to call and inspect our lines.

I EXPECT TO SELL THEM AT THE LOWEST PRICE

Yours Truly,

A. L. ANDERSON.

Purely Personal.

And it is a snow—but then everybody knows that.

The Baptist congregation of this place are to begin work at once on a pastor's home.

Judge Bule and wife and little daughter Edith, paid Hereford a social call Wednesday.

Dr. J. Ed Crawford returned Sunday from a visit to his father, near Silvertown.

Mr. John T. Gorman and wife, of Amarillo, visited Mr. A. L. Anderson and family Sunday.

The ladies of the C. P. church will serve dinner and supper April 2nd., in the building opposite post office.

A. R. Carnes, western traveling agent for the Dallas News, paid this office an appreciated call Wednesday.

Programs for the coming Epworth League conference of the Clarendon district will be out soon. Look out for it.

Rev. J. E. Stephens made a trip to Clarendon last week to attend pastor's conference and Missionary Institute.

MARRIED—At the court house in Canyon City, Tuesday, 24, A. W. Montgomery and Miss Mary Evans, both of Swisher county.

The W. C. T. U. will meet every 1st Saturday evening of each month, at the Baptist church.

MRS. J. R. DEAN, Pres.

Charlie Layman has sold his float business to Jim Potter, of Amarillo, and has accepted a position on the ranch of Judge Word.

T. A. Cochran, the jolly, good-natured painter, is improving the looks of his home near the Baptist church, by enclosing it with a neat picket fence.

The neat little cottage which has just been completed for Jno. A. Wallace, near the Baptist church, will be occupied by N. A. Park, the general deliveryman.

Mrs. J. D. Bratton, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Carter, of Hereford, left Wednesday evening for St. Louis, where Mrs. Bratton goes for medical treatment.

If you are looking for a snap, read the display ad on first page and follow directions, shaking well to see if \$1 will fall before taking, and we will attend to your case "after taking."

Jno. A. Wommack, of Whitesboro, was the guest of Rev. J. D. Ballard a few days of last week. We understand that Mr. Wommack will open up a new barber shop here about the 15th of next month.

We are informed that Carl Peters, who left here last week for Amarillo, has secured a position in that town in a cafe and confectionery house. Carl has with recently been employed with the Canyon Lumber Co., at this place.

The Methodist church is being completed in the inside. Work will be finished by Easter, at which time social services will be held. The annual services will be held without intermission every Sunday.

Call at Thomas Bros. and see the celebrated Thompson & Sons Piano.

There are yet many citizens in Canyon City whom it has not been our pleasure to meet. If you want to see a freak of nature come around and take a look at us. We put "the devil" in the ink keg when visitors call, so do not be alarmed on this account.

M. S. Lushy, the genial photographer, planted a dollar in the editor's palm this week and said: "Send me the News for one year. I tell you she's a hummer." Many have signified their appreciation in a like manner since the advent of the News for which we extend our hearty thanks. Such encouragement adds flavor to the life of the pencil pusher.

Mr. C. P. Money, who lives two miles west of town, paid this office an appreciated call Saturday. He said that after reading the first issue of the News he handed the paper to his wife with the remark, "that if the editor did not exhaust his resources on the first trial and continued on the same plane of excellence, he was pretty sure that the News would prove a good local paper."

DIED—Miss Lizzie Hancock, Sunday night, March 22, age 22 years, who leaves a father and two married sisters to mourn her loss. Her remains were followed to the cemetery Monday evening by a long procession of sympathizing friends. The News and loved ones extend sympathy to the bereaved in this sad hour.

Rapid progress is being made on the building to be occupied by Price & Miller, the bakers, and Mr. Price says he is hopeful of having it completed for occupancy by the 10th of next month. It is quite probable, so we are informed, that a thorough renovation will be made of the building to be vacated by this firm, and a modern equipped barber shop ensconced therein in the very near future.

The Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting of the Paduro Canyon association is now in session at Memphis, Texas. Rev. J. D. Ballard, and others of this congregation are in attendance. A Baptist College for the Plains is to be discussed at this meeting. Let us hope that Canyon City may secure the prize. The location of this college means a \$40,000 building and from 75 to 100 boarding pupils to the town that gets it.

We see no reason why the News should not succeed as a local paper, when it has the assistance and good will of a valuable corps of ladies, who are exerting their best energies in its behalf. Ladies, your work in the effort of helping your local paper is highly appreciated, notwithstanding the old adage "that when woman takes up work, man ceases his exertions in that direction." We are strongly of the opinion that this only applies to gardening and such like.

We have been greatly incapacitated this week by the arrival of new machinery, material, etc., and the non-arrival of our proprietor, Mr. Brandon. He writes us an item of news that the constant downpour of rain has rendered the possibility of loading a car with his household effects simply out of the question, since he left here some two weeks ago. Notwithstanding all these inconveniences, the News once more greets you, thanks to the kind citizens of this town, who have rendered us such valuable assistance.

In the absence of the proprietor of the News the editor has been a variety of editors, compositor, "the devil"—in fact, he has been about "it," but it has not had a tendency to enlarge his bump of self-esteem, for sometimes we cannot properly appreciate our real smallness until we make an attempt to be "it."

Thomas Bros. will sell you a Piano on easy terms at cash prices.

We learned just at the time of going to press of the death of Mr. D. H. Gardner.

While the idle reporter was strolling down the street near the furniture emporium of Thomas Bros., Wednesday evening, his attention was attracted by sweet strains of a piano that clearly demonstrated his love for good music, that the artists who were instrumental in the issuing of such melodious accents were talented musicians and adepts at the profession. Upon entering, we found Mrs. Overhuls, a well known music professor of recognized ability, assisted by Miss Rosa Bratton, one of her proficient pupils, engaged in the task of testing the quality of an Ellington piano, recently installed by this enterprising firm. While it was an ordinary occurrence for the musicians, it was nevertheless a rare treat for several spectators. Mrs. Overhuls, whose opinion of a piano is worth a great deal, pronounced this piano as well as another displayed by this firm, as being excellent instruments.

PEOPLE'S FORUM.

I heartily endorse your article in last week's News, on the subject of a Board of Trade. I have been advocating this matter in a quiet way for some time past.

A commercial organization of some sort is indispensable to Canyon City, if we would make any more than a cross-roads town. Call it a board of trade, commercial club, or what you like, but let us organize. No public enterprise can be started without organization.

Canyon City ought to make a better town than either Amarillo or Hereford. It has considerably greater advantages. What is in the way? Simply a lack of organization of forces—of concert of action. We need an immigration bureau. We need new productive and commercial enterprises. We need to test and develop quarries, artesian water, irrigation schemes, etc. We need to invite and entertain conventions and lecturers. We need to ask special legislation at Austin in the interest of our particular section of county. We need an agricultural and experiment station on the Plains, and why not at Canyon City. We need to encourage truck growing, chicken raising and dairying. We need reunions, fairs and picnics. All these a commercial club or board of trade could suggest, initiate and consummate.

Respectfully,
A. N. HENSON.

YOUNG MEN ORGANIZE

With a Club Membership of Forty Progressive Young Men as a Starter.

Pursuant to the urgent solicitation of Mr. C. N. Harrison, about fifty of our young men assembled at the court house last Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Club. On the nomination of J. C. Galbreath, G. W. Carr was elected president, pro tem. The meeting was then resolved into a permanent organization of 38 charter members, by the election of the following officers: Walter R. Brandon, president; J. C. Galbreath, vice-president; J. H. Garrison, secretary; D. A. Park, treasurer and W. E. Norwood, club correspondent.

By a vote of the membership the matter of christening the club was postponed to a later date.

The president then appointed and instructed the following committees: M. C. Chamblee, G. W. Carr and J. C. Galbreath, were selected as a committee for securing club rooms and the necessary remodeling of same.

H. J. Cavet, C. R. Burrow and M. Gamble were chosen as a committee for the purchasing of all necessary furniture, etc., for the maintenance of a reading room.

M. Pattillo, A. H. Thompson and Dr. J. Ed Crawford were appointed a committee for the selection of sporting goods for athletic exercises.

Travis Shaw, D. A. Park and C. N. Harrison were appointed a committee for the supplying of the club with literature.

Dave Auld, R. A. Sowder and Jas. Redfern were appointed a committee for the selection of various games.

A. S. Rollins, Bern Wilson and E. J. Witt were appointed a committee to draft constitution and by-laws of said organization.

Following is a list of the enrolled membership:

Messrs. Garrison, Upteld, Witt, Gamble, Galbreath, Burrows, W.R.

son, Sowder, Epp, Thomas, (Como) Rollins, Harrison, Redfern, Heysler, Pipkin, Crawford, (J. L.) Pattillo, (M.) Jacobsgaard, Auld, Brandon, Harris, Thompson, (A. C.) Henderson, Thompson, (A. H.) Carr, Thomas, (Chas. M.) Miller, Crawford, (Dr. J. Ed.) Chamblee, Foster, (R. E.) McClure, Cavet, Smith, Norwood, Pipkin, (J. W.) Park, Shaw, Reeves, Gordon-Cummins, Dockery and Franklin.

The meeting from start to finish gave evidence of the earnestness and enthusiasm which characterizes the club movement in Texas. The entire absence of friction and the faultlessness in the conduct of business or failure in doing the right thing at the right time, gives promise of a strong body that will spare no effort to make the undertaking a howling success. Each individual participant present modestly suggested features that would have a tendency to elevate and establish the movement on a firm basis and everyone left jubilant, conscious of the knowledge of having put their best foot forward in a noble resolve to better the social atmosphere of their town.

The prime object of this club is to assist in the social intercourse one with another and for maintaining a well-equipped hall in which its members can variegate their amusement according to their respective tastes. A reading room, which is to be supplied with a variety of popular magazines and periodicals, will afford entertainment to those whose age and inclination will not permit an active part in the rugged exercises of the more youthful. Parlor games of the most harmless nature and influence will be provided and for those who have a fascination for this pastime will have an excellent opportunity for this method of recreation.

Mr. C. N. Harrison, the chief promoter of this organization, deserves great credit for the unselfish interest he has manifested in the club movement in this town, and if all will only co-operate in the work he has so well begun, the most skeptical cannot but feel its success. The meeting adjourned to meet again next Wednesday evening, (1st) at the court house.

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T. J. Davis received word by phone Thursday morning that his son-in-law, A. F. Harrington, who was a freight conductor on the Denver road, had been killed by his train near Channing. It is not known just how the shocking accident happened.

Mr. Harrington received his orders at Channing and delivered them to the engineer. Some time later he was missed, and on searching for him his mangled body was found beside the track. The dead man was taken to Amarillo, his home, for burial. Mr. Davis and wife went over Thursday afternoon to be with their daughter in her terrible affliction. Mr. Harrington was a young man of fine character, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his tragic death is a most unhappy occurrence. The bereaved relatives have the deep sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

Don't forget to come and bring your keys to the box opening at my store on Saturday, March 28th. This is the day we unlock the box.

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The attention of breeders of horses is respectfully invited to the ad to be found elsewhere in this paper, of C. P. Money, announcing Ranger R. as a candidate for the spring season. The perpetuation of this famous horse has been to a remarkable degree successful and the most pleasing feature of Ranger is that like begets like. His heritage, well scattered over the country is living proof of his quality.

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BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday, morning and evening, Rev. J. D. Ballard, pastor. Sunday School every Sunday morning, J. W. St. Clair, Superintendent. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday at 3 p. m. A. H. Thompson, President. Ladies Aid Society every Tuesday at 3 p. m. Mrs. A. H. Thompson, President. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Choir practice and teachers' meeting every Friday evening.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, services at the court house every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Testimonial services every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to attend these services. Mrs. V. Edna H. First Reader.

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