

STAR OF HOPE FOR CANYON CITY.

It Has Not Been Determined Yet That Canyon City Is Not to Have The Only Baptist College.

"I BUD AGAIN."

In Spite Of The Fact That Some Have Placed Their Heel on the Young Flower, "It May yet bud again."

There is in the lore and among the traditions of Scotland the pretty story that Sir William Wallace, upon receiving a note from his devoted lieutenant, Sir Eustace Maxwell, in which was expressed the hope that the tree planted by Wallace at Dumbarton, and which was an appropriate metaphor for Wallace's successful feat in the storming of the castle, might not be blasted, promptly drew his dagger, and using it for a pen engraved the single word, "Revesco," on his gauntlet as his answer to Maxwell. That word, meaning "I bud again," is the motto of the Maxwell's to this day. It is inspiring and full of cheer.

The College statement which appeared in last week's News duly signed by the "working quorum" of the Baptist College trustees, setting forth the disadvantages to which we are subjected in the construction of the college, and pinning their faith and hope in justice being meted out by the Paloduro Association, which convenes at Hereford, beginning Thursday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1904, is, in the opinion of the News, the only visible solution to the now intricate problem.

Though the action of the trustees, as noted above, temporarily suspends the cherished hope and ambition of our people for the speedy erection of a College, the sun that will nourish this budded hope may yet rise to its meridian; it may yet spring from the gloom of defeat full panoplied and ready for victory. Who knows? At least such a hope tells the feeling that stirs in the heart of every devotee at the shrine of justice. Though it is an uninviting situation, this star of hope is nevertheless a pleasing panorama that is held out for the view of every opponent of the college at Canyon City. Our little town has had its trials and its woes like the great Wallace who finally liberated Scotland from the yoke of English tyranny, and, like that illustrious character, it may not remain crushed.

That the progress of the college made possible by the Association having delegated authority to 21 men to establish one at Canyon City, has been retarded in the incipency of its construction by adverse conditions that now confront us, everyone who is acquainted with the situation will concede. Whom then, should we look to for redress of our wrongs? Surely the power that gave, it only, could have the power to reinstate. To make this point clearer in the minds of all we will use an expression of W. H. Younger, which was made in the hearing of the News editor: "If we ever had a college, WE HAVE IT YET." This is the whole thing in a nutshell. If it was ever made possible for Canyon City to have a Baptist College by

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the Paloduro Association—through its representatives—so decreeing, we certainly have it yet and the only open method to pursue is to await the action of said Association.

After a careful study of this question from every view-point, we can see no reason why the Association will not declare that the commission of 21 men which were officially chosen for locating a college for the Plains, transcended the authority for which they were created when they devised a plan to establish two colleges in a territory insufferably incapable of furnishing support for two institutions. This is as plain a path of duty for a righteous body of men as the nose on a man's face. To deviate one jot or tittle from this course of justice would be to declare that they, as a united association of Baptists were wholly incapable of making a contract to which they would abide. In event that the latter course is pursued it then stands to reason that we never had a college, for the power that gave us the college were irresponsible in the creation of one. "Are they as conservative Baptists of the Paloduro Association going to stand by the contract made by their commission with Canyon City at Claud?" This is the question asked by many. We haven't "anything up our sleeve" in this matter, but we have as much reason to believe that the Baptists will rally to the standard of honor as any other denomination of whatever sect it may be. We have their word for it and will cherish the belief of their veracity until it is proven otherwise. This is all anyone can do. There's a tremendous amount of nonsense in the "expressions often heard these days concerning rottenness in the core of things. The poor old body politic comes in for a vast amount of slander. In reality if it were half as sick as some of its doctors diagnose it to be it would be dead and insufferably delayed beyond burying time. There is not the slightest wisdom in asserting that because some few have gone astray in this matter and have obstructed the sacred designs of a God-fearing people, that the whole plan of building a college which will be the pride of the Plains, goes down in ignoble defeat.

One great institution of learning, which has been the fondest hope of the Baptists of the Plains for so long a time, the promulgation of which desire was the action of this Association in establishing a seat of learning in Canyon City, has yet

the power—and we believe they will use it—to reinstate the field that has been made the bed of thorns by some who have been prone to plant the bush.

There are a few matters not at all to our liking, and these, it should be noted, we must endeavor to alter. But the grumbler and pessimist cannot contribute at all to the improvement. The grumbler's business is just to breed discontent, and he himself is one of the things to be rid of. A modicum of optimism is the only thing for Canyon City people. In other words, we must hope for the best, looking ahead to brighter days, which are sure to dawn for our town.

"Wise to resolve and patient to perform." We as citizens, should feel that it was wise on the part of our trustees to await the action of the Association and that it now behooves us to "patiently perform" the task of awaiting a reinstatement. In the meantime everything that can possibly avail our cause in the minds of the people will be brought to heroic relief.

It is far from our desire to create within our readers a hope that is destined to be dashed with despair, for it is best to hope only for things possible and probable. We say that this fond hope is possible and not altogether improbable. But our industry must go along with our hopes, for hope without action is a barren undoer. How are we to act? Let us as a unit, employ every conceivable method that is honorable, by using the ennobling virtues of humility and modesty, and yet with all candor, to instill in the minds of people in the outside world our persecuted condition, not that we may gain the pity of a groveling few, but that we may enlist the sympathy of those who love fair play between men. Let us exhibit the mildest manners with the bravest mind. There are brighter days ahead.

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Schedule Changes

"The Denver Road," (The Denver & Denver City Ry. Co.) announces several changes in the schedule of its passenger trains, some having gone into effect Sunday, Nov. 29th.

GOING NORTH:—Their popular Mail and Express, Number 1, leaving Ft. Worth at 9:45 A. M., will be operated through the winter on the same schedule as heretofore, having the same equipment, namely:—through coaches, cafe car and sleeper Ft. Worth to Trinidad, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver.

No. 7, which formerly left Fort Worth at 11:10 p. m. now leaves at 8:40 p. m., and is operated only as far as Amarillo, arriving there at 9:20 a. m., making close connections with the Pecos Valley lines, for Canyon City and Roswell. This train carries sleeper Ft. Worth to Amarillo.

COMING SOUTH—No. 8, formerly operated from Denver, Colo. to Ft. Worth, arriving at the latter place at 6 a. m., is now in service Amarillo to Ft. Worth ONLY, arriving at Ft. Worth 7:25 a. m., daily. This train carries sleeper Amarillo to Ft. Worth.

No. 2, through mail and express from Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Trinidad, is operated on the old schedule, arriving at Ft. Worth 5:10 p. m., maintaining connections with other lines for all Texas points, also for the old States.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S, Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., Apr. 18, '03.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours, E. A. Langfeldt, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's Church. This remedy is for sale by Thompson Drug Co.

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News-Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found complete amounts received on subscription. News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding the money by mail. S. H. Lofton, \$1.00. C. B. Wallace, \$1.00. Jno. A. Knight, \$1.00.

Registered Stuff Sells Cheap.

The depreciation in cat values is being evidenced in the prices being paid for registered stuff in the special sales now being held in the breeding states. At one of these sales of registered Shorthorns, just held in Missouri, forty head of fine stuff sold for an average of \$102.94, which is perhaps half what they would have brought under normal conditions.—Colo. Stockman.

Castro says he doesn't wish his name and needs graven on a monument. Of course he doesn't! "It's lots better to be a live one than a dead one."—Ft. Worth Record.

On the other hand, there are men so drunk with egotism that they would die but for the chance to look once more on their monumental epitaph.

What do our lady readers think of that magazine proposition—The Cosmopolitan, The Twentieth Century and the Canyon City News, all three for \$2.10.

There is no need to worry about where to buy your Christmas goods for W. F. KING has already solved the problem by laying in a stock that is sure to please.

Low Rates For Holidays.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company, as heretofore, affords the people of Texas and Louisiana an opportunity to visit the old home during the Christmas Holidays at cheap rates. For full information, ask any Ticket Agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

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A FORESTRY TALK.

The address made at the Court House by Prof. J. W. Riggs, of the U. S. Dep't. of Agriculture, on the 10th inst., differed somewhat in point of texture to the lectures generally given to small towns in the West on Forestry, in that he had collected numerous practical thoughts and suggestions during his trip of observation on the beautiful Paloduro Canyon. A student of botany, in giving the kinds of trees or plants that are adapted to certain climates generally summarize on a theory of meeting a "general condition," hence an old stereotyped address on Forestry is the usual result where local surroundings do not permit of little personal reminiscences.

The meeting was fairly well attended and had the air of what might be termed by some, an "experience" meeting. The Professor first informed his hearers that it would not be considered an interruption on their part should they desire to ask questions and do so, and as a result many good thoughts were disseminated by those who were disposed to give others the benefit of practical experience, as well as receiving by this method some valuable knowledge from the professor that might not have otherwise been drawn out. Among other information elicited was the "home truth" given by Prof. Riggs in advising those who ordered trees to do so through our own Texas nurseries, which is an axiom that might well be applied to a majority of our purchases of whatsoever nature. By so ordering trees, the buyer probably saves a middle man's profit as well as being reasonably secure in obtaining fresh trees. In case the goods are not as they should be, access for grievance is nearer at hand and most usually more promptly attended to. This is a valuable piece of advice and it should not go unheeded. The trouble that so many have had with hum-bug nurseries, the exorbitant prices and the receiving of dead trees, will be greatly obviated if this advice is kept to the letter.

Prof. Riggs recommended the black and honey locust, mulber-

ry and hackberry for this climate and remarked that the mulberry and hackberry could be obtained from the nearby canon, the specimens of which were of superior quality to those usually received from nurseries, the only point in question being as to whether or not they could be reproduced. These trees are classified in commerce as "cedar" canons two varieties of which were not botanically classified, which opens an outlet of fresh fields for the Canyon City botanist. C. T. DeGraffenreid volunteered the information that he and five neighbors had gotten cedar trees in the canon on five different months and that all the trees were doing nicely. All of which goes to show that trees already acclimated and in a thriving condition under local environments are much better for reproduction than those sent from pampered hot-house environments.

We did intend, as announced in last week's News, to make a long and attempted instructive talk on this subject from the valuable information received from this professor of learning, but from the mere fact that we heard a man remark since the lecture that he came all the way from Arkansas to get away from brush and forests, it might be better in this instance to let the proverbial hint to the wise refrain from the good intention. For verily, we know not how many left Arkansas for the same good reason. As far as the News man is concerned, should he have his choice, all things being equal, he would greatly prefer a timbered country, being an instinct perhaps, near akin to that of a cotton-tail brush rabbit. You may try ever so hard to civilize the rabbit by putting him in a high altitude where there is no timber, but if he ever gets sight of a "shin-oak" thicker he will make about the same dash for his old accustomed haunts as did the old-timers team of oxen in "hefty" time. If we ever expect to keep the emigration of a timbered section on the plains, more trees will have to be planted, and the News man will have his readers to understand that he is just a common brush rabbit.

Mark the prediction. Orchards or vineyards to grow and multiply to advantage in this climate of the high winds and perennial daily sand-storm will of necessity have to be sheltered by wind breaks on the north, south and west, and as a matter of fact, six or ten rows of heavy foliated forest trees will make the cheaper shelter. This logic should readily appeal to all who doubt the wisdom of forestry on the semi arid plains. The items of fuel and fencing posts is one that should not be overlooked, especially when the commodity of posts demand an outlay of 13 cents apiece and the necessity of coal with a Colorado strike

in full blast at the handsome price of \$10 a ton. These are facts and the "Arkansawyer's" logic for not repairing his roof cannot be called into play for this occasion. They commenting on the magnificence of our canon, Prof. Riggs said in part, that "the Paloduro canon is equal in point of gorgeousness and scenery to any of the great canons of the world. The state of Texas made a great mistake in allowing this magnificent canon to become the property of private owners. It could be made one of the most desirable game reserves in the world, the famed Yellowstone Park not excepted. And that its yet-unappreciated merit would be applauded by tourists from every part of the world, and would be to Randall county and the plains generally, typical of that exemplified in Switzerland's proximity to the world of the picturesque, the 'Beauty of Beauties.'"

From the fact that useful knowledge can always be elicited from a source that puts theories into experimental and thence to practical methods it is a rare treat that some of us were enabled to hear the discourse by Prof. Riggs. "Experience without learning does more good than learning without experience," and the combination of the two factors can be depended upon. This is the service we are now getting for the simple act of asking, from a government that is converting science to a working basis in every factor of our material advancement. Conservatism is a chief characteristic of this great bureau of information, and, as Prof. Riggs correctly remarked, "information is never given unsolicited." Our farmers, if they are so disposed, have access to any information that will aid them, and the experience and learning of hundreds of assistants are placed at their disposal.

Prof. Riggs, while in conversation with the News representative, said that reproduction of the tree kingdom was greatly hampered on the canon by the state of uncultivation and the ravages of stock and it would only be a question of time until the growth would be extinct but that Mr. Evans, the local agent of the "Block" holdings had signified an intention, upon his having called that gentleman's attention to the fact, of paralleling the canon banks with a fence in order to perpetuate the growth.

William Jennings Bryan's new son-in-law, W. H. Leavitt, has been assured the Republican nomination from the state of Missouri, for Congress. If he gets into the campaign, some papers will be wondering which side Mr. Bryan's daughter will applaud. She had better "Leavitt" alone.

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Those who have heard the loud praise given our canon by the two government Forestry representatives, and their prediction that it would yet be made famous as one of the Randall county attractions, may feel disposed to remark that "a thousand probabilities do not make one truth." But why shouldn't this great accession of one county be made far-famed after that we have a metropolitan newspaper in Amarillo to show the sights up to advantage in beautiful half-tone illustrations? But then, it is quite true that by so doing on the part of Amarillo newspapers it does not, after "rendering those things unto Caesar which are his own," make the canon any nearer that city of much needed tourist resorts.

Progressive people nowadays who keep abreast of the times by reading newspapers are learning that it pays to trade with the firms of business who advertise. Some say, "Oh, well, such firms add the cost of the advertising bill to their goods, which, for the sake of argument, we will concede. But the man who advertises is generally a good business man to the extent that he knows where to purchase his goods for less money than his competitors and then by advertising and making quick sales he is enabled to keep a fresh supply of goods for his customers, thus giving them the advantage of those who trade with a man who keeps in stock old shelf-worn goods who necessarily has to add what might have been a legitimate profit to nice, fresh goods, to a lot of old rubbish. If a business is not worth advertising, it should be advertised FOR SALE."

Judge Tracy, in the Central District Police Court, in St. Louis, last Wednesday, indorsed the use of horse-whips by wives with recalcitrant husbands when he dismissed the case against a woman who had vainly protested with her husband to remain away from saloons and as a last resort boldly marched into a misery joint with a buggy whip and administered to her beloved help-meet's anatomy a sound flogging. "If every married woman in St. Louis would do the same as you have done," said the judge, "it would be a god-send to St. Louis, you are discharged." Such prohibitive measures should be applied oftener than they are on those who are not wont to come in home to the wife and little ones "till morning."

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RANDALL CO. POSSIBILITIES.

There is not a county in the Panhandle better suited to raising crops of nearly all kinds than Randall Co. Our staple crops are wheat, oats, and Kaffir corn. Besides these, our farmers raise sorghum cane, melons, hay, and almost every variety of vegetable and fruit products. The fruit and vegetable area is increasing year by year. There are other crops which might be raised profitably but which have never been tested to any great extent in the county. It is only a question of time, however, when they will be. As a usual rule farmers are our most conservative citizens. They are practical, not speculative; they are not inclined to try experiments, but when once convinced that there is merit in anything, they are as quick to adopt it as any other class. An experiment farm in this county would be of incalculable advantage to the farmer directly and to everybody else indirectly. But as our prospect for an experiment farm is rather remote, just at this time, the best thing to do is for each farmer to set aside at least one acre every year in the best possible condition and keep it well cultivated. If it fails, you have not lost much. If it succeeds you have learned something that may benefit you, your children and your neighbors all their lives. If our farmers would adopt this rule and manage their little one-acre crops according to advices from farm bulletins which are now sent to every farmer in the land free for the asking, we would need no government experiment farms. Each farmer could have one of his own. But how many will do this? Very few we imagine. Some farmers don't believe in scientific farming, and hoof at the idea of learning anything from farm papers or agricultural bulletins. To that class these remarks are not addressed, but to the ambitious farmer, be he young or old or middle aged, who takes a pride in his business and wants to learn, they are respectfully submitted. Randall county is blessed with diversity of soils and this naturally suggests a diversity of crops. Plant others, as a side crop, if nothing else. Try your grounds and ascertain what crops they are best adapted to, and when you find out make that your leader. Some of these days our farmers who are now listless and indifferent will find out that there is something in scientific farming at last. Not only so, but by pursuing the "one acre" policy as here suggested they may hit on a field crop that will largely exceed wheat, corn or cotton in money results.

F. Hoffman, of Randall county, passed through Amarillo yesterday, returning home from Fort Worth, where he had been to market a carload of hogs. He received the top price, \$4.70, and his hogs were said to be the finest quality on the market. Mr. Hoffman is a farmer who farms intelligently and understands that this Panhandle country is especially adapted to stock farming. His hogs were fattened on Indian and Kaffir corn of his own raising.—Livestock Champion.

"I reckon I'd just as well as not have those photo's taken Xmas week, now that Lusby has got such a nice line of cards to select from," said Mrs. Perkins.

The railroad boys had a pay-day Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

This is the month of good cheer, of gay merrymakings, of joyful anticipation, and loving thoughts and plans for others' happiness. The Christmas spirit of "loving and giving" is in the air, and hard indeed is the heart that can resist this all-pervading influence.

Many are asking the question, "How can I bring comfort and cheer to those less fortunate than myself?"

This year the churches of the town hope to carry out with some degree of success, plans by which many homes will be brightened, and few, if any children of the several Sunday school classes, left without a bit of joy at Christmas-tide.

If we have the correct grasp of life we cannot but feel that its duties obligate our benevolence at this particular season of the year in the direction of cheering the hearts of those in families where illness or misfortune has robbed them of the means to make a merry Christmas. And how is this to be accomplished? All that is needed to insure that no home in Canyon City should be cheerless and forlorn this Christmas is a little thought and care, perhaps sacrifice, from each household or housewife. We should bear in mind that "there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers," so give heartily.

As the news greets us from central and eastern portions of the state to the effect that prosperity reigns supreme in the land that has suffered two years of drouth, some of those who came to the Plains during the period of depression there and when everything here was fairly bubbling over with plenty, are growing faint of heart as the tide changes, and are leaving a land of promise and one that has substantially profited the farmer who was not afraid to work for the past 15 years, all because this year has not been as good here as it was "back east." But the Plains will not be deserted as a consequence. There are those of that part of Texas that has had bounteous crops this year who remember very distinctly the two successive drouths they have had and are taking advantage of the present conditions in the Panhandle to buy homes. They are coming every day and where there is one who goes back there are two who gladly take his place. It was ever thus in the changing epochs of any rapidly developing country.

Abreast With The Times.

The First Nat'l. Bank put up a handsomely engraved certificate yesterday stating they are protected against both burglary and day-light robbery by a policy of Insurance in the "Ocean-Accident & Guarantee Corporation" of London. This is the largest Casualty Company in the world and has over \$1,200,000 surplus deposited in the United States.

The Bank is to be congratulated upon this wise precaution. Robberies are becoming such a common occurrence now-a-days that the only safe guard is in a good policy, and the Bank that carries one need have no fear. In case of an attack upon the above named Bank, they will be reimbursed for every dollar of loss under their policy.

There is a feeling of security and satisfaction when you keep your money in a Bank, and in the selection of a Bank, that one that carries Insurance against all hazards should recommend itself to every conservative man.

Wm. Garner, of Montague county, for several years tax collector of the county, was in town several days this week and may possibly buy land here. He is an old friend of the Slover family and went out to Dimmitt Tuesday to see W. A. Slover, father of M. F. Slover, the liveryman. He will return here before going back home and we hope that his ultimate decision will be to locate with us.

Photos \$1.00 per dozen and up, all on neat cards at Lusby's studio.

J. C. Waller, father of our fellow-citizens Hicks and Higgins Waller, died at his home near Ben Franklin last Sunday, the 13th inst.

E. H. Hamilton, who for a long time was identified with the Banking interest at Plainview, and who now owns a large ranch near the west Texas line, spent several days of this week as the guest of L. T. Lester.

Don't forget that you can always get a good substantial meal at the City Restaurant for 25 cts. Short orders at all hours. Fish, oysters, and anything else you may want to eat.

Mrs. Charlie Thomas returned from Amarillo yesterday where she has been visiting friends for a few days.

Every day except Sunday, during Christmas week the photo gallery will be open for business. Does This Interest YOU?

LOST—In Canyon City, Tuesday, a small gold heart-rocket with picture of lady and gentleman inside. Finder will confer a special favor on owner and receive reward by returning same to this office.

Potter county went "wet" by a majority of 61 votes last Saturday. It is to be hoped that Amarillo will keep herself quiet for a while, taking it for granted of course, that such a thing is possible.

C. W. Jochen, of High Hill, Fayette county, came in last Friday and has had Surveyor Harrison to establish the metes and bounds of the section he recently purchased near Umbarger. Mr. Jochen contemplates moving out here next summer.

The City Restaurant has an especially fine selection of candies, nuts and fruits for the Holidays. See their display window.

Word was received here Tuesday evening that the dwelling house on the section owned by Rev. W. H. Younger, some 18 miles southeast of town, was consumed about noon of that day by fire. Prof. G. G. Foster, who has been living on the place for some time, was in town at the time the fire occurred and the fact that no one was at the house enabled the flames to make swift work in its destruction. Nothing was saved but the charred remains of some fresh pork.

J. O. Barringer and C. L. Hardwick, both of Decatur, Wise county, were in town this week prospecting. If they do not find anything here to suit them they will make their way on west to Arizona.

J. H. Pipkin and wife, of Paul's Valley, Indian Ter., arrived here Sunday and will in all probability make this their future home. Mr. Pipkin is the oldest son of J. C. Pipkin and has been married only a short time.

Newt. Reeves came in Wednesday from Oklahoma, where he has been for some time disposing of a car of horses. He says he sold them at a good profit.

Oscar Hunt was in Amarillo the first of the week on business.

C. B. Wallace found easy access to our heart Saturday by depositing \$1.80 for the two "great" papers, the Canyon City News and the Dallas News. Some writers prefer narcotics as a means of stimulating their brain to brighter thoughts, but there is nothing that causes the News man's pencil to run so smoothly as for a man to come in and plunk down a dollar with which to pay our grocery bills, butcher bills, coal bills, etc. We have never said so in that many words, but it would be a clever trick on all delinquent's part to come in and tell us by this token that they wanted to see the only paper in Randall county thrive.

Mrs. J. S. Murphy returned Sunday from Kansas, where she has been for the past month visiting her parents and other relatives. J. S. says Mrs. Murphy brought one of those cold Missouri blizzards back with her but that he was very glad she came home anyway.

R. W. O'Keefe came in Monday from his Lamb and Bailey counties ranch where he has been for the past two weeks looking after his stock interests. He says that cattle are in remarkably fine condition considering the fact that it has been so unusually dry here this year. The dry weather has had a tendency to strengthen the grass in nutrition which is most usually the case where sufficient rainfall is had to give the grass a good growing start. Mr. O'Keefe expressed the belief that stockmen through this section of the country would not have to feed to any great extent this winter, at least the prevailing good weather and fine condition of stock generally would warrant such a prediction. Such lovely days as we have been having the past week, even though the taste of low prices for their marketed stuff is yet in the stockmen's mouth, creates one of those smiles "that won't come off."

Local Nimrods are bringing in the trophies of their sport every day. Monday, George Caze brought in two large buck heads with antlers, and a wolf scalp. The curiosities, (to new-comers only) were exhibited at Redfearn & Co's. store and the sight of such "luck" will no doubt have the effect of filling the minds of lovers of this sport with dreams of how they will gain for themselves enviable reputations during the holidays as crack marksmen. If they take as a standard the number of shots fired by Mr. Caze, which was 14 at one deer alone, they will "get their money's worth" in expenditure of ammunition. We have already heard of several parties who contemplate going and we recommend that they bring something back as evidence of their victory. There is no better place to bring it than the News office and we will gladly tell your friends about it.

Reading Circle Program.

To be held at the home of Miss Tina Thompson, Dec. 25.

1. Prayer.
2. Quotations on Christmas.
3. Music.
4. A Christmas Carol, Mr. Hodges.
5. Reading, Miss Pope.
6. Music.
7. Reading, Miss Brandon.
8. Social Hour.

All interested in literary work are invited.

John Knight came in last Saturday and had his subscription renewed on the Canyon City News, the Dallas News and the St. Louis Republic. Mr. Knight has been having a severe trial in the recent sickness of his family, he having had to do all the cooking, nursing, etc., as all of his family were down at one time except himself. The sick ones are all convalescent though greatly emaciated from the ravages of this dreaded fever.

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It is reported that screens, partitions, etc., are being removed from joints and "blind tigers" in Amarillo and the transformation is exhibiting "tigers" with good eyes, usually called licensed saloons. About 8 or 10 are in course of development from this embryo state.

HAND-TO-MOUTH METHODS

The Now-a-day's Farmer Must Keep Awake and Active.

Eugene Davenport, dean of Illinois College of Agriculture, has written the Chicago Daily Live Stock World a letter that ought to be read and re-read by not only every farmer in Texas, but by every one who has any influence over the farmer. In Texas in particular conditions are changing. It was only a few years ago—so few they could be conveniently reckoned by months—land was of no particular moment in estimating farming operations. But now with land bumping along at \$40 to \$75 per acre conditions are vastly different. Land, indeed, has become the prime factor in cost of many of the cheaper crops. But our readers can catch the drift of Mr. Davenport's letter and plainly read between the lines its splendid adaptability to conditions now confronting Texas agriculturists.

In recent years, and particularly in the west, agriculture has assumed a phase unheard of and undreamed of by our immediate ancestors. In the older days, and yet with many individuals, especially in certain sections, the only aim of the farmer was to raise enough to feed himself and his animals until another harvest; selling the surplus to buy groceries and the few necessities which cannot be produced directly from the land. This may be farming, but it is not agriculture. It is existence, but not business.

Agriculture has become a money-making profession for those whose conception is not cramped by tradition or slightness and who know how to manage with a view to money making.

So fixed was the old order of things that many will never rise out of it, and will go to the end of their days under the impression that to consume in the winter what was raised in the summer is good farming. So well established was this custom that many good people, particularly from the east, have great difficulty in understanding the spirit and purpose of western agriculture, whose moving impulse is to make money.

Riding or driving over the country one has little difficulty in dividing the farmers into these classes that have been described, those who farm for a bare existence and those who farm for money.

Agricultural education is designed for the latter class; for those who desire and propose to establish their farming on a business basis to the end that it may become a money-making enterprise, in which case the business is complicated and most certainly ranks as a learned profession.

To one who regards farming in this light, certain facts stand out distinctly and certain issues arise that must be squarely met. For example: Animals consume valuable food in large quantities. Therefore they are expensive and the balance may easily appear upon the wrong side. Again, inferior animals often consume as much as the most efficient and are therefore dangerous. Again, an animal may cost so much as to make profits impossible, except by speculation, which is not farming.

The crop must be adapted to the soil, the climate and the market. Labor is expensive and often inefficient. Machinery is so effective in cheapening production as to be indispensable, yet it calls for a superior class of labor, for it is costly, and if abused, is a tremendous source of waste. Again, tools are highly specialized and a given tool will do but few things.

The soil cannot produce forever without attention, yet the old adage that we must restore as much as we take off, will keep up the land, but will make the farmer poor. The land must be kept up while the farmer grows rich, and to get rich he must sell the products of his farm.

All the great facts press upon the farmer's attention, and if he be a farmer indeed, he will consider them carefully and act accordingly. If he be of the older type, he will not discover their existence. To meet successfully the complicated conditions surrounding modern agriculture requires special knowledge of the business and good training, and this we call agricultural education.

This education can be gotten in various ways; from watching the methods of the most successful farmers; from reading the best agricultural books and papers; from the farmers' institute; from attendance at the agricultural colleges, and from any and all sources of information as to the principles that underlie continued successful farming, and that must therefore be reckoned with.

I use the word principles advisedly. To copy methods merely somewhere, is to lose sight of the whole issue. I again lies the difference between the educated and the uneducated man. The uneducated man follows indefinitely and repeats blindly the practices that he has learned, his faith readily supplying an explanation for all failures, always assigning causes entirely outside of his methods.

The educated man, on the other hand, understands that he is dealing with principles, and he therefore varies his methods, always endeavoring to fit the occasion, and if he fails he knows and will confess that he blundered or, at least, that his methods were faulty.

The schools are not the only source of this sort of education, though they are the most favorable places in which to get it. Some men educate much more readily than others, and an occasional one is able to educate himself out of his own experience, and that of his neighbors, and he may succeed in doing a pretty good job of it, too.

But this method is hazardous as well as difficult, and it is not to be recommended to those who can do better, as most men can in these days of free schools. Only the best men can educate themselves with reasonable success. There are many failures among those who try it, and some of the who have failed worst in their attempt at self education are like sinners—ignorant of their actual malady.

By far the safest and best way in these days of good agricultural colleges is for the young man to put himself under their instruction, and afterward when in business for himself, he will have abundant opportunity to use his full stock of patience in self-training, and even after a full course of study in college he will have enough left to learn by experience all, indeed, the any man can afford to learn in the school of experience, in which the tuition is higher than in any other school that is known.

Agricultural education in these days should include something besides those things that will make farming simply profitable. It should include those subjects and points of view that will make of the man a good citizen and of his family good members of society, for after all we make money in order to live. Only the uneducated man lives to make money.

This, then, it seems to me, is the whole matter. Every man needs two educations. One that will enable him to "make money," and another that will enable him to use it wisely for the happiness and proper development of himself and those dependent upon him. If he neglect or lose sight of either one he and his life are failures, no matter how much money he may accumulate on the one hand, or how "learned" he may be on the other.

Alfalfa Outlook in Wise County.

I have not been able to learn to what extent the farmers of our locality propose to experiment with alfalfa this fall and next spring, but hope a sufficient number will plant a few acres, at least, to make the experiment a fair one with reference to the different soils in our part of the state. From all the information I have been able to get with reference to the cultivation of alfalfa, I am satisfied that with proper effort it will prove a splendid success on some soils in this vicinity, and it may be that there are thousands of acres on which it can be produced successfully, and if so, and people who own and control such lands will give it a reasonable acreage, it may prove a great boon to our country.

Unlike most crops, alfalfa does not impoverish the land on which it grows, but on the contrary, enriches it and protects it, and then another thing in its favor is, that when once a good stand, there is no further expense or trouble in preparing land or furnishing seed annually, as with most crops grown, but properly managed, the crop may be used for hay or pasture from year to year indefinitely, almost.

In neighboring sections of the state where conditions are very similar to those in our immediate locality, alfalfa is proving the most profitable crop that can be grown with anything like the same amount of expense and effort.—Uncle Zekiel in Boyd Index.

A Pertinent Question.

"You ought not to kill your neighbors," said the missionary.

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A GRAYSON COUNTY ORCHARD

Plenty of Apples from a Revived and Rejuvenated Planting.

W. L. Grigsby, living three miles southwest of Denison, has an apple orchard, which is a sample of what can be accomplished in this section in Grayson county.

The orchard comprises eighteen acres of land, on which is set out about 1200 apple trees of the Ben Davis variety. The trees are thirteen years old.

Mr. Grigsby purchased the farm of thirty acres, which included the eighteen-acre Ben Davis apple orchard five years ago. At that time the orchard was not paying a profit to the owner. The yield was small and the apples were of a very poor quality.

The site chosen for the orchard is a good one, being an even tract with a slight slope to the east and south. The soil is a sandy loam, about eighteen inches deep, over a clay formation.

Mr. Grigsby was not a practical fruit grower, but he gave the subject much study and posted himself on the methods of successful fruit growers. He then began to experiment with gratifying results, and this year he has a crop of apples that are inferior to none, no matter where grown.

The trees, which have been partly stripped of their fruit, have yielded 2500 bushels of apples and there is yet ungathered 500 bushels. Many of the trees will yield from six to ten bushels per tree.

The fruit is practically perfect, being without blemish and of a generally uniform size. Some of the largest apples weigh near a pound each.

The apples sell readily in the local market at \$1.50 per bushel, and Mr. Grigsby declined an offer for the entire crop at \$1.25 per bushel.

In addition to a good supply of cider Mr. Grigsby has made \$400 worth of vinegar from the apples this season.

The orchard will bring in cash something like \$1500 this season, which is a fine showing for eighteen acres of land, especially when the land was purchased for \$50 an acre.

There are apple orchards in the neighborhood of the Grigsby orchard which do not yield such handsome returns, simply because they are not properly cared for.

In the spring of the year Mr. Grigsby gives his trees careful attention, removing the superfluous bark and seeing that the trunks of the trees are kept in a healthy state. He sprays the trees continually during the time when the blossoms are opening and the fruit is developing. He regards spraying as very essential to the production of the fruit, and uses a mixture of several chemicals for his spray. Important ingredients of the spray are lime, blue vitrol and sulphate of copper.

It costs about \$15 to spray over the eighteen acres each time, and the trees are given a thorough dousing several times during the season. The results obtained amply justify the labor and expense.

Mr. Grigsby has a horsepower cider mill and several pomace vats for the manufacturing of vinegar. The cider produced is of excellent flavor and there is a good market for it. The vinegar retails for 40c a gallon and the demand for pure apple vinegar is unlimited.

The orchard is a very pretty sight just now. The foliage is still on the trees, and even to this late date on the trees which have not been picked the red fruit hangs from the limbs.

Mr. Grigsby states that the spraying prevents the fruit from falling off the trees. Other orchards in the neighborhood have long since shed their fruit, but the apples are firmly attached to the trees in Mr. Grigsby's orchard.

Asked if the apples could be kept through the winter, Mr. Grigsby said that he had no trouble in keeping as many as he desired.

The present price of \$1.50 per bushel would indicate that the best policy to pursue would be to sell the apples now rather than go to the trouble and expense of sorting them.

Among citizens who have visited the Grigsby orchard, some of whom have seen the best apple orchards in the United States, the opinion commonly expressed is that the Grigsby orchard is surpassed by none when the quality and flavor of the fruit and the productiveness of the trees are taken into consideration.

Got Rid of the Ticks.

Hiram Butler has been dipping his cattle in Beaumont oil to free them from ticks. Mr. Butler, who ranches on Lipan, states that he dipped his cattle about a month ago

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