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HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

C. H. Hitchcock and Roy Cage went to Amarillo Saturday.

D. C. McClain, after spending four years on the Plains decided the Plains didn't afford such girls as the East, and went to Gatesville last week and was married to Miss Beatrice Darsey Sunday. We wish them a happy, prosperous life.

We have a very contagious fever in our midst that is playing havoc with our young people—that is matrimonial fever. It seems that when it begins it sweeps over our entire community and we suffer loss. Hope someone will be kind enough to send a remedy.

C. H. Hitchcock and daughter, Miss Lula, went to Canyon Monday shopping.

L. A. Pierce went to Canyon Tuesday.

T. R. R. Atkins of Deaf Smith, passed through here Tuesday en route to Canyon with a load of grain.

B. T. Johnson preached at Paloduro Sunday night.

Mr. Geo. Day and wife left Tuesday for Denver, Colo., where they have gone on a prospecting tour.

Miss Ora Cage was given a birthday party Tuesday night by Mrs. H. S. Burnham. A nice time was had. The young people departed wishing her many more anniversaries.

Misses Mollie and Luna Hitchcock visited in Deaf Smith last week.

Will Garner and wife of Umbarger, visited B. T. Johnson's last week.

Mrs. Renison is very sick at this writing. Dr. Vinyard of Amarillo, was called to her bedside.

F. Hoffman delivered a fine

cow to Mr. Pennyfold of Deaf Smith, Monday for \$40.

One of our boys has been very full of business the past two weeks. It seems there is one certain place the center of attraction.

Stock of all kinds doing fine.  
TASSIE.

No Damage Where Predestined.

Up in Rhode Island they mix theology and law as follows: Rev. Moffett brought suit against a railroad company for \$10,000, the damage alleged to have been sustained by reason of the death of the defendant company's railroad of the plaintiff's father, who was also a Presbyterian minister.

The jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$1. The reason assigned was that both Rev. Moffett and his father were believers in predestination, and had preached this doctrine. It was held, therefore, that since the elder Moffett's death had been decreed from before the foundation of the world, and that since the decree was unalterable and unchangeable, the railroad company was in no way liable, since the manner and time of death had been fixed by the Creator.—Dallas News.

Special to Roswell, N. M.  
For the annual meeting of the Panhandle Stockmen's Convention, to be held at Roswell, New Mexico, April 16th, 17th and 18th the Pecos Valley Lines will sell found trip tickets at greatly reduced rates: The fare from Canyon City to Roswell and return will be \$5.00. Tickets on sale 14th to 17th inclusive, return limit April 20th, 1907.

Yours truly,  
D. L. MEYERS,  
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PROPOSED TAX HOLD-UP.

The Claude (Armstrong County) News, discussing Captain McDonald's instructions to assessors, says:

For the past half century, possibly, it has been the custom in rendering taxes to place property at about one-third its actual value, and on this basis the tax rate has been fixed. This has been the custom so long that it has carried with it almost the sanctity of law. The ad valorem rate now in force is 16 2/3 cents on the \$100 and the school tax 18 cents on the \$100, making a total of 34 2/3 cents of the \$100. At this rate and under present valuations the State has been able to meet her obligations, or nearly so. Now comes the mandate from the revenue agent requiring the assessor to have each individual render under oath all his property at actual value. With this ruling strictly enforced and the rate at the present figures, there would be enough money collected from the people the coming year to run the State Government, properly administered, for fully three years. Now what the tax payers would like to know is, what is the necessity for this radical change in our system? And what the good sense in piling up this money in the treasury? If the Legislature will, before the session comes to a close, reduce the rate one-half, then there could be no objection to a raise of values. We question the practicability of enforcing orders as issued by the revenue agent and no doubt endorsed by Governor Campbell. The people have rights, and while the former ranger had the power to enforce his orders at the end of his six-

shooter, we are inclined to doubt his ability to hold up the citizenship of Texas for the purpose, as it seems from the surface, of filling the vaults of the State treasury to be squandered by succeeding Legislatures. The principle of assessing property at its actual value is correct, provided our tax rate is made to correspond with the needs of the State. Would it not be wise to call a halt before we find ourselves face to face with a dangerous problem? Our citizenship is conservative, and radical changes in long-established customs is not relished by them. As remarked by a gentleman deeply interested in all public matters, "This is a people's government and the people are going to rule."

Disposed Of.

The magnate-faced St. Peter, "What sort of a life have you led?" inquired the keeper of the gates.

The face of the magnate grew dull and solid.

"By advice of counsel," he replied, "I refuse to answer."

The gatekeeper slowly nodded. "In that case," he said, "you had better consult your counsel before this goes any further. He is waiting for you in the ante-room below."

Whereupon the saint pressed the button and the elevator platform upon which the magnate was standing dropped into the sulphurous depths.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## The Scrap Book

Elsewhere in this issue we present the first installment of a new feature, the "Scrap Book," which we commend to the attention of our readers. To neglect to read it would be as if one were to fail to pick up a dollar bill which was honestly one's own for the taking. He who reads will get at least five or six laughs which will stir his liver, kill the microbes in his system, and strengthen his whole organism against disease, dejection, cowardice and all other insidious enemies of our kind. He will also be inspired by a noble little poem, by pathetic and heroic passages, and by the wisdom of the wisest. He who reads will be a better and happier soul for the reading.

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**THE DOUBLE TAX ISSUE.**

Captain McDonald in his instructions to Assessors to list all property at "its real or market value" has raised an issue which the people of Texas generally must meet and the sooner the better.

Writing the Assessor of the adjoining county of Armstrong Captain McDonald, among other things, says:

"An inspector of the tax rolls of your county for 1906, and some years prior thereto, discloses the fact that both real and personal property is assessed at only a certain per cent of its value, instead of 'at its value,' as required by the Constitution and laws of this State."

Now, sad to say, such is the condition not only in Armstrong, but in almost every other county in Texas. The exceptions, only a very few, however, being in some ragged poor counties where assessments at real value are imperative in order to meet necessary local expense.

Now, as stated last week, this unequal and deplorable condition of affairs, no matter how time honored by use, ought to be remedied and the only question, as The News views it, is how and when? There can be no question but that the how of this correctly stated by Captain McDonald. On the when or time of enforcement only does The News take issue with him.

To follow Captain McDonald's instructions now would undoubtedly amount to at least double taxation for easily three-fourths of Texas counties and for a period of two years anyway and perhaps three, unless the Legislature now in session adopted measures to prevent it. It would, to say the least of it, lay up piles of idle money at Austin and to that extent paralyze the industries of the State and, as stated last week, The News is inclined to the opinion that the people want stand for such a course. Under present conditions as to rate, State and County, Captain McDonald is too severe, too radical and cannot hope of securing the cooperation of either assessors or taxpayers.

There is a reasonable way to bring this much desired change about. Let the Legislature, soon to meet in special session, cut the present tax rate one-half and then every good citizen all over Texas will join heartily with Captain McDonald in the revolution proposed. Unless this is done it will, by the great majority of citizens, be viewed as an attempted hold-up and they will submit; not even to the man of whom it is said, that "he would charge hell itself with only one bucket of water."

However, to show a willingness to comply with what is really the correct rule of law the several counties of Texas should hold citizens' mass meetings and petition the State government to so change the State rate as to make Captain McDonald's proposition a reasonable one.

Why not Randall county hold a mass meeting for this purpose?

It leaked out from Austin Monday from "one very near to the Governor" as the Dallas News expressed it, "that assessment at full market value" is required in order to wipe out the present State deficiency and meet appropriations of the present Legislature. It is even said that not only will this be necessary, but

that an increase in the present State ad valorem to 20 cents must come. Just as well have made this statement at the beginning.

Counting this week the Harry K. Thaw trial has taken up three months and has cost the commonwealth a pile of money, much more, very much more than is allowed or permitted to be spent where the life of much better citizens, but poorer ones, are concerned.

Dallas county's tax values for last year summed up a total of twelve millions and on the first day of January last the banks alone of Dallas, had fifteen millions on deposit. It seems to The News that Captain McDonald might find more there than in the Panhandle counties.

To follow Captain McDonald's instructions will more than double taxation in Randall county. How does this strike the natives?

**County School Institute.**

At the County School Institute which closed Saturday all teachers in the county, except three, were present, and also several visiting teachers. No part of the program, published in this paper some three weeks ago, was allowed to go by without comment and some discussion, and several things not upon the program, but of great interest to the cause of education, came in for considerable attention. Judge Henson, a good presiding officer generally, excels himself in Institute work, in fact a more in earnest capable body of school workers it would be hard to find anywhere than Randall county can justly boast of at the present time.

This, The News says not in an ordinarily polite meaningless newspaper compliment, but as a just tribute to deserving people. One of the features not in the program was the entertainment at the court house Friday night. In this the audience was treated to select reading by Charlotte Ingham; recitations by Mabel Rowan, Katherine Thompson, Zina Henson, Raymond Wansley, Kathleen Stewart and an address by Judge J. C. Hunt.

The reading and recitations were spicy, of the humorous variety and were given by bright "little folks." This always gives satisfaction to grown children and did here. The address was along educational lines and such as only one who "has been there" for years—an old teacher or a preacher could give. The speaker left no doubt as to where he stood. He is for longer terms of school, ten months in towns and six months at least in country districts; more taxation to keep them up and better salaries for teachers, and for a higher education also, one that does not stop at greater attainments intellectually, but includes the moral and spiritual growth. Judge Hunt has missed his calling—he ought to have been a preacher.

This Institute work is a good thing and the public, especially patrons of the schools, should take more interest in it. Just why they don't has always been a mystery to The News editor. Just think, not a single trustee of all the seven in Canyon City was at any one of the Institute sessions.

To maintain a first-class school in any community it is absolutely necessary to cooperate with the teachers in their work and there is, as The News sees it, no better one place to begin this cooperation than in the County Institute. What higher mission in life can there be than the thorough and proper education of our children?

Watches, clocks, chains and charms and many other nice articles in the jewelry line. Call and see them.

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**Canyon Beats Roswell.**

The prediction through these columns a few weeks ago that Manager Oscar Smith would pick up a "fast bunch" of ball players during his recent visit to Fort Worth seems to be coming true already.

In the series of three games with Roswell on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the team from the forks of the creek bearing the name of "Canyon, Texas," in glaring letters across their breasts, won the best two out of three with the following scores: Monday, Canyon 6, Roswell 5; Tuesday, Canyon 2, Roswell 8; Wednesday, Canyon 8, Roswell 4.

The Roswell team has always had the reputation of being the hardest team in the west to defeat, and in view of the fact that our team had never really played together this season before meeting the alfalfa aggregation, it would seem to the discerning that the Canyon team will be a potent factor in this season's averages.

Canyon has ever enjoyed the reputation of being as clean and straightforward a town as any anywhere and in the personnel of the team the town is well represented. It has been and is the desire of the management to have none but clean, honest, straightforward men on the team, and no man who is otherwise can hold a position on it for a day. Let's all get together as we have on other important issues of late concerning the welfare of Canyon and give our team enthusiastic support with a "Rah for Canyon!"

**The Plains Fruit Crop.**

The News last week in speaking of the Easter cold snap and its damage to fruit on the lower lands, creek valleys, etc., ventured the conclusion that fruit on the general level of the country was not materially injured and the following from our nabor county of Armstrong, taken from the Claude News, bears this out:

There has been some uneasiness about the fruit crop but so far as we can learn very little damage has been done up to the present time. Charlie Gilbert was in town last week and said he never saw better prospects; aside from a few peaches he had not been able to discover any damage to his orchard, and the wild plum crop promises an immense yield. Uncle Jesse McClure brought to the News office last Saturday specimens from his peach and plum orchard which showed that they were all right, and if he doesn't have plenty of fruit this summer the damage will have to be done later. The only injury so far as we have been able to learn was a few peaches in Bob Campbell's orchard and that on not very good trees.

**A Woman Tells How to Relieve Rheumatic Pains.**

I have been a very great sufferer from the dreadful disease, rheumatism, for a number of years. I have tried many medicines but never got much relief from any of them until two years ago, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I found relief before I had used all of one bottle, but kept on applying it and soon felt like a different woman. Through my advice many of my friends have tried it and can tell you how wonderfully it has worked.—Mrs. Sarah A. Cole, 140 S. New St., Dover, Del. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is a liniment. The relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. It makes rest and sleep possible. For sale by S. V. Wirt, druggist.

Commissioners' court, in special session Tuesday, ordered elections in Lair school district No. 7 and Burch school district No. 12 on May 4. The proposition in the first named district is to increase the special school tax from 15 to 20 cents, and in the Burch district to levy a special tax of 20 cents on each \$100 for school purposes. As the petitions were signed by almost all the voters in each of these districts the tax is likely to carry.

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Club Notes.

The Woman's Book Club was entertained by Mrs. Walter Cranford last Saturday evening in her suburban home. The afternoon was pleasant and those who failed to attend missed a most lively and interesting meeting. It being the appointed time for the election of new officers no special program was prepared, but questions of vital importance to every Club member were discussed and referred for further action at the next meeting. Those who would have "their say," be present or "forever hold their peace."

Mrs. C. R. Burrow was unanimously re-elected President of the Club. Other officers elected as follows: Mrs. S. L. Ingham, vice-president; Mrs. A. S. Rollins, librarian; Mrs. R. A. Sower, secretary; Miss Emma Brandon, treasurer.

A few fines are imposed at each meeting for the non-return of books. Each book must be returned to Club meeting to be exchanged or even renewed. The Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Sterling Coffee on the 20th of April.

Talk of more brick business houses going up soon.



