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### TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

Giuseppe Garibaldi.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.



A filibuster for the good of his country.

Garibaldi was always a filibuster, but he filibustered not in quest of loot or personal power, but for the good of his own country. That Italy is today a strong, united nation rather than a group of petty principalities or dependencies of other powers is due in very large measure to the inborn filibustering propensity of Giuseppe Garibaldi. Here was a man with a mission, and he could not be kept down. For half a century his soul was centered upon the unification and liberation of Italy, and for the greater part of that period he was fighting for his cause.

California grows a flower named the garibaldi because it is red. The followers of Garibaldi wore red as their distinctive color of garb. The Garibaldian red shirt, famous in history, stood for united Italy. It was the red badge of liberty through unification.

Garibaldi, who was a sailor's son and given to roving, became identified early in life with Mazzini and other zealots in the Young Italy movement. But the methods of Garibaldi were not those of Mazzini, who was unable to compromise by accepting unification of the Italian states under a monarch, so insistent was he for a republican government. Garibaldi also was a republican, but he was willing to accept a benevolent monarchy as a means to an end—the protection and development of the Italian people.

Condemned to death for his part in the earlier uprisings, Garibaldi escaped to France and thence to South America, where he presently found opportunity to continue his career as a warrior in opposition to tyranny. He fought for the new republic of Uruguay against the usurpation of the Argentine dictator. Then he made his way to the United States, an exile from home, earning his living as a maker of candles and declining the honor of a demonstration such as the Americans gave Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot.

Back to Italy went Garibaldi when the time was ripe, raising band after band of followers, conquering the Neapolitan provinces in the cause of unification and finally, absolute master of Naples, relinquishing voluntarily to King Victor Emmanuel his own sovereignty for the good of Italy. There, indeed, was a patriot with no price tag attached to his red shirt.

### THE MALAYS.

Their Lives Seem to Be Governed by Their Superstitions.

Malays will resort to any and every conceivable pretext to avoid paying money on Friday. They believe that if they pay their debts on this day they will be overtaken by poverty and want. Tuesday and Saturday they consider generally unlucky days, and if they shave or cut their nails on either of these days thereafter they will always be in trouble and will perhaps die soon. The Malay never sleeps in the afternoon because of the fear that to waste the hours of daylight tends to shorten life. If a Malay finds his clothes to have been bitten by a

rat he is sure that it signifies bad luck, and if he can possibly afford it the clothes are given away in the name of charity. There is a species of bird called in the Malay country rowk rowk, which lives in the fields and does not build a nest. It is believed that whoever obtains a rowk rowk's nest will become invisible by placing it on his head. Of course the Malays believe there is such a nest hidden away somewhere.

The Malays always abstain from taking food during an eclipse of the sun or the moon and are exceedingly careful about their baths, so as to prevent the attack of contagious diseases. The crow is a bird of especially ill omen to the Malay, and if it is heard cawing near a habitation it means death to some one of the inmates. In some other parts of the world if an owl alights on or near a house and hoots it is said to mean "death or desolation"—the house may be burned or sold for debt or other misfortune. If a black cat crosses the road in front of a Malay he will at once turn back and pursue his journey by another way. The crossing of the black cat signifies danger involving the loss of life. In some other countries a rabbit crossing the road has the same significance. The disagreeable habit of biting the finger nails is almost unknown among the Malays. They believe that if indulged in the habit will surely lead to poverty.

It is considered by the Malay to be a very lucky thing to see a pig or a Chinese funeral before the sunrise. Whatever he attempts on this day will be sure to prosper. Dreaming of jumping a brooklet assures the dreamer that he will die in a short time. Then the faithful Malay dreamer gives alms to the poor and behaves gently and kindly to all about him in an endeavor to pacify the gods and persuade them to lengthen his life. To see a monkey in the morning is an evil omen, and it signifies that the day will be a bad one for trade. All of these omens have palliations, and the wise Malay usually takes each one as a warning of danger or misfortune that may be in part if not wholly avoided.

### Yawning.

There can be little doubt that one of the objects of yawning is the exercise of muscles which have been for a long time quiescent and the acceleration of the blood and lymph flow which has in consequence of this quiescence become sluggish; hence its frequency after one has remained for some time in the same position—e. g., when waking in the morning. Co-operating with this cause is sleepiness and the shallow breathing which it entails. This factor as well as muscle quiescence is apt to attend the sense of boredom which one experiences in listening to a dull sermon; hence it is that the bored individual is apt to yawn. As in the case of sighing, the deep breath which accompanies the act of yawning compensates for the shallow breathing which is so apt to excite it.—"Therapeutic Aspects of Talking," by Dr. H. Campbell.

The Orator Summarizes.  
His lectures he doth now recall;  
His heart doth not repine.  
The influence they had was small,  
But the gate receipts were fine.  
—Washington Star.

### COURTROOM COMEDY.

A Little Passage Between the Lawyer and the Landlady.

The woman was in the box, and she was a very nice mannered, respectable woman, who kept a cheap boarding house, and it was the desire of one of her guests to be dishonest that had brought her to the court to make him pay his board bill.

"How old did you say you were, madam?" inquired the lawyer, with no reason on earth, for an elderly landlady is no more anxious to lose a board bill than a young one.

"I did not say, sir," she responded, flushing to the roots of her hair.

"Will you be kind enough to say, madam?"

"It's none of your business!"

"Objection sustained," smiled the judge.

"Um," said the lawyer, rubbing his chin. "How much did you say the amount was the defendant owed you?"

"Three pounds."

"And for how long was that?"

"Three weeks."

"That's £1 a week, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Three weeks at £1 a week is £3, I believe you said?"

"Yes, sir."

The witness was patient, but her temper was not improved under the strain.

"Isn't that an extravagant price to pay for board in your locality, madam?" inquired the lawyer severely.

"He didn't pay it, sir," answered the worm, beginning to turn.

The lawyer gave a little start of surprise, then became indignant at the very thought of a witness talking like that.

"Don't be facetious, madam," he said, assuming a tone of warning.

"This is a serious matter. I have asked if your prices were not exorbitant, and you have seen fit to answer lightly, madam. Now, madam, I ask you in all earnestness if you mean to tell this court that your prices are moderate and that if I should come to your house to board you would charge me £1 a week? Answer directly, madam," and the barrister squared his shoulders and assumed an imperial manner.

The witness was not at all abashed.

"No, sir," she said simply, "I would."

"I thought not, I thought not," interrupted the lawyer, bending over and rubbing his hands.

"No, sir," continued the witness, "I should not charge you at all. I should make you pay in advance."—London Tit-Bits.

### Putting Your Foot In It.

Mr. George Russell in his book "Collections and Recollections" tells the following story:

"A friend of mine in the diplomatic service visiting Rome in the old days of the temporal power had the honor of an interview with Pío Nono. The pope graciously offered him a cigar. 'I am told you will find this very fine!' The Englishman made that stupidest of all answers, 'Thanks, your holiness, but I have no vices.' 'This isn't a vice. If it was, you would have it.'"

Playgoers will remember the following passage in Bulwer's "Lady

of Lyons" and draw their own conclusions:

Claude (offering snuff box)—M. Beauseant, will you honor me?

Beauseant—No, your highness. I have no small vices.

Claude—Why, if it were a vice you'd be sure to have it, M. Beauseant.

### Persistence.

Persistence is characteristic of all men who have accomplished anything great. They may lack in some particular, may have many weaknesses and eccentricities, but the quality of persistence is never absent in a successful man. No matter what opposition he meets or what discouragements overtake him, he is always persistent. Drudgery cannot disgust him. Labor cannot weary him. He will persist, no matter what comes or goes. It is a part of his nature. He could almost as easily stop breathing. It is not so much brilliancy of intellect or fertility of resource as persistence of effort, constancy of purpose, that gives success.

### Red Haired Charmers.

"There are no red haired old maids."

The speaker, a red haired actress, went on:

"The red haired have an excess of iron in their blood. This causes them to overflow with vitality, animal spirits, gayety, wit, charm—but I must not boast, must I?"

She smiled, and smoothing her ruddy locks with a slim white hand, she added:

"At any rate it is a palpable fact that the red haired girl never gets left. As a rule she is married at twenty. A red haired old maid is a rarity."—New York Press.

### Mistletoe.

On account of its connection with heathen rite and legend the mistletoe was early banished from the churches. Clergymen have in former times been known to forbid its use among the Christmas decorations, regarding it as too tainted with superstitions to fitly ornament the house of God, and from use as an architectural decoration it has been rigorously excluded. Perhaps the only known instance of its use is in Bristol cathedral, where sprays of mistletoe, with leaves and berries, fill the spandrels of one of the remarkable tombs.—London Mail.

### Settled.

Knicker—There are no rich men in heaven.

Botker—No. If the camel did get through the eye of the needle it would be called a nature fake.—Judge.

### An Indifferentist.

"He is the most indifferent man," said Bangs, "I ever knew. How often I have heard him say, 'I don't care if I do!'"

—Philadelphia Press.

### TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

James Watt.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.



The steam engine was a plaything when he began to tinker with it.

It was George Stephenson who, observing the lifting of a teakettle's lid by the hissing and bubbling within, conceived and created the first crude steam engine, but it was James Watt who divined the immense possibilities of steam as a motive force and adapted the engine to practical uses. So many and so important were the improvements added by Watt that he shares honors with the inventor of the original engine. Watt perfected the steam engine, adapting it to general industrial service. He took an embryotic contrivance and developed it practically to a finished creation.

This Scotchman was an instrument maker by trade. Employed in that capacity for the University of Glasgow, he took advantage of his association with the professors to increase his scientific knowledge. In the laboratory was a little steam engine vast in possibilities, but little more than a plaything when Watt began to tinker with it. His first great improvement in the engine was the invention of the independent steam condenser, which conserved much of the power that was lost in the original machine. Watt also invented the centrifugal governor, the water gauge, the mercury steam gauge and many other features, leaving the steam engine in its essential construction very much as it stands today.

Watt worked at his task with unflagging zeal. He made the improvement of the steam motor his life's work. From 1759 to 1774 he was almost constantly engaged in perfecting the mechanism of the engine. It is said that republics are ungrateful. This cannot be said of the kingdom of Great Britain in the case of James Watt, for the government extended the Watt patents beyond the prescribed term of years in recognition of the long period of time which the tireless inventor devoted to his work of improvement and adaptation.

### Sauce For the Gander.

A sailor was one day telling a gentleman of the many relations he had lost at sea.

"Well," said the gentleman, "aren't you afraid to go to sea?"

"No, sir," answered the salt. "Did you ever lose any relation at sea?"

"No, my man," answered the gentleman. "All my relations died in bed."

"Then," said the salt, "aren't you afraid to go to bed?"

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J. A. TATE, re-election.  
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JOE FOSTER (re-election)
- For County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace Prec. No. 1,**  
JOHN ROWAN  
W. J. REDFEARN
- For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2,**  
E. W. NEECE

**SOUND DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE.**

Last week in The News editor's old home county of Burnet, in the courthouse thereof, a Democratic convention passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, the time-bound principles of the Democratic party are unalterably opposed to all organizations of capital whose purposes and results are "in restraint of trade" and the destruction of healthy competition,

And whereas, it is equally wrong and ruinous to good government for public officials to sell their legal or personal services to such combinations of wealth;

And, whereas, it has been shown and admitted by himself that Senator Joseph W. Bailey has been guilty of this great wrong;

Therefore, be it resolved, that what is known as "Baileyism" is opposed to the teachings and practice of true Democracy, and prejudicial to good government; hence we are opposed to Senator Bailey's selection as a delegate to the next National Convention.

Resolved, further, that we will support no man for State Senator or Floater Representative to the Lower House of the Legislature who will not pledge himself to oppose and vote against any Democrat who sells his services to public trusts and corporations.

Resolved, further, that we cordially endorse the administration of Gov. Campbell, and the official record of Attorney General Davidson as wise, fearless, able and Democratic, and pledge our influence and support in the coming primary election.

Whatever others may think The News is firmly of the opinion that these resolutions express "sound Democratic doctrine."

**SOMETHING ABOUT FISH.**

The inexhaustible water supply of the Plains; the ease with which it can be brought to the surface and the holding capacity of the top soil strata make it an ideal place for fish lakes and

ponds. The only question then is the best kind of fish for these ponds and in considering this the following from the Louisville Home and Farm may be of interest:

He was a famous farmer of the South and lived to be an old man. He ranks with the people whose good sayings and deeds live after them, for, though now dead, many of his thoughts remain. He tells about the kinds of fish best for growing in the ponds on farms of the South.

"I was," says he, "an early cultivator of the carp. The carp is about equal in quality to the Buffalo perch. But, then, I cannot catch the carp when I want it with gig, hook or seine."

"The best pond fish for pure water is the new-light, goggle-eyed perch, or red sun fish. In muddy ponds the catfish is the only fish worth breeding."

"There is in some of the States the blue channel cat with spots, the bull head, then the two varieties of mud cats, both broad and flat-headed; the one with blueish water-spots is good, but the flat-headed yellow cat is the best fresh water fish in America for use all the year round, being always fat."

"The bull head is the coarsest fish we have. The channel cat loves running water; when over eight pounds it grows coarse. The other flat-headed cats are as tender as a spring chicken up to forty pounds, I know, and am told that the largest size are as juicy as the smallest."

Home and Farm often has inquiries on this class of fish, the best fish for ponds. This information will surely be directly helpful and suggestive to such people.

The Hereford Brand, issue of last week, under the head of "Misinformation" chides The News for including Hereford in the list of smallpox towns, saying, "there has not been a case of smallpox in Hereford in two or three years." We do get wrong sometimes. Bro. Elliott, and when so are always willing to acknowledge the corn, but in this instance The News got the information straight—thru a Hereford citizen. And further, Hereford physicians admit that smallpox is there, and so if the Brand will look about it will undoubtedly find, or ought to find, provided Hereford be not intentionally suppressing the information, that yellow flags are in evidence in Hereford as well as in Canyon City. Own up!

In many Texas towns, on proclamation issued by the Mayor, a clean-up is being provided for. The general plan adopted is for each individual citizen to pile his trash, old cans, etc., and the town to furnish drays to haul the stuff away. March 24th is the date set in most places. Why not something of the kind in Canyon City?

East Texas counties desiring to be supplied with Panhandle grain next season should get in their orders early as arrangements are under way now looking to a northern market next year. Colorado is after us good and strong; so strong that the railroad is to make special inducements in that direction.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

Whitewright has a chicken law. You may have chickens in Whitewright if you want to but you must keep them on your own premises. A good law.

Parties inquiring for a driving horse last week will please call at this office.

**Commercial Club Proceedings.**

At the regular monthly meeting Thursday evening of last week there was a good turnout of members and a lively time generally. President R. A. Terrill presided.

On the question of taking steps looking to the annexation of that portion of Armstrong county lying south of Red River the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, first, that it is the sense of this Commercial club that that portion of Armstrong county lying south of the Palo Duro canyon should be joined and added to Randall county in event that it be detached from Armstrong county, and that the people of said strip so cut off, are cordially invited to become citizens of Randall.

2. That in event such strip be attached to Randall county said Randall county should guarantee payment of its proportion of Armstrong county's indebtedness, if any there be.

3. That said strip becoming a part of Randall county this club will do its utmost to prevail upon

our commissioners' court to open and work a public road of the first class, as near direct as possible from Canyon City to and thru said strip.

4. That a committee of members of this club be appointed to investigate this matter and to consult with the citizens of said strip concerning the same, reporting the results to the president as soon as possible. The members forming this committee are: A. C. Rollins, A. N. Henson and Geo. A. Brandon.

On complaint of real estate men that some parties in Canyon City were interfering with their prospective purchasers, the following resolutions were adopted as the sense of this club to wit:

Whereas, The real estate firms of Canyon City have, by their industry, energy and the expenditure of large sums of money, brought many prospectors to Randall county, quite a number of whom have located among us and are helping to develop our country, and many others of whom have invested money in our lands, thus bringing prosperity to our community and adding

largely to our taxable values;

Be it therefore resolved by the Canyon City Commercial Club, That in view of the great expense of time, labor and money on the part of said real estate men, and the consequent benefits to our town and county, we do not envy them the profits of their enterprise whatever such profits may be, but that we extend our thanks, sympathy and active cooperation to all legitimate and honorable efforts to bring settlers or investors to our county.

And be it further resolved, That we deprecate and look with disfavor on any attempt by individuals to interfere with the work of our real estate firms or companies, or to reap any unearned benefits from their efforts, or to usurp or appropriate their patronage.

After some discussion touching sanitary conditions and remedies the club adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. Wednesday, March 18.

**Eiler's Big Show.**

W. A. Eiler presents "Ralph R. Richardson in a new sensational Five-act western play, written expressly for him by the well known author, Hal Reid, entitled "King of the Cattle Ring." It is a charming story of love and adventure. The scenes are laid in the mining regions of the golden west, the play is rich in pathos and fairly bubbling over with fun, mirth and merriment. The members of the supporting company have been selected from the very best material which the dramatic market affords, and during the action of the play a number of pleasing specialties will be introduced. The scenery and all accessories are appropriate and abundant, and nothing has been neglected which may have a tendency to insure the success of the play. "The King of the Cattle Ring" will be presented at Canyon City on night of March 26th under a big tent.

**Canyon City & Northeastern.**

At a recent meeting of the directors of this railway company, chartered last year for the purpose of building a railroad from Canyon City to a connection with the Rock Island at a point northeast of Washburn, it was determined to enter the field of active operations as soon as financial conditions will warrant.

The officials and stockholders of this company are Canyon City people of large means—able to build the road themselves, if they see fit to do so. They are not asking outside help nor are they making any big talk about what's going to happen, just "sawing wood," as the saying goes. It's the Canyon City way, you know. Our people want a thing, and as with our Light and Ice plant, capitalized at \$25,000, they meet, subscribed the cash at one sitting and the next day ordered the machinery. And so with Canyon City's Northeastern railway, there will be no gushing and spouting on the Ransom or "Short Line" order; no premature explosions—it will go when it says go and never halt till finished, and when The News records this start you can swear to it. It's the Canyon City way.

Don't miss our big street parade at noon. The King of the Cattle Ring carries one of the best concert bands on the road.

**On May the First**

**We will Give Away**  
at our store the small  
**Buck's Junior Range**

you see in our show window to the little girl under 14 years of age who draws the best reproduction of the trade-mark shown in the cut below. Call in and get a book, sign your name and enter the contest.



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We have been here longer than any other lumber company on the Plains.

### To the People of Canyon City:

As many of you know, I recently sent out to some two hundred of the citizens of our town, letters asking them certain questions which would tend to bring an expression from these people, of the needs of our town and county. I am much gratified to state that I received a large number of replies to these letters and that suggestions of much value have been rendered.

A large per cent of the people answering these letters much desired that this county be thickly settled and that this Commercial Club would greatly advance the interests of the town by assisting in every way possible the development along those lines. Every person of any common sense will readily see that the commercial prosperity of our town will depend upon rapid development of the agricultural interests; that heretofore our prosperity has depended upon the increased valuation of our lands but that we have now come to the time when we must make these lands a source of revenue beyond their increase in valuation.

In all my experience with land men I have never been located at a place where the responsible dealers have been so agreeable in their transactions, one with another, and I know, and every citizen of this county knows, that practically the whole of our farmers have been brought to this county by these real estate men who have taken their money, time and energies to get these farmers to settle here: That our Commercial Club and our general citizenship have had very little to do in the increase of our lands and the bringing of these farmers here, but that the credit for these developments must be given to the wide-awake, hustling real estate men.

I am sorry to state that it has been called to my attention that we have a few pusillanimous, unreliable men in this town who stand around in their offices on the street curbstones, on excursion days, ready and willing to steal from these legitimate real estate men, the benefit of the time, money and labor which these men have spent to bring to our city, people who desire to invest in our lands and become citizens. I do not think that there is adequate words in Webster's Unabridged to express the contempt that ought to be expressed about this class of thieves (for they are none else).

These warts of humanity, who pay no occupation taxes, spend none of their own money, time or energies to bring these men to this country, but rely upon those people whom they can steal from others, are a disgrace to our town, a menace to legitimate business, and make no money for themselves, but do cause a great loss to the honest business men and a still greater loss to the community in driving out legitimate settlers.

I think that every loyal citizen of this town ought to bring forth every energy that he may be able in driving out these highwaymen in order that we may develop the agricultural interests of our county most rapidly. I realize that this letter may seem a little harsh, but I also realize that it is not nearly so strong as the condition demands.

Yours very truly,  
R. A. TERRILL,  
President Commercial Club.

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## Pictures---Reduced Prices

I must go out of business on April 1st, my lease on the Lusby Gallery expiring on that date, and for the balance of this month I offer all my work at

### BELOW REGULAR PRICES.

Cabinet size photos at \$2.50 per dozen and up, depending on the stock and finish.

I have many things in the photo and picture line really beautiful. The prices will be lower during this month, for the reason stated, than later on. Call in and see what I have.

MISS JESSIE J. KEISER.

### Local Weather Record.

From Friday until Wednesday evening the days were warm, almost like summer and the nights as well. Wednesday night the wind changed to the northeast and the sky clouded up some. Yesterday was a little colder with the wind still from the same direction, the northeast. A snow would be welcome.

Grass is plainly visible all over the prairies, fruit trees are in bloom and the wheat is growing to beat the band.

Old settlers are afraid, and not without reason, that for the Plains country fruit trees and the grain crops are coming out too rapidly for their own good. At present, however, all is well; good and very good, and it is not the part of wisdom, if we value a reasonable peace of mind, to cross a bridge before coming to it.

### HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Milner of Obine, Tenn. is visiting his friend L. A. Pierce this week. He expressed himself as being pleased with this country.

W. J. McClain and family of Canyon visited their old home in the country Saturday and Sunday.

Two brothers of H. Neece from Chillicothe have come to spend a time with him and view our pretty country.

Bro. Burnett and wife of Canyon visited B. T. Johnson's last week.

Mrs. Neece and Miss Kate Garner of Umbarger visited in this part last week.

Will Cage has lately purchased a buggy. He says it has a meaning--what is it girls?

Wm. Frazier, merchant of Umbarger, visited A. B. Cage Saturday night.

Mr. Perry and family of Ky. have located in our community. New people are continually coming in. Glad to welcome all who come.

Mrs. Bob Campbell of Canyon and daughter, Mrs. Stratton, visited Mrs. B. T. Johnson Monday.

A gloom was cast over our neighborhood Sunday by the sudden death of C. H. Hitchcock. He had been in feeble health for sometime and suffered much. He was buried at Amarillo, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. R. F. Jenkins. A number of relatives and friends accompanied his remains there and our entire community express sympathy for those who bear the heaviest burden of his loss.

TASSIE.

### Commercial Club Proceedings.

(Continued from 2nd page.)

#### WEDNESDAY

President Terrill in the chair. Attendance not so good as on last week.

The President announced the following members as forming the three standing committees of the club, to wit:

Internal Improvements--Dr. S. L. Ingham, L. G. Conner, L. T. Lester, J. C. Hunt and Geo. L. Abbott.

General Welfare--I. L. Hunt, B. F. Buie, B. C. Taylor, J. N. Haney and C. R. Burrow.

Publicity--A. S. Rollins, J. C. Pipkin, C. P. Hutchings, A. N. Henson and T. H. Rowan.

This last committee was in-

structed to find out the cost of a folder containing a brief write-up of the town, its present standing and its further needs, also of an illustrated pamphlet on a more extended scale, and to report at the next regular meeting.

A large number of prospectors were booked for Canyon City on this weeks excursion.

W. L. Garner went down to Plainview Wednesday evening to see his son, Flake.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins was at Plainview the first of the week and says there is lots of sod turned all along the line--more than the acreage of old land.

Eggs are more plentiful on the Plains than ever before; the local markets are all glutted and the price is the lowest on record for Panhandle--8 1/2 cents per dozen.

Miss Iva Buie returned Saturday from the Polytechnic College at Fort Worth, where she has completed a commercial course in typewriting and shorthand.

The city quarantine officer reports the smallpox cases as growing fewer in number and says that there is now absolutely no danger to outside parties visiting the town.

On the fifth page will be found--big enough to see good--the announcement of the "Canyon Mercantile" millinery opening. Next Wednesday is the day set and the display will be worth your while to see.

### License to Wed.

Wednesday marriage license was issued to George Abb Stratton and Miss Susie Ellis.

### News Roll of Honor

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News since last report, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

T. F. Gilleland.....	\$1 25
J. W. Renshaw.....	1 00
John Crawford.....	1 25
J. S. McClure.....	1 25
W. T. Moreland.....	1 00

### LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

The quotations here given are from the Canyon City grain dealers and show the market the day before the issue of this paper. The prices are for grain in sack unless otherwise stated.

Wheat, No. 2, bushel.....	\$00 90
Oats, best, bushel.....	50
Corn, best.....	60
Maize, threshed, bushel.....	50
Kaffir corn, threshed, bu..	50
Maize and Kaffir in heads,	
new crop, ton.....	13-00
Millet hay, per ton.....	10 00
Johnson grass hay, ton...	10 00
Alfalfa, per ton.....	15 00
Fryers, per dozen.....	\$3 00
Eggs, per dozen.....	8 1/2

### Souvenir Post Cards.

The News office has in stock: The Falls on Palo Duro. Methodist church and parsonage. Christian church and parsonage.

Presbyterian church. Bird's-eye view of town. Plums grown here. Cherries grown here. Alfalfa grown here. College building. Canyon scene on Sunday Creek. Prices--Two for 5 cents.

Good quality calling cards--100 25 cents.

### Blacksmith Shop Harter & Chesser

If the best of material, skilled workmanship, courteous treatment and reasonable charges will make and hold a business in Canyon City we shall succeed.

### We Print Sale Bills

AND PRINT THEM RIGHT and we can handle all lines of job printing--it makes no difference how large or small the job may be. Call at this office and look over our samples of letter heads, envelopes, business cards and wedding stationery. You'll be pleased with our work, and prices will suit.

Best Work... Most Reasonable Prices

### PLAINS & PECOS VALLEY Lands For Sale

Improved or unimproved, in Canyon City or in the country. We can fit you up with almost any size tract and at the very lowest prices as we Only Handle Bargains. We also exchange property and deal in live stock. If you have property for sale List With Us. If you desire to buy or make an exchange, SEE OUR PROPERTY LIST.

### The Plains Land and Brokerage Company

South Side Square, Canyon City, Texas.

### Abstracts of Title

Abstracts carefully prepared and on short notice. Satisfaction assured.

### Randall County Land Co.

Canyon City, Texas.

**TOWN & COUNTY**

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS  
THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

**Book Club Party.**

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by the Canyon City Book Club with a party at the hospitable home of one of its most enthusiastic members, Mrs. C. R. Burrow. The News reporter counting heads made out ninety-two present, all included. Colonial styles had been followed by some of the ladies in dressing for the occasion, but the gentlemen, excepting R. A. Terrill whose otherwise distinguished appearance was added to greatly by a good size hatchet attached to the lapel of his coat, were in ordinary dress. Referring again to Mr. Terrill, some said he wore the hatchet in memory of and to perpetuate that famous apple tree episode in the life of our great first President, while others stated, and the weight of testimony was on that side, that he was an avowed apostle of Carrie Nation and to "look out for the punch bowl."

It was rather a large assemblage for a private residence, but all present had been provided for and under the supervision of Mrs. Burrow, an excellent hostess, the club members entertained their guests royally. The program included songs by club members; music by the Canyon City Orchestra; games, ancient and modern, and refreshments consisting of punch and Marguerite wafers. The night was lovely; warm, but not uncomfortably so; the sky was clear and the benign countenance of a full moon made enjoyment all the more enjoyable. It was a good humored gathering and one bent on making the most of the fleeting hours and only dispersed when the words, "lights going out" made it necessary to seek out hats, shawls, wraps etc, before the electric lights which illuminated all the apartments, gave way to the silvery streaks of moonlight which might only enter at the doors. An attempt was made by T. H. Rowan to phone the power house to continue the lights, but this failing the guests reluctantly departed for their several homes after a somewhat hasty distribution of the souvenirs—an artificial leaf of Erin's famous badge, the glorious Shamrock.

**Canyon City Band Reorganized.**

The News is more than pleased to record the reorganizing of the Canyon City brass band. The members so far enlisted are Geo. Hutchings, O. C. Davis, W. E. Lair, Roy Cullum, R. A. Terrill, Thad Lair, Dewey Foster, Sam Marshall, Lem Scoggins, Joe Black, Harry Lair, Robert Rowan, Grady Pipkin, Will Bucey, Roy Moreland, Grady Oldham, Puss Lair, Roy Shotwell, Ernest Reid and Earl Munger.

N. C. Bishop of Denver, a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, will have charge of the band and has moved here with his family.

The personnel of the band, for aptness along the line of instrumental music, is good and we may reasonably expect great things of the Canyon City Band.

**C. H. Hitchcock Dead.**

Sunday morning C. H. Hitchcock, residing in the Hoffman neighborhood west of town, was found dead in his bed.

Sunday evening Justice of the Peace John A. Wallace, Judge Henson, County Attorney Rollins and Dr. Stewart went out and held an inquest. A natural death was indicated.

Mr. Hitchcock had been to Amarillo the preceding day on a land trade—selling some lots in Amarillo—and had been thrown from the horse he was riding, but remounting had ridden the animal home, arriving there, one of the neighbors stated, not much worse in appearance from the accident.

He was frail in a physical sense, however, and it is thought by some that the shock of this fall was the cause of death. He lived on the ranch alone, the family, a wife and daughters, having moved into Canyon City for the benefit of school. The funeral was at Amarillo Monday.

**Two New Brick Buildings.**

A trade was consummated last week by which the First National Bank and L. C. Lair purchased the two vacant corner lots fronting east on the public square and bounded on the north by West Houston street. These lots were the property of John Hutson and the consideration was \$6,500, the bank taking the corner at \$3,500 and Lair the other at \$3,000.

Upon these lots the purchasers propose erecting two brick houses with a frontage of 60 feet, running back 120 feet and two stories high, the bank to occupy the corner. If present intentions is carried out these buildings, modern in every particular and worthy of first place in any city of the State, will go up with our new courthouse, or at least before another winter comes upon us. Canyon City is moving some, you see, and along permanent and substantial lines.

**"Clod Hopper."**

Over this name somebody addresses The News taking issue with it concerning what it has heretofore said touching the "catalog houses." Clod Hopper says "there might be two sides to this question." There is. But, The News cannot give his side of it, because he fails to sign his name to the article. It is a rule strictly adhered to by all well regulated newspapers that all articles intended for publication must be signed by the proper name of the writer. It is not always necessary that such name, the proper one, appear in connection with the published article, but it must be given to the office. And so if "Clod Hopper" will kindly give this office his name the article, just as he writes it, will be published next week.

The News will say more next week along the lines here indicated whether "Clod Hopper" comes up to the lick log or not.

Mrs. George Redman and little daughter, of Victor, Colo., came in Wednesday on a visit to Mrs. Redman's aunt, Mrs. L. S. Carter.

I. C. Jenkins has put a woven wire picket fence around his residence property and doing the work himself has made a fairly good job out of it.

**U. D. C. Notice.**

Robert E. Lee Chapter U. D. C. is called to meet with Mrs. D. A. Park Thursday, March 26, at 8 p. m. The bestowal of Crosses of Honor and other matters of importance to the Chapter are to be looked after, and a full attendance is desired.

MRS. JOHN HIBDON,  
President.

**Wedding at Courthouse.**

Yesterday morning there was a wedding in the county clerk's office in which J. H. Graham and Ella Moore figured as principals and Rev. T. F. Robeson was master of ceremonies. The contracting parties came from Amarillo and were accompanied by John R. Griffin, a resident of that place. They returned to Amarillo on the morning train.

**Honor Roll of High School.**

May Cowling, Minnie Prichard, Bulah Prichard, Zina Henson, Inez Moreland, Susan Bechtel, Edith Hawkins, John Bates, Joe Black, Bertie Mulkey, May Benton, Sallie King, Winston Hitchcock, Frank Crowley, Cassidy Jennings, Bristo Bates, Guy Ballard, Jeffie Wallace, Ruby Muldrow, Hudson Prichard, Hazel Hawkins.

SUPT. TEMPLETON.

Mrs. Hortense Lester of Amarillo arrived Tuesday with her nephew, little Tom Daniels, on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Robert Faulkner.

**RAINFALL ON THE TEXAS PLAINS**

FROM THE U. S. RECORDS AT A POINT EIGHTEEN MILES FROM CANYON CITY.

YEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Anal
1895	1.60	1.02	0.16	1.31	1.78	6.84	2.88	3.87	0.57	2.26	0.81	0.79	24.79
1896	0.76	0.41	0.21	1.95	2.20	2.31	7.04	0.63	2.45	3.09	0.35	2.88	24.28
1897	2.26	0.65	0.47	1.08	4.44	2.32	1.62	2.71	0.73	1.63	0.08	0.63	19.16
1898	0.86	0.82	0.35	0.98	3.52	4.81	3.88	4.03	0.48	0.41	0.34	2.06	22.54
1899	0.29	0.07	0.17	0.23	3.12	4.45	6.96	0.51	0.09	1.53	2.41	1.11	27.39
1900	0.59	0.47	0.48	0.47	4.53	1.84	3.21	0.83	2.51	5.80	0.08	0.07	24.40
1901	0.03	0.48	0.02	0.90	5.99	0.92	1.56	3.03	1.93	2.62	0.00	0.04	24.42
1902	0.04	T	0.54	1.83	0.14	0.11	4.52	4.02	0.95	1.74	2.24	0.55	23.11
1903	0.12	0.93	0.26	0.90	1.79	2.62	3.38	4.67	0.82	5.80	0.00	T	20.28
1904	0.16	1.08	T	0.63	2.88	5.53	2.48	4.69	3.55	0.44	0.20	0.69	21.33
1905	1.06	1.52	2.62	4.52	6.16	2.19	3.76	0.63	3.08	1.30	5.09	1.45	32.50
1906	41	51	64	3	23	1	18	2	07	2	86	6	74
1907	1.11	0.20	0.02	1.25	0.99	1.97	1.49	6.20	0.91	1.79	0.66	1.46	18.09
Average	0.71	0.77	0.46	2.17	3.51	3.06	3.47	3.15	2.23	1.74	1.36	1.92	23.59

**Commercial Club Notice**

The Canyon City Commercial Club offers its services to all who seek information touching either town or county. Call on the secretary or write him.

The Club will keep in touch with Federal and State agricultural authorities and will take pleasure in obtaining information for Randall county farmers--if desired.

The secretary's office is in The News building. If you have anything good for yourself which you are willing to share with Canyon City and with Randall county call at The News office and ask for

GEO. A. BRANDON,  
Secretary C. C. C.

**CANYON CITY BAKERY**

J. W. COWART, PROPRIETOR

Fresh Bread, Pies, Cakes, Doughnuts, Candies,  
All Home Made--Fruits in Season.

Your patronage desired.

East side of the square.

**We Have Maitland Lump COAL**

Tulsa Coal at \$7.50 per ton--Burns Well.

Red Rust Proof Seed Oats,

Cottonseed Products,  
Grain, Hay, Etc.

**Crowdus Bros. & Hume Co.**

**Birthday Party.**

Thursday, March 12, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Brown, a progressive five hundred party was given in honor of Miss Kate Collum's sixteenth birthday.

The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and carnations; refreshments were served and several times during the evening the guests were treated to music, both vocal and instrumental, by Mrs. Rector.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Rector, Dr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Harrison, Mrs. Brown, Miss Grimes, Mr. Mitchell, Miss Cassidy, Mr. Luke, Miss Collum and Messrs. Oscar Gamble and George Faulkner.

**Lodge Directory.**

**Modern Woodmen of America**

Canyon Camp  
No. 12032

Meets every other Thursday night. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend.

**BUSINESS LOCALS**

Baled millet for sale at 35 cents per bale or \$10. per ton.  
W. E. Bates.

Cleaning and pressing skirts for the ladies a specialty at Randall & Phillips' tailor shop.

Will buy, sell or rent town lots, houses or lands. See me if you want either. Office opposite the postoffice. JASPER N. HANEY.

Ten dollars to insure a colt from my Jack. He has proven himself a sire of the first class.  
W. E. BATES.

We will order that spring suit for you and get it here from 8 to 10 days after measure is taken. Call and see our patterns.

RANDALL & PHILLIPS,  
East side square.

Wanted A middle aged lady or man and wife with no children of their own to keep house and take care of six children from 4 to 13 years old.

JOE FOSTER,  
Canyon City, Texas.

**Special Notice.**

The Eiler King of the Cattle Ring will show at night only on account of our calcium effects. Will show here on March 26th, night only. Under big tent.

Clean! Clean! Clean!

Have those old Spring Suits made to look like new at Randall & Phillips' tailor shop, east side of square.

**Moving Pictures at the Opera House.**

We have opened a first class show here and will show every night putting on three shows opening at 6:45 and closing at 9:30.

We change pictures Monday, Wednesday and Friday; change songs Monday and Thursday.

Prof. Rodgers, the piano artist of the south, has been secured to play and sing the illustrated songs.

We give a clean show, and show scenes that would cost a great deal of travel and moving around to see. This is one of the best educational shows going. Come once and you will come back again.

Admission only .10 cents

**TOWN & COUNTY**

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS  
THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS

Six pages this week.

A. M. Smith got back Saturday from his visit to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Joe Garrison and daughter, Miss Earline, left last week for Dallas.

Miss Groves, from Amarillo, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pipkin visited Mrs. Pipkin's parents in Hereford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hamilton arrived Friday and are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Ingham.

Mrs. Jordan is still sick. Her visit to New Mexico seems not to have benefitted her to any great extent.

A. M. Smith says that about Fort Worth nearly all the people have the Plains fever—anxious to come out here.

Mrs. W. O. Bennett went to Amarillo latter part of last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Foster. Little Beth Foster returned with her this week.

Mrs. Marvin Faulkner and daughter, Miss Marvin, of Plainview, left Sunday for Mineral Wells after a short visit here with Mrs. Robert Faulkner.

You will find everything new and FRESH at A. H. Thompson's Drug Store. Paints, oils, glass, dips, tablets, envelopes, candies. Your prescriptions accurately compounded.

Mrs. Sellers and children of Panhandle, are visiting Mrs. Sellers' sister, Mrs. Oscar Davis.

Clarendon advanced some on March 7th by adopting a stock law—139 for and 63 against, says the Banner-Stockman.

Miss Emma D. Randall of Sherman, was in town Friday for the purpose of visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Howell.

Go to A. H. Thompson, the reliable East Side PURE DRUG Druggist. Every want in the line of drugs and medicines can be filled.

"Some beautiful hats in Canyon City now." Such is the expression of opinion on the part of The News "wimmen folks" and, it must be so.

G. G. Foster is fixing to build a residence west of the O'Keefe house. The plan includes five large and three small rooms. Coffey Bros. are said to have the contract.

Mrs. James Pipkin of Plainview accompanied by her two little sisters, Lois and Hester, came up this week on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Jordan, who is still quite sick.

Bass have been biting freely for several days and more than one nice string has been caught. J. F. Hood is one of the premium fishers, also Pat Young. In Pat's catch on Tuesday was an easy four-pounder.

The well at the Ice plant, tested Monday by L. C. Lair and others, gives a continued flow of 20 gallons per minute or 1200 gallons per hour. The pump is 2 1/2 inch and has a 24 inch stroke. A fine well and such can be had anywhere in this town.

A. H. Thompson's stock of fine perfumes, soaps, toilet preparations, brushes, etc. is wonderfully complete and good. Call on him.

Prof. Craig, of the public school faculty, was called to Texhoma Wednesday of last week by the death of a sister. He returned the first of this week.

C. M. Greenfield and family leave us this week for their old home, Woodburn, Iowa. Mr. Greenfield says that he may return here by summer.

President G. S. Slover of Clarendon College, was in town Sunday and Monday. He is a cousin of our sheriff and much better looking, altho M. F. says no.

Miss Pearl Gilliam who was called to Merkel by a telegram announcing the death of her mother will return to finish the term of her music school.

Towns expecting to organize baseball teams are invited to send representatives to Amarillo on March 27. The call is made by Manager Jefferies of the Amarillo Athletic Assn.

John Crawford passed thru here Sunday, returning home to Plainview from the fat stock show at Fort Worth. John says it was a grand affair. He also said it was summer time down there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Word and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. O'Keefe left on Sunday for Fort Worth. Judge Word and wife will go to the stock convention and show at San Antonio before returning home and Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe may also go there after seeing their daughter, Miss Mae, and visiting relatives at Fort Worth.

Be a News subscriber. You get the newest and BEST drinks at our Fountain. Will treat you so you want to return. Drink with us—A. H. Thompson, Leading Druggist.

A. R. Mitchell left us Friday for San Antonio where he has an engagement with a baseball team. He can be counted on to come up with his end of the log even at "Santone."

Some thirty thousand acres of wheat for Randall and the adjoining county of Deaf Smith this season. Figure the yield at the average of 20 bushels per acre and then think what it means in the way of cash for the two counties.

L. N. Lockridge went back home to Iowa Park on Friday. He sold, while here, half of one of his sections, two miles of Happy, to a northern man at \$20 per acre. He talked like he might return to Randall county at no distant day.

W. C. Johnson writes from Goodnight Academy that their new light plant is in operation now; that many trees have been set out on the Academy grounds and that the school is getting along nicely.

C. M. Hardin of Amarillo, was with us again Monday and that night materially assisted in Masonic Chapter work—the making of three Royal Arch Masons. Tuesday he went to Plainview on business. He promises to be with us again some time next week for more Chapter work. Both Chapter and Blue lodge are gaining in membership, three degrees being conferred in the latter Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. James of Ceta were among those trading in town Tuesday. Mr. James said that oat sowing in his vicinity was about over and that a considerable acreage had been put in. All up with farm work and ready for spring weather, he said.

The display of spring goods at the Canyon City Supply Co. on the opening day, Tuesday, was a very good one. C. P. has excellent taste in such matters, especially with the dry goods. One of the unannounced surprises of the occasion was the presentation to each customer of a nicely decorated souvenir plate.

Miss Pearl Gilliam received a telegram Tuesday evening announcing the death of her mother at Merkel, her home. She left for that place, accompanied as far as Amarillo by Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Gober, on the 10 p. m. train. Merkel is on the T. & P. west of Abilene and if all trains were on time, Miss Pearl did not arrive there until yesterday. Miss Gilliam has many friends here who deeply sympathize with her in this irreparable loss.

County Judge W. B. Haile, W. C. Hulsey, J. R. McGuire, G. F. Reid and J. R. Ward, county commissioners, all of Swisher county, were here Monday on their way to Bailey county to look over four leagues of land, the property of Swisher county school fund. They are on a deal to sell this land. Asked about the full rendition law Judge Haile, answering for the court, said they proposed to obey it in Swisher county. He thought \$5 per acre might be the minimum tax value for land.

**MILLINERY OPENING!**

We will have  
On Display  
The Largest  
and Prettiest  
line of  
Millinery  
ever shown in  
Canyon City

Wednesday,  
March  
The 25th

Merrily Mary  
Ann Hats  
Merry Widow  
Hats  
Butterfly Hats  
and Sailors  
Come and see what  
the Fashionable  
World is wearing.

**Canyon Mercantile & Hardware Company**



**THE PARLOR SUIT**

determines the character of your whole house. It need not be very expensive, but it must be in good taste.

**THE CHOICE OF PARLOR FURNITURE**

offered you here is the very widest. We shall be glad to have you make a selection that will prove its wisdom in the admiration it will excite among your friends. It will also prove its wisdom in the long wear its solid construction insures.

**THOMAS BROS.**  
The Quality House.

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**R. A. SOWDER,**  
Attorney-at-Law and Notary.

Complete Abstracts of Randall County Lands. Office Over Canyon Supply Company Phone No. 222.

B. Frank Bute W. D. Scott

**BUIE & SCOTT,**  
LAWYERS

CANYON CITY, TEXAS. Court Practice a Specialty. Titles Examined. Notary in office.

**DR. S. L. INGHAM**  
-DENTIST-

Canyon National Bank Building ALL WORK WARRANTED.

**A. S. ROLLINS**  
LAWYER

CIVIL PRACTICE SOLICITED. Office in Courthouse.

**Northwestern Title Co.**

Complete Abstract of All Randall County Property  
**R. A. TERRILL, - MANAGER**

**Canyon Market**

DEALER IN Fresh and Cured Meats, Fish and Oysters, Codfish and Mackerel, Mince-Meat, Fancy Cheese, Bread and Butter, Fresh Vegetables, Celery, etc.; Lunch Meats and Fancy Table Delicacies.  
Phone 172.

**PICTURE OF A "DRIFTER."**

A Character Well-Known All Over the South.

The following description of the "drifter" is from the San Angelo Standard, and is so true to the "nature of the brute" that one can see the old, ramshackle wagon, the mis-matched ponies, the lean dog, the dirty assortment of motley and ill-clad children and the sad, heart-sick, worn-out woman whose fidelity outbalances her distracted judgment. The drifter is peculiar to no clime or nation, and the only constant thing about him is his ever

independability, hungry and dirty appearance:

The drifter believes the world owes him a living, and he is ever on the move to collect the debt. His stock in trade, usually consists of a wagon, bearing the marks of antiquity and hard usage; a pair of ponies, which from appearance might have done service during the early days of the Republic; a numerous family, two or three sycamore fishing poles and a tribe of lean and shadowy dogs.

In the early springtime the drifter may be found along our public highways, looking for some one who wants a good man to crop on the shares, but he never finds the right man. Meantime he lives; just how, the Lord only knows, but he exists all the same. At planting time he is found in a rude camp on the banks of a creek, where the children fish while he assists a neighboring farmer for a few days, in return for which he receives a daily stipend of clabber, and an order on the country merchant for several pounds of Battle Axe, some cartridges, six bottles of Garrett's snuff and a sack of meal. Later he is seen in another section of the country at cotton-chopping time, camped where fishing is good, and while his ponies graze in the stockman's pasture, he, wife and his progeny may be seen chopping cotton for the farmer who is behind with his work and has plenty of buttermilk and clabber.

In "watermillion" time the drifter revels amid scenes of terrestrial glory. But he keeps up his diet of clabber and buttermilk, donated by sympathetic housewives.

When the cotton season opens he and his tribe may be found at brief intervals in the cotton patch—here today, next week in another country—always drifting—same old wagon, same old ponies, same old dogs, same family, with perhaps an increase and same old grub—clabber and buttermilk.

Pecan-gathering season finds him along our Western rivers, threshing and gathering pecans on the shares, and when winter's cold blasts sweep down, the drifter either hies himself to our towns and cities to become a burden on the public, or else drifts back to his wife's people in Collin and other North and East Texas counties, where they always want to make a crop, but seldom make it.

**Will Abide by Tax Laws.**

County officials of several Plains counties, in session at Hereford last Friday, decided to abide by the full rendition law.

The convention, if such it may be called, was not large in numbers nor extensive in the territo-

ry represented, but it was enthusiastic and organized itself into "The Panhandle Association of County Judges, County Commissioners and County Assessors." For President Judge Henson was elected and Judge Russell of Deaf Smith county was chosen as secretary.

As to what was done there, the resolutions tell the tale. They are as follows:

Whereas, the 30th Legislature passed an Act, commonly known as the "Full Rendition Law," requiring all property in the State to be assessed at its full market value; there be it

Resolved by the County Judges, County Commissioners and County Tax Assessors in meeting assembled at Hereford, Texas, on March 13th, 1908, that we hereby express our willingness to abide by the law, both in spirit and letter; and to assess and equalize all property in our respective counties at its reasonable market value; trusting to, and demanding of, the State administration that we be protected in so doing in that they require all counties in the State to do likewise and to fully comply with said law; and the said administration be depended on to so reduce the State rate in proportion to such valuations; believing, as we do, that the Panhandle and Plains counties have always borne their just, and oftentimes more than their proportion of State taxes; the Panhandle having supplied land for the building of the State Capitol; the building of most of the State's rail roads and supplying the State school fund.

Be it further resolved by the said County Judges and Commissioners, that we will not increase the burdens of the tax payers, in requiring the payment of more taxes under such valuations, in that said boards of equalization will decrease the County Tax rate in proportion to any increase in valuations, in so far as same lies within our powers to so do.

Resolved further, that the secretary be requested to supply a copy of these resolutions to the State authorities and to the press of the Panhandle.

Respectfully submitted,

- A. N. HENSON,  
County Judge Randall Co.
- M. F. BARBER,  
County Judge Castro Co.
- JNO. B. RENFRO,  
County Judge Briscoe Co.
- W. L. TOWNSEN,  
County Judge Parmer Co.
- W. H. RUSSELL,  
County Judge Deaf Smith Co.

Junior Epworth League.

Program for Sunday, March 22.  
Leader, Mabel Rogers.  
Subject, The Fruit of Our Lips.  
Prayer.  
Song.

Bible quotations, Hazel Park, Kathleen Stewart, Vernon and Odie Shelnut.

Song.  
Select Reading, Gladys Rogers.  
Bible Story, Zera McReynolds.  
Song.  
Select Reading, Grace Weller.  
Talk on the lesson by the superintendent.

Duet, Lizzie Bates and Miriam Wilson.

Announcement of program for next meeting.

Song.  
Benediction.

What about a clean-up day for Canyon City?

**Maize Heads - Kaffir Corn**

We buy them, heads or threshed.  
We crush them for you.  
We sell the ground feed.

Highest Market Prices Paid and the "other fellow" never undersells us.

**Star Mill and Elevator Co.**

DEPOT CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

L. T. Lester, John Hutson, J. F. Smith, D. A. Park, Travis Shaw  
President, Vice-Pres. Vice-Pres. Cashier, Asst. Cash.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

CANYON, TEXAS.

At Close of Business, February 14th, 1908.

STATEMENT CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$235,024.42	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	104,746.65	Surplus	30,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	550.00	Undivided Profits	1,472.21
Banking House and Fixtures	9,655.00	Circulation	100,000.00
Ft. Worth City Bonds	50,000.00	Bills Payable	20,000.00
Cash	133,582.63	Deposits	282,086.49
Total	\$533,558.70	Total	\$533,558.70

I certify that the above is correct. D. A. PARK, Cashier.

**COAL FOR EVERYBODY**

**GRAIN AND HIDES WANTED!**

Highest Cash Price Paid for Hides, Hay, Maize, Kaffir Heads, etc.

We are a Strictly Home Concern and desire your patronage.

**Canyon Coal Company**

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Canyon, Texas

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Canyon City—the place for a great city. Abundance of running water; natural drainage; located on the Santa Fe, now being made the trans-continental line from Chicago to California. The Santa Fe (Gulf line), is now building South from Canyon City. Randall, is the best county in the Panhandle. The general price of land is from \$7 to \$25 per acre. Property in town a specialty. Don't fail to see me.