

# THE RANDALL COUNTY NEWS.

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## CORNERSTONE FOR NEW COURT HOUSE IS LAID

Big Celebration Held at Time of Setting of Tablet Under Auspices of Canyon City Masonic Lodge.

Last Saturday was a gala day in Canyon City. People from all portions of the county commenced coming in early in the morning and when the trains began to arrive more people were added to the crowd until the sidewalks around the square and adjoining streets looked like those of a large city.

These people came to celebrate an occasion which is and will be memorable in the history of Randall county, the setting of the corner stone of the new court house now being erected.

There comes a time in the history of every new country when it must pass from the period of slow, easy-going ranch and cowman to the enterprising, hustling and hardworking farmer and agriculturist. Randall county has come to this point and people from Plainview, Tulia, Hereford, Amarillo and all the adjoining counties came to our city that day for the purpose of helping us celebrate, and right well it was done.

The morning was devoted to a band concert on the site of the court house, the Canyon City Cornet band furnishing the music for the entire occasion. Many remarks were heard about the good class of music which the band furnished.

At twelve o'clock those large and heavy laden baskets began to appear and the long table which had been erected in the shade on the south side of the court house began to groan with the burden of good things to eat. Then came that good meat, bread, coffee and pickles which the Canyon City Lodge of Masons had prepared for the occasion. Special remark should be made as to the quality of the meat, which was the finest and best cooked this reporter has ever seen for a public occasion. Say, the fellow, if there is any such, that says it is hard to get any thing to eat in Texas, had better go away back and sit down. He has no business in Canyon City especially on an occasion of this kind. There was an abundance of everything that a person could wish for and if the crowd present would have tried to eat it all the crowd would have been groaning instead of the tables.

At 1:30 o'clock, under the direction of Judge J. N. Browning, the Canyon City Lodge, No. 730, A. F. & M. laid the cornerstone with the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Masons. There was a full turnout of the members of the local lodge and visiting members from many counties and quite a number from other states, there being, according to the best information that this reporter could get, twelve different states represented among the Masons. After the ceremony Judge Browning addressed the multitude which was short, well worded, practical and was much enjoyed by the people.

Credit must be given to the contractors, Messrs. Gillcoat & Skinner for the arrangements which they made for the handling of the crowd and the perfect arrangements also made for the handling of the massive stone which marks a new era in our county. The stone is of Carthage marble and on the north side of it appears the words "Erected, 1908, A. D., R. G. Kirsch Co., Architect," while on the east side are the words: "Laid under auspices Canyon Lodge No. 730, A. F. & A. M. Sept. 19, 1908. Gillcoat Skinner Co. Builders."

Canyon City well has the right to be proud of the fact that they have the Masons here who entertained and provided for the crowd so well.

Randall County has the right to be proud of them also and also to be proud of the fact that she is to have a new temple of justice which will be a credit to this enterprising up-to-date county and citizenship. The building is to cost about \$53,000.00 and there is not a public building of the size in the South or Southwest which will surpass it in beauty or utility. It is pretty, substantial, neat and well built and will last longer than any of the present citizens of the county will live.

The News reporter tried to get a list of all the articles placed within the receptacle and the following was what was placed within it: One silver dollar, 4 nickles, 5 pennies, cards containing the names of the following persons: C. J. Nolen, Ogden, III. Neva Reynolds, Mrs. Regis Jones, Mrs. R. S. Pipkin, R. G. Kirsch & Co. Architects, Albanice Mayhew, W. H. Miller, Bricklayers and Masons International Union card containing the names of Bob Dudding, Frank Begrin, C. S. Waymire and A. C. Moore, Miss Ada Hawkins, Esta Hightower, Mattie Thompson, Ida Atkinson, J. H. Jowell, City Marshall, William Gatewood, Emma Brandon, Reita Albitz, Ruth Bompert, Robert S. Pipkin, John Guthrie, J. C. Pipkin, Mark Foster, Mrs. V. Edna Henson, W. J. Redfern, Justice of Peace, W. T. Garrett, M. P. Garner, Rosa Belle Jones, Buie, May Ballard, Artie Moreland, Bartol Brorson, Fred Wade, W. E. Monger, Mabel Rogers, Jessie Smith, Zera McReynolds, Fay Johnson, Charles Carducy, Ira Robertson, Geo. A. Brandon, Gillcoat & Skinner, contractors, E. A. Terrill, and Joe Donaldson Slack.

There was also placed in the cavity a booklet of the Panhandle Realty Company, a post card photo of Charlie Moreland and Margaret Pipkin, a photo of Mr. and Mrs. John Knight the first couple married in the old court house. A history of Canyon City clipped from the columns of the News, the first ticket for

election of officers ever used in Randall County. Program of band concert held the evening before. Post card pictures of the Falls, the Christian Church, the Methodist church and Presbyterian church. Photo of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heller and of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Conner, Mr. Heller and Mr. Conner being the first two actual settlers in Randall County, a photo of Miss Mamie Conner the first white child born in the county, a card containing the names of the members of the Canyon City Cornet Band which furnished the music for the occasion, and some wheat raised in Randall County. There was also placed in the pocket a banner elegantly painted by Mrs. Pearl Farrow of Lueder, N. M. which had an American Flag and Masonic emblem painted thereon with the words "Painted in honor of the Masons, by Pearl Farrow of N. M." A copy of the latest edition of the Randall County News, the latest edition of the Canyon City News before the name was changed, and a copy of the Canyon City News which was issued as a special edition were enclosed so that the people of future generations when the building is demolished for a larger structure, may have some relics of the occasion as well as have some mention of the current events of this time.

We would like very much to publish many of the items which have been heretofore published in the columns of this paper by former editors as they would be of great interest to the people showing them some of the happenings of former days. But to do this we have not space.

The court house of this county which has been moved onto West Houston street has been the scene of many different meetings, trials, political arguments and various other public affairs.

It might be interesting to note that Mr. and Mrs. John Knight of this city were the first to be married in the city, and that they were married in the old court house which has been moved away. They were married on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, and we reprint the following from the Canyon City Echo:

### MARRIED.

On Sunday evening, at 3:30, March 1st, 1891, by Rev. B. F. Jackson of the M. E. church, Mr. John Knight to Miss Margaret L. Roberts, both of Canyon City. Miss Margaret is a beautiful and accomplished young lady of excellent qualities and is loved by all who know her, was born and raised in Missouri, but has resided in this portion of Texas for over two years. She is a sister to Mr. S. E. Roberts, a leading merchant of this place. Mr. John Knight was born and raised in Rusk county, Texas, and came from that county to this place where, he has engaged in the general blacksmith and wood-working business, besides having invested quite extensively in land and town property. The editor of the Echo has been personally acquainted with Knight for quite a number of years and knows him to be a splendid young gentleman of fine business qualifications, strictly sober and moral habits. We congratulate John on securing such a noble wife as Miss Margaret will make him, and we also congratulate the bride on her good

fortune and taste in securing a life partner. May their pathway be smooth and thornless down life's rugged hill is the kind wish of the Echo.

We take the following from a scrap book kept by Mrs. John Knight of this city, the article having been published in the Canyon City Echo under date of January 31, 1891:

### LO, THE POOR INDIAN.

Some fool started the report that a gang of Indians numbering about five hundred stampeded from the nation and struck Saalsberry "all spraddled out" and painted the town crimson by killing twenty-odd and burning the town on last Thursday night. When the report first reached Canyon the people here gave it little or so credit, but as blood-curdling reports kept coming in our people commenced to take things more serious, and when the stage driver arrived here Saturday at 10 a. m. he told the thing more scary and said that the reports reached Amarillo just before he left that the Rangers were fighting the Indians and that two or three of the Rangers had been killed. He further said that the red skins were making for the Tule and would very likely cross the canons at this place. The story was then believed by all of our citizens and they began to get ready to fight Indians. Runners were sent out in all directions and by three o'clock in the afternoon the town was alive with armed men—the women and children being placed in the court house as a place of safety. Heavy timber was secured and a breast works made on all sides and the men walked around town for "the little thing to take place". In the mean time Sheriff Wise and James Patton were dispatched to Amarillo to find out any thing they could in regard to the way the Indians were moving. They returned home about sun down and reported the whole thing a farce and without a word of truth in the report. Our citizens then stacked arms and once more breathed easy. Quite a number of men took their wives and children to Amarillo. Everybody was badly scared and there is no use denying the fact. It is a strange thing how reports can get out and be carried so far without any foundation whatever.

### ANOTHER PRIVATE PARK.

Sight Selected on Canyons for Club Grounds in this County.

If the Government of the United State ever wants to establish a National Park out of the Palo Duro Canyon in this county the officials had better be moving around. There are already two private club grounds with large bodies of lands contained therein, and this week arrangements have been made for the establishment of another.

L. A. Wells and others of Amarillo this week purchased 850 acres of land out of Sections 20 and 21, in Block 6, I. & G. N. lands with the intention of establishing the most beautiful club grounds in the Southwest.

They have already let the contract for the building of a large dam and will, as soon as possible build a modern, up to date club house, keepers house and other improvements that will be necessary for the proper development.

The present Palo Duro Club has passed the point where it can accommodate any others, its stock having been limited to 100 shares and that has gone from \$100.00 to \$350.00 to \$400.00 per share. Not any for sale at these prices. Judging from the statements of those who know it appears that Mr. Wells and his associates have secured the last available place near Amarillo for the establishing of such an enterprise. It has wild, beautiful and varied scenery and an abundance of fine water and after the dam as proposed has been completed they will have the finest fishing grounds on the Palo Duro.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Lester, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Blanche, left Saturday for Kansas City for a short stay after which Mrs. Lester and Miss Blanche will proceed to Washington, D. C. where Miss Blanche will attend school during the coming season.

## The Canyon National Bank

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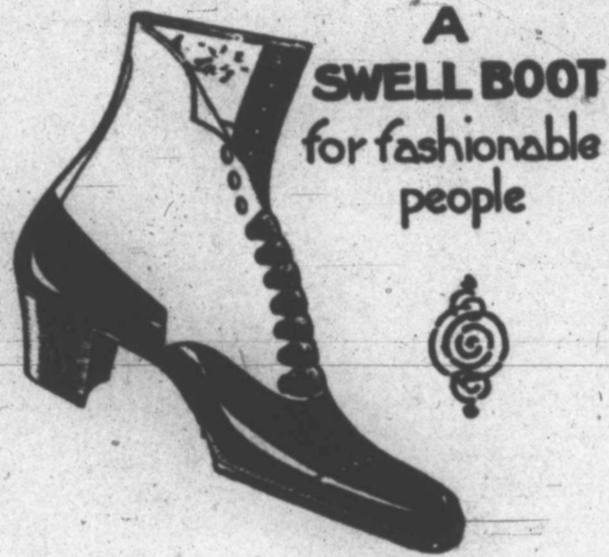
# A LITTLE TALK ON SHOES



Nothing improves a person's dress so much as a neat shoe. You may have an elegant suit, or a gown made by the best dressmaker, yet if your shoes are not right you may as well put on overalls or a calico dress.

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## THE LEADER

### SOMETHING GOING ON.

#### Local People are Buying Real Estate in this City and County.

Confidence. Yes, that is the word that expresses something that had taken hold of the people of this county many years ago and it was not misplaced. Everyone who has seen this country grow from the cattle range to the farm has yearly become more and more impressed with the great future of it.

Our citizens have come to the time when, if they want land at anything like old prices, they will have to secure it now. This week there have been several deals closed in which local people have been securing lands near town. Among these is L. T. Lester, President of the First National Bank of this city who has purchased a portion of the old Palo Duro Club grounds, containing 1142 acres for which he paid \$18,272.00, which is an average price of \$16.00 per acre. The land is entirely raw there being none of it in cultivation, and in addition thereto there is quite a considerable portion which runs down into the canyon and is not available for cultivating. Mr. Lester has been residing in the Plains country for many years and in buying this land he expresses the greatest confidence in the outcome. He is a very careful, conservative business man and knows that

this property will return to him a good revenue on the investment.

Judge Cyrus Eakman this week also bought a tract of land lying on the North side of the Canyon across from that purchased by Mr. Lester. The tract contains 516 acres for which Mr. Eakman paid \$9,288 or eighteen dollars per acre. This is likewise unimproved land. Judge Eakman has seen Randall County land go from one dollar per acre to the present price and he has therefore decided that if he ever gets any considerable body of land here this is the time to buy it, not later.

As to city property the deal which has been heretofore reported in these columns whereby W. W. Keith, of Fort Worth, becomes the owner of the First National Bank Building on the South East corner of the square, was closed. Mr. Keith pays for this building and lot the sum of \$8,000.00. Pending the erection of their new home the bank has reserved the use of the building for one year paying therefore \$75.00 per month rental.

Judge L. C. Lair and L. E. Cowling have purchased from Eakman the latter's home place on west Houston street for which the consideration is \$4,500.00.

There have been quite a number of lots in the city which have change hands during the past

week and on several of them new houses will be erected this fall and next spring.

#### Loving That Northern Man.

This town has the liveliest, most energetic and reliable real estate firms of any town in the Panhandle, men who are doing more for the development of the agricultural interests and the settlement of the county than all the rest of the people in the country combined. They do a legitimate, honest business, going into the northern and eastern state and advertise the country, paying their own good hard earned money in order to induce the farmers of those countries to come down and investigate. Of course they do this for a profit and we are glad to say they are all prospering. They deserve to do so.

On the other hand we have a few, and we are glad to say only a very few, men who stand around during the excursion times like a buzzard on a fence, doing nothing himself but waiting for someone else to kill that he might eat, waiting for a chance to "butt in" and steal away those whom the honest dealer has brought to this country. These carrions claim to be honest. They are not or they wouldn't steal. They claim they can do this and they can do that but when it comes to the pinch they always get either themselves or their purloined

purchaser into trouble.

A Good representation of what these sort of fellows would do came up during the excursion last week. One of our real estate firms brought down a gentleman from one of the northern states (To give names is a great temptation) and immediately the buzzard began to watch and wait until finally his time came and he swooped down and captured the prey. Told all kinds of scary yarns about the real estate man. Being from the same state he warmed up to this northern "brother" until he priced him a section of land that had been listed for sale with all the real estate firms in the city, and which, by some hook or crook, he had got a line on. Mr. Northern Man went to look at it. He had been told that because he was from the same state he could get the land for less than it had been priced, in fact he could almost get it without having to pay agents commission. The agent who brought Mr. Northern to this county didn't know of these things and the next day took the gentleman down in the same portion of the same country and in passing the same section he asked the agent what the land was worth. The agent gave the price of two dollars less per acre than Mr. Carrion had priced it, and still the responsible agent made his five per cent commission.

Better stick to the legitimate dealers in any line of business.

They are here to stay while the peddlers move from town to town, oftentimes in a hurry.

#### Big Wolf Gets Too Familiar.

In olden days the cry of the coyote wolf was not an uncommon thing in this country but as the country has become developed this animal has been forced back and back until now they seldom are seen close in.

Early yesterday morning John Knight who lives in the edge of town, heard a commotion among his chickens and grabbing his gun went out to investigate. Hiding behind a peach tree he soon saw that it was a coyote and he turned loose on him, killing him almost instantly. He used a shot gun with number two shot and Mr. Knight says that the wolf came within twenty five steps of him.

The animal is said to have been one of the largest seen in this country for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jowell, former residents of Randall county but now living at Hereford, were in the city last Saturday attending the cornerstone laying and visiting the family of L. S. Carter.

Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Ingham who have been visiting their relatives at their old home in Iowa, are expected to return to their home here the latter part of this week.

**REBEKAHS CELEBRATE.**

**Odd Fellows and Ladies Celebrate Anniversary of Institution of the Ladies' Degree.**

Fifty-seven years ago the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows while in session in Baltimore instituted the degree of that order called the "Daughters of Rebekah." The Rebekah Lodge of this city on last Monday evening celebrated the anniversary of the occasion by inviting a large number of their friends to attend an open session of the lodge after which refreshments were served.

Those who attended the entertainment are unanimous in saying that they had a most enjoyable time. The program as rendered at the lodge room was good and very materially enlightened those who were not members as to the objects of the degree.

After the program was finished the Rebekahs and their friends repaired to the dining room of the Rogerson Hotel where refreshments were served to all, and to say that they

were enjoyed is putting the statement very mildly. This reporter was there and he knows Mr. and Mrs. McDorman, proprietors of the hotel, had charge of the serving and they certainly had arrangements complete.

The entire affair moved off without a single hitch or a bobble which is remarkable when you consider that about one hundred and fifty were present.

Work on the court house has progressed very rapidly during the past week. The entire stone and terra cotta base has been set and the window casings for the first floor have been placed. A large force of bricklayers were at work on the structure this morning and the contractors expect to be at work on the second story of the building some time next week. The work done so far indicates that it will be even a handsomer building than the citizens had expected.

Lem Scoggins is confined to his room this week on account of sickness.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall is sick.

**Our County Prosperity.**

The Panhandle Daily of Amarillo published the following under date of September 22:

**PANHANDLE CITIZEN TALKS OF COUNTRY.**

The following taken from a recent issue of the Kansas City Daily Drivers' Telegram will prove of interest to the people of Amarillo and this entire section of the state:

"B. B. Thomas of Canyon City, Texas, who brought in yesterday a shipment of cattle, is enthusiastic over that part of the Panhandle country. Two years ago last month Mr. Thomas went to Texas from Marshall county, Iowa, where farm lands sell around \$100 to \$150 an acre, and invested in 1280 acres of land. It cost \$12 an acre. Today he could sell out readily for \$20 an acre. "Some persons might regard this as a sort of temporary boom, which in a few years will wear off, when the land will get back to low prices again," said Mr. Thomas. "But to any person who understands farming and who has watched the agricultural progress of that part of Texas, there is no apprehension of our lands becoming cheap again. They are worth just what they will produce, and as the country develops and better farming is done, they will increase in value. I do not hesitate to say that in a few more years our farms will be selling for \$50 an acre.

"The fact of the matter is, when it is farmed right that country is as sure to produce good crops each year as Iowa or any other state. To be sure we get less rainfall than any of the other states, but we need less. Up here in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa this season, we had a partial corn failure because we had too much rain. In the Panhandle country we have fine grain crops and all kinds of forage and grass.

"It is an ideal hog country and will eventually become a cattle feeding point, as we can raise the corn and cheap feed. A great many farmers from Iowa and other northern states are going to the Panhandle, which is a sign of its real worth as a farming country."

**Randall County Day.**

The people of Amarillo and Potter county are going to have a ranch, farm, garden, orchard and vineyard exhibit and display at Amarillo beginning Tuesday, September 29th, and ending Saturday, October 3rd. It is the intention of the management to have as full a display of all these classes of products of the Panhandle country as can be gotten together, and, with the premiums that have been offered, they should succeed.

The second day of the exhibition, Wednesday September 30th, has been designated as Randall County Day and a general invitation has been issued to the citizens of this county to attend the whole time but especially to be present on that date. They also request exhibits of farm products of all kinds from this county.

J. M. Renshaw will, in a few days, move to his section of land near Petersburg. Mrs. Renshaw has already gone there.

Those wishing to take up the study of voice may have the voice tested free of charge by Prof. Peterson at the residence of Rev. Hawkins, Monday and Thursday afternoons of each week.

The entertainment given at the opera house last night by Madame Lois Hentz under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church was reasonably well attended and from those who were present we learn that the program rendered was good. The program consisted of readings, piano and vocal solos.

**McCORMICK**

**Corn Harvesters**



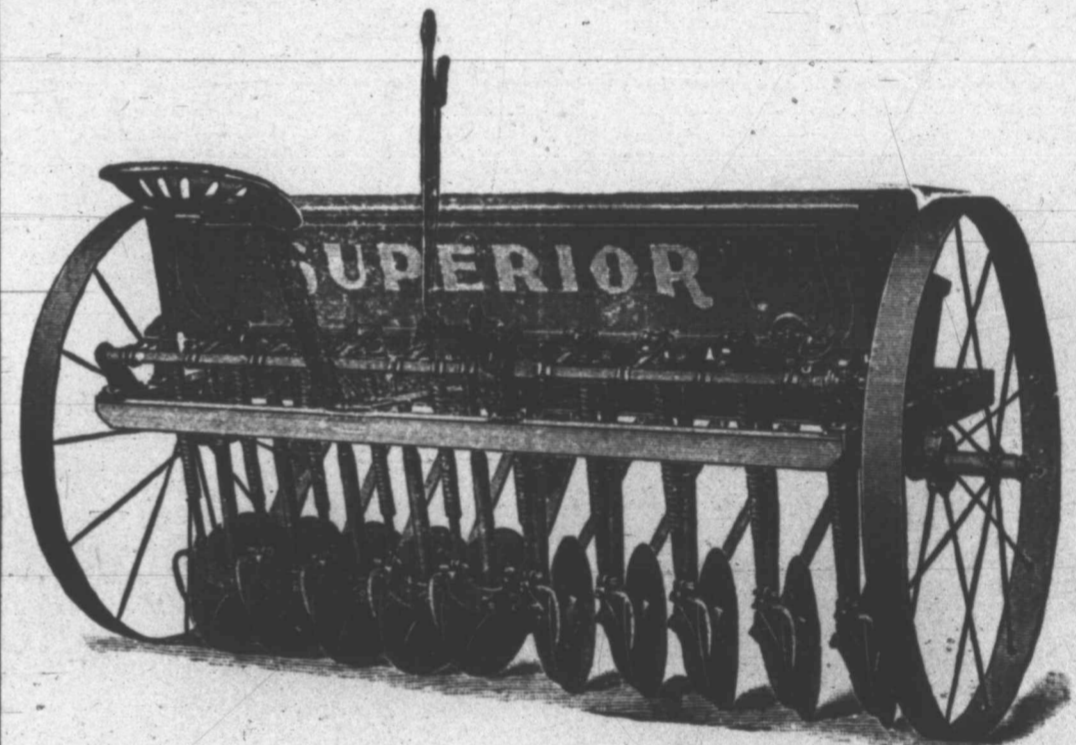
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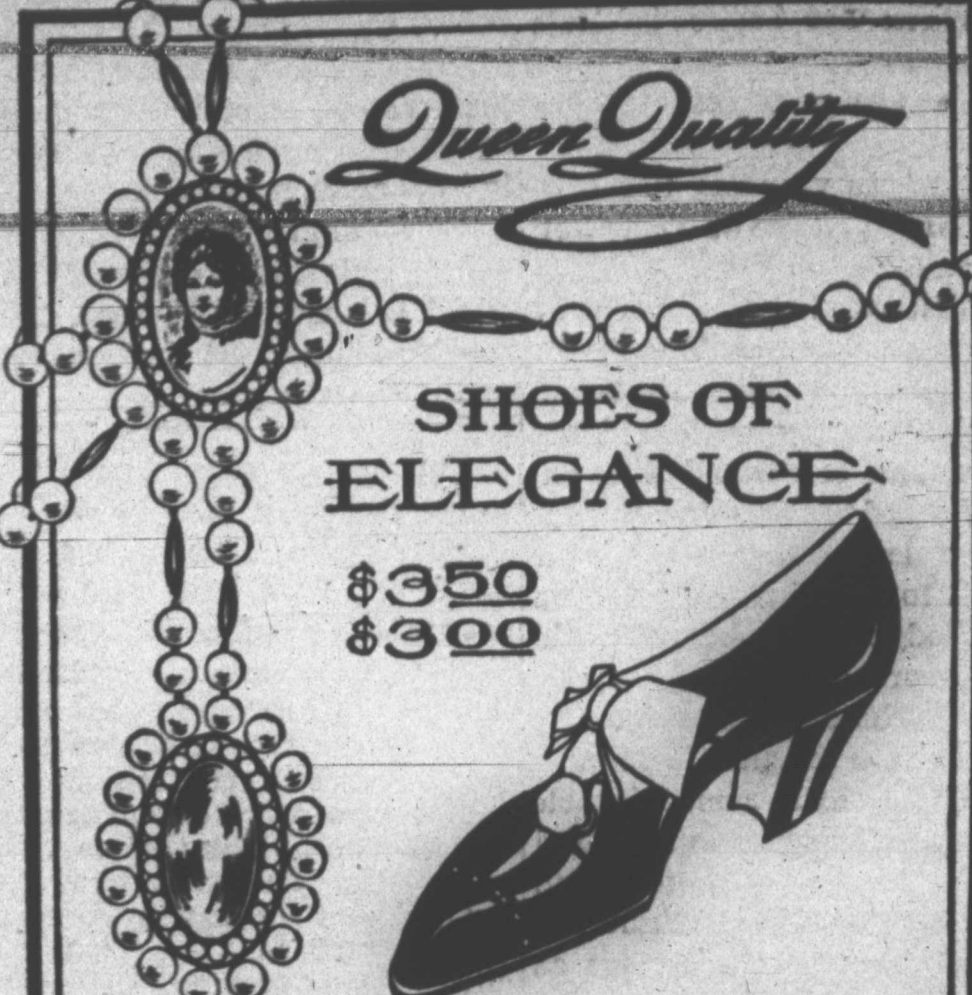
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### TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

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F. Hoffman and family left for South Dakota Tuesday.  
Mrs. R. L. Faulkner of this city is in Amarillo on a visit this week.  
Miss Fannie Belle Park of Galveston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Park in this city.  
J. P. Hicks of Amarillo, spent last Sunday in the city visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Hicks

A few pieces of choice city property. The Palo Duro Land Company.  
George Abbot was in Amarillo last Tuesday looking after some of his business matters.  
T. C. Thompson was in Amarillo the first of the week in connection with business matters.  
O. C. Davis and U. S. Gober were in Tulia the first of the week closing up a real estate deal.  
H. T. Kimbrough, a resident of Taylor, was in the city this week on a combined business and pleasure trip.  
A few pieces of choice city property. The Palo Duro Land Company.

John Gillcoat, of the firm of Gillcoat & Skinner, the court house contractors, went to Tulia last Monday on a business trip.  
George A. Brandon, Harry Howell and W. O. Bennett went to Amarillo last Monday night to attend a Masonic meeting at that place.  
Miss Mary Williams of Nebraska arrived in this city last Wednesday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. C. P. McDade.  
R. G. Oldham of this city received a telegram last Tuesday announcing the death of his brother, Richard Oldham at Abilene. Mr. Oldham left immediately for that place to attend the funeral.

Mrs. J. S. Jones of Hereford was in the city this week attending the cornerstone laying and visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Pipkin.  
D. A. Park and L. E. Cowling were in Amarillo Tuesday attending to some business matters in which they were jointly interested.  
His many friends will be glad to note that S. A. Shotwell, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is able to be out on the streets again.  
Mrs. Mullens of Midlothian who has been visiting relatives at Hereford, arrived, in this city last Wednesday for a visit with the family of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Coffee, accompanied by Miss Mattie Thompson, attended the dedication of the Methodist church at Amarillo last Sunday.  
Mrs. G. C. Long, who formerly lived at this place, but who is now a resident of Cordell, came in last Friday for an extended visit with relatives and friends at this place.  
Nash Hicks who has been connected with the book-keeping department of the Canyon Mercantile company, has resigned his position with that firm and has gone to Plainview where he will be connected with the lumber yard of the Fulton Lumber Company.  
Try The Palo Duro Land Co.

**US AND SOME OTHERS**

The Canyon City News came out last week under a new name, and from henceforth will be known as the Randall County News. It is a good paper and doing great things for that part of the Panhandle—Hale County Herald.

Thank you. We are glad to say that we are not alone in helping to build up the Panhandle by good, legitimate newspaper work. The papers at Plainview are also in the live class.

With all due respect to officer Wilson, we are prone to say that the loose paper which flies around in the streets, alleys and byways should be removed, garbage cans placed at each street corner and all paper and refuse placed there in. Let's have a decent looking bunch of streets. A clean town is one of the most convincing facts yet discovered as an incentive to prospectors to locate. Melon rinds galore inhabit our streets and alleys, lets come out of it and have a clean town.—Clovis Post.

Say, Brother Armstrong, if this editor had not seen this item in your paper and if the item had had the name of our local officers we would have thought you were talking about our town. We need a few rakes in our alleys as well as you do.

We clip the following from the Dimmitt Plainsman, the article being a portion of an article written by "K. Lamity" Bonner for the Barnhart Book.

In each town and county, there is a class of enterprising, wide-awake, liberal merchants and farmers who support a local press entirely, while there is also a large per cent of those close-fisted, stingy old roosters who take a cramp in the fingers every time they touch a dime. They actually live and do business and prosper on the labors and enterprises of their neighbors, and like an old lazy razor-back, they stand under the trees waiting for the squirrels to knock down the acorns. The Harpoon would be delighted to see the time when such characters will not only be denied good society, but will actually be publicly invited to move out, or reform. Each man has the right to do as he likes with his own, but this fact does not relieve him of his duties to his country and the society in which he moves. These remarks apply to all public enterprises, and the support of your local papers is only one of the number.

This article is particularly appropriate at this time when we need only live, energetic and hustling men only.

Every newspaper is expected to boost loud and long for its town and predict nothing but the most boundless progress for the future. The BANNER wants to boost the town as long as there is any use, but unless we get that railroad we confess that we would have little heart to make a blow. We have been talking all along about what we would do when we got another road. In fact, it is hard to see what big future there is in store for us unless we do get it. Every paper can blow, as there is an abundance of hot air for everybody. But it is nothing

**SHOW THE WORLD**

We note that a large number of the counties in this section of the state are arranging exhibits to be sent to the State Fair at Dallas this year. This is certainly commendable and shows an enterprising spirit that it would be well for our citizens to emulate.

Lon D. Mars, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Amarillo, has been trying to develop this interest and is attempting to get together a large exhibit of the products of the Panhandle counties and to show the entire exhibit as being from the Panhandle of Texas, each county getting credit for the particular items shown from that county, every item being marked with the name of the person raising the exhibit and the county in which it was grown.

Does it occur to you that it would be a good plan for our county to be well represented in this exhibit? The News man cannot get the exhibit by himself but if the people of the county are truly interested in it he will take pleasure in trying to get the exhibit together. Speak up. Let us hear from you. We have not much time to do what we will have to do.

Arrangements can also be made for advertising, by literature, of the great possibilities of the county as well as showing what the county has actually done.

but childish to boast when there is no foundation for what you say.—Baylor County Banner.

Randall County has now taken steps towards building down toward your country, and if you can induce the Rock Island to build from Graham to your place it may be that we shall be near neighbors after a while.

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" cried the silversmiths of ancient Ephesus. "Great is the Panhandle of Texas!" cries the man who has tickled its soil and then has taken a look at what it grew. You, Mr. Easterner, Mr. Northerner and Mr. Southerner, can get a slice of it if you hustle.—Daily Panhandle.

The Panhandle country is settling faster than any other portion of the United States. There is a reason for this and it is found in the fact that no portion excels our country in percentage of tillable land, fine climate and variety of products. You will have to hurry if you get any of the land here at anything like the present prices.

Why don't farmers plant more trees? Nearly every one of them have more land than they can cultivate in field crops, and there are waste places that do not produce a profitable crop of grass. The rapidity with which black locusts, catalpas, Russian mulberries and Osage oranges grow into posts when given half a chance anywhere should lead to a more extended planting of these trees. Five to ten acres, properly planted to those trees, will, on an average of ten years, return a greater net revenue than any other crop which can be grown. Begin now to prepare the land and to locate the trees which you will plant during the winter when the land is in shape for working. Make up your mind what you want and buy it. The only trouble seems to be that the tree crop can't be harvested and sold for money next fall. It is a crop in the nature of a permanent improvement constantly increasing in value. And that doesn't seem to appeal to as many land holders as it should. There are farmers in Donley county who have been living on from 640 to 2,560 acres of land for the past ten years

who could have grown posts to have cross-fenced every section two or three times at a less cost than it is worth to haul them from town, if they had been presented with them free. Plant trees.—Clarendon Chronicle.

This editor heard a couple of gentlemen discussing the growing of trees here the other day and it was suggested that the bottom of some of these prairie lakes would be an ideal place to grow black locust and osage oranges for posts. It is an idea worth trying. Osage oranges particularly do not hurt when water covers the ground around them and if the trees were planted thick they would grow into tall, straight posts.

Then we should plant plenty of shade trees. Nothing will add to the home like appearance of a place as will nice thrifty looking trees about a place. Plant some trees and when you get through plant some more trees and then some.

**A Jolly Good Bunch.**

This News reporter is always on the lookout for things pleasant and this week he fell in with a crowd of prospectors who came down from Illinois with one of our local real estate firm. They were Dr. J. Weaver, Robert Turnbull, Lincoln J. Hart, James Wabel, Norris Root, Albert Shain, A. H. Bristol, F. E. Van Petten, E. C. Leigh, James Hutchison or "Little Hutch" as he was called and Mrs. T. Shrimp together with Miss Maude Duncan. From the experience that the reporter had with them you would have to go a long way to find a more congenial company. Five of them invested in lands in this county while here. Some of these people seem to have had quite a good joke on others, particularly on "Little Hutch" and it was also said that Mrs. Shrimp was not a sufficiently good geologist for professional work, but the reporter could not get the reason why.

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**WHY WE SHOULD HELP.**

Now that the preliminary agreement has been made and the committee of citizens has in hand the raising of the amount of subscriptions necessary to be raised from this county for the new railroad from this place to Silverton to connect with a line coming to Briscoe county from the southeast, a discussion of the matter by the editor of this paper is in place.

The first thing to discuss is as to whether or not the new road will be a benefit to the town and county. To this there can be no question but that we have an exceptional chance for benefit in this proposed railroad. What we want and need are railroad facilities so that we may get the rates for the shipment of our products direct to markets.

Just take a state map and look at it from time to time while you are reading this article. You will note that there is a broad scope of country between the Fort Worth and Denver railway on the North and the Texas and Pacific railway running from Fort Worth to El Paso on the south which is not transversed with a railway line running east and west. It is only a question of time until this country will have a through line from Fort Worth or Dallas to the coal fields of Colorado and to the broad agricultural lands which lie in this territory. There are already numerous reports afloat regarding new roads and extensions of lines into this land.

Note that the Rock Island has a road to Graham in Young County; that the Rock Island has a line of road now being built from Amarillo to the west to connect with its line now running southwest from Dalhart. Now note that by building a line of railway from Graham by the way of Olney, Seymour, Benjamin and Silverton and there connecting with our proposed line of railway, the road would not have to make the hard crossing of the Brazos River and would go around the headwaters of the two Wichita Rivers, almost heading the Pease River and would have the most available place in the foot hills of the Plains to make the ascent from

the lower country to the Plains. Then by building from Canyon City to the northwest about twenty-two miles the road would have connection with its present lines at both ends.

Now note the line of railway running through Cisco to Stamford and then on west. This road is supposed to be controlled by the Swensons of New York who own large tracts of land in the Panhandle. Don't you think they will want to give their lands railway facilities when by doing so they will have a paying line?

Either of these roads will be a paying proposition if you will note the North and South railway lines they will intersect and the connections to be made. They would, if extended this far, intersect the Santa Fe going through this place; the new road which will evidently be built from Altus, Oklahoma, to Roswell, New Mexico, and which is almost an assured fact; the Orient railway from Kansas City to Mexico which is nearly completed from Chillicothe to Crowell and which, when done will make through line from San Angelo to Kansas City; the Wichita Valley railway from Wichita Falls to Abilene; and each road now has direct connections with roads to the gulf. The Rock Island would have an additional railway connection at Olney in Young County, the road being already built to that place. With all these feeders the road would be bound to pay.

Thus you will see it will only be question of time until the country toward which our proposed road tends, will be reached by a railroad from the south east and if we want the western terminus we must speak now and in terms of endearment which are substantial or forever afterwards hold our peace.

With such connections our lands will increase in value even more rapidly than ever before. Our town property will be in demand and will have among us more men of the broad, energetic, hustling type.

According to the contract all the shops, round-house and general offices are to be located here. If the line never goes further than Silverton there will have to be at least sixty employees in Canyon City who, at sixty dollars per month, will spend \$3600.00 monthly among us. This is the low price of wages for railroad men and not an average by any means. Then a great deal of the money spent for building of the road will be spent here as it is headquarters for the construction. The returns will be great on our investment.

**WHAT ABOUT THE COST?**

According to the contract Randall County people are to donate two hundred town lots in Canyon City corporate limits, 320 acres of land adjoining the town and twenty acres for shop, round-house and general office site together with right of way through Canyon City to connect with the Santa Fe. The money necessary to buy this will be the only items that will be strictly a bonus and the enterprise is certainly worth it.

The agreement calls for subscriptions to the amount equal to one dollar per acre for each and every acre of land lying within six miles of the proposed line from Canyon City to the

Randall County line, of this amount twelve per cent must be paid within fifteen days after the subscription is raised and for which the subscribers get first mortgage bonds on the railway, which bonds bear six per cent interest after two years. These will be worth par after the road is in operation. The remaining eighty eight per cent of the subscription may be paid in cash before the grading is all done and the subscriber who pays will likewise receive first mortgage bonds which will be worth par when the road is in operation. The bonds are limited to Twelve Thousand Dollars per mile. So it is clearly shown that if the subscriber pays his subscription all in cash before the grading is completed he can get his money back in two years thus being out only the use of the money for the time. And the increase in value of the lands will certainly be worth this small amount. If however, the subscriber does not elect to pay cash within the time, he is to pay one-third of his eighty-eight per cent remaining, when the road is in operation to the county line, one-third when in operation to Silverton and the remaining third when connection is made with the trunk line coming from the southeast. In this event his subscription would operate as a bonus and he would receive none of his money back as would be the case if he paid the cash.

The road cannot hurt us. On the other hand it will be a great help in building up the county and making of Canyon City a railroad center. It is up to the people who own land in this county to put their shoulders together and go to work. Kickers are wanted who won't fail to kick if any one hangs back. We can use the knockers only when the rails are being laid and we trust that the management will use well the few that this county has, taking them by the heels and using their heads for hammers. You can't hurt their heads—nothing there to hurt.

Should we help? You bet! Keep yourself posted about the matter and see Randall County do what she ought to do.

**MORE RAILROAD TALK.**

We clip the following from the Clarendon Chronicle which has something of interest relative to our railroad matter. If you will note the names, of the men at the head of this railway you will see that they are responsible men, well connected and we think the road will be an assured matter.

**NEW RAILROAD VIA ROWE.**

Capt. Nat. Smith of Rowe handed us the following yesterday, clipped from the Oklahoman:

The first spoke in the Altus Roswell & El Paso Ry will be driven in the next 30 days, says Edward Kennedy of Houston, president of the road, in Oklahoma yesterday enroute to Altus.

He says the road will prove of incalculable benefit to Oklahoma City, as it will shorten the distance between the Panhandle, St. Louis and Kansas City by about 146 miles and open the metropolis of Oklahoma to a market heretofore dominated by Dallas and Ft. Worth.

The fact that \$600,000 was raised in the shape of bonuses shows the interest of the people along the right-of-way. The bonus

money is being used on grading, which is progressing nicely all along the line, 36 miles between Altus and Hollis being already graded, and actual railroad building to be begun as soon as the engineers complete the light bridge found necessary in places. The Dalhoff Construction Co., of Little Rock have the contract. H. H. Fielder is chief engineer. It will make direct connections with Duke, Hollis, Arlie, Rowe, Silverton and Lubbock, continuing direct to Roswell, striking through southwest Oklahoma and the richest section of the Texas Panhandle. Grading between Hollis and Lubbock will begin at once, from both places in order to get ready for the rail and timbermen as quick as possible.

Mr. Kennedy says the road will be tributary to the Denver, 50 miles south of the Santa Fe and 60 miles south of the Texas & Pacific, thus splitting into the Plains country to the south. This road will also make connection with the Mexican Santa Fe at Roswell for points in Mexico. About 18 townsites are to be opened up along the route.

The road will cost about \$155,000 a mile to complete it and is incorporated for \$3,000,000.

The officers are: Edward Kennedy, Houston, Tex., Pres; Cage Beach, Altus, Vice-Pres; Edgar Chapman, Houston, Secy; and Wm. Russell, Altus, Director.

**BUILDING RAILROAD THROUGH PANHANDLE**

Prominent among the visitors in the city yesterday were Messrs. Edward Kennedy and H. H. Fielder, president and chief engineer respectively of the Altus, Roswell & El Paso railroad now building from the first city in the title of the road to the latter one. The road is already graded and ready for the steel on forty miles of the road way out of Altus. It is the purpose of the owners of the road to get this steel laid and ready for the fall business upon that portion now having the finished grade. The contract for the steel has been awarded to the Dalhoff Construction Co. of Little Rock, and work will be begun with practically no delay.

For the past week Messrs. Kennedy and Fielder have been at Lubbock, out of which place a preliminary and locating party have been working. From Amarillo the gentlemen went to Roswell, and parties will be fitted out of that city today. This road, which is being rushed with as little delay as possible at all points, will cut through the southern portion of the Panhandle, and form a most excellent outlet for a fine portion of that country. It is to be one of the most important stretches of railway in the country and will have a connection with the Frisco and Orient, and will cross the Denver at a point between Childress and Rowe. It is claimed for this line that it will furnish a route 146 miles shorter to St. Louis than any other road now traversing that section of the country. It is now definitely known that the route will traverse the country along an almost straight line, and hence will prove of value as a time saver as from other standpoints. Daily Panhandle, September 21.

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TALKS ABOUT TEXAS

Many Things of Interest to the World Relative to the Empire State.

The Commercial Secretaries have compiled the following data about Texas that will be instructive to those who are interested in our great State.

Texas needs 10,000 more miles of railroad.

Has 166,865,600 acres of land. Produces 3,000,000 bales of cotton annually.

Every mile of railroad adds \$65,000 to the value of adjoining property.

Has 30,000,000 acres of land under cultivation and 137,865,600 acres uncultivated.

There are 12,500 miles of railroad in Texas.

A bale of cotton makes 3,000 yards of calico.

The Texas farmer sells \$496,250,000 of products annually.

Texas has 45,302,544 acres of timber land.

The mineral produces annually \$17,700,000.

Texas has 67,508,500,000 feet of standing timber.

The factories produce \$161,000,000 annually.

Texas has 5,300,000 acres in cotton.

Texas has 61,000 square miles of undeveloped coal fields.

Produces 156,600,000 bushels corn annually.

Has vast beds of iron ore undeveloped.

Produces 12,000,000 bushels of wheat annually.

Has the finest granite in the world.

Produces 10,000,000 bushels of rice annually.

Ninety-five per cent of the farm and mine pass through the factory.

Produces 2,500,000 bushels of potatoes annually.

Has a weekly pay roll of \$5,000,000.

Raises 7,000,000 head of cattle each year.

Property is valued at five billion dollars.

Raises 1,500,000 head of horses and mules annually.

Its mineral wealth is estimated at \$30,000,000,000.

Raises 1,000,000 head of sheep annually.

Its mines work 8,250 men.

Raises 2,000,000 hogs annually.

Its mines could have employment to 5,000,000 men sixty years.

Raises 25,000 dogs annually.

Has 74 per cent of population engaged in agriculture.

Has 53 per cent of wealth in agriculture.

Its cotton mills produce \$24,000,000.

Farm lands are valued a \$4.31 per acre for taxation in 1907.

Its packing houses produce \$21,000,000 annually.

Texas imports each year \$753,000,000 in manufactured goods.

The lumber mills produce \$22,000,000 annually.

Texas has 20 per cent of wealth incorporated.

Oil wells produce \$10,000,000 annually.

Factories produce one-tenth of the manufactured goods used in the State.

Coal mines produce \$3,000,000 annually.

Texas has more Commercial Clubs than any other state in the Union.

Brick kilns produce \$2,000,000 annually.

Texas has 245 counties.

Has 239 counties organized

and 6 unorganized. Silver mines produce \$500,000 annually.

Its mineral wealth produces \$200,000, annually.

Has 69,500 miles public highways.

Gravel roads can be built for \$1,000 per mile.

Fire losses, insured, \$4,336,175; uninsured, estimated, \$1,500,000.

Will hold 23 county fairs this fall.

Has good farm lands over one hundred miles from railroad.

Has a population of 15 per square mile.

Say, if you don't think this country is coming to the front, you ought to stand around a few days and see the large number of implements that the hardware merchants of this city are sending out every day.

Lots of plows for breaking land are being bought, which indicates that the farmers are going after some sod land this fall.

Try The Palo Duro Land Co.

THE BAND CONCERT.

Canyon City Musical Organization Gives Entertainment at Opera House.

Those of our people who attended the entertainment given at the opera house last Friday night by the Canyon City Cornet Band certainly enjoyed it. The entire program was well rendered and the numbers given by the band show that they have been well drilled under the direction of the instructor, N. C. Bishop.

A glance at the program is sufficient to show that the class of music rendered was high, if a person knows anything of music, and a person did not have to be a musician to know that it was in entire harmony. There are numbers in the program that are used by the best musical organizations of the country.

The piano solo by Miss Thompson was well rendered and called for much applause. Mr. Hutchings, in his trombone solo,

showed that he has become a master of that instrument. He also rendered as an encore a trombone solo, "In Old Madrid." The people of this city will regret to hear that it is not the intention of the band to give any more concerts this fall or winter, but they will be all the more ready to hear them in the spring after they have had a hard winter's drilling.

We publish below the program as rendered at their entertainment:

"Encore" Overture.....

W. H. Keifer

"Yankee Grit".....Abe Holzmann

"The Sweetest Story Ever Told".....R. M. Stults

Trombone Solo by Mr. Geo. Hutchings.

"Dreadnaught March".....C. W. Dalby

"The Last Smile".....Wallenhaupt

Piano Solo by Miss Thompson.

INTERMISSION

"Arabola"—March and Two Step.....Karl Hendrix

"The Pivot"—March.....Barrington

"Impromptu" Overture.....C. W. Dalby

March—Majestic.....F. A. Myers

Overture, "Sincerity".....Geo. D. Barnard

Contributors Notice.

The editor of this paper is anxious to receive, from time to time, communications from its readers but we request that all such communications be signed, not for publication, but that we may know the source from which the article comes.

Eight hundred dollars buys a brand new 1908 Model No. 10 Buick Automobile. This is a four-cylinder car and sells for \$950. Write to Postoffice Box 22, Amarillo, Texas. 25-2t

L. G. Runion left last Friday for Portales, where he has a claim of 160 acres of land. He ordered The News sent to him so that he could keep posted on Randall county happenings.

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Text of the Agreement for Randall County Citizens and Property Owners. Full Statement for the Benefit of the Whole Public in General.

In order that the citizens and property owners may know exactly the contents of the agreement for the building of the new railway from Canyon City to Silverton we give below a full copy of the contract. We trust that every person interested in Randall county will read it as well as our editorial in this issue entitled, "Why We Should Help." Then help.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Randall.

THIS agreement made and entered into this the 21st day of September, A. D., 1908, by and between the local subscribers hereto, citizens of the County of Randall, and others who own lands or who are otherwise interested in the development or enhancement of land and other business interests in the county above named, as parties of the first part hereinafter in this contract denominated the "first party," and Eugene C. Gordon, Trustee of Amarillo, Texas, hereinafter denominated the "Second Party;"

WITNESSETH, that whereas the first party, desiring to secure the construction of a railway from Canyon City, Randall County, Texas, to a trunk line of railway other than the Santa Fe, the proposed line of railway to be standard gauge with ties equal in size and rails fully as good if not better than those used on the railway from Canyon City to Plainview and with a general grade not to exceed 1 per cent and in no case to exceed 1 1/2 per cent at any point and to be built in a southerly or southeasterly direction to a direct connection with some standard gauge railroad south or southeast of Briscoe County and running in a southeasterly direction; and,

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the first party the construction of said proposed line would greatly enhance the value of our lands and all other business interests for many miles on either side of the proposed railway line by furnishing much quicker and cheaper transportation for all the products of our land and by building up towns and trading centers and business interests along said line, and in general increasing the convenience and advantages to us in many ways, and,

WHEREAS, the said second party proposes and binds himself, his successors and assigns, to build or secure the construction of said proposed line of railway, as hereinafter defined, upon the compliance with the following requirements of the first party, as follows:

FIRST—The parties of the said first party are to duly subscribe and pay an amount equal to the aggregate of said subscriptions to One Dollar (\$1.00) per acre on each and every acre of land lying and being within six miles on either and both sides of the proposed line of railway as shall be hereafter located by the said second party, from the beginning point at Canyon City, Texas, and running thence in a southeasterly direction to the county line of said Randall County, Texas. The said aggregate amount to be subscribed and duly closed up on terms and conditions hereinafter stipulated, within thirty days from this date, unless such time is extended by said second party which he hereby agrees to do from time to time, if such extension should seem to be necessary.

SECOND—Twelve per cent (12%) of the aggregate amount so subscribed, or the sum of Nine Hundred and Twenty One and 60/100 Dollars (\$921.60) per mile shall be paid in cash whenever the total amount herein required has been subscribed, or within fifteen days thereafter, into either one of the National Banks of Canyon City as shall hereafter be designated by the second party, to be approved by a committee of three or a majority of the same, elected by the subscribers hereto, which bank or banks shall act as Trustee between all the parties hereto, and said money to be paid out by said bank or banks, acting as trustee, only for work done on grading said railway or preparing the said roadbed for laying ties thereon. This money to be paid out upon the order of the said second party, his successors or assigns, at the rate of Nine Hundred

Dollars (\$900.00) per mile, as each every mile shall be graded ready for the ties, beginning at Canyon City. A committee of three, elected by the subscribers hereto, shall examine said work of grading and shall approve the same and also approve the drafts drawn in payment for said work on said grade by endorsing the checks drawn by the said second party, his successors or assigns, with the word "Approved" and then sign their names over the word "Committee." The approval and signatures of a majority of said Committee will be sufficient for this purpose. The amounts to be paid out for the grading under this contract are to be limited to Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per mile of completed roadbed, mile by mile.

For all sums paid into the hands of the Trustee to be used in grading, or for the rights-of-way where necessary to pay for the same, and for any additional amounts paid in cash to said Trustee which may be used in the construction of the proposed railroad, the second party agrees and binds himself, his successors and assigns, to deposit with said Trustee first mortgage bonds, legally issued by the proposed railway company, which bonds are to be delivered by the said trustee to said subscribers who shall have paid into the said bank or trust company cash equal to the par value of said bonds, in amounts of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or multiples thereof. The total issue of the said first mortgage bonds is to be limited to an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per mile upon the railway to be built as far south as the South Tule Canyon. Said bonds are to bear six per cent interest (6%), the interest payable semi-annually. The coupons representing the semi-annual payment of interest on said bonds for the first and second years, during the building of said road, are to be clipped off and destroyed.

The remainder of said subscription, namely, eighty-eight per cent (88%) of the whole, or whatever proportion of said total subscription shall not have been deposited with the above named Trustee in cash, shall be evidenced by notes executed severally by each subscriber hereto, payable to the order of Eugene C. Gordon, Trustee, his successors or assigns, for the balance of his, her or their subscription or subscriptions, which she, he or they shall not have already paid in cash, into the hands of the Trustee as above defined; the said note or notes to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum, the interest to be payable semi-annually, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the said second party to be made payable as follows:

- 1st.—One-third of the eighty-eight per cent (88%) or one-third of the amount remaining unpaid, of the subscriptions payable for the building of the railway through Randall County, are to be paid when the said railway shall have been completed so that a locomotive and cars shall have actually passed over the same from Canyon City, Texas, in a general southeasterly direction to the eastern line of Randall County, in the general direction of Vigo Park or Silverton.
- 2nd.—One-third of said subscription of the Randall County subscribers shall be payable when the railway is completed to Silverton, or a distance equal to the distance from Canyon City to Silverton, and the balance when the said railway is completed to a connection with some standard gauge railway then in operation south or east of Silverton.

The citizens of Canyon City, in addition to the payment of their proportion of said fund, are required to furnish right-of-way through the suburbs

of said town one hundred (100) feet wide, to a connection with the Santa Fe railway with sufficient grounds for railroad shops, round-house and general offices, not to exceed for these purposes twenty acres of land, with a stipulation in the deed for the same for reverting of land back to Canyon City for a City Park or school purposes should the shops, round-house or general offices be removed from Canyon City, or abandoned, and in addition thereto, are to secure and convey to the said second party, his successors or assigns, two hundred town lots to be situated in any portion of the incorporate limits of Canyon City, and Three Hundred and Twenty (320) acres of land, the location of which is to be agreed upon mutually hereafter.

It is expected that the right-of-way through the country will be donated by the land owners, but if not, the party of the second part will provide it.

The party of the second part hereby agrees and binds himself, his successors or assigns, to establish at Canyon City, the principal offices of said Railway Company, and also the Company's shops and round-house, to cost not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), and to maintain the same in Canyon City for a space of time not less than twenty years. It is agreed that Canyon City shall thus become the headquarters of the said railway.

Said shops, round-house and general offices to be commenced in good faith on or before the first train is run on said railway to the east boundary line of Randall County, and the construction of the same to be completed before the time of the second payment of the 88% herein provided for. It is agreed, however, that should they not be completed by the time this payment shall become due, the party of the second part may guarantee an early completion by a deposit for this purpose of Fifteen Thousand Dollars in first mortgage bonds of said railway.

It is agreed by and between all the parties hereto that some bank or trust company of recognized solvency and commercial standing and rating shall be appointed as trustee to hold the notes and securities and administer the trust hereby created; that this security trustee may be nominated by the second party, but must have the approval of a majority of a committee of three persons elected by the local subscribers hereto. Said trustee shall hold said notes, securities and deeds until the said second party shall have complied with the conditions of this contract, and when he complies with its terms as hereinbefore outlined, by completing the railway, and as the several points are reached by the construction of said railway, as hereinbefore defined, the notes and securities so earned shall be turned over to the said second party, his successors or assigns, or if the said notes are collected by the said Trustee, the proceeds shall be turned over to said second party, his successors or assigns, according to the conditions above set out. All monies subscribed and paid in during the period of construction in Randall County, are to be held by the local bank or banks as hereinbefore provided for.

The said notes may be paid off at any time, at the option of the subscribers hereto, by depositing the amount, with accrued interest, with said trustee, when the trustee will deliver the notes and securities to the makers thereof.

Each subscriber, under the terms of this contract, shall be responsible for his own subscription only, and not for the subscription of any other person.

The said second party hereby agrees and binds himself, his successors and assigns, to complete the earthwork or grading of said proposed line of railway, so as to admit of the laying of ties thereon from Canyon City to the southerly terminus at Silverton or other point as above defined, in Briscoe County, Texas, within twelve months from the date when the subscriptions herein provided for shall have been closed up, and that the bridges and trestles and laying of the ties and the rails shall have been so completed within two years from the date when the said subscription shall have been closed up, so as to pass over the same a locomotive and cars; PROVIDED, only, that the work shall not have been detained by labor strikes,

or some great and unusual financial stringency, or by some Providential hindrance, or the acts of God, or by the inability of the said second party, over which the said second party may have no control, in which event or events, he, his successors or assigns, shall be absolved from any liability for one year for the completion of the line from the point of beginning at Canyon City to the point of terminus.

The said second party hereby agrees for himself, his successors or assigns, to employ such of the subscribers to this contract who may desire to do work or be in condition to have it done on said railway, in grading, hauling ties, or other employment, to the extent that such work may be mutually helpful and satisfactory, paying for the same at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per day for the labor of one man and two good mules and suitable harness, crediting such party who may do this work on his note or notes for the amount of such time and labor furnished. The party furnishing such labor and livestock shall feed the man and team during the time so employed. This labor, if desired, to be applied for and subscribed for under a separate contract.

The said second party hereby agrees to begin the construction of said railway in grading the same within thirty days after the twelve per cent (12%) of said subscription shall have been paid into the bank or banks as hereinbefore defined, and after the notes and mortgages have been duly executed and placed in the hands of the Trustee hereinbefore provided for.

Deeds of conveyance to the town lots and the Three Hundred and Twenty acres of land are to be executed to Eugene C. Gordon, Trustee, his successors or assigns, in fee simple and free from any incumbrances, and placed in trust, in escrow, with the Trustee hereinbefore provided for, and held by him until the railway shall have been so completed to the eastern line of Randall County in the direction of Silverton, when one-half in value shall be delivered to said Gordon, the other one-half to be delivered upon the completion of said railway to its point of destination and the building and installing of the shops, round-house and headquarter offices as herein provided for.

In the event that there be any difference of opinion as to the valuation of the lands mortgaged to secure the notes, it is hereby declared to be the purpose of this contract that the valuation placed upon same shall be such as the land would bring at present if exposed for sale for cash at public outcry, and if this valuation cannot be agreed upon by the party making the note and the said second party, then the valuation shall be arrived at by arbitration, one party being chosen by the subscriber, one party by the said second party, his successors or assigns, and these two to select a third, whose decision as to the valuation shall be final. It is understood that no less an acreage than forty acres shall be accepted as security for any note.

The said second party, for himself, successors and assigns, further agrees and binds himself that any subscriber hereto having paid the twelve per cent (12%) of his subscription into the hands of the trustee or trustees hereinbefore referred to at the time required under this contract, may at any period during the grading of said railway through Randall County, pay in cash the remainder of his subscription into the hands of the Trustee to be appointed to administer the trust hereby created, at which time the said Trustee will not only deliver to said subscriber his note and mortgage for cancellation, but shall also deliver to said subscriber first mortgage bonds of said railway company for the amount equaling his full subscription, or to the extent that the same may be practicable; or in case the bonds cannot at the time be legally issued under the restrictions of the laws of Texas, then, in that event, the trustee shall deliver to said subscriber his obligation as trustee, to deliver said bonds as soon as the same may be legally issued.

In case the money sufficient to pay off and take up the note of any individual subscriber shall not have been paid into the hands of the Trustee by said subscriber before the grading is completed as above provided for, then in that event the said second party,

or the Trustee, shall not be under the obligation to deliver any bonds for the said notes, in which last event the specific and individual subscription shall be recognized as a bonus.

The money thus paid into the hands of the said Trustee shall be paid out only by said Trustee on proper vouchers, including bills of ladings, and properly audited invoices and bills for the purchase of ties and rails and other material and labor used in the construction of the said railway, upon the order of the said second party, his successors or assigns, the said bills to be audited and approved by a committee of one or more persons to be agreed upon or selected, jointly, by the said second party and the committee elected by the subscribers hereto, to overlook the construction of said railway as hereinabove provided for.

We, the first and second party, hereby adopt and confirm each and every condition and stipulation in the foregoing contract and agree, individually and respectively, to faithfully execute the same, and we, the first party, local subscribers hereto, hereby bind ourselves, our executors, administrators and assigns, each with the other and with Eugene C. Gordon, Trustee, his successors or assigns, the said second party, to pay the amounts set opposite our respective names for the purpose and conditions hereinbefore stipulated, to the order of the said Eugene C. Gordon, Trustee, his successors or assigns, in the manner above set out.

PROVIDED, however, that this agreement shall be null and void unless the second party hereto, Eugene C. Gordon, shall, within a reasonable time, secure the co-operation of the citizens of Armstrong, Briscoe and other counties in arranging the necessary links of this railway from point of beginning to place of destination, a trunk line of railway running south or in a southeasterly course from Briscoe County, Texas.

PROVIDED, also, that unless all arrangements shall have been made for the completion of this railway from said Canyon City to a point as far distant from Canyon City, Texas, as Silverton, and work actually begun on the same,—all monies having been subscribed, paid, or secured to be paid,—within twelve months from this date, then this contract, or more properly speaking, this agreement, shall be absolutely void.

It is agreed and understood by the first and second parties hereto that this agreement does not bind any member of this committee financially except for his own subscription hereafter to be made to build said railroad. Signed and acknowledged in triplicate, the day and date above written, by the Chairman of the Local Committee, L. G. Conner, and by Eugene C. Gordon, for himself, successors and assigns.

L. G. CONNER,  
Chairman Local Committee.  
EUGENE C. GORDON,  
For Himself, Successors and Assigns.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Randall.

Before me, Geo. A. Brandon, a Notary Public in and for Randall County, Texas, on this day personally appeared L. G. Conner, Chairman of Local Committee, and Eugene C. Gordon, each known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and each acknowledged to me that he had signed the same for the purposes and consideration and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and Seal of Office in Canyon City, Randall County, Texas, this the 21st day of September, A. D., 1908.  
(SEAL) GEO. A. BRANDON,  
Notary Public, Randall County, Texas.

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Dr. A. W. Thompson, of Mineral Wells who has bought about 1100 acres of land in the southwest corner of this county, is in the city this week making arrangements for the planting of about one hundred acres of alfalfa on his valley land. He thinks that this is a great country and that his land will make him very large returns on his investment.

Bal Reid, a stockman who lives near Lubbock, was in the city this week on his way home from northern points. Mr. Reid formerly came to this place frequently in the days when Canyon City was the trading point for all the southern Plains and he has many friends here who were glad to see him.

The Canyon Mercantile Company pays the highest price for butter, eggs and produce of all kinds.

**Notice.**

To whom it may concern:—I have this day and date sold my block of five sections of land situated in Swisher county. Sept. 16th, 1908.

It C. T. WORD.

A few pieces of choice city property. The Palo Duro Land Company.

Wm. McCraney and family are moving to the Canyon City Club grounds this week where he will have charge in the future. Sullivan Laughery is moving into the McCraney home place.

Those of the people of the Plains who believe in the principles of Christian Science have arranged for a lecture to be given at the Opera House in this city on Thursday evening, Oct. 1, at eight o'clock, to be given by Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B., of Brooklyn, on the subject of "Christian Science, a Demonstrable Religion."

John Knight had on exhibition in this city this week the most perfectly shaped watermelon that this News man has ever seen and of course he has seen many of them both by day and by night. There was not a blemish on the rind. It was almost round and was of a deep green color and not least of all weighed fifty pounds and twelve ounces. While the News force did not get to help eat this monster, still we did get to eat a smaller one from this patch and it was fine flavored.

**A Good Sized Deal.**

The Palo Duro Land Company of this city reports the sale this week of five sections of land in Swisher County at a price of twenty dollars per acre round, making a deal of \$64,000.00, all of which is to be paid in cash.

**Special Notice.**

W. E. Rutledge, a professional piano tuner and repair specialist, of the Amarillo Conservatory of Music, is in Canyon this week tuning pianos. All work guaranteed; territory covered twice each year. Attend to your piano now, and be assured that the work will be done right. Country calls made by arrangement. Address by card or call phone No. 202, R. A. Terrill's residence.

Phone 41 when you have an item of local news.

**More Train Service.**

Madame Rumor has it on pretty good authority that the Santa Fe intend putting on their through fast train from eastern points to California about the first of October and that the road expected to have both the fast trains going through here by the 20th of the month. This railway has been making very extensive preparation for this traffic for the past two years with the view of making the best time between eastern points and California, and when this train service is established the inhabitants of this county will have fine service to northern and eastern points.

**Ladies Well Pleased Also.**

Among the crowd of prospectors who were here last week there were several ladies of whom quite a number bought land. Among these was Miss Maude Duncan of Illinois. Before leaving for her home, in conversation with a News reporter, she said she liked the country fine and that she thought that an investment here at this time would bring large returns. She thinks others living in her portion of the state will buy and move here at an early date.

**Well Satisfied Here.**

In talking with The News reporter this week, John Knight of this city gave him quite a bit of interesting information relative to this county, the conditions which existed when he first came here in 1890 and recounting the various changes and the very material advancement made since that time. Mr. Knight says that he is glad that the country is forging ahead as rapidly as it is and that it will only be a question of a few years until we shall be as thickly settled as many of the eastern states. The quality of our lands and the various products of the soil will make this. When asked if he had always liked the country, he said: "I have never seen the time since I came here when I would have willingly moved away."

Little Miss Maybeth Cummings came over from Dalhart this week to spend about a month with her sisters in this city.

G. W. Gilcoat and his granddaughter, Miss Myrtle Knight, of Dallas, are in the city this week the guests of his son, John Gilcoat.

### Points That Interest You

We Have Money To Loan When Others Are "Broke"

WE provide an absolutely safe place to deposit your money.  
WE are not an experiment but a grown, really existing reality.  
WE return your money (all of it) on demand.  
WE are prosperous as well as progressive and MERIT WINS.  
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Highest Cash Price Paid for Hides, Hay, Muize, Kaffir Heads, etc.

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Let us show you the model cart for your baby—the ALLWIN Folding Go Cart. It is rapidly taking the place of the old-fashioned, cumbersome baby carriage everywhere. It is better, cheaper, more stylish and more convenient. Can be folded and carried with one hand—on the street car or anywhere. Comfortable for the finest baby. Roomy enough for pillows and wraps. Has extra sensitive springs which prevent injurious jarring. The ALLWIN is the most stylish, most attractive folding cart made. No other cart gives you a choice of twelve beautiful enamel finishes with nickel trimmings. Built to last—best materials only are used. Come in and let us prove to you that the ALLWIN is the best go-cart for your baby, at any age.

(Dealer's Name)

THOMAS BROS. The Quality House.

**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 94
Oats, best, bushel.....	45
Maize and Kaffir in heads, new crop, ton.....	9 00
Millet hay, per ton.....	8 00
Johnson grass hay, ton.....	9.00
Alfalfa, per ton.....	10 00
Corn, best.....	60
Maize, threshed, bushel..	50
Kaffir corn, threshed, bu..	50

**Chickens and Eggs**

Fryers, per dozen.....	\$3 25
Eggs, per dozen.....	20

**BUSINESS LOCALS**

Books with cattle bills of sale.

O. B. Cotton will guarantee all work entrusted to him. 26-1t

For the finest groceries at the closest prices try the White Swan Grocery Co.

See our fall and winter samples before you buy that suit. O. B. Cotton. 26-1t

**For Sale.**—Four fine quarter sections of alfalfa land close to town. MANTZ & PEACOCK, Near Depot.

Have your clothes cleaned, pressed and repaired at O. B. Cotton's. 26-1t

**Wanted**—Land, for which we will trade all or half interest in a well established business worth \$10,000.00. Give best price in first letter. Address Box 67, McKinney, Tex. 25-4t

**For Sale.**

Nice home, well improved. Fine water, good location. Ask The News man. 24-tf

**For Sale.**

160 acres of land in Carney county, Kansas, in Arkansas Valley, for sale or trade for Plains land or Canyon City property. J. R. HARTER, The Blacksmith. 23-4t

**Low Rate to Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

For the 16th National Irrigation Congress to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 29th to October 10th, 1908, inclusive, the Pecos & Northern Texas Railway in connection with the Eastern Railway of New Mexico will offer unusually low and attractive rates. It is suggested that those desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity to visit Albuquerque, and assist in making this national event a memorable and successful one, notify the railway agent as much in advance as possible in order that necessary facilities and train service may be arranged for their accommodation. Tickets will be on sale from September 27th to October 9th, inclusive, with return limit October 31st. The round trip fare from Canyon City, Texas will be \$12.30.

D. L. MEYERS, G. P. A., Amarillo, Texas.

O. C. DAVIS, Agent, Canyon City, Texas. 10-13

**Northwestern Title Co.**

Complete Abstract of All Randall County Property

R. A. TERRILL, - MANAGER

**Citizen Endorses the Park Movement.**

We publish below an article by one of our citizens which is well worth reading.

**EDITOR NEWS:**

Every lover of trees and the beautiful in nature must believe the advice of the old Scotchman is good. As he lay dying on his bed he called his son to his side and said, "Now, Andy, I am about to die, and when I am gone do not forget to be obedient and ever helpful to your mother; and when you have a little spare time be planting a few trees." "All right, father," said the boy, "I will do as you have said, and is there anything else you would like for me to do?" And the father replied, "No, there is nothing else unless you might stick in another tree."

'Tis a pity that parks cannot be bought ready made and placed just where we want them. If an agent were to come around with a park in all its beauty and offer it to us in all of its beauty we would buy it, no matter what the cost.

It is hard to rightly estimate the value of a tree; set out when quite small, their value increases rapidly from year to year. I noticed a peach tree in your yard this summer so loaded with fruit that you had to prop up the branches to keep them from breaking down. In the early summer I offered Mr. O'Keefe five dollars for the fruit on one cherry tree, and it is sufficient to say that I did not get the cherries. While the tree a few years ago did not cost more than thirty-five cents.

Mr. Harter has a vine that dies nearly down to the ground every winter and a few years ago it cost him not many cents, but now he would not take ten dollars for it.

Mr. Jim Coffee has about a dozen grape vines two years old and those few young vines have nearly ruined Mrs. Coffee's stove on account of having so many grapes to can after they all ate as many every day fresh as they could.

Ask Mrs. Dave Park what she would take for that rockery so beautifully covered with flowers.

How much would it take to buy those pine trees in Mr. Lester's garden, or the bed of canna lillies in Mr. Hutson's yard?

And there are so many in town that might be mentioned where improvements have been made, and now the trees, vines and flowers are worth many times the cost to the owner.

The great city of Chicago would not be very attractive without its public parks, of which Lincoln park stands first with its lake front, trees, statues and splendid aquarium.

St. Louis with its smoky atmosphere would be intolerable without Shaw's garden and Delmar and other parks.

San Antonio with its mission buildings, quaint crooked streets and its historic Alamo, the sight of which makes the heart beat with pride as we remember the time when its noble defenders fought and bled and died in defense of Texas liberty. It makes the pulse beat faster as we see the marks of the cannon balls on the walls of the building fired by that overwhelming and blood-thirsty army led by Santa Anna against that handful of heroes.

But with all its attractions you

will most likely call to mind more often the Alamo Plaza with its lovely fountains and tropical banana palms, or San Pedro park and springs.

The beautiful city of Denver has the everlasting Rocky mountains in the distance, and in the busy life but few find time to go to them, while on the other hand thousands of people there enjoy the pleasures of the city park, easily reached by the street cars.

Like Denver, Canyon City has an attraction that will become national—the grand Palo Duro canyon, and but few of us enjoy it except occasionally because we cannot reach it in a few minutes.

Therefore why not every man, woman and child boost for a park till we get it? We need it so much, and every year we neglect to start it. Valuable time is lost.

"Oh, yes," says the man who looks out for nothing but dollars, "but is there any money in it?" Certainly there is. I believe you will readily concede that as soon as the first sod is turned over toward improving our city park on a practical basis that property in town will increase in value at least five dollars per lot. It is a question whether visitors returning back east or north would first mention the wonderful sights in the canyons or our beautiful city park, if we get what is coming to us for an earnest effort.

There is so much more that could be said in favor of a park here.

Now if the city dads and everybody will get busy, here is a picture that in a few years can be realized.

A girl of sweet sixteen—more or less—is looking toward the pure white swans with their necks so gracefully curved as they float around among the water lilies and other choice aquatic plants and we hear her say, "Oh, ain't they just too cute for anything?" Standing at the water's edge the smaller children are throwing peanuts to the ever hungry ducks. And the youngsters shout with delight as the ducks dive after the goobers, while the cat-tails growing in the water close by wave a merry salute. The baby, perfectly contented with itself, is telling its delight by saying "Goo, goo, guggly goo."

Mingling with the sweet songs of the birds in the trees there comes floating on the evening air delightful strains of music from the Canyon City Cornet Band as they occupy the band stand in a secluded corner of the park and respond so promptly to the baton wielded by their leader, and as husband and wife sit there on the park chairs by the flower-bordered walks and look over the pretty scene, she says, "Hubby, dear, will you pinch me so that I may be sure it is not a dream; it seems so impossible to see this earthly paradise on the treeless plains of Texas."

Now, neighbor, if you can use any of these scattering thoughts to boost the park you are more than welcome to them.

Truly,  
A BOOSTING CITIZEN.

Ever Ready electric batteries now in stock.  
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Phone 41 when you have an item of local news.

Try The Palo Duro Land Co.

**Makes Good Profit on Hogs.**

P. D. Buckner and Ed. Diffenderfer of the Ceta community were in this city last Monday purchasing farming implements. In speaking with the News Reporter Mr. Diffenderfer, who is from Indiana, stated that this was his second crop in this country and that he was more than pleased with what he had been able to do since he came here, in fact that he had told his father when he was back home last winter that he "wouldn't go back to Indiana to live at all under any circumstances so long as the Plains country existed." He has about 60 acres of millet this year which he expects to thresh and which he estimates will make at least thirty bushels to the acre. Also has 200 acres of milo maize which his neighbors estimate will make 40 bushels per acre, which according to today's market report will make a revenue of \$20.00 per acre this year. Speaking of hogs he said that last year he bought 21 head of hogs and bought all the maize and feed that he used, paying \$12.00 per ton for maize and that he cleared \$91.75 on the bunch and would have cleared more had he been closer to town.

**Church Notices.**

Rev. Phillips, the blind preacher from Austin, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist Church at both hours last Sunday, preaching an effective sermon, at the evening hour delivering his lecture entitled, "Human Happiness."

The subject at First Church of Christ, Scientist, reading room next Sunday will be "Reality."

The new peanut roaster and popcorn popper at Cowart & Phillips' confectionery supplies the finest that is. Try some. 21-tf.

Dr. S. P. Vinyard and wife, G. M. White of Amarillo visited the home of B. T. Johnson this week.

Try The Palo Duro Land Co.

**Notice—Sheriff's Sale.**

The State of Texas, County of Randall.

By virtue of an order of sale (and levy made) issued out of the honorable district court of Randall county, on the 6th day of September, A. D. 1908, by the clerk thereof, in the case of the Fulton Lumber Company (a corporation) versus the Canyon City Ice & Light Company (a corporation) in case No. 378, on a judgment dated 4th day of August, 1908, No. 378, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 1908, it being the 6th day of said month, before the court house door of said Randall county, in the city of Canyon City, the following described property, to wit:

Block of land number (40) forty in Heller addition to Canyon City (Randall county, Texas), as shown by the plat and map of said city and addition, levied on as the property of the said Canyon City Ice & Light Company (a corporation), defendant, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$625.00 in favor of the said Fulton Lumber Company and 6 per cent. interest from the 6th day of February, 1908, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of September, A. D. 1908.  
M. F. SLOVER,  
Sheriff.

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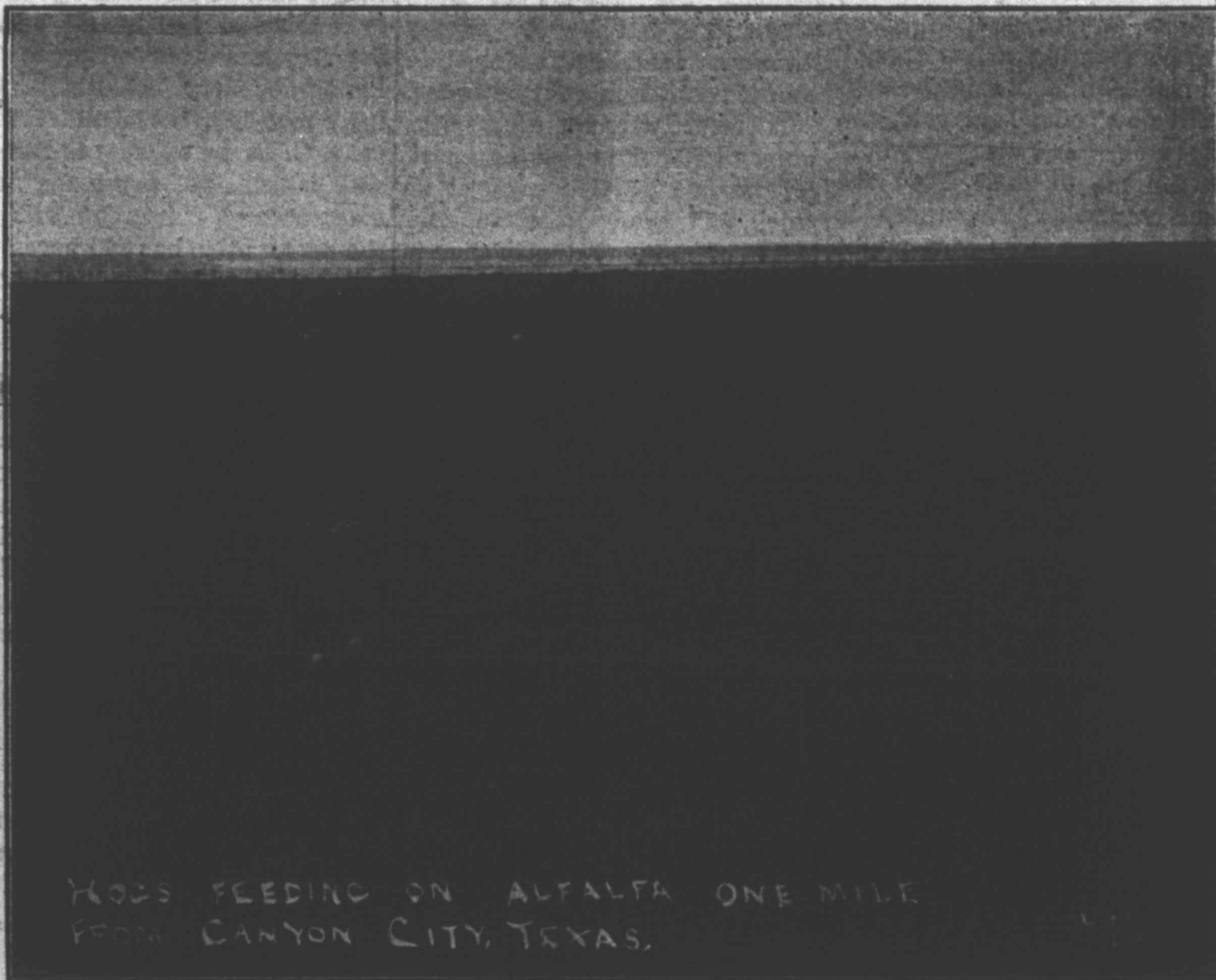
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#### SOME POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

##### Editorial Comment on Things Various and General in Nature.

Few people seem to realize that the longer we wait the more it will cost us to install water-works and sewerage systems. Do you know that Canyon City is the best located town on the plains to put in a good water-works system at a comparatively small expense?

Do you know that there isn't a town any better located for a sewerage system? Do you know that we need both and that very badly?

If I couldn't do anything else to help create a stir I would call some man a liar. I would get what I deserve then.

We call especial attention to a contribution published in this issue relative to a public park. It is well worth reading and is filled with good suggestions.

What's the reason a good sanitarium would not pay in this country? We have very healthy climate and if such an institution was built near our Palo Duro canyon in addition to the climate the people would have advantage of our wonderful scenery in this natural park.

Say if you are a "dead one" make arrangements for your own funeral. The live people in this country are too busy to pay any attention to such as you. If you can't hustle get out of the way of those who can.

Did you ever stop to think just how little protection we have against the ravages of fire? Stop and consider what this town would lose if a full grown fire should break out. Lets have a small fire department at least.

Our property is worth some protection. A wagon with a small chemical engine, ladders, buckets and axes will not cost us much and will be a practical investment. We are in. Are you?

We doubt if any thing that has ever happened in Randall county has done more to get our people together and in unision than did the cornerstone laying last Saturday.

#### HAPPY ITEMS.

E. Glover and family moved to their new home west of town Tuesday.

D. F. Felton went north Saturday.

The new home of Dr. Jeter was started today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Woods arrived from Missouri Friday eve and both will assist in the Happy Mercantile Company's store.

Will Williamson moved his furniture to the Williamson Ranch, nine miles east Tuesday.

J. O. Bradenbaugh returned Tuesday eve after a few days absence.

A. Malcom and family went to Illinois Saturday. He and fam expect to return the first of January.

P. Neff of Wakefield is in Happy now. He is very much pleased with our little city and surrounding country.

G. Baumgardener and C. Carter started to work on the Myres steam plow Tuesday.

E. Gatten was in town over Sunday from Tulia.

S. Swearingin's house is nearly completed, it is an eight room house and shows up fine from town.

Happy was again visited by a great many prospectors.

Many are busy cutting their kaffir and maize.

HAPPY

#### ARMSTRONG COUNTY IN LINE.

##### Railroad Meeting Last Saturday in That County Promises Good Results.

As was reported in last week's News there was a rousing meeting and picnic held at Beulah school house in Armstrong county last Saturday, the meeting being held for the purpose of discussing and taking steps to secure the new railroad from Canyon City to Silverton.

Practically everyone in the community turned out, and a real jolly good time was had. Several interesting speeches were had and enthusiasm for the new enterprise was launched. The greater part of those present expressed themselves as being ready to make their subscriptions to the enterprise and that they would go anywhere along the proposed line in order to help boost it up.

These people need the line and they are not going to stand back for want of enterprise. They have already gotten ready to help and want to see the road started, the sooner the better.

Major Eugene C. Gordon, A. H. Rife, Jasper N. Haney, Mr. Watson and Will Word of this city attended the meeting and they report that Randall county will have to hustle if she raises her amount before Armstrong county does hers.

LATER—We learn on reliable authority that the citizens who live in the southwestern portion of Armstrong county have signed their subscriptions and that they have raised practically the whole amount that has been required of them. They have the same proposition as to the amount to be raised that is required from

Randall county, with the understanding that there is to be a station located at some point in their county.

#### WITH THE CITY CHURCHES.

The churches of the city invite all persons to attend the services at their various places of worship. The times of the regular meetings are given below.

##### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society at church Tuesday afternoon 3 p. m. Mrs. R. A. Terrill Pres., Mrs. J. A. Harbison Sec.

##### METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 8:00. Sunday school 10 a. m. D. A. Park Supt., Miss Angie Meyers Sec. Senior League Sunday 4 p. m., Dr. F. M. Wilson, Leader. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m., Mrs. John Hibdon, Leader. Home Mission Society Tuesday afternoon at church, Mrs. John Hibdon, President.

##### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. White, Pastor. Services Sunday morning 11 o'clock and evening at 8:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 8:00 p. m.

##### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00

o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. H. J. Cavet, Supt., Miss Frankie Gober, Sec. Junior Endeavor Society, 4:15 Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Nixon, Leader. Senior Endeavor Society, 7:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

##### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 8 p. m. V. Edna Henson, C. S., first reader. Sunday school 10:15 a. m. All children under 20, welcome. Only teachers, officers and children present. Mrs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

#### Notice—Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Randall.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the honorable district court of Randall county, on 2d day of September, A. D. 1908, by the clerk thereof, in the case of The Fulton Lumber Company (a corporation) plaintiff, versus John Begrin, defendant, No. 859, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 1908, it being the 6th day of said month, before the court house door of said Randall county, in the city of Canyon City, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

The lot of land known and described as the east half of block number four (et bl'k 4) in Heller addition to Canyon City, Texas, as shown by the plat and map of said city and addition, levied on as the property of John Begrin, defendant, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1114.85 in favor of said Fulton Lumber Company, plaintiff, (less a credit of \$205.00) against said defendant John Begrin, with interest at 6 per cent. and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of September, A. D. 1908. M. F. SLOVER, sheriff.