

THE RANDALL COUNTY NEWS.

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ALL HOMESEEKERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC.

LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISIT THIS COUNTY DURING THIS WEEK.

Iowa Citizens Join in Boosting This Country of Fine Climate, Good Soil and Prosperous People.

There was an exceedingly large crowd of people in this county during the past week looking at the fertile lands which surround us on all sides. Up to Thursday night there had arrived something like 212 of these people who wanted to know about this country, and this crowd was increased with every incoming train from the North until Saturday night. It is estimated that some 275 people were here.

Those that the News man got a chance to see were very enthusiastic about everything that they saw. One crowd of people from Iowa consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Chalfant, C. B. Cooper, B. C. Stanzel, Silas Stanzel and B. A. Anderson who had come down somewhat prejudiced about some of the statements made to them about the country, were particularly outspoken in their enthusiasm.

They were unanimous in stating that they had found that the country exceeded even their highest expectations and that it by far exceeded the representations which had been made to them. They stated that they liked the country, the climate, the people here and could see no reason why this country is not just as good if not better than anything that they had in Iowa. They did not think that it was possible to find such a wonderful country and such grand conditions as they found in Canyon City and the country surrounding it.

One of the party said: "After all we have seen we feel it our duty to say to all who are thinking of making a change in location or of making a good investment by all means see this country before buying anything. One thing is very noticeable and that is that there are no 'knockers' here. They all believe in the country and are willing to speak a good word about it. The real estate men do not interfere with each other but all work together for the good of the country. Everything is clean amongst the business men and they have fine stocks of good goods."

And that was the universal

opinion of nearly every man in the whole crowd of people who visited us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Chalfant, of Sac City, Iowa, were among those who came down on the excursion last week and they are immensely pleased with our city and country. In speaking with the News reporter this week Mr. Chalfant said that Texas did not have a good name with his people and that he had come down more on a pleasure trip than for any other reason, but that after he arrived he soon became more enthusiastic about the country than any of our real estate men.

"Do you know," said he, "that I was never more surprised in my life than I was when I found out what kind of a country you have. It is as good if not better than anything we have in my state and that is saying a whole lot. Your climate is immense; in fact it is as near perfect as anyone could wish."

"Mrs. Chalfant and myself are so well pleased with this country that we have written our son who is in California to come out here at once and locate. We cannot come at present ourselves on account of our business in the northern state, but we certainly want our son to come here."

Work to Begin Immediately.

"We are expecting Mr. Butt from Kansas City, just any day now," replied R. L. Stringfellow this forenoon, when asked relative to the Panhandle Packing Company's plans. "Immediately upon his return to Amarillo we will become active. He will be accompanied south by his supervising architect, and dirt will be broken immediately. We really expect Mr. Butt today, but at the outside he will be here before the close of the week."

"After Mr. Butt arrives we will have a meeting and then all of the preliminaries that have been rounded out will receive the official seal or sanction, and we will 'watch 'er grow.' Amarillo is to be congratulated upon landing this prize."—Daily Panhandle.

Fine Stock of Christmas Candies.

J. W. Cowart has just received his large stock of nice Christmas candies. He has over one hundred different kinds made by the very best candy makers in the country and desires that every person visit his confectionery store before buying candies, nuts, fruit or anything of the kind, either for Christmas or for general use.

REUNION FOR NEXT YEAR.

Meeting Called For Next Monday For Selection of Committee on Arrangements For Coming Entertainment.

The reunion and old soldiers' convention has become a fixed arrangement almost and the entertainments provided in previous years have been very satisfactory. The committee which has had charge of the matter for the past year has wound up all of its business and is ready to make its final report. For the purpose of making this report a meeting has been called at the court room next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at which time a committee to have charge of the meeting for next year will be selected.

"This is a most important matter," said J. D. Gamble, a member of the committee for the past season, "and the present committee would like to see as large an attendance at the meeting next Monday as can possibly be had. Every citizen of the town especially ought to be interested in this matter as it is clearly the intention of the people of the county to give a much greater entertainment the coming year than ever before, especially in the matter of farm and garden exhibits. We want to see everybody turn out next Monday and have a rousing good meeting, appoint the new committee and receive the report of the present one."

A Senseless Joke.

Some person who thought to consummate a joke upon one of the young men of this city and a young lady from Hereford started a report this week that this young man and the young lady had gone to Amarillo last Friday night and were quietly married. In fact the joke went so far that the Daily Panhandle of Amarillo made an announcement of the wedding. To a News reporter the young man stated that there was not a word of truth in the whole matter, that he was in Canyon City last Friday night and it happens that the News reporter saw him at the opera house. Some people do not know how to joke in a pleasing manner.

Certificate to Mr. Bowman.

County Judge W. M. Jeter has issued a certificate of election to Hon. J. R. Bowman as legislator from this district. The count shows that J. R. Bowman received 5,991 votes while John I. Green received 213 with 3 scattering, making a total of 6,207. The law provides for a count of the vote in this race thirty days after the election by the county judge and this is the basis of Judge Jeter's action.—Daily Panhandle.

A World Wide Lesson.

At the reading rooms of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city next Sunday the subject will be "God, the Preserver of Man." This lesson-sermon is used all over the world on this date and one who knows stated to the News reporter that this lesson-sermon will be a demonstration and not a public discussion. It is the Word of God read and not commented upon by human opinion.

Hotel Changes Hands.

The Victoria Hotel in this city has again changed management. J. H. Dunbar retiring to private life and D. N. Redburn assuming control of the hostelry. Mr. Redburn intends to thoroughly overhaul the entire building and will run a strictly up-to-date

THREE BRICK BUILDINGS.

Work on Walls and Construction of New Store Houses on East Side of Square—More to Go Up.

We have been reporting five new store buildings to be built on the east side of the square and in evidence of the prediction the walls of three of these buildings have been built during the present week. The contractors, Messrs Gilcoat and Skinner, as soon as they could take their brick-layers from the court house work, put their entire force upon the work and as a result the entire brick work on the three buildings were completed with the exception of the brick which go on the front over the doors and that will be completed just as soon as the steel girders which support these brick can be placed.

Just as soon as the brick arrives for the Hall-Abbott two bricks, work will likewise begin on those two buildings and the contractors hope to build all the walls of these two buildings within a week's time after they get at the work. If they are favored with good weather it begins to look like the east side of the square will be well built up by the first of the year.

Star Elevator is Sold.

Announcement is made this week that the Star Mill and Elevator Company have sold their elevator at this place to W. H. Hicks who takes charge of the elevator at once, the Star Mill people retiring from this place. The price paid is not made public yet. Mr. Hicks stated to the News reporter yesterday that he would move his entire plant, including the coal yards, up to the present site of the elevator and operate from that point.

If We Kept Christmas Spirit Through the Year.

What's the use of a holiday! Such is the thought of some. Last summer an old man who had amassed a colossal fortune passed from this life. He is understood to have said, "I never took a vacation." But is this idea a good one? The old proverb runs, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Holidays are recognized by employers generally, by busy brain workers, as a necessity. The bow that is always bent loses its elasticity, its strength and its usefulness. The worker whose daily life is a dull routine must have the occasional holiday to lighten the burden that would otherwise become too heavy, and make him sodden with the spirit of unceasing, unchanging grind.

But the value of a holiday is not simply that it releases one from work for a short time and allows muscles to relax and nerves to throw off the strain of vigorous and quick response to the various stimuli of our daily labor, and offers the opportunity of a change of environment, but far more in the effect it can have on the higher nature, on mind and our capacity for esthetic pleasure. A short rest from work does a man good; a change of scene does him good; when he has a chance to refresh his mind and to make glad his soul he is trebly benefited and strengthened. And of all the dregs and seasons of relaxation no one time has the interest and glad-making power of Christmas and attending holiday season. No one is wholly able to escape the spirit that is everywhere, in the home, in the public streets, in the shops, in the concert, in the church. For a moment or longer one loses thought of the task awaiting attention and is able to

mosphere. He is taken out of self and made to think about giving joy, happiness, and permanent good to others. Such is the spirit of Christmas. If a little is good let us take more and keep it.

The glow of happy moments with friends and loved ones, the pleasure of having contributed to others' enjoyment should not too quickly die away. Why not be at pains to keep this beautiful Christmas spirit with us a longer time? Why should we let it die out with the advent of a new year? We have learned its inspiring influence; why then should we not extend it to January, to February, and the other months to follow? Why should we not carry into these months the spirit of thinking of others, of trying to help them, to forward them on their way? A man takes up his work after the Christmas season has passed with a better body, a more contented mind and with more real enjoyment in doing things than before. The pity is that it fades so soon.—Etude.

Boon to West Texas.

The value of the demonstration by the animal husbandry department of the Agricultural and Mechanical college that kaffir corn and milo maize are superior to Indian corn as a fattening ration for cattle cannot well be overestimated, and this proven fact should work a revolution in the already rapidly developing western portion of Texas. The thoroughness with which this test was made renders it determinative of the questions involved, and further, being corroborated by a former but less exacting test of the kind, should set at rest all doubt of the superior value of these West Texas grains. Milo maize and kaffir corn will grow and yield bountifully in every section of West Texas and yield bountiful crops in the dryest seasons. For many reasons not necessary to enumerate here Texas has not equalled Kansas, Iowa and Illinois as corn producing states, and for this reason has not taken rank with these states as cattle-feeding ground. But West Texas can raise kaffir corn and milo maize in competition with the world, and now that it has been demonstrated beyond doubt that these grains make a cheaper and better fattening ration than corn, there can be no doubt that Texas will, within a comparatively short time, lead the world as a cattle feeding state. When the farmers and cattle raisers realize the full import of the result of these feeding experiments, there will, without doubt, be a large increase in acreage planted to these crops, and not only will the cattle raised in this section be fattened at home, but the cattle from the ranges of the southwestern portion of the state will be shipped here for finishing and then carried on to market. The economy of this arrangement must appeal to the cattlemen, it being cheaper to ship cattle from South Texas up here for feeding and then bring them on to the Fort Worth market than to ship them by a market to be fattened in the corn belt. This demonstration will also mean that more Texas cattle will be fattened for market by the growers and fewer sold as feeders to be fattened outside the state.

As we said before, the value of this demonstration cannot well be overestimated, and is worth more to Texas than the total cost of maintaining the Agricultural and Mechanical college and all its experiment stations for many years.—Fort Worth Record.

A DISASTROUS

TRAIN WRECK.

THREE MEN ARE DEAD AS A RESULT OF HEAD-ON COLLISION OF TRAINS.

Three Lives of Railroad Men Are Snuffed Out—Others are Injured—The Passengers Miraculously Escape.

The most disastrous wreck of passenger trains which has occurred in the whole panhandle section occurred last Sunday morning at the station named Haney situated about six miles North of this city of the Pecos Valley branch of the Santa Fe railway. Passenger train No. 28 from Plainview to Amarillo which was due here at 10:08 that morning and which left here on time, and west bound passenger train No. 201 from Kansas City to Carlsbad and which is due here at 10:15 and which was running twenty minutes late were the two trains that came together and caused such disastrous results.

As a result of the collision three men have already died, Mail Clerk James K. Smith being killed instantly while at work in his car, Engineer Ed. Maham dying before he could be taken to the hospital at Amarillo, and Conductor Barney Nelson lingering until Tuesday afternoon when he passed away after intense suffering.

It is impossible that the cause of the wreck will never be known. Orders for passing of the trains at Haney had been issued and train No. 28 had the right of way. This train reached Haney just before the other train. Before the train could be brought to a stop from the heavy mist that was over the country appeared the other train running at a high speed. Engineer Anderson and Fireman Holstien on the up bound train saw that a collision could not be avoided and jumped in time to save their lives. Fireman W. S. Alberts of the west-bound train looked up just before the trains came together and plunged out of the gangway to which action he can attribute the saving of his life.

Engineer Maham did not leave his post of duty. When he saw the train he threw on the emergency brake but the trains were too close together and the two engines went together like two angry wild beasts crushing into each other until actually locked together requiring great force on the part of the wrecking gang to get them apart. When found Engineer Maham still had his hand upon the lever, had one foot cut entirely off and his other leg broken besides other injuries too numerous to mention.

Mail Clerk Smith possibly never knew what happened. He was working in the forward end of the car and when the collision happened the entire car with the exception of the top went to pieces and when the rescuers found him he was already dead. The tender of the engine on the west bound train literally ground his car to splinters.

Conductor Barney Nelson was caught between two cars on his train and received injuries which proved fatal as above stated. He had just finished working his train and was a passing from one car to the other when the trains came together.

A number of the passengers received more or less injuries and most of them on both trains were badly shaken up. Mr. Haley of this city was a passenger and received injuries which will incapacitate him from

FOR SALE--A fine German Coach Stallion, 16 1-2 hands high, weighs 1400 pounds, gentle to work and ride and sound as a dollar. Seal brown in color. Must be sold at once and is a bargain. See

C. Friemel, or Leo Stokes, owner,
37-38
Umbarger, Texas.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

In order to materially increase our attendance, we have decided to allow a 10 per cent discount on 20 scholarships, if sold before January 1st, 1909. This gives you a regular \$50 scholarship, good in any department for \$45 cash. It will be good for any date to enter.

You Had Better Act Promptly

or you will not be one of the 20. Get your scholarship now-to-day-and then you can enter any time. Address

AMARILLO BUSINESS COLLEGE
Amarillo, Texas

WILL TRY RAISING HOGS.

Farmer Near Canyon City Will Stock His Farm With Swine—Thinks Hogs Will Make Good Profit.

T. B. Slaughter who recently moved to this county and has bought and is now improving four sections of land northwest of the city on the Palo Duro was in this city the first part of the week. He and his son are operating the farm and ranch jointly and in conversation with the News reporter Mr. Slaughter stated that he had been watching the raising of hogs in this country for a long time and he had come to the conclusion that there is nothing that can be raised in this country with surer results and greater profit than the swine.

Said he: "This country always raises a good crop of milo maize and kafir corn and we consider that it is almost as good if not quite as good feed as Indian corn. In order to show our confidence in them as a feed we have bought and now have stacked up on our farm the largest amount of these feeds that will be found at any one place on the Plains. We are going to raise hogs and are now trying to buy hogs of almost any description that we can get. Of course we eventually want to raise nothing but the very best stock of hogs but we came here so late this year that we are trying the average grade. This country is singularly free from all diseases which infest the hogs in the northern climates and we can get good feed at very moderate prices and therefore feel sure that we are making a safe venture as everyone here who has tried to raise them has succeeded in getting a good margin of profit at even lower prices than those now prevailing."

L. L. Monroe has returned from an extended trip down to the Floydada country. He says that every time he goes away from Randall County, he comes back better satisfied than ever. He likes the Floydada country very much but says that Randall County beats it and is the place for him.

No. 5238.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

AT Canyon, in the State of Texas at the close of business, Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$289,703.50
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	55,516.24
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	4,748.65
Bonds, Securities, etc.	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	4,346.75
Other real estate owned	13,649.32
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	3,333.36
Due from State Banks and bankers	22,287.15
Due from approved reserve agents	32,937.79
Checks & other cash items	1,934.68
Notes of other national banks	195.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	212.56
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	6,227.45
Legal-tender notes	8,547.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)	4,150.00
Total	\$597,787.45

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	30,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	17,203.98
National bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other nat'l banks	38,621.42
Due to state banks and bankers	17,580.63
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	747.25
Due to approved reserve agents	601.83
Individual deposits subject to check	206,253.24
Time certificates of deposit	16,650.00
Certified Checks	130.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	10,000.00
Total	\$597,787.45

State of Texas, County of Randall, ss: I, D. A. Park, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. A. PARK, Cashier.

L. T. LESTER }
G. L. ABBOTT } Directors.
R. G. OLDHAM }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Dec, 1908.

A. A. ROLLINS, Notary Public.

Amarillo Business Men Hurt.

Tuesday seemed to have been a bad day for accidents to Amarillo people. That afternoon E. L. Dahoney, W. D. Dahoney and his brother, Alfred Dahoney of Paris, Texas, Charles O. Wolfkin and a driver for the auto, in coming up a hill about twelve miles west of Amarillo, happened to an accident which resulted in bruises for all the parties in the machine while E. L. Dahoney had the misfortune of getting his leg broken between the knee and ankle.

From reports it seems that when the car had nearly reached the top of the hill the power gave out and the car rushed backwards down the hill finally turning over into a deep ditch. Mr. E. L. Dahoney jumped from the car before it turned over and sustained his injuries in the fall which he received.

C. C. Loving, manager of the Loving Printing Company, in assisting about some heavy machinery, had the misfortune of having the tips of two of his fingers on his left hand cut off on account of a portion of the machinery falling. He will not be able to do much manual labor for some time.

Other accidents of minor nature were reported for the day and it wasn't Friday the 13th either.

Robert Elliott of Hereford passed through this city this morning with a car of thoroughbred Jersey cows which he will put on sale at Hereford until sold. He will deliver to purchasers. Get a good Jersey cow now. 37-1tp

Many people of this city will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rector have moved to Kansas City where they will make their future home. They have made many friends during their residence in this city.

R. W. O'Keefe, President of the Canyon National Bank, has returned to this city from a three or four weeks trip to his Bailey county ranch. He reports things prosperous in Bailey county.

J. V. Gillham and family, who have been making their home in Hunt county, arrived in this city last Saturday and will try their fortunes in this western country. They will make their home south of Ceta.

County Judge Hale of Tulia was in Canyon City the first of this week. Swisher county is attempting to erect a new court house and we guess he was just nosing around to find out something about ours.

J. M. Burkhalter—until recently a resident of the Ceta community, is at the home of J. W. Cowart in this city until he can make final arrangements to become a permanent resident of Canyon City.

Wanted to Buy—A large number of stock hogs and feed of all kinds delivered at my place 12 miles west of Canyon City on the Palo Duro. Wagon scales on the place. T. B. Slaughter & Son. 37tf

Claude Moreman, a former Denton county friend of ye editor, was among those from Hereford who presented the play at the opera house last Friday night.

A. S. Rollins has been "going around some" this week as he is reported as having been in both Tucumcari, N. M., and Tulia this week, going to both places on legal business.

C. O. Keiser had the misfortune to get a cinder in his eye on his way down during this excursion and it caused him a great deal of pain.

Work on the new \$25,000.00 church for the Christian church people at Amarillo was begun last Wednesday morning.

Leo Stokes of Umbarger was in the city on a business trip Tuesday.

NEW DISTRICT JUDGE NEEDED.

Efforts Being Made to Have a New Court District Established in the Panhandle Country.

For several years it has become more and more apparent that the present districts for the District Courts of this portion of the state were entirely too large for speedy transaction of the large amount of business which appears upon the dockets of the number of counties now composing the districts.

A meeting of the District Judges and District Attorneys of this Northwestern portion of the state has been called to meet in Amarillo on yesterday for the purpose of taking steps towards getting together on a concerted plan and make an effort to get the next session on the Legislature which meets in January to adjust the matter.

The increasing business of the courts in the Panhandle section of the state makes it almost imperative that some action along this line be taken at once. The matter has been generally discussed among the attorneys practicing in the various districts surrounding our district, the forty-seventh, and it is thought that a new district should be created consisting of Deaf Smith, Castro, Palmer, Swisher, Briscoe and Randall. This should leave the Forty-seventh and the Sixty-third district with a comfortable amount of business still upon their dockets and would give the counties named a chance to get speedy action upon their cases by giving them longer terms in the respective counties.

A DISASTROUS TRAIN WRECK.

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work for some time. He sustained a fracture of the cartilage of the tenth rib on the right side, right hand severely bruised and skinned and his upper lip cut, all of which combined makes a very painful injury. So far as we have heard he seems to have been the most badly injured passenger.

It is a miracle that no more people were not killed than were and this was clearly shown when the scene of the accident was reached. The two engines were literally smashed and ruined and the wrecking gang tore them all to pieces. The tender on the north bound train was forced back into the baggage and express car and the second coach on that train telescoped the back end of the same baggage car. The escape of the express and baggageman in this car was wonderful. As stated above the mail car on the west bound train was smashed and how the other mail clerk got out without injury cannot be explained even by himself except that he was in the center of the car. The express car on this train was also ruined and the wrecking crew in clearing up the wreck burned this car.

The three train men killed in this wreck were popular with the people all along the lines. Barney Nelson being a conductor was possibly more widely known and when news of the wreck reached this city many people heard that he was killed outright and were glad when they found out that the report was untrue but when accurate reports were had they knew that it was only a question of hours until the end would come for him and there was sorrow among his many friends.

All the injured were taken to Amarillo as soon as a relief train could be had and placed in a hospital for treatment. The body of Engineer Maham was shipped to his home in Ohio while that of Mail Clerk Smith was taken to Commerce for interment. Both Maham and Smith leave a wife and one child. The arrangements for the funeral of Barney Nelson had not been made up to yesterday morning but it is thought that he will be buried in the cemetery at Amarillo.

Happy News.

D. F. Felton returned Tuesday to Happy after being absent several weeks.

Mrs. Fred Tonemaker and Irene Williamson were in Canyon Tuesday.

Mr. George Berry and Fred Jones entertained the club "Ramblers" at a turkey supper Friday night at J. Christian's home. A jolly time was had. The next meeting will be at the Gamble home Friday Dec. 11.

Dr. McElroy's new residence will be finished in a few days and Dr. and family will be here Xmas week.

A very interesting program is being prepared by the young people of the Sunday school for Christmas. A tree, etc., will be in readiness. Everybody is invited to attend.

G. Baumgardner is building a new shop 20x30 feet. His old shop was too small.

Mrs. W. S. Cook and Sadie Cook were in Canyon last week.

Several new immigrants for Happy this week.

Mrs. A. Robinson spent Friday with Mrs. O. Malcolm.

HAPPY.

Lost.—A scroll top, tube bracelet. Finder please return to this office. 37 1t.

O. B. Cotton thoroughly understands cleaning and pressing. Let him do your work. 37.2t

Mack Leonard of Tulia visited his sister, Mrs. T. C. Thompson at this place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Syford of Happy spent Sunday in this city on a visit with Judge and Mrs. A. N. Henson.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Gregory last Sunday a fine 12 pound boy. Mother and son doing well.

Dean Smith, until recently the county clerk of Swisher county, was in Canyon City on business the first of this week.

H. H. Gillham of Wayside was in this city last Saturday and was raising a howl about not receiving his News properly.

Mr. and Mrs. Coyle who recently arrived with their car of household goods, finally succeeded in renting a house in which in to live until they would be able to build.

Groceries Groceries Groceries

We are headquarters for everything good to eat. Have just gotten in a full line of new crop canned goods and can sell them much cheaper than last season. Have everything you want for your Xmas. fruit cake. All kinds of sweet and sour pickles in bulk or bottles cheaper than ever before. All grades of P. & F. Syrup, F. F. O. G. Pure Maple Syrup, all kinds of dried fruits, new crop; flour from \$2.75 to \$3.50, that we guarantee. If you get a sack of Buttes Excellence that you don't like, it wont cost you a cent; White Swan flour, while this car lasts, at \$3.00 per hundred pounds. Don't fail to get a few hundred before it goes up. In fact we have the most complete stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries in town and are positively under sold by none. We pay the highest market price for all kinds of country produce. Don't fail to come to see us or phone No. 25.

CANYON SUPPLY COMPANY

J. A. King has resigned his position as manager for the Canyon City Supply Company and reports that he is going to Tucson, Ariz., where he has accepted a position with one of the leading dry goods firms.

The members of the Baptist church of this city in their regular business conference last Saturday morning there being quite a large attendance and much interest in the affairs of the church was shown.

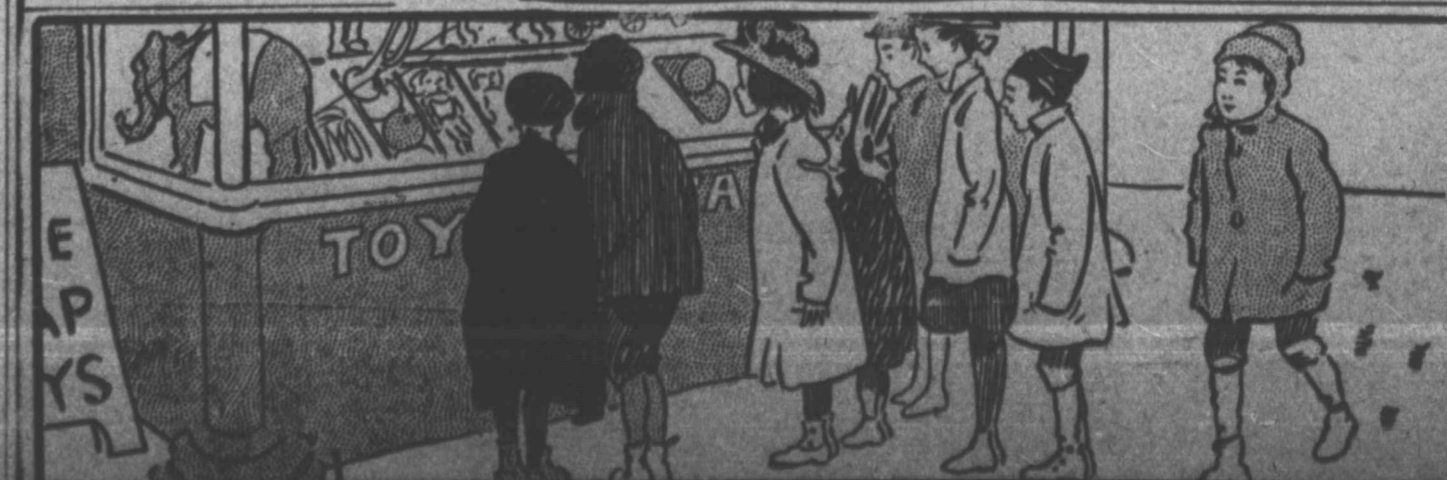


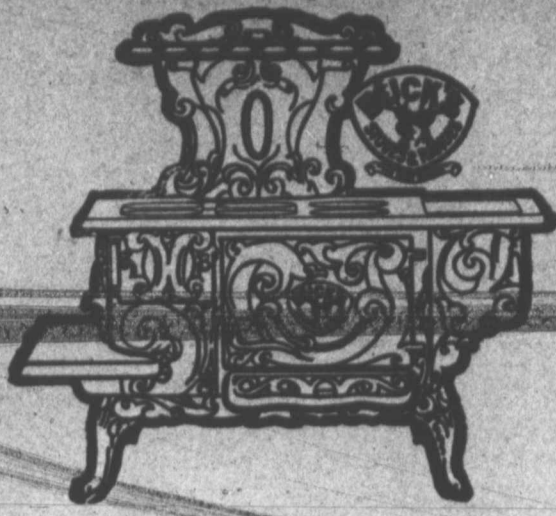
Every available space in our store will be filled with suitable Christmas goods—presents that will be appreciated by the boy and girl, the young man and young lady, the older man and the older woman—presents indicative of the good will of the donor. We will have a complete assortment of

Jewelry, Silverware, Books, Bibles, Toys and All Kinds of Holiday Goods.

Most of them are already here and we are busy opening them up and they will continue to arrive by almost every train until the 20th. If you want just the thing to please and at just the right price don't fail to come to the Headquarters.

A. H. THOMPSON
Leading Druggist





Girls— A Stove FREE!

We are going to give absolutely free a little "Buck" Range—it will cook and bake just like a big one—to the little girl under fourteen years of age who brings to our store on or before December 24 at noon, the greatest number of our ads containing a "Buck's" trade mark. So save this ad and get as many others as you can. You may be the winner.

Thompson Hardware Co.

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WE ENDEAVOR to advance the business interests of our customers in every legitimate way. In so doing, our motives may be somewhat tinged with selfishness, for, upon the prosperity of its patrons hinges the success of every bank.



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Canyon National Bank
CANYON, TEXAS.**

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The London Assurance Corporation.
Fire Association of Philadelphia.
The Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, Philadelphia.
The Royal Exchange Assurance.
Philadelphia Underwriters.
Scottish Union & National Insurance Company.
Orient Insurance Company of Hartford.
The New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N. H.

W. D. SCOTT, AGENT,

Office in the court house Canyon City, Texas

The "OUTDOOR" Herd OF REGISTERED HEREFORD CATTLE

BULLS IN SERVICE

Strike Twenty No. 183,865 (Anxiety-Hesoid)
Winsome Prince No. 172,425 (Rose Stock-Post Obit) Imp.
Armour Dale No. 156,843 (Anxiety-Dale)

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One car load two and three year old bulls.
One car load yearling bulls.
Ten head two year old heifers with suitable bull.
Ten head yearling heifers with suitable bull.
One hundred head cows with calves on foot.

—ADDRESS—
John Hutson, Canyon City, Texas

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Take The News and Keep Posted

Raise More Hogs.

Prospects of additional packing houses for Fort Worth are encouraging. Every new packing house means thousands of dollars weekly added to Fort Worth's payroll. It means thousands of dollars daily additional to the stock raisers of Texas. It means more shipments for the railroads, more competition among buyers, more commission houses, more business generally in every department of Fort Worth's big stock yards.

Yet the most competent packing house ever devised would be a failure in Fort Worth if it did not have a steady supply of hogs. There isn't a single successful packing house in the United States where cattle alone are slaughtered. Every packing house from the smallest to the largest wants hogs. In fact they must have hogs in order to succeed.

More important to Fort Worth, more important to Texas, than the addition of any number of packing houses to Fort Worth, would be an increase in the hog supply of Texas until receipts of hogs at the Fort Worth market exceed 1,000,000 yearly. There are a dozen towns in the United States, none so ideally situated for a live stock center as Fort Worth, where the annual receipts exceed 1,000,000. But at Fort Worth this year total receipts do not promise over 500,000.

True, last year receipts were under 400,000, and a gain of 100,000 is encouraging, but too large a percentage of the gain this year has come from Oklahoma. Texas neither deserves the credit for it nor, what is more important, gets the money out of it.

Until the vast majority of Texas agricultural population realizes the importance and value of the hog there will always be a cry about the boll weevil or the worm, or the spinners' trust, or the cotton exchange speculators. And yet so few as fifty hogs on every farm in the state would make Texas independent of any combination which may exist to control the price of the state's leading staple.

The hog is cheap to raise. A cow, in a year, produces a calf which, after three years may fetch \$50. But a brood sow will raise two litters of a half dozen each in a year and these pigs at the end of one year will sell for \$100 on the farm where they are raised.

The mathematics of this is as old as the hog-raising business. It has been tested and proven a hundred times.

Less than twenty years ago the middle west found in the hog the greatest mortgage lifter ever discovered and since then the middle west has produced most of the pork, bacon and hams we eat.

Texas raises food for hogs more cheaply than it can be raised anywhere else in the United States. Alfalfa and forage crops will finish hogs as well as Iowa corn. Proof of this may be had from a hundred farms in Hale or Lubbock counties.

The hog business is not a sinecure. It has its good years and bad years. But year in and year out it is a steady, profitable business even for those who devote their time to nothing else. The farmer who uses hog-raising as only a side line avoids the risks of those who venture everything they have in one direction and at the same time shares the profits. He is an intelligent diversifier and he makes money.

And so long as Texas continues paying from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 annually for pork, hams, bacon and lard produced out of the state we have room for a great deal more such diversification.—Texas Stockman Journal.

W. H. Aldridge is now located in the Leader building and is prepared to do all kinds of cleaning and pressing. Phone 183.

The things we don't know are many. But among them all there is none that stand more paramount than the caprices of that little member of our anatomy called the tongue. It stands as the most uncontrollable thing that man has to do with. Its capabilities are great for good or evil. It can speak the word of consolation that will lighten the burdens of life, or by its insinuating utterances it can make existence miserable. It can inflict a wound or it can heal one. It can so parade the virtues that vice seems to have entirely vanished and one can only breathe the ethereal atmosphere of holiness, or it can trillionize a single vice and so besmeer every possible virtue that one seems only fit for the hottest corner in the hadean world. It can do all this and more. We as a race, with thousands of years behind us; with a history portraying the events of a wonderful past—a past filled with great advancement in every line of industrial economy—in the art of war, of navigation, of transportation, of the diffusion of knowledge, and of husbandry—in all the sciences that have delved to the earth's core and reached to the sun's center; with the fruits of every research that has essayed to explore the mysteries of the physical, mental and spiritual worlds about us, have thus far failed to remove the tongue's relish for gossip, slander and venomous insinuation. The press has brought within our reach, in a classified and convenient form, every fact relating to the different departments of human knowledge. We have easy access to this storehouse—a structure that the centuries have evolved. But with all the advantages afforded us by the genius of invention and science we still allow the tongue to emit its exhalation of moral poison. Shame on us! We have the will power to conquer and utilize every force of nature—can harness the lightning and use it to transport us hither and thither throughout the breadth of the land and carry our messages with incalculable speed to the farthest ends of the earth—can convert the barren waste into an Eden of productiveness and beauty—can even conquer gravity itself and leave the earth's surface to explore the ethereal blue, yet, when we approach that little member, the tongue, our will power hoists the white flag and attunes the ear to listen to its operations as it weaves the threads of slander and enmity and binds the soul to the goddess of hate. Can we conquer it too? Let us try.—Vidette.

Just at this season of the year, and possibly more so than at any other the mail order houses of the large cities are sending out their bulky, illustrated catalogues to catch the eye for the Christmas trade from the smaller cities, towns and farming communities, these people they think to hoodwink by their descriptive matter and price quotations. Experience has proven and continues to prove that, taking all things into account, to buy of such houses costs more and causes less satisfaction than to buy of the home merchant, the man who invests his money in your town, takes your produce, extends you credit when you most need it and becomes one of you, a citizen who is ever trying to upbuild your town and country and at the same time sell you goods at live-and-let-live prices.

Money sent out of town to these houses for what can be bought equally as well at home is just so much check to the growth and prosperity of the home town, and of the farmers and others who find in the town a ready market for their eggs, butter and other produce.

Think it over; you may be contemplating placing an order with one of these houses and consider whether it is just the proper way to go about benefitting yourself, town and community. How long do you think it would take a dollar sent to the mail order house to return to you? Do you think you would ever get possession of it again? No sir; the dollar you send out of town for things that can be bought at home you may as well bid good bye.—Memphis Democrat.

The Value of Good Roads.

A good country road is always to be desired and is a source of comfort and convenience to every traveler. Good roads attract population, as well as good schools and churches. Good roads improve the value of the property, so that it is said a farm lying five miles from market, connected by a bad road is of less value than an equally good farm lying ten miles away from market connected by a good road. A larger load can be drawn by one horse over a good road than by two over a bad one. Good roads encourage the greater exchange of products and commodities between one section and another.—Olney Oracle.

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"I told him I was."

"Well," remarked the lad, "I want to see the show, but I haven't got no money. I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll give you this dog if you'll let me in."

"I looked at the boy and then at the dog, and my heart melted. 'You can go in,' I said, 'but never mind giving me the dog. Take the dog along with you.'"

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Railway Time Table.

MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND.	
No. 37 to Clovis.....	2:30 p. m.
No. 29 to Carlsbad.....	10:15 a. m.
No. 73 Local Freight.....	9:00 a. m.
MAIN LINE, EAST BOUND.	
No. 28 from Clovis.....	10:00 a. m.
No. 22 to Kansas City.....	5:30 p. m.
No. 74 Local Freight.....	2:40 p. m.
PLAINVIEW BRANCH, NORTH B'ND	
No. 28 to Amarillo.....	10:08 a. m.
No. 94 Local Freight.....	6:00 p. m.
PLAINVIEW BRANCH, SO. BOUND.	
No. 27 to Plainview.....	2:40 p. m.
No. 93 Local Freight.....	8:10 a. m.
Trains No. 37 on the Main line leaving Canyon City at 2:30 p. m. is made up here, and Train No. 28, on the Main Line arriving from Clovis at 10 a. m. stops at this place.	
Local freights and trains Nos. 27 and 28 don't run on Sunday.	

What Man Do You Strangle?



Some statistician figures that \$250,000,000 every year is being diverted from the local merchants of this country to the mail order concerns in the great cities.

How much of that MONUMENTAL MOUND OF MONEY goes out of this community?

Every dollar so spent helps to SWELL THE HEAP in the city that has no use for us except to get our GOOD MONEY.

Every dollar mailed away helps to STRANGLE ENTERPRISE AND SCUTTLE PROSPERITY right here at home.

When you strangle your neighbor you strangle yourself.

GOT SKINNED ON GROCERIES.

From time to time this editor has been preaching the gospel of buying your supplies from your local dealers giving various good and valid reasons for so doing the mainmost of which were, that you could buy just as cheap and in addition could have the satisfaction of knowing just what you buy at the time you do buy and if not satisfactory your dealer would make the matter good.

This week we are going to bring the matter straight home to some of our people who think that they can buy from some traveling "representative" for some unknown firm in a faraway city. There has been a man among our people this week taking orders for "cheap" groceries for his firm in Kansas City or some other place. The editor heard about it and is willing to investigate such matters in order to satisfy his curiosity and to be thoroughly satisfied that he was right in his contentions. We are glad to say that a great many of the people were sensible enough to know that they could buy better goods at less prices right here in town but some of them took the cork under and bought goods which will be here after delivery.

The editor personally undertook the investigations and got prices at which the goods were sold, from the people who invested in these "cheap" goods. He did not go to see all of them but he saw enough to satisfy himself as to prices. Then he went to these firms in this city who handled groceries and got their prices on exactly the same quantities of goods and demanded prices on the BEST qualities. The following is the result of his investigations:

There was only one article sold that the price was lower than the local merchant would sell at and that article was Baker's chocolate which is made in two or three grades, which article the traveler who buys no products, spends none of his money for anything that we have to sell, whose home is under his hat, pays no taxes and is of no benefit to the community as a man, sold at the price of \$3 1-3 cents per pound while the retail dealer here sells the best of that article at 50 cents per pound.

On his canned corn he met the prices of the local dealers on the local dealer's best grade in dozen cans lots, to wit: \$1.10 per dozen. On not another single thing did this "cheap" salesman meet the local man's price. The traveler sold 3 pound cans of tomatoes (don't know what quality, in fact the brands of all his goods are entirely unknown to any person in this city so far as we have heard) at the exceedingly low price of \$1.39 per dozen while the local man wants just \$1.25 per dozen for the very best brands. He sold gunpowder tea in 5 pound lots at 55 cents per pound while the dealer would be glad to sell you the best grade in such a lot at 40 to 50 cents per pound. 20 pound lots of roasted Mocha and Java coffee were sold at 27 1/2 cents per pound and the local dealer will sell you the best quality of the same kind one pound lots at 25 cents and will make you 22 1/2 cents per pound price if you want ten pounds at once. The rice which he had to sell was somewhat cracked "on account of being handled so much" and he got 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents per pound while your dealer will sell the full head rice at 16 pounds for a dollar. His "What Not" "Dr. Cook" or some other kind of baking powder brought him 25 cents per pound while the groceryman will sell you better at a cent per ounce. He sold hams for 19c if you took two at once and the groceryman will sell you one at 15c to 17c per pound. Breakfast bacon of an unknown brand brought 24c per pound and the highest price quoted by local men was 22c.

The salesman would not sell you sugar for "I can't save you any money on that." (Everybody knows just what sugar is worth and he wasn't going to lose any money while business was good). Canned California fruits sell on the local markets at \$2.00 per dozen while this man sold his lowest priced goods at \$2.40. When it came to anything in the spice line he revelled in the "exceedingly low prices which I am offering you." He got eighty cent per pound for nutmeg while the dealer will supply you forever at 40 cents while the peppers, cloves and spices of all kinds sell locally at 30 cents per pound, in pound lots this gentleman raised the price 33 1-3 per cent and got 40 cents. So we might go on and quote you the prices named and secured on many other articles but we think the list given is sufficient.

To those who did not "invest in these bargains" we have to say that we honor your good judgment and to those who were tempted and fell we want to say that we are glad that you got skinned. It was nothing more than you deserve. When the man comes to deliver these goods take them and pay for them and if they are not satisfactory don't say a word to any

body. Just consider that you are getting what is coming to you.

Your local groceryman spends money in this town.

It was a noticeable fact that every man of the very large excursion which visited Randall County last week was greatly pleased with the country. It is reported that by the largest number of sales were made during this excursion that have ever been made in any one week. And the most pleasing fact of the whole matter is that most of those who bought will move to this county as soon as they can make their arrangements in the Northern states. Keep your eye on Randall County. It's going to be the most thickly populated county in the western portion of the state before long.

The News will issue a special Christmas edition next week and will be the banner issue for a paper from this county. The cover is an elegant one, something that you will like to preserve for all future time. It will cost this office considerable but then we are confident that our exertions to give the people who are subscribers the very best that can be had will be duly appreciated and it will only be casting bread upon the waters which we hope will be returned before the many days are passed.

Announcement is made for a meeting of the people of this county to be held at the court house next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee who had charge of the Reunion this past year and for the election of the committee for the coming entertainment. This is an important matter and should deserve the attention and attendance of every energetic citizen of the county. Come out and see if you cannot help the matter along by your presence.

Do you want to shop with pleasure? If so, go around and look at the Christmas goods early. The clerks in the various stores can do only so much during a day's time and if you wait until the last day the stocks will all be picked over and you will not be satisfactorily waited upon which is exasperating to a careful purchaser.

R. H. Caler of the Happy community was in the city Tuesday and to the News man said: "Say, that is a spicy paper you are getting out and we are always glad to get it. Don't ever be late in sending it out or we will be disappointed at home."

Canyon City is making history for the younger generation of people and we wonder if we would be glad to read the history now being made if it were written up some twenty-five years from now.

Better get ready to defend our business houses and homes before it is everlastingly too late. Which is cheaper, a fire or a fire-fighting apparatus?

Which is safest to the health of the community, the cess pool and open closet or a system of sewerage?

What has become of the Canyon City band?

Must Be a Necessity.

In making a remittance to this office for the News this week Phil Schneider of Hinton, Iowa, sends word that he is very glad that he has purchased a section of land in this county and that he values this land but that next to the land he values the Randall County News and therefore does not want to miss a single copy.

The Santa Fe to Extend.

This last week has been one of rather momentous development in railroad circles, and the coming two weeks will probably bring more surprise to the people who are watching railroad movements in this section.

Rumor that the Santa Fe had contracted to build on to Lubbock from Plainview within a short time has been verified and land values at that place have doubled themselves within the last week.

It is also rumored but not verified, that the Santa Fe soon starts teams to work on the Texico cutoff to Plainview within a short time, while the Altus, Roswell and El Paso has teams at work out from Roswell, Lubbock and Childress, so that things will have to be doing about in Floyd county in a short time.

The Floydada citizens have almost subscribed the required amount for the building of their proposed line and according to this subscription heading must begin work by January 15 or the stock forfeits, or rather becomes of no value.

All these various movements are of interest to Lockney in as much as they show that something is "going to be doing" and Lockney must certainly do or be done soon, for the operation won't be in California or East Texas but right around somewhere close, the proximity of which we believe the people of this town are to an extent capable of saying if only an effort is made now.—Lockney Beacon.

Louis Perkins of Elkton, Ky., was in the city the first of the week visiting two of his former Elkton friends, Messrs. C. P. and George Hutchings.

Lady in Trouble.

Mrs. M. J. Ramer was placed under detention about noon today by officers, it being alleged that she was suffering from a mental strain, under the influence of which she could not fully control herself. Until further disposition may be made of the case the lady is occupying the county hospital ward. It is learned that Mrs. Ramer formerly lived in Amarillo, on the north side, but later moved with members of her family to Canyon City. Her presence here at this time is due to a visit with friends. The lady has been in ill health for several months, but it is learned that the stress has become more tense within the past few days, resulting in the condition requiring outside assistance and medical attention.—Daily Panhandle.

Veterinary Surgeon.

Dr. C. B. Lohr, a veterinary surgeon and dentist has arrived in this city from Staunton, Va., and has located here with his office at the livery barn of the Geo. Reynolds Co. Dr. Lohr comes well recommended and will practice his profession in any portion of the Panhandle country. He is well versed in his profession and those who have required his services since his arrival speak well of his ability. 37-1t

Dan K. Usery, who has been one of the Star force for the greater part of the time for the past year and half, left Tuesday for Canyon City, where he will work on the Randall County News.—Stratford Star.

J. C. Compton of Portales, N. M. was in this city last Sunday the guest of friends.

Be Content.

The desire to get rich quick has been the ruination of many a man. It has led men to wander afar in the hope that luck might lead them to wealth and as a usual thing they have found disappointments at the end of the trail when following in the conservative path success was certain.

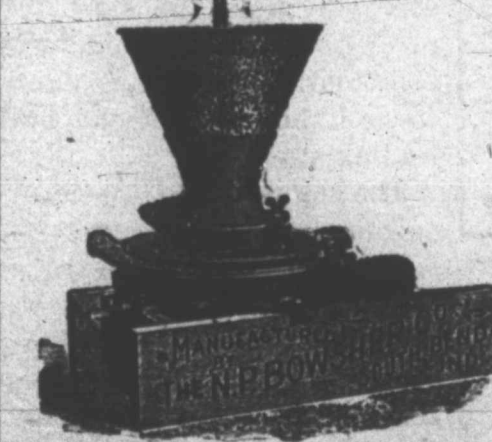
The same desire has led men to put millions of dollars into holes in the ground where they have succeeded in digging out but few and the same desire, coupled with gambling instinct, has led and will lead many to disgrace a self inflicted death.

There has never been a student of real life who has not extolled the surroundings of the tiller of the soil and every day brings further testimony from men who have spent years in seeking the very thing they were leaving on the old farm and when their sun commenced to set spend the remaining years in bewailing their misspent lives.

The farmers of Young county have much to be thankful for and but little to lament. Nature has dealt kindly by them and their acres respond quickly to the men who farm intelligently and systematically. Blessed in health, blessed in possessions and blessed in their surroundings, they have all the things that go to make up contentment and happiness, so it is the part of wisdom to not be led away into pursuing phantoms when the substance is within your grasp.—Graham Leader.

Rev. J. M. Harder, pastor of the Baptist Church left last Monday for Cooke county where he will be engaged in holding a revival for the next week or ten days.

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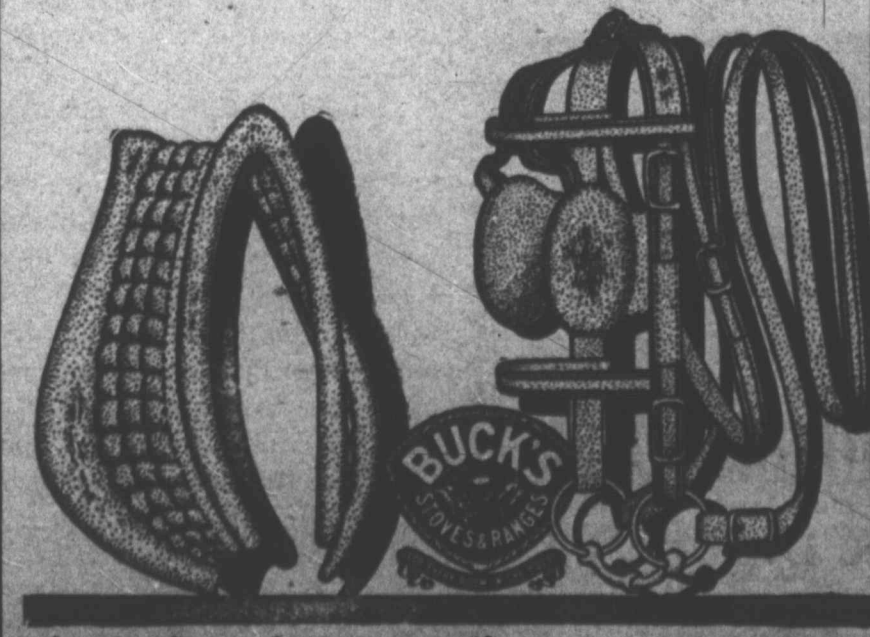
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EAST SIDE OF COURT HOUSE.

THE LADIES BOOK CLUB.

Very Interesting Meeting Held Last Wednesday Afternoon—Macbeth the Subject of Study.

The Ladies Book Club of this city held a very interesting regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. R. A. Terrill on West Evelyn street, there being a large attendance and an earnest discussion of the lesson for the day.

This club has undertaken the study of Shakespeare's Macbeth during the present winter and the lesson for that afternoon was from Act I, Scene VII, and Act II, Scenes I and II, and the discussion of the various phases of the different characters which are prominent in that lesson was very earnest and enlightening.

Mrs. James Ury Cranford, who was a member of the club before she moved to Oklahoma, was present and will again become a member as she has moved back to this city to make her home. She was gladly welcomed back by the members.

The club has decided to purchase a number of new books to add to their already extensive library and a committee consisting of Mrs. W. O. Bennett, Mrs. S. L. Ingham and Mrs. Travis Shaw has been appointed to make the selection and it is expected that before long these books will arrive and be added to the present collection.

Please Sign Your Name.

We are in receipt of several items through the mails this week which would be interesting to the people of this county but the senders failed to sign their names and we did not get to investigate the items so that we could write them personally. Now we are glad to receive these items but we must know who is sending them in, not that we want to publish the names of the sender but that we may have confidence in the items themselves.

Don't Be Discouraged.

That's a fool remark, isn't it? Well, if the writer didn't believe he was pretty well conversant with the situation he wouldn't be guilty of this platitude. The point is, that some of our farmers have lost two good chances this year for a cotton crop, and now find themselves "up against a proposition." We will start out by saying that this situation is mighty bad. That doesn't help matters any, then what?

The tendency among most men when they find themselves in a close place is to get out, no matter how, but to get out. And many men in a wild scramble to get out of what they considered a bad proposition have lost the savings of years, besides money they owed to men who were in no way to blame for their misfortune. Oftentimes the place to make your money again is where you lost it. There are disadvantages about any place, in the world. In some respects another country might be better, and in many respects it might be worse. Some other occupation might have disadvantages as well as the one which you are in.

In making a move of any kind there is always a cost to count, and their ought to be a gain in view before it is made. You have the situation in hand where you are, and with a change you might be more at sea than ever. In fact, when everything is counted more often than otherwise you will do well to remain where you are and make the best of a bad situation.

Not all our country is hurt and the southern and eastern parts will make the loss on our crop from the west easier on all parties. It is also rare that cotton

makes here as it has this year in the western part of the county. So let's just take our loss, count up and see where we stand and proceed to fight it out. A man is never beaten until he acknowledges defeat. We are not nearly whipped yet and we have the best country anywhere. Cheer up, old fellow, we had just as well be in a good humor about it.

"It is easy enough to be pleasant, when the world moves along like a song; but the man worth while is the man who can smile, when everything goes dead wrong."—Baylor County Banner.

HOLIDAY GOODS ARRIVING.

Merchants Are Stocking Up With Nice Array of Articles For the Annual Celebration.

The merchants of the city have always had great confidence in the prosperity of the people in general and this is clearly shown as the Christmas time appears each year when the stocks of presents and toys are displayed for the benefit of the public.

This season there has been an unusual amount of confidence and a person who desires to remember kinfolks, sweetheart or friend need go no further than any one of the stores in this city where such goods are handled. From what this reporter has seen of the stocks that are now being opened and placed on display the variety is greater than has ever before been bought for the local market, and the general tone of quality has been improved.

"Old Santa" need have no fear but that there will be something for each person but the main trouble will be when he delays his selection until too late. Certainly there will be no excuse in this country for an empty stocking this Christmas.

Santa Fe to Extend to Lubbock.

Waco, Dec. 9.—J. B. Holloway, who has just arrived from Lubbock, announced today that a contract has been closed with the Santa Fe railroad for the extending of its line from Plainview to Lubbock and that the road will put up a substantial forfeit. The work starts immediately. The towns are about forty miles apart.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Stray Cow.

One brown and white cow with tie rope around neck. Owner may have the same by calling at Danfair ranch northwest of city. 37 1tp C. L. DANIELS.

Sam Marshall has resigned as manager for the local telephone company and has accepted a position with the White Swan Grocery Company. Mr. Marshall has been connected with the telephone company for a long time and was well liked as a manager, and considering the equipment furnished him he made a success of the operation of the system.

John E. Albers of Wisner, Nebraska, was in the city Monday on a visit to his sons who are located on some of the Block pasture lands east of the city. He was on his way to California where he expects to spend a portion of the winter.

Horace James was in this city from Ceta last Monday. We presume that he came to town to help Mose Wesley verify the killing of that deer.

HEREFORD DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Amateur Company From Sister City Gives Entertaining Play at Opera House.

Though the play had not been very thoroughly advertised, the Hereford Dramatic Company was greeted by a large crowd at the opera house last Friday night when they presented a farce comedy of the western plains entitled, "Tim Burley's Ranch."

This company was composed almost entirely of local talent from our sister city of Hereford and despite the fact that one of the leading men in the play was unfortunate enough to miss the train in coming up that afternoon, the members of the company proved themselves worthy and energetic, and by shifting the cast of characters somewhat gave the play anyhow. The company being composed of amateurs the assembled crowd was willing to make some excuses for any mishap, but these excuses for the company were not necessary because the company gave a much better rendition of their very interesting story than even the most optimistic had expected.

It would be hard for anyone to single out the best character for the reason that each person in his regular assignment in the play seemed to well fitted for the part assigned.

An orchestra composed of some of the musicians of the city was present and assisted in the performance, playing the overtures before the curtain raised and during the intermissions between the acts. It would be well to mention that Wesley Sturjey sang several songs which elicited an encore each time, which clearly shows that they were appreciated.

Judge Buie went to Tulia on a business trip Wednesday.

Mrs. B. Frank Buie and little daughter, Edith, are visiting in Tulia this week.

All kinds of cleaning and pressing done by O. B. Cotton are the best that can be done. 37-2t

Hay For Sale—I have a quantity of Alfalfa hay and baled sorghum for sale at my barn just north of the square. M. F. Slover. 37t

Joe Foster has been under the weather for the most of this week but we are glad to report that his sickness is not considered dangerous by any means.

The Rogerson Hotel dining room is now under the management of Schultz & Schultz, experienced caterers, and they expect to furnish the best meals in the city. 37-3t

R. G. Kirsch of the firm of R. G. Kirsch & Co., who are the architects on the new court house building for this county, is in the city on a tour of inspection of the work now being done. He expresses himself well pleased with the progress and the quality of the work.

Judge L. C. Lair and L. E. Cowling together with Claude N. Harrison went to Amarillo last Monday to receive the two new autos which they had bought. Judge Lair thinks that the agent must have mixed the machines on him for he could not keep his machine out of the barbed wire fence but he also claims that he has about conquered the animal now.

Let O. B. Cotton do your cleaning and pressing. 37-2t

J. M. Whitaker of Falls City, Neb., was among those who came to this county last week with a view of locating here. He stated to the News reporter that he was very much impressed with this country and that it had by far exceeded his expectations.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Redfearn and their baby of Plainview visited relatives and friends in this city this week.

Be a News subscriber.

PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

To be Held at School House in Canyon City Dec. 14th to 19th Inclusive.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

10 a. m.—Opening Exercises. 10:10 to 10:30 a. m.—Address by County Superintendent. Organization.

1:30 p. m.—How to Secure Attendance and Promptness in Attendance Upon the School—J. L. Redus. 2:15 p. m.—Methods of Conducting a History Recitation—J. H. Crowley and Miss Bryson.

3:00 p. m.—How to Correlate History and Geography—Miss Emma Neal and Miss Fannie Johnson. Roll Call and Closing Exercises.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercises. 9:10 a. m.—A Lesson in Psychology: Instincts—J. L. Redus. 9:45 a. m.—Reading Class Demonstration—Miss Bertha Tuttle, followed by Miss Ottilie Gibbs.

10:00 a. m.—How to Teach Didactic Marks—C. E. Coss, followed by J. W. Randall. 11:15 a. m.—To What Extent Can Country Schools be Graded—W. L. Brethaupt and J. M. Craig.

1:30 p. m.—How Often Should Trustees Visit the School—Dr. F. M. Wilson. 2:00 p. m.—Methods of Teaching Agriculture—J. D. Cleveland and Miss Annie Kirk.

2:45 p. m.—Effect of School Environment—Miss Emma Bryson and Miss Nellie Boyle. 3:30 p. m.—Knotty Problems in Teaching—General Discussion.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

9:00 a. m.—Needed School Legislation—C. V. Woolley, Esq. 9:45 a. m.—Lesson in Psychology: Interests—J. L. Redus. 10:30 a. m.—School Sanitation—Dr. S. R. Griffin.

11:15 a. m.—Primary Class Work—Miss Emma Neal. 1:30 p. m.—Arithmetic to Fractions—Miss Nell Gilliam and Miss Ida Rowan.

2:15 p. m.—Should the Teacher's Authority Over the Pupils Extend Beyond the School Grounds—Miss Belle Shotwell and Miss Julia Frary. 3:30 p. m.—Technical Grammar—J. M. Craig.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercises Lesson in Psychology; Association—J. L. Redus. 9:45 a. m.—Paper: Literature in Schools—Miss Edna O'Bryan. 10:30 a. m. Paper: Literature in the Grades—Miss Bertha Tuttle.

11:15 a. m. Literature in the High School—C. E. Coss. 1:30 p. m.—Texas History—Miss Lillie Leonard and Miss Annie Kirk. 2:15 p. m.—Physiology: How to Teach It—Miss Ida Rowan and Miss Nell Gilliam.

3:30 p. m.—Essentials of Good Discipline—Miss Minnie Frary and J. M. Craig.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercises How to Teach Fractions—J. H. Crowley. 9:45 a. m.—How to Teach Percentage—J. D. Cleveland and J. W. Randall.

10:30 a. m.—Discussion, Appropriate Opening Exercises—General Discussion. 11:15 a. m.—School Law—J. C. Hunt. 1:30 p. m.—General Business—General Discussion.

SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC 19, 1908.

Song by audience. Invocation by Rev M E Hawkins "Motion Song" by primary grade. Recitation by Kathleen Stewart Solo by Miss Willie J Eakman Recitation by Bessie Johnson Piano duet by the Misses Hawkins Address, "Teachers' Institutes," by Judge W M Jeter Address, "Our Public Schools," by Hon F P Greaver of Miami Address, "Development of Child Mind," by B H Baker of Hereford Vocal solo by Prof Peterson of Amarillo Closing remarks by Rev Groves Benediction

All topics will be open for general discussion. The work in psychology will be based upon Thorndyke's Principles of Teaching.

For Sale At a Bargain

A saddle and set of single buggy harness for sale cheap. See them at Hick's Feed Store.

Bakery For Sale.

Will sell the only bakery in this city. Doing good business. Enquire at the City Bakery.

For Sale—White Holland turkeys; Toms \$2, hens \$1 each or \$4 for trio. Plymouth Rock roosters \$1 each. One Poland China boar \$10. J. H. BELL. 37-tf

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.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:00. 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 7:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7:00 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, 6:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 7 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 7 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.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society meets at pastor's home every first and third Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J. A. Harbison, president, Mrs. Carl Coffee, secretary.

Rotten or Ripe.

The Pessimist growls, clouds hide the sun, the world is dark, pie tilts his digestion, friendships are false and everything is "rotten." The Optimist carries his own sunbeams, hears the music of busy machinery, of laughing flowers, notes the good points of Fulton Lumber Co's building material, and everything is "ripe."

County Tools Wanted.

I have been appointed custodian of the tools belonging to Randall county and all persons are requested to bring in to me all tools belonging to the county which they may have in their possession. A word to the wise is sufficient.

W. J. REDFEARN,

36-2t County Commissioner.

Christmas Bazaar.

The ladies of the Aid Society of the Christian church will open their bazaar on December 17th in the hardware department of the Canyon Mercantile Co. 37-1t

For Sale—One good mare mule colt out of Carney's jack. See Thos. Lester at Umbarger. 37-2t

Lost—one brown hair braid, finder return to News Office.

Northwestern Title Co.

Complete Abstract of All Randall County Property

R. A. TERRILL, MANAGER

BUSINESS LOCALS

See the Canyon Coal Company for fresh maize chops.

Bryan's Commoner and The News, both one year \$1.30.

Phone 41 when you have a item of local news.

For Sale—Good piano, used about one year. Inquire at this office.

For Sale—Seventy head of shoats averaging about 50 pounds. Phone J. A. Wilson's ranch. 35 3tp.

For Sale—Two buggies and harness, one gentle pony, one bedroom suit, one iron bed. 36-1t I. L. VAN SANT.

Celery fresh from the garden, crisp as a new spring radish and as fine flavored as any that ever grew, at the Hunter place.

Parties having land joining or near town and desiring to sell same for bonus purposes to railway committee should see L. G. CONNER, Chairman.

The railway committee is or will soon be in the market for some town lots to use on bonus. See L. G. Conner, Chairman. W. H. Aldridge is now located in the Leader building and is prepared to do all kinds of cleaning and pressing. Phone 183.

See the Canyon Coal Company for fresh maize chops.

Phone Aldridge at No. 183 if you want cleaning or pressing done.

For Sale—40 pigs and shoats, some good sows with pigs by a registered male. See Bob Foster. 35-4tp

You have noticed that the most extravagant claim made by others is that their lumber is as good as Fulton Lumber Co's. You have noticed that.

Flour has advanced 20c per hundred but we will, for the next ten days, sell our flour at the same old price.

CANYON MERCANTILE CO.

For Sale or exchange for unimproved land a clean, fresh stock of drugs and fixtures. Address W. D. CLEVELAND, 35-5tp Canyon.

Good quality calling cards—100 25 cents.

"All men are made of the same kind of stuff; the difference is in the way the stuff is put together." Be an early and appreciative customer. DO IT NOW. FULTON LUMBER CO.

Cowart's Confectionery candies are good.

We desire to state that F. L. Gano has just finished threshing our kaffir corn and to say that he thoroughly understands such work. He is competent in the management of the threshing machine and we recommend him.

KEISER BRO'S. & PHILLIPS.

The candies at J. W. Cowart's confectionery store are the best made.

Nature has borrowed the tints of the rainbow to remind us the procession is passing and the months gliding by. Only a few weeks remain and 1908 will be a matter of history. Now is the time to make the year a good one. Fulton Lumber Co's lumber will give enthusiasm to your effort.

You can always find fresh fruits at Cowart's Confectionery.

For Sale—A 35 h. p. Pope-Toledo touring car. Has just been completely overhauled; tires new and car guaranteed to be in first class condition. Will demonstrate. Has gable horn and speedometer; good road clearance; 36-inch wheels. First check for \$1,000 gets car. Reasons for selling. Runabout answers owner's purpose better. Let me show you this car. Address, P. O. Box 68, Amarillo, Tex. 36-1t

Books with cattle bills of sale.

US AND SOME OTHERS

Vernon has the advantage of all the other Panhandle towns in one particular at least, viz: in the abundance of her water supply. While nearly all the other towns along the Denver Road are being compelled to construct lakes or pipe away to some distant stream to obtain a supply, Vernon rejoices in the fact that she has an abundant supply only about 30 feet beneath the surface—a supply which is not likely to ever be exhausted by a town of less than 20,000 people.—Vernon Record.

Say, Brother Ray, when you folks down there get thirsty and dry just come to Canyon City and get a drink of good, pure water.

The C. H. & G. surveyors were in Dimmitt Tuesday pulling chains all over town, and after sizing it up well pulled out south without saying a word, but just the same the Plainsman will do all it can in helping get the road at an early date; and all of the citizens are ready to help them put it through when they show that they mean business. If they do not build this road soon, or make some attempt to start it moving, we are liable to start a motor line to Canyon.—Dimmitt Plainsman.

Come ahead with that motor line. We would be glad to have you coming this way and will extend every effort we may be able in order to assist. We are close neighbors.

The eyes of the people of east Texas have been opened to the wonderful productiveness of the west. They were "shown" this year that we could produce just as good and even better than any other part of the state produced at the state fair. We were caught with the goods and it was

clear that the eastern people who have been turning up their nose at the name of West Texas are now "tearing their shirts" to get to the once depreciated west.

Come on people, we are a big hearted set of fellows out here and will forgive you for what you said ugly about us and welcome you as prodigal sons to our magnificent country. Welcome, thrice welcome.—The Avalanche.

Sure, they are bound to acknowledge that we have a fine country if they will just lay aside prejudice for a few days and come out to see us. They will see a prosperous people who live in good homes and have plenty of feed in the cribs and barns, lots of stuff to eat, good horses and cattle and the finest water and best health to be found anywhere.

In this country a hustling, keep-busy farmer can not only make a good comfortable living for himself and family, but will in a short time be in circumstances that will enable him to enroll himself upon the retired list and live pretty much as he chooses.—Memphis Democrat.

And that farmer can make his comfortable living so easily if he but observes the right methods of farming.

The Dimitt Plainsman comes to our exchange table thoroughly revived with Frank W. Thomason, a newspaper man of experience at the helm. It is neatly printed and certainly contains a large amount of the Castro county news. In his opening editorial Mr. Thomason says in part:

All we ask is that the people of Castro county and its tributary give us their support and patronage. We may sometimes make mistakes and do the wrong thing but we want our friends to

tell us of our faults, for kindly criticism will always be appreciated.

One thing is sure, the Plainsman will always boost Castro county in print and by word of mouth and we will work for the interest of our towns and citizens with all our might, and a good word will always be said for neighboring counties when it is deserved.

The Panhandle papers certainly do boost their sections. It makes one think that they either have the finest country in the world or are the biggest liars in the world. But they have something to back the boost. Every paper shows convincing evidence of prosperity and get up and get. Their subscription prices are \$1.50 a year, their advertising rates are high yet the papers are full of live ads. Even the doctors and lawyers run cards, gins, livery stables, wagon yards, laundries, bakeries. These papers may stretch things a little but not a great deal.—Jacksboro News.

Everybody out in this section knows that he lives in the finest country that exists and is therefore glad to let other people know that they do live here. As for advertising, the people have long since been educated to the fact that advertising pays. Come out and we will show you that we do not stretch things out here when we speak a good word for this country. In fact we do not state all that could be said for fear that you might doubt it. Anyway just come out and see for yourself whether or not we are saying too much. We are willing to run the risk.

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

Cheap Hog Feed Makes Big Profits.

The low price of cotton suggests with emphasis the wisdom of having something to sell to help out at this season of the year. A nice young horse will easily bring \$150 spot cash, and mules are equally high in our local market. Good milk cows are worth a fancy price and they are easily raised here in the West. And then there is a fine opening for raising fine pigs at fancy prices since there are few hog raisers in this section. There is good money in this industry, especially for the first to enter into the business. Even now there is a great demand among farmers for pigs to make their meat for another year at a fair price. There is no place where hog feed can be raised in greater abundance and variety or more cheaply. Maize, sorghum, kaffir corn, pie melons, and kershaws grow almost without cultivation. Kaffir corn and milo maize are exceptionally fine, especially if crushed or chopped and soured.

Another advantage is the abundance of cool, clear water pumped from wells, and the fact that a case of hog cholera has never been known here. Hogs seem to be almost immune from that disease.

With immense packeries at Ft. Worth, Texas, there is always a good market for any number of good hogs that can be raised. They recently sold for 7 cents, gross.

It would seem very apparent that this would beat cotton at 8 cents for Texas.—John Ballew, Mazeland, Tex., in Dallas Semi-Weekly News.

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For Everybody

Highest Market Prices Paid for Wheat and Oats

Highest Cash Price Paid for Hides, Hay, Maize, Kaffir Heads, Etc. We are a Strictly Home Concern and Desire Your Patronage.

Canyon Coal Company

Adjoining Town

I am offering for sale 160 acres of land, the West portion of Section 30 in Block B5, adjoining the town plat of Canyon City on the North side.

This property is finely located and has a running stream of water with fine fishing place with about 50 or 60 acres of very fine sub-irrigated alfalfa land about half of which is already planted and the remainder is plowed ready for planting it.

The place is located convenient to town and good public schools and a bargain is offered to the man who wants a good home.

Would subdivide the tract to suit purchaser.

W. E. BATES,
Canyon City, Texas.

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Buy and Sell Panhandle Lands.

THE COUNTRY of good crops, fine climate, plenty of water, moral, prosperous and happy people, great advantages, cheap and productive lands. Lands are cheaper now than they will ever be again.

Investigate Panhandle Lands.

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Canyon City Professional Cards

D. M. Stewart
Physician and Surgeon
Office in Wallace building over A. H. Thompson's drug store. Calls answered night or day.

Geo. J. Parsons,
Physician and Surgeon
Office, Thompson's drug store.

F. M. Wilson,
Physician and Surgeon
Office, City Pharmacy. Calls answered day or night. Residence phone No. 16.

S. L. Ingham,
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Canyon National Bank building. All work warranted.

Geo. A. Brandon,
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Twenty-three years' practice and experience in Texas courts. Office in court house.

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Lawyer
Office in court house. Notary in office.

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Court practice solicited. Will attend to cases in all courts of the state. Examination of land titles a specialty. Notary in office. Office in Smith building. Phone 92.

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Does both criminal and civil practice. Twelve years' experience. Land titles passed upon. Write all kinds of contracts and instruments. Notary in office. Office northeast corner public square, up stairs, Canyon, Texas.

R. A. Sowder,
Attorney-at-Law
and Notary.
Complete abstracts of Randall county lands. Office over Canyon Supply Co. Phone 214.

Campbell's Soil Culture
IS MAKING HISTORY
Campbell's Scientific Farmer
HAS A FIELD OF ITS OWN

It tells you how to get good crops in dry years by the Campbell System of Soil Culture, and how to double the present yield per acre. A yield of winter wheat, by the Campbell System, at the Nebraska Branch Station, North Platte, Nebraska, this year was 67 bushels per acre.

Mr. Campbell is establishing experimental farms in many sections of the country. This system is being practiced more every year and its great success is becoming more completely demonstrated. It's no longer a theory, but is a proven fact. Sample copy of the Farmer Free! Send for it now. We want reliable, active agents for our paper.

An opportunity for young men and women to work their way thru school or provide for necessities. We pay salary and commission. Write for terms.

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Make Country Life More Attractive.

The time has passed when any man in any business can afford to tie himself to the old ways of doing things. The banker who would attempt to do banking along the lines in use twenty years ago would be pronounced an old fogy. The merchant who would try to follow in the ways of his father would soon become a bankrupt. The doctor who would content himself with the remedies once in use would soon be without patients, the lawyer without clients and the newspaper man without readers. Pick up a copy of this paper and compare it with an issue of a generation ago, and the only similarity would probably be in the name. Farming will never occupy the place it should in the estimation of the people until until farmers appreciate the fact agricultural methods are advancing along with everything else.

We often see articles in the papers deploring the fact that boys and girls are growing away from the farms. Many reasons are advanced, but the true reason, as you are bound to admit, is because so many farms are not kept up with the times. Children born today are not satisfied with the things that satisfied them in their childhood.

They should not be censured for this feeling. It is but the evolution of the times, and they are merely following the inborn inclination of human creatures for advancement. It is this that characterizes people and distinguishes them from the lower order of things. Farmers who wish to keep their children on the farm should recognize this fact and prepare to meet it. Make farm life, as far as it is in your power, such that it will be adapted to the children of today rather than the children of fifty or a hundred years ago.

When the child comes to town from the average country home in the South there is such marked contrast with his home surroundings that an intense yearning is created for the things seen. He drives to town along shady avenues and streets; there are no pretty shady lanes about his home, beauty being sacrificed to utility, and he longs for the things that are beautiful. He passes by comfortable, fresh-painted homes, set on grassy lawns, surrounded by brilliant flower beds, and he broods over the lack of these things at home. He meets neatly clothed children on the streets and hangs his head at his own rough attire. He hears music and laughter and song coming from the houses he passes and his soul is made to feel its own barrenness. The churches, the schools, everything is in such marked contrast with his own humble surrounding that he determines to escape from the farm at the earliest possible moment, and who can blame him?

Endeavor to make your farm home as attractive as possible, and home life as pleasant for the boys and girls as you can. Teach them that work is honorable and point out to them the monotony of the work in the town in contrast with that of the farm. Have a time for work and a time for play, and do not allow the work time to trespass on that of the play. Take part with the children in their pleasure, go with them when you think they would like to have you, and stay away from them when you think they would like to be alone in childish pleasures. Model your home as much as is consistent after homes you see in the towns, furnish them in the same degree of comfort, plant and cultivate shade trees and fruits, and grassy lawns and flower beds, and all things that go to make home attractive.

Fill your home with music and make it a place of merry gatherings and jolly good times. Take newspapers and farm papers and illustrated magazines and buy a

few new books occasionally for the family to read, and never be satisfied just to let things "rock along," but be wide-awake and progressive in all things that go to make your surrounding more attractive and life worth living. I know that some who read this say that it can't be done, that it sounds all right, but that in practice it is impossible to make a country home as attractive as the city home. Of course you cannot, if you are poor, have all the luxuries of the rich, and you do not need them, but you can do many things you have not heretofore done to create a love on the part of the children for the country home, and in doing so you will also increase your own pride in your possessions, as well as in your family.

There are people living in town on the most meager incomes who have the comforts I have mentioned, and who feel that life would not be worth living without these things. They may not be saving up as much money as you are, or acquiring as much property, but they are living, and not merely existing, and they are giving their children in their life-time pleasure and contentment and love for home that is worth more to them than all the property you can devise to them at your death.—Will H. Mayes in Brownwood Bulletin.

A Linguist.

The charm of Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart's negro dialect stories was greatly enhanced when she read them herself, as she used frequently to do in the early days of her fame, for charity and church entertainments. Her imitation of the negro dialect was excellent and her small son, who was very proud of her accomplishment in this line, frequently boasted of it among the other children. Once when some of his school-mates were vaunting the accomplishments of their mothers, he was overheard to declare:

"Well, my mother is smarter than any of yours. She can speak two languages."

"What are they?" demanded his companions.
"White and colored."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

While There's Life There's Hope.

A little freckle faced ten-year-old school boy stopped at the postoffice the other day and yelled out:

"Anything for the Murphys?"
"No, there is not."
"Anything for Jane Murphy?"
"Nothing."
"Anything for Ann Murphy?"
"No."
"Anything for Tom Murphy?"
"No, sir; not a bit."
"Anything for Terry Murphy?"
"No; nor for Pat Murphy, nor Bridget Murphy, nor Pete Murphy, nor Paul Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor any Murphy, dead, living, unborn, native or foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or disfranchised, or otherwise. No, sir, there is positively nothing for any of the Murphys, either individually, jointly or severally, now and forever, one and inseparable."

The boy looked at the postmaster in astonishment, and said:
"Please to look if there is anything for me teacher, Clarence Murphy."—Exchange.

Card of Thanks.

We, the members of the Hereford Dramatic Company, wish to extend our thanks to the people of Canyon for their very courteous treatment to us during our stay in your city. We especially wish to extend our thanks and good wishes to the orchestra for their princely treatment.

At HEREFORD DRAMATIC CO.

Let Hibdon supply you with celery as fine as you could wish—and home raised.

Panhandle Now is Raising Hogs.

"Certainly, we have a shortage in cattle in the plains and Panhandle country," said Judge O. H. Nelson of Amarillo, last night. "The tax records of the forty-six counties that compose the Panhandle section of Texas show that there are 50 per cent less cattle in those counties now than were there two or three years ago. But the few cattle left us are of much better grade and stock than we formerly owned, although the Panhandle and plains country raises the finest cattle in the world."

"Our country is also developing into a dairying country, and the newcomer is importing dairy herds. Within the course of a few years we will be supplying the state with its dairy products and exporting to Cuba. Why should we not raise dairy cattle beside beef cattle? We have the best grain country in the world and raise alfalfa, kaffir corn, milo maize and Indian corn in abundance.

"We are also going extensively into hog raising. Up to five years ago in the counties composing the Panhandle we had only from 2,500 to 3,000 head of hogs, while at present we have over 500,000, and we have never yet failed to top the Fort Worth market. The same cereals that are good for cattle are good for hogs. Corn is cheaper in the staked plains country than at Kansas City, and corn can be bought on the plains for about 40 cents per bushel where you will pay about 60 cents in Kansas City.

"Yes, we expect to begin work on our packing house within the next six months, and will commence work in Amarillo within the next ten days. The proposed plant will take care of about 250 head of cattle daily and 600 head of hogs. Some day we hope to rival Fort Worth as a cattle center."—Fort Worth Record.

A Greater Surprise.

The infant mind has much to learn in order to comprehend the English language or the mysteries of etiquette. It frequently puts its instructor in a difficult position, especially if, as in the case quoted in Everybody's Magazine, the instructor be a mother dressed to go out, with a waiting and impatient husband downstairs.

"Where are you going, ma?" asked the youngest of five children from his bed.

"I'm going to a surprise party, my dear," answered the mother.
"Can't we go too?"
"No, dear. You weren't invited."

After a few moments of deep thought during which the mother was bidding the others good night:

"Say, ma, don't you think they'd be lots more surprised if you took us all?"

A Timely Air.

During one of the political tours of Mr. Cleveland, in which he was accompanied by Secretary Olney, he arrived during a severe storm at a town in which he was to speak. As he entered the carriage with his friends and was driven from the station the rain changed to hail, and immense stones battered and rattled against the vehicle. A brass band, rather demoralized by the storm, stuck bravely to its post and played.

"That is the most realistic music I have ever heard," remarked the president.

"What are they playing?" asked the secretary of state.

"Hail to the Chief!"—with real hall!" rejoined Mr. Cleveland.—Harper's Weekly.

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

C. N. HARRISON & CO.

Fire and Tornado INSURANCE

Only the very best companies are represented through our agency. Here they are:

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| Aetna | New York Underwriters |
| American Central | National |
| Continental | North River |
| Commercial Union | National Union |
| Detroit Fire and Marine | Northern Assurance |
| Equitable | North British & Mercantile |
| Firemen's Fund | Providence of Washington |
| German American | Phoenix of Hartford |
| Hartford | Phoenix of Brooklyn |
| Home | Queen |
| Insurance Co. of North America | Royal |
| Liverpool, London & Globe | Springfield |
| Michigan Commercial | St. Paul Fire and Marine |
| Mechanics and Traders | Shawnee |
| | Westchester |

Fire and Tornado Insurance

C. N. Harrison & Co.

640 Acres For Sale

A fine section of land cornering with the city limits: 250 acres in cultivation, 100 acres of sub-irrigated alfalfa land. Living water in a running stream across the north end and plenty of fishing. Has a fine natural park with a beautiful grove of native trees.

This tract of land is finely located and will make an ideal home. It is close to school and is within the Canyon City Independent School district.

The soil is as good as any on the Plains and the price is attractive.

See me if you want a fine tract of land for an ideal home.

W. E. BATES

Half Mile Northwest of Depot

LAND BARGAINS

BEING an "Old Timer" here I am well posted on values and know bargains when I see them. I am in a position to show you the best FARMS, RANCHES and CITY PROPERTY at the LOWEST PRICES

L. G. CONNER

Real Estate Loans, Live Stock, Rentals
Office Building, North Side of Square, Canyon City, Texas

For Cash Only.

Come to our warehouse and get your feed. Pay cash and get the following prices:

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| Kaffir Corn Chops, per hundred | 1.00 |
| Milo Maize Chops, per hundred | 1.00 |
| Bran, per hundred | 1.30 |
| Cotton Seed Meal and Cake, per hundred | 1.55 |

Will have a full line of all kinds of feed within a few days, and we will sell them at correspondingly low prices.

Figure what these prices mean to you during the year. As an example, figure on a sack of bran. You pay \$1.40 for a sack of bran where you buy on 30 days' time. You pay \$1.30 cash here. You therefore pay 10 cents for the use of \$1.30 for 30 days or less. That is a little over 7 1/2 per cent a month which you pay for the use of that amount of money, a little over 90 per cent per annum. It's only good business for you to save that 90 per cent. We give you the opportunity. It's up to you.

We buy your wheat, oats, maize and kaffir corn and pay highest cash price for same at our elevator in Canyon City.

Star Mill & Elevator Co.
E. L. Malone, Manager.

BE A NEWS SUBSCRIBER.

A Complete Hardware Line

Those who have been our customers for years know that we have always tried to keep the best line of hardware to be found in this section of the state both in quality and in quantity. This knowledge has led these people to have complete confidence in our stock of goods and when they know that they can get what they want when they want it and at the very lowest price they become permanent, satisfied customers. These are the kind we want and are endeavoring to have. We always keep a large stock of everything in hardware, including Builders' Materials, Wagons, Implements, and Tools of every known kind. Our stock is complete. The price is right.

Just Arrived

We have just received a car load of those justly celebrated MOLINE WAGONS, wagons that have stood the test of this climate for many years, a vehicle that you can depend upon at all times. We have the regular wagon and the wagon with the low wheels and the wide tire. These wagons are better than others but the price is the same.

Farm Trucks with the wooden wheels and the iron wheels.
Extra Wagon Beds.

Farming Implements

We are agents for the celebrated JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS and people have become so well acquainted with them that it is not necessary for us to extoll their good qualities. An inspection will reveal them to those who are not acquainted. People expect more from the JOHN DEERE implements than from any other and they have a right to do so; they are better and of course should give better satisfaction.

John Deere Disc Plows, with one, two or three discs.
John Deere Gang Plows, with two or three gangs.
John Deere Sulky Plows, with foot lifts.

John Deere Disc Harrows with trucks.
John Deere Drag Harrows, the best ever made.
John Deere Implements of all kinds.

John Deere Land Rollers, the new style, the kind used by the most successful farmers everywhere.

Buggy Department

We show nothing in this department but the very best quality made in just the correct manner for the most service combined with neat appearance. THE VELIE BUGGIES ARE ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERS. Our Rubber Tired Traps are neat and good and our Surries are without competition on this market.

Harness Department

To our stock of leather goods we have in transit a very large shipment of the very best grades of harness--harness that there is some satisfaction in purchasing. We have team harness with the slip tugs, stationary tugs and chain harness of all kinds. Buggy harness that are made from the best quality of hides and put up for looks as well as service.

Stoves

We claim that in our stove department the quality is not excelled by any other store located at any point. For cooking stoves we especially recommend the Coles' Hot Blast Heater, the Charter Oak Hot Blast Heater or the Charter Oak Heater and for cooking purposes the Charter Oak Stoves and Ranges which we handle are as good as can be made.

THE ARCADIAN RANGE which we offer you is absolutely the best on the market. It is non-breakable, non-comparable and we show you more good points about it than can be shown you about any other range made.

Full line of Barbed and Smooth Wire, Hog Fencing, Star Windmills, Piping and Supplies.

We are strictly a home concern and therefore have your interest as well as ours at heart.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

Canyon Mercantile Company



FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Anybody who has to buy Xmas presents--young or old--know how hard it is to find something suitable or what you really want. Often it is hard for you to say what you really want. If you try to get the person you intend the present for to state what they want they will say: "Just get me some little thing; anything will do." That's the way they are apt to talk. Now there are two things to bear in mind when buying a main present. The first is, you had better buy it where he would buy his other things, where you can get new and up to date goods. The second is, this is headquarters for new and handsome goods. For the ladies it is no hard task to find just what she would want for we have lots of suitable things for her. We call your especial attention to the following:

<p>Ladies' Net Waists</p> <p>White Allover Net Waists made over silk in the very latest styles, \$3.50</p> <p>Same as the above only a little better quality, in ecru \$4.00</p> <p>Other styles in net from \$4.00 to \$10.00</p> <p>We also show a nice line of taffeta silk and satin waists from \$3.50 to \$7.50</p>	<p>For Evening Wear</p> <p>We are showing a line of dresses seldom seen outside of the larger places. We will be glad to have you see them whether you care to buy or not.</p> <p>Prices \$13.50 to \$27.50</p>	<p>Ladies' Skirts</p> <p>We have just received a line of ladies' skirts that are undoubtedly the best values that the market affords. An all wool Panama, black or blue elegantly tailored; at \$5.00</p> <p>At \$6.00, \$7.00, \$9.00 and \$12.00 skirts that you would have to pay at least 20 per cent more if bought anywhere else.</p>
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OUR SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY:

Ladies' Cloaks worth \$22.50 at	\$16.30	Ladies' Cloaks worth \$10.00 at	\$7.25
Ladies' Cloaks worth 18.50 at	14.20	Ladies' Cloaks worth 8.00 at	6.20
Ladies' Cloaks worth 11.00 at	7.75	Ladies' Cloaks worth 7.50 at	5.75

THE LEADER

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Call Meeting Held Last Monday Afternoon—Contract for Cemetery Chapel is let.

A special meeting of the members of the Civic Improvement Association was held in the court room last Monday afternoon for the consideration of several matters pertaining to the work which this association now has on hand.

The principal matter for consideration was the report from the Cemetery committee which reported that they had secured subscriptions to the amount of about \$140.00 for the purpose of building the chapel at the cemetery. The association then took under consideration the matter of the construction of the building and the contract was let to B. T. Johnson for the construction and it is the intention of the people to have the building erected and painted by next Tuesday afternoon.

It was also decided that the blocks in the cemetery which are to be sold be valued at \$20.00 each and that a sale of the blocks be held on Wednesday afternoon of next week. Several other matters pertaining to the work of the club were discussed but no definite action on any of them was taken.

There was quite a good crowd present and the membership committee reported the names of several new members. Altogether the association seems to be progressing nicely and a large attendance is expected at the next regular meeting which is next Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

Let Hibdon supply you with colery as fine as you could wish—and home raised.

Killed a Large Deer.

While out hunting with Dave Rice in the canyon last Friday, Mose Westley of the Ceta community succeeded in sneaking up on a deer and killing it. Just how many shots he made before he killed it could not be definitely determined but it must have been about "steen" from all reports. At any rate he killed the buck at about 400 yards which is a pretty good shot. Some of the neighbors claimed that they had to sit up with Mose for the next two nights and we ourselves would have been tempted to believe that he had shot somebody's calf back of the cow pens had he not brought the head of the deer to this city. The animal was about two years old and very fat.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from that throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Ladies' Bazaar.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church will open their Christmas Bazaar about December 17th. Location will be announced later.

Cemetery Lots to be Sold.

Under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Association a sale of the lots at the cemetery will be held next Wednesday afternoon. It is the purpose of the Association to use the money derived from the sale of these blocks of land in improving the cemetery. All money thus secured will be used on the premises in planting trees and in digging a well and installing a system of waterworks for the use of the people. A committee consisting of Judge A. N. Henson, Elder White and John Knight have the matter in charge for the ladies of the Association.

Protection for Court House.

J. E. Hawley of this city who is a member of the firm of Peret & Hawley, reports that his firm has made a contract with the Commissioner's Court of Swisher county to install a complete system of lightening rods on the new court house which the county is erecting. It will be remembered that the court house for that county was destroyed by a fire caused by lightning last year and both the agents and the commissioner's court consider that the rods are cheaper than any insurance and that the installation of these rods is purely a business proposition on the part of the county. It

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

This is a perfectly reliable medicine for bowel complaints, and one that has never been known to fail even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

New Officers are Elected.

The Odd Fellows at the meeting last Monday night elected their officers for the ensuing year and they are as follows: Noble Grand, James Dawson; Vice Grand, W. D. Scott; Secretary, J. F. Smith; Treasurer, M. S. Lusby.

The Rebekah lodge elected their officers also last Friday night, which are: Noble Grand, Noble Grand, Mrs. Frances Terrill; Vice Grand, Mrs. Maude Nickson; Secretary, Mrs. V. Edna Henson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. McDorman.

Dunlap Lester, Cashier of the First State Bank at Happy spent last Sunday in this city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. Lester.

Hall Musical Company.

The Hall Musical Company occupied the stage at the local opera house last Saturday, Monday and Tuesday nights drawing good crowds each night. The entertainments were well received, many people who attended claiming that they gave the best musical entertainment ever given in this city.

Odd Fellows Lodge.

The Odd Fellows Lodge of this city meets every Monday night at 7:30 o'clock and all members as well as visiting brothers are requested to attend. The officers are: B. C. Taylor, N. G.; James Dawson, V. G.; A. N. Henson, Sec.; J. Frank Smith, Treas.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by City Pharmacy.

Aldrich does only the best cleaning and pressing. Phone 183.

A REPORT

Not the puny size of a bean gun, nor the scarcely audible snap of a boy's cap pistol, but the deafening belch of a ponderous, strictly modern, large calibre, rapid firing, well aimed gun mounted to defend the interests of the community in general and the depositors of "The Old Reliable" in particular.

Read the Report. Its adoption is by unanimous vote of a large majority of our honorable citizens.

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

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CANYON, TEXAS.

At Close of Business, November 27th, 1908.

STATEMENT CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$300,219.74	Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Bonds and Premiums.....154,746.05	Surplus and Profits.....47,203.08
Real Estate and Fixtures.....17,996.07	Circulation.....100,000.00
Demand Loans.....\$45,000.00	Deposits.....350,584.37
Cash.....79,824.00	124,824.99
Total.....\$597,787.45	Total.....\$597,787.45

I certify that the above is correct.

D. A. PARK, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Canyon