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JOHN KNIGHT Real Estate.

Two tracts of 80 acres each, two miles from the town section, practically all level and smooth, red-sandy loam with about 50 acres in cultivation on each tract. Small amount of improvements.

One hundred acres of land two miles from town, all of it smooth with fine soil, about 12 acres in cultivation and is well fenced.

Sixty acres just East of the 100 acres, every foot tillable, none in cultivation.

Many other good tracts for sale among which are some valley lands within one half of a mile of town section. See me if you want good values.

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All calls from the city, county or state promptly answered, day or night.

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Canyon City, Texas

Northwestern Title Co.

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

WILLIAM HOWELL KILLED.

Young Man Shot Down New Years Morning at Altus, Okla.—Relatives Live in Canyon City.

At an early hour New Years morning William Howell, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Howell, was shot through the lower portion of the body on the streets of his home town, Altus, Oklahoma. It is reported that the pistol which did the work was in the hands of Robert Key, a deputy sheriff, who had remonstrated with young Howell and his companions about the noise they were making celebrating the new year. Young Howell lived about six hours after the shooting occurred.

Mrs. J. L. Howell of this city received a message stating that William Howell had been killed and Harry left on the first train for that place to attend the funeral. The deceased was the nephew of Dr. J. L. Howell who was a resident of this city until his death about a year ago.

Relative to William Howell, the deceased, the Daily Oklahoma Democrat, of Altus, has the following to say:

"William Harrison Howell was one of the promising young men of Altus and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Howell, one of the city's most prominent and respected families.

"He was born in Chism, Rockwall county, Texas, July 10, 1891, and at the time of his death was entering his seventeenth year. He was a sober industrious young man and was liked by all who were acquainted with him.

"The funeral will take place from the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the funeral cortege will repair to the Methodist church where the funeral services will be conducted. The remains will be taken to the city cemetery where they will be interred."

Birds of a Feather.

A young man from New York who had been to Boston had gone broke in that city. Not knowing how else to get back to New York he took a chance and boarded a train bound for the city. When the conductor came through he told him that he was a reporter for a certain metropolitan newspaper who had been sent to Boston on an assignment. He declared that he had inadvertently mislaid his pass and that his money had given out. However, if the conductor would take him through he would repay him the money as soon as they arrived in New York.

"I guess that will be all right,"

said the conductor. "But, by the way, your editor is in the parlor car. Come up with me and if he says you are a member of his staff I will take you through."

They went up to the parlor car, and to the young man's surprise the editor vouched for him and assured the conductor that everything was correct and legitimate. As soon as the official was out of hearing the young man thanked the editor for his kindness, and said:

"Of course you know I'm not connected with your paper, and I was fearfully afraid you'd give me away."

"Young man," said the other, "I'm not the editor. I'm only traveling on his pass."—Ex.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

Salaries of Various Officers for Ensuing Two Years is Placed—A Very Quiet Meeting.

The city council of this city held a short meeting on Thursday night of last week. It seemed that the city dads did not desire to transact much business further than to offer inducements to the people of this city to take the place of the present officers after the election which takes place on the first Monday in April, next.

The only matter of importance transacted was the placing of the amounts to be paid as salaries to the various officers after the election. Hereafter the honorable mayor will receive the sum of \$100.00 per annum in addition to his regular fees on fines imposed; the aldermen will receive \$2.00 for each regular meeting of the council attended as will also be paid to the City Secretary for his services. The City marshal will receive his fees of office on fines imposed and will also receive such fees for the assessing and collecting of the city taxes as shall hereafter be allowed by the council.

Other matters were discussed and a few accounts were allowed but it seemed that the officers were not ready to take any final action on these matters.

New Auto Livery.

Work is being done this week preparing the old building formerly occupied by the Nobles Brothers Wholesale grocery house for the use of a firm of men who will move to this city from Hereford for the purpose of installing an automobile livery and sales shop. It is said that the firm will ship in quite a number of different models of machines for sale as well as a larger number for the public use.

THE HEREFORD FIRE.

Accurate Reports Show That the Loss Was Not so Great as at First Reported—Fire Starts in Restaurant.

Accurate reports from Hereford show that the loss from the fire which destroyed seven buildings in that city on Wednesday afternoon was not so great as at first reported. The fire started in Baker's restaurant from a defective flue. The buildings destroyed were valued at \$15,000 and the loss to stocks on account of fire and removal from the buildings is placed at about \$15,000 making a total of about \$30,000 lost. There was only about \$2,500 insurance on all the buildings.

We give below a statement of the losses as reported by the Hereford Brand:

The following business houses and firms were in the burned district:

F. H. Britain building burned, valued at \$3,500, insured for \$1,500; total loss.

Mrs. S. C. Worley building burned, valued at \$3,000, insured for \$1,000; total loss.

J. C. Murphy building burned, valued at \$3,000, no insurance; total loss.

Geo. W. Dale building burned, valued at \$3,000, no insurance; total loss.

F. H. Britain building, last building next to opera house to burn, valued at \$2,500, no insurance; total loss.

Opera house building, owned by Palmer & Higgins, damaged on south side by fire and water, loss about \$1,000; covered by insurance. South wall damaged but no estimate yet made.

The following business houses sustained heavy damage by fire, water and moving goods:

Hereford Hardware Co. in Britain's and Worley's buildings, damaged about \$7,000; entire stock was covered by \$5,000 insurance. Part of stock moved into streets.

Baker's restaurant in Murphy building, damaged about \$500; no insurance. The fire started in the kitchen of this building.

Barber shop in the Dale building, owned by Mr. Byrd, damaged by fire and moving about \$500; no insurance on fixtures. Wilson's meat market also in the Dale building, damaged about \$500; insurance \$350.

Powellson & Son, harness and saddles, in Britain building, damaged about \$500, covered by insurance.

Miller & Co., dry goods, in opera house building, damaged about \$1,000 with no insurance.

G. W. Smith & Co., in opera house building, damaged about \$750 actual, covered by \$1,000 insurance.

Hubbard Grocery Co. in opera house building, damaged by move and loss of flour used in fighting fire, about \$1,000; covered by insurance.

The First State Bank and other offices on the first floor of the opera house building received little damage except the inconvenience of moving out and then moving back. On the second floor of this building the Hereford Telephone exchange sustained the greatest damage, their plant being entirely torn out. It was in their switchboard room where the fire was checked by stacking flour in the windows. Loss about \$2,000, no insurance.

Dr. Estock's dental parlors, across the hall from the Exchange, were damaged by water and move about \$250.

The auditorium of the opera house was considerably damaged by fire and water, windows in south wall being burned out.

The furniture of the Masonic

Order, also in the opera house, was moved out and damaged about \$250. The large carpet was ripped up to be used in saving the Stambaugh building across the street, but was not used as about that time the flames were checked.

G. A. Stambaugh's loss consisted mostly in the use of quilts and blankets in fighting the fire.

On the south side of the fire, the rooms and eating hall of the Horse-shoe restaurant were damaged by water and move. This wooden structure was but a few feet from the first Britain building, but by the use of blankets wet in salt water, it was saved. D. R. Gass & Son next door south were considerably damaged.

EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINMENT.

Ladies Degree of Masons Entertain Members With Two Initiations and Refreshments Afterwards.

This News reporter is not eligible to get into the room when the local order of the Eastern Star is holding a meeting but had anyone been passing their hall last Saturday evening they would have known that there was lots going on up there. It is said that two new members furnished entertainment for a large crowd as well as giving some exercise to the traditional "goat." Anyhow there was plenty doing to entertain those who attended, according to reports. After the initiation the ladies brought forth one of those nice displays of refreshments for which they are particularly noted and no doubt the display was very materially disheveled after the crowd got through with it.

Coming to the Panhandle.

Every Panhandle newspaper that comes to this office contains notes concerning the coming of settlers. It is noticeable that each month brings more people to every community. Occasionally enough people come in a bunch to make a good sized community of their own. This has been the case very recently in several instances. This is only an indication of the immigration of the next several years. New railroads will bring people faster but without the new roads it will be only a short time till the whole country is thickly settled. New roads are powerful things in building countries, but new people—plenty of them—are better. Give us the people and the roads will come to us.—Hereford Democrat.

One Ahead of the Magician.

The town hall of the village was crowded to the doors at an entertainment given by a magician. Some clever tricks were performed.

"I defy any one in this audience," said the magician, "to mention a single action that I can perform with my right hand which I cannot do with my left."

In the silence that followed this dare, a boy at the back of the hall shouted: "Put your left hand in yer right-hand trouser pocket!"—Exchange.

Wayside Church Building.

Advices to this city this week state that the new church building which is being erected at Wayside is almost completed and that it was thought that it would be ready for occupancy within the next few days. The building is being erected by the community as a union church building for the convenience of all denominations.

Be a News subscriber.

PLAN TWO RAILROADS FOR WEST TEXAS

CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN NEW YORK—ONE LINE WILL CONNECT FLOYDADA AND PLAINVIEW.

More to Follow—Contractors Predict That the Year 1909 Will Make New Construction Record.

Frank Trumbull, president of the Colorado and Southern, who retires as president because of the Hill purchase of his road, is said upon the best of authority to be projecting two big lines of railroad in Texas.

So interested has Mr. Trumbull become in the development of Texas and so certain is he of its future possibilities that he has summoned a number of wealthy West Texans to New York City to meet him. D. B. Keeler, vice president of the Ft. Worth and Denver, is now in New York with Mr. Trumbull and is believed to be discussing these West Texas lines with the noted builder and financier.

One of these projected roads will likely extend from Plainview to Floydada. The construction of this new road is assured, according to one of Floyd county's capitalists who has been in Ft. Worth for several days. He says that actual work will begin within a few weeks, possibly by Jan. 15.

Mr. Trumbull is known to own property at Plainview and is also known to have visited the Hale county seat recently. Floydada has long been after a railroad and several of its most prominent citizens and biggest taxpayers have been in communication with Mr. Trumbull and the old Denver interests. This town now has no railroad, being forced to haul its goods and its exports to Plainview or to Snyder.

J. C. McCabe, McCabe & Steen of Houston, railroad contractors, who was in Fort Worth Saturday, believes that more railroads will be built in Texas during 1909 than have been constructed in the same length of time in many years.

"Last year was surely a blue one from a railroad contractor's standpoint," declared Mr. McCabe. "I guess nobody else was feeling especially elated when he considered financial conditions last year, but the railroad contractor had the least chance of any to be optimistic. When the panic hit the country every bit of railroad building stopped. Some other kinds of work had to be done on railroads, but new lines didn't have to be built, so the cessation of this work was the first step toward curtailing expenses.

"But things are picking up and I look for 1909 to be a banner year for railroad building in Texas. I have several contracts in view which I will figure on later, but I can't say anything about them now—that might tip somebody else off, you see. But you can take it from me that some railroads will be built in Texas before the year 1909 is relegated to the tomb of its ancestors."—Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

Among the business visitors to Canyon last Tuesday was W. H. Neel of Wayside. Mr. Neel has lived for many years on the Plains. Some time ago he moved away but has returned and to the News reporter he stated that he wanted to live forever in the Panhandle.

C. M. Houser and Frank Wurster of Umbarger were among those who were in town Monday.

A REPORT

Not the puny sizzle 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 & Premiums.....	154,746.65	Surplus and Profits.....	47,303.08
Real Estate and Fixtures.....	17,006.07	Circulation.....	100,000.00
Demand Loans.....	\$45,000.00	Deposits.....	350,584.37
Cash.....	79,824.99		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

CANYON CONTRACTORS GET JOB.

Gilcoat & Skinner Will Erect New Court House For Hemphill County at Canadian.

Hemphill county has decided to build a new court house for the use of its county officers. Last Tuesday the commissioners court of that county let the contract for the building and while there were a large number of contractors who submitted bids for the construction, the contractors from this city, Messrs. Gilcoat & Skinner, captured the job.

The building which they propose to erect was planned by the R. G. Kirsch Architectural Co. of St. Louis, the same people who planned our beautiful building now being built, and it is to be two story with a basement and is to be constructed from brick with stone and terra cotta trimmings.

The building shows to be considerably similar to our new building and is to be 60 by 72 feet in size upon the ground. It has large and spacious offices for the officials and the plans show that the building when completed will be an ornament to a more pretentious city than Canadian.

The people of Hemphill county are to be congratulated upon the selection of both the architect and the contractors as the people of this county are well satisfied with the building and the work done upon the new court house for our county. There has never been the least bit of misunderstanding between the contractors and the commissioners court about any of the work or the material placed in it. The architect and contractors certainly know their business and are entirely conscientious in the performance of the contract as specified. We are much pleased with our building and feel sure that Hemphill county will be likewise self-congratulatory when their own court house is completed.

The Weather Condition.

Canyon City has been blessed with the finest weather this fall that any country should want. There has not been any excessively cold weather at any time until within the past few days and then it came in such a manner that it was almost enjoyed. On Wednesday morning however, the people awoke to find that the thermometer had dropped to five above zero. Yesterday morning it was about five degrees higher. By the way, Wednesday night was the brightest from moonlight that has been experienced in this country for a long time. By the light of the moon it was very easy to recognize a man a block away and the reading of a newspaper by the moonlight was an easy matter.

A few nights ago the writer was passing along the streets of Bartlett between ten and eleven o'clock and saw four small boys, each about twelve or fourteen years of age, loitering on the streets. The parents of these boys are all good Christian people, but they are building up stacks of trouble by permitting their boys to spend the night hours on the streets instead of at home on a "trundle" bed. It is true, we have seen boys that had been trained right go wrong, but we have never seen a boy trained wrong go right. Did you? In fact it is much easier to keep your boy at home of nights while he is young than to get him out of the pen later on.—Bartlett Tribune.

Miss Maude Brandon, after spending the Christmas vacation in this city with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brandon, left Sunday to resume her work as a teacher in the public schools at Memphis.

If you wish your house plastered the Canyon Lumber Co. has the necessary material. Let them furnish you. 40-11

Our Umbarger Bachelor.

That bachelor from Umbarger was in town again yesterday and the News reporter struck him for some news items. He stated, among other things, that he had just made a trip over the northwestern portion of this county and the eastern portion of Deaf Smith county and that he saw more nice, healthy, pretty, laughing babies in that portion of the country than he had ever before seen in the same sized territory before in his life.

ERATH COUNTY FARMER PLEASSED.

Experienced Texas Farmer Delighted With Visit to Randall County—May Possibly Locate.

Among the people from the lower portions of the state who have been visiting in Randall county during the past week is E. Carneal of Huckabay, in Erath county, who has been here on a visit with the family of John A. Wallace in this city.

When asked as to his impressions about the country Mr. Carneal said that he had travelled around a great deal since he was a boy and that this town and county is the very best that he had ever seen.

When asked in what respect it excelled other places he said:

"In every respect. Considering its age Canyon City is the best developed town of which I know. The location is simply fine, the water good and the morality of the people is noted; during my entire stay here I have not heard an oath nor have I smelled whiskey upon the breath of any person. Your climate is fine—you ought not to want better. I feel more rested here after a night's sleep than I have felt for many years.

"I like this country. It is going ahead and that rapidly, and it is a great farming country. I expect to return to my home in a short time and if I can dispose of my property there at anything like its reasonable value I shall certainly move out here."

Conducting a Business.

Conducting a business is like rolling a huge boulder up hill. The minute you cease to push it, the moment you take your shoulder from it and think you will rest and take it easy, the boulder begins to crawl back upon you, and if you are not careful it will either run over you or get away from you altogether and go to the bottom with a crash. It is necessary to be everlastingly pushing, following up the boulder, keeping it going, in order to keep it at the top of the hill.

One of the greatest dangers of early prosperity in any line is a tendency to rest on one's laurels. Many a man ceases to grow when his salary is raised or when he is advanced to a better position. Many a business man, after he has built up a large business, ceases to exert himself, and the moment he pauses in his campaign of struggling, the moment he begins to relax in giving his close personal attention, his business ceases to advance, and a fatal dry rot sets in—one of the worst diseases that can seize on any individual or concern.

The man who attempts to run a business, large or small, must keep his finger constantly on its pulse in order to detect any rise or fall of temperature, any irregularity or any jar in the machinery. When the head of a firm is trying to take it easy, there is usually trouble somewhere.—Farwell Banner.

The Week of Prayer.

The various churches of this city have been engaging in special services at the churches every night this week, holding what is designated as the "week of prayer." The attendance has been good and the services have been of such a nature that the people have enjoyed a spiritual blessing.

KAFFIR CORN FED TO CATTLE.

Randall County Product Fed to Beef Steers Which Bring Very High Price on the Market.

A week or two ago the News reported that R. E. Gatewood of Cleburne had used Randall county alfalfa and kaffir corn chops last year for the purpose of feeding his show cattle and the beef steers which he marketed last year. We also reported that Mr. Gatewood had shipped a quantity of the chops made from kaffir corn together with alfalfa hay to his ranch near Cleburne for the purpose of feeding again this year.

Last year Mr. Gatewood got splendid results from his feed and thought so highly of it that he decided to use it again which he did.

Last Monday Mr. Gatewood placed a car consisting of twenty-one head of beef steers upon the market at Fort Worth. They averaged 1362 pounds each and brought six cents per pound or \$81.72 per head. They were reported to have been very fine in shape and in fatness and such stock are in demand on that market.

It is not uncommon for shippers from this portion of the state to receive as high as \$5.50 to \$5.75 per hundred, a car recently shipped from here bringing \$5.75.

There is no question but that the kaffir and milo maize chops make a very fine feed for cattle. In fact it excels corn in this that there is no flinty portion which is not digested. With the kaffir and milo chops every particle goes into weight, and the meat produced is of the finest flavor placed on the market.

Which Are You?

Some of our exchanges are busying themselves about the use of the term booster, some claiming it is bad to be a booster, while others are proud to have the term applied to them. The Record does not know how it would be classed in this respect, and does not care for that matter; but in order that our readers, as well as others interested, may arrive at some definite decision in this matter, we might give Webster's definition of the word "booster" and also of the contrary term, "knocker." That Lexicographer says of a booster: One endeavoring to climb; One who assists in advancing; One who helps, etc. Of the knocker, he says: One who knocks; One who delivers a blow, etc. etc.

Now the Record has always had a tender feeling for that man who he saw was attempting to climb higher, or the one he found endeavoring to assist in advancing the various enterprises of his community. We all love to do honor to a man of this character. When we want really great things done, we invariably look to him and he is not found wanting; he is not prompted to act from a selfish motive, but looks to the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He is not a liar or wind-jammer as some would have you believe, but a true champion of all that is good in his community, ever ready to speak a good word wherever it deserves to be spoken.

According to Webster, all who are not boosters are knockers, for is it not a fact that the man who is not liberal enough to speak something good about his community and the enterprises therein, will evidently say something to tear them down. The man who tries to tear down instead of build up is a knocker, pure and simple, the kind that has done so much to retard the settlement of this splendid western country.

The Record editor has been a pretty close and careful student of both these classes for the past ten years in West Texas, and with the information at hand and

having the assistance of Mr. Webster in giving the meaning of the terms, we say in most emphatic and unmistakable language, "Let me be a booster for my people and my community, scorn me if I should become a knocker against the enterprise and progress of the people among whom I live."—Vergon Record.

Will Word has returned to Waxahachie where he has been attending school.

Mrs. L. C. White of Bowie has come to live with her brother, Rev. J. T. Burnett.

Mrs. B. T. Johnson and daughter, Miss Bessie visited in Amarillo Thursday and Friday.

W. C. Johnson and Miss Emma Harder returned to Waco Monday to resume their duties at school.

Clyde Baird and his sister, Miss Avis, have gone to Waco to re-enter school for the remainder of the year.

Misses Annie and Iva Buie entertained their friend Mrs. W. A. Askew of Amarillo, during the holidays.

Miss Lola Word left Monday for Waxahachie in order to attend the spring session of school at that place.

A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is often two or three weeks before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed, a cure may as a rule be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Chamberlain's Liniment also affords great relief in cases of chronic and muscular rheumatism. Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles. Sold by the City Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Preslar who were wedded in this city during the holidays, have returned from a wedding trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and other points in Central Texas.

Misses Ora and Sallie Cagle of Hoffman left Sunday for Denton where they will enter school.

The reception given at the home of Rev. Harder Saturday for the preacher and deacons and their wives, was highly enjoyed by all who attended. A sumptuous dinner was served and a pleasant afternoon, planning the church work for the new year.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

THE Ladies' Palace
HARRELL & BLACK, Proprietors

The Very Nicest Line of Candies.
Best Grades of Cigars.
Full Line of Nuts of All Kinds.
All Kinds of Hot Drinks.

An Entirely New Stock
JUST OPENING
East Side Square in New Brick Block.

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Lumber For All Purposes

Sash, Doors, Posts, Fencing, Shingles, Moulding, and Lumber for Windmill Towers, Etc., Etc.

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Canyon City, Texas

The "SELBY" Oxford

"For The Lady Who Cares"

What other article of wearing apparel can you purchase for a like amount and derive as much comfort and service?

The Selby Oxford is well worth the money you pay for it.

You get full value in style and service.

And what's more---

They are made on "Natural Shape" lasts.

That means no shoe trouble.

No better or more stylish oxfords made for the prices---

\$2.00 to \$3.50 a Pair.

The Leader

SOUTHEAST CORNER SQUARE.

BRING THIS COST MARK WITH YOU

Cost	➔	M-O-R-P-H-I-N-E	S-A-X	➔	Mark
		1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	9 0	Rep.

Big Cost Sale Now Going On in our Dry Goods Department
Closing January 15th.

The Canyon Mercantile Company.

RAILROAD A CINCH.

Lockney Citizens Stir Between Wednesday Noon and Thursday Night—\$15,000 Raised.

After reading the mournful story on page 1 of the Lockney Beacon, one would hardly expect to read also the above headlines, but they are very true (these latter) just the same.

Wednesday morning one or more of the directors phoned to parties at Lockney that owing to the limited time to make the survey and begin permanent work Lockney could only be given till the first of the year to raise the \$50,000 stock required.

That was December 30th. All the remainder of that day every one already on the list was urged to double, or at least raise as much as possible, his stock. After this had been done Wednesday night only \$37,180 appeared subscribed and things looked blue.

Thursday morning twelve lists

were started securing stock and the citizens waking up—at nightfall \$50,028 stock was taken.

While this is being prepared for the press anvils are booming and the whole country is alive for in fifteen days work starts on the Llano Estacado by way of Lockney.

For good news this is the best ever yet reported for Lockney and Floyd county. New business houses and residences will spring up on all sides and the development of this section will be unparalleled.—Lockney Beacon.

The finishing touches on the new residence of I. L. Hunt on west Houston street have just about been completed. It is one of the neatest cottages in the city and is quite an ornament to that already popular residence street.

W. B. Walters of Ceta made a business trip to this city this week.

A Letter From Henry Shinebarger.

All the letters that come to this office giving good reports of this country cannot be published on account of space, but we occasionally publish one that is particularly to the point. This week we are in receipt of a communication from Henry Shinebarger who is a citizen of this city but is now at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on a visit. Speaking of this country Mr. Shinebarger, who is one of the old timers in the plains country, says:

"I have been gone about four weeks and I was astonished when I had been here a few days to hear of people here in my own home county that owned land in the Panhandle district, and how well pleased they are with it. They all say it is the place for the young man to purchase land instead of here, because it is too high here. These people with whom I have talked are well

pleased with the climatic conditions and they say that the resources will be far in excess of any other state in the Union in the state of Texas in a few years, and these people are our neighbors. They have located near Friona. Do not get discouraged. From inquiries that I have made the average wheat crop here is no greater than ours last year and the chances here for a wheat crop next year are very poor. I believe a lot will be plowed up in the spring. These neighbors are going to put their shoulders to the wheel in the spring and are going to break their land. The people from the East are the ones we need because they have been studying soil conditions and know what different soils are adapted to different crops. Now I understand that one of the main features of this county every year when all the crops are gleaned is that they have Farmers' Institute. They come

and discuss farm questions and how they can improve their crops for the ensuing year.

"If Canyon gets that new railroad it will boom itself and will not need assistance."

Gus Lawson of Ceta was a business visitor in Canyon last Saturday. To the News reporter he stated that there was a great deal of improving going on in his section of the county, new people coming in frequently. He also stated that there was a very much increased acreage of wheat in his neighborhood.

In a letter to this city this week W. T. Morris, a resident of Honey Grove, writes: "The Canyon paper is a dandy—the best paper published in the Panhandle."

Mose Woosley has moved from this city to the north half of the Stith section northwest of this city where he has a contract for breaking a large portion of the land.

WOODMEN ENTERTAIN MEMBERS.

Fraternal Order of This City Holds a Social Meeting Ending With an Oyster Supper.

Among the live fraternal orders of the city are the Woodmen of the World. They never miss a chance to instill an interest in their work and just at this time they are making a lively effort to increase their membership. Last Saturday evening the order held a social meeting for the members and their families and it was well attended. After the social meeting was dismissed they were invited to partake of an elegant oyster supper and it is said that the crowd did full justice to the occasion both as to enjoying the social features as well as the supper prepared.

J. D. Gamble, who was hurt last week by reason of the falling of the horse which he was riding, is getting along nicely with his arm.

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MANY OTHER THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION

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Railway Time Table.

MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND.
No. 37 to Clovis 2:30 p. m.
No. 201 to Carlsbad 10:15 a. m.
No. 73 Local Freight 8:00 a. m.

MAIN LINE, EAST BOUND.
No. 26 from Clovis 10:00 a. m.
No. 202 to Kansas City 5:30 p. m.
No. 74 Local Freight 8:40 p. m.

PLAINVIEW BRANCH, NORTH B'ND
No. 25 to Amarillo 10:08 a. m.
No. 91 Local Freight 8:00 p. m.

PLAINVIEW BRANCH, SO. BOUND.
No. 27 to Plainview 2:40 p. m.
No. 92 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. 38 on the Main Line arriving from Clovis at 10 a. m. stops at this place.

Local freights and trains Nos. 37 and 35 don't run on Sunday.

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATED NUMBER.

We have arranged to publish a special illustrated number of the Randall County News soon for the purpose of promoting the interests of Randall county and Canyon City. We believe that by reviewing what has been done and what is being done by presenting some of the many examples of success, a new enthusiasm may be inspired. It is our aim to make this number truly representative. It will review Randall county from its early history and illustrate, by fine tone engravings, the schools, churches, stores, factories, farms, stock, residences, people and landscapes, and enlarge upon the success that has followed in the wake of honest endeavor, and in conclusion will present many progressive institutions and citizens.

The edition will be printed in a good manner, will be desirable and attractive, and of increasing value as the years go by, both as a history of the past and a souvenir of today. It will serve the threefold purpose of still further removing many prevailing prejudices that exist regarding this country, instruct and entertain our friends and relatives in other states and gratify a sense of local pride, of which every progressive community has its share. To these ends, we request that all assist in obtaining the necessary information, as it is to our mutual interest to make this a big advertisement for this portion of the Panhandle.

In this kind of a newspaper the readers want pictures of places and people for the time prominent. The importance of the photograph is being recognized in the commercial world as readily as elsewhere and we find among the most progressive business men the growing use of views as a means of promoting their business.

While this community has progressed in a very substantial manner, there is still a field for development. The conditions justify every man in working for the betterment of the city and county and in proclaiming the facts abroad. The News is preparing this special number for the benefit of all the citizens and we request that all take an interest in the work.

No charge will be made for writing or space. A small charge will be made to cover the cost of engraving from photos furnished us. We expect to meet the ex-

penses by selling extra copies and are taking orders in advance at 10 cents a copy, payable when published. In making this number a creditable one, we bespeak your hearty co-operation.

NEWS PUBLISHING CO.

THE TOWN BOY.

On two or three occasions it has been the duty of this editor to speak out through the columns of this paper relative to some of the boys of this city. Nearly every town in the country has or formerly had their old "town cow," and we use the word in the same sense except that we give greater credit to the cow than to the boy for the reason that the cow would sometimes give milk while the "town boy" is good for nothing. We have them here. They are lazy, trifling and bent on destroying property of others. You know the kind we are speaking about. They are in a class by themselves and will finally be in a cell in the same condition. It seems that these little "yaps" have taken a "shine" towards incendiarism. For the past two or three weeks this gang of from three to five boys have been going around over the city setting fire to almost anything that would burn. Several people have narrowly escaped having not only their fences but their dwellings destroyed by the intended devilment of these lads. They cannot lay the fires to carelessness for they deliberately scratch the match and apply it to whatever they want to burn. Now this editor has made diligent inquiry into these matters and is in a position to state that they are breeding trouble of the worst kind, for people are not going to stand for such kind of conduct. The News is for the interest of Randall county and Canyon City as a whole and we propose to do the very best thing that we can for the best good of these people together and therefore have decided that if such practices are not stopped the editor will give a list of the names of those engaging in this devilment. He is not going to intimate that one of the boys is the son of a former hotel man, another the son of a former real estate or insurance man, another the son of this man or the son of that man, but he is going to give the names of the boys themselves, and what is more he is prepared to show that his statements are correct. Possibly if the boys were properly backed up against a strip of good, tough sole leather and it was explained to them that it is very probable that the next grand jury which meets in February will investigate the matter, they could be induced by the parents to desist in this practice. Does your son come in this class?

THE FIRE ALARM.

We have so often called the attention of the people of this town to the inadequate protection which we "enjoy" as against the ravages of fire, that we feel almost ashamed to broach the subject again. Canyon has been very fortunate in this respect that she has never had any great disaster but it is only a question of time until we shall, in the language of the street gamin, "get ours." We sit idly by and take absolutely no steps for our own protection—not the protection of others, but our own property which we seem to cherish so much. To see this spirit shown it almost makes the editor wish that a fire would start and burn out about half the town so that he could stand on top of one of the very small tanks which are near the square and yell, "I told you so." Of course this editor does not want to see any property destroyed but really it is a downright shame for the people of this city to be so everlastingly stingy that they cannot spare

even a few dollars for their own protection. Canyon pays enough in excess fire insurance premiums each year to pay 23 per cent upon the investment and I am sure that if the rates were down to what they should be more insurance would be carried. As the condition now is it is almost prohibitive. Don't you think so?

The interview given the News' reporter last week by L. G. Conner, John Knight and George A. Brandon which was published in our last issue, states exactly the situation with reference to the railway matter. If those who are benefited do not come up and assist how in the world can they expect those who are not benefited to come up for them. When it comes to railroads Canyon does not hesitate to do her part—much more than her part but it ought not to be expected that she should put up all the money for those people who will secure an advance in the value of their property of from \$5.00 up to \$15.00 per acre, when these people who should be most interested could secure the road by practically loaning the company an average of one dollar per acre on their lands with six per cent interest payable to the one who advances the money. Canyon is ready to do her part but what about the land owners. If you own land along the proposed line have you given the matter any serious thought? It's time you did. Now or never.

Canyon came near having two bad fires last week. Hereford had a large fire destroying lots of property. It is possible that it is Canyon's time next.

Let's have a funeral over the dead ones and then have a jollification among the live ones.

WANTED—A FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Rock-a-bye Baby,
Canyon's asleep,
If we don't wake her,
Her troubles will heap.
All our nice buildings
Will go up in flame
Without some protection,
Ain't it a shame.

About Texas and the Good Year 1909.

Texas, and, in fact, all this great Southwestern country, opens in the morning a new year's box of goodies and delights. The truth is that no part of the United States has any Pandora's box to disappoint it this time. The blessings are substantial and are of staying quality. While the offer of peace and prosperity for the coming year is general, it really seems that the people of this new, rich and prosperous Southwest have the best of it. The prospects for Texas are especially hopeful.

The work of building homes and cities and public utilities of various kinds is going on vigorously throughout the State. When the well-kept El Pasoan boasts of his fine system of lights, or of the streets, or of the new buildings of his city, the San Antonio man assures him that he should come down and see the miracles performed at the Alamo City, while the Houstonian refuses to discuss anything shorter than sky-scrapers, while the Galvestonian dilates over the enormous growth of commerce, and hopeful representatives of Beaumont, Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas and a score of other Texas cities smile with that air of self-satisfaction which speaks louder than words, particularly when all hands are trying to talk at once. For the first time in the history of the State, the vigorous work of development is going on from Brownsville to Tuxedo and from Texarkana to El Paso, two vast stretches of almost a thousand miles across Texas. Yet the mineral resources have been barely touched and only a be-

ginning has really been made in other lines.

The old year closes and the new year opens with an atmosphere alive with rumors of even larger things. Manufacturing cities are casting about to supply themselves with natural gas, all the larger cities are planning for interurban electric roads, packeries, mills and factories are to be added to, new lines of railroad are being provided for. Mr. Hill has completed his connection directly to the Gulf, while three other great systems are picking up as fast as possible missing links to the same end. The year 1909 opens with some wonderful development as well as with most hopeful prospects and promises.

The things wrought thus far are largely results of the innate vitality and natural wealth of the State. Texas has enjoyed none of those artificial helps that have been resorted to in certain other States, and few of the incidental or other special benefits that have built up some of the greatest cities in the world. Natural advantages have been left to count or not to count against well organized forces of different kinds, in control of the capital and commerce of the country. Possibly the time has come when this sort of thing must needs undergo a logical change regardless of the coming events which are calculated to alter it. But whether this is true or not is not highly important now. The change is coming. Mr. Harrison knows it. Mr. Hill accepts the settled fact. Messrs. Gould, Ripley, Yoakum, Gates and others with full knowledge regarding the situation are fixed in their plans and purposes to meet it.

The big things to be done in the Southwest during the present year in the commercial development of the country are to be done to meet the veritable revolution which is to follow the opening of the Panama Canal.

With her rivers opened down to the sea, her railroad systems strengthened and multiplied, and with her ports enlarged to meet the greatest concentration of commerce that has ever been known in the history of the world, Texas bids fair to enjoy that sort of extraordinary uplift that similar concentrations of energy and interest have brought to centers like Chicago and New York. Texas ports will be gateways for a commerce that will extend around the world. It is very much in order for Texans to begin the new year with this logical view of the situation. There is no reason why they should not look ahead and thus derive some of the encouragement, helpfulness and benefits of it. There are some great blessings in store for Texas, and The News is confident that this fact will grow clearer and clearer during the coming year.—Dallas News.

Eternal Push the Price of Success.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," so we are told. We know, from experience, that eternal "push" is the price of success. Have you got the price? If not, you had better immigrate to the South Sea Islands or some other seaport for the tired, for there is no room in this busy, hustling world for the drone and sluggard. The year 1909 promises to be one of unparalleled activity and a time for "doing things," not dreaming them. If you are not in the "push" you will get lonesome and be a stumbling block and eyesore to the community. You need not be afraid of getting in anybody's way, for there is plenty for all hands to do, and if you do your part you will keep out of the way of others. So let us all line up and see how much, not how little, we can accomplish, not only for our individual interest, but for Swisher county, during the year 1909.—Tulla Standard.

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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| 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 |
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The London Assurance Corporation.
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The Royal Exchange Assurance.
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Orient Insurance Company of Hartford.
The New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N. H.

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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

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

JUST LOOK AT The Prices!

We have instituted a fifteen days' sale in our dry goods department beginning January 1st and ending January 15th, and have decided to give some especial bargains in the Grocery Department of our large store. These items mentioned are only a few of the many bargains which we will offer during these days of the sale but they will give you an idea of the immense cuts which are being made in the prices.

GROCERIES

Flour

Best Missouri Flour	\$2.85
The Best Hard Wheat Flour	2.80

Canned Goods

Tomatoes per case, two dozen	2.40
Standard Can Corn per case, two dozen	1.75
Columbia Cream per case, two dozen	3.10
Best Blackberries per case, two dozen	1.90
California Peaches per case, two dozen	4.50
California Pears per case, two dozen	4.25
Early June Peas per case, two dozen	2.25

Dried Fruits

Evaporated Peaches per box, per lb.	9 1-2c
Evaporated Apricots per box, per lb.	9 1-2c
Three Crown Raisins, the best, per lb.	7 1-2c
60 and 70 Prunes, per lb.	7c

Georgia Cane Syrup

Three Gallon Jacket Can	\$0.90
Five Gallon Jacket Can	1.30
Royal Sorghum per case	2.45
Georgia Cane per case	3.20
Carnation Syrup, case	2.50
Competition Syrup per case	2.35

Sundries

18 pounds Sugar, granulated	1.00
One Case Good Laundry Soap	3.25
Four Packages of Soda	.25
Three 2-lb. packages of Oat Meal	.25
6-lb. Bucket Best Coffee	.75

You cannot afford to miss this sale--the goods are the best of standard brands and the prices are the lowest ever offered here.

Cash Gets the Goods.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Canyon Mercantile Co.

WHY NOT BE A BOOSTER?

There's a great new city here,
Do you know it?
Where a seed that's good will grow;
Will you sow it?
Sow it here on fertile land,
In a city that has sand;
Don't keep back a helping hand--
But boost!

If you're loyal, just dig in;
Are you boosting?
Or like some old hen at night--
Simply roosting?
Then get down from off your perch;
There is work for you--just search;
Bust the "ring" or build a church--
Only boost!

Have you joined the "Does Things" bunch?
Do it now!
Can you sing the city's praises?
Go learn how!
Tell 'em here's the place for biz,
Where a deal will never fit;
Make Canyon the best there is--
Boost!

Get the fever-hustle once,
Just try it!
Ever see a "Does Things" button?
Go buy it!
Wear it noon and night and morning,
Soon you'll feel your old heart warming,
And without a moment's warning,
You'll be boosting.

MADE FORTUNE RAISING CATS.

Oklahoma Farmer's Kindness of Heart Led Him
Into Unexpected Business That
Made Him Wealthy.

Eight years ago John Clifton was a poor renter on the allotment of an old Indian living near the junction of romantic Honey Creek and the Washita River, five miles southwest of Davis, Oklahoma--then the Indian Territory. John raised vegetables and garden "saws" for campers who visited Turner Falls, near his cabin. Today he is climbing into the near millionaire class. On a recent visit to Kansas City he put up at the Hotel Baltimore, for business reasons and was assigned to the bridal chamber, which puts a man back several dollars a day.

The foundation and superstructure of John's fortune is cats. In the midst of towering oaks and cedars along the canyon leading from the Washita to the popular camping grounds on the banks of Honey Creek, he runs the most unique live stock ranch in this part of the baby commonwealth. This ranch covers several hundred acres along the mountain side and canyons, and, unlike most ranges it is covered with timber and huge ledges of rocks and mountain peaks. It is here the Indians were wont to kill their winter's supply of squirrels and other wild game. It is here the felines are born, bred and "cultivated."

Clifton's wealth has come to him as a direct reward for the overflowing of his Irish-American tenderness of heart. It is a very common thing for campers to carry a pet kitten with them to the Arbuckle mountain resort in the early summer and to leave the half-grown cat to shift for itself when the days begin to shorten, and the school bells begin to ring. It used to make the old farmer's blood boil to pass through the silent ground in the fall and early winter and here and there find an unattended pussy still haunting the spot where it received its regular daily rations all summer. Later on he would see the dead bodies of the unfortunate victims of starvation and cold, strewn in the snow banks.

Finally one fall he could stand it no longer, and gathering up all the derelicts he found, took them home, and in spite of the protests of his wife, fed them the leavings from his table and hogpen.

All winter long the nights were musical in wood and barn, and the ground and trees for miles around were covered with bits of black and brown, white and yellow fur. But when the sun crossed the line, and the fittest and thinned out the chaff, Clifton had about 50 of the finest cats ever seen in Oklahoma. They were sleek, healthy and

wild. The cold weather had brought them thick, glossy coats and a mixed diet of meat and skimmed milk had made them strong-bodied. They had lived sumptuously on squirrels dug from holes in the trees. Here and there, too, John detected some cats with long, silky wool, cats such as he had never seen before.

It was not until July, however, that John got his idea. This came one day when a party of campers were exploring a high mountain peak just above Turner Falls, and one of the young ladies wore a natty cap of fur. Clifton made bold to inquire and to his surprise it was made of catskin. He went home convinced that there was something better for him in the world than tilling the soil. He subscribed for a cat journal and soon learned about the felines that were the most valuable. He found that he had some very fine angoras of his own.

That autumn he fenced off several hundred acres of his timber lands well back on the mountain-side, and built cozy little refuges among the trees and crags. Then he studied the affinities of his several pets and housed those that seemed the least hostile, and that were likely to produce the best offspring, in groups. After the campers were gone a fresh supply of raw material was gathered up, but this time he separated the choicer breeds from the common varieties. The result was that the second spring saw a large supply of cats ready for the marketing.

"It hurt me to kill that first batch of cats," said Clifton, relating his experience the other day at the Baltimore. "But after all, it wasn't really cruel, at least not nearly so cruel as it would have been to let them starve, so I nerved myself to the job and cut the throats of those ready for the market."

"My son Henry and I had an awful time skinning and curing those hides, but when we found what a good price the pelts brought we set to work to enlarge the ranch."

Now that the cats are acquainted with each other, we let the common ones run wild, and all summer long they fight the squirrels. Some of them seem to be making friends with the nutcrackers, however, and I own a few of the funniest red and brown cats you ever saw. They have wide fantails and pointed noses. No, I haven't any idea how many cats I have--possibly 4,000, perhaps 6,000. They multiply so fast I can't keep track of them.

"Last year I fattened part of my output for the market. Sell them? I guess I do! After removing the pelts we sent them to Coalgate and Lehigh, in the coal fields, and sold them to the foreigners, for rabbits. They didn't know the difference, and if they had known it would have made no difference with them. The animals netted us 15 cents each after paying the express charges. I guess we disposed of about 2,000 last season. Do we eat cats ourselves? I should say we do. There is nothing any cleaner, and when a cat is properly dieted it is as tender and as juicy as a spring chicken."

It is, however, in the breeding and marketing of show animals that Clifton expects to make the most of his money. "Samples" which he brought with him from the Arbuckle Mountains demonstrated the fact that he is doing some very fair breeding along the line of long hairs, and those that show a hybrid strain suggestive of squirrel, promise to introduce a new feature into the evolution of the sacred Egyptian animal.

These felines from the cliffs and crags or Honey Creek are very much inclined to stand upon their rights, and their hatred for all dogs--except the big Newfoundland, which acts as a sort of "Bell cow" for the herd at

home--is proverbial. They fear a dog no more than they do a mouse, and this fact was demonstrated the other day when two beautiful Toms escaped from the bridal chamber and found a great Dane in the hotel lobby. Doggy will never forget that sad occasion, and it will be weeks before his legs and sides will change from steak into smooth, healthy flesh.

GULF, TEXAS AND WESTERN.

Actual Work of Construction Under Way at
Jacksboro--Will Open Great Country.

All that prevents the beginning of the construction work on a new railroad out of Fort Worth at once is the lack of terminal facilities and a way of entrance into the city. This is the statement of Ben B. Cain of Tyler, who is the head of the road in Texas and who carries the title of general agent for the state. The name of the road is the Gulf, Texas and Western, which has been chartered for a distance of 500 miles, through the richest and most diversified country in the state.

Mr. Cain, who is vice president of the company, going under the title of general agent now, was in Fort Worth Wednesday attending a meeting of the tax committee of the Commercial Secretaries' Association, of which he is chairman.

The line is chartered to come through both Fort Worth and Dallas, says Mr. Cain, and the probability is it will make a loop through both cities, especially if Dallas makes any effort to get the line. The actual work of construction in Jack county at Jacksboro has already begun and within six months the line will be laid into the heart of the coal fields of Young county, which will be giving forth coal to supply the commercial market at Fort Worth.

That the construction work did not begin at Fort Worth is due only to the fact that no entrance or terminal facilities had been secured here.

"Still, we are ready for construction," said Mr. Cain Wednesday morning, "and the next best place to begin was in Jack county to go to the coal fields. We want to do some actual work to show the people that the line is not a 'paper' road but a bona fide proposition, which is actually being worked out."

"If the Fort Worth people cooperate with us in securing terminal facilities here and in gaining entrance to the city, we would start the work of construction at once, right in Fort Worth."

According to the road's charter, the line runs from Burr's Ferry on the Sabine river, through Dallas and Fort Worth to Benjamin, in Knox county. Beyond that point it is not chartered, but Mr. Cain declares the ultimate destination is Texico or Roswell, which means that the line will traverse the state.

The route the proposed road will traverse, declares Mr. Cain, is through the richest section in the whole commonwealth. It runs through a hundred miles of pine region, then through the remarkably fertile fruit belt and on into the black land country that surrounds Fort Worth and Dallas. Leaving this the route goes into the semi-mountainous region of Jack and Young counties, productive of the best building material in the state as well as unlimited quantities of excellent coal. Passing beyond this the road will traverse Central West Texas, which has been demonstrated to be the greatest agricultural country in the world.--Fort Worth Star.

We are headquarters for everything in the way of building material, and (most) always have what you want.

40-41 CANYON LUMBER CO.

Bryan's Commoner and The News, both one year \$1.80.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

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

Wheat, No. 2, bushel.....	\$ 1 00
Oats, best, bushel.....	50
Maize and Kaffir in heads,	
new crop, ton.....	11 00
Millet hay, per ton.....	8 00
Johnson grass hay, ton....	9 00
Alfalfa, per ton.....	11 00
Corn, best.....	60
Maize, threshed, bushel....	52
Kaffir corn, threshed, bu....	52
Chickens and Eggs	
Fryers, per dozen.....	\$3 50
Eggs, per dozen.....	20
Butter, country, pound.....	25

NEW BARBER SHOP

I HAVE opened a new barber shop on the south side of the square and will serve you to the best of my ability and assure you that your patronage will be appreciated.

WILL BAILEY

Cattle King RESTAURANT

Re-opened under new management and supplies the best lunches and meals in the city at all hours. Pies and Cakes of all kinds—the kind that mother used to make—at reasonable prices. A trial will convince you.

Opposite the Depot

The Cattle King Restaurant

J. R. Harter

EXPERT Horse Shoer

....Blacksmith Too....

CITY Meat Market

JIM FOSTER, Proprietor

WE LIKE GOOD MEAT to eat ourselves and therefore know just what our customers want in this line and

We Supply Them

with the very best meats that can be bought.

We Are Now in Our New Location

in the Smith & Monroe building, south side of the square.

CITY MEAT MARKET

JIM FOSTER, Prop.

STAR Barber Shop

H. E. Muldrow, Prop.

Fine Bathing Arrangements

Agents for Amarillo Steam Laundry

RANGER DOC THOMAS SHOT AND KILLED

JAILER JIM KEETON FIRES SHOT WHICH ENDS LIFE OF A STATE OFFICER.

Few Facts as to Actual Occurrence is Given—A Fued of Long Standing the Most Probable Cause.

From Daily Panhandle, Jan. 5.

"Doc" Thomas, a member of A company, Texas Rangers, was shot in the head about 10 o'clock this forenoon and died about an hour afterward in the county attorney's office in the court house, where the shooting occurred. Jim Keeton, the jailer and the chief deputy to Sheriff Hughes, surrendered soon after the shot was fired. Thomas never spoke after the firing of the fatal shot and Keeton made but a brief statement as follows, to a representative of the Daily Panhandle: "I am sorry that the tragedy occurred, but I could no longer avoid it. I have deteged Thomas for two years. He has been seeking a meeting with me for several days. He came to the jail this morning before I was out. I saw no other way to avoid further difficulty." Beyond this Keeton would not talk, and simply stated that he had no expression for publication.

Sheriff Hughes was just quitting the apartment in which the tragedy occurred when the shot was fired. One or more parties saw the flash from the pistol, and shortly thereafter Keeton walked from the room and surrendered. Parties rushing to the room found the form of Thomas in a sitting position on a chair, in the same attitude assumed as when in a sitting position on a chair. His head had fallen backward over the top of the chair and a great pool of his blood had gushed over the chair and over the floor. His right knee was against the table that he sat facing and his legs extended rather out in front of him.

Justice K. K. Kerr was upon the scene of the tragedy within a short time, and removed the pistol and other belongings from the person of the ranger. The pistol was found in its case at the right hip of the officer.

The shot that killed Thomas was evidently fired at close range, the face being badly powder burned. The bullet entered just above the right eye and ranged a little downward and came out behind and to the back of the left ear, tearing a great hole in the skull and going entirely through the door of the room in which the shooting occurred.

"Doc" Thomas had been in the office of County Attorney Underwood for several minutes talking with that officer. Mr. Underwood was called into an adjoining room to consult with a client. The door was open. Jailer Keeton was seen to enter the room where Ranger Thomas was, and a little later Sheriff Hughes came into the apartment. He was heard to salute the ranger and to ask him something about the whereabouts of Arthur Banister. Thomas stated that Banister was taken in charge by the Arkansas officer and removed from Texas to that state. Keeton is alleged to have disputed some previous remark of the ranger, and almost immediately the shot was fired.

People began to pour into the room. An ambulance was called and a few minutes later the body was taken from the chair and placed upon a stretcher where he lingered in horrible agony until relieved by death.

The death chamber presented a gruesome sight. Much of the floor space was clotted with blood of the victim, and an array of men from every walk of life anxious to get a closer view of the doomed man, crowded the room, corridors and all spaces

adjoining the apartment in which the tragedy had been enacted.

No wild versions of the affair were dispensed. It was one of those occurrences that admit of little jangling over immediate facts. The wounded man was dying and the man who admitted firing the fatal shot was in his apartments at the jail. This being explained it was a matter of watching and waiting in that blood-spattered room for the last breath of the man who but a short time before was seen to enter the court house with his accustomed stride.

Physicians were hastily called but a glance was sufficient to show them that nothing remained for them to do. No attempt was made at treatment other than to make the last moments of the dying man as comfortable as possible.

Vast quantities of blood continued to gush from the wounds and the mouth of the wounded man until death came.

From the scene of the killing the body of Thomas was removed to the parlors of the Mad-drey-Kenyon company. As yet no instructions have been received as to the disposition of the remains.

It has been known for some time that ill feeling existed between the sheriff's office and Ranger "Doc" Thomas. The latest fuel added to the fire was when Arthur Banister was removed several days ago from the Potter county jail, it is alleged, through the instrumentality of Thomas, and given into the hands of Deputy Sheriff Sid Houpt of Hot Springs, Ark.

It is alleged that Thomas, together with Houpt, went to the office of Jailer Keeton and pretended to want the prisoner Banister for the purpose of having him to inspect certain letters; that after taking him from the jail the visiting officer and Thomas conspired to remove him, over his protest, from the state, and to take him to Arkansas in connection with the murder of Mrs. Ada Riecher, in Garland county, Arkansas, July 6. That matter was the one under discussion immediately before the shooting this forenoon.

"Doc" Thomas came to Amarillo about September 1 with company A, Texas rangers. At that time there were a number of the state officers stationed here. The state officers have been here in greater or less numbers continuously since their first arrival.

Thomas seems at this time to be the only one of the organization in Amarillo. The others have been away a short time and operated in and out of here, making Amarillo headquarters.

Deputy Sheriff Houpt arrived here last week from Hot Springs and consulted with the officers, county and city, and with Ranger Thomas, relative to Archie and Arthur Banister. Houpt asked requisition at Austin for Archie Banister, but upon arrival here found that it was Arthur Banister held in jail. Then came the alleged removal from the Potter county jail by Thomas and Houpt under the pretext of having Banister examine letters. It is known that Banister had made arrangements with an attorney to represent him in a habeas corpus hearing and that he declined to go without the proper authority to Arkansas.

It is alleged that after getting Banister from the jail he was placed aboard a train for Hot Springs. This was done, it is alleged, without knowledge and consent of the sheriff's department in Amarillo, of which Keeton is the chief deputy and custodian of prisoners. Thomas returned to the city a few days since, and is alleged to have gone to the jail at an early hour this morning, presumably to see Keeton. The men met in the office of County Attorney Underwood and the shooting followed.

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Corn Figures.

The Department of Agriculture's crop reporting board contains the gratifying information that Texas now ranks fifth in corn production among the states of the union. Missouri and Nebraska have such a slight lead over Texas that this state might justly claim to divide third honors with them. Illinois and Iowa alone have a respectable quantity above the production in this state. Following are the records in the leading corn states:

States	Yield Per Acre	Total Production
Illinois.....	31.6	294,860,000
Iowa.....	31.7	287,456,000
Missouri...27.0	203,634,000	
Nebraska..27.0	202,767,000	
Texas.....25.7	201,848,000	
Indiana...30.3	187,845,000	
Kansas...22.0	152,900,000	
Ohio.....38.5	130,000,000	
Oklahoma..24.8	122,139,000	

It will be noted that Iowa leads in number of bushels per acre, its average being 31.7 bushels, as compared with an average yield of 25.7 per acre in Texas. If Texas had added six bushels to its average yield, its total would have been greater than Iowa. It is possible that Texas will next year reach the third place at least in corn production, and it may crowd Illinois and Iowa closely for first honors. Reports from all parts of the state indicate that a much largely acreage will be planted, and the further fact that the average yield in Texas has been increasing regularly gives additional foundation for the hope that this state will soon become of first importance in the production of this great staple—Ft. Worth Star.

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L. N. Lochridge, a former resident of this county but now a resident of Iowa Park, was in this city this week on a business trip. To the News reporter Mr. Lochridge said that he still thought a great deal of this country and that he was greatly surprised at the large amount of improvements that are being made in the city and county.

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Take The News and Keep Posted

FOR NEW COUNTY.

El Paso to be Divided if Movement Prevails—Legislature Will be Petitioned.

Van Horn, Texas, Jan. 3.—The legislature will be petitioned to divide El Paso county, the dividing line to run north and south and to cross the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway at Lasca, a point eighty-three miles east of El Paso, the present county seat. The new county is to be named Culberson county and it is to be seventy miles wide east and west.

El Paso county is too large and many people are too remote from the county seat—for instance it is 170 miles from the eastern boundary of the county to the county seat. This is very expensive for witnesses and others having to attend court. The eastern portion of the county is settling up very fast and the people feel that they are entitled to a closer county seat. It is said El Paso will offer no opposition and it is believed that the legislature will readily see the need of dividing the county. Van Horn owing in its central location and advantages over other towns in the eastern part of the county has a decided advantage for the county seat of the proposed new county.

Little Miss Neta! Massey returned last Sunday from Wichita, Kan., where she spent the holidays visiting her grandmother.

After spending a couple of weeks with home folks, Randolph Carter left Monday for Toyah where he is interested in some cattle.

Things That Are Theatrical.

Last week the reporter gathered in some notices of a gang of barnstormers who proposed to occupy the stage at the local opera house last Saturday night, and in this column the reporter intimated that the show might possibly be worth seeing. This show was labeled "Don't Tell My Wife." Now the reporter takes off his hat, makes a profound bow and takes a dive for the sack cloth and ashes to repent of his sin. If anybody went to that show on account of what the reporter said just charge it up to experience. This show held down the boards that night. They ought to be holding sticks of cordwood or chopping cotton. If you were fortunate enough to have been there without your wife just slip around and whisper to those whom you know were there, "Don't tell my wife—or anyone else for that matter—that I went to that show."

At the opera house in this city last Tuesday night a three act musical comedy entitled "Ma's New Husband" was presented to a large and appreciative audience. While the general plot of the play did not amount to very much, still the musical numbers introduced made the entertainment very pleasing to most of those present. The voices of the singers were in fine shape, the music new and catchy, and altogether the person who went spent an enjoyable evening. It was about the best show that has appeared here this season.

J. J. Bowers came up from the Happy community last Monday.

MRS. C. W. WORD DEAD.

Amarillo Lady Who Died in Arizona had Many Warm Friends in This City.

C. T. Word came up today from Canyon City to attend the funeral of his relative, Mrs. C. W. Word who died in Phoenix, Arizona, Saturday forenoon. The remains were held in Phoenix, until Monday forenoon and for that reason the arrival in this city has been delayed until Thursday morning. The body will be removed to the home of Mrs. Word's daughter, Mrs. H. B. Jones, and from that place funeral services will be conducted, the remains being buried in Llano cemetery. Mrs. Word, while absent from Amarillo at the time of her death maintained a home here, and had done so several years. She has a large circle of friends in Amarillo, who are shocked by reason of the news of her death.—Daily Panhandle.

Came Near Choking to Death.

A little boy, the son of Chris D. Peterson a well known resident of the village of Jackson, Iowa, had a sudden and violent attack of croup. Much thick stringy phlegm came up after giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. Peterson says: "I think he would have choked to death had we not given him this remedy." For sale by the City Pharmacy.

Grady Oldham returned to Waco last Monday to attend the remainder of the year's school at the Texas Christian University, having spent the holidays with his home folks.

Hood Brown Case.

Judge J. N. Browning, District Attorney Henry Bishop and Stenographer Mood left last evening for Clarendon, where the January term of the district court was convened today. This court term will be specially interesting to Amarillo people for the reason that the case of the state of Texas vs. Hood Brown has been set for trial for Wednesday. This is the case which resulted in a conviction of the defendant in Amarillo, and the assessment of a term of five years in the state's prison against the defendant who was charged with statutory criminal assault.—Daily Panhandle.

Harter, the Blacksmith.

J. H. Harter runs a blacksmith shop on West Evelyn street. He is "some blacksmith" himself but he has not been able to do all the work coming to his shop so he has made arrangements for the services of William Steinheimer, who will hereafter assist him. Mr. Steinheimer is very proficient in all departments of smithing and the two men together will be able to give almost immediate attention to all work entrusted to them.

H. James and Mose Wesley came up from Ceta last Monday and spent the day here. Mose hasn't gotten in a good humor yet because the reporter intimated that the deer which Mose killed recently might have been a calf. Anyhow we will admit that Mose did kill a deer.

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W. D. McGeehee of Wayside was in the city last Tuesday on business errands and to the News reporter stated that his section of the country was particularly interested in the railway matter which has been pending before the people of Randall county for some time. He wanted to know the status of the matter at this place and is very anxious that the people of Randall county come up with their part as the citizens of his section have already done.

Work on the new residence for J. M. Myers in the Western portion of this city was completed last Saturday. The new house will be occupied by John F. Allison.

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