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VOLUME 2.

FLOYDADA, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1897.

NUMBER 34.

SEEKERS FOR GOLD
Are Now Going to KLONDIKE, but
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Citation by Publication in Tax Suits.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Floyd county—Greeting:

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Twenty-six Dollars and Fifty-five Cents (\$26.55), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the years 1895 and 1896 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 77, certificate No. 10, survey No. 7, Original Grantee B & B, 640 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you

then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Floyd City, this the 16th day of November, A. D. 1897.

R. T. MILLER,
Clerk District Court Floyd county, Texas.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Two Dollars and Sixty-five Cents (\$2.65), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year

1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 22, certificate No. 90, survey No. 19, Original Grantee S. F. I. W. Co., 106 1/2 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Three Dollars and Ninety-three Cents (\$3.93), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 1095, Original Grantee M. G. Bryant, 150 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Two Dollars and Sixty-five Cents (\$2.65), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year

1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 22, certificate No. 90, survey No. 19, Original Grantee S. F. I. W. Co., 106 1/2 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Seven Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$7.15), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 190, certificate No. 21-35, Original Grantee Eddy Sparks, 3.5 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an ac-

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Floydada, Texas.

tion to recover of the Defendant the sum of Twenty-six Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$26.53), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the years 1895 and 1896 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 305, certificate No. 222, survey No. 27, Original Grantee E. L. & R. R. R. Co., 640 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Floyd City, this the 16th day of November, A. D. 1897.

R. T. MILLER,
Clerk District Court Floyd county, Texas.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Four Dollars and Thirty-nine Cents (\$4.39), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 669, survey 3, Original Grantee J. F. Lockney, 160 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Floyd City, this the 16th day of November, A. D. 1897.

R. T. MILLER,
Clerk District Court Floyd county, Texas.

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CLAUDE V. HALL,
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN TAX SUITS.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Eleven Dollars and Fifty eight Cents (\$11 58), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract 234, certificate 4-734, survey 23, Original Grantee G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., 640 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Floyd City, this the 18th day of November, A. D. 1897.

R. T. MILLER,
Clerk District Court Floyd county, Texas.

FROM MICOMBER.

Micomber Vicinity, Nov. 23.— Since our editor has from time to time so earnestly appealed to the readers of the Hesperian Gazette to spare his "combustible" imagination by contributing what news we can gather to help make our paper interesting for all, our sympathy for him has been aroused, and as we think the prosperity of our paper depends upon this "combustible" imagination, and as we wish to see our paper thrive on and on, we have decided to help all we can.

First, that which impresses

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us most vividly this morning is the enjoyment or endurance of one of the Hesperian Gazette's "zerers." It reminds us that Old Winter is here again.

Messrs. Lal Lewis and Archie Legg have returned from their visit to relatives and friends in Missouri.

Bro. Evans, one of the community's most popular and prominent citizens, has removed his family to Wilbarger county, where they intend to make their future home. We wish them happiness and prosperity. Mr. Rushing, from west of Floydada, has bought Bro. Evans' home. Everybody attended church Sunday at the Fairview School House and listened to the gospel preached by Bro. Rattan.

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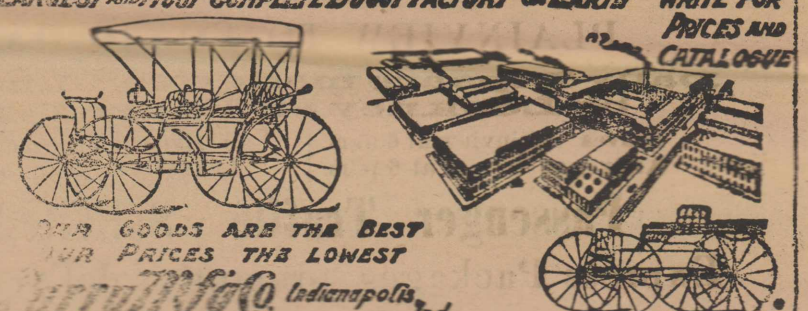
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S. A. McMannis, Superintendent. Ladies' Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST—Services second Sunday in each month at 11 a.m. J. J. Day, Elder.

PRESBYTERIANS—Services the fourth Sunday in each month at 11 a.m. John W. Murray, Pastor.

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COURT.

DISTRICT COURT—Convenes at Floydada on the third Mondays after the first Mondays in February and August and may continue in session two weeks.

COUNTY COURT—Convenes the third Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT—Convenes at Floydada the second Mondays in February, May, August, and November.

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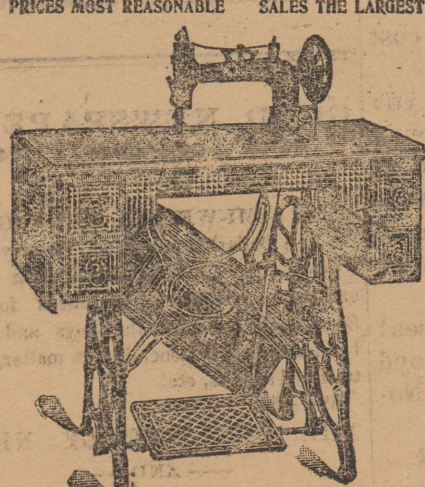
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN TAX SUITS.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Floyd county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Floyd, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 50th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said judicial district, for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, Thomas Jaycox, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court of Floyd county for the 50th Judicial District, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house of said county, in the town of Floyd City, on the 3rd Monday after the 1st Monday in February, 1898, the same being the 28th day of February, 1898, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1897, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court 63, wherein The State of Texas is Plaintiff, and Thos. Jaycox is Defendant.

The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Fourteen Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$14.97), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 293, certificate No. 78 203, survey No. 5, Original Grantee Washington County Ry. Co., 640 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Floyd City this 16th day of November, A. D. 1897.

R. T. MILLER, Clerk District Court Floyd county, Texas.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the defendant the sum of Fourteen Dollars and

Ninety-seven Cents (\$14.97) being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interests and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract 125, certificate 7, survey 11, Original Grantee A. C. H. & B., 640 acres, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the Defendant the sum of Three Dollars and Ninety-three Cents (\$3.93), being the amount due Plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 on the following described property, to-wit:

Abstract No. 1005, original grantee Jesse Bryant, situated in the county of Floyd and state aforesaid.

And to foreclose Plaintiff's lien on said property, and Plaintiff further pray for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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FLOYD COUNTY.

Description of Floyd County and the Staked Plains.

THE STAKED PLAINS.

The Panhandle country is divided into two distinct natural divisions popularly known as the brakes or Lower country and the Staked Plains. These two divisions differ vastly in natural aspect and adaptability.

The "lower country" is more or less broken and irregular with deep ravines and abrupt elevations at intervals. The staked plains, embracing more than thirty counties, is eminently more desirable as a home for many reasons. The country is level, the soil rich and very deep, of the purest and best quality, obtainable at a reasonable depth at a spot you may have. There are no obstructions to agricultural operations no rocks, no stumps, no roots. The

air is pure and invigorating. There is no malaria and no miasmatic influence of any kind. Fresh meat hung up in the open air without salt does not taint. The earth is carpeted with a coat of the most nutritious grasses.

SOIL.

The soil consists of both the light and dark chocolate varieties, and is pregnant with all the elements of vegetable nutrition. It ranges from ten inches to twenty inches, and the surface is carpeted with a turf of curly mesquite or buffalo grass. This is one of the most nutritious grasses on earth, and stock keep fat on it all winter without any other food whatever. Early in the spring this grass is preceded by a heavy growth of grama grass, which is equally nutritious as mesquite grass. At frequent intervals there are depressions in the surface, called basins. These basins have no raised or precipitous sides, but are gentle, saucer-like depressions in the surface that serve as drainage in wet seasons. But the water soon disappears, and there grows in the bottom of these basins a crop of hay that is as valuable as any cultivated crop could possibly be. It is locally known as basin hay, blue stem, wild oats, or wild wheat. It has quite a head end, and a very nutritious stock of all kinds eat it ravenously. In the spring and early summer nothing is more enchanting than a view of these rich prairie lands, that rise and fall in billowy undulations on every hand, carpeted with green grass and thickly devoid of unsightly or troublesome obstructions. The ground is ready for the plow at any time and in any quantity.

ALTITUDE AND CLIMATE.

Floyd county's general altitude is over 3000 feet above the level of the sea, and the climate is invigorating in the highest degree. The prevailing winds are from the southwest, and the entire country lies between Floyd county and the Gulf coast is destitute of any miasmatic cause; hence the air is pure and conducive to health in the highest degree. The winters consist principally of a few nothings, which are of two or three days duration and very disagreeable with the rest of the year. In the winter are a severe current, and snow never falls to a greater depth than six or seven inches, and remains on the ground only a few days. One great advantage this country has over others and especially adapts it to stock raising is that the weather remains dry during the winter. Another important consideration to the Panhandle farmer is that he does not have to feed up during six months of the year what he raised during the other six months, for his stock can live the year around on the native grass. They will, of course, lead the better off for a little feeding during the worst weather, but millions of head have been wintered here without a mouthful of corn or other than the native grass. This it will be remembered is a saving in two directions—more working days and short feeding season, the benefits of which will be appreciated by the farmer from the northern states, where the long bleak winters during the productive months of the year and heat for half the year make it almost impossible for the short and feeble stammer to make a living.

FUEL AND TIMBER.

Fuel is very scarce, there being no timber nearer than the "brakes country." Our people either go to the railroad, a distance of 100 miles, for coal or to the brakes, a distance of 200 miles, for wood, and other sorts of timber prevalent in this section. Many at a distance who are anxious to know about this country do doubt as to themselves the question, "How long will it be before a hand in the brakes will be owned by private individuals?" We have been informed by persons who ought to know that the supply of timber is not very materially diminished. Of course, when by water it becomes more thickly populated and the demand for fuel and fencing material proportionally increased, the settler will have to look elsewhere than the brakes. When that time comes many changes will have taken place and many of us will be gathered to our fathers. All progressive farmers and stockraisers will not underestimate the importance of not neglecting the planting of trees.

WATER SUPPLY.

The entire staked plains is underlain by a stratum of water bearing sand. At any point where the earth may be perforated at a depth of 40 to 250 feet this water is encountered and it exists in inexhaustible quantities. It is permitted to run unobstructed, and it has no effect whatever on the supply, it does not lower the water in the well much less exhaust it. During the summer of 1890, the writer had the opportunity of observing the service rendered by this one well. At that time it was the only one in the neighborhood and at least twenty-five families and the thousand head of stock depended entirely upon it for their water supply for every purpose, and yet it was but an ordinary six-inch bore. Some writers have become so enthusiastic about this great underground reservoir as to describe it as a "subterranean sea." However, this may be, this is a certain, that there exists here an inexhaustible quantity of pure and delightful water as can be found any where.

SCHOOLS.

When the constitution of the State of Texas was adopted, one-half the public domain was set aside for school purposes. The sale of these lands is rapidly building up for Texas the most princely school fund of any country on earth. Texas has now an invested school fund of \$22,000,000, and a prospective fund of over \$100,000,000 when her school lands shall have been disposed of, in addition to this magnificent State school fund each county has a school fund of its own from the sale or rental of the four leagues—17,712 acres of land given to it by law from the unassigned domain of the State upon its organization. Floyd County has a good commodious school house, equipped with the most modern furniture, and there are now at least a dozen other school houses in the county and all are supplied with teachers whose qualifications compare favorably with those of the northern states. Many school districts in the county now levy a special school tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of all real and personal property. Our people believe in education, and are making a greater effort than those, enjoying speaking in the East. Texas is now enjoying an educational boom, and Floyd county is not following but is in the lead. The school at Floyd City is one of the best public schools in the State. Lockney, another growing town in this county, has a school which has enrolled this year something over a hundred pupils. No one need be tempted to this country, thinking that their children will lack good opportunities of being educated.

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Another state in the Union offers better inducements to settlers than Texas. In Floyd county there is an abundance of homestead and other lands. Any man with a family can secure 160 acres of homestead land by settling thereon in, by paying for surveying and patent fees at the expiration of three years. Any one desiring more than 160 acres can secure as much as 640 acres of school land by settling thereon and paying \$1 per acre on forty years time at 3 per cent interest. Patent lands can be purchased at a price ranging from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per acre.

This country is now chiefly a stock raising country, though farming is carried on in connection with stock raising to a limited but profitable extent. Sorghum, millet, milo maize, kafir corn are grown successfully. Millet has been known to yield as much as three or four tons per acre. Milo maize usually yields as high as forty and fifty bushels per acre. Indian corn is yet in no considerable measure raised, but many of our farmers now have good orchards growing and will in a few years have fruit to market. No other state in the Union offers better inducements to settlers than Texas. In Floyd county there is an abundance of homestead and other lands. Any man with a family can secure 160 acres of homestead land by settling thereon in, by paying for surveying and patent fees at the expiration of three years. Any one desiring more than 160 acres can secure as much as 640 acres of school land by settling thereon and paying \$1 per acre on forty years time at 3 per cent interest. Patent lands can be purchased at a price ranging from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per acre.

There are no railroads now in Floyd county. Floyd county is 100 miles from the Fort Worth and Denver on the north and 100 miles from the Texas & Pacific on the south. Amarillo and Childress are the principal trading points of this county on the P. W. & D. R. R. Persons wishing to visit this county can reach it by coming by rail to Amarillo, Texas, and stage via Plainview in one and one-half days, or by rail to Childress, Texas, and by stage in one day.

At this juncture it is observed that a marked change in the climate and conditions of this country has taken place during the past decade. A complete description of the country representing this country ten years ago would not be applicable at the present time. For instance, rains are now more frequent during the winter months than in previous years. A few years ago heavy winds from the west were very frequent and annoying to those whose duties called them out of doors, but are becoming less noticeable year by year. Other instances might be given to corroborate the statement that the country is changing, but it consumes too much space. In this particular the plains country is only undergoing what is the history of other countries. It is for something in the neighborhood of 5,000 years old of securing water for preference to a surface stream that becomes swollen with every heavy rain and sweeps out water gaps and levees.

A person can provide himself an abundant supply of water for his stock and for irrigation purposes at a mere trifling expense. The boring of wells costs fifty cents per foot, and some have been bored to a less charge per foot. A well and windmill can be had for something in the neighborhood of \$500, this method of securing water is preferable to a surface stream that becomes swollen with every heavy rain and sweeps out water gaps and levees.

With a good well and windmill it is little trouble for a farmer to irrigate as much as two or three acres of garden and truck patches during the summer months, and such all with almost no watering regularly, only needing a little irrigation now and then.

Persons desiring to know more of this country than we have space to devote to this brief write up are cordially invited to visit this country. We assure such persons that they will find Floyd county as represented in these columns.