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CLUBS MEET AT TULIA

President Arnold of State Association Delivers Illustrated Lecture and Question Box.

HEREFORD SECURES NEXT MEET

Hereford Party Left in Darkness on Their Way Home.

The third quarterley meeting of the Federation of Newspapers and Commercial Clubs of the Panhandle, Plains and South Plains convened at Tulia at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, September 7. A good day's work was done and the meeting ended at a late hour at night.

Delegates from Hereford, Lubbock, Crosbyton, Floydada, Plainview, Tulia and Lockney responded to the roll call. The Hereford contingent comprised Judge L. Gough, L. Vanderburgh, Grayson Bell and Secretary Holman.

Among the things accomplished were: the awarding of the next meeting of the Federation to Hereford, the date being November 9th; the appointment of a Field Editor who will look after a systematic advertising campaign for this part of the Plains; a closer affiliation with State Association; and an agreement with the advertising department of the Santa Fe to cooperate in general advertising.

President Arnold of the State Association was on hand with his famous illustrated lecture, and also held a Question Box for two hours which resulted in a general exchange of ideas among the Secretaries and much good accomplished for all. Judge Gough delivered a talk on Scientific Farming which brought down the house. Eager questions were showered upon the speaker, and it was with difficulty that he was rescued from the crush and put in an auto for home, as the hour was getting late.

Fifteen counties are comprised in this Federation, and systematic steps will be begun at once to advertise these counties all over the country. The Santa Fe will co-operate and give space in "The Earth" Newspaper space is to be used freely.

Hereford will have the opportunity

of entertaining this convention on November 9th, and the Commercial Club will see to it that the entertainment is a royal one.

Coming back the Hereford party had a little unusual experience, which though trying was amusing at the same time. The auto lights gave out and the machine wandered off the beaten track. A light in the distance was used as a guide and a farmhouse on the outskirts of Nazareth was finally sighted. The good people did not have an extra bed, but the chilled wanderers were supplied with bedding and all four rolled up on the front gallery for a snooze. Outside of interruptions from a curious mule and a couple of hostile purps, the night passed peacefully, and at day light the party hit the road for home and arrived here in time for late breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith Entertains the Senior League of the M. E. Church

On last Friday night, Sept. 10, a jolly crowd of young people 50 or 60 in number, gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith on east Broadway before school opened.

The affair proved to be a grand success. Every room was thrown open to the guests. A small booth was placed near the hall door and as each one arrived they were waited upon and served to lemonade by Miss Velma Patton and Presley Dyer. They were then shown into the different rooms and soon laughter, music and various games were indulged in and all went merry as a marriage bell. At 10:30 the hostess assisted by four young ladies served the crowd to punch and wafers after which a few more games and music and lively conversation were indulged in when the crowd very reluctantly bade the host and hostess goodnight and each expressed the desire that another happy occasion would soon be repeated.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

House Numbers Next Week.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS

Some Discussion of Railroad Question and the Building of Causeway Across Tierra Blanco

BOND ISSUE THE HOT SUBJECT

Rousing Speeches Both For and Against the Subject

Dodgers were distributed yesterday afternoon by the secretary of the Commercial Club asking for a goodly attendance at the Courthouse at 8 o'clock for a free discussion, pro and con, of the Courthouse Bond issue to be voted on September 30th. By 8:30 the house was comfortably filled and in the absence of the president and vice-president of the Club, A. J. Lipscomb was elected to preside over the meeting. After a statement from Mr. Lipscomb as to the object of the meeting a statement was made by the Secretary outlining the work of the Club now in progress and that contemplated in the near future. There was some discussion of the railroad proposition, but nothing definite as yet was offered.

The causeway across the creek was touched upon a little. Mr. Gregg favored a causeway higher and broader than the one now proposed, in order to enable the farmer across the creek to come to town with his load without having to wait for his neighbor to come along to splice teams that the long hill might be climbed. However the main discussion was on the proposition of the bond issue to build a new courthouse. Judge Slaton, T.E. Shirley, and A. W. Gregg speaking in favor of the bonds and Troy Womble against. The arguments presented were along the same lines that have been, and are this week, presented in the columns of the Brand. No personalities were indulged in and every one seemed willing for his neighbor to have his own opinion about the bond issue. About 10:30 the meeting adjourned and every body should have been several speeches wiser on the courthouse proposition.

Childrens' Party.

Mrs. B. E. Seymour assisted by Miss Elsie Bouren, entertained from

5 to 7 for her little son, Alden, the occasion being his tenth birth day. The refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake. Numerous games were played. Many little presents were given by his little friends and

at the late hour all departed for their homes, wishing little Alden many more happy birthdays. Those present were: Thurman Hawkins, Jock Mounts, Homer Gilliland, and Ralph Rutherford.



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COLLEGE BEGINS NEW YEAR

Work at Hereford College Begins with Largest Enrollment in its History.

Tuesday was registration at the College. Ninety two were enrolled during the day. President Haile stated that the first day's enrollment last year was just the reverse, since there were only twenty nine matriculates then. If twenty nine can be turned around in one year, a cipher ought to be added on to it in two years if every body in Hereford will work as hard for the success of Hereford College as the faculty of the school works. Sixteen more have enrolled since Tuesday making the total number one hundred eight.

All the members of the faculty are here beginning their work. The first days are being spent in the difficult task of classification and getting the schedule of classes made out to suit the needs of the students enrolled. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting the classes arranged for since there are students from so many different schools. The grades have been especially hard to classify because President Haile desired to arrange the schedule that the intermediate grades would have their recitation periods like the students of the Academy and College. The students in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eight grades at the College this year will have the most of their work under men teachers of the school, all of whom are university graduates. Few schools anywhere attempt such a high grade of instructors for these grades.

The music department has already enrolled enough students to insure its success this year. Miss Ratten has a good class in violin and she will be with the college all the year. Miss Rhone, the new teacher in piano, will soon have all she can do. Mrs. Pauline Shirley Haile has enrolled a large class in voice. A young ladies' chorus will be organized shortly. Miss Blanche Potter has a studio near the public school and is succeeding well in organizing a class in piano there. These instructors will make the music department of Hereford College famous all over the Panhandle.

Next Monday morning at 10:20 there will be formal opening exercises to which the general public is invited. Several prominent citizens of Hereford will be present and deliver short addresses.

On Tuesday evening the college will give a recital of music and oratory. No admission will be charged. Everyone is invited to attend. Miss Rhone, Miss Ratten and Mrs. Carter will render recitations.

Biggest Yet.

Two monster cucumbers cucumbers were brought to the Brand office this week and left for the inspection of the public. They measured 12 inches in diameter and 16 inches in length, thus giving evidence of the fertility of the Panhandle soil.

But in trying to think who the man was who brought them we are reminded of the definition of memory we once heard at school,—"The memory is that faculty of the mind with which we forget things." If the gentleman who was so kind to bring us these cucumbers will only let us see his face once more and be reminded of his identity we will gladly make all necessary apologies and whatever amends he may demand.

If you want some fine, fat, white fish see Jarrott & Wilkinson. 11

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENS

The Coming Year Promises to be the Most Successful in its History

The public school opened Monday Sept. 13, with the largest first day enrollment yet in the history of the school. A total of 510 pupils made their appearance in the different rooms the first morning, nearly 100 more than enrolled the first day of school last year. The conditions of the buildings, as well as the crowded rooms speak eloquently for a new and up to date house for the accommodation of the ever growing Hereford Public school. 105 were enrolled in the High School as follows: 8th grade, 42; 9th grade, 26; 10th grade, 22; 11th grade, 15. Prof. Wray and his teachers have a full grown job this year to handle this many pupils with the present building capacity and the crowded condition of the rooms. Hereford people will be glad to welcome the first material put on the ground for the new building, which we understand will not be long delayed.



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MILO MAIZE VERSUS KAFFIR

J. T. Cruse, Assistant Superintendent Chillicothe Co-operative Experiment Station.

DISCUSSES MILO AND KAFFIR

Advantages of Milo Over Kaffir as a Forage Crop

Milo and Kaffir are especially adapted to the semi-arid regions of West and Northwest Texas. They grow luxuriantly throughout the humid belt, but seldom set seed on account of the sorghum midge (*diplosis sorghicola*), the larvae of which prevents seed production by absorbing the juices from the young ovary so that the grain never develops. This is the trouble often called "blast" by farmers.

Every one who is familiar with the milo and Kaffir plants will admit at once that under ordinary conditions Kaffir is in every respect superior to milo. By ordinary conditions, we mean conditions that are favorable to heavy or medium heavy yields. Milo and Kaffir are so nearly alike in habit of growth and general appearance that one must know each and its peculiarities to appreciate their relative importance as crops under varying conditions. After maturity this similarity is not so marked. Kaffir has the advantage over milo in that the leaves will remain green after the seed have matured, while the leaves of the milo will begin to deteriorate rapidly.

This deterioration of the leaves of the milo plant immediately after the seed reach maturity, makes it absolutely necessary that the crop for forage purposes be harvested at exactly the proper stage of maturity. This stage of maturity is reached when the seed are in the late doughy condition. To cut the crop earlier than this, one might lessen his yield by the shrinkage of the grain, while later cutting would be much inferior, principally on account of the deterioration of the stems and leaves. That the late dough is the best stage to harvest forage is borne out by the tests made thus far.

The seed yield from milo and Kaffir corn are about equal when the two are grown on rich soil, but where the soil is of poor quality and the season is dry, milo will produce a heavier yield of seed and a better quality of forage. Though milo will produce large yields when grown on rich soils, it is especially adapted to poor sandy soils. The yields on such soils, even for an unusually dry year, are remarkable, often being from 15 to 20 bushels an acre.

Milo is peculiarly adapted to long continued droughty seasons, and with a scant supply of moisture, will produce heads well set with seed. The Kaffir plant is quite different. It will stop growing, use what moisture it can get to carry it over until it rains, when the plant will take on new growth, and, if not to late, produce a heavy yield of seed. Milo is the most successful grain crop for the southern half of the Plains region. It resists drought better than Kaffir and is but slightly inferior as a feed. Milo is a staple in West and Northwest Texas. This section

lies at an elevation of from 1,500 to 4,000 feet and has a varying annual rainfall of from 15 to 25 inches. It seems probable that the limits of successful production of milo can be extended northward and westward, and there is no doubt that its drought resistant qualities and its ability of producing extra heavy yields in high altitudes and with little rainfall, will make it the leading grain and forage crop for a large section of the West and Northwest.

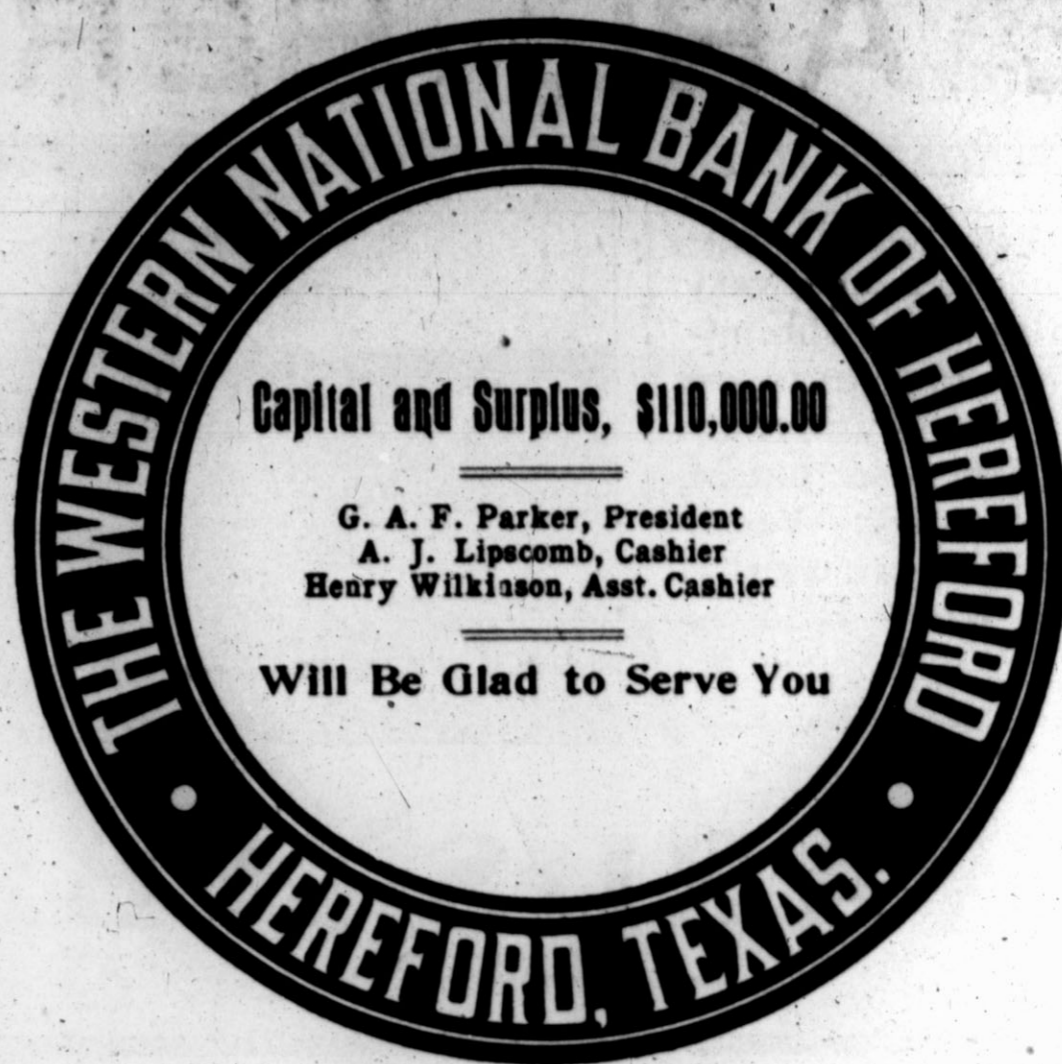
With the above facts in mind, it remains for the planter to determine for himself to what extent it would be profitable to give milo preference over Kaffir. It is my opinion, based upon the results of a series of experiments at the experimental farm here, that milo will give a heavier yield than Kaffir when planted to the poor soils and that is safe to divide the acreage on richer soils between Kaffir and milo. Such a division assures one of a heavy yield of milo in case of drought. This year, in this immediate section, milo has matured a fairly heavy crop of seed, while the Kaffir is backward on account of the present drought. However, should the Kaffir get a rain soon, it will produce a heavier yield than the milo.

In summing up, it will be noted that Kaffir, under ordinary conditions is a better crop than milo; it is more leafy, and therefore makes more forage to the acre. Milo is better adapted to poor soils, and can withstand more dry weather. The leaves of the milo plant deteriorate immediately after the seeds mature, while the leaves of the Kaffir plant remain green, thus giving more time for harvesting. It requires more care and judgment to harvest milo. In order to get the best quality of feed, it is best to cut both milo and Kaffir when the seed are in the late dough.

Good Sample of Wheat.

A. W. Gregg brought to the Brand office this week a sample of wheat raised on his farm east of town this year. It is a splendid sample, testing 63 1/2 pounds to the bushel. Mr. Gregg reported 1200 bushels from 120 acres of this wheat, making 10 bushels per acre. This is not so bad for a dry year. If the Panhandle can make this kind of a crop, this kind of a year, no one should make fun of it for a wheat country. Mr. Gregg is going to show his faith in the productiveness of this soil by nearly doubling his wheat crop for next year. The above mentioned is on the market for seed and on account of its fine quality should all be sowed.

Honey that is Honey, but a small lot, at Jarrott & Wilkinson. 11



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HEREFORD, TEXAS

TALKS UNDER DEATH SENTENCE

Condemned Prisoner Makes Startling Answer to Judge When He is Questioned

LEGALIZED SALOONS THE EVIL

The Same Old Story of Whiskey as a Destroyer

The following sad story of the life of one whose life was blighted, and who was brought face to face with the gallows for the crime of murder, was published in the Pittsburg Press, and should bring the awfulness of the curse of strong drink vividly to our minds:

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?" A solemn hush fell over the crowded court-room. Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive when the prisoner was seen to move. His head was raised, his hands were clinched and the blood rushed into his pale, care-worn face. His teeth were firmly set, and into his haggard eyes came a flash of light. Suddenly he rose to his feet and in a firm, low voice said, "I have, your honor. You have asked me a question, and I ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through. I stand here before this bar, convicted of the willful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard

and a wretch; that I returned from a long debauch and fired the fatal shot that killed my wife, whom I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful, cowardly and inhumane deed, I have no right to complain or condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jurors in this case, for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence. But, may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife. (This startling statement created a tremendous sensation.) I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on his bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers and pastors of the church are also guilty before Almighty God and will have to appear with me before his judgment throne, where we all shall be righteously judged. If twenty men conspired to the murder of one person, the law power of this land will arrest the twenty, and each will be tried and convicted for the whole crime. I have been made a drunkard by law. If it had not been for the legalized saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard my wife would not have been murdered, and I would not be here now, to be hurled into eternity, had it not been for the human traps set out by the consent of the government I would have been a sober man, a tender father and a loving husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my children,—God bless and care for them,—cast on the mercy of a cold and cruel world while I am to be murdered by the strong arm of the state. God knows

I tried to reform but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased will-power was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor. For one year my wife and children were supremely happy, and our little home was a perfect paradise. I was one of those who signed a remonstrance against re-opening the saloons in our town. The names of one half the jury can be found today on the petition, certifying to the good character of the rum seller, and also falsely stating that the sale of liquor was necessary in our town. The prosecuting attorney in this case was the one who so eloquently pleaded with this court for the license, and the judge, who sits on the bench and who asked me if I had anything to say before sentence of death was passed upon me, granted the license. "I began my downward career at the saloon bar, legalized and protected by the voter of the common-wealth which has received annually a part of the blood money of the poor, deluded victims. After the state had made me a drunkard and a murderer, I was taken before another bar,—the bar of justice, by the same power of law that legalized the first bar, and now the law power will conduct me to the place of execution and hasten my soul into eternity. I shall appear before another Bar, the Judgment bar of God, and there you who have legalized the traffic, will have to appear with me, the poor, helpless victim of your traffic, alone responsible for the murder of my wife. Nay, I, in my frenzied condition have murdered one, but you have deliberately and willfully murdered your thousands, and the

murder mills are in full operation today with your consent. All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an un-sound mind, but God's truth. The liquor traffic of this nation is responsible for nearly all the murders, blood-shed, riots, poverty, misery, wretchedness and woe. It breaks up thousands of happy homes every year, sends the husband and father to prison or gallows and drives countless mothers and little children into the world to suffer and die. It furnishes nearly all the criminal business of this and every other court, and blasts every community it touches. You legalized the saloon that made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me, before God and man, for the murder

of my wife. Your honor I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of execution, there to be murdered according to the laws of the state. You will close by asking God to open your blind eyes to the truth, to your individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this hell-born traffic."

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J. E. Garrison and wife leave today by "overland" route to their claim in Mexico.

W. P. Bryan of Clinton, Okla., cousin of Will O'Brien of this place is visiting in the home of the latter this week.

See the new one piece Dresses at the Ladies' Furnishing Store. 32-2t

Thomas Munford died Thursday morning and his remains were shipped to his old home at Marshall, Mo. for burial.

J. B. Phillips, has 38 acres of fine maize all cut and shocked two miles West of town. Will sell same for \$7.50 per acre. Phone 373, or call at Baskin Land office. 32-2t

Real cheap lots in Hereford will soon be a thing of the past. L. Baskin, is the owner of some beautiful lots that can be had cheap on easy payments. See him before prices advance. 31-tf

Tom Webb is back from a visit to Leon, Iowa. He looks a little disconsolate but his wife not returning yet we suppose accounts for the forlorn expression.

O. C. Bell of St. Louis, Mo., who owns some property northeast of town is here looking after his interests and to arrange for sewing wheat and other crops for another year.

For breakfast Fish phone Jarrott & Wilkerson. 1t

The Fabian garments are on display at the Ladies' Furnishing Store. 32-2t

Be sure and see the manager of the Electric Light Company before having your house wired as we may be unable to extend the line to you. Hereford L. & P. Co. 24-tf

Saturday, September 25, the ladies of the Methodist Church will have a sale at E. B. Black's Furniture Store Home made cakes, pies, bread, candy, fresh eggs, butter and dressed chickens.

Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 Mrs. J. W. Burks entertained the W. H. M. S. in a social meeting. Mrs. McDonald's report was read. Refreshments of cakes and gelatine with whipped cream and pine apple were served.

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W. A. Higgins reports a splendid feed crop on his place three miles from town. He has 160 acres in maize which he thinks will make at least 30 bushels per acre of grain, and all on sod land and nothing done to it since it was planted.

Just got to Hereford a fresh lot of Mackerel at Jarrott & Wilkinson.

M. B. Dameron came back this week after an extended trip to Aransas Pass. He has some wonderful fish stories to meet out to his friends. Some real fish stories and then some other kinds. For real information about Aransas Pass, see him.

Where in America, with the driest season in 16 years to contend with, can you produce such crops as we have here this year? Land that will do it is worth four times prevailing prices. In spite of this L. Baskin, offers the cheapest all smooth half section in Deaf Smith County. Ask him about it. 31-tf

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A. C. Elliott, wife and son, Davis, came in yesterday from their trip to the Seattle Exposition. And the present "supply" will be real glad to surrender the pleasure, the honor, profits and other emoluments belonging to the Brand's pen pusher. The editor reports a great time and a big country. We will try to get him to give us some items of interest that attracted his attention if we can overcome his native modesty.

J. D. Thompson is going to make some substantial improvements on some recently acquired property north of the Rutherford ranch, 16 miles from Hereford. His present intention is to erect a 7 or 8 room house with all the modern fixtures and to build a barn about 34 feet wide by 60 feet in length. This will certainly be a substantial country home and the Brand would be glad to hear of many more like it going up.

Attention Rebekahs.

The State President, Mrs. Genera B. Carson, requests that we celebrate the 58th anniversary of the Rebekah Lodge on September 20th at 8:30 p. m.

The following program will be given followed by a good social time and light refreshments.

PROGRAM.

Instrumental Music—Mrs. McNerney and Mr. Curtis.
Reading—Mrs. Tom Carter.
Solo—Miss Pattie Estes.
Instrumental Music—Mr. Wilson Smith.
Recitation—Lora Kibbe.
Solo—Mrs. McNerney.
Reading—Mrs. J. D. Jarrott.
Instrumental Music—Mrs. McNerney and Mr. Curtis.

September 20th is the regular lodge meeting, and every Rebekah is urged to be in the lodge room at 2:30 p. m. for special work.

By order of
MRS. A. H. ELLISTON,
Noble Grand.

Strayed.

One sorrell mare, blazed face, 5 years old; one yearling gray filly colt, from my place near San John, N. M. Please notify H. W. Moore, San John, N. M. or Kelley Gray, Hereford, Texas. 32-2tp

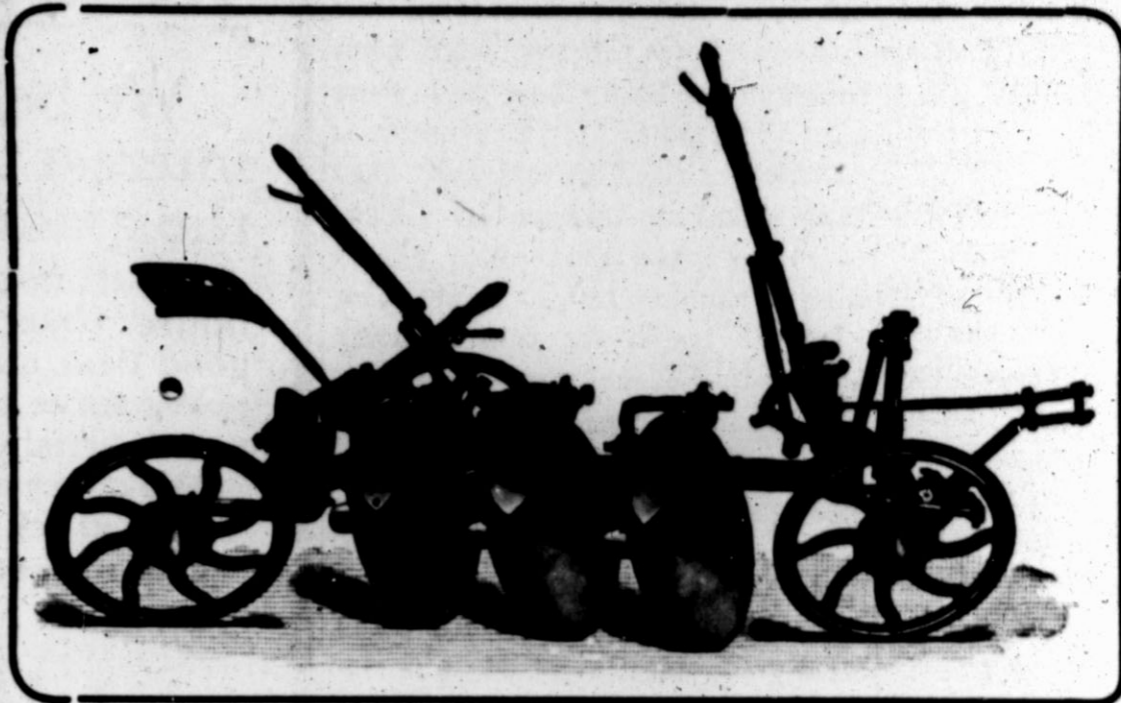
Wedding Announced.

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In conversation with Judge Gough this week he says that conditions are fine on his farm close to town for wheat sowing. He took a Missouri farmer out to the farm the other day and examined the condition of the soil and moisture and both decided that there was sufficient moisture in the soil now to generate the seed and keep it in good growing condi-

tion till March 1910, not counting any benefit from any rain or snow that may come during the Fall or winter. A great deal of ground was broken before the rain last week which wet the soil all over the county to the hard ground which makes a good seed bed for planting. Those who have to break their land now and then sow will lose a good part of the moisture before the soil is

properly prepared. They should take a lesson from the present condition and remember after this to follow the reaper with a discing so the breaking can go on even in dry weather.

Card Club.

On Tuesday the card club held their fall business meeting with Mrs. Russell. They decided to play Bridge instead of Five Hundred this winter.

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Any erroneous statement affecting the
character or reputation of any individual or
firm which may appear in The Brand, will
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the attention of the publishers.

The Brand will take this opportunity to council moderation in all street talks, in circulars and in personal reference during the discussion on the court house proposition. Hereford and Deaf Smith county are bigger than any bond issue for any purpose. Let us stick to the truth and not under any circumstances repeat a street rumor that reflects on any man's action or his character or the country unless we know absolutely that such is the truth. Even then such remarks would generally be better unsaid. Don't fall out with a man because he differs with you on this issue. He is the same man that a few days ago was your friend and has the same heart and mind, and has as much right to his opinion as you have to yours without being called a "stingy mossback" or "spendthrift profligate." Every man has a right to his own opinion and a right to express it so long as he will tell the truth, stay in a good humor, and not say anything that will injure his neighbor or his town and country and incidentally his own self respect. If you have any kick to make or argument to present, do it now before the vote comes off, in order that you may be in peace with your neighbor as soon as the issue is decided. Let us remember that often more hurt comes to a town from the discussion of a bond issue than from the taxes paid necessary to liquidate the bonds. With this in view, "lets simmer down", a little and stay in a good humor with both colleagues and opponents.

What's the matter with the Panhandle climate these days? Could you improve on it if you had all the elements under your controll?

Cook or Peary? What a pity such a great discovery should be marred, and the discoverers should lose their triumph while the green-eyed monster has his way. Why not say Schley, "There is glory enough for us all."

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Order by number and send your order accompanied by postal money order for the amount to The Pacific Monthly, Portland, Oregon.

BIG PICNIC AT DIMMITT

Many Hereford People Attend the Castro County Picnic and Report a Splendid Day.

Hereford was nearly depopulated Tuesday on account of the crowd that went to the picnic at Dimmitt. Those going reported a picnic of the old style, after the manner of our fathers. Some reported more good things to eat than they had been able to "come at" for many moons. 87 chickens fried for this one day. How is that for hard on Mr. Chicken roost? And pie! pie!! pie!!! till you couldn't rest and, said one, "I never rested for several hours after my fill of chicken and pie." The Brand's informant seemed to be so full of this staple and desert that he could tell of nothing else, but we are satisfied that the people of Dimmitt had other things in proportion.

The exhibits of garden truck and farm products, the Brand was informed, was enough to do justice to a good farming country anywhere and at any time. A fine crowd was in attendance and everybody had a good time.

Some of those present from Hereford whose names we were able to secure were: O. E. Thomas, A. H. Elliston, Byrl Elliston, Henry Wilson, Hollie Tucker, Judge Gough and wife, S. B. Holman and wife, D. C. Laird and wife, F. H. Britian and wife, Mrs. Maud Mauk, Mrs. Jim Roberson, W. O. Brien and wife, Mrs. Woods and daughter, Dow Mercer and Miss Wyche, Miss Tott Mercer, J. T. Jowell, Joe Carter and wife, Tom Carter and wife, Mrs. E. Carter, Lish Carter, J. L. Wilson, Gus Woodburn, B. H. Smith and wife, J. L. Fuqua, Grayson Bell and wife, W. R. Evans and wife, Judge Russell, the Band Boys and the ball team and divers others whose names the pie eater had forgotten.

P. S. We like to have forgotten to mention about the ball game between Hereford and Dimmitt and the score was so unfavorable to our boys that we believe we will let the matter remain a secret.

To The Ladies.

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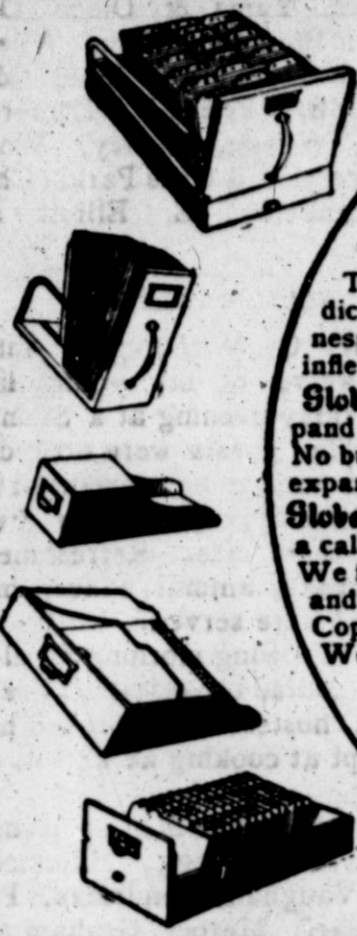
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J. G. Callens is at Mineral Wells recovering his health this week.

Keep your right eye on Baskin Heights. 1-tf

J. C. North has returned from a business trip to some of the Northern states.

W. A. Doolittle of Sabetha, Kansas was visiting in the city the past week.

All work done by Hereford Steam Laundry will be cash on delivery after October 1. 31-4t

Geo. Cloyd's family several of whom were sick of late are reported up again this week.

Just happened to get a small lot of fine Uvalde Honey. Jarrott & Wilkinson. It

See Van Orsdal Plumbing Co. for real Plumbing and heating. Residence phone 360. 25-tf

T. S. Barnett of Whitesboro, father of R. H. Barnett, is visiting with his son and family.

The Commissioners Court adjourned court Saturday afternoon after several days set to adjusting the tax rolls.

I will take a few boarders at my house one block north of public school building. 32-3t
Mrs. Hines.

R. E. Cook, Notary Public and Conveyancer, will go any place in town to take acknowledgements. 21-tf.

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J. A. Fox is using a crutch this week on account of a nail of a rusty tendency that pierced his foot a few days ago. He says it is better now.

J. B. Allen, who has a claim near Clovis was in our town last week. He brought a melon to the Western National Bank that weighed a fraction over 50 pounds. It was certainly a fine one and speaks well for a New Mexico farmer.

Dr. and Mrs. Estock returned on last week after an absence of five weeks from home. Mrs. Estock and little daughter visited relatives and friends at Monticello, Illinois, while the Doctor and his mother visited many important points in the great Northwest, including Salt Lake City, Denver and Seattle; and many other places in the Lake States, as Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Detroit, and Chicago. Dr. and Mrs. Estock are very enthusiastic over their trip.

Chris Kaetzel walked into the Brand office Saturday morning with a manly tread, and an important air and a long broad smile that indicated that he had a secret that was worth probing for. The father of the smile was a new boy that had made its arrival at his home the evening before.

In a meeting one day last week the School Board selected plans for the Hereford High School as submitted by I. P. Kauffman & Son of Amarillo. Mr. Kauffman is the man who planned the Dimmitt court house and the Tulia school building as well as many other splendid buildings in this part of the state. The Board will now advertise for bids for the construction of the building.

Mrs. A. P. Mullin, who lives at Midlothian, Texas, stopped on a return trip from a visit to California, and will spend a few weeks visiting relatives and friends at Hereford.

Five, ten, twenty and forty acre improved places edge of town for sale at reasonable prices. Address L. Baskin, Hereford, Tex. 31-tf

The next Lutheran service will be held on Sunday the 19th of October, at 2 p. m., at the College Chapel. All Lutherans are invited to attend.

I. H. Spratt, who is now with Hubbard & Barnett's Department Store, will be glad to see his friends whenever they want any thing in the Dry Goods line.

At my house 11 miles southeast of Hereford is a stray sow. Owner can get her by calling and describing same and paying for this ad. It
P. Bourell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Raley of Denton, Texas have been visiting in the city for some time. Mrs. Raley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moreman. They returned to their home Tuesday.

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Bank Statement.

Report of the Condition of the First National Bank at Hereford, in the State of Texas, at the close of business Sept. 1st, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$420,814.90
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	24,590.90
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,800.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	13,038.50
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	408.00
Due from approved reserve agents	15,157.81
Checks and other cash items	1,908.49
Notes of other National Banks	845.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	762.80
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$ 6,609.15
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00
	10,609.15
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$542,435.55

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	14,571.74
National Bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	92,238.78
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	2,590.99
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	3,472.64
Due to approved reserve agents	471.12
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Individual deposits subject to check	196,351.91
Time certificates of deposit	49,406.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,782.17
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	27,500.00
Total	\$542,435.55

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH } ss.
I, E. B. POSEY, Asst. Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. B. POSEY, Asst. Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Sept., 1909.
[SEAL] B. H. SMITH, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
J. L. FUQUA,
W. S. HIGGINS, } Directors.
L. GOUGH,

Bank Statement.

Report of the Condition of the Western National Bank at Hereford, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Sept. 1st, 1909:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$270,245.73
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	12,240.21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	7,226.25
Other real estate owned	6,260.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,620.22
Due from approved reserve agents	30,072.58
Checks and other cash items	438.82
Notes of other National Banks	180.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	84.65
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$11,312.30
Legal-tender notes	1,237.00
	12,549.30
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,200.00
TOTAL	\$393,117.76

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	60,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,510.59
National Bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	8,026.03
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	632.97
Individual deposits subject to check	119,069.69
Time certificates of deposit	61,132.43
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,746.05
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	40,000.00
TOTAL	\$393,117.76

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH } ss.
I, A. J. LIPSCOMB, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. J. LIPSCOMB, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Sept., 1909.
[SEAL] N. M. BARTLEY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
G. A. F. PARKER
HENRY WILKINSON } Directors.
J. L. SMITH.

Society

MISSSES WILSON ENTERTAIN

Last Thursday evening, September 9th, Misses Ruby and Ruth Wilson, entertained their friends in the beautiful Wilson home on Twenty-five Mile Avenue. The evening was especially given as a compliment to the young ladies and young men who were soon to leave for Baylor and T. C. U.

The invitations were unique and original, and the home decorations carried out the promise that the invitations implied, the rival college colors being impartially interwoven throughout the rooms, giving no hint of the fierce rivalry of days soon to come. An hour possibly, was spent in pleasant conversation interspersed with pleasing musical selections. Then came the contests, the first being an amusing little contest, made so by having to answer certain questions descriptive of yourself, the words beginning with the initials of the name. Second came the college course, four rooms representing the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior departments of college, and if honor came to you at the end of the journey you must answer correctly with written replies the questions pinned upon the walls of the four rooms. The contest was refreshing and full of spirit as the span of life it in a sense portrayed. Those receiving honors were: Misses Hammack, Arthur and Norton; Messrs Sanford, O. and E. Elliott.

The refreshments were ice cream and wafers. As entertainers the Misses Wilson are to be congratulated upon the marked success of the evening.

THE MISSSES DAY HONORED GUESTS Miss Ina Gregg entertained at "42" Saturday evening, Sept. 4, at her suburban home in Northeast Hereford in honor of Misses Yuma and Olena Day of Dalhart.

The porch and lawn were prettily lighted with Japanese lanterns and a part of the evening was devoted to amusements on the lawn. Misses Estes, Shirley and Gregg favored the guests with a number of musical selections. At a late hour refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served and the guests departed feeling indebted to Miss Ina for a most pleasant evening.

Those present were: Misses Shirley, Potter, Hunt, Arthur, Waterman, Yuma & Olena Day, Elliott, Ruby and Ruth Wilson, Moyers, Dameron and Estes. Messrs. Gough, Frizzell, Dameron, Ricketts, Wilson, Shirley, Woodburn, Forrest and Ottis Parks, Charleton, Stanberry, E. Elliott and Lomatt.

SLUMBER PARTY.

Mrs. W. C. Witherspoon entertained twelve of her young lady friends Friday evening at a Slumber Party. The guests were attired as little girls and the amusement of the evening were appropriate for "wee totts" of their size. Refreshments of stick candy, animal cakes, milk and apples were served.

On the following morning an elegant three course breakfast was served. The hostess thus proved herself adept at cooking as well as entertaining.

The guests were Misses Hannaford, Ratten, Gregg, Hammock, Warren, Vaughan, Hendricks, Potter, McGarr, Mercer, Graham and Mrs. Tucker.

MRS. LIPSCOMB'S PORCH PARTY.

Saturday morning from 9 to 11 Mrs. A. J. Lipscomb was at home to a number of friends in honor of Ingles Gyles and her friend Miss Olenfi Day of Dalhart. The vine embannned gallery of this beautiful little home furnished a pretty setting for the picture that was made when four tables of "42" were laid for the following guests.

Misses Ratten, Hannaford, Hammock, Graham, Warren, Gyles, Hendricks, Vaughan, Yuma and Olena Day. Mesdames W. C. Witherspoon and E. M. Haile.

After a number of interesting games the hostess served refreshments of grape ice and angel food cake. Mrs. Lipscomb as on many occasions proved herself a delightful hostess and the morning passed away pleasantly for her guests.

JUVENILE PARTIES.

Friday afternoon at their respective homes the following little folks entertained their friends at childrens parties, enjoying games, music, and things to eat.

Masters Lipscomb, Ernest Woodburn and little Miss Carrie Barker. These little social affairs are a pleasure to the parents and when they see how they gladden the hearts of the children they realize their efforts are not in vain.

Mrs. W. C. Witherspoon entertained at 12 o'clock dinner Monday Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Cardwell, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hough, and Mrs. B. S. Arnold.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowber in Hereford.

Dr. J. W. Lowber, of Austin, began a series of Lecture-Sermons in the Methodist Church last Sunday night, and he is having crowded houses. Already 152 persons have resolved to live higher social and spiritual lives. Dr. Lowber started this movement himself, which is strictly non-partisan, and he has thus far reached about seventeen thousand persons. Mrs. Lowber's pathetic readings are very effective in this work. Senator John W. Reagan thus speaks of Dr. Lowber: I go to hear him for two reasons; first I can hear him; second, I hear more things when I go. Dr. Lowber delivers his popular lecture tonight on "The Marriage Problem, or Who Should Marry." Mrs. Lowber will give a humorous reading on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Lowber will lecture on "The Bottle and Our Neighbor's Lips" and on Sunday night his subject will be, "The Gambling Mania of Modern Society."

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A LAME MULE GIVES THE IDEA And Brings Success to the "Bonanza Farmer of The West"

Twenty-five years ago, during the "dark days" of the west, when every crop failed and thousands of settlers were going "back east," a discouraged farmer in South Dakota looking over his ruined field for the last time before trekking back to Vermont, noticed that in the tracks made by his old lame mule, where the soil was packed by the weight of the animal, the wheat had grown strong and tall.

As a result of this observation, South Dakota is just now harvesting one of the largest wheat crops of any state in the union, is filled with prosperous farmers, while the one time discouraged farmer himself, H. W. Campbell, is owner of five big wheat farms, aggregating 3,000 acres, which produce an average of sixty bushels to the acre. He is known as the "Bonanza Farmer of the West." And all because a lame mule tramped across his wheat field one day.

The good stalks of the grain growing in the mule tracks, and surrounded by puny stalks, set Campbell to thinking. From it he evolved a new system of farming. His neighbors laughed at him and remained poor, while Campbell grew rich.

When he wanted new tools with which to farm according to his new ideas, the farm implement manufacturers hooted his theories. Campbell thereupon made his own tools and today these are being manufac-

tured in Russia, Hungary and half a dozen cities in this country.

He wanted to tell the western farmer what he had discovered. So he turned editor and has had the satisfaction of seeing his articles reproduced in a dozen different languages. One of these, an article on soil value was translated into Russian by Tschalkowsky, the Russian political writer, while he was a prisoner in the fortress of Peter and Paul at St. Petersburg.

E. H. Harriman, as he once passed through the great wheat country of the west, held out his hand to Campbell, who was in the railroad magnate's private car, and said:

"If the Union Pacific gave you \$1,000,000 every year, it could not pay you for the increased freight from your work."

Campbell now lives in Lincoln, Nebr., where he maintains a force of clerks to keep the accounts of his other interests. And just twenty years ago this summer he had nothing but an ox and an old lame mule.

STARTED DOWN AT THE BOTTOM.

When Campbell took up the homestead in Dakota territory in 1883 his all besides his family consisted of a few farming implements, a plow a wagon, and so on, a lame mule and a long horned ox. The ox and mule, yoked together, broke the sod and put in the crop of wheat. The rains came, the water fell on the loose, sandy soil, sank into the ground and ran off just as fast as it fell. As a result, when the long, hot days of the sunny summer arrived, the blades of wheat dried and died.

Other farmers had similar experiences. After several years they decided to leave the country, and wrote "back home" for funds with which to do so.

Campbell had been foreman in a machine shop in Vermont, and he had no one to whom he could appeal for assistance. He was desperate, and was preparing to leave the coun-

try, going nowhere in particular—just to get out of that country.

But he walked out to take one look at his burned fields, and he noticed small bunches of good wheat. His curiosity was aroused. He examined carefully and found that these bunches were growing in the tracks of his old mule.

"What did it?" he asked himself.

But he did not leave the farm. For days, however, he asked himself the question, "what did it?" and finally the answer came to him.

"It was the packing of the earth

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Boys' Clothing JUST ARRIVED

A Good School Suit for **\$5.00**

Two pair Knickerbocker Pants with each Coat—a better Suit for **\$6.00**

We give each boy buying a real nice Knife. Knee Pants galore.

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All sizes from \$1.50 to \$2.50

Our stock is complete and we want your trade. We will treat you right and give you something worth the money.

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When you want a good drive or an up-to-date rig call at our Barn. We have spent a great deal of time and money lately improving and enlarging our premises. We have one of the best barns in West Texas and can give you the best accommodations in any line of livery service. We guarantee courteous and fair treatment to all. We also have a Baggage Transfer in connection with our Livery business. Courteous treatment given. Phone 249.

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LARGEST and best collection of Choice and Fancy Fruit Trees, etc., grown on the planes. We have ripe fruit every day from May to October, and you can too. Our 18 years' experience has taught us what varieties are hardy and prolific. We want your trade.

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Long Leaf Yellow Pine Lumber

We are now receiving from one to two cars dally of Long Leaf Yellow Pine Lumber from Louisiana and extend to every one an invitation to call at our yard and look our stock over. It is the very best the market affords. We can fill your bill, large or small, and kindly ask that you give us a chance to figure on your bill. We are satisfying the most exacting. We handle the Celebrated B. P. S. Paints (Best Paint Sold) and Varnishes, Collers White Lead in any quantity. Our Nisoron Varnishes are guaranteed not to mar after being applied according to directions. Pay us a call and be convinced. We assure you that your business will be appreciated.

A. O. Thompson Lumber Co.

PACKED SOIL THE SECRET

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by the weight of the mule."

NATURE'S SECRET IS HIS.

The next year when Campbell sowed his wheat, he rolled it with a home-made roller for days and days. His neighbors laughed at him.

When the wheat sprouted every kernel came up, and so did that planted by his neighbors, who again laughed at the fool Vermont machinist who thinks he knows how to farm.

Then came the long, hot summer days, and the wheat in the neighbors fields dried up and burned with the heat.

But Campbell's didn't. His fields were green, and in the time of harvest it was found that he had raised the biggest crop that country ever saw, and the next year every farmer in that country packed his wheat ground down at the bottom of the furrow.

That was the start. Today Campbell owns and operates 1,000 acres in North Dakota, 640 acres in Midland county, Texas, 320 acres near Plainview, Texas, 320 acres at Holdredge, Nebr., 640 acres at Medicine Hat, Alberta, and a section in South Dakota.

When those farmers back in the old days were praying for rain," says Campbell, "I told them that the thing to do was to put a cistern under their ground and put a lid on it. The cistern was the natural



Millinery Opening!

We will have ready for inspection for the Ladies of Hereford and Vicinity on Friday and Saturday the

17th and 18th of September,

one of the most beautiful and pleasing showing of Hats it has ever been their opportunity to select from. All the best materials the big wholesalers in this line could furnish, wrought into the latest and most fashionable headwear. All materials selected under our personal supervision, and with the greatest care as to quality and fitness and at a reasonable price.

MISS PATTERSON, at J. A. Fox & Company's



moisture, the lid pressed ground at the top. 'Save the water you've got' I told them 'and quit praying for rain.'

FABULOUS RETURN FROM SEED.
"Here is one of my secrets. I sow only about twenty pounds of wheat to the acre while the experts are sowing a bushel and a half. When my wheat comes up it's the finest you can see anywhere—not a ripple on it. This year I estimated that I would raise about sixty bush-

els to the acre on my Nebraska farm. It thrashed out sixty seven bushels an acre. The state experimental farm, right across the road from my place, yielded about fifteen bushels per acre.

For every pound of grain I planted I reaped 404 pounds, a manifold of 202. The other fellow got a manifold of only 11. I've got as high as 200 heads of wheat from one grain.

"And it all came about because

my old mule walked across my wheat field twenty-five years ago."

—Star Telegram.

Farwell Banner Changes Hands.

The Texico Trumpet and Farwell Banner is under the same management now. Mr. Pittman, the editor of the Trumpet having bought out the Banner and now publishes the two papers, the one on Tuesday and the other on Friday as usual. The entire Trumpet plant was burned out last week and yet Mr. Pitt-

man never missed an issue of the paper. He deserves credit for his enterprise and spirit and we expect Farwell to have better news service than ever.

Lawn Party.

Mrs. A. J. Lipscomb entertained fifteen boys Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock for her sons, Will and James. They played three-step, house on hill, bull pen, dare base and other boyish games. At a late hour Mrs. Lipscomb assisted by Misses Gyles and Day served ice cream in red cones to please the children. The graphophone furnished the music.

Those present were: Gilbert Fox, Hugh Wilson, Clifford Acker, J. T. Guinn, Blake Cogdell, Sloan Baker, Frank Gyles, Jack and Jim Jones, Ryan Estes, Silas Williams, Robert Bowers, Chas. Tompkins, Cecil Rogers and Clyde Kibbe.

Kyger Higgins and Miss. Laura Terry made their appearance one evening last week before the residence of Rev. O. W. Dean and told the minister the beautiful story that they wished to embark on life's sea together. Being an experienced hand at the business he tied the knot in a double bow and the young couple went away happy and contented. The Brand extends congratulation and hopes that every evening in the future may be as bright and cherry.

For Sale.

1200 bushels of fine seed wheat. This wheat tested 63½ pounds per bushel and was pronounced by Mr. Fallwell at the Elevator to be the best he had seen this season.

32-1f A. W. GREGG.

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MORE LAND SOLD THAN EVER BEFORE



The Cheap Land is going fast, and everytime it changes hands it goes up. It has advanced from 25 to 50 per cent every year for the last five. Buy now and get the advantage of this continued advance. We handle land in any sized tracts. Make a specialty of large bodies. Write us at



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GOOD THINGS FOR BREAKFAST,

lunch, dinner, supper and between times are plenty in this market. In fact, there is nothing here which is not good.

You'll Like Our Groceries the first time you try them. You'll like them more as you continue to use them. You will like our prices too. The way to prove it is to come and see.

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MILLINERY OPENING

Saturday, Sept. 11th

My new stock of Fall and Winter Millinery has just arrived, and I am now ready to show a line of the most stylish and up-to-date hats that have ever been on display in Hereford. Ladies come and see for yourself. Third door north Presbyterian church.

MRS. UDO WHITTHAUER

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Write owner or call at my ranch, situated five miles east of Hereford, on the Tierra Blanco river.

Registered Hereford Cattle

Herd Headed by Strike Six, No. 156847. Assisted by Texas Tom, No. 204446. Will sell a quantity of young stock either singly or in car load Lots

Just Received a few boxes Star Typewriter Paper. Its the paper you have been wanting. STATIONERY DEPT., THE BRAND

Bank Statement.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the First State Bank and Trust Company at Hereford, State of Texas, at the Close of Business on the 1st day of Sept., 1909, published in the Hereford Brand, a newspaper printed and published at Hereford, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Sept., 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 139,723.06
Loans, real estate	48,328.97
Overdrafts	5,980.24
Bonds and Stocks	0.00
Real estate (banking house)	8,924.73
Other real estate	0.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,370.00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$16,953.17
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check	3,454.29
	20,407.46
Cash items	\$ 2,068.05
Currency	9,359.00
Specie	2,425.00
	13,852.05
Total	\$239,586.51

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus fund	0.00
Undivided profits, net	4,351.24
Due to banks and bankers subject to check	0.00
Individual deposits subject to check	111,411.00
Time certificates of deposits	13,824.27
Demand certificates of deposits	0.00
Cashier's checks	0.00
Bills payable and re-discounts	10,000.00
Other liabilities as follows:	0.00
Total	\$239,586.51

State of Texas, County of Deaf Smith. We, W. B. Beach as president, and Otho H. Vardeman as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. W. B. BEACH, President. OTHO H. VARDEMAN, Cashier. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of Sept., A. D. nineteen hundred and nine. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. W. C. WITHERSPOON, Notary Public. [SEAL.] CORRECT ATTEST: T. M. PALMER, W. S. HIGGINS, C. G. WITHERSPOON, Directors.

Ocheltree & Co. Exchange Lists. 160 acres 2 1/2 miles of Lake Arthur, N. M. on the irrigation ditch and in artesian belt value \$5,000. Will trade for real estate or merchandise of equal value.

11 room residence and frame store building valued at \$5,000 in Sunset, Tex., to trade for house and lot or stock of merchandise in the Panhandle.

110 acre improved farm 1 mi. from court house in Weatherford, Texas, valued at \$16,500 to trade for Panhandle land or stock of merchandise.

Telephone exchange with a number of toll lines in New Mex. town of 3,000 valued at \$25,000 paying good dividends to trade for land or good income city property.

One section in Terry county to trade for good city property. Ocheltree & Co. Room 5 Dunlap Bldg., Hereford, Tex. 29-tf.

J.M. Gililand Embalmer and Funeral Director with Arnold & Matthews, Furniture and Undertaking. Day phone 115, night phone 251 or 232. 3tf

Notice. The same regulations in regard to fishing and picnicking at Sulphur Park will be enforced as last year. All such parties must present permits before entering grounds. These regulations are made necessary for the protection of the property. 14-tf Irwin, Gough & Collins.

Public Notice. This is to certify that under no circumstances will I be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone in my employ, or for any debts contracted by anyone in my name. THIS DOES NOT include those contracted by my wife or myself. H. D. Rucker. 29-4t

Notice. If you won't let Buck Roberts sell your second-hand goods, sell them to him. He will pay the highest cash price. He always keeps second-hand goods for sale. 21-tf

THE BRAND'S SPECIAL CLASSIFIED ADS

Matter for this column and local ads any where in the paper will be inserted at rate of one cent a word or five cents a line for each insertion. Pay in advance unless you can be easily found on the street or in your office the first of the month.

LOST AND FOUND
LOST—A plain gold bracelet with the initials S. M. B. in Old English engraved on the face. Return to Mamie Begman or leave at this office. 31-2t

LOST—Ladies black voile dress skirt, in Fallwell's Feed Yard on Saturday September 11. Finder leave at this office for reward. J. Taggart 1tp

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—New 7-room house just completed. Modern improvements. Apply to C. W. Dodson. 31tf

FOR RENT—A Garage 25x100 at southeast corner of court house square. Owner will build a concrete building 50x130 for a good tenant. Inquire of Hereford Land Co. 32-2t

FOR RENT—Good 5 room house with 5 acres land, well and barn. Also 5 room house with 10 acres land, well and barn. 32-tf A. H. Elliston.

ROOMS AND BOARD
WANTED—2-rooms for light house-keeping. Write box 131, City. 31-2tp.

WANTED—Boarders and roomers at the J. T. Jewell house, two blocks west and two blocks north of City Meat Market. Mrs. L. C. Flanders. 31-tf

FOR RENT—Well Furnished Rooms close to the business part of town. Mrs. Russell Carroll. 31-2tp

WANTED—Several roomers to occupy good, cool rooms in the upstairs, close in and well furnished. Phone Mrs. W. G. Roberts. 29-tf

MISCELLANEOUS
Engraved calling cards are in perfect taste. See the elegant samples at the Brand tfB

FOR SALE Good set of single and double harness nearly new, see J. B. Elliston. 16-tf

FOR SALE—One new range stove, one new cabinet, one new dresser. 32-tf A. H. Elliston.

FOR SALE—Ticket booth at old Chirstain Church building, at a bargain, for information call at Star Theatre. 1tp

FOR SALE—One tripple disc plow, John Deer, the best made, one Hoosier drill, and other farming tools as good as new. Will sell cheap. See Robert Oden, 12 miles northwest of town. 31-tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Barber shop fixtures for sale or trade cheap. Three chairs and two baths. A. J. Lipscomb. 27-tf

WANTED—Art squares and carpets to clean on floors with automatic vacuum cleaner. It never fails to do the work. Call on, or phone David Alban, 266. 28-4t

FOR SALE—Good six room house, hall, pantry, bath room, complete system of waterworks, hot and cold water, two large bay windows, 3 porches, cellar, barn, other necessary outbuildings; fish pond, five large water tanks, capacity 150 barrels; numerous water hydrants in yard, garden and lots; large garden, feed lots, 6 acres young orchard and three acres of fine alfalfa and shade and fruit trees in yard. In all about 12 acres in southwest Hereford, near schools and churches. Rental value, \$35 per month. Price, \$5,750; terms, 1/3 cash, balance to suit purchaser. Might exchange for other desirable real estate of about equal value well located, in Deaf Smith or Castro Counties, Texas. John W. DeAtley, Hereford, Texas. 28-tf

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE
FOR SALE—320 acres close in, will be sold at a bargain. See L. Gough. 34-tf

FOR SALE—15 acres adjoining city limits. Will sell either 5 or 10 acres, or all together. A. Witherspoon. 23-tf

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE
FOR SALE 6-room house, well and wind-mill, fruit trees, large barn, chicken house, corral, lot 100x140 ft near public school. Terms to suit purchaser. See C. O. Lee. 7tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Large Haynes Automobile, 36 horse power, good repair. John W. DeAtley. 28-tf

FOR SALE—Two of the best residence lots in most desirable part of City, bearing fruit trees cover both lots, concrete walk in front. Ralph Barnett. 29-tf

FOR SALE—Cheapest place in Hereford, 2 lots across street from court house, east front, 3 room house on one, 2-room house on other, good well, only \$1,200. Call or see Mrs. W. G. Dent. Box 143. 1t

FOR SALE—A desirable business lot, 25 x 140, on main street adjoining City Hotel on north side. John W. DeAtley. 28-tf

FOR SALE—7-room house, East front, lot 100 by 140 feet, on South East corner of block, fenced, cement walk on two sides also leading to front of house, well and wind-mill, barn 22 by 36 with loft, only 4 blocks from Post Office. Price \$2000 Terms easy. C. O. Lee. 29-tf

FOR SALE or trade—My 6-room bungalow, barn, well, all fenced with plank, located on lot 10 block 36, Evans Addition to Hereford. Will sell or trade for vacant improved lots in Clovis. Some encumbrance against some. For particulars write me at Clovis, N. M. Would like to deal at once. D. C. Houk. 32-2t

FOR SALE—Four-acre block in south Hereford. Three-room house, barn with loft, chicken house, well and windmill, fruit trees and small fruit of different kinds, a bargain for cash. For particulars see C. O. Lee. 28-tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—665.4 acres of land nine miles South of Hereford, Texas; 160 acres in cultivation, four-room house, fenced and cross fenced. Will trade for unincumbered land in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois or Iowa. 2tf W. B. Park, Hereford, Tex.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—220-acre farm in Van Buren County, Iowa, all fenced hog-tight, good improvements, plenty of good water; good orchard of apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries. Will trade for land in vicinity of Hereford, Texas. For particulars, see or write C. O. Lee, Hereford, Texas. 24-tf

FOR SALE—Team of big work horses. Will trade for mule colts, calves, cows or any old thing. See Buck Roberts. (K. & S.) 28-tf

FOR SALE—10-room house, on corner lot 125 ft. front 140 ft. deep, cement walk on two sides, nice shade trees, well and wind mill, elevated tank, barn, coal house. All fenced with picket fence, only 3 1/2 blocks from the postoffice. For price and terms see C. O. Lee. 31-tf

LIVE STOCK FOR SALE
SECTION—Good section in Castro county, has 100 acres fine alfalfa land. The price is a bargain. 52-tf Gough & Russell.

FOR SALE—Two large work horses and harness also one well bred stallion; gentle driver, single or double. Will trade any or all for young stock. 32-tf A. H. Elliston.

ANSWER TO WITHERSPOON

F. L. Vanderburgh Says the Judge's Article to be Only a Tirade on Deaf Smith County and the Panhandle

Editor Brand:

Inasmuch as you have seen fit to publish Judge C. G. Witherspoon's tirade on Deaf Smith county in particular and the Texas Panhandle in general, under the guise of opposing the issuance of \$125,000 worth of 4 per cent bonds for the purpose of erecting a new court house of that value. I request that space be given me for the purpose of refuting his deceiving statements as to the county's condition, financially and otherwise, without attempting to make any further arguments as to why the bond proposition should carry, as that matter has been attended to by the committee selected by the progressive citizens of the county who met en masse at the court house on the night of September 8th.

The reading of the article signed by the professor (he was formerly a country school teacher) by an outsider, would at once confirm such reader in the belief that statements of "sour grapes" editors of eastern and northern newspapers concerning this section of the United States were not wholly false, especially when one of our honored citizens (having served the county as judge and county clerk, respectively) who has been a resident here a number of years, breaks into print with statements which, if true, would give the lie to the publications of every real estate dealer in the country (his own included). Notwithstanding the judge's statements as to the extreme poverty-stricken condition of our citizens, the fact remains that he has accumulated a considerable property since his residence in this county, despite the adverse conditions he would have us believe has existed since Deaf Smith county was discovered to the white race. If others have not succeeded as well, whose fault is it? The judge has proven in his own case that the opportunity for amassing wealth is here, as have hundreds of others.

He states that "figures don't lie, but may be the most deceptive thing in existence," and then quotes an \$18,000 bond issue of some 18 years ago, the money derived from which was expended for improvements at LaPlata, the then seat of government for Deaf Smith county. Of this transaction I will have nothing further to say, inasmuch as County Judge W. H. Russell has prepared a statement giving the details thereof, in which it will be seen that Judge Witherspoon's position in that matter is entirely untenable.

The judge's next deceptive statement is that the courthouse would cost the county in principal and interest the sum of \$225,000, assuming that the bonds would be retired in 20 years. This statement is deceptive for the simple reason the county would be deriving a larger rate of interest on the accrued sinking fund than the bonds were earning, or, if such a condition should arrive wherein the legal county depository would not pay a larger rate, the sinking fund would be applied to the retirement of the bonds, in which event the interest account would be lessened that much. Of course, were the sinking fund allow-

ed to remain idle until the 20 years had elapsed, the principal and interest would amount to, \$225,000, but the legislature of 1905 passed a law requiring the county officials to place all county funds on deposit with the highest bidder at the best rate of interest bid therefor. These funds are subject to withdrawal at any time by the county, and hence will not command as high a rate of interest on the daily balances, as a stipulated fund deposited for one year. In fact, the local Panhandle banks have been for years and are now paying 6 per cent interest on time deposits and any person who will place any amount on deposit with any Panhandle bank for six months or longer can get his 6 per cent. The sinking fund on these bonds which will be collected annually will be \$3,125. This sum can not under the law be used for any other purpose, and will remain on deposit from years end to years end and draw its 6 per cent. Each year the interest earned will be added to the sinking fund and draw interest the next year. Compound this if you please, and see how much there will be at the expiration of 20 years. This is the manner in which the state laws require the funds to be handled, and I have faith enough in the intelligence and integrity of our officers to believe that they will not openly violate the laws in this respect and thereby subject themselves to a prosecution for a felony and even without the hope of any personal gain.

The judge's next deceptive statement is that the present \$12,000 courthouse would have to "be torn down and thrown away." Is there a man in Deaf Smith County (the judge possibly excepted) who gives the present county administration credit for so little business ability as to believe that it will not sell the building to private parties for a sum something near its intrinsic value—not what it originally cost the county, but what it is really worth now?

The judge states that "we do not need any \$125,000 court house at this time," etc. It has been stated that government officials should conduct the government's business in the same economic manner that they would or should conduct their private business. Granting that this is true, why did not the professor continue to reside in the residence he occupied at the time the writer first came to Hereford, instead of erecting one of the most beautiful and expensive

residences in the city? It was "ample for his every need"—except in appearance and comfort to the occupants thereof. Deaf Smith County, Texas, was rated on the assessor's books in 1908 as being worth something over \$7,300,000. While he may be worth more or less, we will take it for granted that the judge is possessed of real and personal property to the value of \$100,000 (he pays taxes in this county on \$7,410). On this basis, Deaf Smith County is worth 73 times more in property values than is the judge, yet the judge, for appearance and comfort's sake, moved his more modest residence to give place to a dwelling conservatively estimated to have cost not less than \$10,000, while at the same time he strongly advises against the county's spending a fraction of that amount (compared to relative worth) for an edifice with the same purpose in view, i. e., appearance and comfort of the occupants thereof, to say nothing about the safety of the records; yet I do not censure him for his seeming extravagance in erecting such an expensive home—on the contrary, he is to be commended for this manifestation of public spiritedness.

The judge's comparison of Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit to the present situation enters not into the case and is wholly irrelevant.

The judge states that he is opposed to the new court house because our taxes "are already too high." As a matter of fact, Deaf Smith county's extremely low tax rate of 51 cents on the \$100 valuation is a subject of comment among all people investigating it—they being used to a rate from three to six times as high, which they pay willingly for the improvements they get as a result and the consequent increase to the value of their personal and real property—and the issuance of the \$125,000 bonds would increase our present tax rate the insignificant sum of eleven cents on the \$100 valuation, assuming that the valuations will be no greater in the future than they were in 1908—and who will believe with the judge that this county is in such a deplorable condition that property values will not continue to increase each year, instead of standing still or decreasing?

The judge states that the people are illy prepared to stand the increase of taxes that will be occasioned by the issuance of the court house bonds. It is true that crop

conditions this year have not been as favorable as has been the case in the preceding ten years that I have been familiar with the Panhandle, but would you have us believe that this year is to be the predecessor of several succeeding years of like crop conditions? Forbid the thought. If there is any particular section of the United States, or in the world, for that matter, where an occasional short crop is not recorded, I have not heard of it—and so for I have not heard any one claim that Deaf Smith county or the Panhandle is any exception. Besides, no increased taxes would have to be paid before January 31, 1911—after another full crop has been harvested.

As to the "deplorable condition" of the residents of the county to which you refer, I have seen nor heard of none who were living in "temporary homes ill suited for the rigors of winter," nor have I heard of any who were facing the loss of their homes because of the crop conditions, though it may be just possible that there may be some residents of New Mexico who went there with nothing and depended upon the Lord to make them a living without work.

Now, as to the rising of taxable values in this county, and, indeed, all over the state of Texas. The judge would have us believe that this increase in valuations is due to an arbitrary order of the present county administration, in order that the assessed valuation would this year permit of the necessary bond issue. Without going into the details as to the cause of this increased assessed valuation, surely the judge knows, as does nearly every school child, that the present state administration issued a mandatory order to the assessors and county commissioners throughout the state that the state law be strictly adhered to in the matter of full renditions. Taking advantage of the state constitution which gives county commissioners certain rights, this law was not rigidly adhered to, but the order did have the effect of raising valuations all over the state from 50 to 75 per cent. Instead of taking land as the basis of his illustration of this increase in valuations, the judge chooses to take a forlorn burro, an animal that is no more taxable than is a pet kitten. I will state that the time is still within the memory of man when land in this county was assessed at \$1.00 per acre. There may be those living who can truthfully assert that

they rendered land at that valuation in Iowa, but what would you think of Iowa were you to go there now and find land assessed at \$1.00 per acre. Yet the same land that was once assessed at that figure in Iowa will not produce any more blades of grass now than it would then, providing the same methods of cultivation were employed then as are now used. Stuff and nonsense! How many men would part with their cash for Deaf Smith County land, were values no greater than they were 15 or 18 years ago?

"The 'tax eater' wants more money; the tax payer has got to pay it and he may protest as he may. To use the classic language, 'The people be—, and the people are —.'" Of course, the "tax eater" referred to can be none other than the present county administration, yet I would be pleased to have the judge explain his position—as a member of the Hereford city council—as to Hereford city valuations. The city's assessed valuation in 1907 on the same property was the same as the county's, yet in 1908 the "city tax eater" (the present city administration, using the same term in comparison as did the judge) increased the city property valuation about a third more than did the "county tax eater." Where was the judge when the "city tax eater" got its gaff into the necks of the people? "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

It is just possible that the judge's zeal for the foreign land corporation which he represents is greater than for the welfare of his neighbors here at home, since at the time the progressive citizens of Hereford wished to relegate Hereford from its "wide-place-in-the-road" status into the list of growing cities by becoming incorporated, the judge was just as bitterly opposed to such a move—on the same old ground of taxation—as he is to the present move for progress. Yet Hereford is an incorporated city and we would like to examine the brain of the man who now deplores the fact that the town of Hereford has taken its place among the galaxy of growing Texas cities.

Notwithstanding the judge's pessimistic opinions, I, for one, have faith in the city of Hereford, the county of Deaf Smith, the state of Texas, and these United States, as well as the people who inhabit them.

F. L. VANDERBURGH.

Notice Stockmen.

From now on I will make headquarters at Stanek & Sherk's livery, feed and sale stable. Phone 249. I use a motor cycle for country calls. Dental work at any feed barn or yard in town. 30-1f

DR. F. E. BOWE, D. V. S.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF

The First National Bank

HEREFORD, TEXAS

At the close of business February 5th 1909.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Overdrafts	\$367,953.14	Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
U S Bonds and Premiums	51,800.00	Surplus and Profits (net)	61,563.87
Banking House and Fixtures	13,038.50	Circulation	50,000.00
Redemption Fund	2,500.00	DEPOSITS	369,828.09
Demand Loans	64,345.32		
Cash and Exchange	31,755.00		
	\$531,391.96		\$531,391.96

OFFICERS: { J. L. FUQUA, President. DIRECTORS: { L. GOUGH, J. L. FUQUA, C. W. DODSON,
C. W. DODSON, Cashier R. J. KIBBE, W. H. FUQUA, W. S. HIGGINS, J. T. JOWELL.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT. This Bank is well equipped to handle all business entrusted to its care and respectfully solicits your account.

LADIES' SKIRTS AND SUITS CLEANED AND PRESSED

THE SUITITORIUM