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OUR FARMERS WILL PLANT 500 ACRES IN COTTON THIS YEAR

FARMERS MEET

Cotton Principal Subject Discussed.

500 ACRES WILL

Be Planted in This Vicinity This Year.

MACARONI WHEAT

For This Section Also Discussed Large Number of Representative Farmers Present and Much Interest Manifested in the Propositions.

The last Saturday afternoon a large number of the farmers of Hereford and the surrounding counties met in a room in the office of Ricketts & Co. for the purpose of discussing the possibility of raising a certain variety of wheat, the kind of soil adapted to it, and other questions of interest to the farmer who is making this his home.

The house was called to order by W. H. Rayzor, who acted as chairman and able talks were made by men of years of experience in producing those crops which have not been thoroughly grown here, viz: cotton and wheat. Cotton was the first of these to receive consideration and it was the consensus of opinion that, with precaution in selecting the seed and proper cultivation, this staple would be a success.

The work of procuring seed was left to a committee composed of W. H. Rayzor, chairman; J. M. Sybert, and O. M. Daniel. The purpose of this committee is to investigate the seeds used in the cotton districts of Oklahoma and other sections whose seasons are similar to our own. It was thought best by those present to go as far north as possible for seed to plant. Since the cost of shipping would be considerable, a committee composed of Judge Gough, A. J. Lipscomb and D. R. Gass was asked to use its influence with railroads in securing free transportation for what seed the farmers would need this year. A third committee, composed of B. A. Keithley, G. A. Hughes and W. F. Stimson was appointed to confer with the business men of Hereford in soliciting their aid in procuring seed.

The cotton question was discussed at the convention and it was decided that if it proved sufficient for irrigation purposes the farmers here will spare no effort to raise it. It was also decided that we are not raising any and all the hope and faith, organized and change for and Cas-

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HEREFORD, TEXAS

cation from Hallam & Burrus of C. H. Carl Roswell, N. M., agents for the deep well pump, stating that they were ready and anxious to make a free test of our water supply, provided that if it proved sufficient for irrigation purposes the farmers here will spare no effort to raise it. It was also decided that we are not raising any and all the hope and faith, organized and change for and Cas-

IRA ATEN, Division Manager.

For Sale.

Fullblood White Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Eggs—13 for \$1.

J. A. STEGALL, Dimmitt, Texas.

Canterbury Has 'Em.

What? Why everything in the saddlery line. Call and inspect goods and get prices.

ing to plant 200 acres in cotton just south of town besides others who say they will plant some, but not caring to say how much.

When much of the afternoon had been taken up in the various lines of work the convention voted to go into permanent organization and the following committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws: Judge C. G. Witherspoon, chairman; W. B. Green, C. R. Jowell, H. H. Stanley and C. H. Carl.

The convention then adjourned to meet again at the court house at 1 o'clock, Saturday afternoon January the 23rd.

Among those present from out of town at the meeting Saturday were the following: O. M. Daniel, H. C. Gass, W. D. W.

Robinson, W. B. Green, C. S. Cardwell, W. B. Garvin, S. N. Garvin, E. D. Smith, W. P. Boyd, C. H. Carl, B. A. Keithley, A. M. Keithley, B. F. Stanley, J. H. Wilson, G. R. Jowell, J. S. Wyche, T. S. Watts, R. C. Bridges, H. H. Hawkins, W. S. Dixon, D. W. Hawkins, E. P. Whitsett, S. I. Lee, J. B. Storm, L. D. Burch, T. J. Sawyer, G. A. Hughes and S. J. Sanders.

ON EITHER SECTION.

Important Ruling of Attorney General Concerning the Purchase of School Lands.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 12.—Judge T. S. Ross, Chief Assistant Attorney General, today in response to questions asked of him by Hon. J. J. Terrell, State Land Commissioner, rendered an opinion to the effect that the school improvements which purchasers of state lands are required to make under the law may be placed in part on the home section of adjoining sections owned by purchasers, also that no account shall be taken of improvements that are made on land when the purchaser pays the \$300 of improvement money over and above the purchase price.

This opinion is of considerable importance to the people of the western part of the state. Under the law now in place upon the law

by the Attorney General of school lands.

They can place their first payments on any sections they wish and where they will prove to be useful.

Bryan's Return.

The People's Champion with a hearty welcome and a greeting by friends and party leaders of his party.

William J. Bryan's return from his European tour on last Saturday 9th, can probably be considered with the most importances in the city of Nevada for sometime past.

The White Steamer Celt met by a committee of pro-democrats, to whom Mr. Bryan pressed himself as being quite pleased with his experience in foreign lands and as having returned in splendid health.

He told of visiting ten of the monarchs and great emperors interviewed, but his talk was intended as he intends to write of his travels and experiences and to wish them to reach the public in full detail in his own writings.

When asked if he favored holding of the democratic national convention in New York, he was positive in his negative response. He thinks it would be better to hold the meeting in a more central location.

Dowie in Texas.

John Alexander Dowie, City's Elijah the III, has been leaving over our southern coast and said he intends to locate a new city and try his hand at Texas farming, but would not give out anything definite.

He will start from San Francisco on his Australian visit on January 25th, and probably more will be heard from him on his return.

Hereford Fuel Co. For best coal and

Panhandle News

J. J. Shaw, running a confectionery business at Amarillo, recently failed.

The city of Dalhart has voted money to grade and otherwise improve her streets.

The postoffice at Leger, Okla., was made a presidential office on January 1st, and the town's name is changed to Altus.

The farmers of Lubbock and surrounding counties will hold a convention January 23 to further the cotton interests in their section of the country.

W. C. Janes was a pleasant caller Monday and informed us that he had faith and hope of this being a cotton country, and would plant twenty acres in the fleecy staple. Hale Center Messenger.

J. A. Bradford is having 200 acres of his half section east of town broken up now with a disk plow. He is going to put in 150 acres of cotton and some other crops. W. W. McMicken will do the work for him. Hale County Herald.

Mr. Dent, who recently bought the Higdon place, has moved in and is now a full fledged ex-officio citizen. He and his family are well pleased with the plains and as a proof of Mr. Dent's faith in the country, he intends planting about forty acres in cotton this year. Hale Center Messenger.

It is reported that Major E. C. Gordon has succeeded in organizing a company at Nashville, Tenn., with a capital stock of \$500,000 whose purpose is to construct a road from some point on the Pecos Valley through the south plains country to Lubbock, and that the construction of the road is now assured, provided the citizens along the route have a bonus to offer.

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Well Bros

Two inches of snow was reported to have fallen in Amarillo Monday night.

The "Hub," a men's furnishing goods house in Amarillo, is closing out to quit business.

There will be a large acreage of cotton planted on the plains this year, as it has been demonstrated the past year (the hardest year on crops in the history of this country) that one can be pretty sure of one-half to three-fourths of a bale to the acre, and nothing to fear from the boll weevil. Hale County Herald.

The Panhandle Colonization Company which is just getting its business launched, already report some sales. Their business will extend over the Panhandle and will be through local agents and they will not publish sales, yet we learn from a member of the firm that three rice deals were closed this week, one at Clarendon, one at Hereford and one at Dalhart. Clarendon News.

The Evans-Baker wholesale dry goods company are selling out their stock of goods and closing up their books preparatory to quitting business in Amarillo. At a meeting of the stockholders of the company on Thursday its affairs were gone over and the business closed up. The continued ill health of the principal members of the firm has led to this step. Since opening up their house about six months ago, they have done a large business. We regret their decision to go out of business and hope that all the members of the company may not be entirely lost to Amarillo. Champion.

The Hall County Herald in referring to the school building just completed at Memphis says: The entire structure including furniture, well, out-buildings, window screening and extra work will be about \$8000 in round numbers, and competent judges who have examined the building pronounce it one of the finest if not the finest and most convenient school buildings in north-west Texas. As soon as a good photograph can be had of the building we desire to have a cut made of it for these columns, to show the older sections something of school progress and enterprise in the Panhandle.

A Story of Captain John Smith and Pocahontas. Upon hearing a story of Captain John Smith, which was read to the class, little Gladys Newman, a member of grade three, from memory produced the following:

Captain John Smith was an Englishman. He sailed over to Jamestown, Virginia. When they had been there a little while, Captain John Smith went out in the woods to see the country and try to get some food. While he was walking along, an arrow flew by, and he heard Indian voices. The woods were full of savages.

Captain John Smith could not get away from the Indians, then they took him to the Indian chief.

He was kept a prisoner for a long time. After he had been a prisoner a long time, the Indians decided to kill him. When they were ready to kill him, a little Indian girl named Pocahontas ran up to him, and they tried to pull her away, but she begged so hard for the white man's life that they let him go.

He then went back to Jamestown. He died when he was 52 years old.

GLADYS NEWMAN.

Announcement. I now have management of the C. E. Spath & Co., stock of undertaker goods. It is a nice, complete stock and I will appreciate the patronage of those who are unfortunate enough to need such goods.

WARD BRATTON.

ITEMS FROM BOOM.

Interesting Budget from Our Regular Correspondent.

Mrs. Stamps was on the sick list this last week.

Some of our farmers are busy plowing with their disc plows.

Miss Alice Mills of Oklahoma is still the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Roberson.

Our Sunday school is doing fine. From 50 to 75 are in regular attendance. How is that for a winter school?

The neighborhood has purchased an organ to be used by all of the different denominations and Sunday schools.

W. P. McMinn has been adding to and overhauling his residence which adds very much to its comfort and looks.

Brother C. W. Dunn of Hereford preached again for us last Sunday. We are sorry he can't fill a regular appointment.

We fear that the wheat that was sowed last fall and came up is mostly dead on account of the extreme dry weather.

W. A. Odell came in last Friday from his work in the interior of the XIT pasture, where he is doing some tanking for Mr. Aten.

Miss Stella Williams and mother from Childress, who have been visiting their aunt and sister, Mrs. N. A. Laughlin, took the train Sunday for Texico, where they expect to make their future home.

Three of the popular belles of Boom visited Prof. J. F. Edleman's school last week. No doubt the young ladies are very much interested in the welfare of the children, but it looks a little suspicious that they are taking the advantage of a leap year in looking after the interest of the young professor.

Improving the System.

E. J. White, proprietor and manager of the Roosevelt County Telephone Company, is making extensive improvements in the service. The holes are nearly all dug for the extension to Texico, and the material is ordered and will soon be here for the lines to Elida, Bethel, Floyd and other outlying villages. This will be of inestimable value to every one doing business in the county. Portales Herald.

Mr. White has many friends here who will join with THE BRAND in congratulating him on the success he is making with his New Mexico venture.

Notice.

By mutual consent the Hereford Mercantile Company, this day, January 1st, 1904, has dissolved partnership, J. M. Garner taking the groceries and moved them to the Norman & Mabry building where he will continue in the grocery business with J. W. Martin, G. A. Stambaugh and A. J. Lipscomb will take the dry goods and continue to do business at the old stand of the Hereford Mercantile Company. We thank our old customers and friends for the liberal patronage they have given us during the past and hope we may receive a large portion of your business in the future.

J. M. GARNER
A. J. LIPSCOMB
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We will be ready about December 10th to receive fat hogs—dressed or alive—for packing purposes, as we propose to have established in Hereford an up-to-date packing plant by that date. We will pay the highest market price for fat hogs and respectfully request that you bring your hogs to this point, for which cash will be paid. ROBT. HUMPHREY, Mgr.

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 I will locate you on a free homestead claim of 160 acres in Beaver county, Oklahoma, 11 miles of this place for \$10 or I will locate you on a shallow water claim convenient to coal and copper mines and timber for \$25.00. U. S. government fees \$16.00 additional. Sub irrigated alfalfa lands very cheap!

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CLEO COMMUNITY.

Doings in Castro County, as Reported by Our Correspondent.

This is lovely weather. One almost thinks spring is here again.

Most all the men in this part of the county are gentlemen of leisure at present. We should all be preparing our land for another crop, but it is too dry to plow and we have done about all the chores about the farm that we can do without money. We all see many things we could do to make our homes more beautiful and attractive, such as grove planting, as is advocated by you if you have the amount of money to spare. The farmers here are not raising any and all hope and have heard of the organized change for and Casome very possible

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bilities of successfully raising cotton, wheat and broom corn, all of which can easily be put in marketable form, thereby insuring the man at the plow some compensation for his year's labor. It seems, from what I could gather from talks made by different ones at the institute, that wheat and broom corn can and has been successfully grown here, while cotton seems to be almost an experiment, though there was a stalk of cotton on exhibition at the meeting that looked all right to me, and as I was raised on a cotton and corn farm in Brazos county and have raised cotton all my life I believe I know what it is when I see it. Of course I have seen finer stalks with a great deal more fruit on them than the one mentioned, yet I believe one acre with a good stand of such cotton as that one stalk will make at least one-third or probably one-half bale, which, even at a low price, will insure us sugar and coffee money. If we can make even one-fourth of a bale per acre here we will raise more cotton to the hand than any other place in Texas that I have ever been. Brother farmer, don't understand me to encourage or even advocate jumping into the cotton business too deep on the start. There is a great deal to be considered in procuring seed for this country. We should get seed from as far north as possible as it would be more adapted to our soil and climate than seed from the south or east. If we should get seed from either of the latter named places we would be likely to get the much dreaded boll weevil which Congress has appropriated \$250,000 for the investigation of and for the protection of the cotton. In conclusion on the cotton subject I will say that some cotton would be a great benefit to this plains country. First, if it can be grown here, which, from all accounts, it certainly can, it will insure us a money crop; second, it will enhance the value of our lands; third, it will give us employment for our boys, as my experience is, an idle boy is likely to get into mischief; and last but not least, if we only get \$40 per bale for our lint and have the seed to feed our poor cattle in the hardest part of winter and make only one-quarter of a bale per acre I consider it will pay to raise it. Nevertheless, brother, the most successful farmers in East Texas are the men who raise their own hogs and hominy, cows, mules, horses, chickens, vegetables, potatoes, peas, beans—in fact, everything they can raise for their own use, then plant what cotton they could easily cultivate and gather with their own force. W. S. D.

Windmill Repairing.

This is the time of the year when your windmill needs attention most. We have special facilities for keeping them in running order. Good plumbing will prevent freezing! If out of order call on Bell Bros. or ring up No. 24. 40tf

Notice.

Mrs. J. L. Underwood, who lives in the south part of town, requests us to announce that she is prepared to take washing and asks the public to give her a trial. 4t

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against hunting or otherwise trespassing on the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch. IRA ATEN, 37tf Division Manager.

For Sale.

Fullblood White Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Eggs—13 for \$1. J. A. STEGALL, 46-5 Dimmitt, Texas.

Canterbury Has 'Em.

What? Why everything in the saddlery line. Call and inspect goods and get prices.

FIRST INSTALLMENT

Of Northern Prospectors Arrived in Hereford Last Tuesday.

On Tuesday morning a car, consisting of thirteen prospectors from the North, was switched off at Hereford by Immigration Agent Talmadge.

The company was met by Wither-spoon & Gough, who represent Mr. Talmadge here, and shown the country around Hereford, but as the required number of contracts for land near Hereford had not been signed, the car was pulled down to Bovina in the afternoon, where six of the prospectors made purchases and will locate.

These men are well-to-do farmers of Illinois and could just as well have been settled near Hereford if a united effort on the part of all concerned had been put forth.

Mr. Talmadge was somewhat discouraged with his first attempt to bring settlers here and signified his intention of passing Hereford up in the future, should he fail to receive the support of the citizens.

Hard Wheat and Cotton.

Macaroni wheat is all right for the Panhandle country. It will stand the dry weather better than our common variety and will make as much pasture again as our common wheat. Besides that it yields one-fourth more to the acre. It makes very fine hog feed, it is the next best to corn. I raised this year 400 bushels of it. If we get rain in March will soy at least 50 bushels, as I tried sowing it last spring, it made as good as fall sowing. I call attention especially to the fact that this is the hard variety. I received a soft kind from the United States Department and it did well the first year, but this season it was a failure. We have it very dry here. The last rain had was last June; no wheat up yet; stock water very scarce and not much plowing done. There will be a great deal of cotton planted in this locality; there has not any been planted here for the last six years. A. J. Schulz, Iowa Park, Texas, in Farm and Ranch.

Colonizing the Panhandle.

A northern paper says: "Six or seven members of the Nitra Slovak Colony Association of Chicago, Ill., have started a colony at Story, Wheeler county, Texas, on the line of the Rock Island System."

"This colony will consist in the neighborhood of 100 families when all arrangements are completed and will be one of the largest colonies of its kind located in the Panhandle of Texas."

What the Panhandle of Texas needs is people and so long as the need exists, so long will the opportunity be opened to all comers. The Panhandle is prosperous and the growing value of the crops it produces to the best advantage, show a handsome profit for the farmer. —Clarendon Chronicle.

New Company Organized.

The Amarillo Savings and Loan Company has been chartered for \$25,000 with the following officers: R. L. Stringfellow, president; G. C. Landis, vice-president and J. L. Penry, secretary and business manager.

Fires Are Expensive.

Now is the time when you should guard against fires. A defective flue is dangerous. Let us examine yours and repair same if necessary. 40tf BELL BROS.

For Sale Cheap.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1904

GENERAL JOHN B. GORDON.

The blow that the South has received within the past fortnight in the death of her two last Confederate Lieutenant Generals has been great indeed; and for many years will the names, Longstreet and Gordon, be lovingly and reverently spoken, and the bravery, intelligence and goodness of both these noble characters be long remembered.

But it is for the death of General John B. Gordon that Texas and the South generally will sorrow most, as he was the better known and was looked upon as a model of gallantry, loyalty and nobility. As commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, he will be deeply lamented and greatly missed. Georgia, his native state and for whose progress he was ever working, cannot soon cease to deplore the loss of her admired statesman and soldier, ex-governor, and his admirers throughout our nation will sorrowfully regret the rather early death of one universally looked upon as Soldier, Statesman, Diplomat.

During his last hours it was seen how much he was disposed to meditate on his life as a soldier, as in his delirium he would speak, as if to his soldiers; and about an hour before death gained the mastery, he said in a faint whisper, "I hope Gen. Lee won't surrender. I can cut my way through the force in front." That he was a zealous soldier is also evinced by his having made the last charge with his command of 4000 troops at Appomattox, when he received news of the surrender of his chief. At the outbreak of the war, Gen. Gordon entered as Captain of volunteers called the "Raccoon Roughs," and was successively promoted Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Brigadier General and Acting Lieutenant General, commanding half of Lee's army at the close of the war. He afterwards settled in Atlanta, Ga., in which state he held many offices of honor, among them being that of Governor and United States Senator. He became well known in the lecture field and under his historic theme, "The Last Days of the Confederacy," he gave the story of the war a new color and corrected many false impressions that had served to keep at variance the North and South for a whole generation.

The death of Gen. John B. Gordon at his home near Miami, where he had gone to spend the winter, was announced on Friday. He was born, February 18, 1827, and died January 9, 1904. He was taken to Atlanta where

it was laid to rest amid the sorrows and griefs of a multitude of comrades and friends.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found an interesting letter from W. S. Dixon, our valued correspondent from Cleo community in Castro county. Mr. Dixon is a practical farmer, if not a scientific one, and was an interested representative of the Castro county tillers of the soil at the meeting of the farmers of that and Deaf Smith county held last Saturday at this place. A perusal of his deductions of the meeting will show that Mr. Dixon absorbed all the good part of the meeting without becoming over-enthusiastic. While advocating the experiment of planting cotton, he advises moderation—very good advice, we believe, as it strikes us that new and unproven crop ventures should be thoroughly tried before planting them extensively. But we are drifting from the subject we started in to "talk" about. Mr. Dixon seems to think that the expense of planting forest trees is too great to be borne by our farmers, when, as a matter of fact, the actual CASH expenditure is very slight. Take, for instance, the cost of the trees of the Black Locust and Russian Mulberry varieties necessary to plant one acre—1360, 680 of each variety. The former can be purchased at \$1.00 per thousand and the latter at \$2.00, thus making the cost less than \$3.00 per acre. By clubbing the orders, neighboring farmers can lay the trees down at Hereford at a much less figure than the above. Surely our farmers can afford an annual outlay of cash sufficient to plant one acre each year in forest trees. What most of us lack is the time to plant and care for the trees after they have arrived, but a perusal of Mr. Dixon's letter will disprove such a plea.

THE car of prospectors which was landed here this week under the auspices of Immigration Agent Talmadge and the corresponding success in locating six families begins to look like the tide is coming our way. This is only the result of the first effort and indicates what is in store for us in the way of settling the country, if the above named gentleman can be induced to bend his efforts in this direction. A country cannot settle itself. Before immigration can be encouraged, the resources of a country and the advantages derived from living there must be presented; this Mr. Talmadge is trying to do and is advertising this immediate section and necessarily put to an enormous expense in bringing these prospectors. The salvation of the country is in inducing substantial people to come and till the soil.

THE farmers of this vicinity are now, in our opinion, making a few strides along the right road. Soil that will produce one-half bale of cotton per acre ought to be planted in cotton. Reports from Hale and Lubbock counties are to the effect that the crop averaged one-half bale last year and the result is that an enormous crop will be planted there this year. We feel that those who have signified their intention of planting, in the aggregate, 500 acres will have no cause to regret it. If cotton is a successful crop in Hale county, it will be a successful crop here. Plant your cotton and in due time the gin will be forthcoming.

THE delightful weather which has prevailed in this section of the Panhandle this week is sufficient cause for one's being glad to live here. While Amarillo and other North Panhandle towns have been having their snows and blizzards, Hereford has been basking in the warm sunshine and fanned by the gentle zephyrs.

Jay Gould Once Said:
"TAKE CARE OF THE DIMES
THE DOLLARS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES."

This piece of advice coming from such a high authority should not be regarded lightly. It is just as true for today as for the time it was made. We offer every encouragement to those who wish to save.

The Hereford National Bank
Hereford, Texas

THE BRAND comes to you this week as a five-column folio, thus increasing the size of the paper by about one hundred inches. This change has been decided on for some time and required the additional expenditure of \$100 in new material, some of which had to be made especially for our requirements, which fact caused the unseemly delay in making the change. This increase in size was made necessary by the increase in advertising patronage, which was encroaching on our reading columns—and it has always been our policy to give all the news, regardless of the amount of advertising carried. We hope our readers will be pleased with the change in size and appearance.

In the war that now appears inevitable between Russia and Japan, we can but fear that the final outcome will prove disastrous to the latter. However, in combats that we have witnessed between the small fice and the great mastiff, it was seen that preponderance of bulk was not always a surety for victory, so perhaps there may be a chance for diminutive Japan. Whatever her fate, we count her plucky to even contemplate an encounter with giant Russia.

Church Notice.

There will be preaching at the school house next Sunday morning and night. Come and worship with us. ALEXANDER W. CRAWFORD.

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Hereford, Texas

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W. J. Walters, P. M.

P. V. & N. T. TIME TABLE

Pass. Train	Leaves
201, south-bound,	11:02 a. m.
202, north-bound,	4:02 p. m.

STAGE TO DIMMITT.

Lv. Hereford at 1:30 p. m. daily ex. Sunday
Ar. Dimmitt at 6:00 p. m.
Lv. Dimmitt at 7:30 a. m.
Ar. Hereford at 12:30 m.

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Lv. Hereford Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p. m.
Lv. Arney same days at 6:30 a. m.

SHORT LOCALS

News of Interest Boiled Down for Rapid Reading—Facts Concerning People You Know.

B. C. Roberson came in from Boom Wednesday.

For fine pigs at reasonable prices see Troy Womble. 50tf

Chas. Daughtry went to Canyon City Tuesday afternoon.

J. E. Nix was a business visitor from Castro county Monday.

J. O. Jackson was in Tuesday from his ranch in Castro county.

Lost—Brooch with garnet stones. Under please return to this office.

J. H. Holland was up from his Castro county ranch Tuesday on business.

J. G. Anderson came in Saturday from Comanche. I. T. on a prospecting trip.

W. R. Higgins was a pleasant caller this week and became a reader of THE BRAND.

Children, get your tablets, pencils, school books and all school supplies at J. P. Harding's drug store. 47

L. M. Williams, who has a ranch 17 miles northeast of town, was in Thursday and moved his subscription to THE BRAND up one year.

J. B. Green of Texico came in Tuesday afternoon.

Hawkes eye glasses—good and cheap at Burns & Smith. 46tf

Elisha Carter went to Canyon City Wednesday afternoon.

J. S. Wyche, county assessor, was in town Saturday on business.

Born—On December 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Stallings, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Callens visited in Amarillo several days this week.

J. S. McClure of Hart was up from his ranch on business Wednesday.

E. W. Conrad returned from a business trip to Portales, N. M., Saturday.

A. J. Thompson was a business visitor to the county capital from his ranch Monday.

W. S. Dixon, our popular correspondent from Cleo community, was in town Saturday.

Rev. H. B. McGee left Thursday afternoon for Fort Worth and other Central-Texas points.

Henry Bishop, district attorney for this district, was in town Wednesday on legal business.

W. W. Meeks, Troy Womble and get seed from and left Tuesday for a as it would be in New Mexico.

Randolph Clark went down to Claude Saturday afternoon to fill his regular appointment there Sunday.

Don A. Sweet, traffic manager of the Pecos Valley, was looking after the road's interest in Hereford Monday.

A. B. Austin and family, who had been visiting Harry McLain, returned Monday to their home at Portales, N. M.

The "Silver Shirt" from E. W. Harrison's cost but little more than others and the fast colors fully justify the higher price. 46

Miss Nettie Holland of Canyon City came down Wednesday to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holland of Dimmitt.

Rev. B. H. Bounds has moved into the office of T. J. Graves & Co. and these gentlemen will work together in the real estate business.

O. M. Daniel was an enthusiastic member of the farmers' meeting Saturday and headed the list by signifying his intention of planting six acres of cotton next year.

Judge C. F. Kerr has bought half interest in the mercantile store of Beach & Alexander at Dimmitt and the business will be run under the firm name of Beach & Kerr, Mr. Alexander retiring.

It has been demonstrated that deep plowing is more essential than irrigation for the successful raising of crops. The Moline disc plow solves the problem. See the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co. 37tf

J. G. Callens, late with Galbreath, Fox & Co., is opening up a confectionery, tobacco and cigar business in the J. A. Johnson's old stand, next door to Harding's drug store. Mr. Callens is an affable gentleman with splendid business qualifications and THE BRAND wishes him success in his new undertaking.

J. H. Norman and Evans Mabry, with their estimable families, left Thursday afternoon for Graham where they will live in the future. These gentlemen, during their business career here, have won the confidence of our entire people, whose sentiment we voice in wishing them prosperity and happiness wherever they go.

W. J. Killough was a caller from Hart Wednesday.

C. C. Ferguson went to Amarillo Tuesday afternoon.

W. W. Parker was in from Hart Wednesday on business.

A good, nice house for rent cheap. Call at once. Troy Womble. 46tf

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Alby visited in Amarillo a few days this week.

R. V. Cates of the Slayton ranch was in town on business Wednesday.

J. H. Warren was up from his ranch 10 miles south of town Tuesday on business.

J. W. Hough has the contract to build a new store house for Oylar & Watts at Bovina.

C. S. Cardwell of Castro county came up Saturday to attend the farmers' meeting.

F. H. Oberthier of Comanche came in Thursday and went out to his ranch in Castro county.

Dr. J. R. Temple of Memphis, father-in-law of C. T. Palmer, is visiting in Hereford this week.

Frank, Eugene and John Dyer returned Tuesday from several days visit with their parents at Plainview.

W. M. Smith, one of Castro's most progressive farmer-stockmen, was transacting business in Hereford Saturday.

R. R. Harris is erecting a residence on his ranch, 9 miles north of town, and making other substantial improvements.

W. A. Higgins, the pioneer ranchman living 10 miles north of town, was mingling with friends in Hereford Tuesday.

At the party given at Thos. R. Reagan's a few nights ago, some lady left a pair of kid gloves. Owner please call and get them.

Now is the time to order a new pair of Canterbury's hand-made boots—the kind that fit and wear well—or have your old ones repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Burrows of Canyon were in Hereford Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newman. Mr. Burrows is manager of the Canyon Lumber Company.

Rev. J. F. Elder, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at this place, but now at Hereford, arrived in the city Wednesday to look after his property interests. —Quanah Observer.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a 15-cent lunch at the house formerly occupied by J. W. Martin from 5 till 10 p. m. Tuesday, January 19th. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

We call the attention of our readers to the following new advs. found elsewhere, in this issue: Stambaugh & Lipscomb, Hereford Grocery Company, E. B. Black, W. F. Beck, Tucker & Jacobsen, The Famous and the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co.

B. W. Miller returned Wednesday from a trip through Hale and Floyd counties and informed a BRAND reporter that the cotton acreage in those counties would be very great this year. In making a comparison, Mr. Miller said that country, in his opinion, is no better than this.

E. Ashwonder and wife of Weatherford were in Hereford Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Webb. Mr. Ashwonder is a brother-in-law to Mr. Webb and has the management of the Kemp Grocery Co.'s business at Amarillo, where he went to take charge Monday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Garner & Martin

We wish to announce to the public that The Big Grocery Store, combines the former grocery stock of J. W. Martin, Hereford Mercantile Co. and Norman & Mabry, and is located in the corner brick building formerly occupied by Norman & Mabry.

The trade enjoyed by the three old firms was very flattering and was (we believe our customers will agree) merited by the courteous treatment, prompt service, highclass goods and low prices made to all.

In this consolidation we have materially reduced operating expenses, and we expect to extend and increase our business by giving our customers the benefit of this reduction.

Everyone wants fresh wholesome catables. The new firm will have over 1000 cases of fresh canned, glass and jar goods including practically everything in this line.

In flour we can quote you lowest figures on four of the best High Patent, Soft and Hard Wheat Brands.

We especially solicit the ranch business of this part of the Panhandle and are fully prepared with guaranteed goods and low prices to secure your business if you will figure with us. Commence the New Year right. We will expect prompt settlement the first of each month at our office, as we cannot afford to keep a collector on the streets. We can make no exceptions to this except to our country customers with many of whom it will be inconvenient to get around on the first of the month.

Respectfully,

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The Samson Windmill has gained a popularity that places it in the lead. This is due to its strength of construction, and self-governing qualities. In implements, we make it a point to handle the makes best adapted to the soil in this country. Our efforts in this line have met with much success, especially with our Hancock Rotary Disc Plow. Our trade on this plow for the past year has been an unparalleled success in this Disc Plow trade of Hereford. If you contemplate buying a Disc Plow, don't fail to learn the merits of the Hancock before you purchase. We have just received a car of Pipe and Casing and will be glad to figure with you on any size well outfit.

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E. W. Harrison

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THE BRAND

A Sad Accident.

The 9-months' old baby of J. D. ... fell against a hot stove ... caused congestion of the brain from which death resulted. Tuesday night about 2 o'clock. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of THE BRAND.

For Sale, Lease or Trade. 3-sections of improved land near Hereford. For price address Lock Box 193, Pilot Point, Texas.

Thrashing the Cotton Out of Unopened Bolls a Success.

The following article from Crowley, will be of interest to the farmers in this vicinity:

The gin here has attached to it a thrashing machine that threshes the cotton out of the bolls that have not opened. The farmers are gathering all the bolls on the stalks that will not open and the gin here is doing the rest. The result is town has shipped seven times as much cotton as it did last year, and it is still coming in at a rapid rate.

This new arrangement is making thousands of dollars for farmers and cotton is coming in here from all the surrounding towns.

Elect Officers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western National Bank of Hereford, held on Tuesday last, the following officers and directors were duly elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, G. A. F. Parker; vice-president, J. P. Connell; cashier, F. B. Fuller; assistant cashier, Ross W. Davis; directors, Jno. P. Slaton, J. P. Connell, W. S. Higgins, L. R. Bradley, Ross W. Davis, F. B. Fuller and G. A. F. Parker.

A Financial Success.

The supper given last night by the Ladies Aid Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church was pre-eminently a success, and the ladies were well pleased with the result, the total proceeds amounting to about \$30. The returns would have been far greater but oysters could not be procured to supply the demand.

Thanks.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church desire, in this public way, to thank Mr. Weaver for the use of his house, the Hereford Cornet Band for music, Mr. Black for chairs, Mr. Newman for lumber, and everybody for their kindness and patronage last evening.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

All persons indebted to E. W. Dyer & Sons will please call at once and settle, either by cash or note. 43

The XIT Cattle are Winners.

There's been much talk of the JA's as winners at the recent Chicago Stock Show. But the following letter from Mr. Rogers, a large feeder of XIT's of Madison Mills, Wis., shows that the XIT cattle were not only first in 2-year class, but first in price with killers all round. Mr. Rogers, in his letter to Mr. Findlay, a copy of which was shown us by Col. A. G. Boyce, says:

"I was first in the 2-year old class, and first in load of any age of your breeding, also 3d for the southwest district, as I had an exceptionally strong field from this district, but my load sold at auction at \$6.15, 1st prize winners of JA's at \$5.85, and 2d prize winners of Matadors at \$6.10, so from this standpoint I was first with killers. I am well pleased with the gain these steers put on in feeding them for Chicago, as they were selected from a lot of 43 head on grass alone August 12, cut out 16 head, average weight 1134, and averaged November 24, 1540 lbs., making an average gain of 4 pounds per day. The finish is not usually put on at half this rate, so I had your cattle extra good handlers. My winnings of Farwell prizes would be \$200. I trust you are well pleased with the XIT showing and that it may do you some good."—Channing Courier.

Bank Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hereford National Bank held Tuesday, January 12, the following officers and directors were elected: President, Jao. E. Ferguson; cashier, C. W. Dodson; directors, L. Gough, R. J. Kibbe, W. S. Higgins, Jno. E. Ferguson and C. W. Dodson.

On account of Ira Aten having sold his capital stock in the bank, thus necessitating his resignation as a director, W. A. Higgins was elected in his stead.

Died from an Attack of Pneumonia.

We regret to announce the death on Monday of Bryan, the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ivy, who live on the North Draw, notice of whose illness was given in last week's BRAND. The funeral was held Tuesday at the home of the deceased. We extend sympathy to the heart-rendered parents in this, their hour of sorrow.

To the Poll Tax Payers of Deaf Smith County.

Under the provisions of the Terrill election law, you must either call in person or have your agent to do so to pay your poll tax, giving age, occupation and time of residence in the state and county. Those wishing to pay poll tax through agent should send to this office at once for application blanks. 45-4t J. T. INMON, Tax Collector.

Appearances Deceive.

Some hard looking land near Quanah does not look like an enviable possession. Still some of it, unimproved, is selling for over \$20,000 a section, which is a great deal more than any of our farming land ever did.

Whenever gypsum underlays the land, the owner has something better than a gold mine.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

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HEREFORD

TEXAS

A Letter From Graham.

Graham, Texas, Jan. 6, 1904. Editors of THE BRAND, Hereford, Texas.

Dear Sirs: Please change the address of your esteemed paper from Dr. L. LeGrand to Mrs. L. LeGrand.

Your paper is a welcome visitor in my home, especially so, now that so many of my family have moved to Hereford.

Wishing you much success in the year 1904, I am sincerely yours, MRS. L. LEGRAND.

A Big Cattle Deal.

The firm of Murchison & Thompson recently bought 218 yearling steers from H. L. Goats of this county at \$18.50 per head and shipped to Peabody, Kansas, where they sold them to Davis & Slocum at \$3.60 per cwt.

Trespass Notice.

I will prosecute any person or persons guilty of hunting on my ranch in Castro county. S. S. EVANTS. 47-5t

New Grocery Store.

C. S. Richards and C. E. Edwards have bought the grocery business of D. R. Gass & Sons and will continue the business in the front of the building that has been used for groceries and hardware.

These gentlemen have both had considerable business experience and we predict for them a share of the public's business.

Notice!

The following will be sold at public auction on the streets of Hereford, Saturday, January 23:

- 1 Home Comfort steel range stove, cost \$84.
- 1 heating stove, good as new, cost \$12!
- 1 folding bed, almost as good as new, cost \$40.

A. J. LIPSCOMB.

For Rent. A nice room cottage close in for \$10 per month. This property can be bought cheap on terms to suit purchaser. DR. R. H. GOUGH. 47-1t

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G. F. LeGRAND, M. D.
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 Residence phone No. 136

Dr. Lyman B. Raschbaum, the Amarillo ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Hereford Dental Parlors on the 1st of each month, where he will be pleased to attend to the needs of the citizens of Hereford and vicinity in his line. Dr. Raschbaum is also a scientific adjuster of eye glasses.

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SHORT LOCALS

News of Interest Boiled Down for Rapid Reading—Facts Concerning People You Know.

Lined gloves at E. W. Harrison's.

J. M. Atcheson was in from his ranch Monday on business.

J. T. Inmon went up to Amarillo Saturday on official business.

W. B. Parmer represented Dawn at the county capital Saturday.

Right up to now—Canterbury's line of harness, saddles and sundries.

J. C. Mauk returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit to Lamb county.

Hereford Fuel Oil Co., for the genuine McAlister coal. Phone 76. 50-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Halsell of near Bovina were in Hereford Monday.

J. R. Camp, a prominent ranchman of Bovina, was in town over Sunday.

You can do without a hat from E. W. Harrison's, but you won't look so well. 46

J. N. Rutherford, one of this county's progressive ranchmen, was in town Saturday after lumber.

Lost—Lady's gold watch with L. J. engraved on case. Finder return to this office and receive reward. 45

Dou wear "Topsys"? 46

A few fine pigs cheap. Troy Womble. 50-1f

Rev. C. W. Dunn was in town Tuesday on business.

You will find everything fresh and neat at the City Bakery. 39-1f

W. R. Evants went to Amarillo Saturday, returning Sunday.

One good work horse for sale. See Hereford Mercantile Co. 43

J. D. Thompson was in town Monday from his ranch, north of town.

Fresh line of fine candies just received at J. P. Harding's drug store. 38-1f

R. C. Phansteel was among those from the country seen on our streets Monday.

G. H. Wicker returned Friday of last week from a business trip to Fort Worth.

When you want something good to eat go to the City Bakery, Geo. W. Bards, Proprietor. 50-1f

Miss Grace Hamford of the Green Valley Ranch was shopping in Hereford Monday.

C. O. Sanders was in from his ranch, ten miles southwest from town, Saturday on business.

J. B. Roberson represented Boom at Hereford Tuesday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

H. H. Stanley was in from his Castro county ranch Saturday and attended the farmers' institute.

A. J. Hughes, one of the substantial ranchmen of this county, was a business visitor to the city Saturday.

Parties having property for sale will subserve their own interests by listing with us. B. H. Bounds & Sons. 46-1f

R. Keesee came in Monday and took out lumber, with which to make substantial improvements on his ranch.

Witherspoon & Gough write farm property in the Aetna of Hartford and Hartford Fire Insurance Companies. 43

J. R. McFarling was in from his ranch west of town Tuesday and purchased material for a new well on his place.

Pianos, organs, sheet-music. Everything in the music line. Thos. Goggan & Bro., Galveston, Dallas, San Antonio. 10-1f

Rev. C. L. Cartwright went up to Amarillo Monday to attend the funeral services of his grandmother, Mrs. L. H. Stephens.

An inspection will convince you of the merits of the "Geisecke" shoe, and a trial will make you a regular customer. E. W. Harrison. 46

Mrs. J. T. Stallings, who for the past two weeks has been the guest of her son, D. C. Stallings, returned Saturday to her home at Tulia.

Miss Ella McCandee, who has been visiting her relatives, Rev. and Mrs. Monroe, returned to her home at Running Water Monday, afternoon.

If you want your sod land plowed deep investigate the merits of the Moline disc plow, for sale by the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co. 37

J. R. T. Bassett, one of the substantial young ranchmen of the North Draw, was in town Monday and paid this office an appreciated visit.

Have you a 'phone at your residence? If not, see W. C. Ross, manager of the local system. It will save you time; it will save you steps; it will not only save, but make you money. 33-1f

Wall Paper—E. B. Black. 44

Try some of the home-made candy at City Bakery. 36-1f

N. E. Hord of the North Draw came in on business Monday.

J. O. Lindsey was up from Castro county Monday after supplies.

Walter Brown of Gainesville was in Hereford on business Tuesday.

Witherspoon & Gough represent nine old-line fire insurance companies. 43

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Heath went down to Artesia, N. M., Monday on business.

W. H. Hines came in from his ranch Monday and took out a load of supplies.

J. E. Rhodes, living 10 miles northeast of town, came in for supplies Monday.

W. B. Green was in from Castro county Saturday and took in the farmers' meeting.

J. O. Jones, of the Jones Bros. ranch near Bovina, was a business visitor to Hereford Monday.

J. P. Collier, one of Oldham county's prominent ranchmen, was in Hereford Saturday after supplies.

S. J. Sanders was in from his Castro county ranch Saturday and ordered THE BRAND sent to his address.

S. Lovelace left Monday for Plainview and other south plains points to spend a few days with old time friends.

Call and see my line of saddles, harness, quirts, bits, spurs—in fact, anything in my line. Prices will be made to suit your pocketbook. J. A. Canterbury.

Mrs. L. H. Stephens, mother of Congressman John H. Stephens and grandmother of Rev. C. L. Cartwright, died at her home in Amarillo Sunday night.

E. J. Witt, of the Amarillo firm of Taylor & Witt, general agents for the Provident Savings Life Insurance Company, was among the business callers in Hereford Tuesday.

W. P. Boyd of Castro county was in attendance at the farmers' meeting Saturday and manifested his confidence in this country by obligating himself to plant ten acres of cotton this spring.

If you have any land to break you should see the Moline disc plow at Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co's. These are the plows which are being used by Walter Fewell, with traction engine. 47

A general welcome was extended to Miss Maude Miller of Hereford, when she arrived for her holiday stay with her relatives here. Miss Miller is a young lady who finds work to do wherever she goes and is always a welcome guest.—Claude News.

G. W. Syms and wife returned Tuesday from an extended visit with Mrs. Syms' parents at Salisbury, Mo. Mr. Syms came back very much displeased with climatic and other conditions in Missouri, and says the Panhandle is good enough for him at present.

Miss Lena Fore returned to Hereford Monday morning where she will attend her school days for a five term. Miss Lena is one of the brightest of the Add-Ran College pupils and we learn the highest in her classes of any attending. This is not a bad advertisement or endorsement for Memphis public school and Miss Lena will carry her part with credit and honor to the town.—Hall County Herald.

Directors Report To Stockholders

Hereford, Texas, December 31, 1903.
 A meeting of the Board of Directors was held this day in the banking room of The Western National Bank.

After a careful examination of each and every loan held by the bank, and a general discussion of the bank's affairs, the following report to the stockholders was adopted:

We, The Board of Directors of The Western National Bank of Hereford, beg to report to the stockholders that for the six months' business since the organization of the bank we have made a net profit of \$3366.99 upon our capital of \$50,000.00, being at the rate of 13 1/2 per cent per annum.

We have made no bad loans.

We have had no law suits.

We have never forced any customer to sacrifice his property to pay us.

We have never rediscounted any of our paper.

We owe no bank anything.

Never having used our credit, we have this in reserve to assist our customers, should such assistance become necessary.

Our policy of making small loans, has made us the POOR MAN'S BANK, and we have always been able to make such loans though we have often been forced to refuse large loans.

It is believed with the business now established, a much better showing can be made six months hence.

As our money can be well used in our business, we have thought best to declare no dividend at this time.

We have passed five hundred dollars to the surplus fund.

We have elected Ross W. Davis, assistant cashier.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. SLATON,
 J. P. CONNELL,
 W. S. HIGGINS,
 L. R. BRADLY,
 ROSS W. DAVIS,
 F. B. FULLER,
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ANOTHER VIEW

California Does Not Appeal to This Texan.

HE IS COMING BACK

T. E. Yarbrough of Hereford Writes An Interesting Letter to B. B. Coston Concerning California—A White Man or a Dog or Negro.

Daggette, Cal., Dec. 31, '03.
Mr. B. B. Coston,
Hereford, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend—As I promised to write to you I will try and do so. Well, Mr. Coston, I can assure you that California is not the country it is said to be. If you want to lose all you have got, come to California, but if you want to keep what you have, stay in Texas; if you want good society, stay in Texas; if you want to be a white man, stay in Texas, but if you want to be a dog or a "nigger", come to California. A working man in California is not thought much of. I am coming back soon—expect to be in Hereford by February 1st, and I will never cross the "great desert" again. When I get back I will give you more details of my impressions of this country—something I cannot well do in a letter—and I am sure you would not like it here any better than I do.

I don't know where Mr. Orr is, but I would guess that he is on his way back to Texas.

I have seen more of California than anyone who hasn't been here longer than I have and will, upon my return tell you the good and the

Good luck to all of the folks in Hereford. Yours truly,

T. E. YARBROUGH.

A Big Land Deal.

Fallwell & Sons have sold their 8-section ranch in Castro and Parmer counties to Higgins & Rice, taking in exchange the grain and coal business of Higgins & Rice and other realty as part payment. Terms of the transaction private. The deal was consummated by the real estate firm of Ricketts & Rayzor.

For Sale Cheap.

Thirty acres of land one mile east of Hereford all fenced with four wire fence. Fifteen acres of this tract is a nice sub-irrigated valley. This is a bargain for some one who wants a small alfalfa farm near the city. For price see T. J. Graves & Co.

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This land is all fenced and has numerous wells and windmills, and other similar improvements which make it the best in the Panhandle. Improvements on land purchased will be sold to the purchaser at the actual cost to the Company.

Nearly 2,000,000 acres of this great ranch has been sold and it will be only a few months until the stock farmer of one or two sections

will have the one million acres left in beautiful homes and farms.

It has been demonstrated that the small stock farmer can make more money compared to his investment, than can the large ranch owner, and the splitting up of this large ranch (until recently the largest ranch in the world) will be a great boon to this class of farmers.

The Pecos Valley railroad (a branch of the Santa Fe System), the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroads are now intersecting this great ranch and the Choctaw road is now building from Amarillo to Tucuman, N. M., and will traverse the entire Deaf

Smith county portion of the ranch. It is also expected that the Santa Fe branch, running to Albuquerque, N. M., will be built from Bovina in the near future.

This land, being situated in the western part of the Panhandle, lies close to the mountains of New Mexico and therefore is more susceptible to good rains than is land farther east.

This section of the Panhandle is noted for its mildness and even temperature both in winter's cold and summer's heat—and has the right altitude for an invigorating and dry atmosphere. The nights are always cool, insuring sound and refreshing sleep.

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WINBERRY—NORTON.

Pretty Home Wedding at Quanah—Bride Well Known Here.

There have been a great many pretty weddings in town the last dozen years, but we do not think a better appearing home affair ever occurred in town than the one that took place in Ingleside last night.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron J. Norton was in the full glare of electric lights and the house was decorated in a most tasteful manner. The visitors were ushered in by Master Edgar Norton and received by Mesdames S. J. Osborne, J. D. Carroll, Fred Rips and Mollie Smith.

The library and parlor were garlanded in cedar and mistletoe. Promptly at 8:30 o'clock Miss Pet McCullough's sweet soprano was raised in "The Thought of You," accompanied by Miss Holt, who followed the song by Mendelssohn's wedding march, when the groom and bride entered and paused in the folding doors. Here they were met by Elder Swinney of Weatherford, before whom they kneeled, and who pronounced them man and wife in a most impressive manner. Miss Iva Norton, always a lovely young lady, never looked more strikingly beautiful than when, taking the name of the man of her choice. She was dressed in white crepe, with duchess lace, and holding in her hands and exquisite bouquet of bridal roses, maiden-hair fern and asparagus permoso, a gift of the groom.

The groom, Mr. Milton Winberry, was dressed in conventional black. Raised in Quanah, he is a prominent young business man of Pauls Valley, and of sterling worth. They will remain here a few days longer and go home about the fifth.

After congratulations had been extended, as many of the wedding guests as could be accommodated at one time, were conducted to the dining room, which was decorated in honeysuckle and smilax. A delicious lunch was offered consisting of turkey salad on lettuce leaf, stuffed olives and wafers. The second course was cherry cream, fruit and other cake. Mesdames Frank Steward and B. H. Smith and Miss Belle Carroll kept a careful eye upon the wants of the diners.

Leaving the dining room for the library, the guests halted in a corner where pretty little Miss Vera

Howell presided over the punch bowl, and handed to each a slice of the wedding cake. The latter was enclosed in exquisite little boxes in the monogram W N in gold stamped upon it.

In the library Mr. S. D. McDonald was presiding over the register, while around him were scores of wedding presents, which ranged from the daintiest of silver and chinaware to useful pieces of furniture, and attested amply to the young couple's popularity.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

The bride was formerly a student of Add-Ran College and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Norton of this place and has a large number of admiring friends who will join with THE BRAND in extending congratulations.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas. In the matter of Will H. Stone, bankrupt. No. 319 in bankruptcy.

Office of Referee, Fort Worth, Texas, January 7th, 1904.

To the Creditors of Will H. Stone, of Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given, that on the 28th day of September, A. D. 1903, said Will H. Stone, was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office, in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.

G. R. MEADE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

PENRY & WOMACK,
Attorneys for Bankrupt.

Notice.

This is to notify all whom it may concern that the firm of Lovelace & Black composed of S. Lovelace & E. B. Black, furniture dealers, on this day been dissolved by mutual consent, S. Lovelace retiring and E. B. Black continuing the business. The said E. B. Black assumes all indebtedness due by said firm, and all notes and accounts due said firm are payable to him.

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