

The Hereford Brand

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No. 30

Buick Automobiles

ALWAYS WIN!

NOT ONLY in every Speed Contest, but in every endurance run in which they enter. The 400 mile Cobe Trophy Race for Stock Cars on June 19th Louis Chevrolet, driving a 30 horse power \$1750 Stock Buick won. The Buick was the lowest powered and lowest priced car in the race. This same car defeated two Locomobiles, two Appersons, two Stoddard-Daytons, two Knoxes and one Fiat. These cars range in price from \$3,250.00 to \$7,500.

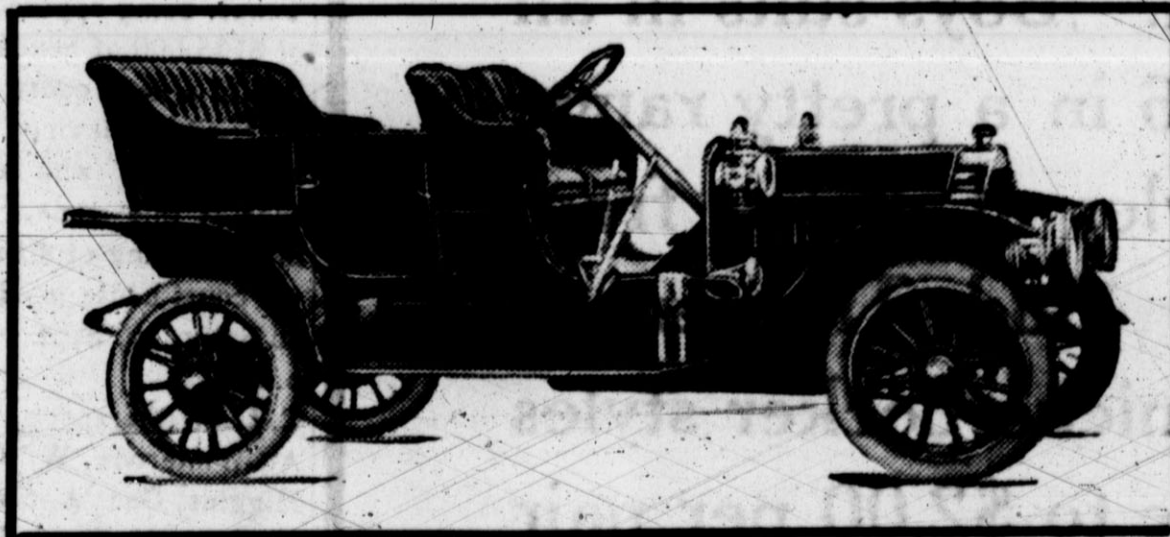
THE BUICK won the 50 mile event, covering the fastest five, ten and 15 miles ever covered by any type or priced car over the Brighton Beach Track. The Buick Stock car's time being a full minute faster than DePalma's in the Fiat Cyclone for five miles on that day. Chevrolet drove the 30 horse power \$1750.00 Stock Buick a mile in the time trial event in 58 2-5 seconds, the Stock Car record for the Brighton Track. The Buick cars have won over seventy first prizes in races this season, 94 per cent of all the events in which they competed and hold all world's competition records from 26 to 100 miles.

Getting Closer Home

The 10 mile Special event run at Amarillo, Thursday, July 29 in which were entered, one Velie 30, one Maxwell 30, one Cadillac 30, and Mr. Joe L. Carter's 30 horse power Buick, the Buick won by a nice lead over all contestants, notwithstanding the driver of the Buick slowed the car down twice on the first lap, giving the other contestants a lead of a full mile. This car was placed in the race unexpectedly, without any adjustment, placed on the track, and she performed just as all Buicks do, SHE WON! It must be admitted that the manufacturers of Automobiles have but one object in view when they enter their cars in the contests such as are enumerated above, and that is, to prove the superiority of their make of cars over such makes as are contestants in the particular event. If these strenuous tests do not establish that fact, then why do these Manufacturers undergo such tremendous expense to accomplish the results?

There is no disputing the Result, it unquestionably proves superiority.

Then the Buick is the



Buick Model "17" 30 Horse Power \$1,750.00

car for every prudent buyer to purchase. We keep a stock of Buick Cars on hand. Can make delivery at once.

RENFRO & PRICE

SELLING AGENTS, HEREFORD, TEXAS.

CARNIVAL AND PICNIC GOING

Everybody is Happy and a Smile
Plays on Every Face

Hereford is once more in her gala dress this week. The Orient Amusement Company is on the ground with divers attractions and the boys and girls can find unlimited opportunities for their small savings. They have the high jumping horses on the merry-go-round, the big snakes, the green dragon, the contortionist, the vaudeville, the Hindoo magician, and lots of other things people want to see. Capt. Clark made his thrilling high dive last night and never broke a bone, he performs again tonight at the stated hour and tomorrow night.

The parade today (Friday) was well represented with autos and surries. Among the autos deserving special mention was the white Buick of Renfro & Price and the decorated car of Mr. Rickets representing the College. Of the surries that of Sherk & Stanek with black horses and trimmed in white seemed to be the favorite. After the parade the autos lined up on Dewey avenue and posed for a picture.

The Band Boys are acquitting themselves creditably and furnishing some fine music. They made a fine appearance in their new suits and with their new instruments, as they headed the parade today in two big automobiles.

Tomorrow will be the day for the big picnic and will end the three days amusement that has been so much pleasure to Hereford people.

WEST TEXAS NORMAL LOCATED

Canyon City By Her Push And Energy Get The Big School.

Word has been received that the locating committee for the West Texas Normal after much discussion decided to make Canyon the lucky town. This certainly is a fortunate victory for our neighbor town. We hasten to congratulate her upon her good fortune and think she well deserves the school. We understand that 36 men in and around Canyon guaranteed the amount of her cash donation which was \$101,000.

This sounds like a citizenship with some push and go about them and other neighbor towns should take a lesson from her victory and remember that if a town wants a good thing she generally has to pay for it. In addition to the cash bonus the school gets a choice of several building sites. "Rab" for Canyon and the Panhandle.

C. D. Wright returned from Crowell on Friday where he had been summoned by the serious illness of his sister. When Mr. Wright left for home his sister seemed much improved; but shortly after his arrival a message came telling him that his sister was dead. The Brand joins Mr. Wright's many friends in sympathy in this sad affliction.

Farmer Wanted.

For rent on shares the H. D. Rucker ranch farm 15 miles northwest of Hereford. 800 acres in cultivation. A fine residence of 7 rooms, elegant barn and out buildings. Thoroughly equipped with stock and the best of machinery. None but a thoroughly experienced, first class farmer with the best of references need apply. Call at the H. D. Rucker ranch farm or write H. D. Rucker, Enid, Okla.

DINNER DAY AT PICNIC

Saturday September Fourth Picnic Day—Everybody Is Cordially Invited.

The Commercial Club has issued an invitation to every patriotic lady in Hereford and Deaf Smith county to come to the picnic Saturday and bring a well filled basket with her.

Through some misunderstanding a great many people have made arrangements for a three days' picnic, while in fact the big picnic is to be held on Saturday only. The affair is intended to be a simple basket picnic on the lawn, the eatables to be furnished by the ladies. The Club voted at the last monthly meeting not to attempt anything else this year, and the committee decided that one day would be better than three.

All the ladies should take a personal interest in this and do her part toward making the picnic a success.

Notice.

We have spent the past summer in Chatauqua, New York where we studied under very efficient instructors, and are now ready to meet all our old pupils and as many new ones as desire our instruction either on piano or stringed instruments. We will open our studio near Public School building Monday, Sept. 13. Misses Hattie and Jennie Edwards. 29-3t

A Fine Showing.

Rural mail carrier Dave McCoy delivered on his route during the month of August 426 letters 159 post cards, 845 newspapers, 64 circulars and 27 packages making in all 1174 pieces of mail.

The carrier collected 303 letters, 127 post cards and 3 packages making 433 pieces. The value of stamps sold was \$4.14.

DEERING

CORN HARVESTERS

CUT THE

**Closest,
Cleanest,
Easiest,
Highest!!**

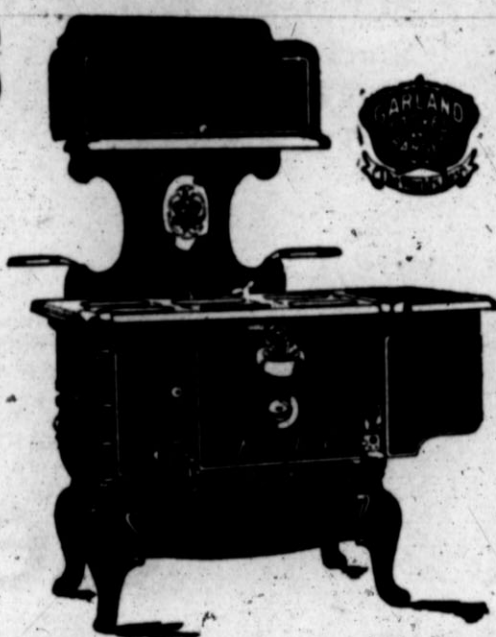
Equipped with roller and ball bearings at all points affecting draft, insuring a light-running machine. You know of the fine showing the Deering Grass Binders and Headers have made. Well, the Deering Corn Binder in its sphere does as good work and as satisfactory as they.

We have them on hand for your inspection and selection.

GARLAND

STOVES

ARE
ECONOMICAL
DURABLE
RELIABLE
INSPECT
THEM



RANGES

ARE
WELL MADE
TO
SATISFY
SEE OUR
LINE

GARRISON BROS.

School Days

Will soon be here and the question of getting the boys ready confronts every mother. Come and let us help solve the problem. Boys suits in all sizes from 4 to 16 in a pretty range of colors and styles at prices from \$2.50 to \$10.00 Odd Trousers in both plain and Knickerbocker styles at prices from 50c to \$2.00 per pair Shoes, Shirts, Hats, Caps, Hose, Etc. In fact everything to make the boy's outfit Complete in every particular.

Geo. A. Stambaugh

Mass Meeting Called.

We, the undersigned citizens and tax payers of Deaf Smith county, Texas, being opposed to the issuance of \$125,000 of bonds for the erection of a new court house at this time, and believing that there are many others who are opposed to such at this time, hereby call a mass meeting of all such to meet at the court house in Hereford, Texas, on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 2 o'clock p. m.

C. G. Witherspoon, L. E. Cobb, E. A. Winterode, W. G. Ross, W. S. Higgins, Geo. A. Stambaugh, H. O. Hubbard, H. Trow, J. W. Hubbard, W. A. Higgins, C. R. Moreman, C. V. Walker, R. C. Bridges, R. W. Beird, C. S. Gunnis, John Whitsitt, Kelly Gray, A. G. Long, W. R. Higgins, G. R. Conklin, F. H. Brittain, G. T. Higgins, J. C. Carral, J. E. Robertson, J. H. Williams, Jno. E. Day, Wirt Phillips, T. B. Rector.

On Wednesday morning J. H. Bowers came "totin'" into the Brand office two very fine, large watermelons from Mrs. Bower's patch at her home in East Hereford. What a feast the Brand force had, and how much they desire to thank Mrs. Bowers for her kindly remembrance. Mr. Bowers is very proud of his wife's melon patch, there is no doubt.

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.

Star Theatre.

The Star Theatre in the Bogard building has been refitted and overhauled by the new management. Four electric fans have been added for the comfort of the patrons. An hour after supper will give you both pleasure and profit. New program each night.

THE SECOND-HAND STORE

Opposite the Hereford Hardware Company has some unusual bargains in slightly used Stoves and Furniture. Also Bicycles, and Bicycle Supplies, and Stove Repairs of all kinds. In fact you will find most anything you will want, as good as new, at less than half the price. We are always in the market for anything that's worth the money. If you have anything to sell bring it in or ring Telephone No. 327 and we'll go look at it.

COME IN AND LOOK AROUND AND YOU WILL FIND
SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT

The Man Who Gives
You a Square Deal

WALTER NELSON, Prop.

Who Wants a Profit
But Not the Earth

State Entomologist Visits Hereford.

Last Friday afternoon Prof. Fred W. Mally, state entomologist connected with the state department of agriculture, arrived in the city for the purpose of inspecting the nurseries of Deaf Smith and Castro counties and to gather data on the soils, climate, crops etc., of this section to be used in a bulletin to be issued by the Department in the near future.

Friday afternoon was spent in the inspection of the nursery of L. P. Landrum, followed by a visit to the vineyard of D. W. Hawkins. The Professor was the guest of Mr. Landrum Friday night.

Early Saturday morning the commercial club took charge of the visitor and placed an automobile at his disposal.

Representatives of the Club acted as pilots and the first stop was at the nursery of J. O. Lindsey south of town. Mr. Lindsey exhibited a three year old orchard which delighted the Professor. After a close inspection he pronounced the orchard entirely free from disease and stated that it was in fact one of the best kept and finest orchards he had seen in the entire state of Texas. The trip was then continued to Dimmitt, where a local nursery was looked over, after which the return trip was made to Hereford and the auto headed for the farm of R. H. Norton, southwest of town.

Mr. Norton led out his famous \$2,000 hog, Master Highclere

90350, weight 750 pounds. He also exhibited an eighteen acre alfalfa patch, five years old which had been cultivated only once and that during the first year from which he had already made cuttings this year, totaling a ton and a half to the acre. At the time of the visit the alfalfa was eighteen inches high and ready for another cutting of a ton to the acre. In addition some fine Herefords and Plymouth Rock chickens came in for attention, after which the Professor pulled a notebook on Mr. Norton and asked a million questions more or less, for use in his Bulletin.

The Day's work was closed with a trip to the vineyard of Mr. Shirley, where he was shown quantities of grapes just turning, though the vines had been killed twice at the opening of the season and this was the third effort. Saturday night the Professor and Judge Gough talked wheat and cultivation of the soil until a late hour, followed by some statistics on the sheep industry from A. G. Bell. The distinguished visitor departed for Plainview Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Mally was enthusiastic over the prospects for alfalfa, sheep and fruit in this section in the future. He stated that the government had tested some of our alfalfa seed as compared with fifteen other varieties and the Panhandle seed had won out hands down. The Canadian government also tested the seed and was calling for more for distribution among its experiment farms. He believed that the Panhandle could in time become the great alfalfa seed growing section of the country, and

then the trade of the Texas farmers would be turned from other markets to the Plains country. Another idea the Professor advocated was that the Panhandle farmers grow hay for the Old Mexico market, as the Mexicans had to buy practically all the hay they consumed. The difficulty in this direction lies in freight rates, and Mr. Mally promised to use the influence of the Department in securing low rates.

Prof. Mally promised to return to Hereford before many months and go deeper into the needs of the

country along agricultural and stock raising lines.

Every courtesy possible was extended the visitor by the club officials and it is believed that the result will show in the forth coming Bulletin. Mr. Mally stated that at least one fourth of the inquiries received at the Department concerned the Plains country, and the commissioner realized the need of reliable and exhaustive data on file in order to answer these queries and properly advertise this section of Texas.

Satisfied Customers

are the best advertisement for the business man. This kind of advertising is our chief stronghold.

The best value money can buy in our line is to be found at our store.

We make your watch keep the best time.

W. H. RAY, Jeweler and Optician

Call Phone No. 98

and ask for ANYTHING you need in the LUMBER line. WE have it.

If by any possible chance its out of stock we'll get it QUICKER

Having learned HOW to figure we want to give you our estimate on that House Bill

Kemp Lumber Co.

C. L. Carter, Mgr.

Long Leaf Yellow Pine Lumber

We are now receiving from one to two cars daily 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, Colliers 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.

LAND MAN BUYS CAR

J. P. Snyder Land Company Makes
Purchase of Special Car for
Land Business.

Doing a general land business in Hereford for a number of years, selling thousands of acres of good Hereford dirt and bringing several thousand prospectors and buyers, J. P. Snyder Land Company has seen proper to purchase a special tourist car. This car was run on its initial trip on the last excursion when it was filled with northern farmers who came to Hereford to prospect and invest. The car bears the name of the J. P. Snyder Land Company.

The Advance of Agriculture.

Has agriculture been reduced to such an exact science that we are to have no more total failures of crops? It is easily within the memory that crop failures prior to a decade ago were almost as numerous as successful crops. There were the hot blasts of the plains, the various insect pests and the drouths and the floods. Now for three or four years in succession while we have had drouths, pests and floods, there has been no wholesale destruction of crops. And now the Federal Agricultural department reports that the total value of farm products for 1908 was \$7,778,000,000, a harvest vaster than was ever reaped before. Last year, while there was a prolonged drouth in the Middle West, there were no appalling losses.

Agriculture has been coming on more rapidly than any other industry despite the fact that the boys are leaving the farms. While they are leaving the farms, they are going, many of them, to Agricultural Colleges to become city owners of farm lands and to bring to bear on agricultural subjects more practical and scientific learning than has been known in the history of this occupation. Care in the selection of seed and in the preparation of the soil we now realize are more important than the mere work of building the fences or driving the reaper. Farm lands have steadily increased in value and business principles have been applied to the proposition that the investment in these high-priced lands must be made to bring its proper annual return. The old lying exaggeration that if you would but "tickle" the soil it would respond bountifully, was the ruin of a generation of farmers. The man who puts his seed in the ground in the spring and without further attention to it ex-

pects on his return in the fall to find it yielding ten, twenty or thirty fold is a fool or a dreamer. He must look after it with care throughout each season of its development and be prepared with labor and science to combat any of many pests that may attack.

As we can never expect the time to come when all the people engaged in agriculture will be well enough informed, properly equipped or energetic enough to make use of all that science and experience may afford, so we may expect still to have crop failures. But the study of the various phases of agriculture is disclosing the remedies for the troubles that the farmer may expect to encounter. Irrigation has been made

possible in many States, and the extension of the application of the theory of irrigation may be expected in all lands. So long as there is irrigation in some States there can never be complete failure of crops due to drouth. Some marvelous results, too, have been reported in dry farming, and this will help where irrigation is not possible.—Indianapolis News.

Picnic at Springlake.

Thursday, August 6, being the day the Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church met with Mrs. Frederick. Nearly everyone of the neighborhood availed themselves of the opportunity to make a picnic of the occasion. By noon a large crowd had gathered with well-filled

baskets, one hundred five being present for dinner while the after-dinner arrivals swelled the crowd to one hundred fifty. While the ladies sewed, the men and children enjoyed themselves in different ways until about five o'clock when Mr. Frederick invited everyone out by his cellar to eat watermelon. And such melons. 125 of them, many weighing 20 to 30 pounds, in one pile, and to say that crowd did justice to the feast is putting it mild. Mr. Frederick was the first settler in the Springlake country and a visit to his garden and melon patch is worth going miles as an object lesson on the opportunities of the Panhandle. At a late hour all departed for their homes feeling that this was one of the occasions always to be remembered.

One Who Was There.

A REMARK- ABLE INCIDENT

A Hereford Baby has Five Living Grandmothers, and are all in Hereford at the Present Time.

Bright-eyed, little Wanda Marie Wilkinson, six-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilkinson, who live in North Hereford, has the distinction that, perhaps, no other child in the state of Texas can boast of, and, doubtless, very few in the whole United States.

This little angel of light and bud from God's flower garden has five living grandmothers,—three of whom are its great grandmothers. Wanda Maria's grandmothers are Mrs. S. J. Williams and Mrs. J. T. Wilkinson of Hereford. Her great grandmothers are Mrs. Susana Nicholson, mother of Mrs. S. J. Williams and who makes her home with Mrs. Williams; Mrs. Mary Williams of Oklahoma City, who is the mother of Mr. S. J. Williams, and at the present time visiting in her son's home; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins of Magazine, Ark., who is the mother of Mrs. J. T. Wilkinson, and is with her daughter in her home at present.

Here are four generations,—the tiny bud of promise just beginning to develop in the sunlight and pure atmosphere of this home; the blooming flowers in the summer of life shedding its sweet aroma everywhere which, later has reached its full fruition in the ripened fruit, and then we find the golden sheaf ready to be garnered into the great storehouse above.

Little Wanda, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson is in perfect health and romps and prattles all the day as if she knew that her grandmothers think that she is the only child in this great big world.

When photographer McGhee has taken and finished a picture of this remarkable group, it will afford no little interest and pleasure to many of the people of Hereford to visit the studio and look at these grandmothers, mother, and little child.

It is the wish of the Brand that each of the grandmothers may live to see this little child develop into womanhood, and at last all be gathered into the home where they may live in happy associations forever.

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.

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



Hats! Hats!!

The Very Newest Designs in Millinery

I have just returned from the Chicago and St. Louis markets, and have all the Best Styles in Ladies' and Children's Headwear.

My Pattern Hats are Ideal Creations

See My Ready-to-wear Hats
on Display Now

MRS. T. N. HEIFNER

BIG YEAR at HEREFORD

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

HEREFORD, TEXAS, or
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Star Land Company

Local and Personal

Sell it to the Second hand store. 30-2t

A. D. Miller of Denton, Texas, and a miller by occupation, is in the city the guest of J. D. Bourn.

Miss Artibel Givens, is enjoying a visit with her cousin, Miss Lenna Davis, of Wahatonga, Oklahoma.

Bicycles bought, sold and repaired at the second hand store. 30-2t

Mrs. W. O. London after spending a very pleasant week with friends and relatives in Hereford, returned to her home near Clovis on Tuesday.

Miss Effie Graham and Miss Lora Guinn who have spent the last three weeks in Roswell with Mrs. Dudley Reid returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Roqueman of Portales who have been visiting their friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Frame, returned to their home on Monday.

Mrs. C. G. Witherspoon and daughter, Bertha, left on Tuesday afternoon for Egan for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Witherspoon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

If you want to sell, don't forget the second hand store. 30-2t

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clark and children leave today (Friday) for Iowa Park where Prof. Clark is Principal of the Public Schools the coming year.

Get a Majestic Souvenir Set of Ware at Warren's Hardware store during demonstration week, Aug 30 to Sept 4. 28-3t

S. J. Dodson and wife left this week for a little rustication in Colorado and other points. Mrs. Dodson will be gone several weeks, Mr. Dodson returning in about ten days.

Dr. and Mrs. U. T. Miller went down to their claim near Melrose on last Saturday morning. The doctor returned the first of the week, but Mrs. Miller will spend some time there.

We want you to call at our store during our Majestic Demonstration Week, Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, and get a Souvenir Set of Majestic Ware. Warren Hardware Co. 28-3t

Mr. and Mrs. Press Burnham are enjoying a visit with Mr. Burnham's father and mother from Looney, New Mexico. Father and Mother Burnham will remain until after the picnic.

Not how cheap? But how good! The principle we work on. Van Orsdel Plumbing Co. Real plumbing and heating. That's all. Phone 360 and 335. 26-tf

A swell chiffonier at a bargain at the second hand store old stand. 30.2t

W. R. Rogers and daughter, Mrs. Charles Rothbaum who have been visiting in the Homer Wilkinson home for the past two weeks returned to their home in Poteau, Oklahoma on Monday.

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

Mrs. C. S. Richards and children are now in Carter Oklahoma visiting Mrs. Dr. Parker sister of Mrs. Richards. In the meantime C. S. will keep the chickens out of the tomato patch and will try to look happy.

O. A. Davidson, son of Mrs. A. A. Davidson and family after spending the past three weeks with their mother and other relatives in the city returned to their home in Estelline on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dodson are now in their new home which has just been completed. They are located on College street in one of the most desirable parts of Hereford. Mr. Dodson is also erecting another dwelling in the same part of town.

Mrs. M. E. Rhodes of Beeville is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Barnes.

Go to the Second hand store for it every thing is bought and sold there. 30-2t

William Boulfour of Tascoca arrived in Hereford Wednesday for a visit of a few days in the home of Mrs. Eva Bruce.

Rich, mill-run Bran, \$1.50 per 100 pounds delivered. Hicks & Harrison.

Clyde Wilson returned home on Thursday after a very pleasant visit of a few days with her friend, Miss Aline Ballard of the Arney community.

A. T. Osman and family who have spent the past year in Hereford, left on Monday for their old home in Ottawa, Ill., where they will live in the future.

Mrs. J. H. Ross, mother of Mrs. H. G. Garnett, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with her daughter, returned to her home in Hollene, N. Mexico, on Monday.

Mrs. Bud Melick who lives on Hereford Heights expects to leave the first of the week for her old home at Centerbury, Ohio, for a month's visit.

L. W. Bush, wife, and daughter who have been visiting friends, J. H. Head and family, for the past two weeks, returned to their home in Allen on Thursday.

Haynes Wampler, the young man who has been sick in the home of his uncle, J. G. Collup, was able to return with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wampler on Monday to their home in Duke, Oklahoma.

Miss Lou Harvey came home from the east, where she had spent the past three weeks in the markets of Chicago and St. Louis in the interest of the Ladies' Furnishing Store.

Miss Viola D. Earl of Waco, who has just closed a very successful school near Tulia is now spending her vacation in the homes of her uncle and aunt, Mr. E. B. Lancaster and Mrs. R. F. Stewart.

Rev. Edward Roberts and J. R. Evans of Valedocia, Ohio, old time friends of David Albnn and family, were in our city a few days the first of the week visiting and viewing this part of the great Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pitman were made happy on Wednesday when the morning train arrived, for it brought home their sons, Mac and John who have spent the entire summer with relatives at Slater, Mo.

Bargains in stoves at the Second hand store. Opposite the Hereford Hardware Co. 30-2t

Mrs. T. M. Coulson and daughter, Miss Glennis, have just returned from a six weeks' visit with relatives at Hollis and Texola, Oklahoma. They report it as having been very warm and dry at both places.

Miss Nellie Black, who spent the past month with relatives in Itasca and Cleburn, returned on Thursday afternoon accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Coffin of Itasca, who will visit her brother, E. B. Black and family for the next two weeks.

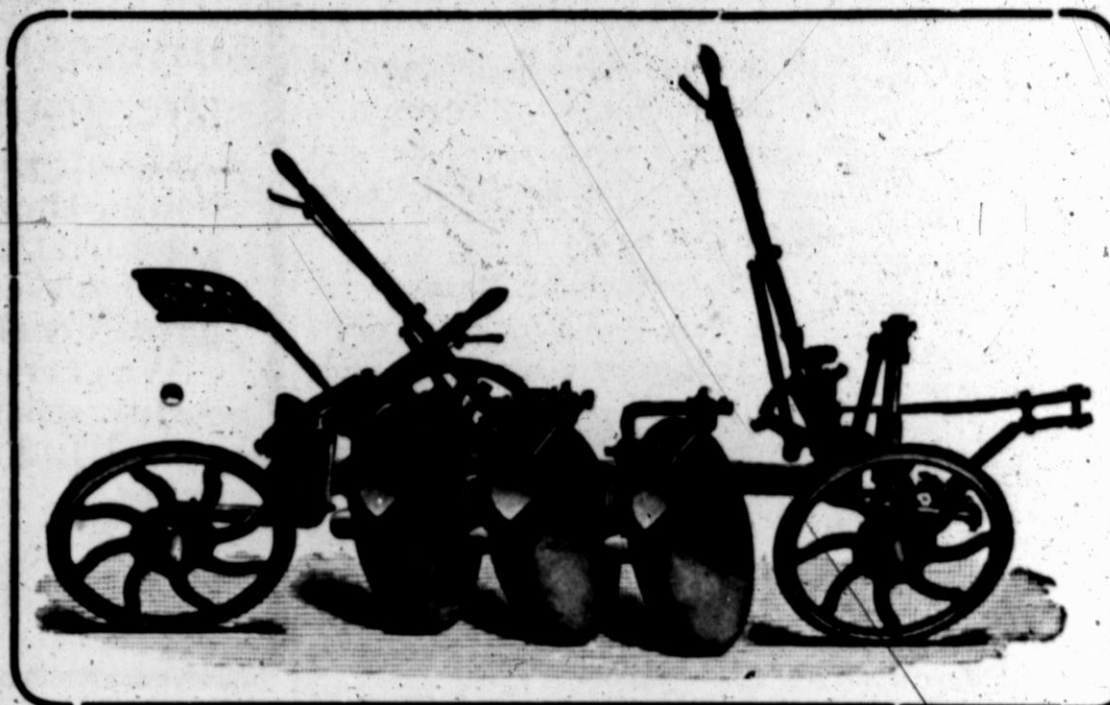
J. F. Haile and wife of Kingman, Kans., father and mother of Prof. E. M. Haile and Mr. Haile's sister and husband, D. F. Callahan and wife of Zeuda, Kans., arrived on Tuesday to be present at the Shirley-Haile nuptials.

John Hammer wife and daughter, Ona, Miss Elsie Beck and Mrs. D. F. Ashbrook drove across the country from their claim near Clovis, and arrived in Hereford Saturday to make a short visit with their many friends. All returned home on Monday except Mrs. Ashbrook who will make a more extended visit and attend the picnic.

Enterprise Buggies

Bain Wagons

Come in and see our Emerson Double and Trebble Disc Plows. This Plow made for Preparing the ground for all kinds of small grains. We have a complete line of Tongue Truck Disc Harrows, Campbell Sub-Surface Packers, Drag Harrows



and all other Implements that a successful farmer needs in tilling the soil. On Windmill, Piping, Casing we can save you some money by letting us figure on your next job.

Warren Hardware Co.

Buck Stoves

Majestic Ranges

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
C. W. DODSON, Cashier

DIRECTORS: L. GOUGH, J. L. FUQUA, C. W. DODSON,
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.

C. M. McGee, the photo man, is prepared to make a picture of your new home. He is here all the time and is ready to "make good" his work. His studio is on north Dewey avenue. Phone 162. 28-4t

Dr. J. B. Dunn, father of Mrs. N. J. Matthews, arrived in the city on Tuesday from Hubbard City to join his wife, who has been here in her daughter's home for some weeks. Dr. Dunn is enjoying the cool breezes of the Panhandle.

Mrs. F. P. Wilson in company with her sister, Mrs. Mary Means, have spent the past several days visiting their brother, Mr. Will Smylie, of Plainview. Mrs. Wilson returned home on Thursday, and Mrs. Means, after spending a

few days in Canyon City, will go to her home in San Antonio.

J. L. Barnes of the Warren Hardware Co., who has just completed a beautiful home residence in the west part of town and now nicely located therein, is erecting two other modern structures in the same locality. Mr. Barnes has lately moved to Hereford from Central Texas and has great faith in the Panhandle country.

Rev. J. W. Story of the Methodist church and family bade good-bye to the busy walks of life for a few days and betook themselves to the banks of the clear flowing Tierra Blanco near the Bradley Ranch. No doubt the "little fishes" have tried to the deep waters.

A. C. Elliott, wife and little son Davis left on Friday evening east for the Exposition at Seattle. They go by way of Salt Lake City intending to spend the first Sunday there. After some days at the exposition they will return by way of California and the Southern Route.

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AN OPPORTUNITY.

Texas has had a hard knock this year in her crop products. While the Panhandle has not suffered quite as much as some of the rest for rain yet her crop is short enough. Quite a lot of wheat was shipped from this part yet some of the farmers made very little and the forage crop is short. Many favored sections will have feed to spare to their less fortunate neighbors which, to a certain extent, will relieve the situation in these parts. Yet the Panhandle farmer would take courage if he were to see so many thousand acres in the oldest sections of the state that is worth from \$75 to \$125 per acre looking as bare as the streets of a city. These are the conditions that depress prices to a certain extent in Texas this year. This is the kind of a year that many get dissatisfied and want to move to a wetter climate, too late this year to get advantage of this year's prosperity and by next year we may have the bumper crop and the "wetter" country may be dry. About 7 years ago the whole cornbelt country had an almost complete failure and the Panhandle had plenty of feed for her stock and some to spare as she has had every year since till this. Texas is too big, too resourceful and too productive to suffer any lasting effects from this drouth.

The wise man will make use of this opportunity to buy Panhandle land. "Buy when property is low and sell when it is high" is the motto that has made many a man rich. But few people have the nerve to do this but buy with the crowd when prices soar and get discouraged and sell when they go down. It will be a rare chance if such an opportunity to buy cheap land in the Panhandle is ever offered again. But the crowd will wait till another year when the crops are fine and the curve in the lip has turned the other way and land is up 50 per cent and then buy.

Sometimes we hear a discouraged man talk in such a way as to chill the hopeful spirits of any newcomer. Wait till next year to talk to this good neighbor and find a more hopeful man, who has an abiding faith in the final outcome of this region, to advise with and you will go home to your wife better satisfied. Be careful of your associates when you are discouraged. Many a Panhandle citizen has sold his land when in a discouraged mood that would be glad now to get it back at the same price. Hold what you have, buy more if you can pay for it, keep as many smiles on your face as you can and some day when the grass is green and crops are fine and the fruit is ripe and the smile has come back, your wife will pat you on the back and say "fine man."

Mens Prayer Meeting.

Subject for Sunday September 4:
"Facing our Record"
Leader—D. F. Ashbrook.
Every one invited to be present
at 3:30 P. M.

E. H. Harriman seems to bestride the financial world like Caesar did the political. The stock market seems to be in a state of chaos and rises and falls at the merest rumor of his illness or recovery. It appears that something must be wrong with our politics. If one man has so much influence it is no wonder that a few financiers can create so much havoc when it happens to suit their whim.

THE lid seems to be on tight with the new prohibition law in Alabama. That is the right kind of spirit with any kind of law. Let it be enforced to the letter 'till the people find out whether they want it or not. It gets tiresome to hear the argument that prohibition is worthless because it can't be enforced. A state is a mighty weak organization that can not enforce its laws. No laws, or enforced laws.

Waste of Public Money.

New York Evening Post: Yesterday's address by Chairman Yoakum of the executive committee of the Rock Island Railway to the Farmers' Union at Shawnee, Okla., fairly bristled with good, homely, horse sense tersely put. His indictment of Governmental incapacity and extravagance in the expenditure of \$225,000,000 upon improving the Mississippi and its tributaries, was pointed by showing that the river's tonnage last year was one-third less than it was twenty years ago. He urged "a proper use of the pruning knife in a downward revision" of Governmental expenses. Insisting that we require "a substantial but economically conducted army and navy," he declared that "the extension of the grain and cotton fields and of the West are stronger military defenses than all our warships." Mr. Yoakum showed that the \$55,000 required to manufacture a single 12-inch gun would reclaim 1,571 acres of land, providing homes for 196 people, and that a single volley from all the guns on our battleships costs enough to reclaim more than 4,000 acres. Estimating that the average cost of army and navy last year was \$17 for each family, he remarked sententiously that every farmer with a family of five has a Government boarder to take care of. His closing warning against the stagnation that a cessation of railroad extension portends was particularly apt in Oklahoma. There, if anywhere, a policy of liberal regulation, mindful of the carrier as of the shipper, is the keynote of industrial prosperity.—Dallas News.

Out of the Ginger Jar.

The hot argument box should always be kept in a cool place.

The temperate in eating are seldom forced to ride nightmares.

A man has to work harder to be a poor farmer than he does to be a good one.

"Throw physics to the dogs," he said.

She did; next day the dogs were dead.

If you must give advice, first consider it carefully. What if someone should follow it?

Fence-rail philosophy may be good enough in its way, but we pin our faith to the man who climbs down and goes to work.

The man who has a good wife and consciously takes her advice, is not likely to get into very deep trouble, either in this world or the next.

Our Heartfelt Thanks.

My wife and I desire in this way to thank our many friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful of us during my long and protracted illness.

May our Heavenly Father shed his blessings upon each one who in any way ministered to our needs.

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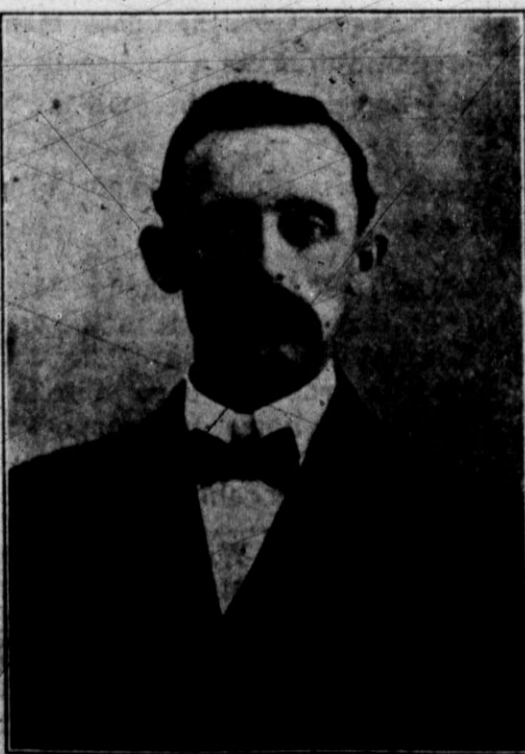
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Miss Willina Hanerford of Granberry, attended the Shirley-Haile marriage Thursday evening.

Our groceryman, J. D. Jarrott, is entertaining, this week, his uncle, Lee Alexander, from Mt. Calm.

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Miss Ellen Moore of Comanche is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Meadows.

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A. B. Bynum of Terry was in Hereford this week and reports that crops are but fair in his county.

C. M. Hunt wants to list a few pieces of land located near Kelso and Spring Lake. He has some buyers for these sections. 22tf

Miss Tollee Piersan of Amarillo is spending the week with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jarrott.

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

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Henry Frame, an uncle of our townsman, C. G. Frame, is here from Portales for a visit with his nephew.

Miss Cordie Rutledge of Florence, Texas is spending a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Landrum.

Miss Beatrice Rattan of Anna, arrived on the evening train Wednesday to attend the Shirley-Haile wedding on Thursday.

C. E. Edwards, who has been visiting his mother and sisters the past ten days returned to his home in Chicago this week.

Miss Ethel Edwards who has been visiting relatives in the city for the past week returned to her home in Wildorado on Wednesday.

Miss Margie Ong of Amarillo arrived in the city on Wednesday for a visit with her friend, Miss Ruby Norton.

Miss Ethel London and brother, Walter, came from Clovis today (Friday) to attend the carnival and picnic now going on.

Miss Roxie Witherspoon left for Farwell the last of the week where she has a position in the Public school for the coming year.

Miss Eva Bruce will leave tomorrow (Saturday) for Farwell where she will teach in the Farwell school that opens Monday.

Mrs. B. H. Smith is entertaining the present week her mother, Mrs. W. W. Howard of Quanah, and her sister, Mrs. D. D. Payne of Canadian.

Mrs. J. L. Barnes is enjoying a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Rhodes of Beeville, who arrived in our city a few days since.

Miss Lena and Clara Edwards begin their schools on Monday, Sept. 6. Miss Lena will teach at Black and Miss Clara again at Summerfield.

The subject for the men's prayer-meeting on Sunday, Sept. 5, is: "Facing our Record," D. F. Ashbrook, leader. A large attendance of men and boys is greatly desired.

The Williams' brothers are happy this week in entertaining their mother, Mrs. M. J. Williams of Oklahoma City on her first visit to the Plains.

Miss Hattie Edwards was called by wire to Fort Worth on Sunday on account of the serious illness of the wife of her brother, J. W. Edwards. Later information given is, that Mrs. Edwards is in a critical condition, and there is little hopes for her recovery.

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Society

A ROMANTIC PARTY.

In honor of Miss Shirley and Mr. Haile and a number of Hereford visitors, Miss Lelia Gregg entertained about thirty young people Saturday evening, Aug. 28 at her suburban home in North Hereford. The original plan was a progressive walk and the young people were asked to assembled at the home of Mrs. J. N. Russell for that purpose. But when the time came for the party the elements made such an attempt impractical and the pleasure of the trip was in that respect interfered with. The hospitality of the Gregg home, however, can always suffice for any such minor dissappointment. On this occasion the uncertain condition of the weather was soon forgotten by the guests when they reached the cheery little bungalow where unlimited hospitality abounds and is freely dispensed by each member of the household.

The party being of a romantic nature, was characterized by a progressive courtship, a mock marriage and a wedding journey. No pains was spared by the hostess to make each detail of the progression attractive and the affair displayed a great deal of originality. In the language of one of the guests, "Miss Leila has as many ideas as she has hospitality." In addition to sandwiches, candy and lemonade served at the "stopovers" in the wedding journey, dainty refreshments of ambrosia, cream and cake were served. Each guest was presented with a piece of wedding cake and at a late hour went home to dream of fortunes that the future held in store.

The guests were: Misses Shirley, Hendricks, Warren, Gibson, Graham, Harvey, Moore, Hammack, Jean and Winnfred Warren and Calloway. Messrs. Herbst, Wright, Nesbit, Carter, King, Collins, Zacharias, Parsons, Shirley and Haile and Mrs. B. S. Arnold.

A FISHING PARTY.

A jolly crowd of anglers enjoyed a fish fry at the creek on Monday evening, August 30. The outing was given as a compliment to Miss Ellen Moore of Comanche, Texas, who has been for sometime a guest in the Meadows home and Miss Pearson of Amarillo who arrived that morning for a visit to Mrs. J. D. Jarrott. A regular camp supper of bacon and hoe cake and fish was cooked over the camp fire and with the addition of pickles, ice cream and cake a toothsome repast was partaken of in the light of the full moon. After supper the usual hilarity of such occasions began and after a number of songs had been sung this merry bunch were surprised to know that the hour was nearing that of midnight. The drive home in the moonlight was no small part of the fun and the picnickers returned feeling greatly refreshed by the outing.

Those composing the party were: Misses Warren, Hammack, Moore, Pearson, Graham, Vaughn, Gregg and Hendricks. Messrs. Herbst, Charleton, Oleson, Nesbit, Stanberry Elliott, Wright, Carter and Fox. Mesdames Arnold and Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jarrott, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cardwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meadows, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones.

ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Mrs. J. D. Jarrott assisted by her mother, Mrs. Barnes entertained at eight o'clock dinner Tuesday evening August 31, in honor of the birthdays of her guest, Miss Pearson, Mr. Jarrott and Mrs. J. F. Barker.

The dinner tho informally served

was elaborate and altogether characteristic of the delightful hostess who is not only an adept at entertaining but is well versed in the culinary art.

In addition to the guests of honor the following took part in this triple celebration: Miss Georgia Hammack, Mrs. B. S. Arnold, Messrs. Nebit and Woodburn. After dinner a progressive game of 42 was played and at a late hour the guests departed wishing these three who were reaching their milestones on the 30, 31, and Sept. 1st, many happy returns of the days and paying their compliments to the hostess who made the celebration a pleasant one for all.

Mrs. E. R. Betts and daughters, Misses Pearl, Nora and Mabel left for Plainview on Thursday where Misses Nora and Mabel Betts will visit their sister Mrs. C. R. Burton for a few days before entering school. Miss Nora will then go to Georgetown, and Miss Mabel to Claredon. Miss Pearl Betts has a position as school teacher in the Plainview High School and Mrs. Betts will spend the winter with her daughter.

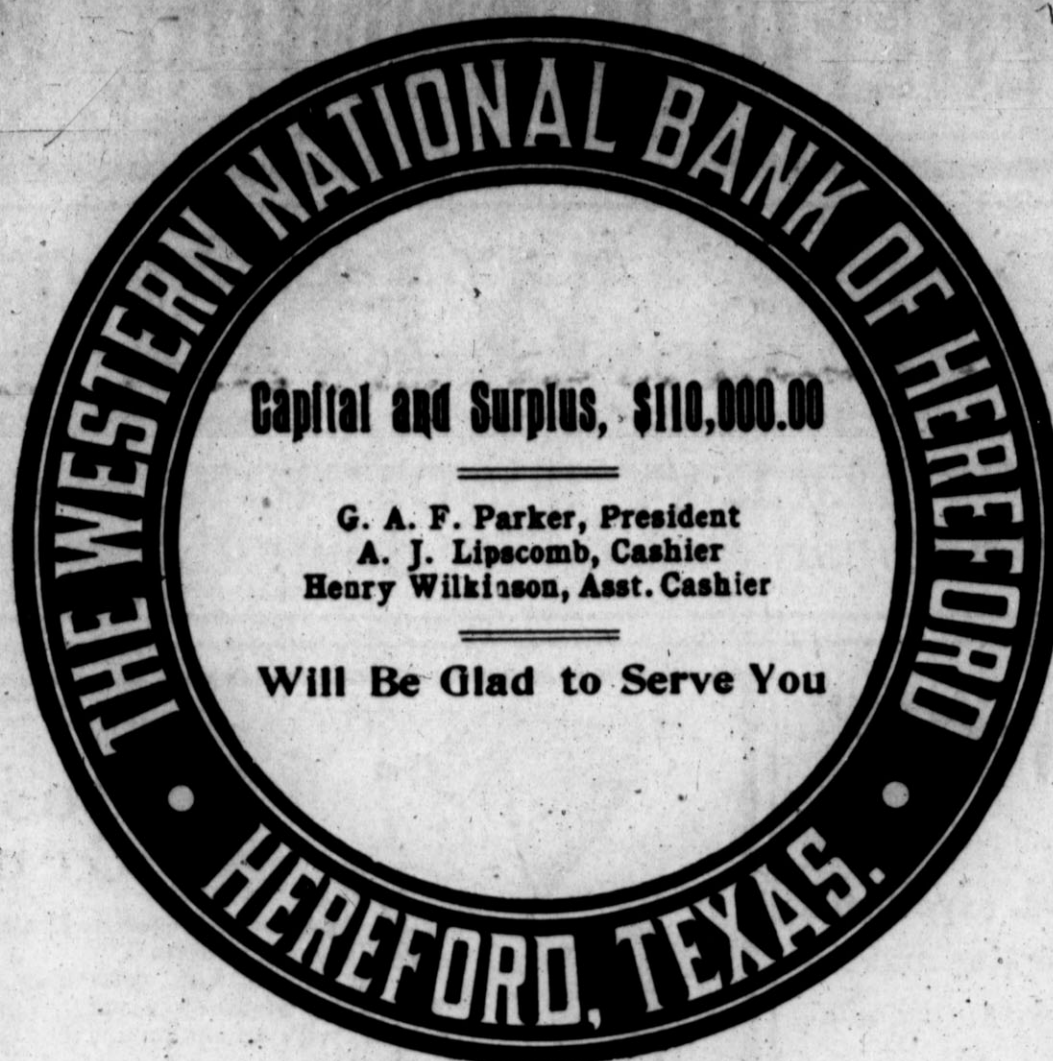
The Haile-Shirley nuptial write-up will appear next week as the time is too limited to get the necessary data for this week.

Stove Demonstration.

A big stove demonstration took place at the Warren Hardware Company's store this week. A dozen or more of their Majestic Ranges were lined up for the inspection of their customers and plenty of helpers were present to explain the merits of this popular stove. The big cake was brought out and ten little ladies weighing about 200 each pressed the beam that pressed the cake and yet it rose again the second time and was good, if you judge from the way the ladies and gentlemen present ate it. Everybody enjoyed the cake and biscuit and coffee cooked on the big Majestic and doubtless many were so impressed with its virtues that the string of Majestics will be badly broken when the week ends.

North Pole Discovered at Last.

Word has just been received that Dr. Cook whose whereabouts in the North Pole regions has been unknown for 18 months is now returning to civilization with the message that he had at last found the much sought for North Pole. We should indeed be proud of this discovery as it is not only an important one to science but also that Dr. Cook is an American and slipped away with quiet modesty and told us what he had done rather than announce what he was going to do.



Additional Locals.

Mrs. Jessie Stilson of Rhea is visiting in the home of W. G. Ross.

Misses Hazel and Ruth McMillen are attending the picnic and visiting Mrs. Rem Witherspoon.

It will more than pay you for your time to read our large advertisement in this paper. Warren Hardware Company. 29-2t

Messrs. J. H. Hall, B. J. Johnson and W. O. Bennett of Canyon attended the picnic Thursday.

E. L. Stone of Clovis has accepted a position with the Kemp Lumber Co. as book-keeper.

It's worth \$8.00 to you to read our advertisement in this paper, so don't overlook it. Warren Hardware Co. 29-2t

Miss Lena Edwards went to Farwell on Thursday to assist in holding the teacher's examination for Farmer County on Friday and Saturday.

Edgar Botts and J. T. Harris left on Tuesday for the Seattle exposition via Boise City, Idaho and other western points.

Master Frank Richards holds the championship among the boys for having caught the largest fish yet this season. A 4 1-2 pound bass is the record.

Don't forget to attend the Majestic Range Demonstration in our store, one week, August 30 to September the 4. Warren Hardware Co. 29-2t

G. A. F. Parker and family returned on Thursday from Chautauqua, New York where Mrs. Parker and the children and Mother Parker have spent the past two and one-half months.

J. M. Sybert on Tuesday morning hurried down to the Warren Hardware and purchased one of those beautiful Majestic Ranges and presented it to his daughter, Mrs. Lee Clark who leaves for her home in Iowa Park today (Friday.) Mrs. Clark is very proud of this gift from her father.

J. T. Upchurch, founder of the Rescue Home at Arlington, Texas, with his band of workers, held services at the Baptist church Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week. Large audiences were present at each service and the speaker was given close attention. A collection was taken Wednesday night for the benefit of the home which amounted to about \$56. Mr. Upchurch is very earnest in his work and his experiences and observations of things with which he has come in contact is enough to arouse people to action.

Off for Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ferguson left on Thursday for a visit and pleasure trip to the great Northwest. The will first visit Mr. Ferguson's mother and sister in northern Nebraska, then to Denver and Salt Lake City, and over the Oregon Short Line to Portland and Medford, Oregon, where Mrs. Ferguson's relatives, the Capt. Howard family, reside. After a visit in the Howard home, they will attend the Seattle Exposition for a number of days and then return to Hereford via the Northern Pacific route. They expect to be gone about six weeks.

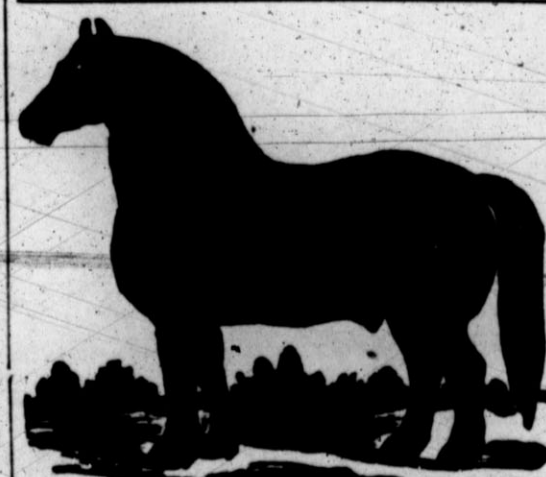
School Matters.

The school board had an all day session Monday and again Tuesday afternoon, the subject being the plans for the new school building. Several architects were present and submitted plans for a building but none were definitely decided upon. A committee, however, composed of Irwin, Beach and Palmer was appointed to select plans and report to the Board for ratification.

New officers for B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. held an election on last Saturday, and the following officers were elected: President, Forrest Park; Vice-President Jerry Burkhalter; Secretary Miss Georgia Curtsinger; Organist Emma Dean.

The retiring president Mr. J. D. Jarrott, has been most faithful for this body of young people for the past two years, and no doubt, he is able all ready to see the fruits of labor.



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ON HER WAY TO KOREA

A Culmination of a Thought and Purpose Formed When a Child of Ten Years.

On Wednesday morning, as the west bound train was nearing the city station, Miss Laura Edwards bade good-bye to her friends and loved ones, and when it steamed away it carried one of our number who is to labor for the Master in a distant field.

Miss Edwards is a daughter of Mrs. W. H. Edwards of our city and was reared to womanhood on a farm near McGregor, twenty miles west

of Waco. Her father, W. H. Edwards, a minister of the Gospel for thirty-nine years, heard the call and went to his reward two years ago.

Miss Edwards, even when a little child, romping and playing as other children do, heard the call, and all these years has been preparing to go as a missionary to some foreign field. For the past two years Miss Edwards has been a student in the Scarritt Bible Training School at Kansas City and now goes out well equipped for her future work.

She sails from San Francisco, Sept. 8 on the "Manchuria," which is bound for Kobe, Japan. Here Miss Edwards will receive her appointment to one of the schools in Korea established by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and then take a boat for that station. En

route to Kobe, Miss Edwards will stop at Honolulu and Yokohama. The trip will require about four weeks and Miss Edwards expects to reach her new home in Korea about October 10.

For a young lady to leave home, kindred, and friends and give her life to the heathen and benighted of the world is approaching the life of the Savior of mankind, when he trod the walks of earth.

All Hereford in silent admiration and respect looks up to this bright young lady with a purpose in her life, and prays the benediction of Heaven upon her and her work in the far off country that is to be her future home.

In Memorium.

(A loving tribute to the memory of little Ralph Barnett, Jr.)

Through the desolate silence of darkened rooms

Is wafted the noise of the street,
But we listen in vain for a baby voice
And the patter of little feet.
No more does the music of childish tones
With delight through our senses steal,
For now from the lips of our darling boy
The songs of the angels peal.

This life is bereft and joyless the years
Stretch on to the gates of the tomb,
We look upward, our eyes blinded with tears
While our spirits are shrouded in gloom,
The soul turns faint, the tired brain reels
At the unspoken dearth of the place,
Since that awful day when the cruel wheels
Bruised baby's tender face.

Not here shall he ever again with us dwell
Our baby—the sweetest and best;
On a day deep in blackness we bade him
farewell

As he entered the "Realms of the blest,"
but listen! the echoes fall soft on the ear,
In the desolate crush of the room;
O, the sweet childish treble! the face bright
and fair!

"Go see papa! Come mama, come!"
The little garments are folded away,
The toys are a treasured store;
We know full well our babe will play
With horse and dolls no more.
Yet our breaking hearts the burden must
bear

Nor murmur too much at the pain,
For we know that the Father we worship in
prayer
Will give us our wee one again.

There's ever the hope, that the Father of
love

Will comfort his children still,
Till we can rise from the dust of despair—
And resign ourselves to his will.
Till He leads us on from the Valley of Pain
To the land of joy and bloom,
To hear our darling call us again
"Come papa, come mama, come!"

—CATHERINE NUNLEY KERR.

Hay For Sale.

Nazareth, Texas,
Aug. 24, 1909.

Editor Hereford Brand.

Dear Sir and Friend:
Will you please favor me with the names of firms who buy hay and grain in Hereford as I have quite a lot for sale. Thanking you in advance for the favor and wishing for you every success, I beg to remain respectfully,

Mrs. L. E. McCormick.

The above letter is self explanatory. We are glad to hear of some feed crops for sale. While many of the farmers in the Hereford country will make feed for their own use, others will have to buy. We understand that the farmers in the Nazareth and Springlake communities have fine crops all of which we are glad to hear for some of the Hereford folks may have to go to "Egypt" for corn this year. We understand that some of the farmers in the Summerfield neighborhood and farther west will have feed to spare which sounds good to the men in the "dry spots."

A correspondent wants to know when to use "shall" and "should." Never use "shall" when you should use "should" and never use should when you should use "shall." In short, the only way we can explain the proper usage of the two words is we should always use "should" whenever we should and never should say "shall" when we should say "should." If this is not plain enough, we will have to pass it up.
—Exchange.

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Walk Tells Man's Character.

The way a man or woman walks means more to a close observer than the walker would admit. A good reader of character will pick the man of purpose from the crowd on the street every time. Some may move slowly and others with a rapid stride but the way they do it is what counts. The swing and bearing give an impression of just what a man does when at work.

Some day the young man who bears himself well will walk right into the position he desires. He often leaves his country town with an awkward, shuffling gait and returns like the soldier with the manly walk of enterprise. The walk and bearing of success have come with his rise in life. The town is proud of him and that quick, wide-awake alertness lends a bright example to the community.

There is the man who walks slowly but with a sureness of step which tells that he locks every door behind him which ought to be locked.

Here are two men who set a swift pace to their places of work. One is the business manager of a big magazine and the other a soda fountain dispenser, but they both excel in their line. And each appreciates the other for a good magazine and a good drink.—Searles Patterson.

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

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Foreign Missionary Society.

A business meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society will be held at the Methodist Church Wednesday September 8 at 4:00 P. M.

One feature of the Meeting will be the study of the work of the woman's board in Mexico. Also a report will be given by the delegate of the district conference of the Woman's foreign Missionary Society held in Plainview, August 18-19-20. A good attendance is desired.

MRS. L. B. HARWELL,
Reporter.

Courthouse Election.

The commissioners have issued the order for an election on the courthouse bonds as per announcement of last week. At the time of going to press, the date was not definitely set. The order contains the following data:

Election Thursday, September 30: \$125,000, 40-year, 4 per cent bonds with a 10-year option. The following managers have been appointed:

J. H. Head	Precinct No. 1.
T. M. Palmer	" " 2.
I. N. Dillard	" " 3.
W. J. Chapman	" " 4.
J. C. Womble	" " 5.
J. T. Bassett	" " 6.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH.
Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Deaf Smith county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 31st day of May, 1909, in favor of T. R. Day and T. Howard Day, and against C. E. Edwards, J. N. Wooten, S. H. Morris and F. T. Ferrell, No. 261 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 8th day of July, A. D. 1909, levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the county of Deaf Smith, state of Texas, as the property of the said C. E. Edwards, J. N. Wooten, S. H. Morris and F. T. Ferrell, to-wit: A part of Block No. 9 of the Evans Addition to the town of Hereford, Texas, as shown by the plat of

said addition now on file in the deed records of Deaf Smith county, Texas and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 500 South of the Northwest corner of Said Block 9; thence South with the West line of said Block 543.55 feet to the Southwest corner of said Block; thence East 290.05 feet to the Southeast corner of said Block; thence North with the East line of said Block 543.55 feet; thence West 290.5 feet to the beginning. And on the 7th day of September, A. D. 1909, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said C. E. Edwards, J. N. Wooten, S. H. Morris and F. T. Ferrell in and to said property.

Dated at Hereford, Texas, this 12th day of August, A. D. 1909.

E. F. CONNELL, Sheriff,
Deaf Smith County, Texas.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH.
By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Deaf Smith county, on 12th day of August 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Grayson Bell versus W. P. Lamberton No. 270, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in September, A. D. 1909, it being the 7th day of said month, before the court house door of said Deaf Smith county, in the town of Hereford the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Deaf Smith county, Texas, and being a part of section no. 62, Block K-3 and particularly described as being all of block No. 54 of Evans Addition to the town of Hereford as shown by the plat of said Addition of record in the deed records of Deaf Smith county, Texas.

Levied on as the property of W. P. Lamberton to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,264.50 in favor of Grayson Bell and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 12th day of August 1909.

E. F. CONNELL, Sheriff.
By C. E. Wheeler, Deputy Con.

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To The Public.

I, H. H. McCulley, have bought the interest of A. A. Jones in the Hereford Sheet Metal and Plumbing Works and will not be responsible for his personal accounts or obligations.

H. F. McCulley.

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

\$50,000 Dollar Bond Not Up.

The question of the building of the Colorado, Hereford & Gulf Railroad is again up to the people of Hereford. It will be remembered that in July the officials of the Southwestern Engineering & Construction Company accepted a contract between said Company and the Hereford Commercial Club by the terms of which the Company was to put up a good and sufficient bond for \$50,000 by Sept. 1st, otherwise the contract was void. The notes secured from the people bore this proviso upon their face. The company failed to put up the bond, and as a consequence contract and notes are void and the people are free to look in another direction.

No official communication regarding the bond, one way or the other, was received by the Club, though a telegram was received Tuesday, stating that something might be done provided more time was given, which was absurd on the face of it as the notes had expired and the Construction Company was well aware of the fact.

It is understood that a preliminary meeting of the officers of the Club will be held in a few days to bury the dead and reform the ranks for another battle. Afterwards the matter will probably be put up to a meeting of the citizens.

While no formal plan has yet been submitted, it is known that there are several projects on foot looking toward the building of the line. Nothing really worth while has ever been secured in this world without a hard fight against disappointment and hard luck. The citizens of Hereford should not despair by any manner of means, as the recent campaign for a heavy bonus was really an education, demonstrating beyond a doubt that Hereford can DO things when she starts at it.

The Colorado, Hereford & Gulf Railroad will be built—there is no question about it. Let's all get together and show the world we are not the kind that disappointment crushes.

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.

Notice.

Lost one handkerchief, two ladies and one baby ring tied up in same. Finder please return to Brand office, or F. H. Britain and get liberal reward. 28-tf

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 goods for sale. 21-tf

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ROOMS AND BOARD

FOR RENT—Well Furnished Rooms close to the business part of town. 30-2tp

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 1tfB

LAND.—Two quarter sections close in, for sale cheap by the owner. T. B. Kellow. 17-tf

WANTED—A man or lady to buy a home and pay part cash and balance in monthly payments. 17tf

FOR RENT—Good 5 room house. Also 2 nice, cool rooms in rear O. K. Land office. 29-tf A. H. Elliston.

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

AUTOMOBILE—My Winton Roadster for sale or trade at a bargain. It is in good condition. R. F. Rogers. 27-tf

WANTED—Responsible woman for housekeeper. Apply to E. H. Wray, Supt. of City Schools. 1t

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

WANTED—I am located in the old Hough Home just west of the public school building, and am prepared to do first class dress making with dispatch. Mrs. Cora Everett. 30-2t

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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

TRADE—Land near Hereford to trade for hardware stock in good location. H. C. Bowsler. 27-tf

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

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—For sale a new Beckwith Round Oak steel range and a round Oak heating stove as good as new. Also a sewing machine, washing machine and all my household goods at a bargain. Call at my residence six houses west of Dr. Prices in what was formerly known as the Blanks house. Mrs. Laura Orr. 1tp

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, 1/2 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

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

SECTION—640 acres, section 21, 11 miles northwest from Hereford for sale on easy terms and at a bargain price. Write owner, Mrs. R. L. Boren, Colorado, Texas. 26-5tp

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

4 ACRE BLOCK—South Hereford, new 3-room house, well, windmill, 42 foot shed, improvements all new. Price \$1,500, for terms see C. O. Lee. 28tf

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

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 OR TRADE—My Highland Park of 120 acres with 25000 trees. It overlooks the city, fronts on the railroad. A money maker to the right man. For further particulars see or write A. H. Elliston. 26-tf

FOR SALE—My 4-section Castro county ranch with 350 acres in growing crop. If its a bargain you want see or write me at once. Small cash payment, balance 10 years at 8 per cent. Will also sell teams and tools. A. H. Elliston. 26-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—Work stock, horses, mares and mules, also some good drivers. These can be had on good terms. Charlie Hodges. 29-2tp

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—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—Good team and harness also good range cook stove, cabinet and dresser, nearly new. 29-tf A. H. Elliston.



They are all here for the Annual Picnic at Hereford Tomorrow. Orient Amusement Co. with 6 shows and steam Carry-us-all. Capt. C. C. Church, the high diver. Auto parade, 30 piece band, foot, sack, wheel-barrow and horse races, riding tournament and sweep stakes, ball game each day. Excursion rates on railroad. Something doing every minute. COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE.



COURTHOUSE BOND ISSUE OPPOSED

Lengthy Article by Judge Witherspoon Showing His Reasons for Opposing the Issue at This Time.

Editor Brand:

I see from late reports that there has been an election called for the 13th. of next month to decide whether or not the Commissioners Court should be authorized to issue \$125,000 of bonds for a new court house.

I take it that your columns are open for a discussion of this question. One of the founders of our government stated that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and that statement was no truer then than now. The less attention we give to governmental matters, as a rule the worse it is for us. This being a purely local matter, and one in which we may differ, it seems to me that an understanding of the matter might be beneficial. I take it from an editorial in your paper of last issue that you are in favor of the bond issue; I am opposed to it for some of the reasons which I shall mention. The Brand editor is an expert on "figers," and I shall not attach them at all, but concede, although I have not tested them, that they are correct. It is said that figures "can not lie," but at the same time they are, or may be, the most deceptive thing in existence. The Brand editor knows as well as anyone can the difference between "theory" and "practice." His figures are "theory" while the actual practice in such cases is quite different. To illustrate the practice will say that this county issued about 18 years ago \$18,000 of courthouse and jail bonds, if I mistake not to run for twenty years, but the time is immaterial. Under the law the interest had to be paid annually on these bonds, and a tax levied and collected to create a "sinking fund" to pay the principal of said notes at maturity. This tax levy has been made each year and the taxes collected each year, and according to your "figers" we should now have more money in the "sinking fund" than enough to pay the principal of the notes. This is the "theory." The practice is that there has been four of the eighteen bonds paid off, leaving \$14,000 of bonds now outstanding, and if there is any "sinking fund," whatever, I have not been able to find it. But it may be that this has been diverted to some other fund and that it can be drawn on, but in that event a tax levy will have to be made to raise the money, and we will pay this sinking fund again. It is true that these bonds have been refunded a time or two but there is, or was a few months ago \$14,000 of these bonds unpaid and at the same rate of payment it would take over 500 years to pay the \$125,000 issue. This is "practice."

But conceding that this is an extreme case. We cannot get around the proposition that we will have to pay the principal of \$125,000 and interest for at least twenty years

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Lingerie Dresses Baby Blue and Pink prices \$6.50	\$3.25
Lingerie Dresses, Helio, Linen and White prices \$12.50	\$6.25
Lingerie Dresses, Lavender, White and Linen prices \$15.00	\$7.50
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which, at 4 per cent would amount to \$100,000 more. In other words at the very least calculation it would cost us \$225,000 for the Courthouse.

In addition to this we would have to tear down the present Courthouse that is worth some \$12,000 and throw it away as no part of it could be used in the construction of the new building.

In the second place we do not need any \$125,000 Courthouse at this time. The present house is ample for our every need, and there is not a single county officer but will be willing to stay in the present house indefinitely. The argument made by the Brand and every one else who is in favor of the proposition is that we could pay this bond and interest and never know the difference. The whole argument reminds me of a story 6,000 years old, in the garden of Eden, when the serpent told Eve that she should eat of the "forbidden fruit." Eve was not in favor of it; she thought the other fruit in the garden was sufficient and "good enough for the

present purposes," but the old serpent laughed at her and told her there was nothing in the position she had taken, and that if she would only eat of the "forbidden fruit" she should become "wise," and not be an old "Moss Back" or "knocker." The argument overcame Eve and she ate of the fruit, and she and Adam "got it in the neck" and they have got it in the neck yet; and we, if we listen to the argument produced and believe that the "payday" of this will be a matter of no importance will "get it in the neck" and it will be in the necks of our descendants to the "third and fourth generation."

As I stated in your columns some time back, that I was opposed to this court house proposition for the reason that our taxes were already too high to be enjoyed; that certain other other bonds would have to be issued at an early date; that we had to have a water system; that we had to have bonds for public school purposes etc. These bonds have since been issued. We now have \$20,000

of sewer bonds, \$25,000 of water bonds and \$25,000 or \$30,000 of school bonds which added to the proposed issue of \$125,000 court house bonds will make a total of about \$200,000 in addition to the \$14,000 old bonds. You all know something about the shock that took hold of you the first of this year when you went to pay your taxes and was told the amount of them; you had better get ready for a greater shock the coming year, for with the increased taxes resulting from these bonds mentioned it will take your breath. And with another bond issue of \$125,000 to meet and pay it will be all but confiscatory. Still this is not all. The water and sewer systems now cover only a small part of the city of Hereford, and in all justice and equity each of these should be extended just as fast as possible to other parts of the city, and no doubt they will be, and this will call for more bonds and more taxes. I have favored every issue of bonds so far because I thought they were needed.

Another reason why I oppose this

bond issue at this time is that the people are so illy prepared to pay the increased taxes; the two or three dry years we have had and capped by this extremely dry year in which so few farmers have made any crops whatever will make it extremely hard for many people to live much less pay such burdensome taxes. It is well known that not one farmer in twenty this year has made his supplies for another year; he will have to buy his flour, meat, and even feed for his stock. Many of them have not paid for their homes, many of them are living in temporary homes ill suited for the rigors of winter; many of them without any protection whatever for their stock; and many of them with purchase money notes unpaid, and nothing to pay them with. Some of them, and some of the city voters as well, are facing the loss of their homes for the reason that they can not raise the money to pay their purchase money notes, and yet we must saddle this additional burden of taxation on them for the mere pleasure that we may have in "pointing our finger with pride" at a \$125,000 court house. You say that these people would only to pay a small part of these taxes. Yes, that may be true yet one dollar with some of them will be as large as the Brand's 16 to 1 dollar in your show window.

About two years ago there was talk of building a \$50,000 court house. An investigation was made and it was found that the taxable values were not sufficient to issue \$50,000 of bonds, and now it is proposed to issue \$225,000 in bonds. Yes, our taxable values have increased at such a rate that we can now issue \$125,000. This indeed is wonderful. It is perfect magic. How has it come about? We had just exactly as many acres of land then as now; it was just as productive then as now; it produced just as many blades of grass then as now. I will tell you how it came about. The tax collector called on Mr. Smith the first of January 1907, and inquired for his list of property. Mr. Smith replied that he had one little burrow eight years old; the assessor looks it over and says: "Well, that burrow is worth \$20," and down it goes at \$20. The first of January 1908 the assessor calls on Mr. Smith again for his property rendition; Mr. Smith points out his same old burrow, and the assessor says: "Well Mr. Smith, the 'tax eater' wants a little more money; we will have to assess your burrow this year at \$40." Mr. Smith is getting rich; we are all getting rich; our property values have doubled in one year. How wonderful! What a great blessing to live in a country where we can be made rich so easy. And this is the true story of our wonderful progress. The "tax eater" wants more money; the tax payer has got to pay it and he may protest as he may. What are the people anyway? To use the classic language, "The people be ——" and the people are ——" C. G. WITHERSPOON.

Election Notice

There will be an election for School Trustees in District No. 3 at the Berve school house, Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 1909.

W. H. RUSSELL, County Judge.