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AGAINST BRYAN BILL.

**Citizens of Deaf Smith County in
Mass Meeting Express Their
Disapproval—Petition to
the State Legislature.**

The citizens of Hereford and Deaf Smith county have become aroused over the prospective change of the state quarantine law, as contemplated in the bill offered by Representative Bryan of Abilene. Feeling that the interest of their county and of the entire Panhandle country depends in a great measure upon the preservation of the line as it is at present to protect their cattle from the invasion of the inferior and fever-infected breeds of the south, the stockmen and other substantial citizens of the county are determined to use all the means in their power to accomplish the defeat of the Bryan bill which is now pending in the state legislature.

To this end a meeting of citizens was called at the court house Monday night, February 2. The attendance was large and was made up of the most valuable and influential men of the town and county. Judge J. E. Ferguson called the meeting to order and upon his motion M. W. Shelley was made chairman of the meeting and Ross Davis was elected secretary. At the request of the chairman, S. T. Howard stated the object of the meeting. In a short

speech that was forcible and straight to the point he set forth the emergency which confronts the cattlemen of the Panhandle, and urged the necessity of immediate action to prevent the amendment of the present quarantine regulations, and the serious injury to the cattle industry of this section of the state. Mr. Howard's speech was heartily applauded by all those present. Judge Ferguson, Louis Lester of Canyon, and other citizens also spoke urging the importance of defeating the Bryan bill.

It was the judgment of the meeting that a representative from this county should be sent to Austin to act with representatives from other Panhandle counties in setting before the members of the legislature the arguments in favor of maintaining the existing quarantine line. The opposition to the line among the legislators it is thought arises from the fact that many of them are misinformed or uninformed about cattle conditions above the line, and a fair presentation of the real situation will do much to remove this opposition. Upon motion, S. T. Howard was unanimously chosen to go to Austin, he being thoroughly informed upon the condition and needs of the cattle business north of the line, and money was raised to defray his expenses.

A petition to the state legislature

was also drawn up to be signed by citizens of the town and county setting forth the facts and considerations in favor of maintaining the state quarantine regulations as they are at present, and asking the senators and representatives to give the matter a thorough and intelligent consideration before voting upon the bill presented by Mr. Bryan. This bill has been reported favorably by the committee on stock and stock raising by a vote of eleven to three, and will come up for consideration in the House in about two weeks. There will however be a minority report, and it is hoped that when the facts are clearly set before them, a majority of the representatives will vote against the measure, or if it passes the House, that it may be defeated in the Senate.

Sentiment here is practically unanimous in favor of retaining the present quarantine law, as against the law as it would be under the Bryan bill. Business men of all classes, as well as those immediately interested in cattle, feel that the whole fate of the cattle industry in the Panhandle hangs upon the success or failure of this measure; and what ever affects the cattle industry must affect seriously every department of business in this section of the state. Hence the necessity of defeating the measure at any cost.

Mr Howard will go to Austin at

once, and will co-operate with citizens from other counties above the line in setting before members of the legislature the reason for maintaining the present quarantine regulations.

The Quarantine Bill.

From the Childress Index.

S. P. Britt was in Austin the fore part of the week, and while there he appeared before the house committee protesting against the passage of the Bryan bill. He says that from what he could learn the bill will pass the house but believes the Senate will kill it. He says there is developing strong opposition to the bill and a hard fight is being made to defeat it in the house. He also states that Gov. Lanham is not favorably disposed to the bill, as he has had talks with the federal authorities concerning such legislation and believes it would not be for the best to have such a law. Yet the governor gave no intimation as to what he might do if the bill passed both houses with good majorities.

Notice to Prospectors.

On Monday and Tuesday of each week I will be prepared to take parties out for inspection of the XIT lands, advertised for sale elsewhere in this paper.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Pot Pouri of the Political World at Home and Abroad.

Charleston buzzard with Crum is not a favorite dish in any section of the country.

Secretary Hay takes advantage of the Columbian treaty to express his view of the Monroe Doctrine.

Governor Pennypacker makes a bad start by abusing the newspapers. He ought to know that politicians die when the papers drop them.

The implication of Lemuel E. Quigg in recent bribery charges strikes dangerously close to the senior senator from New York, Mr. Thomas Platt.

The democrats in the House compelled the republican majority to adopt a gold standard for the Philippines. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

It is probable that the democrats will eventually be forced to abandon the statehood fight in order to secure for the people some measure looking to the amelioration of trust abuses.

A far-famed gentleman of Dover,
Who would browse in the senate's sweet clover,
Though an expert in gas,
Discovers alas
That his henchmen their rote must do over.

Senator Lodge proposes the dual tariff. If his campaign in its interest is successful there is every probability that the cordial relations existing between the United States and other nations will be generally disrupted.

The true animus of the republicans who would defeat the Statehood bill lies in their desire to defeat Roosevelt. They believe the three new states would support him and are determined they shall not have the opportunity.

Seventeen republicans and thirty-four democrats, a total of fifty-one senators, desire to vote for the admission to statehood of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. Thirty-seven republicans oppose that desire and are filibustering to prevent a vote. The Senate is thus stultifying the policy of majority rule.

The republicans in the House insisted on increasing the appropriation for the free distribution of seeds from \$270,000 to \$300,000, notwithstanding the protests of the Secretary of Agriculture and the chairman of the Agricultural committee. They evidently realize that republican votes will be hard to get next election and desire a large amount of "pie" to distribute for that purpose.

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The election of Mr. Walcott as senator from Colorado would have been a sad reflection on the feminine voters of that state.

Senator Hoar, the veteran republican, has administered a merited rebuke to the President for attempting to dictate legislation.

If the president is looking for another term he had better drop eating so much dark meat and live on a less stimulating diet.

Democratic sentiment in Washington seems to be tending towards the presidential candidacy of Judge Alton B. Parker of New York.

President Roosevelt's definition of the Monroe Doctrine is making trouble for the United States and causing suffering to Venezuela.

Hanna, Aldrich and Spooner are demonstrating their ability to throttle congress when it attempts to carry out the will of the people.

It is becoming more and more evident that the republicans in the senate will not permit any effective anti-trust legislation to be enacted.

Two hundred years ago people had smallpox as we now have the measles. No class was exempt. From 1781 to 1805, in the city of Berlin, 3,422 people in a million died every year of this disease; today, thanks to a rigid system of vaccination, the rate is less than one in two million. Our health laws are too lax in this matter of vaccination and with a little more care on the part of health officers and more drastic legislation we ought to be able to lower the death rate from smallpox to the Berlin proportion.

President Roosevelt invited a number of negroes to the last White House reception and a southern senator significantly remarks that "The President should be allowed to choose his own company and his invited guests always have the privilege of staying away if they do not relish mingling with a crowd of darkeys."

Will some microscopic expert search for the brains of the Governor of Pennsylvania who repudiated Andrew Carnegie for scattering the money he made from the state of Pennsylvania in other states? If wealth had not poured into Pennsylvania from the entire world Mr. Carnegie's broad munificence would have been impossible.

Notice.

All parties owing Beach & Camp an account will please call at county clerk's office and settle the same at once, either by cash or note. All accounts are now past due and must be settled at an early date.

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On Girdner ranch twelve miles south of Hereford on Dimmitt road—15 thoroughbred Durham bulls and 3 thoroughbred Hereford bulls. See W. C. Morris at the ranch or Noah Jones in Hereford. 48-5-15

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Panhandle Cattlemen's Association.
From The Childress Index.

On Monday night of this week a very enthusiastic crowd gathered at the K. P. opera house to take the first steps toward entertaining the visitors to the coming Panhandle Cattlemen's Association to be held at Childress the latter part of March. S. P. Buster, president of the Commercial club, called the meeting to order and stated its object.

Short addresses were made by many of those present when County Judge Howard made a motion that three committees be appointed by the chair as follows: Arrangement, reception and entertainment, and finance. This was seconded and carried.

The chair appointed the committees as follows:

Arrangements—L. E. Haskett, A. J. Hardin and T. J. Jeffries.

Reception and Entertainment—E. C. Dyche, J. W. Smith, U. S. Weddington, A. W. Long, R. S. Housels and W. L. Underwood.

Finance—S. P. Buster, Tom Jaycox and M. S. Aston.

Power was given to the reception and entertainment committee to add to its numbers whenever necessary.

Those present gave their views on the mode of entertainment and it is expected that Childress will do more than any other town in which the association has met. Childress has a reputation along this line that no other town has in this section of the state, and the Index can guarantee that the visitors will leave Childress with regret.

For Sale.

My ranch near Endee, N. M., consisting of 160 acres owned and 640 acres leased for five years, all fenced with three and four wires; plenty open range adjoining; three-room house, corrals, bams, etc., windmill, two tanks and two sixteen-foot drinking tubs. Improvements cost over \$1500. All for \$2500. This property is within seven miles of the Choctaw survey, and would make fine sheep ranch, or small cattle ranch. J. T. Claybrook, Endee, N. M. 46-8-19

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UP FROM THE ASHES.

Burned Buildings to be Replaced with Brick—Work Has Already Begun.

Last week we were compelled to chronicle the destruction by fire of a considerable part of the business section of Hereford. Ten buildings, with stocks of goods and other property, to the value of \$25,000 were destroyed. But the disaster is to be speedily repaired. The burned blocks of Dewey Avenue that were swept bare by the flames are to be rebuilt with larger and better business houses. Our citizens, who suffered so heavily from the destructive fire, are showing the right sort of energy and enterprise. Scarcely had the ashes of the crumbling walls grow cool before plans were being made to replace the burned buildings with brick.

Work upon two of the buildings has already begun. G. R. Hay will erect upon the lot formerly occupied by his two-store frame a brick building 24 feet front by 80 feet deep. It will be occupied, as soon as finished, by the Garrison Bros. stock of hardware. Frank Britain, G. W. Dale, Charlie Orr, B. W. Miller and Frank Fuller will combine to erect upon their lots a single large and commodious brick, one hundred and twenty-five feet front and fifty feet deep, which will be divided into five compartments for business purposes. Contracts for these two buildings have been let to Snyder & Johnson. The debris and blackened embers left by the fire have already been cleared away, excavation for the foundations has begun, and the brick are on the ground to begin the actual work of construction. Work upon these buildings will be pushed forward just as rapidly as possible, and they will be completed in a short time. When finished they will be two of the best, handsomest and most substantial buildings in Hereford.

Plans for the erection of other buildings also are forming and will soon materialize. Before many months in place of the "Row" of shacks and small frame buildings will appear a block of handsome brick, which will be a credit to the town, and a valuable evidence of the thrift and enterprise of the men who have not allowed themselves to be defeated and cast down by misfortune but have set to work vigorously to build upon the ashes of their disaster a larger and more substantial property.

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Incorporation Election. ✓
Responding to a petition signed by fifty citizens, as required by law, County Judge Boyd has ordered an election to be held Monday, February 9, to determine whether or not Hereford shall be incorporated. The corporation as outlined in the petition will include a territory two miles square, being a half mile in each direction beyond the line of the town section. Should the result of the election be favorable to incorporation, steps will be taken at once to draw up a charter and organize a city government, as prescribed by the general law for the incorporation of cities and villages. The officers that will have to be elected are a mayor, a board of aldermen and a city marshal. There is a bill now before the state legislature to enable cities of less than 3000 population to dispense with the marshal, the police duties commonly assigned to him to be performed by the county officers. Should this bill become a law, the only officers that will be required are a mayor and a board of aldermen; and these may or may not be salaried officers.

Ranch Sales.
Two valuable ranch properties changed hands here this week. J. E. Rhodes bought the three-section ranch and improvements of C. E. Wheeler, eleven miles northeast of town, consideration \$5,600 cash. This ranch is well improved and is one of the most desirable small ranches in the county.
C. E. Wheeler in turn bought the one-section ranch of Rat Jowell three miles east of town, paying for it \$10,000 cash. This section is without doubt the most favorably situ-

ated, the best improved, and the most generally desirable one in the county, and Mr. Wheeler is to be congratulated upon securing so valuable a property.

College Directors Meeting. ✓
The Board of Directors of the Hereford School Association held their regular annual meeting Tuesday night. The principal business before them was the election of a new board for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were chosen: C. G. Witherspoon, L. Gough, T. M. Palmer, R. H. Norton, E. B. Black, Ross W. Davis, R. N. Mounts, J. E. Ferguson, and C. W. Dodson.
It was decided to sell the brick which had been purchased for use in finishing the college building to the men whose business houses were destroyed by fire last week and who desire to begin rebuilding at once, the same to be replaced as soon as possible. Some other matters were before the board for consideration but action thereupon was postponed to a subsequent meeting.

Real Estate Sales.
Ricketts & Rayzor this week sold to J. B. Storm the W. J. Hodge section in Castro county, and also section 289 belonging to Frank Chestnut.
Ricketts & Rayzor sold to W. J. Hodge the William Sullivan business house and lot, consideration \$1300.

Notice.
For sale, lease or trade for black land, three sections of improved land fifteen miles southeast of Hereford. Write quick, Lock Box 274, Wichita Falls, Texas. 39tf

Court Matters.
County court was convened in regular term on Monday morning, Judge Boyd presiding, and continued in session through the week. A number of cases were heard and disposed of. Two parties charged with gaming were found guilty and fined, one \$20 and costs, the other \$10 and costs. Another party pleaded guilty to disturbing public worship and was fined—\$25 and costs. The following civil cases were heard:
Phipps vs. Pecos Valley Ry., appealed from Justice's court; verdict for plaintiff, \$12.45.
Ricketts vs. Pecos Valley Ry., appealed from Justice's court; verdict for plaintiff, 11.05.
Canyon Grain & Coal Co. vs. Henry Von Lienen; verdict for plaintiff, \$359, costs to be prorated between the litigants.
Several other cases are on docket and court will be in session several days longer.

Poll Tax Receipts.
The number of poll tax receipts issued by the collector of Deaf Smith county was 346. The largest vote ever polled in the county was that cast for District Judge at the last general election, which was 408. The number of qualified voters under the present law is therefore about eighty per cent of what it was before the poll tax amendment was adopted. This is not so good as it should have been, but it is not bad when compared with the results in other counties of the Panhandle. Potter county shows only 550 poll taxes paid; Randall county, 249; and Oldham county, which is ten years older than Deaf Smith, falls as low as 60.



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\$16 suits for	\$12.00
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11 suits for	8.00
10 suits for	7.00
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7.50 suits for	5.00

Price \$6, now	4.00
Price \$4.75, now	3.25
Price \$4, now	3.00
Price \$3.50, now	2.60
Price \$3.25, now	2.25
Price \$2.50, now	1.75
Price \$2.25, now	1.70

Dress Goods	
Price \$1.75 per yard, now	\$1.35
Price 75c per yard, now	60c
Price 65c per yard, now	40c
Price 50c per yard, now	35c
Price 45c per yard, now	30c
Price 40c per yard, now	25c
Price 25c per yard, now	15c
Price 15c per yard, now	8 1-3c

100 Misses' and Ladies' Jackets and Capes

Price \$8, now	\$6.50
Price \$7.50, now	5.75
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Men's dress shirts price 75c, now	50c
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WANTS NO CHANGE.

Prominent Stockman of Ft. Worth Opposes Altering the Quarantine Law.

Col. S. B. Burnett of Ft. Worth, who is one of the largest cattle raisers in Texas, is here to oppose any change in the present quarantine line. When seen by a Statesman report last night he said:

"The change proposed for an open season of two months would be calamitous to the cattle interests of the whole state. No man who is unprejudiced and who will examine the facts can come to any other conclusion. The present line was established by the agreement of the national authorities and the state sanitary board of Texas, composed of men of very high character and extensive knowledge upon the subject. The state board is composed of Robert Kleberg, who has no cattle or interests above the line. Mr. Kleberg holds that the proposed change would be disastrous. The other two members of the Texas board are M. M. Hankins of Quanah and Captain Moore. These gentlemen have all studied the question thoroughly. Captain Moore is also below the present line. Winfield Scott of Ft. Worth, who is one of the very best cattle raisers, has heretofore not believed in the quarantine line as at present established, but he was

converted recently in a most effective way. He has a chain of oil mills in Texas and one at Brownwood. He took a bunch of cattle to the Brownwood mill from above the line to feed and put them in the pens. Brownwood, you know, is below the line. These cattle became infected with the fever, and in a week he lost 500 head. He stated this to me and others here in Austin during the inaugural ceremonies.

"That this disease is infectious is a fact no longer subject to dispute or debate. It is thoroughly demonstrated, and the authorities at Washington know it as well as any one, and they are quick to act when their attention is called to a danger like the spread of this disease. Should the Texas legislature form an incorrect opinion on this question, which I am sure they will not do after examination, and change this line, the result would be that the national government would act and would establish a quarantine against the entire state of Texas, and thus shut off from the markets of the world \$50,000,000 worth of Texas cattle. It has been demonstrated so that no one can longer doubt it that cattle with ticks taken from below the line and put with cattle above it, will kill the cattle above the line. With the inspection laws now in force and the close inspection given cattle from below the line, now and then cattle

are let in which kill the others.

So strong am I in the opinion I take on this question, and so well do I know the danger, that I have made a lane at my own expense thirty miles long through my ranch in King county, and given the land free. I hauled the material to build this lane sixty miles from the railroad. This lane is built to avoid the danger of cattle passing through my ranch, even after careful inspection by the authorities, communicating the disease to my cattle. I also have a big ranch below the line with about 10,000 cattle on it, and I would like to be able to handle these cattle above the line, for I could get more per head, but I would ruin myself and my friends by attempting it, and therefore I could not think of it. The authors of the present bill seem to forget that the government at Washington is wide awake on questions of this kind, and that it has the authority to quarantine the balance of the country against Texas and would proceed to do it in the event of the change the bill proposes."

Senator Culberson, then governor, assisted in the interest of the cattle raisers of Texas to make the present line, and was in Washington once on that business. He fully appreciated the necessity and afterwards sent a special message to the legislature on the question, if I remember correctly.

"All I ask of any fair, intelligent

and thoughtful man is to look up the facts."—Austin Statesman.

Big Fire at Carlsbad.

Carlsbad, N. M., Feb. 3.—The beet sugar factory at this place was burned to the ground at an early hour this morning. The loss on the building and machinery was total. The factory was valued at \$250,000 and was owned by the Schlitz Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wis. No insurance was carried on either the building or the machinery. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. The factory was erected about seven years ago and was one of the finest in the Southwest having a capacity of two hundred tons a day.

The building was of brick and of the most substantial character.

Road for Miami.

Miami, Texas., Feb. 3.—It is reported that a railroad has been chartered from Wichita Falls to Miami, and people here are anxious to see it constructed, as it would help to develop this ranch country into a first-class stock farming country.

Found.

A ladies gold bracelet next day after the fire, the owner can get same by calling on E. D. Smith or Geol. W. Dale and proving ownership and paying for this notice. It

STATEHOOD BILL.

Talk of Compromise—New Mexico and Arizona to be Admitted as One State.

Washington, Feb. 3.—There is considerable talk today about the Senate of the possibility of a compromise on the statehood proposition. A suggestion, which appears to meet with some favor on both sides of the controversy, is that the two Territories of Oklahoma and New Mexico be admitted as states and that Arizona be united with New Mexico until the area now covered by that Territory shall include 300,000 people, when it shall become a state, and that Oklahoma be admitted as it now stands, but that at some definite time in the future the Indian Territory shall be added to Oklahoma.

Christian Endeavor Program.

The following program will be rendered at the meeting of the C. E. Society to be held at the Christian church Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

- Subject..... Lesson from Failures
- Leader..... Miss Lura Jowell
- Lesson—Gen. 4: 8, 12; Judges 16: 20, 21; Samael 3: 11, 14; 15: 26, 29
- Song and Prayer
- Essay..... Miss Stewart
- How does a life that is a failure effect other lives..... John Clark
- References and Song
- Why do not one's circumstances account for the failures of our lives..... Miss Nunley
- Select reading..... Mary Clark
- Against what causes of failures does one need to be particularly on guard in these times..... Joe Clark
- Song
- Circle prayer
- Mizpah Benediction

A Narrow Escape.

Amarillo, Texas, Feb. 2.—Early yesterday morning some one passed the home of W. H. Wellborn and fired into his house. The ball passed through Mrs. Wellborn's clothing, cutting her side slightly about the waist. No arrests have been made, and no motive can be assigned for the commission of the offense.

After Four Years' Absence.

J. R. Grounds, of Lee Summit, Mo., came in today on business. He formerly lived in this section of the country, before the town of Hereford was started. He expresses great surprise at the rapidity with which the town has sprung up and grown.

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For Irrigation Purposes.

A mammoth concrete flume to cost \$50,000 is being constructed across the Pecos river near Carlisbad, N. M., for purpose of irrigation. It is to be 492 feet long and 25 feet wide. The walls will be 29 feet high and five feet thick. Six thousand barrels of cement will be used, and it will require 50 or 75 men, working from now until the 15th of March to finish the work. Its carrying capacity will be 60,000 cubic feet of water per minute.

For Sale.

A four-acre block in the College addition, fronting the residence property of Randolph Clark. Will sell whole or part. Hereford Land and Abstract Co. 45tf

Practical Precepts.

He who throws dirt must soil his own hands.

"It was Atlas, ma'am." "And who supported Atlas?"

To stir the fire with another's hands is no hardship.—Anon

Gaining Strength.—"How is that butter I sent you?" asked a grocer of a customer. "Better, thanks; gains strength every day."

"Poverty may excuse a shabby coat but it is no excuse for shabby morals."

"The book doesn't say, but I suppose his wife supported him."—Scranton Truth.

Where there is much pretension much has been borrowed, nature never pretends."

"Gravity is no more evidence of wisdom, than a paper collar is evidence of a shirt."

"Now, Mary Ann," said the teacher, addressing the head of the class in Mythology, "Who was it that supported the world on his shoulders?"

An Irishman arose from his seat on a street car and rang the bell vigorously. The conductor exclaimed, "Here! don't do that, you're ringing the bell at both ends of the car." "That all right, sor," was the reply, "an' I want both inds of the car to stop."

Memory Gems.

"There is a thread in our thoughts as there is a pulse in our feelings."—Anon.

The smallest children are nearest to God, as the smallest planets are nearest the sun.—Richter.

Recollection is the only paradise from which we cannot be turned out.—Richter.

He that plots to be the only figure among ciphers, is the decay of the age.—Bacon.

"It is upon the smooth ice we slip; the roughest path is the safest."—Anon.

Love's sweetest meanings are unspoken. The full heart knows no rhetoric of words.—Bor.ec.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day and at last we cannot break it.—Horace Mann.

There is no time in a man's life when he is so great as when he cheerfully bows to the necessity of his position, and makes the most of it.—Anon.

All the best things and treasures of this world are not to be produced by each generation for itself; but we are all intended, not to carve our work in snow, that will melt, but each and all of us to be continually rolling a great, white gathering snowball higher and higher, larger and larger, among the Alps of human power.—Ruskin.

"But Where to find that happiest spot below;

Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good Crop Raiser. Not only Cattle, but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed-Staffs, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals.

Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and Farms and Ranches of all size very happily located, are being purchased daily.

We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little Book published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what **People Have Accomplished** along the line of

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A Weekly Journal Devoted to the Interests of the Panhandle Country of Texas

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Editor

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Publisher

A MISAPPREHENSION:

Representative Bryan of Abilene and his constituents, and many other good people living below the quarantine line are laboring under a strange misapprehension as to cattle conditions in this part of the state. They have been led to believe somehow that the ranchmen of the Panhandle are selfishly holding vast tracts of land, more than they can use or are justly entitled to. They seem to think that the cattlemen above the line have secured a cinch on a good thing, which they—the men below “the line”—ought rightly to have a share in. They are amusing themselves with the cheerful delusion that if they can only by some shift open a doorway into the great and wonderful Panhandle country, they will find themselves come suddenly into possession of a vast perennial paradise, where their starved cattle may feed and grow fat upon luxuriant and never-failing grasses. This is only a little pipe dream. Our brethren below the line need to wake up, and shake themselves, and look about. There are no “vast tracts” of pasture land being held unused by cattlemen or anybody else in the Panhandle. On the contrary, there are very few ranches above the line which have not as many cattle already as they can profitably support. The range in the Panhandle is fully taken and fully stocked; and every year the number of cattle is growing greater, and the acreage of pasture land less. If those cattlemen of the south and southwest, who are constantly looking with envious eyes across the line into the Panhandle country, could only understand this maybe they would not be so zealous to have the quarantine law repealed.

THREE imperative needs of the town were made clear by the fire of last week: A volunteer fire company, organized and drilled for work; a more plentiful water supply; and police regulations to lessen the danger of fire in the business section. The surest way to secure these desirable objects is to incorporate the town and give it an efficient city government.

THERE could be no stronger proof of the confidence which Hereford

people feel in the future of their town than the energetic manner in which they have set to work to replace the buildings that were destroyed last week by fire. This is the sort of confidence that will make a town. It demonstrates to people upon the outside in a very practical way that there is enterprise and business stability here, and that no temporary misfortune or visitation of adverse fate can long retard the town's substantial growth and prosperity.

THERE is a vast deal of railroad gossip and rumour flying about the country just now. Well nigh every town in the Panhandle is exploiting its pet project of a railroad to be built in the near future, with which is to come all sorts of business and prosperity. Much of this talk is, of course, all in the air; but with so much smoke must be some sparks of fire. The Panhandle is rapidly filling up with people, the volume of business is swelling, and the demand for better transportation facilities is growing greater every day. With the people and the business must come eventually more railroads. It is well then to talk, and to plan, and surmise; but it is well also to remember that it is hustling and not talk that gets things. The town that gets the railroads will not be the one that talks the most, but the one that goes after them with the right sort of inducements.

MONDAY, February, 9, the citizens of Hereford will be called upon to decide whether or not the town shall be incorporated. It is a question about which none of our people can afford to be indifferent. The choice is between progress and stagnation, push and procrastination, thrift and shiftless indifference. Shall we have a live, progressive, modern town, fully awake to its needs and opportunities, or shall we have a slow, awkward, unenterprising country village, that grows on sleepily without plan or purpose? Here are a few of the advantages that will come from incorporation: Sanitary regulations, street improvements, fire protection, telephone, water, and electric light franchises, and improved public school facilities. Every citizen of Hereford who is a qualified voter and

who desires to promote the interest and growth of the town should go to the polls on Monday and cast his vote in favor of Incorporation and Progress.

It has been urged as an argument against Incorporation that the commissioners' court can do for the town all that a municipal government could do. This is an error arising from a misconception of the scope and purpose of the commissioners court. The commissioners cannot make sanitary rules to protect the health of the people; they cannot keep the streets of the town in good condition; they cannot encourage public enterprises by granting franchises for the construction of water and electric light systems; and they cannot provide means to protect the town from disastrous fires such as it suffered last week. These valuable objects can only be accomplished through a legally constituted city government. The court of county commissioners is a useful and necessary body, but it is not organized for the purpose of building up the town and promoting its interests. Its function is to look, in a general way, after the welfare of the whole county, and it is a body of very limited powers. If we are to have public institutions and enterprises such as are necessary to a progressive modern town, they must be secured by Incorporation.

Notice.

We have opened our shop in the Hereford House Annex where we would be pleased to meet all our friends who wish work done in the barber line. We will at once commence a large and commodious building at the old place where we calculate soon to have everything arranged first-class with a new and complete outfit. It will take some time to build and get fixed up and during the time will appreciate the patronage extended us in the past. 50tf

Very respectfully,
GEO. W. DALE.

Trespass Notice.

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

For Sale.

Forty acres of land one and one-half miles east of town and three-quarters of a mile from the new college, at \$15 per acre. R. R. Harris. 42tf

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Sincerely

DR W. E. ROBERTSON, Operator and Proprietor

HEREFORD DENTAL PARLORS

DR. A. D. MILLER, Laboratorian

Died

Thursday morning at half past six o'clock, George Parker Acker, aged nine years, son of James A. Acker, of Claude, died at the college dormitory. His death was very sudden and unexpected, as he had been sick only since Monday. He had been boarding with his grandmother and younger brother at the college and attending school. A few weeks ago he had the measles, but had recovered and was able to be up and appeared to be all right. Monday he suffered a relapse, and was seized with something like acute rheumatism. From day to day he grew worse until, on Thursday morning, in spite of the tender ministrations of kind relatives and friends and the best attention of skilled physicians, he died.

The bright little boy thus so suddenly and sadly taken away was a nephew of G. A. F. Parker of the Smith, Walker & Co. bank. Wednesday afternoon, when it was known that he was critically ill, a telegram was sent to his father to come at once, but Mr. Acker was unable to get here until after his son was dead.

The funeral services were held at the college building, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. C. L. Cartwright, of the Methodist Episcopal church. A large number of sympathizing friends were present and attended the body to the grave. Mr. Acker and the other relatives of little George have the condolence of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

FROM TEXICO.

Interesting Items From the New Town on the Mexico Border.

Mrs. Grady is visiting friends in Bovina this week.

Lagrippe is stalking around among the old bones and gray heads.

Big white head cabbage is a common thing in this place, but fish are scarce.

Fruit tree agents are in the land. Selling 'em too. We look for a canning factory some day.

Padlocks are on all the coal bins in town to keep the—the—frost off the chips. Coal is about all gone.

'Somebody is talking about the Rock Island buying the Santa Fe. It sounds to me like the Boers whipping the English.

Our new county delegation returned today from Santa Fe after a two weeks sojourn with our law makers. They report good results, to be demonstrated in the near future.

I am sorry to say there are some people living in this town who are very glad Tom Lamson can only put his toe to the "line" unless the Governor says, "step over Tom and fetch him back." Eh?

Mr. Blankinship, of the firm of Blankinship & Woodcock, is here today looking after his mercantile interest. He is highly pleased with the patronage received so far and under the able management of Paul Miller success will attend them.

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"Dokanawah" is attending a sick child at Mr. Ragsdale's.

Will Mook has sublet his wolf contract to Walter Oliver, they say.

Some enterprising landlord is losing money every day by not building a big hotel in this town.

Rev. Medlin of Portales will preach here tonight and tomorrow. Everybody should go.

"Teddy" must have a black eye, or an eye for blacks. Judging from the company he invites to the white house receptions sometimes.

Jennie Lee Barentine is the name of the new arrival at the Barentine homestead. Mother and child are doing well under "Dokanawah's" care.

If your town gets short on butter, just send your orders to Texico creamery. We got a car load of creameries from Kansas two weeks ago and expects to have a separator soon.

We have a real poet out here, something everyone has heard or read about, but very few people living today have ever seen; and like all true poets, I imagine, he is very particular about the "periodical" he contributes to. But he has consented to let us have a few verses for THE BRAND, so you may clean up your specs and look for something rich.

AARON.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the many friends who unceasingly worked to save my stock of goods from the recent fire.

Respectfully,
LEE S. SMITH.

Notice.

After February 1st coal and posts will not be sold on longer time than 30 days.

HEREFORD GRAIN & COAL CO.
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HEREFORD COLLEGE LETTER.

A Few Items of Interest From the Campus.

John Herod, who has been out of school about a week on account of measles, is rapidly improving.

The Grand piano, ordered some time ago, has arrived, and will soon be placed in the "The Girls' Home."

The election department will give a recital Feb. 17th. The place will be announced next week.

The death of little Geo. Acker cast a gloom over our school family. We shall greatly miss the little fellow. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh left Thursday for their home in Austin. They were accompanied by their protege, Marcia Johnson. Their many friends regret that Mrs. Walsh's health was such that this move seemed necessary. They will be greatly missed, especially by the students and faculty.

Legislative Matters.

A bill is to be introduced in the legislature entirely prohibiting the killing of deer and fawns.

A measure has been offered in the House by Representatives Marsh, Fowler, Ragland and Potter, limiting the power of railroads to move their shops and general offices, except by permission of the legislature.

Mr. Stokes has introduced a bill the intent of which is to advance the bond of the State Treasurer from \$75,000 to \$220,000, and requiring that same be executed by not less than six good securities or surety companies.

The bill for the appropriation of \$75,000 for the purpose of enlarging the state iron works at Rusk is still under consideration in the Senate, and the testimony of practical men is being heard upon the wisdom and value to the state of maintaining such an enterprise.

A bill has been introduced in the House authorizing the Governor to employ competent civil engineers to make a survey of the Brazos river and its principal tributaries from its mouth to Waco, with a view to discover some method of preventing overflows and inundations to which the Brazos valley is subject.

Representative Mulky, of Hunt county, has offered a bill making it unlawful, and punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 for any person, firm, association, or incorporation in this state to buy, sell, exchange, borrow, or lend any pistol, dirk, dagger, slungshot, swordcane, spear, knuckles, bowie knife, or other knife made for offense or defense.

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STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION.
To be Held at El Paso—Large Attendance Expected.
The annual meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association is to be held at El Paso, beginning March 10th, and continuing the rest of the week. Extensive preparations are being made by the citizens of El Paso to entertain the Convention, and it is thought that a large number of cattlemen and other visitors will be present. There will be many interesting features besides the stock exhibits, and those who attend are assured of having an interesting and profitable time. The State Livestock Sanitary Board has granted permission for cattle below the line to be taken to El Paso during the convention. Hon. W. W. Turney, who is president of the association and chairman of the reception committee, writing to the Drovers' Telegram about the coming convention says: "Please be informed that the people of El Paso are preparing to entertain the visitors in an acceptable manner. Mr. H. C. Myles, chairman of the exhibit

committee, has arranged for a splendid livestock exhibit and has the co-operation of the Shorthorn, Hereford and other breeders' associations, and will offer prizes somewhere between \$3,000 and \$5,000. We expect to have in connection with our meeting here, a race meet lasting four or five days, during which some splendid animals will be raced and driven. We shall also probably have in connection with the meeting on Mexican soil, in easy reach of the city by street car, Spanish bull fights of the kind you read about."
Private Boarding House.
I have rented part of the property known as the Dr. R. M. Johnson block and will conduct a private boarding house. My former patrons at the Hereford House will receive a cordial welcome and all others who desire good, wholesome meals at reasonable rates, which will be served at the usual hours.
50tf **MRS. M. B. DANIEL.**
Jacob Wilfanger and Sam Wise, of Dimmitt, were in Hereford on business this week.

Publisher's Notice.

It is with pleasure that I am enabled to announce to THE BRAND'S many readers that I have secured the services of Addison Clark, Jr., formerly the editor of the Waco Review, to edit THE BRAND. Mr. Clark is a forceful writer on the topics of the day and has views of his own on the important questions which will come up before our people from time to time, though it is his policy to study each question from an unprejudiced point of view before arriving at a conclusion. As Mr. Clark is yet unacquainted with the local people I would consider it a favor if the readers of the paper would voluntarily acquaint him with any local news items with which they are familiar. In this way I feel that you will be guaranteed a local paper second to none in the state. Part of the new equipment for the office has arrived and been installed and the remainder is enroute, and upon its arrival will be installed as rapidly as possible, after which THE BRAND will be the best equipped printing office in the Panhandle, and which will enable us to turn out as neat job printing of all kinds as can be done in any office in the country. I will assume the management of the mechanical department, which will necessitate my being in the office most of the time where I can be found by anyone having business with the office. I would also request that all those who are in arrears on subscriptions would call and renew at once as it requires a large sum of money to make these improvements and publish a first class newspaper. These amounts, while small to the individual, amount to a great deal in the aggregate, and the payment of the same would be greatly appreciated at this time.
Yours respectfully,
F. L. VANDERBURGH,
Publisher.

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W. H. CUMMINGS
Carpenter and Builder
Leave orders with Rayzor & Ricketts, Hereford, Texas.

J. D. Burkett was in town on Tuesday.

R. H. Norton and Dave Earnest were in town Thursday.

Miss Grace Hanaford was in from the Green Valley ranch Tuesday.

Will Carruthers of Waxahachie arrived yesterday. He is a prospector.

Mr. Robinson of Waxahachie was among the prospectors to arrive yesterday.

Miss Addie Rector of Rector is visiting at the home of Mrs. R. H. Gough for a few weeks.

John C. Johnston of Waxahachie came in yesterday to look after his property interests in this vicinity.

Rev. C. W. Dunn, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Roswell, was a visitor in Hereford this week.

Lost, strayed or stolen—A red and white dehorned dry cow, branded on the left side JHT Information leading to her recovery will be rewarded. J. H. Turnbow. 42tf

C. H. Langham and M. A. Koppert, insurance adjusters, were in town the early part of the week engaged in adjusting the insurance claims of persons who suffered losses in the recent fire.

The Liverpool, London and Globe, Hartford of Connecticut, New York Home and a number of others—the best old line fire insurance companies. The lowest rates in good companies at Ricketts & Rayzor. 50tf

The second number of the Hereford College Journal made its appearance this week. It maintains the high standard of excellence set by the former number, and is a valuable advertisement of the school and the town.

D. H. Walsh and his wife, who have been connected with the college, left Thursday for their old home at Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh are most estimable people, and worthy, consistent christians. They have made a host of friends during their stay in Hereford, and their departure will be felt as a loss not only to the college but to the entire town.

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H. D. Rosser, of Waxahachie, was in town Wednesday.

W. W. Gunn of Tulsa was here this week on court business.

A. R. Carnes, representing the Dallas News, was in Hereford a few days this week.

W. A. Hubbard from the south-east part of the county, was in town on business this week.

Will R. Stephenson representing the Hibart Spencer Hardware Co., of Chicago, was in town Thursday.

James A. Acker of Claude is here this week, being called here by the sudden death of his little son, notice of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

For Sale—83 acres of land adjoining town on east, 1/2 mile from court house. 30 acres in cultivation lying in the valley of Tierra Blanco. Is very best alfalfa land. \$22.50 an acre gets it. Apply to D. F. Johnson. 24tf

Dr. Lyman B. Raschbaum, of Amarillo, specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, has been in town this week engaged in practice. While here he has been having an extensive piece of dental work done at the Hereford Dental Parlors.

The case of T. H. Collins & Co. vs. W. M. Butcher occupied the county court Thursday and a good part of Friday. It was a suit to recover commission fee of \$260 on land which the plaintiff claimed he had sold for defendant. The jury found a verdict for defendant.

Fred Millard, from the North Draw, was in town this week.

J. W. Chambers of Ennis came in yesterday on a prospecting tour.

The citizens of Portales have raised money to have an artesian well dug in their town.

A large number of citizens from various parts of the county have been in town this week in attendance at the county court as jurors and witnesses.

We have refused to take or write mutual companies but have good reliable fire insurance companies and will write your insurance so it will stand. Ricketts & Rayzor. 50tf

Geo. W. Dale, who was burned out in the fire last week, will fit up one of the twenty-five foot compartments of the new brick building which is to be erected as shaving and bathing parlors. Charles Orr will use a similar space for his restaurant and confectionery store.

G. W. Shaffer has some very fine plum trees which he wishes to have tried in this section and to that end will sell same at cost. He says that it is unwise to use other counties as a criterion for fruits growing in this county as he has seen the same trees thrive in one county in East Texas, while in the adjoining county they do little or no good. Parties' statements, as to what fruits will thrive here and what won't, who have not been here long enough to have given them a fair trial, should not be taken as a basis upon which to start an orchard. 51-1t

J. P. Collier was in from his Oklahoma county ranch on Tuesday.

W. M. Butcher was in the city Wednesday and Thursday on court business.

L. A. Arnold, from the north part of the county, was here on jury duty this week.

H. P. D. Howard has our thanks for a subscription to THE BRAND and Dallas News.

C. D. Dilley and wife of Hebron, Ind., are visiting at the home of their cousin, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson.

M. B. Ray and wife of Waxahachie came in yesterday and are prospecting hereabouts.

G. A. F. Parker returned Monday from a business trip to Fort Worth and other Texas points.

W. M. Bush and wife of Indianapolis, Ind., are visiting at the home of W. B. Robinson.

S. P. McKinney of the North Draw was in town this week in attendance on the county court.

Jeff Hightower, formerly of Canyon but now of Portales, was in town Wednesday on court business.

E. Renfro was in town several days this week, a witness in the case of T. H. Collins & Co. vs. W. M. Butcher.

Mr. Herron, of Graham, has rented the G. R. Jowell place in town. He will probably go into business here.

Garrison Bros. are erecting a sheet iron warehouse for their hardware stock in the rear of G. R. Hay's new building.

G. W. Cassels who lives in the west part of town, is just now suffering a severe trial, several members of his family being down with the measles.

Among the persons registered at the Hereford House this week were J. W. Conway, Iowa Park; W. H. Trigg, Clarendon; J. M. Johnson, Roswell; W. W. Spears and W. M. James, Plainview.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Gough entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Vanderburgh on Thursday with a turkey dinner, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, who left that evening for Austin.

Dr. Lyman B. Raschbaum, the Amarillo ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Hereford Dental Parlors during the first week 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. 51-1t

POSTOFFICE HOURS

General delivery open from 6:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. Office open Sunday for an hour after morning church services and arrival of train.

W. J. Walters, P. M.

P. V. & N. T. TIME TABLE

Pass. Train	Leaves
No. 201, south-bound,	11:12 a. m.
No. 202, north-bound,	4:12 p. m.

STAGE TO DIMMITT.

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

Rat. Jowell went to Amarillo Wednesday on business.

Window glass in all sizes—we cut to fit. Gough & Davis. 38tf

The number of poll tax receipts issued in Castro county was 146.

For lease—Three sections of pasture land. See Loveless & Black. 43tf

Capt. J. C. Lea, one of the pioneer citizens of Roswell, was in the city Wednesday.

Gough & Davis are putting in a full line of paints, lead and oil. See them for prices. 37tf

The commissioners court of Deaf Smith county will meet in regular session Monday, February 9.

Bassham & Syms have bought half of the Meeks building and will at once equip it as a barber shop and bath rooms.

Mr. Davis of the popular firm of Gough & Davis aims to give special attention to paint and oil orders. See him before painting your house. 37tf

On Tuesday D. F. Johnson caught his right hand in the machinery of his gasoline engine, splitting it between the first and second fingers to the bone. Dr. C. P. Estes dressed the wound.

A bill has been drawn up and will be presented to the Territorial Assembly of New Mexico providing for the creation of a new county out of parts of Chaves and Guadalupe counties. It is to be called Roosevelt county, and Portales is designated as the county seat.

G. W. Shaffer has brought a large stock of fruit trees and two-year-old grapevines, which he will sell at cost in order to become acquainted with the people and that the people may become acquainted with his products. Stock can be found at the Star Nursery in the Rickett's addition. 50-2t

Sam Fitch Marshall, while working on the W. H. Garrison residence Thursday morning, fell and dislocated his right shoulder bone. He was taken to the office of Dr. Gough who replaced the dislocated joint. It was feared at first that the bone was broken, in which case the accident would have been much more serious, as Mr. Marshall is an old man, but upon examination it was found that the bone had only been pushed in a bit and downward, out of joint.

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Wanted—Boarders and roomers at Mrs. S. E. Busters. 50tf

Sam Wise of Castro county was in town Tuesday on business.

If its good coal you want the Hereford Fuel Oil Co. have it. Phone 76. 41tf

J. C. Gentry, a brick contractor of Amarillo, was in Hereford on business this week.

Parties in debt to me will please settle their accounts at once. 50tf CHARLES ORR.

H. M. Bandy has raised \$1200 during the past fifteen days to support pastors in localities where the Christian church has up to the present time done no local work, and has also raised \$73 for state work.

For Rent—4-room house. Inquire of Mrs. E. J. Breeding. 49tf

S. T. Howard left Wednesday afternoon via the Pecos Valley for Austin.

If you want alfalfa hay, remember I keep it constantly on hand. C. C. Ferguson. 43tf

Sheriff J. T. Inmon, who is also our tax collector, kindly let THE BRAND reporter look over his records of tax receipts for the county. The total amount paid during the month of January, 1903, was \$14,849.16. The amount for the corresponding month of 1902 was \$11,701.83, and for January, 1901, \$9,137.88. These figures indicate that tax values in Deaf Smith county are growing rapidly and steadily.

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District Court convenes on the second Mondays of April and October.
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SOCIETIES.
I. O. O. F.
Meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in their hall over Beach & Orr's furniture store. All visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
A. J. Lipscomb, Geo. W. Dale,
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HEREFORD LODGE, NO. 849, F. & A. M.
Regular meetings Saturday night on or before full moon in each month in the Masonic Hall. Visiting brothers invited to attend.
W. B. Boyd, Sam. H. Morris,
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Meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Sovereigns always welcome.
J. T. Inmon, S. H. Morris,
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Meets every Tuesday evening in the Court House at 8 o'clock.
Jim Cox, Homer Inmon,
President, Sec.-Treas.

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Meets each Monday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall at 7:30. Visiting members are cordially welcomed.
E. R. Rice, Mrs. G. W. Dale,
Secretary, Noble Grand.

CHURCHES.
CHRISTIAN.
Rev. H. M. Bandy, pastor—Services held on the first and second Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
METHODIST.
Rev. C. L. Cartwright, pastor—Services held on every Sunday of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
BAPTIST.
Rev. H. B. McGee, pastor—Services held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.
Rev. Chalmers Kilbourn, pastor—Services held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Union Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
METHODIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.
Meets once each week,
Miss Margaret Syms, President.
BAPTIST LADIES' AID SOCIETY.
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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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 Office Phone 20 Office Phone 26
 Hereford, Texas

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 Office Phone 13 Residence 27

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 Practice in all courts
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 (Over ten years experience.)
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 Hereford, Texas.

H. H. WOMACK
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
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 Hereford, Texas

R. F. HOLLOWAY
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
 Hereford, Texas

**All Over
 the
 Panhandle**

Work upon a new ice plant at
 Quanah is progressing rapidly.

In the recent municipal election
 at Vernon Walker Hall defeated his
 opponent J. A. Lucky.

George R. Clayton, an aged citi-
 zen of Floyd county died at Fort
 Worth last week of cancerous
 trouble.

J. A. Kemp, president of the
 Bankers' Association of the Ninety-
 Seventh District, composed of Den-
 ton, Cooke, Tarrant, Johnson,
 Pruitt, Summerville and all counties
 west along the line of the Denver
 and Texas and Pacific railways, has
 called a meeting of the association
 to be held in Wichita Falls on the
 17th of March. Preparations will
 be made to entertain the visiting
 bankers with a banquet and an
 excursion to the big irrigation lake.

Five hundred and fifty poll tax
 receipts were issued in Potter
 county. This is estimated to be
 about 80 per cent of legal voters of
 the county.

County Judge J. P. Inman of
 Texline, has bought a ranch in
 Dallam county. The property con-
 sists of 12 sections and is well fixed
 for stock farming.

A disastrous prairie fire occurred
 last week between Dumas and Hart-
 ley. The fire was started by the
 sparks from an engine, and burned
 off 75 or 100 sections.

J. J. McAdams wants to be the
 first man in this country to ship cat-
 tle over the Frisco from Quanah,
 and is getting eight cars of stuff
 ready for the first of March.—
 Quanah Tribune-Chief.

Mrs. Norris of Silverton came
 over from Silverton to Clarendon
 last week with her two little sons,
 both of whom had been bitten by a
 mad cat. She went to the home of
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mundy and
 secured a mad stone which belongs
 to D. L. McClellan, and applied it
 to the wounds. The stone adhered
 to both wounds. Dr. Carroll also
 cauterized the wounds and she
 returned home early in the week.—
 Clarendon News.

Hon. W. B. Ware, state repre-
 sentative from this district, has been
 made chairman of the committee on
 stock and stock raising.

The law recently enacted by the
 state legislature changing the time
 of meeting of the 47th district court
 proves to be invalid on account of a
 defect in the title. It will there-
 fore have to be re-enacted, and in
 the meantime court in the 47th
 judicial district will convene as
 usual.

Saturday No. 2 passenger train
 on the Colorado Southern went in
 the ditch sixty miles north of this
 place. Some fiend had removed the
 fish plate and bolts from a rail and
 drawn several spikes. The engine,
 baggage car and smoker left the
 track, but fortunately no one was
 seriously injured. No. 2 arrived in
 Dalhart about five hours late.—Dal-
 hart Texan.

The citizens of Lubbock held a
 mass meeting and in less than three
 hours time made up over \$5000 to
 induce a railroad to build to Lub-
 bock. The citizens are doing their
 part and if they can induce the rail-
 road to build their efforts will be
 considered successful. A railroad
 at Lubbock will be better for Floy-
 dada than none anywhere else.—
 Floydada Hesperian.

A charter has been issued to the
 Vernon Compress Company, of
 Vernon, capital stock \$25,000.

Fifteen hundred dollars has been
 subscribed toward a fund for the
 erection of a Catholic church at
 Amarillo.

Plainview is on a boom, if you
 don't believe it just take a note of
 things of the city in the morning
 and leave town and come in to-mor-
 row night, and you will hardly
 believe it. Oh, I tell you, we have
 a set of the "outworkenest" car-
 penters you ever saw.—Texas
 Press.

The Amarillo Telephone Company
 has been incorporated with a capital
 stock of \$10,000. The purpose of
 the company is to construct and
 operate telephone lines in Potter
 and other counties of the Panhandle.
 The incorporators are B. G. Stey-
 man, J. G. Smith and R. L. String-
 fellow, all of Amarillo.

An engineering corps of the Choctaw,
 Oklahoma & Gulf railroad has
 begun cross-sectioning on the ex-
 tension of the Choctaw from
 Amarillo to Tucumcari, N. M.
 Grading will commence on or before
 March first, and the grading must
 be finished by July first of this year.
 On the 113 miles of road 3000 men
 will be at work by about March
 first.—Livestock-Champion.

Oklahoma Livestock Association.
 From the Canadian Record.

The ninth annual convention of
 the Oklahoma Livestock Association,
 of which Abner T. Wilson of Kiowa,
 Kansas, is president and W. E. Bol-
 ton, of Woodward, Oklahoma, is
 secretary, will be held at Oklahoma
 City on February 10, 11 and 12,
 and promises to be the largest at-
 tended and most interesting in its
 history.

This association has grown from
 a small beginning to a powerful
 and influential organization; each
 succeeding year the membership has
 grown; the attendance at its con-
 ventions, and interest in its delib-
 erations and pleasures have in-
 creased to such an extent it is con-
 servatively estimated that 20,000
 members and visitors will be present
 at the coming meeting.

The people of Oklahoma City are
 making preparations to accommo-
 date and entertain on above basis
 and preparing an elaborate program
 for entertainment, consisting of fine
 theatrical attractions, a grand ball,
 races, chases, cattle roping and
 bronco riding contests for which
 valuable prizes will be offered.
 "Bossie" (Miss Lucile Mulhall) the
 only lady roper in the world, will
 take part in these contests.

The railroads have made un-
 usually low rates over all points in
 Texas, Indian Territory, Kansas,
 and Oklahoma with one fare rate
 from other points. See your local
 railroad agent.

WM. E. BOLTON, Sec'y.

Notice.

All parties having accounts at the
 grain and coal store of Johnson &
 Ferguson will please call and settle
 the same at once.—C. C. Ferguson
 having purchased D. F. Johnson's
 interest in the business, all accounts
 are payable at the old stand.

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At \$3 to \$4 per acre and up

ON ACCOUNT OF THE CAPITOL SYNDICATE Company's (better known as the XIT's) intention to discontinue their cattle business their large ranch, consisting of over 3,000,000 acres and situated in the best part of the Texas Panhandle, will be sold in any size tract—to suit the purchaser.

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 larger 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 Tucumcari, 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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Finest line of cigars in town at Gough & Davis' drug store. 38tf

W. T. Cashion sends THE BRAND to his friend, W. H. Butts of Celina.

Wanted—Plain and fancy sewing and dressmaking. Miss Ella Hodges. 20-tf

Miss Ona Shelly entertained a few friends at her home on Tuesday evening.

It's a good time for coal and the Hereford Fuel Oil Co. has got a fine article and lots of it. 41tf

If the best is the cheapest the Hereford Fuel Oil Co. have got some awful cheap coal. Phone 76. 41tf

L. T. Lester, president of the Stockmen's National Bank, of Canyon, was in the city this week on legal business.

For sale—Good cow and calf and yearling heifer, also my fine registered Hereford bull, at a bargain if sold at once. Troy Womble. 41tf

John Hickox

Agent for

Amarillo Steam Laundry

Will do you first class work. Try it. All work GUARANTEED

Office at of Williams & Harrison

Our paints are arriving and we can supply the trade. Gough & Davis. 38tf

George Lunch was in Saturday and subscribed for THE BRAND and Dallas News.

Ricketts & Rayzor have some choice bargains in land. Office in the Hereford House Annex. 46tf

Meeks, the jeweler and optician, invites his friends and customers to call and inspect his watches and jewelry before purchasing. 44tf

J. P. Curtsinger, who recently purchased a ranch 10 miles southeast of town, was in Saturday and ordered THE BRAND and Dallas News.

We have the genuine Missouri cane sorghum, fresh from the mill. This is pure sorghum, there being no adulterations whatever. Hereford Mercantile Co. 43tf

Otis Truelove, of the firm of Browning, Madden and Truelove, Amarillo, was in town Monday and Tuesday representing the Pecos Valley Ry. in a suit in the county court.

H. M. Bandy will be engaged in missionary work until June, during which time Randolph Clark will occupy the pulpit of the Christian church on the first and second Sundays of each month. Rev. Bandy has not, as some seem to understand, resigned his pastorate here, but will be away temporarily until June.

HEREFORD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

E. J. WHITE, MANAGER

We are putting up new 30-foot poles and cross-bars, fitting up the exchange with better equipment, including a new switchboard and will soon be in shape to attend to all the needs in our line.

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Enjoy a Good Dinner

You cannot do this without having pure and fresh groceries. That is the only kind we handle and are selling them at prices commensurate with good business principles. Give our store a trial. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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