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the
Panhandle**

Tree-planting is just now occupying the attention of Clarendon people.

Childress county reports 560 poll taxes paid; Dimmit county, 117; Dallam county, 270.

A flow of artesian water has been found in a well in Moore county, near Blue Ridge, at a depth of 123 feet.

Work will begin in a few days on a new brick depot for the Oklahoma & Western Ry. at Quanah. Trains will be running into Quanah over this road about March 1.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give \$5000 for the establishment of a public library at Wichita Falls, provided the city will furnish a building, and appropriate \$500 a year to support the library.

The school board of Dalhart appears to be a body of minstrels, musicians, and formidable athletes. At all events, they are to entertain the public of their town soon with an artistic and athletic exhibition the features of which are to be boxing contests, songs, and other physical and musical diversions.

The Industrial West, of Clarendon, has changed its name to the Clarendon Chronicle, and will hereafter appear twice a week.

The independent school district of Memphis has voted in favor of issuing \$6,800 of school bonds for the purpose of erecting a public school building.

Joseph Z. Reed, an old passenger conductor on the Rock Island, fell beneath the Golden State limited at Tucumcari and was dangerously injured. He was taken to a Kansas City hospital.

A. L. Nail came in Tuesday from his Lipscomb county ranch. He says cattle and grass in Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Beaver counties are in fine condition, and will go through the winter without feeding.—Amarillo Champion.

Sheriff Bell of Haskell, with the sheriffs of Hardeman and Hall county and deputies raided a den of horse thieves fifteen miles northwest of Memphis early Sunday morning of last week capturing two men who were wanted in Haskell county.

District court convened Monday with Judge Ira Webster on the bench for the first time in this county. District Attorney Henry S. Bishop also makes his initial appearance in an official capacity this term.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

The residence of C. J. Spittal, of Clarendon, was burned last week with its entire contents. It was one of the finest and most expensively furnished residences in Clarendon, being valued at \$4000. The insurance on the house and furniture was \$2500.

The County Judge of Randall County has sent a circular letter to the County Judges of a number of other counties in the Panhandle, in the interest of making an organized effort toward defeating any legislation tending to eliminate the quarantine line.

T. J. Kesterson, a prominent stock farmer, of Goodnight, was here Tuesday and reported all cattle on feed and doing well. Mr. Kesterson says farming corn and kaffir corn pays him well, he having realized about \$17 an acre on last year's crops.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

Red Williams reports the Carson county range very bad and all cattle on feed. At the Hall ranch he has some 2,000 big steers on oil cake and roughness. He has shipped out from Panhandle since Christmas 45 cars of the Chase Bros. cattle on account of the scarcity of grass.—Livestock Champion.

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

Hymeneal.

At high noon, Wednesday, February fourth, Miss Maude Johnston was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur L. McKnight at the M. E. Church, South, Rev. B. W. Dodson officiating. Miss Bettie Benton Wheeler acted as maid of honor accompanied by a bevy of beautiful girls, all of the J. U. G. Club, of which the bride had been one of the most popular members. Mr. John McKnight, brother of the groom acted as best man.

The ceremony was characterized in every particular by good taste and a fitting solemnity,—after which an elegant collation was served the bridal party.

The happy couple took the afternoon train for Henrietta and other Eastern points, and after a fortnight's absence will return to Amarillo, their future home. The affectionate regard and well wishes attend these young people not only on their wedding trip, but on their more arduous and extended journey through life.—Livestock Companion.

Mr. McKnight is well known in Hereford and THE BRAND, in behalf of his many friends here, best wishes for him and his lady a happy and prosperous journey down the long road together.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Pot Pouri of the Political World at Home and Abroad.

There are many indications that the Gorman star is rising.

The republican majority still continues to obstruct the business of the senate.

Gen. Miles is quoted as praising the Empress Dowager of China at the expense of the late Queen Victoria.

Germany is believed to be the nigger in the wood-pile who prevented us from getting the Danish West Indies.

A new variety of kippered herring has been put on the market, it is called Kiplinged Hohenzollern. It is "hot stuff."

A Londoner has made a violin without a sounding box. A diaphragm and trumpet are used to give volume to the sound.

The allies have received a fair offer from Venezuela, and if they wish to have their fair speeches believed they will accept.

The X-rays, applied by the Gridiron Club to the head of Senator Hanna revealed the fact that his chief thought was the White House.

It now looks as though in their earnest desire to perfect the gold standard currency the House republicans would forget to enact the anti-trust bill.

At Concord, N. H., the home of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the legislators are considering the advisability of penalizing the practice of Christian Science.

A warranted harmless bureau of corporations and the Elkins bill, which prohibits railroad debates, will constitute the full extent of republican anti-trust legislation.

There is no fear of a war with Germany. What Mr. Roosevelt once referred to as "the cowardly business interests of the country" will prevent any conflict inimical to the business interests.

The Gridiron Club of Washington is an association of newspaper men who give dinners during the winter to the most distinguished people in America. The name Gridiron applies to the habit of the Club of "roasting" its guests.

A well known westerner who has been watching the antics of Senator Beveridge in the statehood debate gives the following accurate definition of his name, "A soft drink, one that frequently blows out its cork, fizzes, foams and slops over prodigiously, but is weak and insipid to the taste and is seldom swallowed by any but women and children."

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Will sell a quantity of young stock either singly or in car load
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The New York state republican machine is fast going to pieces.

The White House has been renamed, it is now known as the black-and-tan roost.

Ordinary discretion and good sense will insure a great democratic victory in 1904.

Republican jealousy of Judge Littlefield portends ill luck for the administration anti-trust bill in the House.

Senator Hanna and Senator Fairbanks promise to make a pretty pair for the republican party to "draw to" in 1904.

Mark Twain is still hammering away at Mrs. Eddy and the Christian Scientists. Mark has patience as well as humor.

President Roosevelt and his Cabinet now realize the truth of Mr. Bryan's contention that silver cannot be disregarded.

Governor Pennywhacker, of Pennsylvania, is up against the newspaper boys. He will get all that is coming to him and a little more.

With a few more days of statehood debate Senator Beveridge will have demonstrated his right to be known as the buffoon of the senate.

While the republicans are coquetting with an international silver standard the democrats are carefully cultivating the confidence of business element of the country.

King Oscar, of Sweden, has turned the regency of Sweden-Norway over to his son Gustaf. King Oscar is about to publish another volume of verse and naturally

desires to be relieved of the cares of state while the more weighty matters of the muse are under consideration. Most poets are not so lucky, they have to run the fires and rock the baby between rhymes, and their metrical instinct is largely consumed in the effort to make a dithyrambic income tally with a spondaic set of necessities.

Governor Browning's Whiskers.

"Former Lieut. Gov. Browning appeared at the capitol this afternoon minus the whiskers which had for many years adorned and partially concealed his face," says the Dallas News correspondent. "Many of his most intimate friends passed him by without recognizing him. Former Gov. Sayers met him on the avenue and exclaimed "Browning, what in the ——— have you stolen?"

The big ex-Lieutenant Governor, who is now a regent of the University, enjoyed the joke and repeated it to others who have commented on his adoption of the open face style."

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.

IRA ATEN,
Manager

Grazing Pastures.

Will pasture 500 head of cattle (steers preferred) at 25c per head per month. Plenty of water and fine grass. Feed can be purchased near. Inquire at this office. 42f

Cutting Scraps.

News reached here Saturday from Portales that Rayburn Trimble, who recently moved to that place from Canyon, had gotten into a cutting—and shooting—scrape with three woolly Mexico toughs. It seems that the bad men were having sport with Rayburn by shooting at his feet, cursing him, etc. when he decided that he would rather fight than run so he produced a nice sharp knife and proceeded to use it to a good advantage. As a consequence one of the men is reported fatally wounded and the other two doubtful. This is as it should be and will very likely be a reminder to would-be toughs that it is not always best to "bull doze" a boy because he is quiet and peaceable.—Canyon Stayer.

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, barns, 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. 46-81f

\$10.00—Reward—\$10.00

Lost—One dark bay horse, black mane and tail, about 15½ or 16 hands high. Branded C on left shoulder Also one gray colt coming 2. No brand. Has black mane and tail. Well bred and gentle to handle. Finder will receive the above reward by delivering the above horses to J. A. WILLIAMS 49tf or WILL H. STONE.

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.

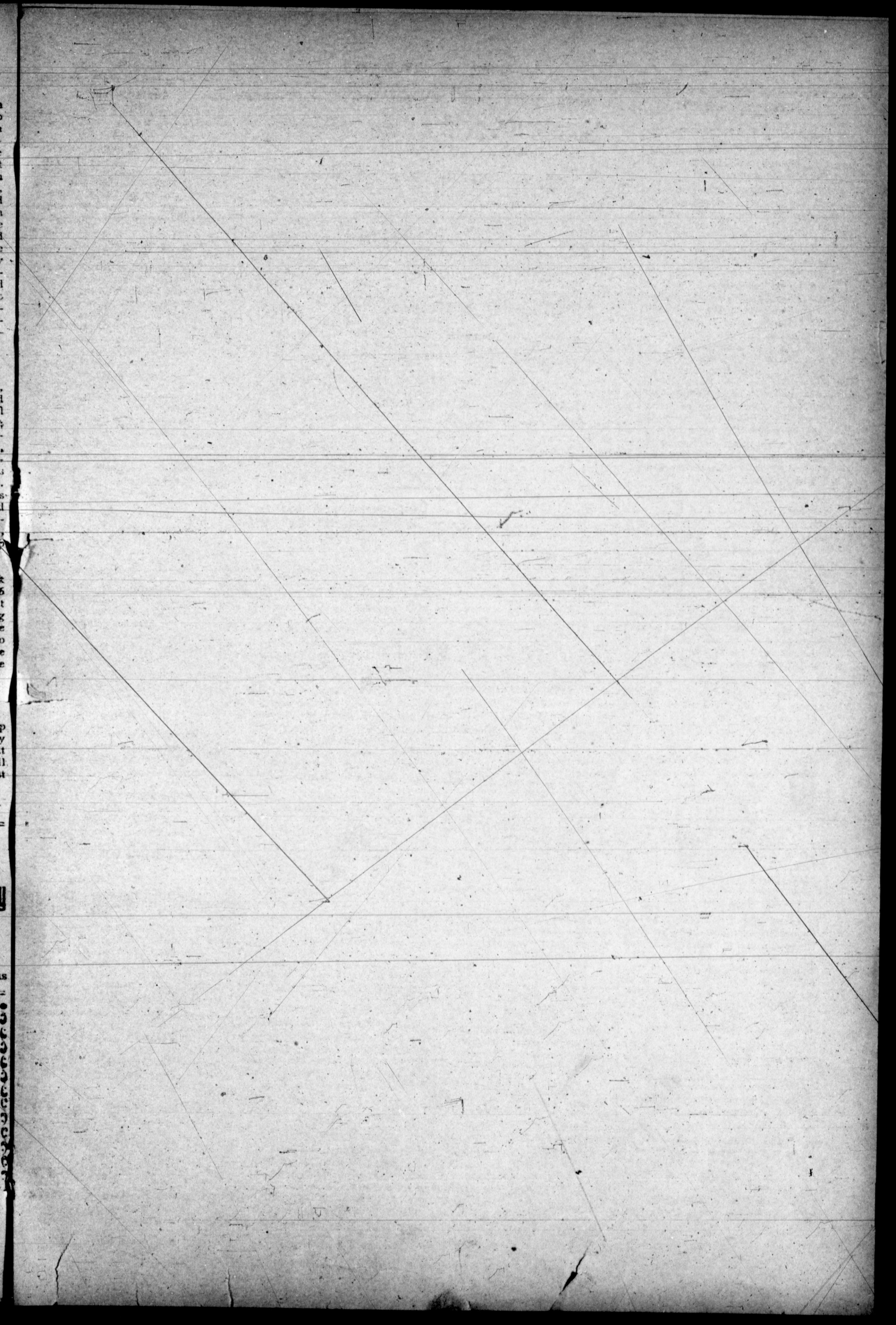
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All kinds of blacksmith and repair work given prompt attention.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of the Condition of the County's Finances.

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH. }
Before me, W. B. Beach, Clerk County Court, in and for said county and state, on this day personally appeared, W. B. Boyd, County Judge; L. R. Bradley, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, R. N. Mounts, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2; J. R. Armstrong, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, and Geo. L. Muse, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

That the requirements of Article 867, as amended by Acts of 1897, page 27, have been in all things fully complied with by them at the February term of said Commissioners Court, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the said County Treasurer's quarterly report made by said Treasurer to said court and held by him for the county have been fully inspected and counted by them:

BALANCES FEBRUARY 1, 1903.

	DR.	CR.
Jury fund, first class	\$ 66.74	
Road and bridge fund, second class	587.93	
General fund, third class		\$ 180.31
Court house and jail fund, fourth class	2,332.42	
School fund, fifth class	12.62	
Total on hand	2,819.40	

W. B. BOYD,
County Judge.
L. R. BRADLY,
Com'r Prec. No. 1.
R. N. MOUNTS,
Com'r Prec. No. 2.
JOHN R. ARMSTRONG,
Com'r Prec. No. 3.
GEO. L. MUSE,
Com'r Prec. No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 12th day of February, A. D. 1903. W. B. BEACH,
[SEAL.] County Clerk.

T. P. McCormick came up from Dimmitt Monday.

J. W. Rhea and wife from Bovina are in town this week.

D. R. Gass & Sons are building a warehouse adjoining their store.

John H. Garner and R. W. Mancill, of Cisco, were in Hereford this week.

Mrs. J. T. Inmon and Mrs. E. Carter went to Canyon City Tuesday on a short visit to friends.

Wanted—Boarders at reasonable rates. Close in. Apply to D. F. Ricketts at D. R. Gass & Sons. 52tf

J. R. Armstrong of Bovina, is in town this week attending to his duties as commissioner of precinct No. 3.

The Carhart overalls are the best made. Try a pair and you will be convinced. For sale by D. R. Gass & Sons. 52tf

G. R. Reeves, of Grayson county, W. T. Gilliam, Italy, and W. W. Spencer, Plainview, were registered at the Hereford House this week.

Finest line of cigars in town at Gough & Davis. 52tf

R. I. Feazell, of Amarillo, was in town this week.

B. G. Stone, of Amarillo, was here on business Monday.

J. A. Stegall, of Dimmitt, made Hereford a visit this week.

A. P. Witherspoon has our thanks for a subscription to THE BRAND.

J. D. Curtzinger and Ollie Curtzinger, of Plainview, were in town this week.

W. J. Walters received notice yesterday of his reappointment as postmaster of Hereford.

Garrison Bros. and Lee S. Smith, victims of the recent fire, have new display ads in this issue.

Avery Turner, general manager of the Pecos Valley railroad, passed through Hereford Wednesday.

If you want a good wearing pair of overalls try the Carhart brand. For sale by D. R. Gass & Sons. 52tf

A. S. Bassett came in from his ranch yesterday. He reports that J. C. Womble has finished threshing.

T. H. Westbrook of Dimmitt was in town Wednesday. He is desirous of engaging in business in Hereford.

L. B. Blair and his family of Texico, were in town Wednesday. Mr. Blair paid this office a call and had his name placed on THE BRAND'S subscription list. He says Texico is improving rapidly.

Lee S. Smith, the jeweler and optician, has reopened for business in the Roberts building, first door south of the Graves real estate office, where he will be pleased to attend to the wants of his patrons.

In this issue of THE BRAND will be found the regular quarterly statement of the Hereford National Bank. It is a very flattering report, showing the bank's finances to be in a flourishing condition, and testifying to the efficiency and careful business judgment of its officers.

Miss Della Palmer of Hereford who has been spending the past few days with Mrs. Chas. L. Cyrus and Mrs. J. L. Ball left yesterday morning for the Texas Female Seminary at Weatherford where she is attending school. Miss Palmer is a very accomplished young lady and will long be remembered by the many friends whom she has charmingly won during her short stay in our city. Miss Palmer's parents reside in Hereford, her father T. M. Palmer being a prominent stockman.—Cleburne Enterprise.

Junior Christian Endeavor.

The Junior Christian Endeavor will meet at the Christian church at two o'clock instead of three as all girls and boys are to please meet each other at the Baptist church at three o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

Notice.

From this date (February 13, 1903) only 30 days' time will be given on credit sales at our drug store. BURNS & SMITH, GOUGH & DAVIS. 52tf

Letter From Austin.

S. T. Howard, who went to Austin as a representative of the citizens of Deaf Smith county in the interest of the quarantine law, has written to Judge John E. Ferguson in regard to the status of the matter. He finds, he says, a great deal of prejudice in the minds of representatives from counties just below the line, and a determination to pass the bill offered by Mr. Bryan at all costs. Representatives from the east and south he finds to be fair and disposed to receive information, and with them the opponents of the bill are gaining some ground. Mr. Howard thinks that with a little time they may be able to convince a sufficient number of representatives to defeat the bill.

The measure came up for consideration in the House on Tuesday and the arguments upon it consumed the entire day. At the end of the discussion the opponents of the bill secured an adjournment of the House, thus deferring the vote. Every day of delay lessens the bill's chance of passing, and is a gain for those who are seeking to defeat the measure.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Hereford postoffice for the month ending February 12, 1903:

J. E. Brown, J. C. Brock, Alice Davis, Jno. Fancher, Della Flood, Frank Fraud, Joe Goolsby, Miss Susie Grayson, Jim Green, Price Grubbs, Andy Hatfield, B. F. Hewatt, R. R. Hudson, Geo. Jones, Mrs. M. E. Jackson, Miss Laura B. Keeler, John Jimerson, Miss Salley Jones, Claud H. Mason, Thomas Webb Moore, Mrs. Jimmie Morris, Chas. McDade, Edgar Moore, Miss Emma Price, (2) Mrs. Annie Price, J. G. Richardson, A. A. Robinson, Mrs. M. R. Scofield, Jim Sullivan, J. N. Teaff, D. M. Walton, J. S. Whitsell.

In calling for above please say "advertised".

W. J. WALTERS, P. M.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

CONTRIBUTED.

Last Monday the W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Ferguson and a very interesting meeting was enjoyed by all present. Each responded to roll call with a temperance item. The subject was a very suitable one for this meeting as it showed how woman has to lead to make others, though perhaps stronger, see what can be accomplished and follow her as Barak followed Deborah and won Israel's freedom from the Canaanites in olden times.

FEBRUARY'S RED LETTER DAY.

Next week will be Miss Willard's Heavenly Anniversary and we will observe it in our little way by reading some of her writings at the home of Mrs. Buttram at three o'clock, led by Mrs. H. M. Bandy.

THE AMERICAN SALOON.

Wherever the American flag goes there goes the American saloon. The American saloon is doing more to tarnish America's fair name than the average citizen is aware of. Some of the heathen have said, "If this is the fruit of American civilization, we want none of it."

After the American missionary has gone with the gospel of the

blessed Lord to heathen lands, and the people have become partially humanized, then the American saloon-keeper goes there and establishes his death-dealing business, and brings a reproach even upon the unsullied gospel of Christ. The heathen say, "It were better to die in ignorance than to face this great curse."

What an enemy to all good is the saloon power! It is the great curse of the laboring classes. The drink bill of this nation today aggregates about \$1,000,000,000 annually, and the majority of this goes out of the homes of laboring men. It is worse than wasted. As a result of this enormous expenditure there are family quarrels, suicides, divorce cases, starving children, and indescribable misery. Taxes are increased, the jails and penitentiaries are filled, and orphans' homes must be established.

The American saloon is the hotbed of every species of crime. It inflames the passions, and nerves the mind and hand for deadly deeds. It threatens our republican institutions. It defies the laws of the land as well as the laws of God. It is a fact that the saloon power largely dominates the politics of this country. In the saloon political issues are heatedly discussed with the result of many black eyes and broken heads.

The saloon-keepers are organized. They study their interests. They quietly spot every temperance candidate, and slate such as favor their business. They advance money to secure favorable legislation. They stand shoulder to shoulder against all classes of temperance workers. Through the influence of the saloon—for the saloons control thousands of votes—the mouths of political candidates are closed. They dare not speak their real sentiments. They dare not, when elected, vote for temperance measures. Thus the saloon power threatens our most sacred institutions. The public schools, the churches, the family, the State, the nation, all of our most sacred interests are antagonized by this monstrous power.

The American saloon is the spider and his web. The flies that are caught annually in these webs are 100,000 of our citizens. Talk of destruction in war! Multiply—in one hundred years of our history from today, if the saloon power continues to increase in the United States, ten millions of souls will have perished. Think of it! Can we continue to wink at this destructive business?

S. C. PIERCE, Cortland, O.

For a Cleaner Hereford.

The Board of Health composed of Dr. W. J. Rogers, Dr. R. H. Gough and J. A. Tomamichel, has appointed D. E. Weaver as city scavenger. This is work which is very necessary to be done and our residents can have their wants attended to in this line by leaving their order at J. A. Johnson's grocery store.

For Sale or Trade

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

Bank Statement.

NO. 5804

Report of the Condition of The Hereford National Bank at Hereford, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, February 6, 1903:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$173,319.34
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,034.08
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	250.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,242.88
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	756.78
Due from approved reserve agents	20,487.03
Internal-Revenue stamps	120.92
Checks and other cash items	1,871.55
Notes of other National Banks	1,387.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	85.36
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$7,957.90
Legal-tender notes	5,010.00
	12,967.90
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$227,085.34
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	3,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	5,056.19
National Bank notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	20,555.40
Individual deposits subject to check	126,284.42
Time certificates of deposit	14,291.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	26,648.33
Total	\$227,085.34

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH. } ss.
I, C. W. DODSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. W. DODSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 1903.
[SEAL] C. G. WITHERSPOON,
Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
JNO. E. FERGUSON,
L. GOUGH,
IRA ATEN, } Directors.

Hold Up.
If you contemplate buying furniture wait until my stock arrives. My line will be complete and up-to-date, my prices will be as low as the lowest, my aim will be to please those favoring me with their patronage. I hope to be ready for business about March 15th.
Yours for Business.
C. E. SPATH.

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All men's and boys' winter suits
Men's and boys' winter underwear
Ladies' and children's union and combination suits
Men's and Ladies' Heavy Shoes

At 25 per cent reduction

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No Trouble to Figure Bills

We carry in stock all kinds of
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Highest Grades. Lowest Prices

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THE HEREFORD NURSERY

Has a nice stock of Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, etc. Also have a large stock of **Apple Trees** of all varieties—first-class stock, and will meet anybody's prices.

W. F. Stimson, Manager
Nursery one-half mile east of court house

ABOUT THE BRYAN BILL.

Opinion of Chief of United States Bureau of Animal Industry.
Judge J. E. Ferguson this week received a letter from D. E. Salmon, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, enclosing a copy of a letter which Mr. Salmon had written to Hon. Buck Gray in regard to the proposed change in the state quarantine regulations. The following is the text of the letter written by Mr. Salmon to Representative Gray:

Boston, Mass., Jan. 29, 1903.
Hon. Buck Gray,
House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas.
Dear Sir:
Your letter of the 21st instant has been forwarded to me from Washington, and I hasten to reply.
It has always been my policy not to interfere with or to endeavor to influence the legislation of any state, but since you have asked for my opinion with reference to a bill introduced in your legislature, and the probable result so far as the action of the United States department of agriculture is concerned, I will say frankly that it appears to me the enactment of such a bill would have an unfavorable influence and might lead to Federal quarantine being placed upon the state boundary. If, as I believe to be the fact, cattle may carry the Texas fever infection across the quarantine line after the 15th day of November, then the unrestricted movement of cattle across this line would infect most or all of the territory of your state west of the line, and make it necessary for the protection of the remainder of the country, that the whole state of Texas should be quarantined.
The provision "That the livestock that

are sufficiently free from ticks that they will not communicate disease shall, upon proper inspection, or upon being sprayed by some process of spraying satisfactory to the Livestock Sanitary Commission, be allowed to cross said line at all seasons of the year," is dangerous, from the fact that livestock having any ticks whatever will convey the disease, and this provision would seem to authorize the shipment at all seasons of the year of cattle with a few ticks upon them. This also would spread the infection in the western part of your state and make it necessary to quarantine against all of your cattle, if it were carried into effect.
The livestock law now in operation in Texas appears to be free from any very serious objections, and it seems to me it would be far better to let it alone than to pass the bill which you have submitted for my opinion.
I want to see Texas cattle go to market with as few restrictions upon their movement as are consistent with the protection of the livestock of other parts of the country, and I feel that Texas can not afford to pass a bill which will bring additional suspicion against its cattle and restrictions of a more prohibitory character than those now in force, not by the Federal government alone, but by the states in which your cattle are largely marketed.
I fear that it would be impossible for me to appear before your committee on stock and stock raising, for the reason that I have been held here in New England for two months getting this outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease under control, and my work is so much in arrears that I shall be greatly pressed for time from now until July.
Very truly yours,
(Signed) D. E. SALMON,
Chief of Bureau.
Commissioners Court.
The board of county commissioners met in regular term Monday, February 9, and has been in session

all week. A number of petitions, applications, reports etc. were considered with results as follows:
Petition of A. J. Oliver and others for the erection of a bridge over Tierra Blanco refused.
Petition of B. P. Abbott and others for raising bounty on coyotes in Palmer county from fifty cents to a-dollar refused, but afterwards reconsidered and raised from fifty to seventy-five cents. Bounty on coyotes in Deaf Smith county was lowered from a dollar to seventy-five cents.
Reports of county treasurer and county clerk were examined and approved.
For the publication of quarterly statement of the finances of the county and other county notices, THE BRAND was made the official organ.
Application for removing of Walker school house was granted, and same ordered moved from its present location to southeast corner of survey No. 25, block 3.
A number of bills were presented and allowed.
Taxes for the year have not been levied, on account of the absence of L. R. Bradley, commissioner of precinct No. 1, who was called away Wednesday by the sickness of his little girl.

Christian Endeavor Program.

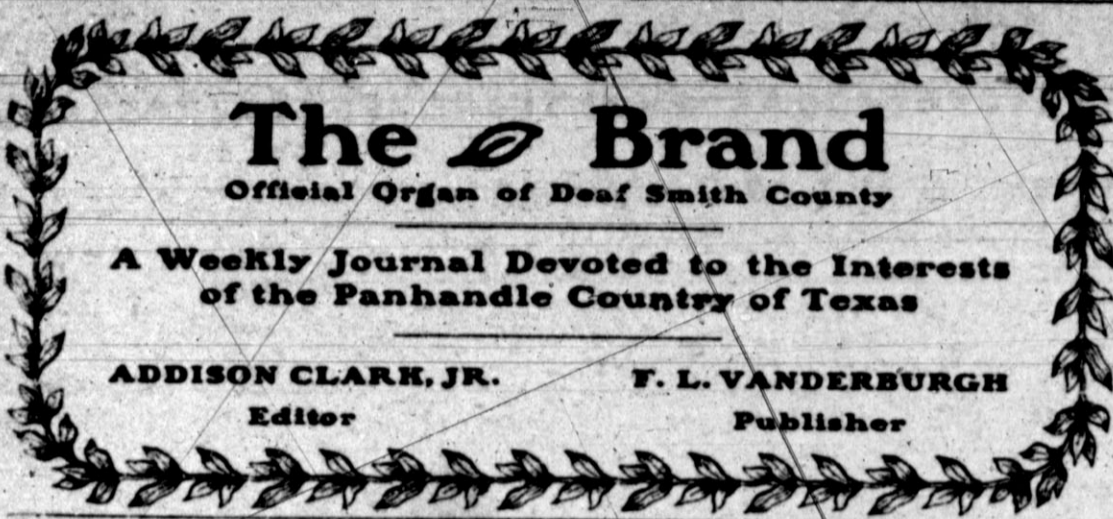
The following program will be rendered at the meeting of the C. E. Society to be held at the Christian church Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

Song
Subject: (Temperance.) A Lesson from Benhadad's defeat
Leader Miss Mary Clark
1 Kings 20, 12:20
(1)—Personal loss through intemperance (References)
Song
(2)—National loss through intemperance (References)
Song
(3)—Power through self control—(References)
Our influence—(References)
Song
What gives the liquor trade its great power? John Herod
In what way does the liquor trade use its power to the injury of the government? Miss Kathrine Nunley
Mispah Benediction

Notice.

In retiring from the grocery business at Hereford we wish to most cordially thank our friends and customers in general for the liberal patronage that we have received at their hands. Without your support we could never have made it a success.
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SENATOR DECKER'S BILL.

Senator Decker has offered a bill in the senate which, if passed, will practically invalidate all titles to school lands where the original purchaser did not comply with the law as to actual residence on such land for three years. The measure has met with little favor throughout the west. It looks much like an effort to encourage endless and useless litigation, and to furnish fat fees for impecunious attorneys. It is particularly unjust in that it will work a hardship upon innocent purchasers who bought their land in good faith, and paid their money for it. If the bill had been conceived in the fertile brain of some distinguished gentleman from East Texas, or the vicinity of Abilene, the motive of it would not be difficult to understand. The honorable representatives and senators from the lowlands and the piny woods have to do something conspicuous once in a while to keep their constituents in a good humor; and their favorite employment seems to be to smash away at some part of the state about which they know nothing and care less. But coming, as it does, from a senator from the northwest the measure is a little surprising. Mr. Decker is likely to find, before he is done with it, that he has been tampering with the buzz saw.

THE editors of two of our Amarillo contemporaries are amusing themselves by gently tilting at each other. The two papers in question are published in the same shop. One wonders if their spicy exchange of courtesies is merely "jolly," or is it all for advertisement only.

THE good people of Dallas are a strenuous folk, and the particular form in which their strenuousness manifests itself is in the matching of game cocks. This week they have been reveling in the delights of a splendid fiesta of their favorite sport, a grand cocking main in which hundreds of doughty birds have fought to the death for hundreds of dollars in wagers and prizes. These interesting and elevating contests took place at the licensed pit upon the main street of the city of Dallas. Verily civilization in Texas is reel- ing forward at a dizzy rate.

CITY OFFICERS.

Inasmuch as Hereford citizens showed themselves to be progressive in the matter of incorporation and carried the election by a good majority, considering the light vote polled—many seeming to be indifferent on the subject or remaining neutral—the next proposition before the people is the matter of selecting the city officers. Knowing that many different caucuses (if we may be allowed to use the term) would be held in this respect, THE BRAND'S representative circulated among the holders thereof this week to learn, if possible, who seemed to be the favorite candidates. We found, upon investigation, that in this matter personalities were almost wholly dispensed with on the part of those in favor of incorporation and those opposed to the measure.

For the office of Mayor the following named gentlemen were favorably spoken of, anyone of whom, we believe, would make an excellent officer: G. A. F. Parker, A. J. Lipscomb, Judge J. P. Connell, F. B. Fuller and J. A. Tomamichel. The following gentlemen were spoken of for aldermanic honors: A. J. Lipscomb, S. Loveless, L. W. Ricketts, W. B. Beach, J. A. Williams, R. F. Holloway, Ross W. Davis, J. C. Newman, L. F. Alby, Geo. W. Dale and many others too numerous to mention.

Right here we wish to say that the success or failure of the incorporation movement in Hereford depends upon the election of sound, conservative and fair-minded business men as officers of the city, and we feel sure that the election of any of the above named gentlemen would assure for Hereford a clean, honest and economic municipal government. It is gratifying to us that Hereford has so many men who are eminently qualified to hold the reins of the city government and we believe that the people will choose for their officers men of this stamp.

For the office of city marshal we have heard but two gentlemen mentioned—E. M. Vanderburgh and W. G. Ross.

There have been no tickets made out by either party—as there will probably be if two factions arise. We expect to have more particulars of this matter next week.

THE way work is going forward on the new brick business buildings is something good to see. One is ready to say almost that the fire, which at first seemed so great a disaster, may prove to be in fact a fortunate occurrence. Though it fell heavily upon individuals, it will be for the town as a whole the beginning of new growth and prosperity.

THE BRAND, has again been made the official organ of Deaf Smith county by the Commissioners' Court. This is a distinction which we highly appreciate, and the honorable commissioners have our respectful thanks. Our desire and effort shall constantly be to make THE BRAND a journal which both in tone and subject matter will deserve the commendation and support of the people, and which will be a credit to the town and the county.

IN the rush of other matters the college should not be forgotten. This is an enterprise which will be, and is already, of inestimable value to the town, not only for its educational influence, but for its substantial business worth. A college and industrial school of the first class, finely equipped and provided with a faculty of trained and experienced teachers, will serve to draw a great many people to Hereford, and will render it a more desirable place of residence than any other town in the Panhandle.

THERE is reason to believe now that the Bryan bill will be defeated in the House. The considerations against the establishment of an open season are so strong as to be well nigh unanswerable; and these considerations have been brought to the knowledge of the legislators in a very practical and forcible manner. They have been flooded with telegrams, letters, and petitions setting forth the dire effects that would result from the proposed amendment to the quarantine law. Education was what the gentleman below the line needed to set them right upon this question, and education they have been receiving lately in large and effective quantities.

ONE of the most interesting features in the life of many towns in the lower part of the state is the course of lectures and musical entertainments given during the winter and spring months. A movement is on

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HEREFORD DENTAL PARLORS

DR. A. D. MILLER, Laboratorian

foot to secure for Hereford such a series of literary and artistic attractions. Prof. Lee Clark, who has had considerable experience in conducting lecture courses of this kind, is in correspondence with a number of public speakers and entertainers of national reputation, and if he can have the proper encouragement from the citizens of the town will undertake to bring here next season several of the most widely known lecturers and concert companies.

THE question of incorporation has now been decided. There was not as much interest in the election as might well have been expected in a matter of so much importance. Not half of the vote of the town was polled. But the question has now been decided; the step forward has been taken, and there is no time to turn back. The next matter to be considered is the election of a mayor and aldermen for the new corporation. It is particularly important that a wise selection be made of the men who are to institute the new city government and set it moving. They should be capable men, and practical, progressive business men who are interested in the material up-building of the town. We will do well to be looking about us carefully to find such men so as to be ready to vote for them when the election is

ordered.

WE are pleased to know that the Panhandle Teachers' Institute is after all to be held in Hereford, as formerly announced, on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. It was thought at one time that the place of meeting would have to be changed to Clarendon, on account of the prevalence of measles here; but upon further consideration of the matter at the Board of Trade meeting Tuesday night it was thought to be unwise and undesirable to make any change. This should be a very interesting and profitable occasion, both to the teachers and to all others who feel sufficient interest in educational matters to attend and there is a special reason for wanting the Institute to meet here at this time. At this meeting the teachers will probably decide at what place they prefer to have the Summer Normal for this district held. It is the desire of the faculty of the college, the public school teachers, and the citizens generally that the Normal be held in Hereford next summer. There is not a more desirable location in the Panhandle for such a summer school, and the holding of the Institute here will greatly increase our chances of securing the Normal. On consideration of these facts the Hereford

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Board of Trade has expressed a strong desire that the teachers convention be held here, as at first intended, and promises to see that all teachers who attend are cordially received and well entertained.

Teachers' Convention at Hereford.

Owing to an epidemic of measles at Hereford, the place of holding the institute has been changed to Clarendon. The time is Friday and Saturday, February 27th and 28th. Let teachers take notice. We presume, of course, the same program will be carried out. Clarendon extends a generous welcome. — Clarendon News.

The report that there is an epidemic of measles at Hereford is a mistake. There have been several cases here but nothing so serious as to make it impracticable to entertain the Panhandle Teachers' Institute. Upon further consideration

the citizens and teachers of Hereford have determined that the Institute shall be held here on February 27th and 28th according to the program already published; and all teachers from a distance who attend will be assured of a hearty welcome and the most hospitable entertainment.

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Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against hunting or otherwise trespassing on the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch. IRA ATEN, 374f Division Manager.

Notice.

After February 1st coal and posts will not be sold on longer time than 30 days. HEREFORD GRAIN & COAL CO. C. C. FERGUSON. 504

HEREFORD WILL INCORPORATE

Majority of Nine—The Vote Was Very Light.

By the small majority of nine the voters of Hereford in the election last Monday expressed their desire to have the town incorporated. The polling was light, only 111 votes being cast in all, sixty for incorporation and fifty-one against it. During the forenoon the impression went out that most of the votes were being cast for incorporation, so the friends of the proposition became a little indifferent, feeling that success would be assured without any great effort. But in the afternoon the opponents of incorporation took a brace, and came near defeating the proposition.

Within thirty days all preliminaries will have been finished, and the incorporation of Hereford will be completed. The judges of the election have ten days in which to make return to the county judge of the result of the election. The judge will then, inside of twenty days, make entry upon the records of the commissioners' court that a majority of voters have expressed their desire to be incorporated, and will at once order an election of a mayor, a marshal, and five aldermen. Upon the election and qualification of these officers the town will be, to all intents and purposes, incorporated. The mayor and board of aldermen will have the power to choose such other officers as they may think necessary.

While thirty days may expire before the process of incorporation is completed, it is not necessary to wait that long, and it is probable that all the formalities will be carried out in much less time and that in a week or two Hereford will be a full-fledged municipality.

A New Enterprise.

A new business enterprise, recently established, which will be of great value to the town is the Hereford Planing Mill and Construction Company, Messrs. J. P. Snyder and D. F. Johnson proprietors. It is an extensive plant fully equipped with the most improved modern machinery, for the finishing of all kinds of lumber and woodwork. The motive power is furnished by an eight-horse-power gasoline engine of the latest approved model. There is a sash and door machine, for the finishing of doors, window frames and sashes, moulding, etc.; and there are turning lathes, band saws, a cut off, and ripper saw. The machinery is, in fact, quite complete for its purpose and is all of the highest class. The gentlemen who have established and equipped the plant at a large expense to themselves are two of the most wide-awake and energetic business men of Hereford. They last week secured the contract for the construction of the two large brick buildings which are being erected on Dewey avenue. In adding this new enterprise to their interests as builders and contractors they show themselves to be fully alive to the needs of their business. The Hereford Planing Mill and Construction Company is a valuable establishment, and will without doubt prove a profitable investment or its proprietors.

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Moves to Hereford.

Rev. C. W. Dunn and family left Monday for Hereford, Tex., where they will make their future home. Mr. Dunn has been pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here, and during his stay has made many warm friends, not only in his church but outside of church circles, all of whom regret his departure. He has given up the church and will devote himself to his farm near Hereford.—Roswell Record.

Rev. Dunn has many friends here, who will be pleased to learn that he has decided to make his home in Hereford. In association with J. W. Martin, he will go into business here.

Found.

Gold Masonic watchcharm emblem. Owner can recover same by calling at THE BRAND office and paying 25 cents for this notice.

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.
D. F. JOHNSON.
C. C. FERGUSON.

New Furniture Store.

E. J. White recently purchased the Dr. T. J. Estes business property on Dewey avenue, together with the grocery stock therein. It is not, however, Mr. White's intention to conduct a grocery store, but, on the contrary he has rented the business house to C. E. Spath, formerly of Lubbock, who will install a large stock of furniture therein at once. In fact, he has three cars of furniture and house furnishings on the road now, which are expected to arrive in a few days. Mr. White will also build a large warehouse for Mr. Spath in the rear of the present building to accommodate the large stock which Mr. Spath will carry.

Mr. White will also soon commence the erection of a business block adjoining the building to be occupied by Mr. Spath in a portion of which will be installed his telephone exchange, as his present quarters are too small to accommodate the new telephone equipment which will be added to the present plant.

Mr. Spath is now here supervising the erection of a 7-room residence, which he is having erected on the block of land he recently purchased of Dr. T. J. Estes. THE BRAND extends a cordial welcome to Mr. Spath and family in Hereford's business and social circles.

Custom Tailoring.

C. L. Davis has remodelled and refurnished his office in the Wither- spoon & Gough building and has placed therein a new mirror for the accommodation of his patrons. Mr. Davis represents the following well known tailoring companies of Chicago—Strauss Brothers, Puritan Tailoring Company and Illinois Tailoring Company, anyone of which will furnish a fine quality of garment and guarantee good workmanship and a perfect fit. Mr. Davis now has his spring samples on display in his office and will be pleased to attend to his many patrons' wants in this line during the coming year.

The New Buildings.

The progress of the work upon the two new business blocks, which are to replace the buildings recently destroyed by fire, is being watched by many interested spectators. The work of laying brick began early Monday morning and has gone rapidly forward. The plans of the Hay building have been altered, and it is to be two stories instead of one. The upper floor will contain the Masonic Hall, and a number of offices. Should the weather continue good, the buildings will be completed in a very short time.

Dipped 558 Bulls.

Ira Aten, manager of the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch, informs us that he has got his dipping vats in position at Corall Lake and that on February 6th he dipped 558 bulls in order to cure them of crinia or itch. Mr. Aten says that he used 18 gallons of water to one gallon of the dip and in the process of dipping 465 gallons of the above solution was used, and that the experiment was a success in every way.

Elocutionary Entertainment.

The department of elocution of the Hereford College will give a recital at the court house on Tuesday, February 17. Program will consist of recitations, scenes from popular plays, etc., and closing with the farce "The Sniggles Family." Admission 35c. Reserved seats 50c. Proceeds for benefit of college.

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MR. WARE SCORES ONE

For the Quarantine Line—Our Representative Tells the Legislature Some Things.

The question of paramount interest to the people of this part of the country is still the proposed alteration of the stock sanitary law, as outlined in the Eryan bill. As this measure is discussed and considered from various points of view, the intention of it becomes more and more apparent. Upon its face, it appears to be nothing more than a slight and harmless amendment to the present law, but in effect it is an attempt to abolish the quarantine line entirely, and to throw the counties to the north of it open to inroads of the tick-bitten cattle of the south. It is a plain effort to destroy the principal industry of a prosperous and progressive section of the state, without offering any offsetting gain or advantage to any considerable number of people. At all events, this is how the people of the Panhandle feel about it, and they are ready to support their assertions by arguments, facts, and the testimony of experienced and capable witnesses.

Members of the legislature are being besieged with telegrams, letters, and petitions from all classes and conditions of people throughout the Panhandle and elsewhere, setting forth the disastrous effects that would certainly follow, should the Bryan bill be passed. Among these was a message sent by M. E. Knowles, state veterinarian of Montana, which is of no little weight. It was addressed to Hon. M. M. Hankins, of Quanah, chairman of the State Livestock Sanitary Commission and read:

"Replying to your favor of the 21st ultimo, relative to an absolute open season for cattle in Texas, I beg to say that, in my opinion, the passage of this law will absolutely destroy all market that has heretofore existed between Montana and Texas. It will certainly be absolutely necessary for Montana to exclude all Texas cattle under these circumstances."

Hon. W. B. Ware, of Clarendon, last week became involved in a lively discussion in the House when he attempted to have printed in the Journal a number of telegrams which he had received relative to the proposed establishment of an open season. Our representative is a young man, and little used to the devious speeches and circuitous ways of the politicians, but he spoke with much spirit and came out of the tilt with credit to himself and his constituents.

Among the telegrams which Mr. Ware desired to have printed in the Journal was one from Albert Dean, agent of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry at Kansas City, the text of which was as follows:

"Open season for tick-infected southern cattle in Texas would certainly result in placing cattle in entire state under quarantine."

There were others of the same nature.

Mr. Crawford of Robertson county made vigorous objection to the telegrams being published in the Journal. He said that the Texas legislature should not permit outside influences to dictate what it should do with regard to measures affect-

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ing the interests of the state. Mr. Ware made his maiden speech in reply to Mr. Crawford's objection. His remarks were frequently interrupted with applause. "If we confine ourselves to Texas for our information it will be but a short time until we are lost in ignorance," he said. "It is our duty to receive and invite informa-

tion from all possible sources in regard to public questions. This telegram from the agent of the Bureau of Animal Industry contains information that is the result of long years of investigation. I am not familiar with the filibustering tactics of experienced legislators who seek to defeat good measures, and I do not care to be, but I object to this

attempt at suppressing information which every man who is interested in maintaining one of our struggling industries should have in his possession. I dare say that the gentleman from Robertson who objects to the publication of this telegram in the Journal does not know as much about the cattle tick as the average school boy knows about the Choctaw language. The Texas legislature should not arrogate to itself all of the intelligence in the country. The Texas Legislature has got plenty of sense, but it has no monopoly on intelligence. Is it right for a man who knows nothing about the cattle industry to come here and fling defiance in the face of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, which has been investigating this tick quarantine question for twenty years?"

Mr. Bryan, the author of the bill, replied briefly to Mr. Ware's remarks and ended by saying that he had no objection to the telegrams being printed in the journal.

The House by a vote ordered the telegram so printed and a statement of the others to be given.

Thus Mr. Ware scored a notable victory for the sanitary law; and the incident, taken in connection with the large number objections and protests that are being raised all over the state against the Bryan bill, may be taken as evidence that the tide of sentiment is changing, and that the measure may yet be defeated in the House.

A New Firm.

Cardwell Bros. have sold their grocery business and interests to J. W. Martin and C. W. Dunn, who will conduct the business hereafter under the firm name of Martin & Dunn. While the many friends and patrons of Messrs. Cardwell will regret to have them give up their business, they will be pleased to know that the business is to be in capable hands and will be conducted in the same clever and accommodating manner which has won for Cardwell Bros. so high a reputation for integrity and fair dealing. The new firm is a welcome accession to the ranks of Hereford business men; the proprietors are well known and highly respected and may be depended upon to treat their patrons with courtesy and to give them at all times value received for their money. **THE BRAND** extends a cordial welcome to the new grocery firm, and ventures to express the confidence that it will have a good beginning and an increasingly prosperous and profitable business.

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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.

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12.50 suits for	9.00
11 suits for	8.00
10 suits for	7.00
8.50 suits for	6.50
7.50 suits for	5.00

100 Misses' and Ladies' Jackets and Capes	
Price \$8, now	\$6.50
Price \$7.50, now	5.75
Price \$6.50, now	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
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Price 40c per yard, now	25c
Price 35c per yard, now	15c
Price 15c per yard, now	8 1-3c

Men's Shirts	
Men's Negligee shirts price \$1, now	50c
Men's dress shirts price \$1.25, now	65c
Men's dress shirts price 75c, now	50c
Men's dress shirts, price 60c, now	35c

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TEXAS

FROM TEXICO.

Interesting Items From the New Town on the Mexico Border.

A. Mersfelder, a Bovina merchant, was prospecting here yesterday.

Weather in this part is almost tropical but just right for wind-mills at this time.

L. B. Blair has just completed a nice residence and has gone to Childress for his family.

Our school here is progressing nicely and the number of pupils is increasing so rapidly another teacher will soon be needed.

Muncy Bull sent several copies of the maiden issue of the Portales Times, a good newsy home-printed paper. It makes us think of the THE BRAND.

Gene Dyer, the champion cake walker of the plains, was visiting here Sunday.

M. O. Meeks is having Contractor Norris to build an Annex to the Meeks House this week.

We will soon have a telegraph office opened at this place, what we have needed several moons.

John Dyer and J. C. Norris have moved into their new and well furnished apartments and are at home to their friends.

Several married and single inhabitants of this town started on a pleasure trips to the breaks yesterday after cedar posts.

Dr. Mayse Miller, of Dallas, Texas, has located in Texico. He will office in the Blankenship & Woodcock building until he can build himself.

Our new county delegates met the other night and told the good people what they had done, seen and heard while at the capitol.

The news comes this way that the burned block in Hereford will soon be replaced with substantial brick buildings. That's enterprise but don't you think it helps to encourage the fire fiend. Tell 'em to put in water works and a mayor, and be a city right.

[Hereford has incorporated and will soon have a mayor and water-works and will be, as Aaron suggests, a city right.—E1.]

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

HEREFORD COLLEGE LETTER

A Few Items of Interest From the Campus.

-Mrs. Lee Clark returned Sunday from Oklahoma. She is much improved in health.

The concert grand piano has arrived and was put in the parlour Monday. This means much for the musical interest of Hereford.

Mrs. Curtis of Sherman, state organizer of the W. C. T. U., writes that her son will be here in a few days to enter Hereford College.

Mr. J. J. Jowell and wife of Randall county, called Monday and arranged to continue their son and daughter the remainder of the season.

THE BRAND and Dallas Scripps weekly News for \$1.75 per year.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

Opposes Decker Bill—Other Important Matters.

The Hereford Board of Trade held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, February 10th, and a number of important matters were considered. A large number of citizens from the town and county were present, drawn by the announcement that the bill introduced into the state senate by Mr. Decker of Quanah, relating to the validity of titles to school lands, would be discussed.

The house was called to order at 8 o'clock by the president, and the minutes were read and approved.

At this point the regular order of business was suspended, and the Decker bill was taken up. This is a measure introduced into the legislature by the senator from this district, the effect of which it is thought will be to unsettle land titles over all the west and northwest. Judge L. Gough addressed the Board of Trade and other citizens present setting forth the objections to the bill. Judge J. P. Connell and County Attorney Holloway also spoke expressing disapproval of the measure. A petition previously prepared and addressed to the State Legislature, was read, and upon motion adopted as the sense of the meeting, and those present were requested to sign it. The substance of the petition was that the bill proposed by Mr. Decker is unjust because it will work a hardship upon a large number of innocent purchasers of school lands; that these lands have in fact for the most part passed out of the hands of the original purchasers, who may have been guilty of fraud, and whom the bill intends to punish; that it will unsettle titles to the large majority of school lands in the west, and cause endless litigation and confusion; and that on account of these facts the people of the Panhandle are opposed to the bill and ask that it be not passed.

Motion was made also, and carried, that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressing the opposition of the citizens of Hereford and Deaf Smith county to the proposed measure. The chairman appointed J. P. Connell, R. F. Holloway and C. G. Witherspoon to draft such resolutions, who after a brief consultation submitted the following:

"Whereas, Our State Senator the Hon. D. E. Decker has introduced in the State Senate a bill having for its purpose the facilitating of suits to test the validity of titles to school lands heretofore sold to actual settlers, and

"Whereas, We the citizens of Deaf Smith county in mass meeting

COST SALE

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

For the next two weeks, commencing **Friday, Feb. 13,** my entire stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., will be sold at actual cost. Since the recent fire I have been unable to obtain quarters large enough to accommodate my stock of jewelry and I make this extraordinary offer solely to reduce the stock to suit my present quarters in the Roberts building, two doors south from the postoffice.

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JEWELER AND OPTICIAN**

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A Carload of the

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We also have in transit a car consisting of Disc Harrows, Drag Harrows, Rod Plows, Listers, Planters and all other implements necessary to the demand of the stock farmer. Work on the new building which we will occupy is progressing rapidly, and we will soon be ready to do business at our old stand. Meantime our headquarters are in the building north of the postoffice, where we will be glad to see our old customers and make many new ones.

GARRISON BROS.

assembled, believing that the enactment of this bill into law would result in unsettling titles to school lands throughout the entire west and northwest Texas, causing a great depreciation of land values, retard development of the country, causing great individual loss to innocent purchasers, unending litigation and strife, and possibly bloodshed, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we denounce this bill not only as an unwise measure but as a public calamity to the county.

"Resolved, Further that R. F. Holloway and L. Gough be authorized to present to the legislature a copy of this resolution, and earnestly urge that said bill be not passed. Respectfully submitted,
C. G. WITHERSPOON,
J. P. CONNELL,
R. F. HOLLOWAY."

These resolutions were unanimously adopted, and upon motion L. Gough and R. F. Holloway were designated to convey the resolutions and the petition to Austin and present same to the state legislature.

The regular order of business was then resumed, and the roll was called. A call for new members to join the Board of Trade resulted in the addition of the following names:

Dr. W. E. Robertson, J. D. Earnest, George W. Eagle, J. P. Connell, R. R. Harris, A. Clark, Jr., D. F. Johnson, J. A. Fox, C. C. Ferguson, E. Harrison, and R. Humphrey.

L. Gough called attention to the fact that the public school teachers of Hereford had undertaken to change the place of meeting of the Panhandle Teachers' Institute to Clarendon. He said that he thought the Board of Trade and citizens should have been consulted in this matter, and that he thought the Institute should be held here as at first announced. Professor Edwards, who was present, explained for the public school teachers that on account of the prevalence of measles in town the teachers had deemed it unwise to try to hold the convention here. Professor Randolph Clark spoke in behalf of the faculty of the college urging that the Institute be held here according to the program already made out and published. Motion was made and carried that an invitation be extended from the Hereford Board of Trade to the Panhandle Teachers' Association to hold their meeting here on February 27th and 28th as they had heretofore intended, and the public school teachers were requested to rescind their action and notify the Clarendon

people that the Institute will be held in Hereford.

Under the head of new business Judge Gough called attention to the fact that the Baptist church is about to establish a college somewhere in the Panhandle and advised that an effort be made to secure it for Hereford. Several other persons spoke, expressing their approval of this suggestion, and the board of directors were instructed to draw up a letter, addressed to the proper persons, inviting and urging the Baptist people to establish their college here. The committee of the Baptist church, consisting of J. E. Ferguson, Rev. H. B. McGee, J. W. Huff and W. B. Beach, which is to attend the Fifth Sunday meeting at Miami next month, was also made a special committee of the Board of Trade to put before that meeting the claims of Hereford as a suitable location for the Baptist college.

A report of the committee appointed to look into the matter of securing a waterworks system was received and filed, and the committee was discharged.

There being no further business, the Board of Trade adjourned at half past ten o'clock.

DIRECTORS MEET.

Since the meeting of the Board of Trade held Tuesday night (and the printing of the articles on the sixth page of this issue) the directors of the Board of Trade held another meeting Thursday morning and reconsidered their actions of Tuesday night and endorsed the action of the teachers of the public school in the matter of changing the place of meeting of the Panhandle Teachers' Institute from Hereford to Clarendon, as will be seen by the following resolution passed by the directors of the Board of Trade and concurred in by Prof. W. A. Smith, principal of the Hereford Public School:

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Board of Trade at its last regular meeting, in which the secretary was instructed to confer with the public school teachers, with reference to a reconsideration of their action in asking Clarendon to take the Teachers' Institute at that place, a meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade was held at which Prof. Smith, the principal of the Hereford public school was asked to participate in the discussion of the above question.

After a thorough discussion of the matter it is the sense of the Board that the action of the public school teachers be endorsed, and that the board of trade in connection unite in extending an invitation to the Panhandle Teachers' Association, assembled at Clarendon to hold its next regular session at Hereford.

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Prin. Pub. School.
ROSS W. DAVIS,
Sec. Board of Trade.

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

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Lv. Dimmitt at 1:00 p. m.	" "
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School books for all grades at Gough & Davis. 52tf

Miss Rosalind Hanaford visited in Amarillo this week.

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

Judge J. P. Slaton returned Tuesday from a business trip to Amarillo.

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

It is probable that the postoffice will be moved into one of the new brick buildings as soon as they are completed.

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

Joe Murphy of Dalhart, who owns an interest in the Hereford Telephone Exchange, was here this week on business. He left Tuesday for Roswell.

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

When you are in the market for a suit of clothes don't forget that C. L. Davis can furnish you with them and guarantee every garment as to fit and workmanship. 52tf

Jerry Jowell came in from his ranch Sunday and staid over night. He reports a light snow in his section of the country, and says cattle are looking a little drawn.

Messrs. Loveless & Black have decided to continue the low prices they have been giving heretofore on everything they have in stock. Read their new ad in THE BRAND this week.

The evening train does not always stop at the tank to take water, as a half dozen merry young people discovered the other day when they boarded it for a ride. They had to dismount in a hurry, topsy turvy, girls and all, while the crowd laughed at their predicament.

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. 51tf

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Garrison Bros. new warehouse is almost finished.

See our diamonds and solid gold jewelry. Gough & Davis. 52tf

Dr. Randolph Clark filled his regular appointment at Miami Sunday.

We have an extra fine line of toilet articles, perfumes, etc. Gough & Davis. 52tf

C. L. Davis would be pleased to show you his new spring samples of clothing. See them before buying. 52tf

W. H. Clary this week sold two sections on the creek east of town to B. B. Pierce. Mr. Clary will leave Monday for Santa Ana, Cal.

Miss Lura Jowell is visiting in Amarillo this week.

Horse shoe brand of mixed paint is the best made. Gough & Davis. 52tf

W. A. Higgins was in from his ranch Monday on business and had his name placed on THE BRAND'S subscription list for the coming year.

One of our exchanges displays an advertisement wherein is offered for sale "good whiskey at a dollar and tens cents a gallon." The philanthropic manufacturers of this interesting concoction should kindly add as a premium with each gallon a silver-mounted coffin and a corner lot in the cemetery.

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

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

Mr. John C. Johnston, of Ellis county, who has been here for several days looking after his property interests, left Monday for South Texas.

Prof. Lee Clark has received word from Rev. R. W. Lilly, of Virginia, that he will be here by March 1st to engage in ministerial work in the Panhandle.

A. P. Murchison returned Monday from Kansas City where he has been for several days attending the convention of the National Livestock Association.

The regular time for preaching services at the Christian church has been changed from the first and second to the first and third Sundays of each month.

C. L. Davis would be pleased to have you call at his office in the Witherspoon & Gough building and see his fine samples of spring and summer clothing. 52tf

J. P. Burch recently purchased a 3-section ranch 21 miles north of town and is now engaged in improving the same. He was in town Monday on business.

Misses Maude Patton and Helen Jones returned Tuesday from Amarillo where they went to attend the wedding of Arthur McKnight and Miss Maude Johnston.

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

J. S. Whitsett, who recently purchased the J. P. Burch 5-section ranch 16 miles north of town, came in last week from Missouri to take charge of his new possessions in this county. He was in town Monday on business and had his name enrolled on THE BRAND'S subscription list.

C. D. Steele recently sold his 1-section ranch, situated eight miles southeast of town, to L. L. Wilson of Plano; consideration \$3000. Mr. Steele will soon leave for Texico, N. M., where he has taken up some of Uncle Sam's domain. While here Tuesday he renewed his subscription to THE BRAND and ordered it sent to his new home.

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DICKENS COUNTY NEWS.

Transpiring Events in That Section
of the Country.

From our regular correspondent.

Kelly and Babb, of Garza county, have just returned from Fisher county where they went to buy about 125 head of steer calves. They found prices pretty stiff and bought only about 75 head, for which they paid \$11 to \$12.50.

I have heard of a few deals in stock horses recently, but prices are hard to get. Generally bunches sell at \$15 to \$20, everything counted. These were bought by local horsemen who will keep the choice mares for breeding purposes and ship the balance.

In a conversation with a Kent county cattleman this week I learned that conditions in that county are somewhat mixed. In the northern and western parts range is excellent and cattle look well while in other sections almost the reverse is true. A few steer buyers are in the country now.

Floyd county has a pretty fair supply of grass now but forage in the southern and eastern parts is scarce and there has been some loss already. There is plenty of stock water, however which helps matters to some extent.

Reports from Lubbock county are meager but from what I learn the outlook there is favorable. There has not been so much severe weather there for some reason and as cattle are in very fair order and grass tolerably good, the scarcity of feedstuff is not so severely felt.

Livestock conditions are very favorable in Crosby county now and people are feeling good. There is an excellent season in the ground and prospects are promising for a good crop next year; cattle are in fair order and there does not seem as much danger of loss as during the holidays.

Garza county is in the best shape of any county I know of now. Grass is good and the range has not been overstocked so cattle are in excellent order, and there is little danger of loss in any part of the county that I know of. Some cattlemen are now buying steers in the less favored counties to stock their ranches.

Hale county is in very fair shape now and people are in excellent spirits. Most of the people are small cattlemen and have cut down their bunches during the fall to meet the scarcity of feed or grass so there is not much danger of loss. There is a first class season in the soil so that farmers are very hopeful of a heavy crop next year.

Dickens county is not in as good condition now as one might wish but the outlook is promising. Grass is short, feedstuff scarce and high so cattlemen who owe anything much or are very short of grass or forage are liable to catch trouble before spring, while those who are free of debt or have plenty of range or roughness will make a splendid profit.

A movement is now on foot to establish a through daily mail line between Emma, in Crosby county, and Snyder, Scurry county, passing centrally through Garza county. Along the route are many ranches, both large and small, which need direct mail connection with Canyon City and Amarillo during the shipping season especially, and these are anxious to have the line put into operation.

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Teachers' Institute Transferred.

The Panhandle Teachers Institute was to have met in Hereford Friday and Saturday 27 and 28. The program of the Institute has already been published, and considerable interest was felt by the people here in the prospective teachers' convention. Now comes the announcement, in the Clarendon News, that on account of the Hereford fire the place of meeting has been changed to Clarendon. Upon inquiry we learn that the transfer of the Institute to Clarendon was decided upon last week by the public school teachers of Hereford, and that the cause of their decision in favor of the change was not the fire but the prevalence of measles here, which made it seem to them unwise to try to have the convention here at this time.

Noted Lobo Wolf Killed.

Memphis, Tex., Jan. 29.—E. R. Barnes has killed the old lobo wolf that was responsible for the loss of not less than \$2,000 worth of cattle in this country in the last two years besides a good many colts.

The lobo weighed eighty-seven pounds and was five feet ten inches from tip to tip, two feet seven inches high, and forty inches round the girth. There was a reward of \$100 on the wolf's head. The dead brute has been sent to a taxidermist at Denver to be mounted.—Texas Press.

For Sale.

235 head of good graded stock cattle, all young and native raised—about 200 cows and 55 heifer yearlings—and in good condition and there will be a fine calf crop from them. Will sell them or contract them to be delivered and counted the 15th of April at \$18 around and no spring calves counted. A bargain for some one. Apply to W. R. Reagan, 12 miles southeast of Dimmitt, Texas. 521

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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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Jack Garvin went over to Canyon Sunday.

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Postmaster Walters went to Amarillo Sunday, returning Monday.

We now have everything in paints, oil and glass. Gough & Davis.

A fine gray mare belonging to Charlie Bounds died of pneumonia last week.

Ed Witherspoon paid this office an appreciative visit Monday and subscribed for THE BRAND for a friend at Roscoe.

When you buy a custom-made suit of course you want the latest styled pattern and a perfect fit. C. L. Davis will see that you get both.

W. R. Reagan, from Dimmitt county was in town last week and placed an advertisement in THE BRAND. He says that cattle in his county are in splendid condition.

In the county court last week the case of D. R. Gass & Sons vs. J. W. Moreman resulted in a verdict for defendant. The case of J. E. Bridges vs. W. J. Montgomery was dismissed on motion.

For Sale—83 acres of land adjoining town on east, 1/4 mile from court house. 30 acres in cultivation lying in the valley of Tierra Blanco. Very best alfalfa land. \$22.50 an acre gets it. Apply to D. F. Johnson.

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Rat Jowell made a short trip to Roswell on business this week.

Don't fail to see C. L. Davis' new spring samples of custom-made clothing.

The Masons, who lost their hall in the fire, are holding their meetings temporarily at the Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilley, of Hebron, Ind., who have been visiting Judge and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, left for their home Sunday.

Mr. James A. Acker, who was called here last week on account of the death of his little son, returned Saturday to his home at Claude.

Mrs. Lee Clark, with her two little girls, returned home Sunday from Oklahoma, where she had been for several days visiting relatives.

B. C. Roberts was in Monday from his ranch near the Summerfield switch and renewed his subscription to THE BRAND and Dallas News.

A new Wegman concert grand piano has been installed at the college. It is the first instrument of the kind ever brought to town, and is certainly a beauty.

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.

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DICKENS COUNTY NEWS.

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of the Country.

From our regular correspondent.

Lynn county seems to be blessed just about now. From the number of people who are seen going there and from the reports one hears the county must be on a boom; and as cattle are doing well, grass good and little danger of loss, the people certainly have reason to be contented.

Mr. Hudson of Haskell county, has leased the Lee county school land, lying between Crosby and Dickens counties and is equipping a nice little ranch on his land joining so leasehold. I have not seen his cattle myself but am informed that he has one of the nicest bunches in that part of the country.

Briscoe county cattlemen are happy and contented now. Grass is splendid and has not been overstocked and nearly everyone has plenty of feed or can get it cheap. There is also plenty of stock water

so little loss is feared. There is a good season in the ground and farmers are putting in increased acreages of all kinds of crops.

The past week has afforded a wide variety of weather. Two days of furious wind, then one of warm sunshine, and then a snow, moderating into rain in the evening. During the past two days we have had a slow soaking rain but it has been warm and did not seem to hurt anything. Today is cool but clear and sunny.

Last Monday I met a man who had just returned from Andrews county. On his trip he had traveled over a large part of Western Texas and reported almost every part that he saw in good shape. He bought a small ranch in Andrews county and will move all his stock there right away. Cattle were in very good order and there was plenty of grass, so little loss is to be feared.

It is likely that during the next year or two this country will be opened up by several railroads and some of our cattlemen seem to think that when this occurs the plains country will change from a breeding to a feeding region. It could be easily adapted to it and some stockmen are already shaping their affairs to go into the business of feeding

stuff for market as soon as railroad facilities can be had.

Recently I have met several men who were complaining of warts upon their calves. The warts appear about the head and neck and have been noticed only upon milk-pen calves. They seem to annoy the calves much but as there has never been much trouble of the kind before no one has a remedy. The disease may be general, so I give herewith a treatment which has just been recommended to me as good: Apply tincture of iodine to the warts daily for a week or two, using a feather or soft brush, to avoid irritating the skin unnecessarily. This is said to be a sure cure, but I have never seen it tried.

Readers of THE BRAND will find the following scheme of value if they have recently set out any young trees in their yards or orchards. Get a lot of boards two or three feet long, and inch thick and three inches wide, sharpen at one end and drive well into the ground about six inches from the tree on the south-west side. Tie the tree firmly to the stake but not tight enough to cut the bark. It will grow more erect and the board will protect it to some extent from the hard spring winds and hot summer sunshine. The

stake is especially valuable the first year after the tree is set out but does much good if left two or even three years.

Telephone Change.

Joe Murphy, of Dalhart, was in town Monday. While here he sold to W. G. Ross his half interest in the local telephone exchange. Messrs. White and Ross are planning many improvements to be made in our telephone system which when carried out will make it in every respect thoroughly first-class. In a short time the central office will be moved into larger and more convenient quarters. A new switchboard and other improved devices will be put in. The low posts that are now in use will be replaced with high ones, and other improvements will be introduced, with a view to making the Hereford telephone system equal to the best.

For Sale.

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Two million acres of this great ranch has been sold and it will be only a few months before the remainder of one or two sections

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

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

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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

Railroad Facilities

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.

Susceptible to Rains

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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Dr. Gough was called out Monday afternoon to see a little child of D. Wilson's which was quite sick with tonsillitis.
A. P. Murchison went to Clarendon Sunday to attend the funeral of Tom Drisco, who was killed in Amarillo Friday night.
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