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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.

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Miss Lalla Hill, the popular post-mistress at Dimmitt, was in town Saturday.

If you wish to secure a piano cheap you may do so by ordering with the College Club. 43tf

Charles Googer, formerly foreman of the Wichita Falls Times, is now employed in THE BRAND office.

The most popular offerings in neckwear for holiday trade are shown by Williams & Harrison. 43tf

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Grayson Bell of Dimmitt was in town Saturday.

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J. E. Nix was in from his Castro county ranch Saturday on business.

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

E. A. Taylor of Lancaster came in Saturday and is prospecting hereabouts.

Williams & Harrison carry full line of shoes for men, women and children. 43tf

J. L. Underwood came in Saturday from his North Draw ranch after supplies.

Call and see the new line of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and Spectacles at Lee Smith's Store. 29tf

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Taylor of Lancaster were among the prospectors to arrive in town Saturday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith left Saturday for Huntington, Tenn., where they will visit friends and relatives until after the holidays.

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Hand Crushed.

Last Saturday morning as W. L. Williams of Summerfield was engaged in oiling a windmill, his left hand became caught in the machinery lacerating and bruising the member in a painful manner. Mr. Williams said that after his hand was caught it was some ten minutes before he could disengage it, during which his suffering was very severe. He was brought to Hereford; where Dr. R. H. Gough, dressed the bruise and made his patient as easy as was possible under the circumstances.

See our new line of S-K pants, they look well, wear well and fit well. Try a pair.
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A Testimonial.

Channing, November 24, 1902
D. R. Gass & Son,

Hereford, Texas.

Gentlemen: In regard to the Leader Windmill, I will say that I purchased my first Leader Windmill some five or six years ago, and for the last three years I have used no other Wood Mill on the XIT ranch, except the Leader mill. I consider the Leader Mill fully as good a mill in every respect as the Eclipse Mill, in fact it is an exact duplicate of the Eclipse Mill, every piece of the Leader Mill being interchangeable with the Eclipse.

Yours truly,

A. G. BOYCE,
Manager XIT Ranch.

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.

Moved to Hereford.

The Panhandle country gets an other of Johnson county's best citizens. H. W. Renfro loaded his household goods, farming implements, etc., on the cars here on Tuesday and he and his family left on Wednesday morning for their new home at Hereford. Mr. Renfro has always been an active leader in public affairs and was one of the best known men in the county. He and his estimable family are held in the highest esteem by our people and their departure from the community will occasion much regret.
—Joshua News.

Land Breaking.

Parties wanted to break about 200 acres of land 10 miles from Hereford. Will pay \$1.50 per acre. Call on or write Ira Aten, manager of Escarbada division XIT ranch, Hereford, Texas.
41tf

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

During the Holidays.

For Holiday Excursionists, to the usual territory in the southeast:—"The Old States," to a number of points in Old Mexico, to Colorado (Kool in summer and delightful all the year) also, to all points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. "THE DENVER ROAD" has on sale first class, limited, round trip tickets at rates of one fare plus two dollars. Dates of sale December 13th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, and 26th, allowing thirty days for return.

To all points in Texas, special rates of about a fare and a tenth for the round trip apply to tickets sold December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, also January 1st, limited to return January 3rd.

A number of people are interested in those rates who want to investigate the splendid conditions in Northwest Texas, where the prospects are magnificent, now, for fine crops. Those who wish to make a longer stay buy the Homeseekers' tickets "THE DENVER ROAD" sells.

The First Advertiser.

Noah was the first man to advertise. He advertised the flood and it came all right. The fellows who laughed at the advertising got drowned, and it served them right. Ever since Noah's time the advertiser has been prospering, while the other fellow is being swallowed up in the flood of disaster.—Ex.

F. H. Britain Won.

At the November election F. H. Britain and W. A. Odell tied for the commissionership of the third precinct in Castro county and another election was ordered to be held last Saturday. We learn that Mr. Britain was the successful contestant, but was unable to learn the number of votes polled and their distribution.

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.

41tf

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Rev. H. E. McGee, pastor—Services held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 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.

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Rev. A. W. Crawford, pastor—Services held on the second Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. in the Methodist church house. Sunday school in connection with the Methodist congregation at 9:30 a. m.

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Meets once each week,
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Mrs. M. B. McGee,
President.

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A. J. Lipscomb, Geo. W. Dube,
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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. Meeks,
Worshipful Master. Secretary.

K. O. F.

Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Knights are made welcome.

Sam H. Morris, Joe Killough,
Chancellor Commander. K. of R. and S.

W. O. W.

Meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Sovereigns always welcome.

J. T. Imbon, E. H. Morris,
Council Commander. Clerk.

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Who can direct, what 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 maker. Not only wheat, but wheat, corn, flax, stalks, cantaloupes, garden truck and good health. South here is a desert. The Mainland is barren 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 Home-Seekers Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what People Have Accomplished along the line of

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Passenger Department
Fort Worth, Texas

N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run this line daily each way between Wichita Falls and Denver. We continue, the year round, the excellent Class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, Winter and Summer. By the way, we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dalhart (also good for Old Mexico), with first-grade Eating Cars all the way.

We sell a Home-Seekers ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

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.

The many friends of Dr. R. M. Johnson will be pleased to learn that he was located at Arlington, Texas, though they will be somewhat disappointed that he did not return to Hereford. That he will find a lucrative practice in his new field of labor is the wish of all his friends, including THE BRAND.

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Do you want a Fine Home in the Panhandle?

I have for sale one of the best improved sections (640 acres) in the Panhandle of Texas, situated three miles east from Hereford, the county seat of Deaf Smith County. This section is in the valley of the Tierra Blanco river, which intersects it, and contains over 275 acres which will grow alfalfa profitably without irrigation, making it the best dividend paying section of land in the Panhandle. There are 53 acres in alfalfa at the present time, which will cut three crops each year. For the past nine years an average of 100 tons of valley hay has been cut from this land yearly, which readily sells at \$10 per ton.

Improvements...

Among the improvements on this place are: A modern \$2500 8-room residence, modern \$500 2-story barn—26x46 feet in dimensions with 16-foot walls—corrals and out-buildings. Has a 75-foot well, containing 35 feet of pure water, with a 10,000 gallon storage tank and a water-works system supplying house and barn with water. A 16-foot Eclipse windmill with 6-inch cylinder supplies ample water to irrigate a 20-acre garden patch. This property would be an ideal one for party wishing to engage in the fine stock business. My reason for selling is that other business demands my attention.

For further particulars write or call on

RAT JOWELL
Hereford - Texas

The Brand

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

FRANK L. VANDERBURGH
Editor and Publisher

WE extend to all our readers and friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

HEREFORD citizens are proud of their different business institutions, and well they may be. They are the best equipped in their line.

SIDEWALKS were conspicuous for their absence during the muddy weather recently. But then, our forefathers did without sidewalks and we suppose that we can.

EDITOR KOCH of the Osnah Tribune Chief is to be commended for his enterprise and progressiveness. He is about to launch a daily paper in his hometown. Success to him.

THE question that should be uppermost now in the minds of our citizens is the college question. With the completion of this institution we have many other important propositions to present before the people.

The recent snow, which, by the way has all disappeared, caused an excellent crop in this section of the Panhandle, and did not do any harm to the cattle interests on account of the mild weather. For climate there is no place like the Panhandle of Texas.

HEREFORD can make the boast (truthfully) that she is gaining the educational facilities of the different portions of this and other states. There can be but one reason for this, and that is her excellent educational facilities. To gain a desirable class of citizens a town must furnish the best of schools, and that is what Hereford does.

It is claimed that the Venetian trouble was brought on by the European powers to test the validity of the Monroe Doctrine. If the United States remains neutral in this difficulty and allows this little republic to be disrupted by England and Germany, the disruption of the other South American republics will follow in short order. Can the citizens of the United States afford such a procedure?

The Amarillo Star, edited by Mrs. R. W. Morgan, formerly editor of the Canyon Stayer, has reached our desk. It is a neatly printed paper and we have but one criticism—too many haphazardly placed dash rules in the makeup, but then that can be remedied by the employment of a first-class printer. Her advertising columns are not as full as we would wish for our sister, but we believe that if she keeps up her standard in setting out a good paper, those will be filled to overflowing.

It is not a case of "can I afford to invest in the college enterprise", but a case of "can I afford not to invest in the college."

HEREFORD is to have a board of trade, whose duties it will be to keep on the lookout for any enterprises which will revert to the good of Hereford, and every citizen of Hereford should become a member and thus help the good work along.

THE Amarillo Livestock Champion has been purchased by Messrs. J. D. Hamlin and W. E. Gee, a few days ago. Mr. Hamlin proves to be as brilliant a writer as he is a speaker. Amarillo is destined to have what she has long been wanting—a first-class newspaper.

Let us drop everything and work for the completion of the main building of the Hereford College and Industrial School. If this building is completed in time for the opening of the June summer schools there will be a large number of teachers and pupils here to help make trade during the summer months.

A CONSERVATIVE estimate will place the number of pupils who will attend the Hereford College and Industrial School during the session of 1903-04 at two hundred and fifty. A great many will spend less than \$25 per month while here. Is not such an enterprise as that worth striving for?

THE college building must be finished at all hazards. The citizens of Hereford cannot afford to spend ten thousand dollars on the building of this institution and then let the work suspend for the want of enough cash to finish it. Hereford has never yet attempted to do a thing but what she has carried it to a successful termination and it is a poor time now to fall down. And she is not going to fall in this, for we are sure that her citizens have too much progressive spirit to allow such a small sum to be needed to complete the college to thwart them.

HEREFORD's phenomenal growth during the past year has been made wholly on account of the college prospects. The college building must be finished in time for the sessions of 1903-04 or many of these excellent people who have moved here from other parts of the country will lose confidence in our town and enterprise and leave as rapidly as they come. It's up to you, citizens. Remember that every little helps. If you are not financially able to invest a large amount in the college enterprise, make a small investment now and increase it as you are benefited by the institution.

When the solicitors call on you for investments in the Hereford College enterprise do not tell them that "you are going to invest something later on, but are not ready now." On the contrary, if you have not made up your mind as to the amount that you can see your way clear to invest, put your name down for a small amount and give them the promise that you will invest more as you become more prosperous.

Do you ever stop to realize the amount of money that is being spent in Hereford monthly solely on account of the establishment of the Hereford College and Industrial School? If you have not you will be somewhat surprised to learn that the students alone spend over five hundred dollars every month, to say nothing about the vast amount spent by the spectators and others, who are drawn here solely on account of the college. Is not his enterprise, then, worthy of your unqualified support?

The Hereford College Journal is a new venture in the journalistic field of the Panhandle. Randolph Clark, president of the Hereford College and Industrial School, is the editor.

REGISTERED BERKSHIRES

If you wish Berkshires of good pedigree, I can furnish them.

R. H. NORTON

HEREFORD TEXAS

with D. A. Walsh business manager and the paper will be published in the interests of the schools of Hereford. Its columns will also have interesting articles concerning the resources and development of the Panhandle, and copies of the journal will be circulated among people who are contemplating a change of residence and climate, and who will be influenced in their location by educational facilities. The paper will be issued monthly, THE BRAND office having charge of the mechanical department. The subscription price will be placed at the extremely low price of fifty cents a year.

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HEREFORD, TEXAS

TO THE CITIZENS OF HEREFORD AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY

It gives me pleasure to announce that I have leased the entire Dr. Johnson block, and am now making preparations to enlarge my office to better accommodate my patrons and facilities. There are hundreds of better equipped offices in the United States than mine, but I have the best equipped office on the Plains of Texas and the best this side of Fort Worth, and if my practice is an index to my reputation as a

DENTIST

I am perfectly satisfied with it. As a first-class mechanic I am prepared and qualified, also, to see the defects in a piece of work and will not let it leave my parlors unless it is perfect. Why? Because my reputation is at stake and it is my stock in trade, and I am going to protect it. How is the best way to protect it? Is it by trying to cast reflections on some other dentist's work? No, it is not. My experience taught me long years ago that the way to get business was to do good work, and the way to hold business was to do better work, so with that for my motto I have the distinction of being a dentist of ability among men of business principles to do high-grade Dental work and above all things to get a liberal fee for my services.

DR. W. E. ROBERTSON

HEREFORD DENTAL PARLORS

PHONE 65

P. S. I AM PUTTING IN AN ELECTRO PLATING PLANT AND WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE YOUR SILVER AND GOLD SHINE

George Abbott of Dimmitt was a caller in town Monday.

S-K pants are better. Williams & Harrison sell them. 34tf

Fresh consignment of Loops Bros' chocolates and Bon bons at Jno. Wyatt's. 43tf

W. A. Tate, the popular Dimmitt landlord, was in town Monday after supplies. He also renewed his subscription to THE BRAND.

See my samples and get my prices before ordering your suit or overcoat. Office next to Witherspoon & Gough's real estate office. 40tf

Sam Morris, the popular book-keeper in the banking house of Smith, Walker & Co., returned Monday from a business trip to Amarillo.

All Kinds, Solid Gold, Gold-Filled and Plated Jewelry, at Prices that speak for themselves and Guaranteed by Lee Smith, the Jeweler, 31tf

The Hereford Land and Abstract Company has a local adv. in this issue offering for sale a desirable four-acre block in the college addition.

Just received—Two and one-half cars of fresh canned goods and one car of Greely, Colo., potatoes. Call and price before buying elsewhere. Hereford Mercantile Co. 43tf

Henry Bradford of Chilbothe, who has been prospecting hereabouts, left Monday for his home. It is his intention to return soon, however, and invest in some Hereford real estate.

Levis Hale was in from the North Draw Monday on business.

Will Reagan of Dimmitt was in town Monday on his way to El Paso.

Booley Bell was in from his Dimmitt sheep ranch Monday on business.

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

G. H. Womble came in from his father's ranch in the northeast part of the county and made this office a pleasant call Monday.

Boys—The Gessicke Shoes are what you are looking for. Don't buy until you see them. 43tf Williams & Harrison.

W. R. McClain and family arrived Sunday from Coryell county and will henceforth make their home here, he having purchased the E. L. Ellis ranch property.

When in need of a new suit or overcoat it would be to your interest to call on C. L. Davis, who has an office next door to Witherspoon & Gough's real estate office. 40tf

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. Tarbow. 42tf

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J. S. Scott went to Amarillo Wednesday on business.

Irving Jennings left Wednesday for a business trip to Amarillo.

George L. Moss was in town Tuesday for a business trip to Amarillo.

It is good coal gas with the best of prices. See them for prices.

Mrs. F. B. Fuller and son are visiting the former's parents at Mangum, Okla.

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

Frank Chestnut, one of Army's prosperous stockmen, was in town Wednesday on business.

C. L. Davis requests that you see his fine of clothing samples before ordering your suit or overcoat elsewhere.

Dr. C. P. Estes was called to Edna, N. M., Tuesday to attend a case of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robertson.

Mrs. S. H. Hodges and son, Houston, came Tuesday from Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. T. M. Palmer.

Judge Jas. E. Ferguson, president of the Hereford National Bank, returned Monday from a trip through the counties south of us.

D. B. Jennings of Merkel, is visiting his brother, Irving, the popular manager of the Burton-Lingo Co.'s lumber yard at this place.

Sam DeWitt, the popular employee of the Pecos Valley road, left Wednesday for Wellington, Texas, to spend a few days with his family.

I have a large quantity of paint and oil. If you want any you'd better hurry for it's going fast. C. G. Ferguson.

J. C. Cox came in from his Tierra Blanca river ranch Tuesday and paid this office an appreciated visit, renewing his subscription to THE BRAND and Dallas News.

C. E. Small came in from Coleman Wednesday night and is closing up his business preparatory to moving his home to Hereford, Texas, available.

Miss Myrtle of Wheeler county is among the new arrivals attending the Hereford College and Industrial School, being domiciled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Eagle.

PARTIES KNOWING THEMSELVES INDENTED TO US WILL SAVE COSTS AND TROUBLE BY CALLING AND SETTLING AT ONCE. HEREFORD LUMBER CO.

F. C. Hutchison was in town Monday, he being one of a committee to buy Christmas presents for the children of the J. F. Ward school district. The enterprising citizens of this community will have a Christmas tree and Santa Claus at the school house Christmas day, and we expect to have to decline an invitation to be present at their merry-making.

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T. J. Coffey has our thanks for subscription favors this week.

J. T. Carlton of Neboville, Tenn., came in Tuesday on a prospecting trip.

Chris Garrison left Tuesday for his former home, Cleburne, where he will spend the Holidays.

John Day, one of the prosperous North Draw stock farmers, was in town Monday on business.

G. S. Williams was in from his North Draw ranch Monday and paid this office an appreciated visit, becoming a subscriber to THE BRAND and Dallas News.

R. L. Knight came in from his ranch at Elk, N. M., and spent a few hours visiting old friends in town. He left Monday for Marleta, I. T., where he will spend the Holidays.

J. W. Moreman, one of the North Draw's prominent stockmen, accompanied by his family came in Wednesday to eat Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moreman.

Fred Cliett returned Monday from a business trip to Amarillo.

John Holloway of Gilmer is visiting his brother, R. F. Holloway, having arrived Monday.

Mrs. Mary Holloway of Gilmer arrived Monday and is the guest of her son, R. F. Holloway.

J. C. Galbraith, manager of the Burton-Lingo Co.'s yard at Canyon, was a business caller in town Tuesday.

The many friends of Mrs. L. Gough will be pained to learn that she is ill with pneumonia. She is under the care of Dr. R. H. Gough and it is hoped that her speedy recovery may soon be reported.

T. J. Graves returned Sunday from Waxahachie, where he had been on business. While there he noticed on exhibition a large kershaw which had taken the first premium at the Ellis county fair and recognized it as one which was raised in Castro county, and which he had sent to a friend there as a specimen of what this country can raise. Ellis county must be proud of Castro county products.

B. P. Abbott of Bovina spent Christmas in town.

C. H. Moore of the North Draw was a pleasant visitor at this office Monday.

B. T. Bell, the Castro county sheep raiser, was a business caller in town Monday.

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

Walter P. Baker left Monday for Edna, his former home, where he will spend Christmas.

G. T. Staley, Hereford's new school teacher, thanks for a subscription to THE BRAND.

J. E. Rice and wife came in from their home near Edna Wednesday to spend Christmas with friends in town.

L. B. Rice and wife from his North Draw home, Texas, and ordered the kershaw as a friend in Kentucky.

A member of the Hereford baseball team of 1911, came in Sunday from Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. C. White came in Tuesday from Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Palmer.

Mrs. E. E. McCoy of Siblestone county came in Saturday and will hereafter make her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Williams.

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

A. S. Kendrick and family came in from their North Draw ranch to spend Christmas with Mrs. Kendrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moreman.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Glover, a girl, Sunday evening, December 21. Both mother and child are doing well under Dr. R. H. Gough's care.

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

Miss Della Palmer, who is an attendant at the Weatherford Seminary came in Tuesday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Palmer.

Miss Dula Eagle, who is attending school at Wichita Falls, arrived Tuesday and will spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Eagle.

E. L. Ellis has purchased G. A. Stambaugh's half section, northeast of the college addition, paying \$4000 for the same. Contractor Snyder will commence the erection of a fine residence thereon next Monday.

R. R. Harris this week conveyed to F. L. Vanderburgh 40 acres off from his half section northeast of the college addition at private terms, this making 80 acres that ye editor now holds title to. All we need now in order to lay claim to being a ranchman is an old mule ear.

THE BRAND

ANOTHER INDUSTRY.

The Hereford Construction and Planing Mill Company.

Contractor J. P. Snyder and D. F. Johnson have formed a co-partnership and will at once install new machinery for the purpose of manufacturing window and door frames and all other wood material needed for the finishing work in the many new residence and business blocks about to be erected in Hereford. It is the intention of the new firm to do a general contracting business and in addition will furnish contractors with any material needed in their line. Jack Harwell will build an addition to the Hereford Manufacturing Co.'s building, in which Mr. Snyder now has his carpenter shop, and the new machinery will be installed therein. Mr. Snyder will leave Monday for Kansas City, Mo., where he will purchase the necessary machinery. THE BRAND wishes for the new firm unbounded success in their undertaking and joins the people of Hereford in commending them upon their enterprise.

For a Board of Trade.

Last Saturday evening the committee, consisting of C. G. Witherspoon, S. Loveless, A. J. Lipscomb, R. W. Davis and F. L. Vanderburgh, appointed to take some means for the forming of a board of trade in Hereford, met at Witherspoon & Gough's office. C. G. Witherspoon was elected chairman and F. L. Vanderburgh secretary. After a much discussion on the subject, a motion was carried recommending that such a body be formed at the meeting of the business men to be held Monday evening, after which the committee meeting adjourned. Monday evening a meeting was held, which, owing to the proneness of some of our citizens to forget, was attended only by about fifteen people. As Chairman Ira Aten was unable to be present, Judge Gough was elected chairman pro tem of the meeting, with C. L. Barks secretary. The report of the committee was read and after some discussion it was decided to adopt the recommendation, but modified it by forming a temporary board of trade. A committee was then appointed by the chair, consisting of T. J. Davis, A. J. Lipscomb and J. C. Newman, to confer with the business men in regard to forming a board of trade and to report at a meeting to be held Monday evening, January 5th, at which time it is hoped that a permanent organization will be effected. The secretary was also instructed to correspond with the officers of such bodies in other towns and obtain from them copies of their by-laws and constitution, upon receipt of which he and the chairman were to meet the committee appointed above and draft an outline of the by-laws and constitution which would be suitable to the needs of the Hereford organization, which they were to present at the meeting to be held January 5th.

Sam F. Dana was also added to the committee appointed at a previous meeting to negotiate with the people living south of Hereford for the opening of a cattle trail and providing pasturage and watering places for the herds to be shipped from Hereford next year, mention of which was made in last week's issue of THE BRAND.

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Change of Firm.

The Hereford Land and Abstract Company last week consummated a deal whereby the personnel of the firm was changed, G. E. Jewell retiring in favor of his co-partners, Messrs. R. F. Holloway and Ross W. Davis. The change was deemed advisable by Mr. Jewell, his time being wholly taken up in his duties as county surveyor and attending to similar duties for private individuals. The new firm has the best wishes of THE BRAND for a continuance of the large and remunerative business that the former firm enjoyed.

W. C. T. U. Reception.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a reception in the college parlors on New Years day from four to six in the afternoon, and from eight to ten in the evening.

The reception committee in the afternoon will be composed of the married ladies of the union, in the evening the young ladies of the union, it is expected that every citizen of Hereford will call at sometime during the afternoon or evening.

Tax Notice.

All taxes must be paid on or before January 31, 1903, or a ten cent penalty will be added. Don't wait until the last day.

J. T. INMON,
 Tax Collector.

For Sale.

60 head of saddle, work and stock horses from 3 to 5 years old. All sound and in good condition. E. FAYTON, Hereford, Texas. 31tf

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Hereford postoffice for the month ending December 24, 1902:

Dennis Anderson, Harve Baker, Mrs. Mattie J. Baker, W. E. Bledsoe, J. A. Brashear (2), A. B. Burdard, Bee Carroll, Ellick Cooper, W. L. Gibson, John Haggard, R. L. T. Hargrove, W. D. Haller, H. C. Jackson, Mack Johnson (2), R. M. Merritt, H. H. Morris, S. G. McBride, Clara N. Ragao, May Ragao, C. L. Reynolds (4), W. G. Railey, Pink Kove, Myron Roberts, G. A. Stranon, L. W. Thurbed.

In calling for above please say "advertised".

W. J. WALTERS, P. M.

Ricketts & Rayzor.

L. W. Ricketts has purchased the interest of E. B. Orr in the real estate firm of Rayzor & Orr and the firm will henceforth be known as Ricketts & Rayzor. Both gentlemen are well known as progressive and fair dealing men and THE BRAND bespeaks for them a liberal patronage.

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. E. Harris. 42tf

House to Rent.

Four-room cottage with well and windmill and barn. See the Hereford Land and Abstract Co. for particulars. 43tf

Christmas in Hereford.

The anniversary of the birth of Christ dawned in the Panhandle resplendent in warm, beautiful sunshine, the day being all that could be desired in the way of weather. Christmas eve was celebrated at the different churches in a becoming manner and many were the children who were made happy by the joyous occasion. At the Christian and Methodist churches a Christmas tree had been provided, which were heavily laden with toys and candies for the little folks and the more useful gifts for the older ones. At the Baptist church a ladder had been tastily arranged for the occasion, which also was loaded down with gifts suitable for the younger and older folks. At each church a suitable program had been arranged, which were well rendered. Notwithstanding the absence of snow Santa Claus made his appearance, to the great joy of the little people and to the amusement of the older ones.

Union Meeting.

The Christian Endeavor and Epworth League societies of the Christian and Methodist churches will hold a union meeting at the Christian church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Following is the program prepared for the occasion:

Subject..... Mission Week and Reward
 Leader..... O. F. Smith
 Song..... Choir
 Lesson..... Acts 13:47; John 14:16
 Prayer.....

Our country as an example.....
 Life of Livingston..... Miss Fannie Tarentina
 Song..... Miss Ola Scott
 Choir
 What difference is there between the Heaven of the Bible and the idea of a future world or state of other religions?.....

Select reading..... Miss Fanny Robinson
 What experience on earth gives us an idea of Heaven?..... Miss Dameron
 Miss Nunley
 Song.....
 Benediction.....

For Sale.

Six head of work mules and one work horse. There are no better stock than these in the Panhandle and they range from 4 to 7 years of age. RAY JOWELL, Hereford, Texas. 43tf

Ladies' and gent's shoes that are up-to-date in every way are sold by Williams & Harrison. 43tf

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Snyder recently had a \$10,000 fire loss. Origin unknown.

The Quanah Tribune-Chief has commenced the publication of a daily paper.

The Clarendon electric light plant has been sold to E. L. White, an expert electrician of Temple, after having been closed down for the past month.

In the recent special election in Donley county, Charley Beverly was elected sheriff, the November election resulting in a tie between him and Mr. McLean.

The jury was out five hours in the Thornton murder case that was transferred from Briscoe county, and returned a verdict of not guilty. — Amarillo Livestock Champion.

The Northwest Texas Real Estate Association met at Wichita Falls last week and transacted considerable business of importance. The object of the association is to build up the Panhandle.

A. B. Spencer has resigned his position as travelling freight and passenger agent of "The Denver Road," and has accepted a position with the Springfellow Hume Hardware Co. at Amarillo.

The ladies of Panhandle took charge of the clerk's office at the courthouse on the day of election and furnished free lunches to the citizen. What a contrast to what was furnished from the same room at the general election. Then it was whisky, and plenty of it. — Panhandle Herald.

Bowie is after the violators of the local option law. F. R. Lively was recently convicted of selling liquor in prohibition territory and fined \$75 and given fifty days in jail and later was arrested on the charge of perjury in two cases, predicated upon his testimony in the liquor cases.

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We also have a few

Ladies' Trimmed Hats
in stock which we will sell at an extremely low price.

Oscar's Reformation.

Oscar Bryant will open up a large stock of furnishing goods in the old Bryant & Sevall stand in a few days. Look out for his big ad. Mr. Bryant knows the value of printers' ink, and has many friends in Hale and adjoining counties who will be glad to see him back in business. — Plainview Texan Press.

Mr. Bryant was formerly an employe of THE BRAND office and has many friends in Hereford who will be pleased to know that he has reformed and quit the printing business. THE BRAND joins his friends in wishing for him unstinted prosperity in his new venture.

Bank Notice

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hereford National Bank will be held Tuesday, January 13th, 1903, at the banking rooms, for the purpose of electing officers and directors to serve the ensuing year, and for such other business as may come before the meeting. Polls open from 1 to 3 o'clock p. m. 43-44

W. H. BEACH, Cashier.

Prohibition Wave.

Last Saturday Wilbarger county went dry by about thirty votes after one of the hardest fights that has been in any county in the Panhandle territory. Carson county on the 9th, gave the greatest surprise ever known in Northwest Texas, by giving 45 Pro majority out of less than 200 votes, even the town of Panhandle giving 11 Pro majority. Carson county and Panhandle have the reputation of being the toughest place in the whole panhandle and that the election did not go at least 46 anti is a surprise, but that the figures are reversed — well it took our breath for a while. — Ex.

Notice.

The undersigned, having sold our coal, grain and hay business to Messrs. E. R. Rice and W. R. Evans, hereby request all parties having accounts with us to please settle the same at once. All bills being payable to Beach & Camp at the old stand. 40th

W. H. BEACH,
E. R. RICE

TWO LETTERS.

Relating to the Admitting of Pupils Over and Under the State Scholastic Age.

Hereford, Tex., Dec. 2, 1902

To the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir—I write you for information. I am a school trustee in district No. 1, Deaf Smith county, Texas. We have a special scholastic tax of 20 cents on each one hundred dollars valuation of property.

Section 52 of the school laws in districts that levy a special scholastic tax, the trustees shall have right to increase the salaries of teachers and the scholastic age may also have the schools tax longer than six months if it deemed advisable. In this district No. 1, Deaf Smith county, Texas the first and third propositions have been accepted, and as proof that the scholastic age has been increased I have been instructed each year the last eight years by the County Judge acting as county superintendent to take the scholastic census from six to twenty-one instead from eight to seventeen. Fifty per cent of our school fund is derived from special school tax. About forty per cent of the pupils in the district are from six to eight years of age, from eight to ten years of age, from ten to twelve years of age, from twelve to fourteen years of age, from fourteen to sixteen years of age, from sixteen to eighteen years of age, from eighteen to twenty years of age, from twenty to twenty-two years of age, from twenty-two to twenty-four years of age, from twenty-four to twenty-six years of age, from twenty-six to twenty-eight years of age, from twenty-eight to thirty years of age, from thirty to thirty-two years of age, from thirty-two to thirty-four years of age, from thirty-four to thirty-six years of age, from thirty-six to thirty-eight years of age, from thirty-eight to forty years of age, from forty to forty-two years of age, from forty-two to forty-four years of age, from forty-four to forty-six years of age, from forty-six to forty-eight years of age, from forty-eight to fifty years of age, from fifty to fifty-two years of age, from fifty-two to fifty-four years of age, from fifty-four to fifty-six years of age, from fifty-six to fifty-eight years of age, from fifty-eight to sixty years of age, from sixty to sixty-two years of age, from sixty-two to sixty-four years of age, from sixty-four to sixty-six years of age, from sixty-six to sixty-eight years of age, from sixty-eight to seventy years of age, from seventy to seventy-two years of age, from seventy-two to seventy-four years of age, from seventy-four to seventy-six years of age, from seventy-six to seventy-eight years of age, from seventy-eight to eighty years of age, from eighty to eighty-two years of age, from eighty-two to eighty-four years of age, from eighty-four to eighty-six years of age, from eighty-six to eighty-eight years of age, from eighty-eight to ninety years of age, from ninety to ninety-two years of age, from ninety-two to ninety-four years of age, from ninety-four to ninety-six years of age, from ninety-six to ninety-eight years of age, from ninety-eight to one hundred years of age.

J. C. WOMBLE.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 6, 1902.

Mr. J. C. Womble,

Hereford, Texas.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of the 2d inst., I beg to say that the state scholastic age is from eight to seventeen years, and in taking the census, children over eight and under seventeen years of age only should be taken, and the inclusion of all other children would be in direct violation of the law. The fact that Section 52 of the school laws allow the trustees to extend the scholastic age in districts levying a special tax has no bearing whatever upon the state school age. Trustees in two districts can, if they deem it proper permit children from six to eight years or over seventeen years of age to attend the schools, but that is a matter which must be regulated by the local authorities. I would not advise that trustees admit children into the schools under seven years of age, but certainly would counsel them to pay teachers as large salaries as the funds will permit in order that there may be some permanency in their employment.

Yours very truly,

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Pot Pouri of the Political World at Home and Abroad.

The New York Sun is still trying to explain why there was such a big Tammany vote. Why prolong the autopsy?

The President's message constitutes an able brief for the defense in the case of the People vs. Special Privilege.

Senator Mark Hanna sticks to his guns and announces that there should be no anti-trust legislation as it might disturb the unparalleled prosperity.

In the passing of ex-Speaker Reed the republican party has lost the most brilliant and aggressive debater since Blaine.

A Belgian physician has advanced what he considers a new theory of sex. There is nothing new in it and we doubt if anything comes of it but advertisement for the doctor.

The attempt of Representative Taylor of Ohio to prove invalid the Virginia constitution failed for lack of support in his own party.

An Antwerp lapidary has, after years of labor, cut a perfect finger ring out of a single diamond. Some jeweler will now cut a hole in papa's pocket book with this ring.

The president says, in his message, that some corporations "often with a tendency to monopoly" are not really bad. Monopolies not bad! How white black is, sometime.

The president is clearly the friend of the trusts though, like a loving parent, he would mildly control them, and yet he tells us that the trusts often have "a tendency to monopoly."

There are growing evidences that the people of New England do not welcome that kind of prosperity which increases the cost of living out of all proportion to the increase of income.

That sweet thing, Count Boni Castellane, should congratulate himself that he is out of the French Chamber of Deputies. They are so rude there that the members actually fight, kicking with their feet as is the custom with Frenchmen and mules.

The president, in his message, calls for protection of "game, and wild creatures generally." Probably his trips to Virginia and Mississippi were for "benevolent assimilation" merely.

Senator Lodge will now attempt to secure the gold standard for the Philippines. For monumental indecision and dilletante incompetence, recommend us to the bosom friend of the president.

During the recent British maneuvers in the Mediterranean the opposing squadrons were unable to make effective use of their wireless telegraphic outfits by reason of interference of the messages.

Antonio Maggio landed in New York 29 years ago with a harp, a good constitution and a clear conscience. Today his name is James E. March, he is a banker, has a country house and is republican leader of one of the Bowery wards.

Mr. Roosevelt says "There will undoubtedly be periods of depression the wave will recede." How can that be? Is not prosperity made by the tariff? Then why not prevent periods of depressions by maintaining the tariff? Is Mr. Roosevelt predicting democratic victories?

Members of the House Judiciary committee say there is little in Mr. Knox's recommendations that is of practical value. Is Mr. Knox incapable or are the House republicans unwilling to do anything objectionable to the trusts.

At the last dinner of the Grid-iron Club, an association composed of Washington newspapermen, Speaker Henderson's resignation was announced and then the Club sang "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and the Speaker was present.

It is certainly an edifying brand of statesmanship that would refuse to admit Arizona and New Mexico to statehood because they might go democratic. Let Porto Rico and the Philippines take heed. Not development along the lines of civilization and culture is the prerequisite of admission to statehood, but the political views of the inhabitants.

The president says "Every man must be guaranteed his liberty and his right to do as he likes with his property or his labor so long as he does not infringe on the rights of his neighbors." Mr. Roosevelt neglects to say, however, that no man is at liberty to exchange the results of his labor with his foreign neighbor without paying tribute to the protected interests.

A bill has been introduced into the French Chamber of Deputies providing for the abolition of all French titles of nobility. This is a move in the right direction, but what will become of all the silly American girls who have sold, or are about to sell themselves, for these gewgaws? And how will our Chicago and New York millionaires like this destruction of what they bought and paid for?

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J. O. Kennard of Columbia, Mo., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shelley.

20 acres of land, well improved, Welsh addition, price \$1250. See Witherspoon & Gough. 39tf.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Womble left Saturday for a visit to the latter's parents at Huntington, Tenn. They will remain until after the holidays.

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

S. P. Johnson, the tonsorial artist and bicycle dealer, left Saturday for Whitney where he will spend Christmas and New Years with his parents.

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

J. D. Shelley came in Friday evening from Plainview. The horse he was riding was taken ill on the way but at last report was all right again.

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