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McLEAN, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1909

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WHY NOT ORGANIZE.

THERE is a matter to which we would direct the attention of every farmer in the McLean country, and that is the necessity for an organization looking to the securing of better market facilities for the many crops that thrive in this vicinity. While the local dealers are willing and do buy the grain and watermelon crops—paying the highest possible price—there are numbers of other crops such as potatoes, tomatoes, onions, cabbage and all garden crops that thrive here but are not raised to any extent on account of the inadequacy of the market. There is not a better market to its size for such stuff than Amarillo and with the proper community of efforts it could be reached in a most profitable way.

As we see the matter the things necessary to be done are these: Organize a producers' association and have it understood that each member, when his crop is ready for the market, will bring it to the association headquarters where it will be appraised as to amount and quality. When this is done the stuff can be classified and made ready for carload shipments. Let the association send a man to the market who will spend his entire time there watching the demand and thoroughly acquainting himself with prevailing retail prices for the different products. He will then be in a position to handle all shipments intelligently and profitably. If one town proved insufficient an-

other could be reached in the same manner and by this means a market created for everything that could be grown in this entire section and at prices that would make the farmer's pocket book bulge.

We would also suggest that you choose all your officers and representatives from among the farmers, the men who understand the value and cost of producing each article. Then if he found the market insufficient he could abandon it and look for another. In the course of two or three years, when the association has gained prestige and the acreage planted to these crops had increased to considerable size it would no longer be necessary to maintain a corps of men in the market as the big dealers in the surrounding cities would come to you and you could command an excellent price for your products right at home.

Think this over and if it appeals to you talk to some one else about it and get to working as soon as possible. There is no reason why the McLean farmers should not grow rich in the productions of this excellent soil.

THE election for city officers has been called by the county judge to take place on Saturday, September 11th. Considerable interest is being manifested in the selection of men to administer the affairs of the city, and quite a few men, all of them ranking high in citizenship, have been mentioned for the several

places on the ticket. In addition to the names announced in last week's issue the following have been suggested for the board of aldermen: Geo. Woodward, C. L. Ham, A. A. Callahan and W. B. Upham. J. B. Paschal is suggested for the city marshalship and has announced his willingness to serve if elected.

McLEAN this year has one of the best schools in her history and quite a few people living outside her borders have announced their intention of moving in and placing their children in this excellent school. You are invited.

LET every man be a booster and devote himself to the making of a great country here. It only needs to be advertised. There are thousands of people who want farms such as are offered here but they are not acquainted with the value of this section.

QUITE a few prospectors are dropping off in the McLean country these days and they most all are of the common opinion that, in a general way, the crops are in much better condition here than any place they have seen. We are expecting considerable immigration to this section this fall and you are invited.

If you see some man talking to a prospector with a view to selling him McLean land, for heaven's sake don't butt in. If you want to sell your land go and list it with some good real estate dealer who knows his business and he will sell it for you. If you have only one hook in the pond attend to it and don't snatch at every line you see getting a bite. The other fellow wants to fish a little the same as you. If General Butler's advice to the dude could be twisted to fit the knocker it would be about like this: "Lay that hammer away and go and go lock yourself up in a closet and pray to God for brains."

COMPETITION in the local watermelon market this week has been strong and the farmer has reaped the benefit. Prices started with a jump at the opening of the season and by Wednesday of this week the maximum price was 70 cents per hundred pounds delivered in the car. The biggest day's shipment was on Tuesday when according to Agent Salmon, there were ten cars loaded out. Most of these melons are going to east and south Texas where the crop is either a failure or else has been exhausted—in most cases the former. The man with a patch of melons is strictly in the swim this year and is reaping the reward of his judgment.

A New Enterprise.

Johnson and Warren have purchased the state privilege for the sale of the little Crater Crude Oil Burner and are making arrangements to demonstrate this new invention.—Amarillo Daily American.

Asked concerning the above statement the local representatives of this Burner report the Amarillo paper to be in a sad error as the manufacturers of this invention do not sell state rights, but are selling sale contracts which entitle the holder to sell their output anywhere that he may see fit. Better get your wires straight.

S. E. Boyett left Wednesday for Plemmons, where he goes to attend court and look after other legal matters.

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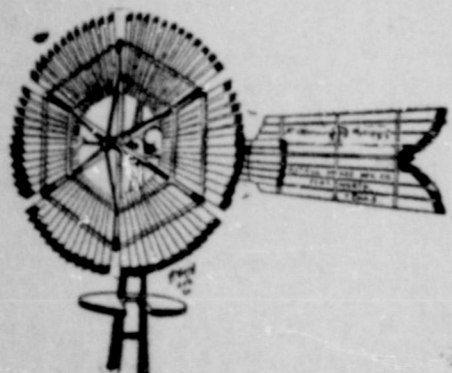
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Please remember the announcement of a month ago, that the meeting will recommence Sunday night, September 5th to continue indefinitely. All are cordially invited to attend and help. Respectfully,
M. D. Moody

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J. L. Crabtree and family returned the first of the week from a visit with relatives at Floydada. They report a most enjoyable trip but say the crops in that neighborhood are entirely ruined by the continued dry weather.

Geo. Anders and G. W. Poteet have purchased about \$3,000.00 worth of general merchandise from the L. M. Haynes stock and will move it to Porch Okla., where they contemplate opening a store. Mr. Anders was in the grocery business here for some time and Mr. Poteet was also a resident of this city for a number of years.



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This institution has been promised to McLean for some time but owing to the fact that Mr. McCullough could not get his business in shape to come here at an earlier date it was considered likely that the proposition had fallen through. Now, however, we have the positive assurance of the gentleman and others identified with the movement that the bank will be open for business not later than the fifteenth instant.

We are glad to welcome this new institution in our midst, as it is generally conceded that it will add greatly to the financial strength of the town and be an important factor in its development. A town with two good banks, well supported, has a certain amount of prestige that no other institutions can give. All the members of the directorate, as well as the officers and stockholders, are men of recognized ability and means and the new institution will start off well

equipped for a successful career.

So far as we have been able to learn, the officers scheduled for election will be R. H. Collier, president; D. B. Veatch, vice-president and C. M. McCullough, cashier. The directorate will be composed of A. P. Clark, F. M. Anderson and others. It is understood that Mr. Collier will not move to McLean at once as he has business interests at Albuquerque that demand his attention for the present. Mr. McCullough left Sunday for Fort Worth and Dallas but will return to this city not later than next Monday and take up his residence here, preparatory to engaging actively in his official capacity.

It is not known at this time what building will be occupied by the new concern, as there are several vacant at present, but it is announced that they will erect a modern building of their own in the near future.

Both Mr. Collier and Mr. McCullough were identified with the First National Bank of this city at its inception and are well and favorably known, having made many friends during their former residence in the city.

Christian Endeavor Program

Subject — Life's Lessons from the Book of Romans; Scriptures Rom. 12: 1-21

Leader — Nora Beall.

Prayer.

What Sin does for Man; Rom. 1: 18-32.—Miss Lizzic McMillian. Song.

Justification of Grace; Rom. 5: 1-11.—Ruby Rice.

Yielding to God; Rom. 6: 12-23.—E. E. Lowe. Song.

The Burden of the Flesh, Rom. 7: 14-25.—Ruby Cook.

Freedom by the Spirit, Rom. 8: 1-17.—Josephine McClain. Song.

Fullness of Redemption, Rom. 8: 18-30.—Walter Caldwell.

Answer to Roll Call with Scriptural verses.

Everybody invited to attend.

Eastern Star Entertains

Tuesday evening the pretty ceremony of installation of the Order of Eastern Star, the ladies auxiliary to the Masonic fraternity, was instituted at the local lodge room, obligating the officers of the order for the ensuing year. Quite a few invited guests were present to witness the ceremony. Mrs. Sid Denson, the retiring Worthy Matron, presided as installing officer and Miss Josephine McClain acted as installing marshal. One or two of the officers-elect were not present but were installed by proxy. The following is the order in which they came:

Worthy Matron, Mrs. S. O. Cook.

Worthy Patron, S. E. Boyett. Associate Matron, Miss Mattie Hindman.

Conductress, Mrs. W. C. Foster.

Associate Conductress, Mrs. J. L. Crabtree.

Secretary, Miss Josephine McClain.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hext. Chaplain, Miss Lucy McClain.

Marshal, Mrs. Jas. Burrows.

Warder, Mrs. George Heald.

The five ladies installed to represent the five points of the Star were as follows; Ada, Mrs. A. B. Gardenhire; Ruth, Miss Fannie Smith; Esther, Mrs. Stella Montgomery; Martha, Miss Susie Biggers; Electra, Mrs. Chas. McClain.

After the installation ceremony was concluded the members were served with a delicious course of ice cream and cake, some of the company, the News man not included, taking as many as four courses. Altogether it was a jolly bunch and everyone enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Sid Cook was given a medal for good behavior and Chas. McClain had so many proxies in his coat pocket that he could have carried a democratic county convention.

Alanreed News.

Since our last write up we have seen some of Texas. We have traveled diagonally across from Ringold to Uvalde and, to make a long story short, we have never seen as great a failure in the way of crops in the state in our lives. Of course there are a few places where crops are ordinarily good, but these places are few and far between. If any body in the county feels blue over the outlook here let them go to Midlothian, Ellis county, that boasted garden spot of Texas, where they have thousands of acres with not one sprig of vegetation, not even a weed, and where there is no grass in the pastures; they would come back in better spirits.

Our friend Neill Hyden is on the sick list this week, suffering from a bilious attack, but we hope he will soon be better.

Grandma Hext is very low and at this writing, her recovery seems doubtful.

The Alanreed school opens Monday, the 6th instant, with S. R. Loftin as principal and Mrs.

Monts as assistant.

Mr. Hand and family from Oklahoma took charge of the brick hotel on the first, while O. H. Rector has moved back to his residence east of town.

P. F. Yocham has moved into the John Hext building and is now clerking for W. J. Ball.

John Paxton has moved into the city and may now be found among the real estate dealers of Alanreed.

Let everybody attend church and Sunday school more faithfully.

REUBEN.

Prosperity News.

In another column of the News will be found an article pertaining to the money returns from six acres of watermelons raised by L. O. Floyd near this city. Now comes another claimant, J. P. DeSpain, who raised a crop on the Chambers place adjoining the town section. Mr. Despain planted ten acres of watermelons on a piece of sod land and let them take their chances without any further work in the way of cultivation, etc. So far he has marketed \$250. worth of melons from this patch. This is rather a profitable manner of getting land into a state of cultivation, and only goes to prove what we have oft repeated, that there is no country quite as good as the McLean country.

Another prosperity item which deserves mention is the statement of Mrs. Millwood who has been overseeing the cultivation of the Veatch place south of

town. The lady was here from Oklahoma the first of the week and looked over the corn crop on the place mentioned and says it will make 35 bushels to the acre. Of course this is better than the average, but proves conclusively that intensified farming will get the results in this section every year without regard to climatic conditions.

The Erick baseball club came up yesterday for a series of games with the local team. We will give a full report of the three games next week.

Conversational Cowards.

There are men who will lead forlorn hopes without a quail, but yet shrink being the first to speak when general conversation has suddenly stopped.—London Tatler.

Instructions Easy to Follow.

Anna had heard the doctor tell her mother to keep her feet warm and her head cool. After the doctor had gone the little girl said: "He needn't have told you that, for I couldn't be any other way with a poll on my foot and a cold in my head."

Act for Oneself.

Well is it for us to do our own thinking, listening quietly to the opinions of others, but to be sufficiently men and women to act always upon our own convictions.—Ralph Waldo Trine.

Be Slow to Judge.

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art, that judgest, for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.—Romans 2: 1.

They Will Stick.

One of the worst things about affluence is the difficulty of getting rid of them after they have been found.

Man's Fate in His Character.

Mable: A man's fate lies in his character, and not in his conditions.

A Tongue Twister.

The watch that watched the watch that watched that watch that watched that watch that watched that watch that watch.

Time for Parental Concern.

It is time for the wise parent to take action when his son acquires the nickname of "Kid."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cause for Anxiety.

Wiggles—"I hear Bjorks has been very ill. Is he out of danger yet?" Waggles—"Well, he's convalescent; but he won't be out of danger until that pretty nurse who has been taking care of him has gone away."—Life.

One Thing Necessary.

The man who invented money created a popular thing, all right; but it's too bad that he also didn't create a popular desire to work for it.

A Great Man.

"The average man," says Mr. Taukaway, "believes that a great man is just a man like himself, who is appreciated."—Kansas City Times.

Something More Than Talent.

Is it your intention to pursue the career of an author? For this, something else and more is required than talent. One must have something to create from, some life experience. The author who has not that does not create; he only writes books.—Henrik Ibsen.

We Announce to The Public

The addition of a large stock of coal to our business and in the future will be prepared to supply your wants at any time from a big stock of the

BEST COLORADO COAL

Our large and commodious sheds recently built are filled with a clean stock of coal and we can fill your orders promptly. We solicit a share of your business

Western Lumber Company

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

Fresh oysters. See Joe.

John Holder made a business trip to Alanreed Tuesday.

S. H. Dalrymple is in Amarillo this week on business.

A fresh shipment of celery at the Rock Island Cafe.

Will J. Hodges returned Sunday from a business trip to Amarillo.

R. L. Kennedy was a business visitor in the city from Alanreed Wednesday afternoon.

Fresh Oysters—we are serving them this week at the Rock Island Cafe.

W. C. Phillips orders the paper sent to Marcus Phillips at Reviere, Texas, for a year.

Mr. Mitchell of Alanreed was shaking hands with friends in the city Tuesday.

T. R. Deen of Goodnight spent a few days in the city the guest of the Grundy family.

Dr. Coppedge of Alanreed stopped off in the city awhile Tuesday.

F. W. Watson of Clarendon was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

A. B. Spencer, a prominent Rock Island official, was in the city Monday on business.

Joe Sneed of Amarillo was a business caller in the city the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Langley of Northfork were visiting in the city Monday.

Joe Standfield of Ryan, Okla., was in the city the first of the week for a visit with C. C. Cook.

Walter McAdams returned Sunday from a trip to New Mexico, where he filed on a claim.

H. W. Scurlock was visitor in the city Saturday from the Back neighborhood.

Billie Biggers returned Saturday from an extended visit to various points in Oklahoma.

Bring your eggs to the Village Grocery and get the cash for them.

B. F. McMillian returned last Wednesday from a business trip to Claude.

G. P. Herrmann left yesterday for a business trip to Sherman, Texas.

Siler Faulkner was over from the county capital the first of the week on business.

Oscar Cousins and family are here from Pampa for a visit to his father, S. A. Cousins.

J. O. Barker and Walter Clausell of the 6666 ranch were visiting with friends the first of the week.

W. W. Overton left Wednesday afternoon for a two weeks' business trip to Erick and other Oklahoma points.

Found—Eastern Star pin, and owner can get same by calling at John B. Vannoy's jewelry store.

Miss Edna Merritt has returned from her visit to Ennis and is now in the employe of E. H. Small & Co.

T. A. Cook steps into the honor column this week with a big dollar on subscription. He also ordered the paper sent to his daughter, Mrs. Doran at Shreveport, La.

Rev. Hicks, president of the Canadian Academy, was here Sunday and filled the pulpit at the Baptist church.

We are offering some nice premiums on Men's Shoes. Better see our stock. E. H. Small & Company.

L. A. Shipley of St. Louis and F. B. McConnel of Amarillo were registered at the Hotel Hindman the first of the week.

J. D. Blalock returned Tuesday from a month's visit with relatives and friends at Hooker, Okla.

We have just received a shipment of fresh oysters. Come and get them—served to your taste. Rock Island Cafe.

Mrs. Milwood was here from Oklahoma the first of the week to look after the farm south of town.

J. B. Hext and family returned Friday from a two weeks trip to Wheeler and Canadian, where they visited with friends.

A complete line of boys' school pants to arrive this week. They will sell cheap. E. H. Small & Company.

Chas. Erwin and wife and Fred Mayers and wife of Mangum, Okla., are here this week the guest of E. A. Erwin and family.

A. L. Rippy and wife returned Monday from a trip to Topeka and Kansas City. They report a most enjoyable stay.

Our fall school pants for boys have arrived and they will be sold from 50 cents up. Be sure to see them. E. H. Small & Co.

Lawrence McMurry of LeFors was in the city with friends and relatives Sunday and Monday.

Mont Noel and wife from the Salt Fork country were in the city the latter part of last week the guest of the Hotel Hindman.

W. P. Fox has our thanks for subscription favors, having the paper sent to J. L. Newman at Rome and H. M. Mitchell at Grayford, Texas.

A. A. Vannoy and family of Prescott, Ariz., were here this week the guest of the former's brother, John B. Vannoy, and family.

Dr. Rogers and family were here from Amarillo this week visiting with their father, J. S. Roger, and their sister, Mrs. Wm. Abernathy.

John W. Kibler orders the paper sent to W. E. Seitz at Selina and E. E. McGee at Rowe, Texas. John W. is the kind of a booster we like to meet.

Dr. Maupin, of Rowlett, Texas, who has been here for several days looking after business interests, left for his home Monday afternoon.

W. L. Guthrie and family left the first of the week for Claude where they will spend the winter. Mr. Guthrie will engage in the carpentry business.

Mrs. L. A. Thompkins, who has been spending some time here the guest of her son, John W. Kibler, left for her home at Mallard, Texas, Monday afternoon.

J. N. Guy of Carbon, Texas, who has been visiting in this part of the country for the past month, called at the News office the first of the week and ordered the paper sent to his address.

L. O. Floyd and family made a trip to Goodnight last week to

look over the college at that place with a view to entering his children in that splendid institution.

W. P. Cunningham orders the paper sent to E. C. Stolle at Peabody, Kansas, for the next twelve months. He has also had his own subscription pushed up a year in advance.

Come in and see our 50 cent watches. They are every one guaranteed. Each boy buying a pair of Hamilton-Brown shoes can get one of these watches for 50 cents. E. H. Small & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton, Taylor Deen and little Miss Juanita Langley, who have been here for several days with the family of Dr. Langley, left for their home near Dallas Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. P. Fox returned Tuesday from a three week's visit with relatives at Fort Worth, Weatherford and other Texas cities. She reports crops in the different localities where she visited an entire failure.

Judge Wolfe and Prof. Turman went over to LeFors yesterday to be present at the teacher's examination. Prof. Turman goes from there to Laketon where he will teach the ensuing term.

Miss Clara Deen called this week and subscribed. She will soon leave for McLean, where she will teach the coming year. Miss Deen is a splendid teacher, having served as principal here for two years.—Pampa News.

Miss Gertrude Braun of LeFors was in the city the first of the week the guest of Mrs. John Henry. The young lady has been engaged to teach the LeFort school for the ensuing term.

I shall be in McLean at the home of Arthur Erwin Saturday, September 11. Those desiring to take lessons for the coming year kindly come and I shall arrange their hours. Ethel Lee McCurdy.

Olffe Statnam, who has been here for the past several months

with the Palace Drug store, left Sunday for Clarendon. After spending awhile he will return to his home in the eastern part of the state.

Dr. Ballard returned Monday from Oklahoma City where he has been for the past few days. He was accompanied on the trip by his son, Roy, who went on to Nashville, Tenn., where he will visit with an uncle for a while before entering school.

Oscar Mathis returned the first of the week from a trip to Lubbock and other south plains points. He expresses himself as pleased with that portion of the country and will make it his home as soon as he can perfect arrangements to that end.

Rev. J. S. Hodges left Monday afternoon from Texas, where he will engage in a meeting during this week. He desires us to announce that he will preach at the local Presbyterian church next Sunday and every body is invited.

FOR SALE—I wish to sell, either at private or public sale, between now and the tenth of September, all of my household and kitchen furniture. The best cash offer gets it. I also have light single buggy, wagon and harness and various other "junk" that I will trade for cattle or hogs. See me at once.

J. T. Hunt and his son, Elbert Hunt, of Young county, were here the first of the week the guests of D. J. Rowden and family. They were also looking over the country with a view to locating. Both gentlemen subscribed to the News and it is thought they will make this place their home in the near future as they expressed themselves as being delighted with the country.

We have made arrangements with a large watch manufactory for watches at 50 cents each and will put them on the market at that price. To every boy that buys a pair of Hamilton-Brown shoes we will sell one of these watches at 50 cents. We will also give with a pair of men's \$5 shoes a nice watch for or chain. These bargains are offered to call your attention to the value

MEN'S SUITS

We are going to offer the following prices on Men's Suits to move this year's crop and make a clean sweep for the next season. These goods are cheap, but they are new and fresh—no second hand, shelf worn goods in the lot. They are all this summer's styles and in order to make way for winter goods we are going to sacrifice them at practically cost to us.

\$15 Suits \$11.50 **\$9 Suits \$7.50**
\$12 Suits \$10.00 **\$6 Suits \$4.25**

These are just a few prices to show you how they are going. We are also overstocked on shoes and will make the prices on them for the next few days that will move them. We invite you to inspect our stock and see if we are not offering bargains.

THAT CAR OF FLOUR IS ABOUT GONE

But we have another one coming that will be here in plenty of time to supply the trade. Remember the saving price and quality guarantee we are offering on Panhandle Flour. We are securing lots of satisfied customers with this flour.

Better Try It

C. A. CASH & SON

Big Shipment of Fresh Dry Goods just Arrived

of the goods we are selling. Better see us at once. E. H. Small & Co.

Rare Book.
"My husband," said Mrs. Lapsling, "didn't do a thing yesterday but sit in his easy chair all day long and read Darwin's 'Oregon of Specie.'"

Why Not?
It's easy to find an excuse for your own sins. Why not be a little charitable toward your neighbor?—John A. Howland.

The Best Remedy.
If sanitation, dietetics and proper nourishment were thoroughly taught in our public schools and the children were impressed with danger of dirt and impure air I am sure this would go far toward stamping out the curse of the generation, tuberculosis.

More Money in It.
"I was just reading of a man who has a hen that can sing; another man has a hen which whistles and imitates various birds." "I don't care for these vaudeville hens. A hen should stick to the legit, and lay eggs."—Kansas City Journal.

Plain as Daylight.
"It's dish-u-way, sah," explained old Brother Swank to a befuddled friend, "Orthodoxy am de doxy dat i makes muhsef—da, I's de orthor of, you understand. Uh, ell, and dis yah bector doxy am de add, or man's doxy dat he's allus ub-hectoring me wid. Do dat make it clear to yo' apprehension, Brudder Tarr?—Puck."

Must Be Amh. Ity.
Fletcher: Good comes to what is prepared for it.

Italian Proverb.
Better slip with the foot than with the tongue.

Postal Treadmills.
"Talking about treadmills," said the owner of the flat, "my little postman says he's been on this beat for 19 years. Imagine walking around a couple of blocks five or six times a day for 19 years."—New York Press.

On Slander.
Do not profane your tongue with slander, for even though that is directed to harm somebody else it will return to yourself, and it will be the more painful the more malicious the slander. If your tongue forces you to offend another make an effort to lock your lips; do not fear even to ruin your body; for slander ruins people, but it ruins not those against whom it is directed, but hits from whom it emanates.—Jewish Wisdom.

GOOD HOMES ARE CHEAP

In The Famous McLean Country

"The heart of the Farming Section of the Panhandle of Texas, where lies the Richest Soil, the most Abundant Rainfall, the most Equitable Climate and the most enlightened, moral people."

McLean is situated in the southeast corner of Gray county, one of the four banner counties of the Panhandle (Collingsworth, Wheeler, Donley and Gray) and has a population of about 1000 people. The town is situated on the main line of the Rock Island from Tucumcari, N. M., to Memphis, Tenn., connecting her with the large markets of the country by direct route.

Climate

The climate is as fine as could be desired, the average summer temperature being 73 degrees, while that of the winter season is 47 degrees, making the climate at no time during the year uncomfortable. The altitude is about 2600 feet. Another feature of the climate is the fact that at no time during the hottest summer weather are the nights oppressive, there always being a cool breeze which makes them delightful.

Schools

She has an independent school district with a special tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollar property valuation, which will provide abundant funds for the best school system in the state. The fact that there were over five hundred pupils enrolled during the last scholastic term shows the popularity of her educational advantages.

Society

The town has no saloons, pool halls, gambling houses nor other obnoxious institutions of any character. There are four church buildings of ample proportions to meet the demands and the necessity for a jail is absolutely unknown. In fact, the town offers every advantage to the man who is looking for a home where he can raise his children in a moral atmosphere, minus the many snares and vices that abound in the larger cities and towns of the country.

Available Land

This county is composed of nine hundred sections of land, making 576,000 acres, about eighty per cent of which is good tillable soil of a rich sandy loam, some dark and some light, all of which is as rich as can be found anywhere in the southwest, and for holding moisture it is unsurpassed in any section of the United States. There are at present about 500 men farming in this county, making an average of 1000 acres to the man, while 100 acres is all that can be properly cultivated. Figured on a basis of 200 acres to the family there is room in this county for 2,500 families. This land ranges in price from \$5 to \$15 an acre, with a reasonable valuation where there are improvements.

Rainfall

The average annual rainfall for the period covered by the government bureau at this place is about 26 inches, distributed in months as follows: January .63, February .13, March .47, April 2.18, May 1.14, June 5.87, July 3.91, August 5.99, September, 1.39, October 3.35, November .43, and December 1.32. These figures are taken from the official weather report and show that the main rainfall comes during the growing season, which is from

May to September, inclusive. This report is not compiled from the records so far in 1909 as the seasons have been backward and the rainfall very light, crops making only about one-half the usual yield. However it is authentically stated by honest men of the community who have farmed this land for the past twenty years that there has been but one failure in that time, a disaster that befalls every known section of the globe on occasion.

Crops

All crops adapted to the temperate zone thrive here, but the root crops probably are the most prolific, such as Irish and yam potatoes, peanuts, beets, onions, etc. Watermelons and cantaloupes grow as fine as they do in any part of the world and the flavor developed is absolutely unsurpassed. Corn is the staple crop, making an average yield, the county over, of about thirty bushels to the acre. Cotton is not advisable from the fact that there is too much rain during the growing season and the nights are too cool. Wheat, oats and millet are especially productive and kaffir corn, milo maize and sorghum never fail. All kinds of garden crops grow in profusion. It is said of this soil that it responds quicker and with more certainty to fertilizing than any in the state, making truck gardening not only profitable but sure.

Fruit

This section is the natural home of all temperate zone fruits and there has been but two fruit failures in the past twenty years. All varieties grow in profusion and a full grown orchard will clear at least \$100 per acre with less work than in any other portion of the state. There is an opportunity for vast fortunes in this section with fruit.

Markets

McLean has as a market Amarillo on the west (with 15,000 people and constantly growing) a distance of 72 miles, and Oklahoma City on the east (with 40,000 and growing faster than any other city in the world) a distance of 200 miles. This assures us a market for everything that can be grown in this section.

In Conclusion

Let us say that we are not prompted by any spirit of graft to catch the unwary suckers, but are trying to honestly set forth what this country has to offer the man with the hoe who is looking for a home where the land is cheap and all other conditions are equitable—where farming can be indulged as a profitable business venture and where his family can have the advantages that he would desire them to have.

Mr. Homeseeker, we invite you to inspect this country of ours and form your own opinions. There are no excursions or trains run into this county at the present but there are always low rates for homeseekers on all roads. If you are thinking of a change of location, drop us a card at this place for any information you may desire. We don't have any real estate listed for sale, but if you should come to McLean prospecting look us up and we will gladly give you any information you may want in regard to values, etc.



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Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Gray County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon James H. Leach, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 31st Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 31st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Le Fors, on the 4th Monday in September, 1909, the same being the 27th day of Sept. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 27th day of January, 1909, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said court No. 64, wherein Georgie B. Leach is plaintiff and James H. Leach is defendant, said petition alleging that on September 11th, 1901, plaintiff and defendant were legally married to each other in Greenbriar county, West Virginia, and that they lived together as wife and husband from said time until January 12th, 1906, at which time, on account of cruelties hereinafter complained of, plaintiff was compelled to separate from the defendant, and that they have not lived together since said separation. Plaintiff represents that during the time that she and defendant lived together, she at all times treated defendant as a loving and dutiful wife; that she was kind, indulgent, virtuous and industrious and did all in her power to make the home life congenial and the defendant happy. Plaintiff further avers that during the last three years before her separation from the defendant, that he, defendant, without any cause whatever, began and conducted a studied course of overbearing, cruel and outrageous conduct toward plaintiff, which increased in amount and violence until January 12th, 1906, the date of their separation; that during which time defendant drank intoxicating liquors excessively and often came home drunk and without the least provocation would curse and abuse this plaintiff in a most cruel and outrageous manner; that during this time plaintiff and defendant were living together in Washington, D. C., to which city they moved soon after their marriage, and during most of three years defendant was employed on the police force of said city, and for his service in this capacity he received ample salary to have supported plaintiff and their infant boy in a comfortable manner, but that little, if any, of his said salary was expended for their support and maintenance, that almost the whole of his said wages were squandered and spent for liquors;

that this plaintiff was therefore compelled to seek work and earn money with which to purchase the necessities of life and to provide for herself and their infant child; that being compelled to thus provide for herself together with being subject to the cruel and outrageous conduct of defendant greatly impaired plaintiff's health and caused her living to become a mere miserable existence. Plaintiff states that she is now unable to state the specific time and occasion upon which she was subjected to the cruel indignities and outrageous treatment on the part of the defendant but that such conduct increased in amount and violence until she lived in constant fear that the defendant would, in a drunken rage, inflict upon her, serious bodily injury; that during the year 1905, and until January 12th, 1906, defendant spent the whole of his wages for liquor and finally lost his position on police force on account of his habitual drunkenness; that during said time defendant failed and refused to contribute to the support of the plaintiff and their said child, and plaintiff was compelled to earn her own living as hereinbefore stated; that on the evening of January 12th, 1906, defendant came home drunk, and without any provocation whatever began to abuse plaintiff, and in a drunken rage struck plaintiff with his fist, which said blow caused her much bodily pain and great humiliation, and that fearing even greater injuries from the defendant, who was in a violent rage, she immediately left the premises and sought protection under the roof of her aunt who lived in said city; that she endured these outrageous cruelties as long as it was possible for her to do so, but that defendant's conduct as hereinbefore stated, became so violent and unbearable as to render their living together longer insupportable; that a boy was born to plaintiff and defendant on Feb. 18th, 1903, named LeRoy who is now five years of age and that she had the care and custody of said boy since their separation; that she is able and willing to continue to provide for, educate and care for said boy; that defendant being an habitual drunkard is not a proper person to have the care and custody of a boy of such tender years. Defendant prays for citation as the law directs, and that she have judgment and decree annulling the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant; for the custody of the said minor child; for costs of suit and general relief. Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Siler Faulkner, Clerk of the District Court of Gray County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the town LeFors, this the 29th day of July, 1909.

[SEAL] SILER FAULKNER, Clerk District Court Gray Co., Texas.

A New Home.

Before another issue of the Record we shall be compelled to undergo the awful experience of moving our entire plant into the building recently purchased for the permanent home of the Record, and situated on the north side of the square. The building is undergoing repairs preparatory to the move and when finished, will be one of the most modern newspaper homes in the whole state.—Vernon Record.

J. Ray, who "keeps the Record straight," is probably the best all round business man in the Panhandle newspaper fraternity and we extend him congratulations on his prosperity. The people of Vernon appreciate the excellent paper he is giving them and show their appreciation by giving him splendid patronage.

The Way It is Done Here.

Watermelons are coming pretty lively now, but not a farmer has yet complimented the Herald with a sample. Each one wants to know if you want to buy a watermelon at a good round price.—Hall County Herald.

It is different here. When the watermelon farmer arrives on the street with his crop he frequently leaves one or more at the News office for inspection—we are expert watermelon inspectors, having been raised where people say "nigger" and relish biscuit three times a day.

Another Big Rain.

It happened again Saturday afternoon. Nobody was expecting it much, but the need of it was beginning to manifest itself, when suddenly the heavens clouded, the wind changed to the north, the rains came and the floods descended and the face of the earth waxed wet. The feed crop and watermelons needed another rain to mature them fully and it came, as it most always does when needed. There is no country quite as good as the McLean country and you are invited.

S. O. Cook Enlarges Stock

S. O. Cook who has been in the hardware business in McLean for the past several years announces the addition of a wholesale department to his large business. He has recently bought the entire stock of a big concern at Hamlin, Texas, and is busily engaged this week in unloading and placing the first shipment of two cars, which arrived Monday. Mr. Cook says he has entire confidence in the future growth of McLean and is preparing in advance for the handling of all business, both wholesale and retail, and in any sized orders. The gentleman says he will continue to add to his stock as the occasion demands and intends to put his store in the first rank of like concerns in this end of the state. We wish for him entire success in new venture.

S. A. Reed Dead

Saturday Morning at 12:40 occurred the death of S. A. Reed at his home in the eastern part of the city. Mr. Reed had been suffering for several weeks from an attack of typhoid fever, to which disease he succumbed. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at four o'clock under the auspices of the Woodman lodge, of which order he had been a member for some time. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss, to whom we join the entire community in extending sincere condolence in their hour of trouble.

To Organize Rebekahs

Mesdames C. S. Rice and C. L. Upham are doing the preliminary work this week looking to the organization, in the near future, of a local branch of the Rebekah Lodge, the ladies auxiliary to the Odd Fellows. It is thought by those in close touch with the matter that this organization will be brought about at once and start off with a large representation, which is doubtless true from the fact that when Panhandle ladies take hold of a proposition they usually make it go. At any rate quite a number of the Odd Fellow members are brushing up on the lore of their auxiliary order and writing "back yonder" to get certificates, etc.

A Marriage Ceremony

In the northwest part of our country there lives a well known Irish magistrate, a man of liberal education and a full quota of genuine wit, says an exchange. A short time ago Jim and Bet, a colored pair, called upon the squire to be united for better or worse. The squire having been notified of their coming, prepared and actually used the following ceremony.

"Jim, will you take Bet, Without regret, To love and cherish, 'Till one of you perish, And is laid under the sod, So help you God?"

After being answered in the affirmative by Jim, the squire turned to Bet and said:

"Bet, will you take Jim, And cling to him, Both out and in, Through thick and thin, Holding him to your heart, 'Till death do you part?"

Bet acquiesced by a modest bow of the head, and now the happy pair was dismissed as follows:

"Through life's alternate joy and strife, I now pronounce you man and wife. Go up life's hill 'till you get to the level, And salute your bride, you black, rusty devil."

—The *Painting Trade News*.
The Arkansas J. P. does it this way: "Stand up; jine hands; hitched. —Five dollars please."

Road Notice

Everbody owning land on Road 2, beginning at the northeast corner of the town section and running north to McClelland creek, are warned to move their fences back to the line at once. B. F. Gardenhire, Overseer.

J. W. and S. B. McCutcheon of Hollis, Okla., were here this week the guest of their old friend, L. O. Floyd and family.

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