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JUDGE WOLFE TALKS TO VOTERS

In the Mertens case, the Supreme court held that there is no constitutional warrant for the organization of "County line" school districts and thereby invalidated about forty independent School Districts and more than three hundred common School Districts that embrace territory in two or more counties. The constitution authorizes the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of the state and school districts may therefore be organized in any portion of a county.

The Supreme Court has also held that an incorporated city or town may embrace territory in two or more counties and that an independent school district whose boundaries coincide with those of such an incorporated city or town is valid.

The school system of Texas therefore presents these inconsistencies or unjust discriminations. School districts may be organized in any portion of a county, but the people living on one side of county line can not co-operate with those living on the other side to form a single school district; two bodies of citizens separated by a county line may for municipal purposes unite in a single corporation, but the same two bodies can not incorporate for free school purposes only, still an independent school district may accept the boundaries of a county line incorporated city or town. Now is this fair? That is why I am writing this, hoping that every person will go and vote for the three amendments.

All persons qualified to vote can vote at the election to be held the 3rd day of August, 1909.

This amendment is to Section 3, article 7, of the State Constitution.

It is the duty of the State to protect the educational rights of every child within its borders, and has given the people a chance, through the coming election, to get these rights, so let every person go and vote for these amendments.

The experience of other states has proven the wisdom of laws that provide for county-line school districts. North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington have them and many other state have similar statutes for the organization of county-line school districts.

The amendments to Article 7 adding thereto section 3a, if adopted in August election, will validate also, school bonds which have been approved by the attorney general and registered by the comptroller.

In a number of instances the people have voted bonds for school houses, only to learn later that their school tax and their school bonds are invalid, because they were not formed in strict compliance with the law. This amendment will validate these bonds, therefore every person should vote for them. In a great many instances the money has been used, and is an honest debt that should be paid, and besides a great deal of the permanent school funds have been put in these bonds, and other innocent purchasers.

Every person interested in education should not miss an opportunity to vote, if these amendments fail, it will be the people's fault. T. M. WOLFE

Elder E. H. Rodgers will hold a protracted meeting in McLean beginning Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September at the Christian church.

Mesdames G. H. and W. H. Conway were in the city shopping Monday morning.

Why Not Issue Bonds?

There is some talk among the citizens of asking the school board to call an election for the purpose of voting on a three thousand dollar bond issue for the McLean Independent School District, the proceeds of which to be devoted to the building of a school house on the north of town and the one on the south of town, as has been promised the people of these sections, and the balance used in paying off the indebtedness on the present building in McLean. This amount would be small but at the same time it would be sufficient for the present and would put the schools of this district in first class running order. These bonds would be payable in forty years and could be placed at about six per cent.

If we understand the matter correctly an amount would be set aside from the 50 cent tax levy to pay the interest on these bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principle at the end of the forty years. This being the case, the sinking fund could be placed in

the bank as time deposits and could be made to draw at least six per cent interest, thus having an additional amount for use in the public schools.

The necessity for this issue of bonds is obvious from the fact that there will not be sufficient funds from this year's taxes to run the schools nine months and devote what would be necessary to discharge the other obligations of the district. Placing the valuation of the property in the district at \$600,000, the income would be \$3,000 and the state appropriation of \$2,500 added to this would make a total of \$5,500. The cost of conducting the McLean school will be, including all expenses, about \$5,400, leaving \$100 with which to build two school houses, hire two teachers for them and discharge the \$1,500 indebtedness that now exists.

The matter seems entirely feasible to us and we would like to hear from other tax payers on the subject.

Miss Milwood is spending a few days in Oklahoma this week.

Bills Vs. Newspaper Advertising.

We don't wish to discourage any means of advertising, says J. W. Watkins, editorially, in his paper, the White City (Kan.) Register, but we cannot for the life of us understand why a paper which goes into the majority of the homes tributary to the town where it is published is turned down for bills or circulars. Men of apparent business acumen will some times do this. We positively can't understand it. A minute's thought ought to suffice to convince such a person it is a losing proposition.

It is a mistake for a merchant to think that people are dying to read his ads. They are not. Men are not ad. readers to any great extent. But women read the ads, and you must aim to have your ads. reach that class. They can see a bargain at a glance, where a man wouldn't recognize one if he met it in the road. Here is where the newspaper ad. scores over bills. Let the average man get an envelope out of the office or box and on opening it finds it a bill and he will wad it up and throw it away. The wisdom of his doing so is apparent. If it does reach the house perhaps not more than one member of the family reads the cumbersome thing until it is destroyed. How about the newspaper? It would be a sorry day for any hubby on getting it out the office or box to wad it up and throw it away. In fact he wouldn't have a disposition to do so. He takes it home, reads the news and the ads, meet his every gaze. He can't get away from them. He reads them purposely or inadvertently. Then the wife, the girls and boys, the hired help in their turn.

But why say more. The newspaper advertising costs less and brings far greatest results. It is the dignified way of getting your wants before the people. Any other way is not.

The farmers in the Slav neighborhood report excellent rains—an abundance to finish their crops.

MOTORCYCLE RACE TO BE EVENT

At least three entries will be made in the motorcycle racing during the show and races of the Amarillo Auto Show beginning July 26 and continuing three days. Some of the contestants in this interesting race tried out their machines at the tracks yesterday afternoon.

Some autoists of the city were also upon the ground and the track is assuming a shape that is surprising to even those who have been closely in touch with the progress. Slight fills are being made and other points in the course are being cut down. The track is as nearly a natural one as could have been found in the entire country.

A steam grader is kept constantly upon the task of putting the track in shape. The entire length of the course is two and a half miles, over which steel levelers are being drawn. This has not only a tendency to compress, but likewise to remove all bumps and to fill depressions.

It is estimated that from five to ten thousand people will be in attendance at the first day's events. Attendance after the first day will maintain an average standard, and following that a liberal number of persons will be in the city on account of the other meetings, including that of the doctors, the firemen and the Confederate veterans.—Daily Panhandle.

TRAGEDY AT PAMPA

A fearful event was enacted at Pampa Sunday.

Rev. J. D. White of the Christian church, who is engaged in the pastorate of the church at Pampa and other points over the Panhandle, preached at Pampa yesterday and last night administered baptism to a girl fifteen years of age.

The mother of the girl was at the baptism, but it was stated that the father was opposed to his daughter's connection with the church. It is alleged that when the daughter returned home, her wraps were torn away and a severe beating administered with a horse-whip, to such an extent that the flesh was torn and blood burst from the wounds discoloring the clothing.

It is further alleged that Rev. White being met by the father this forenoon was beaten by him. For the offense against Rev. White the man was arrested and fined \$25.

Rev. White makes the statement that Pampa is greatly incensed over the affair, both as to the assault upon himself and also upon the child as the result of the baptism. The feeling, according to Rev. White, is not confined to members of his church or to those even who are friendly to himself personally or his doctrines.

The preacher was beaten in such manner as to get both eyes and cheeks discolored and other bruises and hurts about the face and body.

Rev. White was formerly a resident of this city, and is widely known in around Amarillo. He states that he did not strike his assailant but busied himself warding off the blows as much as possible.—Daily Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Upham of Ryan, Okla., arrived here Friday for a visit with their sons, C. L. and W. B. Upham. They were accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gardener of Comanche, Okla.

If some of our citizens would clean up their filthy back yards and alleys there wouldn't be any necessity for incorporating the town.

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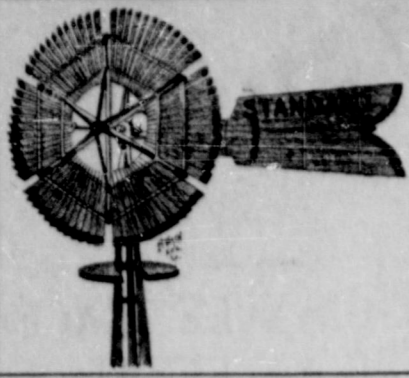
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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

Go to T. W. Henry & Son's for feed of all kinds.

Mrs. W. W. Mars returned yesterday from a two weeks' stay with friends at Commerce.

Nod Brown of Amarillo was calling on local merchants yesterday.

Just arrived, a shipment of Daisy Fly Killers. They do the business in short order. C. A. Cash & Son.

Prof. Turman left yesterday afternoon for a visit to Commerce, Texas. He will be out of the city for several days.

H. A. Shook and wife were shopping in the city yesterday afternoon from their place sixteen miles northwest of town.

A. B. Spencer was down from Amarillo yesterday on business in connection with the local depot.

Phone us your grocery order. We make prompt delivery and have fresh, wholesome goods. McLean Mercantile Co.

John Carpenter, W. W. Mars and Jack Hindman returned yesterday from a trip to Kansas City.

Mrs. Frank Chambers left yesterday afternoon for a visit with her parents and other relatives at Whitesboro, Texas.

If you want your cows to give lots of good rich milk get a sack of Jersey Cream Dairy Food at Henry & Son's Feed Store.

Berry Bradley and wife from near Wellington, are in the city for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Holder.

Yam potatoes make an excellent growth in this vicinity. Why could not the farmers make a little money in this class of agriculture?

All those interested in vocal culture are requested to remember that the singing school will begin at the school house on the 26th instant. J. S. EARP.

Don't fail to go to the polls and vote for the Validation of school bonds. The election will take place Tuesday, the third day of August.

Tom Massay and family left Tuesday for their home in Hunt county after having spent some time here the guest of D. N. Massay.

Miss Zella Grimes, who has been here for some time the guest of her cousin, Miss Ruby Rice, left Wednesday for her home in Fort Worth.

J. A. and A. W. Haynes have sold their interest in the Foster-Haynes Gro. Co. to J. T. and W. C. Foster, who will continue the business in the future.

G. A. McCrady, Will Ball, F. R. McCracken and R. L. Kennedy of Alanreed were here Wednesday to attend the Fogg funeral.

Mr. Johnson of the Cicero Smith Lumber Co., was here the first of the week looking over the local yard and visiting with C. S. Rice.

Mrs. J. F. Brewster left yesterday for Pottsboro, Texas, for a visit with friends and relatives. She will be away about thirty days.

If you want your horse to get fat and sleek feed him Milo Falo. The best feed that can be purchased in the panhandle. Sold at the feed store of Henry & Son.

We want nine dozen eggs from nine dozen people in the next nine days. Fetch them along. We are paying the highest market price. McLean Mercantile Co.

We have a few pair of shoes that are made of real leather. Won't cost you anything to look and very little to buy. Let us fit your feet. McLean Mercantile Co.

There is still considerable talk relative to incorporating the town but no one seems to know what has become of the petition asking for an election for that purpose.

We would like for some energetic farmer to make a thorough test of Irish potatoes as authorities differ on the advisability of this crop growing in paying quantities in this section.

Amarillo will furnish an abundant market for all the produce that can be grown in the McLean country. Some means should be adopted for getting on that excellent market in a profitable way.

John F. Brewster, who has been here for the past six months as the guest of his sons, W. B. and J. F. Brewster, left yesterday for his home in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Will Young of Amarillo, who has been here for several days the guest of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young, left yesterday for her home.

Arthur Phillips of Poolville, Texas, arrived in the city Wednesday for a visit with his father, W. C. Phillips, and his brothers, Joe and Reece. He expects to be here several days.

There are lots of Good Windmills but we have the best one, with two SPECIAL points, over any other mill. Don't fail to see the Gomer before you buy. McLean Hardware Co.

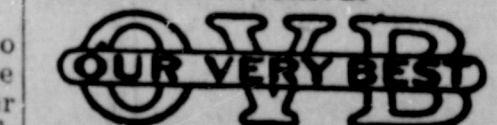
D. J. Rowden, in order to augment the discussion relative to the efficacy of praying for rain, wishes to submit the following scriptural references to support his contentions: Job 38; Job 5:10; Job 37:6; Deut. 11:14; Deut. 28; 12; Exo. 9:34; Isa. 12:17; Zec. 14; Lev. 26:1-4.

Miss Manning of Austin arrived in the city Tuesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Shelton. The two ladies had not seen each other in sixteen years and the meeting was most joyful.

SINCE the Painter's services cost more than the paint, you can't afford to save a dollar or two by getting a cheap paint, can you? Nor can you afford to pay the painter for putting on Water, Benzine, Gypsum or other worthless materials often found in Secret Mixed Paints.

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McLean, Texas

Messrs. L. O. Floyd, D. J. Rowden and J. W. Kibler left yesterday afternoon for Claude where they will attend the meeting of the Palo Duro Baptist association which will last three days. They went by way of Conway, where they were met by conveyances from Claude which took them across country.

Why Building Stones Decay.

The causes of decay in building stones are various and depend on the physical structure of the stone, its composition and the nature of the surrounding atmosphere. The most destructive agent to which the stone is exposed is rain or a moist atmosphere, and also, in a minor degree, wind, frost and smoke.

The Truly Good Life.

The good life is the one that is great with goodness, enriched with every resource, daily growing, becoming more, enjoying more, and finding such completion in the attempt to awaken dormant lives, to lift lagging lives, and to lead its fellows into the life that is life indeed.

Frocks and Personality.

The Englishwoman does not diffuse enough personality into her clothes. If she is tall and gaunt she chooses severe tailor-made costumes and looks like a clothes press. If she is small she tilts on her enormous curled coiffure, a monster hat and sews a gigantic Elizabethan frill into the neck of her blouse.—London Bystander.

As Most of Us Do.

The tailor and milliners have begun to tell people what they are going to wear; just as if they were not to continue to wear what they get.

A Probability.

It is probable that Eve wanted that apple because the serpent made her believe it had been marked down.

Everything in groceries at the McLean Mercantile Co.

Numbers of our citizens are taking advantage of our two-for-one offer. This would be a good time to send the paper to that old friend who might be interested in this section of the country.

There will be a protracted meeting near the Skillet school house, beginning Sunday at eleven o'clock, July 25th. Uncle Sam Tipton will be there with his tent and everybody is cordially invited to be present and participate in the services.

Miss Amie Faulkner left yesterday for Goodnight where she goes to attend the school at that place during the ensuing term. She was accompanied by Miss Ella Berchard of Mobeetie, who has been her guest here several days.

Tuesday afternoon at his home nine miles northwest of McLean occurred the death of one of Gray county's most esteemed citizens, J. A. Fogg. Mr. Fogg had been suffering for some time with bowel trouble and his death had been expected for several days. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at the McLean cemetery under the direction of the Masonic lodge, of which fraternity he had been an honored member for several years. The bereaved family have the profound sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.



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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
 Town and County

B. F. Newton from Skillet was on our streets Saturday.

W. Barnes was in from his ranch on business Saturday.

W. W. Mars returned Friday from Commerce.

The new shipment of mineral water is on sale at the Palace Drug store.

J. G. Cash was in from his ranch near Ramsdell Saturday afternoon.

Hib Sadler of Amarillo stopped over in McLean awhile Saturday on his way to Shamrock.

Good houses for rent; also good milch cow for sale. Mrs. Easterwood.

C. A. Cash and family spent Sunday with friends at the Cash ranch near Ramsdell.

J. D. Back was a business caller in the city Saturday from Northfork.

Call at the Palace Drug store for mineral water. A new shipment just in.

W. H. Bates and family were in from the ranch to spend Sunday.

U. S. Hawk and brother were among the Saturday visitors in the city.

A new shipment of fresh mineral water just in at the Palace Drug store.

Abe Dean was in from the Dean Brothers ranch Saturday on business.

W. W. Mars and John Carpenter shipped three cars of fat cattle Saturday to Kansas City. They had been fed since early spring and will go on the market as first class beef stuff.

Misses Josephine and Hanah McClain returned Saturday from a short visit to Shamrock.

Walter Fly of Amarillo was a business caller in the city Friday of last week.

A. W. Haynes has our thanks for a subscription to be sent to D. W. Jaye at Guthrie, Okla.

Chas. Slavin of Alanreed was here Saturday with a car of cattle which he shipped to the Kansas City Market.

A. A. Callahan and wife returned Friday afternoon from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Lubbock.

Misses Mahaffey, who have been here for a visit with Mrs. King, left Friday for their home in New Mexico.

Hugh Snow and family left Sunday for a trip to Erick and other Oklahoma points. They will be away an indefinite period.

FOR SALE—Choice cane and millet seed, free of Johnson grass. Prices right. Early Grain & Hay Co., Amarillo, Texas.

Jack and Wood Hindman and Charlie Carpenter returned Saturday from a trip to Briscoe where they purchased a bunch of cattle, which they brought with them.

J. D. Main, enroute from Grand Junction, Colorado, to his home in Oklahoma, stopped in this city for a few days for a visit with his sister, Mrs. A. L. Rippey.

Rev. Lee P. Mansfield came in Friday and went out to the Back school house where he is conducting a meeting this week for the people of the Church of Christ.

Snap Shots.

Old Sol can do wonders, but he can not toughen a cantaloupe until one can knit a pair of yellow stockings out of it.

When the thermometer goes above 100 fuel should go for a song.

Something should be saved for a rainy day and for the other sort of day also.

In union there is strength. Do not break the chain.

Luck is something to trust to; but not too much.

The devil is not the only one who is proud of his own meanness.

In Washington the milk in the cocoanut is what-is-there-in-it-for-me.

Make the smile that will not come off a part of your wearing apparel

The sun that opens the young cotton boll cooks the goose of the boll weevil.

The Helie de Sagans have a masculine heir. This may interfere with Boni's alimony.

It seems that one trooper was found with a bottle of beer at Camp Mabry. He was fined a dollar for this slight intimation of a willingness to fight booze.

President Diaz and Taft are to meet, in case the former can be brought to the middle of the bridge.

Do not hold one man responsible for wrongs committed by another. Leave every tub of soapsuds to stand or sit on its own bottom.

Two Chicago girls held up a man for 10c. They used a revolver. If the little darlings are to be saved from such necessity why doesn't the city supply ice cream soda free to the dear little ones?—Dallas News.

H. W. Smock is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ritchie who left here a few days ago for a trip to Chicago, in which the gentleman stated that no where on his trip through Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana Ohio has he seen as good crops as we have in the McLean country. In Oklahoma, he says the drouth has cut the crops down to nothing while in the other states the floods have devastated almost the entire country and thousands of acres are literally washed away

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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.

Climata

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 connected with any real estate firm or immigration bureau, 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 excursion trains run into this county at the present and there are no eastern connections to draft "suckers." If you are thinking of a change of location, drop us a card or write to the bank at this place for any information you may desire. We have no land 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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OUR LAY SERMON

In this day of speculation everyone is looking for some ground floor investment, something good and cheap. About the only man who lets us all in on the ground floor is the undertaker.

We have in mind an investment better and safer than stocks and bonds. It is that, though it be buried, will yet blossom into life. This fall would be a mighty good time to plant trees and as there is considerable leisure at this time it would be well to begin to prepare your ground for that purpose. Trees are not only thrifty in this locality but are profitable from every standpoint. We would recommend good, nursery grown trees rather than those brought from the breaks. The forest tree is often brought in mutilated, the roots being chopped to pieces, or it has been exposed to cold winds or hot suns, or has been left out overnight before transplanting.

Trees grow best in plowed ground. The hole should be three feet in diameter and two feet deep. Set the tree in the hole, then pour in water and spread out the roots by hand. Fill in with dry dirt. Don't pour water on top of the ground. Put no manure in the hole. If you water on top, scrape dirt away from trees so as to make a trench around them, then cover with dry dirt. Don't let ground crack around the tree. To keep in the moisture a blanket of cinders, sand, leaves, manure or sawdust can be laid around the base of the tree.

Every loyal citizen should take an interest in tree planting. The tree lot will outsell the naked lot. Just try it. Fence up a blistering, baked piece of land (if one can be found?) plant it in trees and cultivate it about a year. You will have no rest until someone has persuaded you to let him have it for a nice profit over the cost to you. Again you will be doing missionary work, as you will be teaching others a lesson in thrift, progress and civic pride. This is a wonderful age that we are living in. The most wonderful in the history of mankind. Everything is changing, men's looks, stature, thoughts, ideals, ambitions, politics, loves and hatreds. Religion is changing probably more than any thing else. Men are recognizing more and more that a true religion is more lived than preached. It needs no special preaching to show that he who brings more health, happiness, song, sunshine and grateful shade into the world is fulfilling the laws of God and the brotherhood of man.

There is not one man in the McLean country with one dollar to his credit who cannot make two blades of grass to grow and flourish where one now withers on a neglected soil. We have rejoiced when passing a lone, neglected, dilapidated farm house (maybe where some shylark land owner was housing a renter in poorer quarters than he would his buggy horse) by seeing one or two scrubby trees by the door. Maybe they were there by accident, or maybe the seed were stuck in the ground by the children just for fun. However they came to be there they were the only green, wholesome, beautiful things about the place. The birds loved them and the children loved to play in their grateful shade. The tired mother was rested as she sat on the doorstep at evening, dreaming into their depths. You and I, as we passed by, were cheered in seeing the one redeeming feature of this utterly destitute, colorless homestead. New hopes and new resolves were born in us to let into life a little more sunshine and show others the way.

Plant tress and reap blessings.

The Shamrock Texan takes us to task on the write-up of the ball game and says, among other things, that the third game of a series, which the McLean boys claimed by reason of a forfeiture, was called off on account of rain. We must acknowledge that we were not informed of this fact by the boys when they returned and it certainly puts a new phase to the matter. From all sources information now comes and deopses and says that on or about the day mentioned, at an hour when the Leanites were wont to rise in their might and smite the Shamites hip and thigh the heavens suddenly became lurid, the thunders rolled, the lightning flashed its fiery darts hither and thither over the murky canopy, the torrents leaped from the mountain tops and rushed madly through sweltering vale. The Shamrock Editor stood heroically by and while his celluloid collar went to pieces in the crash of the elements, laughed in unholy glee over the retreat of his own team, whose dauntless spirit could no longer stand the onslaught of that devastating flood, leaving the Leaners in possession of the field—defeated. Yes, we must admit Shamrock won the game. That was a terrible rain.

Every loyal citizen who has a vote should cast it at the polls on Tuesday, August 3rd, at which time an amendment to the Constitution validating independent school district bond issues, also an amendment creating the taxing power of independent school districts will be put to popular vote. These are important measures and should not go by default.

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Choice farming lands for sale at reasonable prices and on favorable terms to parties desiring homes, in lots of 160 to 640 acres. T. D. HOBART, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact.

Pampa, Gray County Texas

Notice Subscribers.

If at any time you have had the News sent to any friend or relative you will do us a favor if you will furnish us the name and address at your earliest convenience. In straightening up our list we find a number of names with no one to charge them to, and hence this request.

THE NEWS.

J. H. Chambers has our thanks for a bunch of flowers and some dewberries and raspberries which he presented to us Saturday. The flowers were all raised on his place and have had neither cultivation nor irrigation. They were roses, carnations, petunias, etc., and are very fragrant and pretty. The berries had about the same care and were well developed, one bunch of raspberries supporting fifteen berries. Mr. Chambers says that fruits and flowers of all kinds do well here and should be given more attention than they have been getting.

The McLean baseball boys made a trip to Ramsdell Wednesday afternoon where they engaged in a game with the team there. The game was well played by both teams and the score stood 5 to 5 at the end of the ninth inning, when Elmer Hodges finished the agony with a home run.

Mrs. W. B. Durum and children and Mrs. Clara Hathaway and children, both of Mobeetie, were here for a few days last week as the guests of their sister, Mrs. C. L. Upham. Oh their return home they were accompanied by Mrs. Grace Wolf, who will visit with them for a few days.

Carl Overton of Endee, N. M. was here the first of the week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton. Mr. Overton reports plenty of rain in his section and the crops are looking especially well with a prospect for a good yield.

We would like to buy 684 chickens during the next few days. The highest market price paid. McLean Mercantile Co.

DR. W. R. ORR

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We are closing our Millinery goods out at cost. We invite you to come in and see them. Just received a fresh line of Red Band Brand of Candies which I will sell for 15c per pound, regularly retails at 25c to 35c pr. lb. Fresh fruit in stock at the lowest prices. Don't forget our Circulating Library. We would like to have you come in and look over our books and get our plan. We also keep Newspapers and Magazines. If you are thinking of ordering a Suit of Clothes it will pay you to look at my sample books. I have four of the best in the United States. Last, but not least, is our line of Notions, Post Cards, etc. Call and see us and make

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We have the Best Soda Fountain in this section of the Panhandle and are prepared to serve any drink you may want. We make our own Ice Cream and have it fresh every day. Have you tried our new drinks? Call and make yourself one of the happy throng that patronizes our fountain every day.

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Subscription Offer

Having boundless faith in the future of McLean, regardless of friends or knockers, and feeling that wide publicity alone will do much toward the desired end, we are going to make the following offer to all the readers and prospective readers of the McLean News:

For every Dollar paid us on Subscription from July 10th and August 31st we will send out one paper

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to any address out of Gray and adjoining counties. By this means we practically cut our subscription rate half in two and give you an opportunity to send the paper to your friend without any additional cost. If your subscription is paid as far ahead as you like, you may send out as many as you wish at the same rate, 50 cents per year. To take advantage of this proposition subscriptions must be accompanied by the cash, as every cent thus taken in will be devoted to enlarging the plant and increasing our facilities for getting out a newspaper that will be a credit to the community and an excellent exponent of the many possibilities that abound here for the man who is looking for a home. Would you co-operate with us in this undertaking? call and see us and let's get the thing to moving. Any bet is a good bet if the odds are

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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

McAdams left Tuesday for a visit at Clarendon.

Mrs. W. L. Cash is reported seriously ill.

Lap Robes—way down—at McLean Hardware Co.

Arthur Cook is out of the city for a few days on business.

F. R. Kennedy of Alanreed was a business caller in the city Tuesday afternoon.

We are in a hurry to sell you that Washing machine. McLean Hardware Company.

Mit Powell and family of near Ramsdell were visiting friends in the city Monday.

J. T. Davis was in from his ranch northeast of the city Monday on business.

Uncle Sam Tipton has returned from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. C. S. Rice and children visited with Mrs. Wilson at Ramsdell the first of the week.

S. O. Cook left Monday for a trip to Sayre and other Oklahoma points.

Remember—always remember—that McLean Hardware Co. has it for less.

T. M. Wolfe made a business trip to Amarillo the first of the week.

Mrs. T. U. Salmon returned Wednesday evening from a two weeks visit with relatives at Hobart, Okla.

Why let an agent talk you out of \$25? Buy a Sewing machine from us and save that piece of money. The Standard is the Best on Earth. McLean Hardware Co.

Cy Tyson left Monday for an extended visit with friends and relatives at Mangum, Okla.

Plant cow peas in your corn field. It will help wonderfully toward enriching your land.

S. H. Dalrymple left Monday for Amarillo where he expects to engage at the carpenter's trade.

E. B. Hall went down to Groom Tuesday to pitch two games of ball for Alanreed against the Groom team.

Joe Franks, of Era, Cook Co., is here for a few days visit with friends and relatives at Ramsdell and McLean.

We regret to announce that T. J. Brooks is again confined to his room with a severe attack of fever.

Jack Hodges stopped off here Monday to see his family who are visiting with Mrs. Hodges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Collier.

One dollar pays them both. Send the News to your friend and let him know what is going on in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Hodges were called to the ranch near Naylor Tuesday on account of the illness of their brother's little child.

Geo. Allen of Mangum, Okla., was here Saturday and Sunday as the guest of his wife's brother, A. W. Haynes, and family. Mr. Allen was enroute from a business trip to Lubbock and other south plains cities. He says Lubbock is the fastest growing of any town in the Great Panhandle and is destined to be the metropolis of the south plains country. He will probably make that place his home as soon as he can close out his interests at Mangum.

SUITS STILL GOING

We are not yet through sacrificing our men's and boy's Suits. If you want a real bargain it will pay you to investigate what we are offering. When we say we are selling at a

TEN PER CENT DISCOUNT

You may know we are cutting dangerously near the cost-mark. We are also overloaded on shoes for all ages and conditions of people and we are going to make the prices move them. Now would be a good time to lay up a winter supply before fall prices begin to prevail. When you come to town come in to see us whether you wish to buy or not. You are always welcome at our store. ::::::::::::::

C. A. CASH & SON

We are the stuff on Stoves and Sewing Machines. Don't monkey with agent, buy from us and save yourself \$25.00. McLean Hardware Co.

W. W. Overton and family left yesterday for a trip to New Mexico where they will spend several weeks with friends and relatives.

There will be preaching at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening; the meetings will be continued morning and evening over the third Sunday with the limit Wednesday after third Sunday. Everyone who believes in Salvation from sin through faith in Jesus Christ are most cordially invited to cooperate by attendance and personal work. The is for you,

your children and friends and the stranger who may be among us. Let every one come, for you are all welcome in Jesus' name. Yours to help,
M. L. MOODY, Pastor

Paul Ladd and family, who live about ten miles northwest of the city were here Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Ladd's brother, A. W. Haynes.

YOU HAD BETTER GET BUSY

GROCERIES

Diamond C Flour	\$3.85
White Crest Flour	4.00
Cane Sugar	5.75
Arm and Hammer Soda, 4 packages	.25
Arbuckle's Coffee, 7 packages	1.00
Peaberry Coffee	.20
African Java	.20
Red Salmon	.15
Soap, Lenoix and Clariette, 7 bars for	.25
Canned Sweet Potatoes	.10
Corn, best grade	8 1-3c
Tomatoes, Niggerhead	.10
Search Light Matches, 35c a gross, 3 for	.10
Raisins	7 1-2c
Prunes	7 1-2c
Peaches	.10
Appricots	.10
Ribbon Cane Syrup	.60
Royal and Tennessee Sorghum	.50
Star Tobacco	.45
Thick Plug Tinsley	.50
Union Standard	.25
Canned Appricots	.20
Peaches	.20
Best Apple Vinegar, worth 40c, per gal	.25
Mustard from 10c to	.16
Jars and all kinds of crockery	.10
Pickels, sweet and sour, per gallon	.50
Pickels, Keg	1.22
Condition Powder \$3.50 Barrel	2.25
1 Package	.75
.75 Package	.35

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Half-Price
Ladies' Waists
One-Third off
Skirts
One-Third Off
Dress Goods
All Reduced

MEN'S SUITS

\$22.50 Value	\$16.33
20.00 Value	14.24
18.00 Value	12.24
15.00 Value	10.98
10.00 Value	8.35
7.00 Value	6.25

CLOTHING

HOSE

Ladies' Silk Hose, \$3.00, now	\$2.48
Embroidered Lisle Hose, \$1.75, now	1.38
Colored Lisle Hose, 55c, now	.45

LADIES' GLOVES

Elbow Silk Gloves, were \$2.00, now	\$1.68
Elbow Silk Gloves, were \$1.75, now	1.42
Elbow Silk Gloves, were \$1.50, now	1.28

DRESS GOODS

\$2.00 per yard Chiffon Panama, now	\$1.68
\$1.50 per yard Messaline, now	1.18
\$1.50 per yard Taffeta, now	1.12

SHOES

\$5.50 Shoes	\$4.68
\$5.00 Shoes	4.32
\$4.50 Shoes	3.82
\$4.00 Shoes	3.38
\$3.50 Shoes	3.00
\$3.00 Shoes	2.48
\$2.50 Shoes	1.98

HATS

\$6.00 Stetson Hat	\$4.24
\$3.25 Hat	2.35
\$3.00 Hat	2.25
\$2.50 Hat	1.87
\$2.00 Hat	1.53
\$1.50 Hat	1.28

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