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## Be Just to Yourself

My mission is to please your appetite and with this view I have invested considerable money and time in procuring the BEST the market affords. If you will investigate you will find this is true for a glance through my door is very appetizing.

I appreciate your business and will prove it if you will let me.

**Use Nothing but the Best**

**M. D. BENTLEY**

THE VILLAGE GROCER

forget to turn it off as it is necessary to do so in order to stop the flow of water.

Mr. Biggers is exhibiting this clever invention to his friends but has only a rough pattern which he made from a peice of wood with a pocket knife. As soon as he gets one made from brass he will take some steps to place it on the market with a view to selling it to some manufacturing concern.

### Honhr Roll Correction.

Through an oversight of the printer in setting the last honor roll the list of irregulars who should have been in the high school list was left off and the following names failed to appear:

- Earl Graham
- Herrman Glass
- Mamie Rush
- Ethel Harbert
- Winnie Floyd
- Alvah Christian
- Curtis Mitchell
- Oswald Mitchell.

Miss Winnie Floyd, who has been entitled to appear on the honor roll three or four times during the present term, has, from unknown cause, been omitted in every instance. Wherever the fault lies, we regret very much that such should be the case and offer the young lady apologies for the oversight.

### New Telegraph Department.

That the greedy telegraph corporation has not entirely turned to gall is evident from the announcement of the new departure in this line of activity which will be of material aid to

## FINE FURNITURE FOR FASTIDIOUS FOLKS

It will soon be housecleaning time and when you begin to look over the old rugs and carpets and the various pieces of furniture you will likely find that it will be best to replace them with new. We have a most complete and reasonably priced stock from which to make a selection and would be glad to show you through our store. Drop in to see us and let's get together on the proposition. Probably if you knew how cheap we are selling you would buy several things that you are now doing without.

**J. A. GRUNDY & CO.**

PHONE 35

the public. Effective March 15 last the Western Union company put in operation a schedule of night prices by which a message of fifty words can be sent to any part of the United States for the nominal fee usually charged for ten words at the day rate. For instance a ten word message to Amarillo would cost twenty five cents at the day rate. At

the present night rate you could send fifty words for the same price and each additional ten words would cost one fifth of the first charge. This will enable parties who have long messages or letters that require haste in delivery to have same put on the wires at a great saving in cost over the former schedule.

## Shall She Vote Or Not in Texas

Women have no right to vote in Texas.

At least such was the decision of the judges, Messrs. R. H. Collier, H. A. Goodwin and J. G. House, who heard the debate at the Christian-Cousins opera house Friday evening of last week, at which time members of the Lone Star Literary Society discussed this all important question, "Resolved that women should not vote in Texas." The affirmative was represented by Jay Faulkner and Roy Rice and the negative by Prof. Ernest Clark and Andy Floyd.

At the invitation of the society a goodly audience gathered at the opera house Friday evening to listen to the proceedings of the open meeting. After calling the house to order the president called upon Prof. J. H. Horton for an address, which was forthcoming in the Professor's usual masterful manner. During the course of his remarks the gentleman said that he felt proud of his high school boys and hoped the audience could take into consideration the fact that this was their first appearance before a public audience in the capacity of debaters, and would judge their efforts accordingly. A wish that need hardly to have been expressed that the boys more than did themselves proud, bringing out some excellent thoughts on the subject at hand as well as showing marked ability in oratory. That the affirmative side won the decision should not be understood to detract from the ability of the boys on the negative side of the fence as they also ably presented their version of the matter and their addresses were applauded repeatedly.

During the intermissions in the program excellent music was furnished by Clay Gardenhire and Appy Taylor on violin and guitar.

At the close of the debate the audience was favored by a "prophecy" from the fertile mind of Walter Voyles, in which the young man said many things that may or not come true and that the audience in a continual prophetic mind he had made up the future styles in men's wearing apparel and

wound up by saying,

If they keep on I bet

They'll be wearing clothes like mine yet.

A clever journal read by Appy Taylor, in which he handed out a few "packages" to various members of the high school faculty and student body was next on program. An especially apt joke on a society man of the city brought forth a thundering applause. We are not at liberty to call names as it is said the victim of the joke is carrying a butcher knife in his vest.

After an excellent address by Walter Foster the body moved to adjourn and it was all over. No entertainment that has ever been witnessed in McLean was a more thorough success from the standpoint of wit, humor and oratory and thanks are due to the Lone Star Literary Society for an evening of pleasant enjoyment.

### Clever Invention.

An invention that will command more than passing interest has been perfected and patented by S. A. Biggers of this city and will be styled a hydrant valve. The little affair is made of brass and is screwed into the water pipe under the ground in the same manner as the ordinary stop and waste valve but works entirely different. At the upper end of this valve the water pipe is attached which runs above the surface of the ground, but instead of attaching a faucet the pipe is merely bent in a crook, the open end down. When drawing water you simply turn the entire pipe which works loose in the valve. When you wish to stop the flow of water turn the pipe back to its first position and the water is not only cut off but the valve is so made that all accumulated water in the pipe and valve is drained back into the main, leaving it perfectly empty.

By the use of this valve there is absolutely no danger of pipes freezing and bursting as there is no water in the hydrant pipe. Another important advantage over the old style stop and waste valve is the fact that you never

## REAL ECONOMY

Is practised by the man who looks to find the best and cheapest for his needs and then buys it at home. The more money you send away from your home town the less the bankers and business men will have with which to help you over the rough places. We can figure you prices on coal and building material that will make it to your interest to place your orders with us, and at the same time

### Keep Your Money Working for You

Come to see us and let us tell you about the excellent stock we carry and the low prices we are offering.

**Western Lumber Co.**

Geo. E. Woodward, Mgr.

The Western Lumber Com

## Opportunity

They do more wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in:  
For every day I stand outside your door,  
And bid you awake and rise to fight and win.  
Wail not for precious chances passed away,  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;  
Each night I burn the records of the day,  
At sunrise every soul is born again.  
Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;  
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,  
But never bind a moment yet to come.  
Though deep in mire, wring not your hand and  
weep.  
I lend my arm to all who say: "I can."  
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep  
But he might raise and be again a man.—

WALTER MALONE

## Local Happenings

### Items of Interest About Town and County

Easter Egg Dye at Langley's.

Read the Saturday Evening Post. At the News office.

W. W. Mars is here from Fort Worth on business.

If you want fresh bread go to the City Restaurant.

W. H. Bates has returned from a weeks stay at the ranch.

Some nice Easter Post Cards at Arthur Erwin's.

Will Copeland was in from the Morris ranch Tuesday on business.

Goods are right and prices are right at McLean Hardware Co.

Price Rogers made a short

business trip to Sayre, Okla., the first of the week.

Buy your harness and plow gear from McLean Hardware Co.

Scot Johnson has our thanks for subscription favors, having left a big dollar for his paper.

Looking for bargains go to C. C. Cook.

Gano Harris of Amarillo was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

Overalls, yes we have them. C. C. Cook.

W. L. Guthrie returned Monday afternoon from a short business trip to Amarillo.

Boys! Boys! Boys! Those

chocolates are fine at Langley's drug store.

D. N. Massay was a business visitor to Amarillo the first of the week.

Full breed Bared Plymouth Rock Eggs. \$1.00 for 15. Apply Sam Kunkel or 76-1-1-2. 4tp.

Joe Clark was in the city Tuesday and made the News office a pleasant call.

I love my wife, but Oh those short orders at the City Restaurant.

Geo. Bourland was in the latter part of last week from his ranch eighteen miles southeast of town.

Plenty of Armour's meats and hams. You know the quality. M. D. Bentley.

Emmett and Orin Thompson spent Saturday at the ranch south of town.

For rent—90 acres good agricultural land, close to town. Apply to George Weaver.

P. J. Sanders of Sayre, Okla., was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

Oh! yes we sell goods for less than cost. Drop in and see C. C. Cook.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Bird Tuesday morning, a fine boy.

Get a "Quicker yet washer" the best on Earth. McLean Hardware Co.

Wm. Abernathy and S. E. Boyett were business visitors to Ramsdell yesterday.

See our show window and tell us how you like it. Village Grocery.

Geo. Ryan returned the first of the week from a business trip to Amarillo and Groom.

We have seed sweet potatoes for sale—an abundance of them. Foster & Son.

J. S. Earp was a caller in the city Saturday of last week and called on the News man to the extent of one dollar.

Bucket coffee for 90 cents at Foster & Son's. The kind that appeals.

T. M. Speed called this week and had his name added to our subscription roll, for which he has our thanks.

Plenty of everything but gall, that is why our prices are so low. McLean Mercantile Co.

Andy Floyd spent a few days the first of the week out of the city on business.

Fruits and candies and all kinds of Easter goodies at the McLean Mercantile Co.

T. G. Caldwell and family of Ardmore are here for a visit to the latter's sister, Mrs. Stucky.

Just received a shipment of cheese. It is fresh and good. M. D. Bentley, the Village Grocer.

Thompson and Taylor's coffee is guaranteed to be the best. Do you enjoy Good Coffee. Try this brand. M. D. Bentley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dorsey were in from the ranch and spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Mrs. R. H. Collier.

You can not afford to miss this sugar bargain. 15 pounds of brown sugar for \$1.00. Foster & Son.

Miss Mae Thomas of Ramsdell was here the first of the week for a visit with Mrs. Scott Johnson.

Buster Foster had the misfortune Monday morning to get his left hand caught under a falling window, severely mashing the first and second fingers.

## Palace Barber Shop

W. M. MASSAY, PROPRIETOR

Have move to the old Simmons stand and will fit up one of the neatest shops in the Panhandle. Your patronage solicited.

All Work Guaranteed to Be The Best

## JOHN B. VANNOY

Optician & Jeweler

Dealer in Clocks, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware.

Does Engraving and all kinds of repair work pertaining to the jewelry trade.

## NEW

We have opened up a new and up-to-the-minute barber shop in the old Hobbs stand opposite the Post Office, and would respectfully solicit the business of the general public. Everything clean and new.

The Simmons Shop  
C. M. Simmons Prop.

## CARE

Is taken with all goods we handle. Try us.

SPEED  
THE DRAYMAN

business trip to St. Louis and other Missouri cities.

Pen tablets galore. We have an especially large assortment of pen tablets that we wish to push out. See them. Arthur Erwin.

A. W. Haynes is engaged this week assisting in dispensing the Haynes stock which is being sold at cost.

We still have a few of the bargain hats left. Come on and get them, we are not kidding you. They are real bargains. McLean Mercantile Co.

W. K. Neighbors of Amarillo arrived in the city the first of the week to take charge of the bankrupt stock of L. Haynes.

A full and complete line pure fresh drugs constantly on hand is our aim and we are getting the bull's eye. We sell your drug trade. Arthur Erwin.

Chrisie Parker of Arlington and Marvin Parker of Groom were here the first of the week for a visit with the family of Scott Johnson.

## SPRING FIXINGS

We will have in next week a big shipment of every kind of spring toggery including a nice assortment of

### STRAW HATS

For Men, Boys and Girls

Also a lot of Boys' School Knickerbocker Pants. We can make you the right prices on plow shoes. Just a few left that we do not wish to carry over.

We handle novelty goods of kinds, hair nets, turbans, switches, etc. Also a complete assortment of "Ereos Form," "Nuform," "Reduso" and "La Vida" corsets.

## E. H. Small & Co.

J. S. ROGERS, Manager.

## We Believe and Believe That You Believe

The surest way to build up a business is to sell on MERIT. Price is a shaky bridge, quality a secure foundation. A Business built on price is a flimsy one at best, Without strength or endurance. It occurs to us that when a man wins trade by low prices he stands to lose it the moment another store undersells him. This "price trade" is trade that you can not rely on. For the reason that it jumps from place to place considering price. A man should consider quality as well as price. The best is always the cheapest. We have the quality and our price is right.

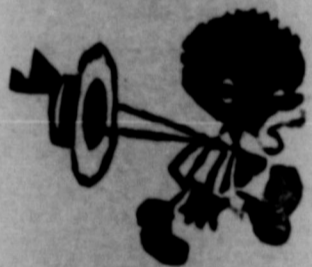
MCLEAN  
HARDWARE  
COMPANY

# IT WILL PAY YOU ONE HUNDRED PER CENT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE MONEY?

## ASK THE MAN

### The Ryan Tire Tightener Company

WILL J. HODGES, SECRETARY



### Make a Noise Like a Real Booster

The Charter for the McLean Chamber of Commerce having been accepted, that body is now ready to proceed with the work it has outlined for the coming year and to this end the real estate members have installed themselves in the new offices on main street and taken up the work of listing lands for sale.

It is the wish of those in interest that all parties having land for sale in this particular section should come in at once and list same as a man will be started north at once to solicit immigration and various other advertising campaigns will be started. With the present excellent outlook for a big crop year and a general condition of prosperity it is believed that much good may be accomplished by the intelligent efforts of this club and the moral support and influence of the public will greatly facilitate this result.

If you have land or other real or personal property for sale you will not make a mistake by listing it with this body as they are very much alive and are in position to get results for their customers that will be entirely satisfactory. Messrs. Gardenhire, Crabtree, Hodges and Cosby are all authorized to take land listing and if not seen elsewhere can be found at the office of the club in the old Palace Hotel building on Main street.

#### Need of Companionship.

In an article on "Why Boys Leave Home" a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal gives some excellent advice to parents regarding the home management of boys. The writer secured his information from boys who had been sent to the penitentiary for various crimes. In talking to one hundred boys he

found that ninety per cent of them had run away from home between the age of eleven and eighteen years. The following excerpt is illustrating of one reason why boys leave home:

Thirty-Eight per cent ran away from home because of its lack of companionship. They were made to feel as if they were not wanted, in some instan-

ces causing their young minds to contemplate suicide—anything to free themselves from a home where Father was too "busy" to "chum" with his lonesome hearted boy.

This lesson was impressed vividly upon my mind by one boy convict's story: "I had fully decided to run away from home six months before I actually did so. Every time I would plan to go Mother's face appeared before me telling me how much she would miss me, how lonesome she would get. Then I would sneak back to my room and unpack my bundle.

"I knew mother loved me; I was in doubt as to father. He was always so distant. I never felt as if I knew him. The climax came one day when Father asked two lazy, worthless fellows to go hunting with him because they rarely missed a shot. I asked Father to let me go, just for the privilege of carrying the 'game.' His answer was partly a scowl, then he said 'No! Stay at home! You'd only be in the way!'

"That nearly broke my heart, sir, and I went back of the barn and cried for over two hours. Then a firm, overmastering resolve seized me: I would run away from home! I packed my tiny bundle, went directly to my Mother's room where she lay sleeping, kissed her without her knowledge, and started down the road. And, sir, every other step that took me away from Mother seemed to tear a cord in my heart; but the other foot that should have belonged to Father kept going in spite of my desire to turn back. I boarded a

freight train with a dozen desperate-looking tramps, got to the West after many adventures, got into a fight in a saloon and killed a brakeman. And here I am.

"I would gladly have stayed at home for Mother's sake but there is a freedom even here that Father denied me at home; and then, too," he added as a sickly smile interrupted the fleeting contortion of his boyish face, "they never tell me I'm in the way; they kind of seem to like a fellow—even the guards."

Isn't it time that fathers woke up? A boy's heart is oftentimes hungry for his father's love, wisdom and companionship. He wants a square deal; he wants his father to "chum" with him, to take him fishing or hunting, to be just a father to him! That is what so many, many boys want!

C. E. Minix and wife and daughter, Miss Jennie, were callers at the News office Monday afternoon. The gentleman had us credit him with \$1.00 on his subscription.

### You Don't Know Nobody that Don't Want No Drugs Do You?

We sell everything in the Drug line and it is all pure and fresh. School supplies of all kinds and a general line of Drug Sundries.

"THE LEADING DRUG HOUSE"

Will H. Langley  
DRUGGIST

## THE FARMER HEARD FROM

Our town Chicago and else for as much as some of late have taken in hand to set forth a declaration of the things mostly needed among us, it seemed good to me also having had perfect understanding of all the things of which they wrote to write also that the reader may know of a certainty of those things. Some recent writers undertake to tell what the home dealer does for the farmer who will buy a buggy or other piece of farm machinery will take the old one or piece as part pay yes sir that is a fact and also can pay some one to carry the old one out to the dump. Yes sir money in such trades. Well the mail order house doesn't help build church houses, school houses, and so on. Well when they save so large a per cent to the customer that enables us to do our own building so if farmer Alison or any of his family send their money to the catalogue man is not such a course of conduct right and wise, he is the business furnisher of the country and so it is to his interest as well as his business to be interested in every part of the country in which he lives. It is true that he hasn't the capacity to operate oil fields, run saw mills and preach the Gospel all at the same time successfully but he knows some things and is generally doing the best and right things. He is always ready and willing to obey the divine injunction by earning this bread by the sweat of his brow and in so doing he is true to his God, his fellow man and his country.

W. P. Fox.

The writer of the above probably has some grounds for the assertion that money can be saved by buying from a mail order house—in fact such is often the case. But the main issue, the wisdom of buying your supplies in Chicago, we very much doubt, even taking it from the standpoint of the farmer. Suppose, for instance, the farmer should buy all his supplies by mail and pays express or even local freight charges on it. What would he lose on a shipment of flour or lumber or

coal? The merchant who buys in car lots saves you money on such commodities. He can get a lower freight rate. And the local merchant is the only man, with few exceptions, who can afford to buy in car lots.

Another thing, suppose your grocer was located a thousand miles away and you get short of lard or flour or some other necessity. Where would you turn for a supply? Retail merchandising is a benefit to the farmer or other citizen from the fact that he carries all the things you need and you can buy as much as you may want or can pay for at a time and as often as you like. If you buy a spoiled ham or musty flour you return it and get your money back. You can force the home man to give you the best. Can you do this with the man a thousand miles away? If you should take your patronage from the retail man how long would it be until a dozen big mail order houses in as many foreign cities would control the retailing of all merchandise, and then how long would you have the cut prices they are now offering? Would they continue this philanthropic price making? Hardly.

The eliminating of the retail stores would be the means of putting millions of men out of employment and there would be but one recourse for them—the farm. Say you put four million more men to farming. There would be an enormous increase in the output of all farm crops and a corresponding decrease in consumption. Then where would the price of cotton go, or corn, or any other product. Who would buy your butter and eggs and your spring chickens. Would you send Sears and Roebuck a dozen eggs and request them to mail you a pound of coffee in return? In case you had no eggs would you drop them a card and ask them to mail you a pound of coffee and you would pay for it next fall?

There are many reasons why a farmer or other citizen should trade with the home merchant. There are also many reasons why the merchant in the small town should make some arrangements to handle all the products of the farm. A market can be secured for all country produce and if the merchant would make arrangements to buy it he could

find a place to sell it.

Farmers and merchants should make their interests mutual and by working together in a spirit of fairness and honesty both would be benefitted and the mail order house would go out of business.

### Presbyterian Church.

There will be an Easter service conducted by the Sunday School. Sermon by the pastor at night.

There will be no preaching at Presbyterian church the next regular 1st Sunday. You are urged to go elsewhere to preaching that day.

J. G. HOUSE Pastor.

### Slavonia Sayings.

The fine spring weather finds everybody in the best of health and spirits—the men all busy plowing and getting ready for another crop.

Peach orchards are a thing of beauty in their array of pink blossoms.

Saturday Chas. Bada and wife were in the city of McLean.

Friday several men of this settlement were busy at Mrs. Krc's setting out trees for her. They set out nine hundred locust trees.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Smith went to Ramsdell to meet Mrs. Eva Vincent who came in on the train. Mrs. Vincent is an old friend of Mrs. Smith's from Keokuk, Iowa. She thinks she will spend the summer in the sunny South.

Sunday Michael Cadra entertained as guests Mrs. Sam Palkan and children, Mrs. Anna Krc and son, Godfrey, Paul Machina, John Cadra, Paul Risian and family.

Daniel Michaellets and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Michaellets' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Valencik.

There were only a few out to singing last Friday night at G. A. Sapps on account of the rain and threatening weather. This Friday night the crowd expects to meet at C. A. Linkey's, the weather permitting.

Walter Stauffer and family spent Sunday with the G. A. Sapp family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and two daughters from Heald neighborhood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Loter.

Mrs. Harry Smock and daughter, Miss Bernice, were in McLean shopping Tuesday.

C. A. Linkey left Tuesday for Wheeler where he will spend the week on jury duty.

### THE MIRROR BABY WAS CRYING

And That Seemed to Have the Desirable Reforming Effect on the Real Child.

"It cannot be a new way to attempt to quiet a crying baby," said the young man, who couldn't be expected to know a great deal about children, "but it certainly was effective.

"The child was sitting up in a carriage red faced and howling, with its mouth wide open and tears streaming out of the corners of its eyes. The nurse was making unavailing efforts to quiet the infant as she wheeled it along.

At a corner there was a store that had a square post in one corner of the show window. The sides of the post were covered with looking glass.

"The nurse wheeled the carriage up close to the window and the baby, still howling, got a glimpse of the image of its angry faced, wailing self in the looking glass. The effect was marvellous. The child stopped crying at once and surveyed the glass with an air almost of being ashamed. Then it broke into a smile, and when the looking glass child also laughed it waved a tiny mittened fist and was borne away, chuckling.

"This, of course, can be explained on scientific grounds as being only a manifestation of curiosity on the part of the child, but the suddenness of the reform instituted by the mirror was impressive to those who saw it."

## The Farmer and His Bank Account

The farmer, more so than any other business man, requires the services of a bank, if he manages his farm in a systematic way. While he has no need for a set of book in which to keep a record of every transaction made, yet during the course of a year he must pay out large sums of money for various purposes, and a record for future reference is highly important. Merchants may fail to give a receipt for cash, a neighbor may not recall the payment of money owed, but the farmer who pays his obligations by check has written evidence of such payments which any court must recognize. In the same way he has a record of monies received by the deposit entries on his bank book.

To the farmer, who desires such a record for his business, we extend an invitation to open an account with this bank.

## American State Bank

McLean, Texas

R. H. COLLIER, President. D. B. VEATCH, V. P. C. M. McCULLOUGH, Cashier.

Begin 1910

with

a Firm Resolve

to Better

**YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION**

Make up your mind to connect with the starting point of increased power and increasing income—a GROWING account at this bank.

A GROWING bank account has a real and tangible value over and above the amount of actual money deposited.

It creates greater confidence, a better standing and an increased prestige in the community for the depositor.

Our service is yours to command

**Citizens State Bank**

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### Photograph Gallery

Wm. A. Mabry, Prop.

Everything in photography handled promptly and satisfactorily. Will carry a full line of photo supplies of all kinds. An absolute guarantee on all work. Kodak finishing a specialty.

**John B. Vannoy Building,**  
Rear Entrance.

**BEN HUR** German Coach Stallion 3 years old. Weight 1350. Terms, \$10.00 to insure or \$5.00 by the season.

**STAR STATE** No. 2357 Registered, Black Spanish Jack, Winner of Sweepstakes at San Antonio and Dallas. Terms \$12.50 to insure or \$10.00 by the season.

The above stock will make the season 1 mile South and one-half mile east of McLean on the Clark farm.

R. H. COLLIER, President F. R. McCracken, V. Pres.  
C. M. McCULLOUGH, V. Pres. D. B. LONDON, Cashier

## BANK OF ALANREED

ALANREED, TEXAS

The oldest BANK in Gray County, Texas.

We solicit your business on our own merits for strength and superior facilities.

Your business, be it large or small, is always appreciated and held in strict confidence.

This BANK is managed by men who are ripe in BANKING experience, who have stood the test and always "MADE GOOD."

A BANK of this kind backed by the GUARANTEE FUNDS of the state of TEXAS can afford liberal treatment to its patrons.

DIRECTORS:

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TEXAS

By A. G. RICHARDSON

**SUBSCRIPTION.**

One Year .....\$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at McLean, Texas, under the Act of Congress.

# Fire Destroys Residence

Fire Wednesday morning at nine o'clock destroyed the residence of A. B. Gardenhire, together with practically all the contents, entailing a loss of something like \$3,000.00, with \$2,200.00 insurance.

The exact origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed to have caught from a defective stove as the first that was seen of the blaze it was apparently in a room on the upper floor. All the larger children had gone to school and Mr. Gardenhire was at his office, leaving Mrs. Gardenhire and the baby at home alone. Mrs. Gardenhire left the baby playing in the front room and went out to the well house to starch some clothes. In a few minutes she noticed a bright light in the window up stairs on the south side and, rushing into the house, found it filled with smoke, which seemed to be boiling down the stairway.

Naturally, her first thought was for the baby and she rushed into the room where she had left it but it was not there. Running through the house and out the back she found the little fellow huddled against the smoke house very badly frightened. Seeing the child to a safe place she ran back to telephone for help but the room in which the telephone was hung was so full of smoke she could not stay in it. She managed, however, to reach around and ring the

bell and yell "fire" into the transmitter. Her next effort was to save a picture of some deceased member of the family that hung in a front room. This she managed to tear away from its fastenings but received a slight wound on her hand while doing so.

By this time the general alarm had been turned in and a crowd was accumulating. Several efforts were made to save some of the furniture as it was apparent that the fire was beyond control. A few things were secured from the front but the most of the furniture was lost, including a magnificent piano and a book case that was probably one of the best in the state as it was all hand made of quarter sawed oak. Many other valuable articles of furniture were lost and many heirlooms that were esteemed beyond a cash value.

The wind being very strong the fire was carried to the smoke house in the yard, which it destroyed, but all the contents were saved. There was also a cellar in the yard and this and its contents were destroyed, including an immense supply of canned fruits and lard. On the north of the house the orchard came in for its share of the monster's vengeance and all of the best trees were either burned down or killed.

Fortunately for the young men of the family they had just mov-

ed the most of their effects to a little house some hundred yards from the residence and fixed them up a study and all this was saved, together with the few pieces of clothing that Mrs. Gardenhire had at the well house.

The family are for the present occupying the J. O. Scarbrough house on North Main street, but Mr. Gardenhire says he will rebuild on the old site as soon as he gets his insurance and other matters straightened out. The house which burned was one of the best in the city, having nine or ten rooms and every convenience that could be obtained. The wind being in the south, all his barns and other outbuildings were saved, but the yard fence was mostly destroyed.

We are authorized to announce A. B. Gardenhire for the office of commissioner of this precinct. The gentleman hardly needs an introduction from us as he was here with the early settlement of the county and is well and favorably known by all. He seeks the office on his merits as a sound business man and your support is respectfully solicited.

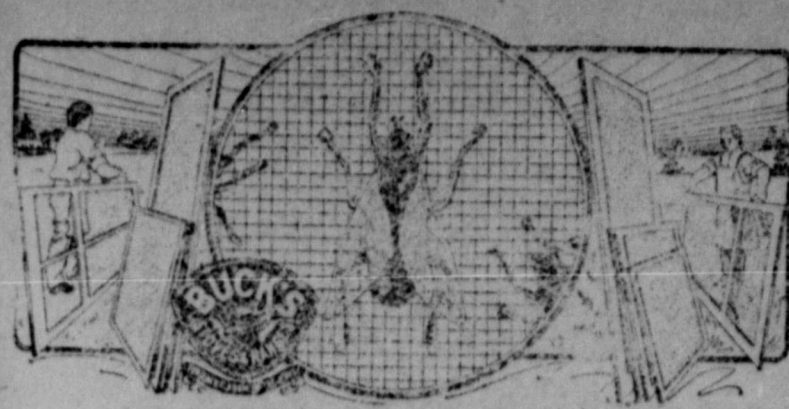
A Fresh shipment of vegetables just in today and they are the kind you have been inquiring for. Lettuce, onions, celery, mustard and radishes. McLean Mercantile Co.

News has been received by friends here of the birth of a fine baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McCullough at Amarillo the first of last week.

You'll have to hurry if you get in on this car of John Deere lists. They are going like "hot cakes" and will cost more, when loaded. McLean Hardware Co.

W. E. McElmoyl has our thanks for subscription favors, having ordered the paper sent to Earnest Chambers at Boaz, Ala.

The whole force has been sick for the past few weeks and we are in business simply for our health. Come and see the many things we are really "giving away." McLean Mercantile Co.



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We have the best hard wheat flour on the market at \$3.00 per hundred and the soft wheat flour for \$3.50 per hundred. Our flour is Guaranteed. Foster & Son.

Walter Foster left Monday afternoon for Marfa, Texas, where he will spend some time the guest of friends and relatives.

S. R. and R. L. Kennedy, F. R. McCracken and W. J. Ball of Alenreed were in the city Monday evening to attend the regular session of the Masonic lodge.

To our Correspondents: call at the News office and get a supply of stationery and stamps.

C. C. Cooper left Saturday morning for Childress county where he goes after a bunch of cattle which he has recently purchased in that county. He was accompanied by Clyde Cash and Albert Ramsey.

S. E. Swim of Chillicothe, Texas, was in the city the first of the week conferring with local members of the Ryan Tire Tightener Co., of which organization he is special representative.

The drayman has just finished unloading a car of Silver King and Eureka flour for the Village Grocery. It is guaranteed to be the best.

C. C. Cosby left Wednesday afternoon for St. Louis where he goes for a visit with his family, whom he has not seen for fifteen months. He will also transact business for the Ryan Tire Tightener Co. while away.

Ed Dickey of Coffee Landing, Tenn, is here for a visit with his cousin, Wm. Abernathy. Mr.

Dickey called at the News office Wednesday and had his subscription advanced another twelve months.

L. M. Haynes and family left Tuesday afternoon for Tulia where they will make their home in the future. These people leave many friends in the McLean country who will wish them well wherever they may go.

F. M. Paulkzer is having a force at work this week setting his eight acre tract of land east of town to fruit trees of various kinds. Something like eight hundred trees will be set and the number embraces every specimen that will thrive in this locality. Still the spirit of progress holds away in McLean country.

Nath Morris, who has recently sold his place near this city to Mr. Craig of Oklahoma, left the latter part of last week with his family for Eastland county where he will make his home. Mr. Craig has moved his family and taken up residence on his newly acquired home.

W. L. Fullerton of Olustee, Okla., was here the latter part of last week selling seed potatoes, which he raised on his farm near that place. The gentleman was unfortunate in operations this year, having raised only fifteen thousand bushels of Irish potatoes for which he only managed to get \$1.50 per bushel. Poor business this potato raising.

**House and Lot.**

For sale—Located on main street 1 business lot and house 16 by 48 ft. with trade for good mules or mares, none to be over 8 years old or will sell cheap for cash. Apply at News office.

# WAIT FOR THIS ONE

That big shipment of dry goods and clothing appears to have been lost in transit but we are strictly after it and hope to have it installed on our shelves in a few days. Don't get discouraged for we are straining every nerve to lay in the greatest aggregation of merchandise ever brought to McLean and you'll be rewarded for patience if you see this big line and learn the remarkably low prices we are going to make before you buy.

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General Merchandise

