

The McLean News

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Destroys Public School Building

The most dire calamity ever befallen the McLean, and one in which more citizens participated, was the disaster of Saturday night which destroyed the building of the public school. The loss will approximate one thousand dollars and is covered by insurance. At one o'clock as a party of citizens were returning home from a commercial club meeting, a light was distinguished in the west part of town. It was considered of no consequence. As they proceeded, it became apparent that the light came from a fire in the middle of the town and in two blocks of the school house burning on the back side. They started to run and when they arrived around the stairway on the west side was afire and the fire was rapidly spreading. The party were aware that there was water in front of the house and a fire truck run was made to the school. Geo. Woodward for water alarm was turned in and a fire alarm became general but by the time a sufficient crowd had gathered to do effectual work the roof of the building was gone and no amount of effort could have saved it. A large number of people rushed into the building and managed to get out of the seats in the rear of the building, but these were more or less broken and torn to pieces and, practically, nothing was saved but the encyclopedia and a few books belonging to Mr. Horton. The origin of the blaze was not known but it is considered that it was of an incandescent nature, as the stairway leading to the building had been saturated

with coal oil and then set. Weaver Voyles, who was going home, saw a man in the yard with a torch, who appeared to be hunting for something about the stairway. The man worked there for a second or two and then went behind the coal house out of view. In a second or two he returned and again went to the stairway with his torch. Weaver, thinking it was the janitor getting kindling and coal for the morning passed on and gave the matter no further thought until he heard the alarm some fifteen minutes later. No trace was found of the man with the torch.

The enormity of the calamity was not so much in the loss of the building as in the serious blow struck at the school right in the middle of the session.

On Monday morning at nine o'clock a mass meeting was held at the Methodist church, at which time the matter of continuing the school was discussed and it was decided to do so by all means. Through the kindness of the various church organizations of the city the church buildings were tendered and by renting one building down town sufficient room was secured for the housing of the pupils. While they will be handicapped on account of insufficient seats and desks it is thought a reasonable progress can be had under these circumstances. The lack of blackboards was probably felt more than anything else but these were ordered by wire and it is thought will arrive within a week or ten days.

Miss Helm and Mrs. Vannoy and their little folks were given the Presbyterian church, Miss McMurtry the Baptist church, Mrs. Horton the Christian church, Mrs. Boyett the Methodist church, and the high

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

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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.

school will be conducted in the Odd Fellows Hall and the room below it, these having been fitted with seats and all the equipment possible under the circumstances.

The promptness with which the citizens responded to this need and the results from their efforts is most commendable and proves beyond a doubt that McLean's citizenship are rightly entitled to their reputation as believers in education and willing to espouse the cause with both brains and money.

MAY HAVE LIGHT PLANT

There is now a possibility that the citizens of McLean will, within the year, have an up-to-date electric light plant installed. At least plans to that effect are under way and at a called session of the city council Saturday afternoon a conditional franchise was granted, pending the further investigation and developments of the enterprise.

The Ryan Tire Tightener Co. have, in their dealings become possessed of a plant and it is their intention, if sufficient encouragement is received, to install it at this place. An electrician will be employed to figure out the details as to the cost of installation and operation and when this work is completed there will be something of a definite nature to announce.

It is also the intention of the promoters to put a small laundry equipment and possible the machinery necessary for the man-

ufacture of ice on a small scale. However this is all conjecture and there will be nothing more definite to announce for the present.

It seems to be the general opinion of the citizens that an institution of this nature would be success from a financial standpoint and also that sufficient interest would be taken by the people to insure it a liberal patronage. In our advance towards greatness a light plant will be indispensable and as soon as the field becomes strong enough to support one it should be installed by all means. After a careful canvass of the town the Ryan

Tire Tightener Co. will be able to decide whether or not the time is ripe. We hope their findings will be satisfactory and McLean may thus take another step cityward.

For Sale.

Mark, a Standard bred stallion, weighs 1260 pounds in medium flesh, good quality.

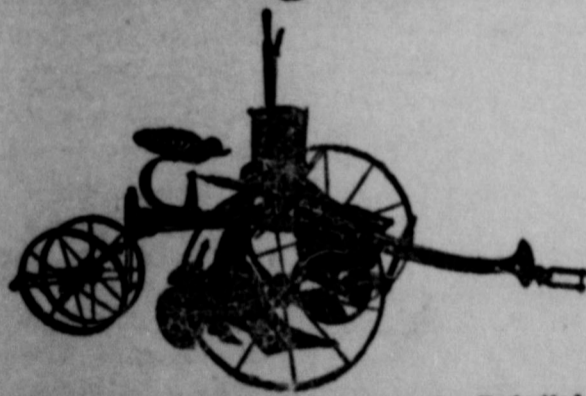
Julian, the American Draft horse, no better, can show colts.

Cotter, Gray Eagle jack, fifteen hands high. Come and see his mules. His ears measure 33 inches from tip to tip.

Blue Jay, Maltese jack, good quality, coming 3 years old.

See Will J. Hodges or D. N. Massay.

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Of McLean, Texas

GREAT MASON ON THE SIN OF SWEARING

We are not Samson, but we have been wondering, since getting a copy of the report of W. Lee Moore's report as Grand Master of the Texas Freemasons, if some one sent it to us after learning a few select remarks from us on the subject of gasoline engines. However that may be, Mr. Moore expresses exactly the belief of our sane moments in regards to swearing. He says:

I feel as though that to close this report without calling attention to the laxity of some lodges in the enforcement of discipline against members who are habitually guilty of the minor offenses of intemperance, gambling and profane swearing, especially the latter. By this statement I do not mean to charge that gambling and excessive drinking are common, for indeed they are of rare occurrence, and it is regrettable that the same cannot be said of the offence of profane swearing. Those grand and noble men who, after they had won the independence of Texas, established Freemasonry in this state, were so convinced of the degrading effect and influence of these vices that they wrote it in the constitution of this Grand Lodge that "The intemperate use of intoxicating drinks, gambling and profane swearing are

contrary to the principles of Masonry, and it is the duty of each lodge to punish any brother guilty thereof." Yet it is not unusual to hear a man, wearing the emblems of Masonry, utter the vilest oaths, even in the presence of young men. It is true that no lodge in this jurisdiction would long tolerate a member who was known to be an habitual drunkard or a gambler, but it is greatly to be regretted that many lodges are too tolerant of the more prevalent vice of profanity. It is also true that the teachings and precept of Masonry have done much to purify society of the baneful effects of drunkenness and gambling, yet there is much to be done to rid the lodges of those outwardly respectable men who habitually emit vile oaths. A Mason owes it to himself and to the Fraternity to be clean in his language as he should be upright in his conduct and dealings with his fellow men, if he would keep his white apron free from untempered mortar. For the slave habit of drink we can have some compassion, and for one who, from want of property, is tempted to steal to satisfy his hunger there is some excuse; but for the man, claiming to be respectable, who is habitually guilty of using profane language, there is neither palliation nor excuse.

Nothing can be more unbecoming a Mason. It is useless habit. It is coarse and vulgar, suited only to the gambling house and the brothel. It is offensive to any person of refined sensibilities. What man could tolerate or excuse profanity in his wife or his mother? And yet his wife or his mother has as much right to swear as he has; and, besides, she can swear without violating any obligation of Masonry, while he cannot. What lodge would tolerate a member who would habitually use profane language in the lodge room? And yet the offices would be no greater for him to violate his obligation in the lodge room than in any other respectable society, on the streets or in public places. Indeed, he has the same right to emphasize his statement with profanity while the lodge is at labor as he has to interlard his conversation with vulgar oaths after the lodge has been closed. That man who habitually violates his obligation and the written law of Masonry by the use of profane languages is out of place in a Masonic lodge, and if he will not separate himself from his vice the lodge ought, after fraternal warning, separate him from Masonry by expelling him. Such a man brings the fraternity into bad repute with the better class of citizenship. Let us cut loose from the profane swearer if he will not leave off his vicious habits. Let us purify our lodges of all who thus daily and habitually violate their obligation."—The Roswell Register-Tribune.

Will Issue Bonds

Tuesday evening the board of trustees called a mass meeting of citizens to be held in the high school room under the Odd Fellows lodge and something like a hundred men responded to the call. In opening the meeting A. B. Gardenhire stated that the purpose of the call was to get people together and explain to them the exact status of the school situation. It seems that in calling the election for the incorporation of the school district some little technical errors were made that would likely viciate the proposed bond issue for the erection of a new school building. In case this proves to be a fact another election will be held before any move can be made to this end. It also invalidate the tax levy that was voted latter.

After a short talk by Dr. Donnell and a strong appeal for education by Prof. Horton the citizens were asked to sign a paper which was prepared pledging themselves not to call for a refund of the thirty cents taxes paid in case the Attorney General should declare the election illegal. When it was understood what the paper contained those present who were voters signed it to a man and some eighty-five names were added.

As soon as the Attorney General makes his report on the abstract of the election further steps towards erecting a new school building will be taken and it is thought the citizens will require a substantial brick structure which will be commensurate with the need of the town for the next several years.

Notice.

A box supper at Gracey school house Saturday night, Feb. 12, for the general improvement of the school house. Everybody come and come prepared.

February Ladies Home Journal at the News office.

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

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The Christmas Rush Is Over

And I am again ready to give special attention to repair work. I also beg to announce that I expect to keep up my stock of clocks, watches, jewelry, silverware, etc., to their usual large assortment. In fact, as long as I run a jewelry store in McLean, I shall strive to give you service you cannot equal in any town three times as large as this.

JOHN B. VANNOY
OPTICIAN AND JEWELER

Shrink Your Own Tires

The Ryan Tire Tightener Co., a corporation capitalized for \$100,000.00, have purchased from Geo. Ryan, the patentee, the exclusive right of manufacture and sale of the Ryan Tire Tightener, and are making arrangements to place the same on the market at once.

The Ryan Tire Tightener is a simple little mechanical contrivance, by the use of which any one can keep their tires in perfect condition at all times and during all seasons without the usual expensive and troublesome recourse on the blacksmith. The tightener is fastened to the felloes, where it remains, and by one or two turns of the set screw the tire can be tightened or loosened to conform with all

atmospheric conditions.

The Ryan Tire Tightener is absolutely indestructible and will last you a lifetime. It can be taken off of one wheel and put on another without a moment's trouble. The Ryan Tire Tightener will add five years to the life of your wheel. By using the Ryan Tire Tightener you never dish your wheels as the spokes and felloes are kept exactly in place and no play in the hub is possible.

Wagon users will appreciate the wonderful saving both time and money by the use of this little tightener, which is practically inexpensive as compared with the old method of tire tightening or shrinking.

Let us show you this wonderful invention at the

McLean News Office

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Better prepared than ever to handle the business of a discriminating people desiring the services of a carefully managed banking house.

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NOW==DRY GOODS AT COST==NOW

Now is the time to buy. I am quitting business, and if you are in the market for Dry Goods it will pay you to get prices---and then buy if it is to your interest to do so.



YOURS TRULY
ARTHUR COOK



Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Onion sets at Foster & Sons.

D. W. West dropped us a dollar this week on subscription for which he has our thanks.

Fresh lot of onion sets at Foster & Sons.

O. P. Homel was in the city Saturday and had his name applied to our subscription list.

Nigger Head coal \$7.50 per ton at Foster & Sons.

L. M. Haynes left Wednesday for a few days business trip to various points in Oklahoma.

Silver King soft wheat flour, none better, at Bentley's.

Louis Webb, the prominent cattleman, was a business caller in the city Tuesday.

Try a sack of Celebrated Eureka flour guaranteed Bentley's, the Village Grocer.

Joe Clark returned Tuesday afternoon from a trip up the Rock Island.

Axle grease, the biggest box you ever bought for ten cents at Bentley's, the Village Grocer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovett of Pampa were in the city the latter part of last week the guest of friends.

Car Nigger Head lump coal just in at Foster & Sons. \$7.50 per ton.

We are indebted to W. E. McElmoyl for subscription favors, having ordered the News sent to W. H. Chambers at May, Texas.

The biggest ten cent box of axle grease on the market at Bentley's, the Village Grocer.

John A. Montgomery has ordered his name placed on our subscription list, accompanying the request with cash.

Swifts White soap. The best laundry soap on the market Six bars for 25cts at Foster & Sons.

Among the many visitors in the city Saturday afternoon was Caleb Smith from the Slavonia settlement.

We have new supply of Candidate cards. Let us print you some.

A complete line of fresh and up-to-the-minute groceries always in stock at the Village Grocery.

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

Emil Rother and Gene Williams left Sunday afternoon for a short prospecting trip into various portions of Kansas.

For Sale—Four houses and half block of land, water, sheds and good fence, close in. See Mrs. Easterwood.

R. L. Kennedy, the prominent Alanreed real estate broker was a caller on our streets Monday afternoon.

For Sale: Rhode Island Red cockrels both single and double combs. \$1.00 each. W. A. Fowler.

Miss Susie Biggers was in from her school near Naylor to spend the latter part of the week with her parents.

For Rent—125 acres of land one mile east of town section. No house. Apply A. A. Callahan.

Miss McMurtry spent the latter part of last week at LeFors the guest of the family of her brother.

No use to buy plain bill heads or statements before getting our price on printed ones—ours are as cheap.

W. H. Conley was a caller at this office Saturday and left a dollar on subscription, for which he has our thanks.

Why not have your Envelopes printed? They only cost 25 cts more on the five hundred.

Bunk Stubbs of Alanreed was here the first of the week for a day or two visiting with friends and relatives.

See Henry and Son when in need of anything in the feed line. We are selling for cash, but it takes very little cash.

E. E. Puckett, a prominent cattleman from the Portales country was a caller in the city the latter part of last week.

Eight spans of good young mules, ready for spring work, for sale, worth the money. Will J. Hodges, McLean, Texas.

We never did get that ninety odd thousand chickens we wanted and are still in the market for all the chickens we can buy. Bring us your chickens. McLean Mercantile Co.

If you should get "skinned" bring us your hide. We are in the market for all the hides we can get. McLean Mercantile Co.

Mrs W. M. Wieman of ElReno Okla., left for her home Saturday after having spent a couple of days here with the family of her brother, A. H. Biebrich.

All the hides and furs in the United States is a whole lot of hides but we stand ready to buy them. Bring us your hides. McLean Mercantile Co.

A deal was consummated this week whereby Ed Luthye becomes the owner of the city Livery Stable, having purchased the same from S. A. Biggers.

Eggs are still commanding an excellent price and they are scarce with us. Have you any eggs for sale? Bring them to the McLean Mercantile Co.

Walter and Omar Barker arrived in the city the latter part of last week from Noble, Okla., and will make this place their home in the future.

A large supply of all kinds of feed stuffs constantly on hand. Let us figure on your feed bill. We can make some interesting prices for cash. Henry & Son.

W. A. Stubbs has been engaged for the past week at Ramsdell where he was looking after the stock of goods for which he was recently appointed receiver.

We have at all times a complete stock of feed of all kinds and we can sell it cheap for cash. Come to see us. T. W. Henry & Son.

There is no better weekly paper for both young and old than the Youth's Companion. It costs \$1.75 per year, give us your subscription.

Will Wolfe and wife left this week for Duncan, Okla., where they will make their home in the future. They have many friends here who regret to note their departure.

Do you take the Youth's Companion? If so give us your renewal. We make a small commission and it saves you buying the money order, stamps, etc.

Dr. McGee, the Clarendon veterinarian, was here this week attending to professional business and it is possible the gentleman will decide to make this his headquarters. We will be glad to have him with us.

Arthur Cook spent last week at Pampa where he was engaged invoicing and taking over a large stock of goods recently purchased at that place. It is understood the gentleman will remove a portion of the stock he has here to that place and continue the business at both places.

John W. Kibler, proprietor of the local telephone system has been engaged for the past few weeks on a line from here to LeFors, which it is thought will be complete and ready for service in the very near future. This line will prove a great convenience for those who have business at the county capital and also proves that John W. don't overlook anything for the advancement of his and the town's interests.

J. G. Cox and family of Ontonga, Okla., arrived in the city the first of the week and will make this place their home for the present. It is hoped they will decide to remain with us permanently.

Willie Davidson, who has been here for the past several weeks the guest of Mr. DeVault, left Tuesday afternoon for Amarillo, where he will spend a few days and then go to his future home in California.

Palace Barber Shop

W. M. MASSAY, PROPRIETOR

Have moved to Paschal building opposite Palace drug store, and with two chairs running you don't have to wait. Cleaning, Pressing, Dyeing and Tailoring in connection.

All Work Guaranteed to Be The Best

What are You Going To Do Next Year

Are you going to make more money than you did last? How are you going to do it?

A carpenter wont saw a board or drive a nail until he finds out what he is going to build.

Now is the time to lay your plans. Profit by the mistakes of the past year, and if you have not bought your

Hardware and Implements

from us in the past—why—of course you have made a mistake and we are anxious for you to get right, for we are convinced—and we hope you are—that

We are the People

to do business with. We have a full line in every department. If you want chain, leather or rubber

Harness

figure with us. No better horse collars for the money. And by the fifteenth we hope to have anything you need in the implement line. Don't forget the place. We are headquarters and

Anxious for Your Business

**MCLEAN
HARDWARE
COMPANY**

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

ASK THE MAN

The Ryan Tire Tightener Company

WILL J. HODGES, SECRETARY

Alanreed Letter.

Grip seems to be raging, J. W. Ball and Mr Babb being the last victims. Mrs W. A. Ball returned to her home in Erick last week.

S. R. Kennedy and others are having their last bale of cotton ginned this week.

Mr. Gothard has moved to the Stafford place.

We were truly sorry to learn of McLean losing her school building.

The scarcity of feed and the severe winter is making it hard on stockmen.

H. C. Wilson has returned from the Pecos country, and does not like there as well as he thought he would.

Robert Quilan has returned from Virginia where he has been visiting the old folks at home.

Real estate agents seem to be having plenty of leisure now, and we predict that a few more crop failures will compel some of them to go out of the business.

Our school is still moving along smoothly, Ruth McCrackin, Alice Hardin, and T. Loftin of the eighth grade being on the honor roll this month. 4th grade pupils: Hawkins Slaten, Willie Barnes and Laura Agee.

Second grade Oscar Castleberry, George Elms, Guy Paxton.

First Grade, Jenel Bastick and Eva Bastick.

REUBIN.

Slavonia Sayings.

Health of the community good. Next Sunday at 11 a. m. the Slavonians will have services at the school house.

The American Sunday school will be held at 3 p. m. next Sunday, it being the first Sunday in the month, but the other three Sundays it will be at 10:30 a. m. as usual, and in the future the first Sunday in every month the Sunday school will be held at 3 p. m. The singing last Friday night at C. A. Linkey's was well attended, there being twenty-one present, and midnight four of the crowd singing the farewell song.

Friday night, February 4, the singing will be held at Geo. Sapp's if the weather is favorable.

Last Sunday Mrs. Mertel gave a dinner in honor of her daughter and son, Mrs. Anna Kre and Sam Pakan, and their families.

Caleb Smith and wife and Miss Iseal Smalley spent the day last Sunday with Walter Stauffer and family.

C. A. Linkey, Phil Hockstetter spent the day last Sunday with G. A. Sapp and family.

Previous have finished shelling they only shelled what they

had for market. We did not learn how much corn they all had but we did hear that Sam Pakan shelled 1200 bu. and Kre 800 and Valencik 1350.

Chas. Bada was a business caller in McLean Thursday.

Harry Smock went to McLean Thursday to meet his mother who is here on a visit. She lives in Chicago.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—"This one thing I do."

Leader—Andy Floyd.

Song. "I am thine, O Lord."

Prayer.

Scripture Reading—Luke 11: 33-37; 10:26-28.

Song and collection for Quart-erlies.

Scripture Reading—Luke 18: 20-27 and comment, Miss Bertha Guill.

Single Purpose—second para-graph in Quarterly, Ernest Clark.

Scripture Reading—Luke 10: 28-30, Roy Rice.

Scripture Reading—Joshua 14 6-15, Isabelle Francis.

Concert reading—Ps. 1.

Song.

Motto—"May the Lord watch between me and you while we are absent one from another."

Presbyterian Church.

The interest and attendance at Sunday School is still growing. Two new scholars added to the Bible Class. All the teachers and officers present except two. All the Elders and Deacons of the church were present except two and we are disposed to believe that these four were unavoidably detained. Our policy is, or should be, to give the Sunday School and religious services on the Sabbath the right-of-way allowing nothing but sickness to keep us away. As a whole we are greatly encouraged but there are other families and individuals that we confidently expect. Every Presbyterian

family must be inlisted and we cordially invite and most heartily welcome any who are not now attending Sunday School anywhere.

The sermon at eleven was on the ordination vows of a Ruling Elder. Text Psa. 116:12-14.

After the sermon the session set apart Dr. W. R. Orr by ordaining him Ruling Elder in the congregation.

The evening service was largely attended. The Beattitudes and law of Christian Influence, Matt. 5:1-17.

Our next regular preaching service occurs next Sabbath.

Next Friday evening at 7:15 Prayer meeting and song practice at the church. Come.

J. G. House, pastor.

L. M. Haynes & Son have sold their entire stock of merchandise and the town property to P. R. Sanders of Oklahoma and the gentleman has taken charge of the business. For the present Mr. Haynes has not decided upon a course for the future but it is hoped he will remain in this city and take up some other line of work. Mr. Sanders will move his family here in the course of the next few weeks and we join the entire community in extending him a hearty welcome to our little city.

If you want choice of my young Rhode Island Red Cocker-els now is the time full bloods \$1.00 each. Same chicken would cost you \$2.00 any where else. — W. A. Fowler. 1tp

W. A. Mabry and R. S. Lagow, with their families, arrived in the city last Sunday from Arkansas and will make this place their home. Mr. Lagow and E. M. Mabry will join R. S. Mabry on the farm recently purchased from B. D. Briscoe and the other gentleman will probably open up a photograph gallery in the building formerly occupied by Mr. Chisholm. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

Charlie Caracker and family, U. G. Calvert and family and J. P. and Will J. Hodges left Wednesday afternoon for a trip north, Mr. Calvert going to Illinois and the remainder of the party to Missouri. They will be gone about ten days.

S. E. Fast was a caller in the city Monday and took out a new cream separator which he has recently purchased. Finding the butter market rather over-run the gentleman has decided to ship his cream to Amarillo.

Lost—a note dated in April 1909, and running to July 1909, for \$21.05, made payable to L. M. Haynes by C. A. and E. E. Watkins. Same is marked paid. Finder please return to either of the Mr. Watkins or this office.

Strayed—Little black pig with four white feet. Finder will please return to Mrs. J. W. Sugg.

To The Public.

Having purchased the stock of merchandise formerly owned L. M. Haynes by & Son I have moved to your city for the purpose of continuing the business and will appreciate your trade. All the customers of Mr. Haynes may feel assured of the same courteous treatment and careful consideration that has been extended them in the past and to those who have not traded at this store extend a hearty welcome to call and inspect our stock and our business methods and we believe that we can make it to your interest to become a regular customer. We intend to sell for cash strictly and in that way will be enabled to buy for cash getting the very closest prices obtainable. We can save you money and we would be glad to have you call and let's get acquainted.

Yours truly,
P. R. Sanders.

For Sale or Trade: Two old mules, will either trade for one good mule, saddle pony, milk cow and chickens, or what have you! Also for sale good kafir corn and cane in bundles. Two year old shelled pop corn and chuffers. A tent. Some good seed corn left. One and two horse planter. Apply to Ghas. Goebel, 5 miles east of McLean. 2tp

The first of the year has come and gone and we still have a number of old accounts on our books that we would be glad have settled in some matter at once. We would urge that all those who know themselves to be indebted to us call at once and let us have some understanding about the matter. Credit extended is at best an accommodation to you and we feel that you should at least give us some reason for not paying. Very truly yours,
Turner and Grigsby.

Wants It Again.

In this week's issue appears the announcement of John W. Holder who aspires to re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Gray county at the November election. Mr. Holder has served the people well for three terms and is running on his merits and qualifications, feeling that his thorough knowledge of the workings of the office and his acquaintance with the various duties that will be his if elected should appeal to the voters. He will appreciate your support.

P. J. Barnes, who has been in the city for the past three months, looking after his real estate holdings in this section, will leave tomorrow for his home in Northfork, Nebraska. The gentleman has made a host of friends while here who wish him well wherever his inclinations may lead him. The News will follow him.

Lost. Pair of nickel plated glasses. Return to A. R. Guill.

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TEXAS

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

Per Year\$1.00

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

Commercial Club An Organized Body

The fact that McLean has awakened from her lethargic state of inactivity and entered upon a new era, one fraught with many possibilities for the future, is now assured. The McLean commercial club has met and organized and her coffers are filled with the required amount of capital to push the work that may come in her way. We say, "three cheers for the posters."

After securing the names and checks of thirty five of our most prominent citizens who were willing to put their money behind their faith, a meeting was called for Saturday night at the Citizens State Bank, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. There were present about thirty of the thirty-five members and after electing D. N. Massay as temporary chairman and A. G. Richardson as temporary secretary they proceeded to a permanent organization. It was decided that the subscription be closed and the club chartered under the laws of the state. At this point A. B. Gardenhire, the prime mover in this organization, responded to a call for speech and delivered himself of a noble address on the plans proposed for the club and the work to be undertaken.

"The main idea of this club is to promote the welfare of this section of the Panhandle and to bring into our country more people who will till our rich lands. This can only be done by concerted action of all the people with the same ideas in a view and all fighting for a common cause. As it has been in the past it was folly for a man to spend his money seeking immigration to this town and undertaking, in his capacity as an individual, to sell our land to the homeseeker. There were always anywhere from one to a dozen men standing ready to offer your prospective customers a better bargain than you could and if unable to sell him would at least create a sufficient distrust in his mind that no one could sell him. The consequence was I quit and so did others who were working for the rebuilding of the country and for the past two years the community as a whole has been on a standstill.

"You let the sorriest bum (if we have one) in this town tell a stranger that he is monkeying with a man who will skin him and sell him a gold brick if he gets a chance and the stranger will believe him, regardless of contrary statements from every banker and business man in the town." This being the case it is necessary that we have an organization, composed of the best business and professional men of the city; and each one a pledged booster for the country. If a stranger drops into the town he will get a glad hand and a heart-

ty welcome, and each member of of this club will have an encouraging word and a sincere recommendation for this particular section.

"I hope to see this club grow in both wealth and influence and in the very near future I believe we can not only devote our attention to the bringing of immigration to this point, but we can reach out and build enterprises in our town that will add to our growth and general prosperity."

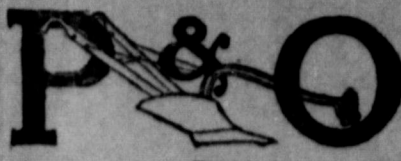
Mr. Gardenhire was followed by short talks from several citizens, all of which served as a stimulant and created the necessary enthusiasm to start the club with a long hard shove. Proceeding to the election of officers the following were chosen to fill the different places: C. S. Rice, president; F. M. Faulkner, vice president; A. G. Richardson, secretary and J. R. Hindman, treasurer. Three men were elected in addition to these to act with them as a board of directors. They were: C. M. McCullough, J. A. Grundy and D. N. Massay.

A committee to draft the articles of incorporation and also the constitution and by-laws was elected as follows: W. R. Patterson, S. E. Boyett, R. H. Collier and Wm. Abernathy. A few short talks by various members and the instructing of the secretary to secure and fit up the necessary offices in the Palace Hotel building the meeting adjourned to meet again next Saturday night, at which time the organization will be perfected and other necessary details gone over.

With an active club of this nature, supplied with sufficient funds to carry on its work in an effectual way, we feel that the future of the McLean country has assumed a more cheering aspect and the things that will be brought about for the general good are many. Let us all, even those who felt that they were not able to become a member, join our hands and hearts together in this cause and leave no work undone that promises a beneficial return to this choice section of the great Panhandle of Texas.


Following we give a list of the members who have identified themselves with the club:

- Wm. Abernathy
- D. N. Massay
- A. B. Gardenhire
- J. L. Crabtree
- John B. Vannoy
- A. G. Richardson
- McLean Hardware Co.
- R. P. Reeves
- J. D. Back
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- McLean Mercantile Co.
- George Woodward
- Scott Johnson
- B. F. Gardenhire
- S. E. Boyett
- J. R. Hindman
- W. P. Rogers
- M. D. Bentley
- S. O. Cook
- W. H. Bates
- F. B. Ketchelhofer.

It was decided that in order to accommodate those who were still anxious to join the club but had not signed the list would be permitted to do so the early part of the week and those added

were:
Frank Cooke.
Dr. W. E. Ballard.

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"By mutual action and mutual aid
Great deeds are done and mammoth cities made.
The wise new backbone to the wise inspire,
And one hard worker fans another's fire."

Married in Oklahoma.
Perry Koons arrived here Tuesday afternoon from a little business trip to Sandy, Okla., but he did not come alone. No one had any idea that Perry had matrimonial aspirations but on his return it was found that he had been married to Miss Maud Roach, who formerly lived here and who has many friends in this section. Mr. Koons has al-

so been resident of this city for several years and is one of our most popular boys. The young people are for the present at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Koons, where they are receiving the congratulations of a host of well wishers, with whom the News heartily joins.

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(Re-Election)
C. L. UPHAM

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

J. B. PASCHALL
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Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at ten a. m. Junior League at 3 p. m. Senior League at 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. Woman's Home Mission Society at 3 p. m. on Monday after the second and fourth Sundays. Services exactly on time.
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Lodge Directory

A. F. & A. M.—McLean Lodge No. 889, meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.
C. W. COX, W. M.
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R. A. M.—McLean Chapter No. 279 meets on the first Monday night in each month.
S. E. BOYETT, H. P.
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I. O. O. F.—McLean Lodge No. 229 meets every Tuesday night.
C. C. COOPER, N. G.
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Rebekah—Golden Rod Lodge No. 109 meets on the first and third Monday afternoons and the second and fourth Monday nights in each month.
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MRS. J. S. DENSON, Sec.

W. O. W.—McLean Camp No. 1699 meets every Saturday night.
W. R. PATTERSON, C. C.
W. B. UPHAM, Clerk.

Woodmen Circle—Sunshine Grove No. 588 meets on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of each month.
MRS. C. S. RICE, Guardian.
MRS. W. J. HODGES, Clerk.

M. W. A.—McLean Camp No. 12706 meets on the first and third Friday nights in each month.
J. L. TURNER, N. C.
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Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between M. J. Brooks, T. J. McClain, C. L. Upham and C. M. Carpenter, under the style of the McLean Mercantile Company, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 10th day of Jan. A. D. 1910. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid, and those due same discharged at the office of said firm on Main street in the town of McLean, Gray county, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said M. J. Brooks, T. J. McClain and C. L. Upham under the firm name of the McLean Mercantile Company.

McLean Mercantile Co.
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M. J. Brooks,
T. J. McClain,
C. M. Carpenter.

McLean, Texas, Jan. 8th, 1910.

**THE CAREER
OF A BISCUIT**

The following will give a very clear and lucid idea of "The Career of a Biscuit" as outlined by a pupil of the public school after having listened to a lecture on a similar subject by Mr. Horton. If our readers will go into this essay very carefully there will be no further doubt in their minds as to the exact route traveled by the "staff of life" during its career as a muscle and sinew builder. It's very simple:

"A buiscuit is a concoction of powdered wheat mixed with protoxide of metal sodium, pungent chloride of sodium and the squint essence of buttermilk. After having been thoroughly stirred and reduced to a sticky mass it is placed in a hot oven and cooked in order to render it toothsome and subject to prehension. After being subjected to this process it goes through the following general stages: Prehension, mastication, insalavation, deglution, absorption and assimilation.

First the biscuit is gracefully harpooned with a common garden variety of table fork and placed in the orifice of the stomatella where the molars and set to work and it thoroughly masticated, during which time the salava pours out from the three pairs of salava glands known as the periodic, the submaxillary and the sublingual, the function of which is to moist the biscuit and transform the starches into grape sugar. As soon as it has been thoroughly masticated and insalavated it is forced over the epeglotis thence through the oesophages, thence through the cardiac orifice into the stomach where it receives gastric juice from the unicus membrane, the function of which is to act on the introgeous and prepare it to enter the circulation. The peristaltic action of the stomach takes place in order to prepare the biscuit (if it can still be a biscuit!) to come in contact with the unicus membrane and mix with the gastric juice. The food continues to rush down and the asmosis system absorbs all chyme. It finally stumbles onto the liver. All that has not been absorbed in this way passes out through the pylorus into the dudenum where it receives pancreatic juice from the pancreas. It then ceases to be a biscuit. Perfectly clear isn't it?

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