

The McLean News

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TO THE PUBLIC

For eleven short months I have tried to serve you as a hardware flunkey. I have tried as best I could to treat you as courteous as was possible. I have at all times acted with exact justice between house and customer. I have not flinched from my duty at any time, as I saw it—in short, I have done my best. How well I have succeeded I leave you to render decision.

My connection with the hardware business ceases on account of an ambition to do business for myself. I have purchased the stock of G. F. Anders and will continue the business at the same place for the present. From this time on I will be glad to see you at the Village Grocery and serve you in the capacity of the village grocer. It will be my pleasure to supply your table with the best that money can buy and at live and let live prices. My future career depends entirely upon your support, which I hope will be strong and steady. Phone 85

Yours for pleasant business,

M. D. BENTLEY, THE VILLAGE GROCER

Another Big Rain

Monday the McLean country was visited by the best and probably the biggest rain that has fallen here this year. About ten o'clock in the forenoon it commenced raining and continued practically all day with a steady downpour, the kind that soaks the ground as full as it will hold. This rain was very much needed as the crops were suffering considerably, most of the early corn being practically beyond the reach of aid. About all the late corn, however, was holding up well under the strain of the continued dry weather and will make a good yield. There had been scattered rains over this section right along but this is the first general rain since the early part of June.

All the feed crops such as millet, sorghum and kafir corn was greatly benefitted and will yield abundantly.

It is claimed by those who are in a position to know that this land especially the sandy land, holds moisture and resists a drouth better than any they have ever cultivated, and to this is probably due the fact that most of the corn is still in first class condition. It is stated that as the acreage planted to corn is so much larger than ever before in this community it is estimated that more corn will be marketed here than usual.

Considering that the entire southwest has suffered more or less from dry weather this year, and that in many localities there will not be enough stuff raised to replace the seed planted, we feel that we are justified in saying the McLean country leads them all for farming purposes.

Mr. Farmer, this country needs you and you cannot find a better one to ply your industry. If you are paying too much for land, if you are suffering from the severe summer heat and winter blasts, if you are bothered with all sorts of pests, if you are living in a community that is not sufficiently moral and has not sufficient educational advantages, if your taxes are too high—if you want to better yourself and live in a prosperous community—come to the McLean country and your ambition will be realized.

Here, was in the city the latter part of last week the guest of his old friend and business associate, W. R. Patterson. The gentleman visited with quite a number of old friends and acquaintances while in the city.

spend a cent. That's the end and aim of advertising and if ever you open a store, don't try to get them to come when they are already sticking out of the windows, but give them your advertisement right between the eyes in a dull season, and you will wax and own a fast horse and perhaps be able to smoke a cigar once or twice a year. Write this down where you'll fall all over it every day. The time to draw business is when you want business, and not when you have more business than you can tend to already.—La Rue (O.) News.

Geo. Woodward, manager for the Western Lumber Co., has purchased the two lots joining the company property on the north and has a force of men at work this week on the construction of a large and commodious shed for the housing of coal. This will be one of the best buildings of its nature in this section of the country and it is a monument to the faith Mr. Woodward holds in the commercial advancement of the town and community. A few more such men would be of great benefit to the town.

T. G. Hawkins, who is president of the Sturgis National Bank at Hills-

McLean vs. Cardinals.

Probably the largest and most enthusiastic crowd that has witnessed a game of baseball in some time gathered at the local grounds Saturday afternoon in response to the announcement of a game between the McLean team and the St. Louis Cardinals. After the line-up was arranged it developed that the Cardinals were simply the first team dressed in ladies' attire—to a certain extent. They were matched with the second nine and a most interesting game was the result, the score being 5 to 8 in favor of the Cardinals.

Except for a few errors that allowed most of the scores, and which doubtless resulted from the lack of practice on both sides, the game was thoroughly played. The most interesting features—the ones that made the game worth the money—were the phenomenal, buzz-saw, range delivery pitching of Henry Bailey for the second nine, and the cool headed, far reaching manner in which Sid Cook held all the territory adjacent to the first bag for the Cardinals. Sid took land like a gang plow and no ball that passed between first and second base escaped him—and he did it all with one foot on the bag.

The mother-hubbards worn by the Cardinals were of every color and stripe and looked ridiculously cute draped around the stunning forms of some of the rough necks that wore them. We must say that they were the most lady-like bunch of ball players and drew the biggest crowd of fans of any aggregation that has showed in McLean for many a day.

The Time to Advertise.

There's nothing on earth so mysteriously funny as an advertisement. The prime, first and last, and all-the-time object of an advertisement is to draw custom. It is not and never will be, designed for any other purpose. So the merchant waits till the busy season comes and his store is so full of customers that he can't get his hat off, and then he rushes to his printer and goes in for advertising. When the dull season gets along and there is no trade and he wants to sell his goods so bad he can't pay his rent, he stops advertising. That is, some do, but occasionally a level-headed merchant does more of it, and scoops in all the business, while his neighbors are struggling to make ends meet. There are times when you couldn't stop people from buying everything in the store if you planted a cannon behind the door, and that's the time when the advertisement is sent out on its help mission. It makes light work for advertising, for a chalk sign on the sidewalk could do all that was needed, and a half-holiday six days in a week. Advertisements are built to do hard work, and should be sent out in dull days, when a customer has to be knocked down with hard facts, and kicked insensible with bankrupt reductions, and dragged in with irresistible slaughter of prices, before he will

TO THE Business Community

We Extend the Accommodations of a Strong and Well Equipped Bank,

STOCKHOLDERS

D. N. Massay, J. L. Crabtree, J. T. Close,
Dr. W. E. Ballard, Judge T. M. Wolfe, Dr. J. A. Green,
H. R. Mullis, J. T. Glass, A. L. Rippey,
Mrs. A. A. Christian, Wm. Abernathy.

OFFICERS

D. N. Massay, Pres. J. L. Crabtree, Vice Pres.
Wm. Abernathy, Cashier A. L. Rippey, Asst. Cashier

CITIZENS STATE BANK
Of McLean, Texas

Chas. Morris had the misfortune Friday to get his left hand caught in a well drill and the thumb and forefinger were badly mashed. The physician who dressed the hand is of the opinion that amputation will not be necessary, but the injury is quite painful and the gentleman will not be able to use the hand for some time.

R. N. Jones and family left the first of the week for their former home in Nebraska. Mr. Jones chartered a car and all the space not otherwise occupied he filled with hay and other feed stuff. When a man is moving to an uncertain country it is well to prepare for emergencies, and we feel that Mr. Jones acted wisely in taking along enough feed to do him.

A force of men were at work this week building a large concrete foundation upon which the Rock Island water tank will be moved. This move was found necessary on account of the present foundation gradually giving away and letting the tank sink. W. L. Oliver has charge of the work which will probably be completed the latter part of this week.

Hotel Beautiful.

The Hotel Hindman is beginning to look like a seaside summer cottage and is a living example of the wisdom of planting trees and flowers. Mr. Hindman has planted trees along the walk on Main and First streets the entire length of the building, and by having them protected from the ravages of loose stock he has them now almost to the height of the hotel and in a year or two more the entire building will be lost in the wilderness of shade and living green. He cultivates them as frequently as it is necessary and gives them plenty of water from the well and the growth made this year is especially noticeable. He also has a number of climbers that have almost taken the place and add greatly to the general beauty.

Mr. Hindman has recently had the building repainted with a coat of white trimmed in green and black and the effect is cool and inviting. Another example of the gentleman's public spirited thrift is the walk constructed from the hotel to the depot for the convenience of guests in the muddy weather.

If we could all follow Mr. Hindman's example by planting and caring for trees around our homes it would only be a short time until McLean could boast of being one of the prettiest towns in existence, for all kinds of temperate zone trees grow and thrive here and the little work necessary to care for them properly would be nothing as compared with the added value and beauty of the place. Let's try it.

The World's Disasters.

An exchange, in glancing over the papers, has discovered a number of cases where people have been injured in various parts of the anatomy. Here are a few cases cited: While Miss Pearl Kinsmore of East Win, Ind., was coming down stairs Tuesday she slipped and bruised herself on the landing. Amos Nittleby of Woolpost, Kan., while harnessing a fractious horse, was kicked just south of the corn crib; he is able to be out again. While Harold Green of Beulah, Miss., was escorting Miss Violet Goof home from a church sociable Saturday night a savage dog set upon them and bit Miss Goof four times on the public square. Joseph Tutt of Grimelsburg, Iowa, climbed on the roof of his house last week to find a leak and fell, striking on his back porch, causing serious injuries. Isaiah Trimmer of Dolbery, Neb., was playing with a cat Friday, when the animal scratched him on the veranda.—Eldorado Herald.

Quite the opposite to what befell the McLean boy who called on his sweetheart. She kissed him on his arrival; on his entering; on his sitting down; on his departure and on his return. This is hearsay.

W. M. Greenwood, a former citizen of Alanreed but now living in Oklahoma was in McLean Monday on business.

EVERYTHING

We are especially well stocked with the most complete and comprehensive stock of building material in the west and we are making some very attractive figures on house bills. Do you intend building? If so we are prepared to make competitive bids on

Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Moulding, Paints and Varnishes—in fact everything that is needed in the way of building material, and we would like to enroll you with our many well-satisfied customers.

Western Lumber Company

THE McLEAN NEWS

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

McLEAN

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.

The phrase "feather his nest" is no longer adequate to explain the reason for some people being in the U. S. Senate. How about "pad his incubator"?

As we go to press the McLean country is getting another fine rain. If there was any doubt about the corn "filling out" it is now forever settled.

Did you ever see anything go like our two-for-one offer? There are not a more liberal bunch of citizens in the world than the citizens of the McLean country. Who's next?

The big gun of the steel trust informed the people of the United States that he had control of the steel business over the entire world and his industry did not need protection, but the financial incubator at Washington already had his egg and it hatched.

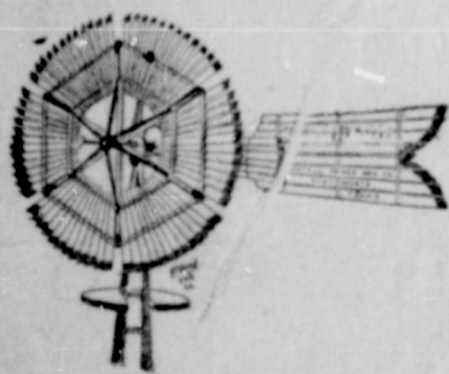
The Alabama legislature has pending a bill making it an offense to publish the names of victims of criminal assault. There are other phases of this crime that should have a little legislative attention. It is possible that more drastic laws for the handling of such criminals would stop a great deal of lynching.

Officers all over the United States are still scouring the hand laundries and chop souie joints of the nation in an effort to land the manacles of the law on a Chinese murderer and the faithful christian people are still donating their hard earned money to send other missionaries into the same danger that overtook the New York girl.

Another instance of special privileges to the few and "tell" with the rest was culminated a few days since when the big friend of the people, President Wm. H. Taft, stuck his official to the tariff bill that has been fattening republican—and several democratic—senators for the past session of the national congress. Mr. Taft in his campaign was strongly in favor of the much needed revision of the tariff and has made his promise good—but how? Certainly not the way the people demanded.

About this time of the year we are again reminded that the greatest graft and the most uncalled for hardship on the citizens of Texas that ever emanated from its law making body is the text book law. It also appears that we are to have four more years of this sort of thing. Under the present system it is a burden on the book dealer to handle the adopted books and consequently there is always a dearth of them in stock, and untold inconvenience and loss of time results to teachers and pupils. All the money there was to be made out of text books, barring the profit of the manufacturer, was made when the books were adopted.

Up in South Dakota the Sioux Indians recently showed their skill at political scheming to be on a par with any people and outwitted the whites on every hand. An election was to be held for the organization of a county and the election of officers in a community where the Indian was in the majority. They went to work and elected a full ticket. When the whites talked of contest two or three of them jumped in an auto and rushed to headquarters, had their bonds made and commissions executed, returned the same day and met in an old schoolhouse where the county was duly organized and all officers installed before the whites knew what was being done. When to show that they were entirely civilized and up to the latest fashion one Sallie Dog Soldier immediately entered a plea for divorce and alimony from her husband, He Dog Soldier. They have a modern government by modern people.



THE
G-A-M-E-R

Is now conceded to be the best Windmill made—by all who know windmills. It has two special features, over any other mill and when you see one you will admit that it has all others beaten by a "City block". Prices same as inferior mills.

A WISE BUYER

Will always give the matter of quality more consideration than price. The purchase price of a cheaper grade mill does not represent the real cost as the future repair bills and inconvenience will increase the price paid to more than a life time cost of a high grade "GAMER". The cost of the "GAMER" is therefore eventually less and with it you are sure of perfect and greater satisfaction.

Yours for quality,

**McLean Hardware
Company**

Northfork Notes.

The farmers are rejoicing over the recent rain which assures us a good feed crop.

Perry LeFors has been very sick for some time, but we are glad to learn he is improving at present.

Mrs. A. H. Doucette of Beaumont arrived Tuesday to be with her father, Perry LeFors, during his illness.

Mrs. L. H. Webb visited with Mrs. Morse Saturday.

Miss Ruth Hawkins is spending a few days in McLean this week attending the Baptist meeting in progress there.

Mrs. Hawkins and children spent the evening at the Langley home Tuesday.

Mrs. Eshleman will return Sunday to her home in Dallas. We hope she will pay us another visit soon and come prepared to stay longer.

Oscar Mathis visited at Northfork Sunday.

Miss Ruth Paschal visited at Northfork a few days, the guest of Miss Maud Webb.

Mrs. Morse is expecting a visit from her sister, Mrs. Douglas, the last of the week.

AUNT SAMANTHA.

Royal Neighbors Notice.

The regular business meeting of the Royal Neighbors tonight (Friday) at the hall. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be transacted.

O. E. S.

At the regular meeting of McLean, Chapter O. E. S. to be held on Thursday evening August 19th, officers will be elected for the ensuing year. All members urged to be present. Visiting sisters and brothers cordially invited to attend. By order of Essie Deason, Worthy Matron.

Notice

There will be service at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock. There will be no service at 8:30 p. m. League, Junior at 3 o'clock, Senior at 4 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

M. L. Moody, Pastor.

J. A. Scamahorn left yesterday for Oklahoma City. It is understood the gentleman contemplates going into business at that place.

Justice court is in session this morning, Judge Will J. Hodges is presiding, and it is announced there is a full docket. Lawyers Underwood and Wright of Amarillo, Hardin of Alameda and Ewing of Miami are in attendance.

W. L. Cash and family left yesterday for Oklahoma where they will make their home in the future. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for abundant success in their new home.

A. G. Graham has returned from a business trip to Oklahoma.

Jas. F. Heasley is down from Amarillo today on legal business.

Hay! Hay! Hay! See E. A. Erwin for hay. All baled and ready for delivery.

Elegant Parlor Cars

VIA THE



Amarillo to Oklahoma City

Daily

**SHORTEST
QUICKEST
BEST
LINE**

to Oklahoma, Arkansas, S. E.

All Important Western cities reached via our rails.

For a trip anywhere, full details by applying to
Phil A. Auer, G. P. A.
C. R. L. & G.
Ft. Worth, Texas

D. H. Nunn, Local Agent.

Uncle Sam Knows

—that the greatest strain comes on a shoe right where the tip joins the upper. He knows that a cut-off vamp shoe (pieced at the toe) simply can't stand the strain of hard wear and much walking. That pretty soon the threads pop, the tip pulls away from the upper and all the wearer has is a shoe in two pieces. For when men build a bridge they make it strongest at the place where the greatest strain is going to come. If they made it weakest there to save a little money you could not understand it. Yet most of the shoes made are cut-off vamp shoes (pieced at the toe) the kind that is weakest at the point of greatest strain. In a full vamp shoe the vamp leather continues on down under the tip to the toe where it is sewed into the sole. The strain then comes on a solid leather instead of on two rows of thread and a bit of glue. That's the reason why the United States Government, in buying for the army, navy and every other department of the government service or supply departments

Specifies and Insists on Full Vamp Shoes

Uncle Sam knows what's what in buying shoes—he's a close student of the right kind of economy. He buys the kind that is built like a bridge. Gets things that are good at the start and thereby saves future expense in repairs and replacing. Take a leaf out of his book of experience and specify and insist on full vamp shoes.

Courtney's Full Vamp Shoes Are Right Ask the Wearer

We have them in all sizes and shapes and at the very lowest possible prices for real shoes. Come in and look over our stock.

McLean Mercantile Company

COLD DRINKS

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.

Palace Drug Store

Wolfe & Holder, Proprietors

HODGES & COSBY REAL ESTATE AGENTS

We have farm and ranch lands in any sized tracts from 40 acres up. Easy terms and reasonable prices. We can also please you in city property. If interested, write us your wants

**INSURANCE IN ALL ITS BRANCHES
WE HANDLE ALL KINDS OF LIVE STOCK**

McLean, Texas.

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

All kinds Fresh Meats and Lard. Everything Clean and Wholesome.

Biggers & Graham

Proprietors

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

A. B. Gardenhire was in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

See our 5c and 10c counter. McLean Hardware Co.

Mrs. A. A. Callahan is on the sick list this week.

J. C. Biggers has our thanks for a big dollar on subscription.

Smoked bacon at 17 cents per pound. Foster & Son.

Mrs. Chisholm and children spent the first of the week in Wheeler county the guest of Mrs. J. S. Earp.

We will take in exchange for dry goods fat chickens. Highest market price paid. E. H. Small & Co.

Mrs. Rowles of Comanche arrived in the city Tuesday for a visit with her old friend, Mrs. C. A. Cash.

The best coal on the market—we are selling it at \$8.00 per ton. Can you beat that price? Foster & Son.

J. N. Guy of Hardin, Eastland county, Texas, is here for a thirty days' visit with friends.

A few more of those suits left to sell at a big reduction. You had better get busy. L. M. Haynes & Son.

Mrs. Nance of Pattensburg, Mo., is in the city for a visit with parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Faulkner.

Bert Mars and Earnest Hall were business visitors at Alanreed Sunday afternoon.

A big stock of shoes on hand that will be sold at the cost price. L. M. Haynes & Son.

Sid Cook left Sunday for a business visit in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. L. H. Taylor of the Fogg neighborhood visited last week with Mrs. A. A. Callahan.

We are selling the best Louisiana Cane Sugar for \$5.75 per hundred. Compare these prices. Foster & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pollard and Wheeler Foster have returned from an extended trip to Ochiltree county.

W. A. Dougherty has our thanks for subscription favors this week, paying for four yearlies.

Men's pants, \$1.00 grade going at 75 cents. Come and get them. E. H. Small & Co.

J. C. Hedrick of Shamrock was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

If you want good goods and cheap goods it will pay you to see Haynes & Son.

L. W. Wilson, who lives on the old Gamble place, was a business caller in the city Wednesday.

Bud Littleton returned Wednesday afternoon from an extended visit to various points in New Mexico.

It will pay you, ladies, to see our 5c and 10c counter. McLean Hardware Co.

Mrs. L. A. Thompkins is here from Mallard, Texas, for an extended visit with her son, John W. Kibler.

D. L. Blum, representing the Wyeth Hardware Co. was here from Clinton Monday.

P. M. Keller was among the business visitors in the city Monday afternoon.

Prof. Turman spent a few days this week in Shamrock, the guest of his mother and other relatives.

Rev. Fox and wife and daughter were in the city Thursday and made the News office a pleasant call.

Mrs. Florence Reed of Floss is visiting here with her brother, A. A. Callahan.

T. B. Harris of Ramsdell was transacting business in the city Wednesday.

Foster & Son are selling dry salt bacon at 15 cents per pound. That is cheaper than you can get it elsewhere.

E. L. Turley of Boswell, Okla., is here for an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Ashby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Guill are in Plainview this week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Addie Gunter of Atlanta, Ga., was here a couple of days last week the guest of her nephew, Sid Denson.

Miss Lula Morrison of Oklahoma spent Sunday and Monday here the guest of her friend, Miss Amie Faulkner.

A specially large stock of Uvalde Comb Honey fresh and pure. \$1.75 a bucket. Investigate this. Foster & Son.

Miss Ella Berchard who has been here for some time visiting with Miss Amie Faulkner, left for her home at Mobeetie Monday.

We are selling tailored suits at cost and have only a few left. Come early and get a good selection. They will not last long. E. H. Small & Co.

W. J. Denson and Miss Ruby Ross of Tulsa, father and niece of Sid Denson, are here for a visit with the latter.

The Louis Brand canned goods are absolutely the best on the market. If you are particular we can please you in canned goods. Foster & Son.

Nob Brown was calling on local merchants this week in the interest of Coleman-Lysaght-Blair at Amarillo.

Mrs. L. W. Wilson of the Heald neighborhood left Thursday for Knox county where she will visit with her parents.

Need a shirt? We are selling them cheap. All \$1.25 soft shirts to close at \$1.00. Come early. E. H. Small & Co.

Prominent among the visitors in the city this week was D. R. Wade of Oklahoma City. The gentleman was the guest of his old friend, John W. Kibler.

Mrs. Chas. Nolan of Dewey, Okla., arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seurlock.

We are closing out our ladies ready made skirts at actual cost. This is an opportunity you have been looking for. E. H. Small & Co.

H. C. Harding and Joe Sneed were down from Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday looking after cattle business.

Mrs. Housley of Hunt county, formerly postmistress at Northfork, was in the city this week for a visit with her son, Tom McElroy.

Mr. Acer of Jefferson county, Okla., is in the city this week prospecting with a view to purchasing Gray county land.

Judge Wolfe has returned from LeFors where he has been for the past two weeks presiding over the county court.

We are overloaded on all kinds of men's, women's and children's shoes and we are pricing them to move. All Oxfords at greatly reduced prices. E. H. Small & Co.

Misses Grace Ellington and Ruth Whitley of the Heald neighborhood were visiting with Mrs. Callahan this week and attending the Baptist meeting.

Elmer Hodges and Walter McAdams left Tuesday for Amarillo where they will be engaged at the painter's trade for the next several weeks.

H. W. Smoek and daughter, Miss Bernice, also little Miss Mary Virginia, were shopping in the city Wednesday and made the News office a pleasant call.

FLOUR - CHEAPER

We have just received a car of the best flour on the market and the price we put on it will open your eyes. This shipment is from the Amarillo mill and is absolutely guaranteed to be the equal of any flour you can buy at any price. Don't these prices LISTEN GOOD?

Panhandle Best, cwt	\$3.50
Amarillo Best	3.25
Reliable	3.00
Best Corn Meal 45c and	.80
Graham Flour, per sack	.50

You are invited to inspect this flour and if it is what we claim for it we would like to have you for a flour customer.

C. A. CASH & SON

J. N. Sublett was a caller at the News office Wednesday and paid for the paper another year. He also ordered it sent to B. F. Boyd at Garner, Texas.

T. I. Knight of Commerce was here the early part of the week looking after real estate interests near the city. The gentleman ordered the News for another year.

You will want vegetables for your Sunday dinner and fruit for your dessert. A fresh shipment at the grocery of Biggers & Son for Saturday buying.

Dave and Andrew Bruner of Gilmer, Texas, were here last week visiting A. A. Callahan and prospecting. They were looking for a trading proposition.

Miss Malissa Thompson left Tuesday for Shamrock where she will visit with relatives until the first of September, after which she will go to Jericho to teach in the public school.

The Rev. Wesson held a very interesting meeting for business men at the McLean Hardware Co. store Wednesday afternoon and made a most excellent talk from the subject of "Manhood."

A. L. Rippy and wife left yesterday for a visit to Topeka and Kansas City. While in Topeka Mrs. Rippy will visit with relatives and friends. They will remain away about thirty days.

Elm Rother has returned from a visit back in Nebraska. He stated that they have the finest prospects for a big crop that he has seen for many years, but he would prefer the McLean country for a home.

Dee Hall and family arrived in the city Tuesday from Carbon, Eastland county, Texas for a visit with friends and relatives. They own property near McLean and it is hoped they will decide to make this place their home.

Mrs. Lizzie Easterwood was a caller at the News office Wednesday afternoon and had her subscription marked up another year. She also paid for the paper to be sent to Mrs. J. W. Holder at Hamlin.

LOST:—A small diamond shaped pin, gold and white enamel with letters G. F. in gold. Finder please leave at NEWS office.

H. W. Mullis is having considerable improvements made in the post office this week in the way of more substantial partitions, a more convenient arrangement of windows, etc. He has also added an office cat to his force—which cat is a dyed in the wool republican and is in favor of tariff revision—up.

The protracted meeting in progress at the Baptist church this week under the leadership of the Rev. E. A. Wesson is progressing nicely and considerable interest is being manifested in the services. Quite a number of conversions have resulted and most of them have joined with the local church. Rev. Wesson is a forceful and logical talker as well as an earnest pleader and his sermons are thoroughly enjoyed by those who attend. The church has been supplied with extra seats for the accommodation of the crowd and the music

is by the best talent of the city. It is not known at what time the meeting will close, but if interest keeps up it will probably continue through the following week.

The many friends of L. W. Bridges will regret to learn of his death which took place Wednesday night. The gentleman had been suffering for many months with consumption of the bowels and though some hope had been entertained for his recovery his death was not altogether a surprise. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon in the local cemetery in the presence of a large crowd sorrowing friends and loved ones.

ALL parties who are indebted to the firm of E. H. Small & Co., either by open account or due note, will please call and settle at once. This business must be closed up.
J. L. Crabtree.

THE STANDARD WINDMILL

Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Cement, Brick, Lime, Well Casing, Pipe, Wire, Posts, Coal, Builders' Hardware, Paints and Oils. We have everything you need to improve your place. Let us figure on your next bill. Our prices are right

CICERO SMITH'S LUMBER CO.

Citation by Publication.

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

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

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

Witness, Siler Faulkner, Clerk of the District Court of Gray County, Texas.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the town LeFors, this the 29th day of July, 1909.
[SEAL] SILER FAULKNER,
Clerk District Court Gray Co., Texas.

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

J. D. Voyles returned Sunday from a short trip into Oklahoma.

John Guthrie returned Sunday from a trip up on the plains.

Another nice rain Monday and more nice long smiles.

W. J. Ashby made a business trip to Groom the latter part of last week.

E. A. Erwin was in the city Saturday and made the News office a pleasant call.

Hay! Hay! Hay! See E. A. Erwin for hay. All baled and ready for delivery.

Will Langley left last week for Dallas where he will spend some time visiting with relatives.

W. W. Overton and family have returned from an extended visit with friends and relatives in New Mexico.

Grandpa and Abe Dean returned Saturday from a trip to points in Oklahoma.

J. T. Foster ordered the News sent to Lillie Lee at Marfa, Texas, for which he has our thanks.

H. G. Caldwell of Dallas has been here for several days for a visit with his brother, Walter.

Lee Guthrie was down from the queen city Saturday and Sunday for a visit with his family.

Miss Stratton of Elk City was here Sunday and Monday for a visit with Mrs. J. D. Voyles.

J. F. Brewster had his name entered on the News honor roll this week.

Mrs. Hermann and daughter left Friday for a visit with relatives at Mobeetie.

S. H. Dalrymple was down from Amarillo the latter part of last week for a visit with his family.

Mrs. Reed of Parker county arrived in the city Saturday for a visit to her son, Sam Reed, who is suffering from a severe attack of fever.

We are glad to report that little Miss Mary Erwin, who has been suffering from a severe illness, is rapidly improving.

W. H. Meadows of Amarillo, representing the Nobles Bros. Grocer Co., was a business caller in the city Friday.

Miss Mable McMillian left Saturday for Sayre, Okla., where she will spend some time with her uncle, Marvin McMillian.

Messrs. J. T. Foster of McLean, W. B. McCarroll of Marietta, Tom Green county, W. R. McCarroll of Bray, Donley county, and D. M. Wilson of Bridgeport, Wise county were here prospecting this week.—Wellington Times.

Mrs. Lee Turner and two children left last week for a visit with the former's parents and other relatives at Cisco.

W. W. Mars returned Friday from a trip to Mobeetie and says that nowhere on the road did he see a sorry crop. How does that sound for a drouth stricken country?

S. D. Whitesides of Texaakan stopped off in McLean a couple of days the latter part of last week for a visit with his nephew, G. H. Simmons.

Mrs. B. F. McMillian has our thanks for subscription favors, having had the paper sent to her daughter, Miss Mattie, who is visiting in Hillsboro.

D. M. Wilson, president of the First National Bank at Bridgeport, left for his home Saturday after having spent a week here the guest of his life-time friend, J. T. Foster.

Prof. J. H. Horton's family arrived Sunday from Eastland county and they are now at home to their friends in the house formerly occupied by Charlie Shelton in the Rush addition.

R. N. Ashby was in the city Saturday with a wagon load of water melons for the local market. They were of good size and excellent flavor and found ready sale.

W. H. Barnes was in the city Saturday and made the News office a pleasant call. He ordered the paper sent to his brother, A. R. Barnes at Chicago.

W. E. Bentley was here Saturday and had us push his subscription up another year. He also ordered the paper sent to V. L. Coalson at Garner, Texas.

Walter Stokes and wife of Quanah and Bob Clark and wife of Dallas have been here for several days the guest of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Clark.

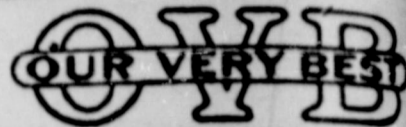
Wm. Abernathy and wife and Dr. Ballard and Roy returned Sunday from their trip to the Seattle fair. They report an excellent trip and a most enjoyable one. They returned via California.

The News man enjoyed a trip to Ramsdell Saturday and found everything thriving in that little city. They have had several good rains lately and the crops are in first rate shape.

John B. Vannoy, who never overlooks an opportunity to lend a hand at boosting, has ordered the News sent to Mrs. C. C. Mills at Throckmorton, Texas, and J. L. Vannoy at Melrose, Mont.

Price Rogers was in the city Saturday and had his subscription to the News marked up for another year. He also had us send the paper to his brother, C. G. Rogers, at Oklahoma City.

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