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## ABOUT THE PLAINS COUNTRY.

The Dallas morning News of last Friday contained a long article on what Mr. A. S. Henry, a well known ranch man of the lower plains, has to say concerning Northwest Texas. In that portion of it dealing with the plains Mr. Henry says:

"A great many people have an erroneous idea of the extent of the plains, thinking that Haskell, Knox and adjoining counties are upon them. This is not the case. Anyone who journeys to Northwest Texas certainly will know when he reaches the plains. Beginning at a point on the Texas and Pacific Railway, the plains gradually descend to the lower level and lose their identity. From that point the plains extend northward about two hundred and fifty miles, where they are crossed by the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. They gradually disappear as they approach the Red River.

"Along the eastern border of the Plains there is an abrupt and precipitous descent to the prairies. One is confronted on the prairies by a wall rising from seventy-five to three hundred feet, with the passes few and far between. To make the ascent wagons wind around between mountains 300 feet in height, finally making an almost straight-up pull of two hundred or more feet to reach the crest of the cap rock. When you have reached that point you can turn and look all over Jericho. From one point you will plainly see, at a distance of 80 miles, a large mountain, known as the McKenzie mountain. This is in the ranch of G. M. Elkins, who is interested with me in the Hereford herd. The McKenzie trail, established by Gen. McKenzie, is still very distinct on this ranch, making it of historic interest. It is a slight reminder of the dangers and hardships which attended those who redeemed this land from the savages and made it possible for us to reside there now in peace and security.

"From the cap rock on the boundary of the Plains is spread out a scene of rare beauty, one which our leading poets have never beheld, and to which they probably would be unable to do justice.

"For a distance of 160 miles eastward on the lower level, and to the Eastern boundary of Northwest Texas, as I have referred to it, is a beautiful broken country, averaging, perhaps, one-third of tillable and two-thirds of grazing land.

"Upon the Plains is perhaps the most beautiful tableland in America. Many claim that it is the largest level body of rich land in the United States. The soil is as rich as that of the famous black waxy belt of Middle Texas. It will produce everything that is produced in Middle Texas, and other things in addition. It has been proven that the Plains lands will produce apples almost equal to those of Arkansas and Missouri.

"Two and one-half years ago, when I first went across the Plains, the lands were held at \$1.25 to \$1.50 an acre. At the present time, in the organized counties, such as Lubbock, Hale, Crosby, Floyd, Swisher, etc., the lands are worth from \$2.50 to \$3.50 an acre, ranging to \$5 and \$6 when partially improv-

ed. "The water supply of the Plains is splendid. The very best water is to be obtained in greater abundance than in almost any other part of Texas at depths ranging from 50 to 200 feet, and averaging 125 feet. As an illustration of the abundance of the water, let me refer to Midland, a town of about 1,500 inhabitants. They have 200 to 250 windmills on about a section and a half of land. They are large mills, running three to four-inch pumps. All of these mills turned loose the year around will not lower the water in the wells. On at least nine-tenths of the Plains country one windmill will furnish water for 1,000 head of cattle without lowering the water in the well. The water is soft, and in the summer it is cold enough to be palatable without ice, and it is as clear as crystal.

"I have no doubt that the water of this great underground reservoir is in sufficient quantity to irrigate at least ten acres in every hundred. The only problem to be solved is to devise some plan for storing and holding the water. I indulge the belief that in the not far distant future every settler will cultivate at least ten acres of land under irrigation. It is certainly practicable to do so, as the water can be stored in earthen tanks until a better plan can be devised, as the Plains land holds water almost like a jug. I predict that within the next ten or fifteen years the Plains country will be the garden spot of Texas.

"Middle Texas and East Texas need never be short on feed if the farmers will plant, say 10 acres of kafir corn to every 100 acres in cultivation. Now is a good time to plant it. "Indian corn died last year from hot winds, but kafir corn remained alive until the rains came on July 20, and with additional planting about Aug. 1 Northwest Texas made a surplus of feedstuff and shipped it to Middle Texas.

## LONG HORNS OR LONG HEADS.

The following article, published in last week's Messenger, (Hale Center) gives a correct analysis of the change that the Plains is undergoing, which is in part the history of any undeveloped country. It says:

"That the plains is making rapid strides toward a different and a higher social state, is a reality beyond any doubt. It is conceded by the press, by the preacher, by the prospective candidates for representative in congress and the legislature, by old settlers and new comers, alike, that the plains is rapidly passing the transitional period, and that the dawn of a new and a better day is brightening into the radiant glare of the sunshine of higher and better things. We might ask: What brings about this rapid progress? There are many things that help to bring it about, but the most important factor and the only one which make it possible, is the new settler. He comes to build a home in our midst, brings with him a brood of children to educate and a determination to live an upright life, takes an interest in society, school and church; brings with him ideas that are new to us, ideas that if we would adopt them, would prove a blessing to the community in many ways. Why don't we adopt them? Because some one

suggests that these ideas are from a new comer, and it isn't a good idea to let a man have too much sayso till the malaria gets out of him. He tries to take too big a dish in community affairs; he is too fresh, he don't know how things ought to go in the west. These remarks are made many a time, and are made in sincerity seemingly, but with premature thought. The long horn days are past. The man that uses a pair of long horns for a trade mark or coat of arms, and "wild and wooly" for a motto, is in the rear of the procession; he has lost his cue. The old settler is all right, he is entitled to commendation for the hardships he has undergone in the interest of his native or adopted country, he is entitled to be heard in the councils of church and state, he is credited with unbounded hospitality and generosity of mind and means; he is the friend indeed to all that are weary and heavy laden with misfortune and want.

But if a new civilization has over taken him, he must either quicken his pace or go way back and sit down. The cowboy has outstripped him in individual attainments.

The cowboy of today is not a tough with long hair and profane language, a big sombrero and a bigger pistol. He is the progressive, wide awake, thrifty citizen. You will find the cowboy of yesterday at the head of banks, mercantile establishments, and in the judge's, clerk's and sheriff's offices. All over the Panhandle you will find the ex-cowboy occupying positions of trust and honor and in every case he is a success and shows a spirit of enterprise that knows no bounds. All honor to the old settler and cowboy, but the day is fast approaching when they will not constitute a majority, and instead of battling with the forces of a determined immigration, you should join hands with the new comers and welcome the new conditions that are breaking upon you, with joy and gladness, with thanksgiving and song. Don't be afraid you will be deprived of leadership, but show a disposition to lead, and not to hinder, the progress of the intellectual, moral, social and religious advance to a higher plane of perfected brotherhood.

Sau Antonio Light.

Good old times are a delusion and a snare, and the man who sighs for them has little conception of what they were. Return to them, would you? Then rise on a cold morning and wash at the pump, pull on a pair of rawhide boots that rival a tin can in stiffness, pull on a woollen shirt over your back and sit down to a bare meal with your three-legged stool dancing around on a split-slab floor, eating corn pone and bacon for a steady diet, and labor fourteen hours out of twenty-four. Go without a daily paper, a fly screen, mosquito bar, a spring mattress, a kerosene lamp much less an electric light, geebaw your oxen to market and sit on the floor of the oxcart as you wend your way to church or a frolic. Parch corn and peas for coffee and steep sassafras for tea and see how you like it.

H. S. Duke wishes to inform the public that he still serves short orders at the same old place and besides makes as fine candy as can be bought at a candy factory.

## A Word For Dad.

We happened in a home the other night, and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red, "What is a home without a mother?" Across the room was another brief, "God bless our home."

Now, what's the matter with "God bless our dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, grabs his dinner pail and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots while a mother is sleeding. He makes the weekly hand-out for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and baker and his little pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour. He stands off the bailiff and keeps the rent paid up.

If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother darns the socks, but dad buys the socks in the first place and the needles and the yarn afterward. Mother does up the fruit, well, but dad buys it all, and jars and sugar cost like the mischief.

Dad buys the chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after every one else is served. "What is home without a mother?" Yes, that is all right; but "What is home without a father?" Ten chances to one it is a boarding-house, father is under a slab, and the land-lady is the widow. Dad, here's to you; you've got your faults—you may have lots of 'em—but we miss you when you're gone—Selected.

## Expect More Activity.

West Texas Stockman.

The general impression among the range cattlemen of West Texas is that the prevailing lack of activity in the steer market will not continue much longer, but that buying from the Northwest this season will extend well up into the month of July, it is said that no more than one-third of the usual number of two-year-old steers have yet been purchased to go to the Northwest, and while this condition of affairs would seem to substantiate the claims made at the beginning of the season that the Northwest would take much less of our cattle than usual, this view of the situation is not accepted by the Texas ranchman. They point to the fact that the continued presence of these gentlemen in the range country is conclusive evidence that they are here for a purpose, and that purpose can only be the purchase of the steers that they need in their business. They believe that much of the talk back of the old, old story of limited demand is superinduced by a very earnest desire to hold prices down to the very lowest possible notch, and predict that when the season really closes during the coming month it will be found that the Texas movement to the Northwest will be, but slightly below the normal.

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My Bakery is headquarters for ice cream and all kinds of cold drinks. A favorite resort for "cooling off." Also well baked bread, pies and cakes.

W. B. JONES.

Amarillo Evening Star.

The Canyon girls and ladies are enthusiastic rooters for their home town and terribly afraid Amarillo will get something that by rights should be theirs. Do not be uneasy, Amarillo only desires to be courteous to all of her younger brethren.

Dr. Gray and family left on Tuesday's stage for Canyon City where they will spend a few days, from there they go to Clarendon where they will make their future home. Dr. and Mrs. Gray made many friends during their short stay here who regrets very much to learn of their departure.—Hale County Herald.

Dr. Gray and family spent a few days here with their old friend, B. G. Oldham, and then resumed their journey to Clarendon.

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Very Respectfully,  
W. E. BATES.

**Complimentary.**

Waxahachie, Tex., June 20.  
Rev. J. T. Franklin,  
Runningwater, Texas.

Dear Sir and Bro:  
I take great pleasure in recommending Rev. P. M. Fitzgerald as a gospel preacher. He held a series of union meetings in my church, and his words were blessed of God. He is scriptural, forceful and spiritual in his preaching. We need more of such men. Tell my brethren to stand by him without reserve.

Fraternally,  
B. A. Pass,  
Pastor Baptist Church,  
Hale County Herald.

The meeting closed Tuesday night after having had a very successful revival. About fifty were added to the membership of the Baptist church and about twenty-five or thirty new additions were divided among the other denominations. Sid Williams and his singer, Prof. Brown, have gone to Dalhart where they engage in another revival. Amarillo Advocate.

**They Will Continue to Come**  
Geo. Johnson and E. A. Vaughn are off to Canyon for merchandise for our advertisers. Messrs Johnson and Vaughn say the only reason they object to a railroad coming to Hale Center is, that they will not get to go to Canyon. Messenger (Hale Center).

Oh, well, brother, they can and will no doubt come to Canyon City after the railroad is built and will have a much pleasanter journey too, for they can ride on the "cushions." Canyon City will be picked out from the flock of lambs as the particular wether to wear the bell, if this railroad scheme to the south is perfected.

The Messenger (office, not the editor's shirt bosom) has a new white front trimmed in bright red, which adds greatly to the appearance of us, and also improves the looks of the town. Since the railroad (survey) came, we feel we should do all in our power to show off. W. T. Boman is artist of the above mentioned drawing. Hale Center Messenger.

**RE-UNION PRIVILEGES.**

Parties desiring to purchase should apply to W. C. Baird or Geo. A. Brandon. Come early or you may be too late.

**For Sale at this office**—A good well bucket and pulley wheel, both for 75 cents.

Also some wheat and oat sacks at any old price.

**THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.**

Most of the papers of the aspiring towns for the Baptist College had more or less comment pro and con on the subject last week and will no doubt have new arguments this week. As far as Canyon is concerned, in the matter, she is satisfied with the justness of her claims for the College and as for endeavoring to get the other towns and papers to view it as we do, we are content for the case to be submitted to the great tribunal on the 23rd. of this month. If we are defeated we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have made a good fight and will not feel in the least envious of the town that secures it. We want the College and want it strong enough to ask for it and to put up a good substantial bonus for it, but we cannot see where the gain would be to tear our brother's hair as some of the other towns are doing. Orators, and generally newspapers, are most vehement when they have the weakest cause, as men get on horseback when they cannot walk. Satirical articles cannot make the subject of it either better or worse; it may represent us in a false light, or place the likeness of us in a bad one, but we are the same; not so the author of such articles, for some one has very fitly said that "Calumny always makes the calumniator worse, but the calumniated never."

We cannot too strongly urge the necessity upon our citizens of donating as liberally as circumstances will permit, to the Re-union fund. The finance committee assert that subscriptions are reluctantly given in some instances while in most cases the donations have not been as liberal as heretofore. That conditions have materially effected and in a measure demanded this mode of procedure is conceded by all, but we must not lose sight of the fact that in aiding this enterprise we are making a safe investment and one that will rebound with greater profit than any we could possibly make. The past successes of the Re-union at our place has given the event such magnitude that people look, in pleasurable anticipation for its succeeding anniversary. They not only come themselves but they induce their neighbors to come. This factor alone has done more to bring Canyon City into prominence than all others combined. Let one and all do their very best in this matter.

**One Tale is Good Until Another is Told.**  
The Texan Press of Plainview, in an exhaustive rhapsody last week, takes The News to task for having contradicted the statement that Plainview merchants were making prices that could not be equaled in Canyon City or any other railroad town, which appeared in the columns of The News week before last. Bro. Press now says that "we only said that we could buy goods as cheap in Plainview as they could be bought in Canyon City and have nothing to take back." The reader will readily appreciate the contrast between "could not be equaled" and "as cheap" and for the information of the Press we can only refer him to his first article and after reading it turn to his second fort and read it in a cool, deliberative frame of mind and he cannot but "see the handwriting on the wall." The good brother was evidently suffering from great mental nervousness when he composed the series of disconnected sentences of the latter article, as it clearly indicated a voidness of dependence or natural connection, without any regard to its harmonious effect.

with his first statement. We could enumerate several points of his argument, or apparent argument, which professes to be decisive of the matter at issue, (while in reality it is not) but refrain from the complete demise of this worthy journal, out of pure and generous respect we have for the misled brother. Some people are like a pig swimming against the stream, every time he struck he was cutting his own throat and The News does not propose to be privy to any such tragedy as that of assisting one in his own designs.

**SELF-INDULGENCE IS A HABIT WHICH BRINGS UNHAPPINESS.**

By the Rev. T. B. Gregory. Written for the Sunday Republic. A few words on the following communication may not be wholly out of place:

I am a young man who has been honestly trying for four or five years to find out what to believe. I have heard all kinds of preachers, Catholic and Protestant, but as yet I've struck nothing that seems to fill the bill!

The other day, as I was looking through a magazine, I came across what seemed to me to be the most sensible creed ever written. Here it is:

"Let us indulge the joys we know. Of mirth, wine and love; We're sure of what we find below, Uncertain what's above."

What do you think of it? What do I think of it?

Well, to speak broadly, I think it is a creed that no young man can afford to fool with.

In the first place, it is not an honest creed. It does not look you squarely in the face and speak out in a plain, straightforward way, but winks and blinks, and talks in the most uncertain manner imaginable. It comes at you with a mask on.

Knowing that you naturally desire to be happy, it talks to you of "joy," when it really means to bring you wretchedness, and nothing but wretchedness.

It holds up before you the vision of "love," the fairest of all the angels of God, when in reality it is thinking of lust, the most loathsome of all the devils that torment and degrade us.

It would seem to say to you something like this: "Life is short and the future is uncertain; therefore, be happy while the days are passing by;" when it really means that you should devote your earthly life to the wild dissipation which is sure to make it a living hell.

The creed of which the young man writes is an old one—as old as humanity; and in all ages its devotees have died cursing themselves for having been foolish enough to believe its teachings.

There is some truth in the creed. Wise men have always realized and bemoaned the limitation of our actual knowledge. Well does the poet exclaim:

"Behold, we know not anything."

Our knowledge is a very small island in a boundless sea of conjecture. "I have heard the preachers," writes our correspondent, "but so far I have struck nothing that seems to fill the bill;" and if by "filling the bill" the young man means positive knowledge of man's genesis and destiny, he is right, for the preachers have no such knowledge to impart.

Alike upon preacher and parishioner there presses down the burden of this "unintelligible world," and before the man who preaches there looms up the same impenetrable mystery.

It does not pay to give the reins to appetite and passion. Do it, and you will be driven to destruction. Nothing is more

certain: It is the sum of the experience of the libertines of all the ages.

"The wages of sin"—of violating the law of temperance and decency—"is death!" It is a fact in the eternal constitution of things. It was a fact before it was written down in the Bible, nor would it have been any the less of the fact had it never been thus written.

Prudence—I am speaking of nothing higher just now—says:

"Make the most of this life;" and every healthy instinct of our humanity adds, "Be happy," but how are you going to be happy, if, being a man, you sink your man-nature into that of the beast, and live, not for reason and virtue, but for sensuality and passion?

For a little while, it is true, you may find in your mad indulgence a sort of pleasure; but long before you shall have reached life's prime you will be that most miserable and most pathetic of all things—a burnt-out debauche, the driveling, drooping wreck of what you ought to have been.

This is not preaching. It is simply plain truth—as million of men and women, when too late, have found out.

To be happy in this world, in the only sense in which it pays to be happy, we must ever conserve our self-respect as rational human beings.

The young man who cannot look his pure minded mother in the face without blushing to think of the life he is leading is not making the most of this world. Let him not for a moment think that he is.

The husband and father who, upon going home at night, cannot kiss his wife without feeling that his lips are are a profanation to her, or take his innocent child in his arms without the thought that those arms are besmirching the little one's purity, is not making the most of life.

He may think that he is, but he is destined later on to be most cruelly disenchanted.

It is perfectly true that we know but little of "what's above;" but this much we do know, that while "below" we must live soberly and decently if we would live long and happily.

The epicureanism which, because it cannot pluck out the heart of life's mystery, resigns itself to the root of appetite and the orgies of passion, is nothing less than simon-pure foolishness.

It is worse than foolishness—it is suicide.

Be manly! That is the only creed. It is true that we know but little of to-morrow, but to-day be manly. It is true that we know but little of "what's above," but, while here "below" be manly.

No matter how the battle shall end, while it is on—stand by your guns!

**Go Prepared.**

In preparing for your summer outing a little forethought may save you no end of trouble. Mr. John H. Manly, a dry goods merchant, of Bellville, R. I., while packing an outfit for camping a few weeks on Narragansett Bay, put in a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for emergency use. The second day in camp his little boy was taken with cramp colic. The first dose of this remedy gave relief and the second dose effected a cure. Think of the pain and suffering this boy would have had to endure without this remedy at hand to relieve him. Such cases often result fatally. For sale by Thompson Drug Co.

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- A nice Canvas Madras, 15c, now..... 10c
- Oxford Cloth, 25c, now..... 16 1/2c
- Crinoline, 50c, now..... 35c
- Liberty Crepe, 10c, now..... 8 1/2c
- Mercerized Gingham, 25c, now..... 20c
- 1 piece Fancy Zephyr's Gingham, 50c, now..... 34c
- A nice figured Swiss, 20c, now..... 15c
- A nice Tidy Scrim, 15c, now..... 10c
- Fancy Foulards, 60c, now..... 40c
- Fancy Swiss, 50c, now..... 35c
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**THE FOURTH OF JULY.**

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The citizens of our town, evidently believing that the truest patriotism, like the truest religion, is least noisy, made little outward demonstration that the great and memorable Fourth of July had added another year to its anniversary. Some fished, others played ball and others enjoyed the momentary excitement, while others found pleasure in the quiet solitude of their homes.

The ball game in the afternoon was witnessed by a goodly crowd of spectators, the array of contestants which were dubbed "Kaffir Korners," and "Local Leaguers," finding friends alike among the good-natured, indolent crowd. As the game progressed without any special tinge of excitement except the occasional score by the "Leaguers," the thirsters of excitement began to fear a lack of interest in the game. At this juncture, Oscar Smith, in order to relieve some of his players of that self-conceit, which sometimes gains possession of amateur ball players, changed the position of his men, to their confident advantage and in reality to their disadvantage, and here the "Kaffir Korners" made a start and reaped a harvest. The score in a few minutes was gaining alarming proportions and the "Leaguers" probably for the time being felt a little awed. But through the errors of several of the "Kaffir Korners" at this stage of the game, the tide was turned and at the close the score stood 8 to 16.

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Local.

Young Houser, who now lives in Sherman county, came in Wednesday.

Mrs. Clara Cobb, of Canyon City, is here visiting Mrs. A. M. Lewis. Star Daily. (Wednesday)

J. P. Crawford is having a handsome glass front put in his restaurant building.

Judge A. N. Henson has been sick this week and is yet confined to his room.

The Christian Scientists will hold their semi-annual communion in Canyon City on July 12th.

Charley Stephenson came in from the ranch and Sundayed in Canyon City.

Mrs. Mary and Lou Waller from near Happy visited Mrs. Judge Henson Sunday evening.

Mr. Mac Leonard returned from Roswell Friday and stayed here over Sunday with his family.

C. O. Whitman and wife of Canyon City visited their daughter, Mrs. Emma Monroe, of Briscoe Co., this week.

Grandma Sebastian of Roswell, passed through Canyon City a few days since enroute to Plainview where she is visiting her sons.

Prof. Lackey leaves the first of next week for Clarendon, where he will remain for some time on business.

W. A. Slover, of Dismitt, is here this week visiting his brother M. F. and J. W. Slover. M. F. says he will soon have them all here.

R. W. Foster, the bustling transfer man, is having an addition put to his home this week. Coffee and Brooks doing the work.

Born-To J. T. Parks and wife Tuesday evening, a beautiful daughter. J. T. still uses the razor without any undue nervousness, however.

Mrs. L. W. McClure, the courteous milliner at the Canyon Mercantile Co. emporium, paid a business visit to Amarillo the first of the week.

With every ten-cent purchase of merchandise at the Canyon Mercantile Co., you are entitled to a vote in the big piano contest.

Will Steen has notified the road subjects of the Plainview and Canyon City road to work Monday and Tuesday next. The work will be put on the streets.

Vince Reeves is down from Dalhart to visit his mother and brother. He is a Canyon City boy always and proved his loyalty in the recent bull game.

Walter Cobb came in from Stratford Tuesday, having gone up on business Saturday. He says Stratford people are prosperous and happy.

The Canyon City first nine played two games of baseball last Monday and Tuesday with a mixed team from Oklahoma and Kansas, which resulted in a score the first game of 6 to 18 in favor of "Shady Land Mixtures" and the second game 3 to 5 in favor of Canyon City.

R. C. Ware, of Plainview, is in town today enroute home from Rockport where he has been fishing and having a good time in general. Mr. Hume says Mr. Ware caught thirteen big turpans which is a good fish yarn. Star Daily. (Tuesday)

The board of school trustees met Wednesday evening and ordered an election at Canyon City on August 11, to determine whether or not bonds to amount of \$12,000 shall be issued for purpose of building a new school edifice.

Dave Caylor came in yesterday from Tyler, where he has been attending the Commercial College. He says he has been seriously ill for the past month with malarial fever and is quite glad to get back to the Plains where such disorders of the human system are unknown.

Sheriff Uphold leaves Saturday for San Antonio, where he will attend the Sheriff's Convention. Sheriffs are supposed to be an "orderly" class of officers but we will let Earnest give his opinion when he returns.

R. G. Oldham returned last Friday from an extended visit with relatives and friends in Abilene. He says Mrs. Oldham will remain there with her parents for a while longer.

Walter Brooks returned last Sunday from Niotaze, Kansas, where he was called some time ago by the serious illness of his father. It was at first thought necessary to perform an operation to complete a recovery but when Mr. Brooks left his father he was supposed to be out of all danger. Walter says crops have been greatly damaged there at his old home, which is 185 miles from Canyon City, by the recent floods.

When in need of Long Leaf Yellow Pine go to the Canyon Lumber Co.

E. W. Bates commenced threshing his crop of wheat yesterday morning and informs the News that it is as fine quality as any he ever raised in the great wheat district of Collin county.

The revival meeting is creating a renewal of interest as it progresses. Already several conversions have been made. Rev. Fitzgerald with his strong co-operative help from all denominations, is fast carrying the meeting to a successful goal and all feel that great good will accrue from this unity of worship.

Rev. J. D. Ballard has apparently relaxed vigor in the Baptist College this week, but we believe all will not be hasty to denounce for it's a new son that he has prepared for the College. He is stilling because he will not have to send his boy away to school—one right here at home you know. We are referring to this same Baptist College.

G. W. Palmer, who is subject to "heart failure," while out riding, fell out of his saddle several days ago and remained head on the ground and feet in the stirrup for some time before recovering consciousness. Had the horse been anything but very kind and gentle he must surely have been killed. Remaining in that unnatural position perhaps for an hour or more so affected him that he has been confined at home but the News is informed that he is now on the road to recovery.

Rev. Skinner, pastor of the Baptist church at Clarendon, was in town Wednesday. He was escorted to our various attractions which presents our town so favorably to strangers by Rev. Ballard and was agreeably surprised to find that Canyon City had so many pleasing features. He joined Rev. Bates, of Amarillo, here yesterday for Hereford, where the latter will lecture in interest of the Baptist College.

Joe Garrison is very busy this week harvesting his wheat and oat crop. He is very proud of this crop and says he will have a photograph made of the grain in shocks and will then have a half-ton cut made for publication in the Dallas News as proof positive to the citizens of east Texas that the Panhandle is a great grain producing country.

Among our visitors yesterday were G. L. Abbott and P. Prineal of UMBARGER. They were accompanied by C. W. Jochen of High Hill, Texas, who was on his return home after spending several days in Randall county. Mr. Jochen seemed well pleased with our country, subscribed for the News, and promised to hand several sample copies among his German friends at home. There are no better citizens than the Germans and Randall County would be the gainer if Mr. Jochen brought a whole colony of his German kinsmen from old Fayette when he returns here to live. They would do well here and not in the whole Panhandle could they find a better place to get rich in than right here in Randall county.

Mrs. A. Ernsberger left this week for Boston, Mass., where she will attend the National Educational Association, which convenes in the Hub, the second week in July. Before returning home, she will visit friends and relatives in different points of New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and St. Louis. A host of friends wish her a most pleasant visit and a safe return.

C. W. Jochen of Fayette county, purchased the Wm. Kaufman section paying \$1925 bonus and assuring payment to the State of \$608.

Dr. Maupin of Rowlett, Tex., is in town visiting his sister, Mrs. Norwood.

You must cleanse your premises or be prosecuted—so say the county authorities.

Miss La Rose Bratton visited friends in Amarillo from Tuesday until Thursday of this week.

Miss Mary Burrow returned Wednesday from a visit to Henrietta and other points. Her many friends welcome her back in our midst.

A. L. Anderson passed through here Tuesday en route to Plainview, his home, from Amarillo, where he went to see the big show. Mr. Anderson said it was a pleasure to see Canyon City again. (After so much seclusion we suppose.)

I now have plenty of Beaumont Oil for sale. Respectfully, R. W. FOSTER.

A Painful Accident.

A very painful accident happened to the little five year old granddaughter Dixie of "Uncle Tom" Foster last Thursday evening. "Uncle Tom" was using a mower in cutting some of his orange crop, and it seems that little Dixie and a little daughter of Mrs. Graves were following along behind their grandfather as children sometimes do. Uncle Tom sighted a small rabbit headed in the ground just ahead of the mower and stopping his mules for the purpose of capturing the prize for the little girls. He succeeded in securing the coveted prize and held it out in his hand for the little ones. Little Dixie, in the desire to fondle the young pet first, stepped in front of the cycle and reached out ahead of her young friend and just as she did so the treacherous cycle, from some unknown cause, made a short stroke and caught little Dixie just below the ankle, cutting through the flesh and penetrated for some depth into the bone. Loving hands carried the little wounded child to the house and physicians were immediately summoned. After an examination the wound was pronounced a painful though not necessarily a serious injury.

"Uncle Tom" is grief stricken over the accident, as he says it is the first he has had in his life that resulted so disastrously, though he was in no wise responsible for this one.

Dalhart Sun. An election has been ordered and will be held at the school house on the 27th to determine whether or not \$6,000 4 per cent bonds shall be issued by Dalhart Independent School District for purchase or building purposes.

NOTICE.

To the Citizens: Beginning Monday, July 6th, I will start my steam Thresher to work and wish to thresh all the wheat and oats in Randall and adjoining counties. It has been the custom heretofore for threshers with horse power to charge a toll of 10 cents per bushel, horse feed included, but I propose to thresh for the season at 10 cents per bushel for wheat and 8 cents per bushel for oats. I will furnish the coal, the party as to the rest. I am a most engaging and obliging hummer to transfer such fuel as I may need from Canyon City to place of threshing.

Respectfully, W. E. BATES.

New Kind of Life Insurance.

For twenty-five cents you can insure yourself and family against any serious results from an attack of bowel complaint during the summer months. That is the price of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, a medicine that can always be depended upon even in the most severe and dangerous cases. It is equally valuable for children and adults. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take. This remedy has relieved more pain and suffering and saved the lives of more people than any other medicine in the world. It is almost sure to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now. For sale by Thompson Drug Co.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CUMBERLAND-PRESBYTERIAN.

Preaching first and third Sundays morning and night by Rev. Chalmers Kibbourne, C. P. pastor. Second Sundays morning and night, Rev. A. W. Crawford, Presbyterian pastor. Fourth Sundays morning and night, Rev. Randolph Clark, Christian pastor. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor 3 p. m. Choir practice every Friday night.

BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday, morning and evening, Rev. J. D. Ballard, pastor. Sunday School every Sunday morning, J. W. St. Clair, Superintendent. B. Y. P. U. every Sunday at 4 p. m. A. H. Thompson, President. Ladies Aid Society every Tuesday at 3 p. m. Mrs. A. H. Thompson, President. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Choir practice and teachers' meeting every Friday evening.

CHRISTIAN.

All members and friends of the Christian church are requested to meet at the court house at 10 o'clock a. m. every Lord's Day.

METHODIST.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. A. Ernsberger, Supt. Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. and 3:30 p. m., respectively. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00. J. E. Stephens, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

First Church of Christ, Scientist services at the court house every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Testimonial services every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to attend these services. Mrs. V. Edna Henson, First Reader.

Helpful Reading.

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers Department Has helped many. It is the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

Special Offer If you are not taking The Stayer you should. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you The Stayer and The Galveston or Dallas Semi-Weekly News for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

Found--At the post office, a bunch of keys. Owner may recover same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

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Dealers In Fence Stays, Lumber, Post, Doors, Lath, Sash, Shingles, Building Blocks and Mouldings.

M. F. SLOVER, LIVERY FEED AND SALE STABLE.

Bus meets all trains. Best teams and rigs always on hand. DRUMMER'S RIGS A SPECIALTY.

L. G. CONNER,

LAND, LIVE STOCK AND CANYON CITY PROPERTY.

Thousands of acres of fine Grazing and Agricultural lands at from \$1.00 to \$5.00 an acre, owing to location and improvements. Notary Public, Abstracters in office opposite Northeast corner of Square. Inquiry Solicited. Canyon City, Texas.

A Handsome New THOMPSON & SON'S PIANO

TO BE GIVEN AWAY. October 15, 1903.

by some of the most enterprising business men of the city, to the organization or school that receives the largest number of votes. If possible deposit your votes each day or week with Canyon Drug Co. Merchants will please have clerks to write with indelible pencils to avoid erasures.

CONCERNED WHO ISSUE TICKETS: M. T. Jones Lumber Co. Canyon Mercantile Co., dry goods and groceries. Guber, Hume & Kenyon, coal and grain. Canyon Drug Co., drugs and jewelry. Stringfellow and Hume, hardware. Thomas Bros., furniture.

The Unanimously Adopted Vacation Spot of THE INITIATED is COOL COLORADO With its Numerous Resorts, Superb Climate, Matchless Scenic Grandeur and Reasonable Accommodations... "THE DENVER ROAD" is the Shortest Route by more than 150 miles, and offers Double Daily Solid Trains with Pullman Palace Drawing Room Sleepers on each; Quickest Time by Hours; All Meals in Handsomely Equipped Cafe Cars—(a la carte)—at Reasonable Prices, and more Valuable Stop-Over Privileges than any other line. Write us for "the proofs," also for Beautifully Illustrated Information. They are Free. A. A. GLISSON, General Passenger Agent, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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ST. JAMES HOTEL

H. JAMES, Proprietor. \$1 PER DAY. This hotel is the workman's favorite. Liberal rates by the month.

J. R. HARTER, PIONEER BLACKSMITH

Horse shoeing and general repair work a specialty. We are also prepared to paint your buggy or wagon. My work is sufficient recommendation to all who know me.

For Sale at this Office—One Oak bedstead and springs, \$5.00 1 Poplar bedstead and springs for \$2.50 1 Walnut Writing Desk, cost \$14.00, for \$5.00 Some chairs, string bottoms at .25; rawhide bottoms at .50 Buggy pole, \$2.50 Heavy ranch buggy and harness for \$25.00 Good stock saddle, Leather chaps and lariat for \$25.00 This office wants a half ton or ton of good baled hay.

Baptist College Talk.

The location of the Baptist College continues to be the leading subject discussed by our exchanges from the contesting towns. If the college is located on the Plains, with all deference to Hereford, we would be glad for the College to be located at Canyon City. Our preference is based wholly on location, and wherever it is located, we feel sure that Hale county will furnish her complement of students.—Hale Center Messenger Sweethearts Fight.

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# THESE FIGURES SPEAK

FOR THEMSELVES.

For 30 days, beginning Monday, July 6, we will run a clearance sale. The goods were marked right at first but as a special inducement we have put the knife to work and have made prices so low that you can't afford not to avail yourself of the opportunity to buy seasonable merchandise. We have not the space to mention every article but if you will examine the following prices, or better still, if you will come in and let us show you the goods, it will be time well spent. **EVERYTHING WILL BE MARKED IN RED FIGURES.**

Ladies' Ready-Made Skirts		
6 Cheviot Skirts, worth \$2.50, sale price	\$2.00	
4 all wool Skirts, worth 3.20, " "	2.50	
4 " " " " 4.00, " "	3.00	
4 " " " " 4.25, " "	3.35	
5 " " " " 4.50, " "	3.50	
3 " " " " 5.50, " "	4.25	
2 " " " " 6.00, " "	4.65	
2 " " " " 11.50, " "	9.00	
1 black Peau De Sole, " "	7.45	
1 " " " " 12.50, " "	9.45	
6 Fancy Crash Skirts, " "	1.50	
12 plain " " " "	.50	
6 Covert Skirts, " "	1.40	
25 per cent off on all Shirt Waists		
Colored Petticoat, worth \$1.50, sale price	\$1.20	
" " " " 1.25, " "	1.00	
Gingham " " " "	.75	.50

Ladies Ready-Made Wrappers, worth \$1.50, sale price	\$1.20
Ladies' Ready-Made Wrappers, worth 1.25, sale price	.95
Ladies' Night Gowns, worth \$1.50, sale price	\$1.25
Ladies' Night Gowns, worth \$1.25, sale price	\$1.00
French Dress Gingham, worth 12 1/2c, sale price	10c
French Dress Gingham, worth 10c, sale price	8c
Mouselline De Sole, worth 50c, sale price	40c
Fancy Waist Goods, " 50c, " "	35c
" " " " 65c, " "	50c
" " " " 10c, " "	7 1/2c
" " " " 12 1/2c, " "	10c
" " " " 15c, " "	12 1/2c
" " " " 16 1/2c, " "	15c
" " " " 20c, " "	16 1/2c
" " " " 25c, " "	20c

One lot Infant's Tan Oxfords, carried from Smith, Walker & Co's stock, former price 75c, sale price	35c
One lot Misses' Tan Oxfords size 5-9, former price \$1.00, sale price	50c
One lot Misses' Oxfords, sizes 10-11-12, former price \$1.25, sale price	85c
25 per cent off on all Men's Coats and Vests.	
1 lot Men's Mercerized Lisle Thread Underwear worth \$1.25 a garment, sale price	\$1.00
A full line of trunks just received, \$2.50 to \$8.50	

## LOOK FOR THE RED TAG. PATTILLO & GAMBLE.

**Tips For Travelers.**  
 From "West Pocket Confidence" in Fourth track of news for July.  
 Here is a few tips that should be written on every traveler's hat band:  
 Get posted: It costs no more to enjoy a trip by being prepared.  
 Get ready in time! By procrastinating you are apt to lose your head—and train.  
 Take as little baggage as possible.  
 Take your manners with you. Don't demand Pullman service on a tourist ticket.  
 Make the best of things—it is a winning card.  
 Use discrimination regarding tips.  
 Don't pay for one seat and occupy three.  
 Remember there are other passengers.  
 Don't talk too much remembering the fate of the parrot.  
 Remember a sleeping car is not home.  
 Don't snore—there are others who want to sleep.

**Banner Stockman.**  
 It is estimated that \$25,000 was sent out of Donley county by stockmen for feed last winter. This money could have been kept at home by a proper application of energy to the tilling of the soil, and the outlook now is that this winter will serve to show this statement to be true. The feed crop is greatly increased this year. Every cattleman is preparing himself for the inevitable—stock farming.  
**FOR SALE.**  
 Some good milch cows, 200 head of stock cattle, very cheap. Will sell for cash or on time, with good note. Also have some houses to rent at reduced rates. If you want to rent a house see me.  
 G. C. LONG.

### NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.

How many of the News readers are aware of the fact that the time is up on the text books now used in the public schools of the State? Whether the present ones are retained or a new lot must be purchased depends upon the action of the State Board now in session at Austin. The Fort Worth Register commenting on the probable outcome says:  
 "A difficult and delicate task confronting the state text book board now giving hearings to publishers. It is far more difficult and delicate than the original selection five years ago, because then the board had only to choose the cheapest and the best, while now serious consideration must be given to the fact that the books of the past five years are in use, already owned by the people, and changes will necessarily be costly to the school patrons.  
 "A student of the situation cites statistics to show that last year new book purchases were only 20 per cent of what they were the first year. This means that the books pass from child to child in the family or are sold second hand, the same set serving two, three or more years. To change them will make these old books a dead asset; to re-adopt them will keep the asset alive with only a twenty per cent yearly addition for loss and wear.  
 "Other things being equal, therefore—that is, a book of the old series being as good as a proposed book—the board will certainly retain the old. Other things being nearly equal, they should and doubtless will do so. But how nearly equal should they be, or how much superior should the proposed book be, to warrant a change—that is the question which makes the task difficult and delicate.  
 "There is a false economy as harmful as extravagance, and certainly it would be false economy for the board to retain a grossly inferior book, for education is not a mere matter of book-buying. Without improved text books there can be little progress in teaching.  
 "The board may expect more or less censure whichever way it may turn—from parents if they are taxed for new books, or from teachers if they are compelled to retain inferior books. And from both sides of the publishing business—those who got in on the first adoption and those who are trying to get in now—we may expect much noisy protest through "experts" who are privately employed or personally prejudiced for or against certain books."

### The Bridge We Do Not Cross.

Seen a-ft we trouble borrow,  
 And suffer mental pain,  
 Conjuring clouds to-morrow  
 While yet no signs of rain.  
 Future gloom foreboding,  
 At night on pillows toss,  
 In fear of overloading  
 The bridge we do not cross.  
 From road there is no turning  
 That we can see just now,  
 Trouble ahead discerning  
 To avoid we know not how,  
 And so we roll and tumble  
 At night, with sleep a loss,  
 And we hear the distant rumble  
 On the bridge we do not cross.  
 We see no silver lining,  
 On clouds our fancy paints;  
 No stars through rifts are shining,  
 Blackness our path attends.  
 Open daylight shows our folly,  
 We then may count the cost  
 Passing streams of melancholy,  
 The bridge we have not crossed.  
 —News Letter.  
 Here's a joke for your life.  
 J. D. Rockefeller says that  
 whenever he wants anything he  
 prays for it.—Gordon Courier.  
 Well, whatever the process,  
 he's been getting it.—Ft. Worth  
 Register.  
 Fortune brings in some boats  
 that are not steered.  
 Amarillo Star.

### THE FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION

**Camp Stonewall Jackson U. C. V.,  
 WEST TEXAS COWBOYS' ASSOCIATION  
 And Randall County Fine Stock Show  
 AT CANYON CITY, TEXAS.  
 August 4, 5, 6 and 7th., 1903.**

Among the features will be Music, Orations by leading speakers, Parades by Veterans and Cowboy sports, such as "broncho busting," and roping contests, and Fine Stock Exhibits, Etc.

**Free Bread, Beef and Coffee  
 FOR THE VETERANS.**

**FREE WATER AND GRASS FOR CAMPERS STOCK.**  
 This will furnish an opportunity for the tired and sweltering citizen of the East to spend a few days of rest, recreation and amusement in our pure and invigorating atmosphere, where miasm and extreme heat are unknown and the cool and pure breezes equal those of "Kool Kolorado."

### Reduced Rates On All Railroads

**COME** and see the Banner Stock Farming section of the United States.  
**COME** and angle in our clear streams and pools, view our gorgeous Canyons and Waterfalls and breathe pure ozone at an altitude of 3,500 feet.  
**COME** as all the railroads have granted a rate of One Fare for the Round Trip with a Fifteen Days Limit to return. Come and see our country.

### "DOWN ON THE FARM."

One of the greatest mistakes now being made by the farmers is that of educating the boys away from the farm. In no other walk of life is there the opportunity for reading, recreation and the higher enjoyments of life as there is on the farm. Men in the trades and professions are seeing this every day and are leaving the fierce battle for life of the city and seeking the quiet of the farm to spend their remaining days. Educate the boys and girls as highly as you can, but teach them from the cradle up that it is just as honorable to plow as to practice law, and that there is a great deal more pleasure in it.—Weatherford Democrat.  
 In France, where people have learned how to get the most out of life, it is every man's ambition to get money enough "to live in the country like a gentleman." Certainly it is the ideal life.—Ft. Worth Register.  
 There too dwells simple truth, plain innocence; unadorned beauty; sound unbroken youth, patient of labor, with a little plens'd; health everblooming; unambitious toil, calm contemplation, and poetic ease.  
 Some have said that happiness, the great boon of human life, is in the taste, and not in the things themselves; that we are happy from possessing what we like, not from possessing what others like. But in this particular instance the evidence is strong against the prevalent dearest of the city bred man to try his hand at farming and thereby enjoy the felicity of his surroundings. And the farmer imagines he can better manage the modern city government than his "high-collared" tenderfoot brother, and thus it goes. But this personal experience along this line the writer does know, and that is that it is a kind of happiness to know to what extent we may be unhappy. Give the boy a chance to exercise his own inclination in this matter. The birds that sing the beautiful songs and the freedom of nature in her cultivated trip may not coincide with the boy's particular idea of what should compose a busy man's life. But this to the credit of the boy who receives his training on the farm, he is mentally and physically able to cope with his "high-collared" brother in the city.  
 Amarillo Star.  
 W. D. Kirkland is the champion fisherman of the west. He came in yesterday with a string that were beauties indeed, one weighed five pounds and several smaller ones. He says he caught them Saturday night, anyway they were good.