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## A RE-UNION VISITOR.

D. J. Moffit, editor of the Pilot Point paper, "The Post-Signal," was with us during the reunion, the guest of Rev. J. D. Ballard. Upon his return home he published a long article in his paper concerning our plains country, a portion of which the News here reproduces. Mr. Moffit was here to see for himself and to talk "face to face" with those of our citizens who in times gone by were his old friends and neighbors and so the following excerpts from his paper may be said to rest on the experience of those who know the facts. That portion referring to the products of the country; impressions of the reunion and scenes and doings about Canyon City reads as follows:

"The senior editor and young est son were among the many excursionists who took in the recent U. C. V. and Cowboy reunion at Canyon City. Amarillo and Hereford were also both included in the visit by most of the excursionists. This was our first visit to the Plains and it was interesting to see such modern towns and evidences of prosperity right in the very spot where, in our early school days, was marked on the maps "The Great American Desert." Whether there ever was a great desert on the Texas plains we cannot say, but certainly it is not there today, for nature has carpeted the earth with the nutritious buffalo grass and it is now one of the finest stock countries in the world.

"The air on the plains is delightful and the constant breeze makes it cool even in midsummer and out door life is enjoyable; it is very rare that one cares to sleep throughout the night without extra cover, in fact, it is a fine country for sleeping.

"For the last two or three years wheat and oats have done well. We gathered the following wheat statistics from J. C. Wamble of Hereford who has been running a threshing outfit the past four years. The average yield for the four years previous to this year was 14 bushels per acre. Highest yield 21 bushels. The first year, four years ago, he threshed only 15 bu., last year 8,000. Was not through threshing this year. There are three outfits now in the county. The wheat was pastured during the winter and up to April 15. Oats did well this year, about 35 or 40 bu. per acre. This gives some idea of the development in this line.

"The cattle business is undergoing a change—from the large ranch where cattle were left to shift for themselves the year through, to the smaller stock ranch on which the cattle are carried over the severest winter weather by feed raised on the ranch, in other words to stock farming. Kafir corn and milo maize is the main crop for feed. This change is being rapidly made and many farmers from the other portions of Texas are buying these lands. Denton and surrounding counties are well represented on the plains.

Lands are going up in value and are selling at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per acre and as high as \$10.00 near the towns.

"That is a treeless country but trees are being planted and there are some orchards already bearing. Among them the cherry seems to be the most thrifty and is said to do remarkably well, berries also do well. By experiment varieties will be found which will do out there, as was the case in this section where it was considered, twenty five or thirty years ago, that fruit could not be successfully grown.

"The present year has been the driest for many years on the plains and crops were suffering greatly, but good rains have fallen within the past ten days which will make a fair crop.

"The reunion at Canyon City was all that could be desired—large crowds, much speech making, roping contests, broncho busting, base ball, etc. It is estimated that 7000 people were there on Cowboy Day. Canyon City is nicely located and is a pretty little town of about 1200 inhabitants. It has a local trade besides does a wholesale and shipping business for a large stretch of territory to the south. Her people are just now rejoicing over securing the location of the Baptist College for the Panhandle. There were six contesting towns and there was great interest all over the Panhandle in the result. The location selected is a beautiful one overlooking the town and valley beyond. Work on the building which is to cost \$240,000 or \$60,000 will begin at an early day. A \$12,000 public school house will be built this fall.

"Rev. J. D. Ballard formerly of this place lives at Canyon City and is pastor of the Baptist church there, and it was the hospitality of his home we enjoyed while there, and were pleased to meet there his brother, W. N. Ballard, of Clarady, Lamar Co., who was our companion during our sight seeing on the plains. The Palo Duro canyon, a rocky gorge which begins within three miles of town, is worthy of mention. The creek of the same name, the upper waters of Red River, which is fed by never failing springs, flows through the canyon the walls of which rise perpendicular reaching the height of several hundred feet, some ten or twelve miles down stream. The Barrel Springs five miles, which we had the pleasure of visiting and the Falls twelve miles distant, are interesting resorts, but as yet in the state of nature. Fish are plentiful in the waters of the canyon."

## "SOMEWHERE TO PLAINVIEW."

This quotation, appearing elsewhere in the Hale Center Messenger's account of the Plainview railroad proceedings was very suggestive of a "bug under the chip" and now behold, presto! the bug appears. Plainview with the help of the "goober grabber" has hit upon the very sensible plan of pulling Amarillo's leg to the tune of

one hundred thousand dollars. The bait used, is to leave Canyon City out about 8 miles to the west, and the "Queen City of the Plains" is already biting strong as will be seen from the following excerpts clipped from the Amarillo Star:

"Capt. Will A. Miller has just returned from Plainview and from him we learn that the people are very enthusiastic in the matter of the proposed railroad from Plainview to Amarillo or some place in Randall county. Some \$30,000 in money and probably 20 sections of land have been subscribed up to today.

"Capt. Miller thinks the people will get up \$40,000 and 30,000 acres of land, but for Amarillo to be the objective point her people will have to put their shoulders to the wheel, as it will cost something like \$100,000 more to come to Amarillo and bridge the canyon than to go to Canyon City.

"This road would be the greatest feeder that our city could get, as it would be the wholesale point for all lines of business to furnish the lower plains country.

"We would suggest the Commercial Club and Board of Trade take action in the premises and get the people prepared to meet Maj. Gordon upon his return here with some definite propositions."

"The people of Amarillo are again confronted with a money question and The Star would like to let it alone if possible, but duty is always a disagreeable thing and we cannot shrink, so here is at you. Every business man in town knows without telling the value of the southern country trade. Each one knows that as a business proposition it should not be diverted from Amarillo. What they may not realize is, that if the proposed road should be built to a point somewhere in Randall county, presumably Canyon City, and no further, it would cut Amarillo entirely out of the trade that will be built up at the junction with the Santa Fe. While it is true that the wholesale merchants are more directly benefitted than are the retailers, all are vitally interested, and it certainly looks to us that Amarillo will have to come through again for a most important road. They raised the Santa Fe bonus and made money by it, as all will admit, then how much more necessary it is to raise this bonus and thus clinch her position as a commercial center?"

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(THE STAYER.)

**GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.**  
**WALTER R. BRANDON, Editor.**

A Weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of Randall county and published at office on West Evelyn St. Canyon City, every Friday.

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**Decidedly Pessimistic.**

Bro. Wimberly of the Hate Center Messenger is getting decidedly pessimistic. He went to the railroad meeting at Plainview and what he saw and heard there appears to have completely soured him. Speaking of his experience there he says:

"We never had the pleasure of associating with railroad people to any superlative degree, but we heard some talk last Friday, and their talk leads us to believe that the newspaper man, the real estate agent and the railroad promoter will occupy the same pew in purgatory. We believe this country is destined to be the garden spot of Texas, that the climate is really invigorating, and that in time the great Llano Estacado will be the home of the happiest and most prosperous people to be found anywhere; but we don't subscribe to the statement that 'as soon as a railroad is built through Hale county her land will be worth from \$40 to \$60 per acre.' That is the meaning of a statement made by one of the speakers in the railroad meeting at Plainview Friday.

Another told of a pump they use down in the rice belt, that throws 80,000 gallons of water per minute, and stated these pumps can be used to a maximum depth of 60 feet and added that the wells around Plainview were less than 60 feet deep. That is all facts, but never the less one smart alex around Hale Center had to figure on the proposition. He says that flow of water represents a flow 2 feet in diameter and moving at the rate of 35 miles per hour. We don't need these pumps unless we get a railroad."

**The Christian Science Lecture.**

Tuesday night at the Court House, to a good sized audience, Septimus J. Hanna, C. S. D., of Boston, Mass., lectured on Christian Science. He mentioned Mrs. Eddy as the founder of his sect, declaring that she possessed not only intellectual ability of the first water but that she had lived as pure a life as it was possible for a mortal to live. He read the creed of his church, as promulgated by Mrs. Eddy, commenting on the same, and especially that portion of it which refers to "healing the sick." This power, the speaker claimed, as he illustrated by the miraculous cure of Mrs. Eddy, came direct from heaven. He used many illustrations to demonstrate the fallacy of taking drugs into the stomach when, as he claimed, most of the physical disorders of the body were in fact produced by an unnatural condition of the mind—the inevitable result of immoral and wrong living. That sickness is brought upon us by the transgression of moral laws—live pure lives and you will escape physical disease. This, in short, seems to be the position of the lecturer on this point. If all human beings were born well, in a physical sense, coming into the world sound of mind and body this proposition of the distinguished gentleman might stand very well, but such is not the case; unfortunately the very reverse is true for disease and early

death is imprinted on the majority at birth—these unhappy creatures are undoubtedly answering for "the sins of the fathers" and "right living" for them would be like pouring "new wine into old bottles"—their feeble frames wouldn't stand the pressure.

Judge Hanna is a good speaker of magnetic force and rare persuasive powers and in the short time he devoted to the lecture—one hour—he did much to remove the growing prejudice against his people.

The grand jury at Amarillo returned 109 indictments 65 of which were for violation of the local option laws. Amarillo is getting such a reputation abroad that the Taylor Texan of Aug. 28, puts the number of indictments returned there at 800.

"Bill Arp"—we of the south all loved him—died at his home in Georgia last week. His record has been a good one and although his soul has departed from us the recollection of his deeds while living will be honored by generations yet to come.

From the Dallas News we learn that on Thursday of last week under the auspices of the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church at Mineral Wells, Texas, there was held an Old Maids convention. The amusement is said to have been of a high order—the door receipts were forty dollars. This is something on the new order and it appears to work like a charm, sorry we can't get the details.

**BLIND TIGER CRUSADE.**

Concerning the recent liquor upheaval at Amarillo, the Live Stock Champion of last Saturday says:

"The grand jury have had two other joints on Polk street raided. More barrels have been filled with bottles of suspicious beverages. The Court House is fast taking on the appearance of a cold storage plant. There is some talk of turning over the present palace of justice entirely to the grand jury for cold storage purposes and speedily erecting a more imposing structure on one of the two hundred dollar blocks near the dumping ground. With only three raided of the nine, which the tramp printer says we have, radical steps must be taken in order to provide adequate quarters for the liquid yet to be confiscated."

All patrons and friends of the Canyon City Public School are invited to be present at the opening next Monday. Pupils will please bring their promotion cards so they may be easily placed in their respective grades. The teachers desire to form the acquaintance of all the patrons. Every member of the School Board is especially invited.

W. J. LACKEY.

Charles Pearson, an expert Baker from Fort Worth, is now employed at the W. B. Jones Bakery. Good bread, nice cakes and pies, as good as you ever eat always on hand. Also ice cream and cold drinks.

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**Hell Trap.**

For some weeks it has been rumored that there was a man coming from some place, Canyon City we believe, to open a pool and billiard joint in Hereford. Whether this is a fact or not we have been unable to learn, but rather think such rumor a "feeler," feeling to see if Hereford is sufficiently back-slidden to tolerate and maintain such a wonderfully helpful (?) enterprise. We hope there is nothing in the rumor, and that our town will continue to improve rather than take a step backward.—Hereford Searchlight.

That Searchlight Man Abroad had the nose of his bellows protruded in the air to such an alarming elevation since his visit here during the reunion that we fear a separation of this member from his anatomy. This little sense of smell does treat some people's anatomy with such disgust and insolence that a separation under such provocations as the Searchlight man has had is inevitable and pronounced to be the best thing possible by specialists of this phenomena.

Rev. A. E. Bates, of Amarillo, was a "forced" visitor Wednesday. He was wanted by the grand jury. Madam Rumor has it that his services were required to assist in ferreting out the "blind tiger" he accuses us of having. Bro. Stocks of the Searchlight was also here, it is said, on the same line of business. He also accused the town of nourishing "a tiger" and our citizens are very anxious to find it; they are making diligent search in all directions but as yet no barrels containing bottles of suspicious fluids have reached the court house for storage—this will happen, however, if the above named gentlemen spoke correctly.

Later: The News is mistaken about Bro. Stocks being here. He was summoned to be here, but we understand that he was excused—he stating that he was only "funning" when he made the charge alluded to.

The ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will give an Ice Cream supper on Friday evening, Sept. 11, on the east side of the church. Ice Cream with cake, chocolate, water melon etc., will be served. The proceeds to be used to make a payment on the pews.

Hereford is making tracks for an artesian well. \$5,000 is talked of as the purse and of this amount the Commissioners' court agree to pay \$2,000. Steps like this prove that although Hereford may throw off the necessary clothing of a town—incorporation—as unbecoming her village mind, yet that she is still imbued with modern ideas which, if carried into execution, will make of our fair neighbor one of the leading cities of the Plains. And when town and county march together in the van of progress, as in this case, commercial success is bound to follow.

T. J. Vansant, of Paris, who has been here sometime visiting his brother, J. M. Vansant, returned home Friday. While here he supplied his brother's family with all the fish they wanted. J. M. says that his brother is the only man he knows of who can beat M. Thompson's record as a fisherman.

S. P. Hutchins, the gentlemanly salesman at the Pattillo & Gamble Mercantile emporium, is in the East buying for his firm their fall and winter goods. Mr. Hutchins is well acquainted with the wants of his many customers and he will spare neither time nor money to select a stock that will please the general public.

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**District Court.**

This court convened on Monday with all its necessary machinery apparently in good working order. The grand jury after receiving the usual charge went to its regular duties with J. C. Pipkin as foreman. So far no indictments have been returned although a goodly number of witnesses including some from neighbor towns have testified before this body. Of course nobody knows, and the News reporter least of all, but it is generally thought that the main if not the only business of the present grand jury is to find our reputed "Blind Tiger" and the News, after sizing up the personal of this jury, ventures the opinion that if such an animal is to be had anywhere in this county of Randall that this grand jury will find it and proceed against it as the law directs.

ceed against it as the law directs.

No criminal docket and no chance for any barring the possible find of a tiger—so say they who ought to know.

On the civil docket all the tax cases were continued by operation of law—to perfect service. The other cases disposed of to date are as follows:

Canyon Lumber Co. vs. F. M. Coulter and wife; suit on note and account and material lien. Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$235 and costs and foreclosure of lien.

C. T. Word vs. Pecos Valley Ry. Co. for damages; suit dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

L. E. Speed vs. Pecos Valley Ry. suit for damages; continued by agreement to next term of court.

Lovelady vs. Pecos Valley Ry. suit for damages; jury and verdict for plaintiff \$1,500.

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Mrs. J. W. Cummings returned last week from her visit to California.

Bob Pipkin returned Saturday from Kansas City after spending a week there "sight-seeing."

H. L. Bruner, of Toledo, Ohio, was here last week looking after a section of land which he owns near town.

There is talk of moving the Hick's school house a mile further west. This school begins Monday with Miss Maud Brandon as teacher.

District court is in session and it is whispered around town that our grand jury is moving everything to find the "blind tiger" which the Searchlight man smelled when here during reunion days.

Mrs. F. P. Wilson, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Means, of San Antonio, left Thursday for a few days visit to friends and relatives at Plainview.

Two brothers by the uncommon name of Gouddy, one of them a real estate man from Waco, and the other one from Valley Mills, were in town prospecting this week.

Mrs. C. M. Pattillo, of Stamford, arrived here last week and is visiting her daughter and son, Mrs. S. B. Tadlock and M. Pattillo. She will remain here for a few weeks and will be joined here next week by her husband.

Tuesday Mrs. Tom Foster was perhaps seriously injured by falling from a box upon which she was standing and reaching for something near the ceiling of the house. She is near eighty years old and her injuries which are internal it is thought may prove fatal.

Rev. J. B. Cole and family, and a Mr. Montgomery of Memphis, who went for an outing to Colorado, returned in a few days and are now camped at Barrel Springs. This, now becoming a famous summer resort of Randall county, will rival "Kool Kolorado's" choicest spots before many winters have passed.

G. N. Caylor came in and paid us a short visit last Saturday and among other things incidentally handed us a dollar on subscription. He informed us that the Happy school would commence next Monday under the directions of Miss Ruth Estes, of Swisher Co.

The Baptist protracted meeting closed Sunday. In addition to those previously mentioned in The News, the following names were added to the rolls of membership here: T. M. Laster, Miss Emma Shiflett and Walter R. Brandon.

Mrs. Owen Hale, her two children and her brother, Joe Allen, of Paris, are here the guests of J. M. and Lee Vansant.

Rev. J. D. Ballard left Monday for Plainview to assist in holding a protracted meeting.

Messrs. Grundy, Brown, Jordan, Howell and Thomas of Canyon passed through town this morning enroute home from a trip to Kansas City with cattle.—Star Daily, Wednesday.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church convenes at this place Saturday evening at 3 o'clock at the M. E. church. Preaching morning and evening of Saturday and Sunday.

The general opinion among local ranchmen is that the calf crop is much better this season than we usually have.

One of our special correspondents phoned us late yesterday evening that the wind "blew up" the streets of Hereford yesterday.

Duniap and Frank Lester left yesterday evening for Waco, where they go to enter Baylor college.

Miss Lula Johnson, of Henrietta, who has been visiting her friend Mrs. Chas. Burrow for several days, returned home Wednesday.

Elder Arnold, pastor of the Christian church and now residing at Plainview, is talking of moving here.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson was reported sick this morning.

Dr. D. M. Stewart, Sr., was a welcome visitor at the News office one day this week. He informed us that he was thinking of disposing of his property at Argyle, Texas, and becoming a permanent resident of Canyon City.

Ed. Fulton, of Lampasas, an old friend and neighbor of ours was a visitor with the News force this morning. He is prospecting. He is a fine business man and the News would like to have him locate in Canyon City.

Rev. J. E. Stephens is having a windmill put up this week.

Owing to the illness of some of Rev. Haston's family the Christian denomination meeting which was to have begun next Sunday, will be postponed indefinitely.

A letter received from Rev. J. D. Ballard at Plainview yesterday requested us to announce through the columns of the News that he would not preach here Sunday morning on account of his being busily engaged in a meeting there, but that Rev. T. J. Walne, of Dallas, Field Sec. of the American Baptist Publication Society, would preach at the night hour. Rev. Ballard also stated that good interest was being manifested in the meeting down there.

Some of the big stockmen have combined with a subscription list, said to amount to five \$5,000,000, for the purpose of fighting the beef trust. In addition to this cash subscription, which it is proposed to put into the packing business, the men behind the measure say they will back it with all their herds and other possessions. At the present time the interest of the smaller cattle producers is behind the new organization.

Last Friday night Mrs. W. W. Merrill entertained her Sunday school class at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ernsberger. The entertainment consisted of a guessing contest of variegated quotations from familiar authors, music, recitations, games and light repartee, with delicious ice cream and cake for refreshment. The class expressed themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening and desire to thank Mesdames Merrill and Ernsberger for their kind hospitality.

**Off To School.**

The following young ladies left this week to attend school, the place after each name being their point of destination respectively:

Miss Minnie Donohoo, Sherman; Miss Jewel Smith, Clarendon; Miss Oma Long, Whitewright; Miss Hargrove, Clarendon; Miss La Rose Bratton, St. Louis.

We predict that several young gentlemen have come to the conclusion that they will have to "hide a wee."

**STOCK SHIPMENTS.**

The market conditions are not quite as good as last week. The rush of stock still continues and until there is a let up on this line not much improvement in prices can be expected.

The News is again indebted to G. C. Long for an account of the prices paid at Kansas City for stock shipped from here Aug. 22 and 23. These prices were for cattle in the stock pens on Wednesday, Aug. 26, and ranged as follows: Dry cows, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt. Yearling steers 3.25 to 3.50 " " Wet cows 1.75 to 2.00 " " Stock calves 3.25 to 4.00 " " Veal " 5.00 to 5.50 " " G. C. Long shipped of his own, 130 spring-calves, the average weight of which was 298 lbs., receiving a net price of \$8.30 per head.

**GOING TOMORROW AND NEXT DAY.**

A. G. Elliott	6 cars cattle.
J. W. French	9 " "
W. J. Luna	2 " "
J. W. Scott	1 " "
L. T. Mayhue	4 " "
J. L. Vaughn	6 " "
Thomas Tudor	7 " "
Dan Dinger	3 " "
M. M. Wesley	2 " "
E. G. Knight	4 " "
J. W. Kelly,	2 D. D. cars sheep.

Jerome Baird's sixty head of barren cows, shipped Sunday a week ago to Kansas City, averaged over 900 lbs and brought \$2.50 gross. These were twos and threes, all white faces and in good shape for the block.

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H. A. Jochen, of Flatonia, Fayette county, a brother of C. W. Jochen, of High Hill, of the same county, who was here in July and purchased land near here, was escorted to our place of business, yesterday by P. Friemel, of Umbarger, and became a paid-up subscriber to The News for one year. The brother who was here in July carried back home with him such glowing pictures of the prosperous Panhandle that Mr. Jochen was induced to come and prospect, with the result that he fell in love with our country and bought a section of land near Umbarger. He will move out here as soon as he disposes of his property at his old home. Mr. Jochen feels confident that this will be a great farming country and bases his belief on the theory that when the sod is turned over for a few years on every tillable acre of these rich rolling prairies the moisture will be forthcoming. The German people are good farmers and when

ed a paper in a country where there were more of them than there are here, we always found the balance in the German's favor on the subscription books. We hope to get more of them.

See **BUIE & ROLLINS** if you wish a cheap section of land.

More forage crops and more live stock to eat them should be grown in every part of the country. This is the most profitable farming for the people generally. Experts may make more money growing high-priced specialties, like popular fruits, celery, cauliflower, and the like; but for the farmer with a domain of reasonable size, stock farming is more profitable than growing crops to be harvested and sold, whether these crops be cotton, grain or hay, or what not. When the farmer grows the feed and converts it into meat, horse or mule force, milch cows, or even milk, butter and cheese, he becomes a manufacturer and adds the manufacturer's profit to that of the farmer. He also has as a by-product the material required for the permanent improvement of his farm in productiveness and selling value. Such farmers never wear out, but like wine, improve with age.—Farm and Ranch.

The News management conduct

# WE ARE JUST NOW RECEIVING

Some of our fall goods which consists of a full line of Men's and Ladies' Gloves, the celebrated M. D. Wells Boots, a choice selection of Calicoes and a nobby line of Gent's Furnishing Goods. And we are constantly replenishing our grocery stock, just having received a car of Sugar and a car of Spotless Flour.

# CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY.

## CAPT. STEELE'S OBJECT.

As advertised, Friday morning of last week, Capt. Steele, in company with Avery Turner and Don A. Sweet of Amarillo, managers of the Pecos Valley lines, visited our town for the purposes set out in last week's News.

Notwithstanding the fact that the board of trustees of the Baptist College was in session and a protracted meeting going on at the Baptist church a very fair sized crowd assembled at the court house to hear Capt. Steele on his plan of bringing settlers from the north and east to assist us in building up the Plains country. He made a straight forward, practical business talk, informing his hearers that he wanted facts concerning this country—the experience of our stockmen and farmers—to lay before the people of the north and east who contemplated moving to better their conditions. He stated that he was in correspondence with and had on the books of the agency over one hundred thousand names of men whom he thought could be induced to settle in the southwest; that the illustrated paper published by his agency was sent to each one of them at the expense of the railway companies that he represented. He wanted our people, especially the stockmen and farmers, those who had been here the longest preferred, to write him their experiences—tell where they came from, how much they had when they arrived here, what they had followed during their residence on the plains and how they stood with the world at the present day. These experiences he said he would place before the northeastern people and that he was positive such information as could be had here would bring many very desirable settlers to this country.

In short, the plan offered by the railroads, through Capt. Steele, is an excellent one; it could hardly be improved upon; it is offered to us free of cost; it is an opportunity that every one of our citizens who feels an interest in our town and county should take hold of without delay. To do this you are only serving your own interests—to build up the town and county, builds you up—then take hold and take hold now.

Wheat sowing has been and is still going on all over the county.

Ice Cream, Cake, and Lemonade in the old Dental parlors, east of the Court House, today, Friday, from 4 to 10 p. m. Proceeds for benefit of the M. E. Church.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at REDFEARN & Co.

Amarillo is making a general cleanout of the liquor dives and whole barrels of the "real thing" are being stored in the court house.

We have been informed that W. G. Nairn, R. R. Rush, Edgar Gilliland and J. W. Stephenson, have a total of 200 acres of cotton that will make one half bale per acre. This speaks well for Lubbock county. As conditions exist at the present time, this county has only one source of revenue, and that is its cattle. We take this year as an example, and we note that if we do not have good rains at once, many of the cattlemen will be compelled to buy cotton seed, oil cake, and cotton seed meal to carry their cattle through the winter. The seed can be readily sold to the local rancher for a fair price. We hope that the year 1904 will dawn on us with 1000 acres planted in cotton. This is no experiment, cotton will grow and mature in Lubbock county.—Lubbock Avalanche.

## A Favorite Remedy for Diarrhoea the World Over.

During the thirty years and more that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been in use it has constantly grown in favor and popularity. In every part of the United States it is now the acknowledged standard for all bowel complaints and is fast becoming a favorite the world over. The editor of the Paiso Akbar, a native newspaper published at Lahore, India, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy many times among my children and servants for colic and diarrhoea and always found it effective." For sale by Thompson Drug Co.

If the Hale Center Messenger is correct, Major Gordon only requires the modest sum of \$450,000, to build a railroad from Plainview to Amarillo. No wonder Bro. Shafer of the Herald says "it looks large at first glance." But, perhaps, Hale Center don't state it right. What is the proposition Bro. Shafer, or were you enjoined against its publication?

## One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned.

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved. That being the case he cannot be too careful about unnecessary expenses. Very often a few cents properly invested, like buying seed for his garden, will save several dollars outlay later on. It is the same in buying Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It costs but a few cents and a bottle of it in the house often saves a doctor bill of several dollars. For sale by Thompson Drug Co.

For Sale—or, will trade for land, the Canyon City News building.

## AMARILLO TO PLAINVIEW.

The News has heard many rumors about the construction of a railroad from Amarillo to Plainview. It had information of the visit of Major Gordon, a noted railroad promoter, to Plainview last week; of the mass meetings of citizens held there to hear Major Gordon and other gentlemen make or suggest plans for a speedy construction of "that" railroad; it sought persons who were interested and in a position to know, seeking the facts about it, but they only looked wise and were "mum." Then, The News felt sure, that the Plainview papers would tell the tale, but they didn't. The Press failed to put in its appearance at all on a vacation it is presumed—and the Herald, well, the Herald, it went on to tell the story but left the kernel out of the nut entirely. The esteemed Herald suggested, merely suggested a proposition from Major Gordon and strongly intimated that it was rather high in price, but wholly failed, even between the lines, to inform an anxious public as to what the nature of that proposition was.

Experience has taught The News that this is bad policy. If you have a straight proposition to bring before the public and you desire it to succeed it always pays to take the news paper man into your confidence. Of what use is it any way to cut him off or close his mouth when a meeting is open? You can't hide the truth—it will out—somebody will tell it and is it not far better to have a friend speak of it than a possible enemy? Now our people are interested in this proposed road; they desire to know what is being done about it; not that they oppose it, for such is not the case, but they are curious, very curious, to know all about it. This, of course, is but natural, and The News last week wanted to gratify them in this respect but alas! Plainview was "mum," not a citizen would tell the story and her newspapers spoke in riddles. This being the situation The News summed up the matter by stating that "Plainview with the possible assistance of Amarillo" must go it alone. How near we came to the truth can be seen from the following statement of facts taken from the Hale Center Messenger:

"The articles of confederation are substantially this: For \$2500 per mile cash, 100,000 acres of land and a right of way and depot grounds, the Pash-Gordon syndicate guarantee to build a railroad from somewhere to Plainview at once, inside of two years. The above bonus represents something like \$450,000. If Major Gordon had not told about once being opposed by two newspaper men, and how one of them relented and said

a railroad was a mighty good thing to have, we might talk about that bonus, but we don't believe the Major expects it to be subscribed, but that he will undertake the job with a great deal less.

"We are content to rest easy and let Plainview wrestle with the question, and when it is finished we will advertise her railroad and take pay in transportation."

We learn from the Herald that Plainview has recently organized a Board of Trade with the following officers: President, J. N. Donohoo, vice-president, H. C. Randolph, secretary, R. P. Smyth, assistant secretary, J. M. Shafer and for treasurer, J. H. Slaton.

**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 not 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.

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