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HOW TO LOVE.

February Smart Set.

ALL GIRLS like to be loved, but they are not all alike, and care should be taken to discriminate among the many varieties.

In making love to an old maid, the preliminaries only are necessary. Give her a fair start, and she will do the rest. Remember that she is making up for lost time, and hold on tight, and shut your eyes. As long as she has taken the cue, don't fear the result. You needn't do a thing.

When she is young and innocent, with a frank, open work countenance and with no experience, get up early every morning and watch her doorstep. There are others on the same trail, and if you wish to be an active member of the club you must do your share of the work. If she accepts flowers and fruit readily, don't get too gay. This is only your privilege. And when you feel that you cannot stand it any longer, tell her so, and leave the rest to her. She will be your teacher. You needn't do a thing.

With a widow, be calm and unmoved in the face of danger. You are in for it, and don't get rattled. Sit around where you can be reached, and submit to everything. But remember that, so far as you are concerned, there is nothing doing. It won't be necessary.

If she is a tall, straight blonde, with lustrous eyes and a large, open smile, don't allow your feelings to overcome you. Do the right thing, and wait. She will see that you are well taken care of.

Or if she is any other kind of girl, it doesn't matter. Don't do a thing yourself. She will do the rest. No matter how slow you may be, have no fear of the ultimate result.

But be sure of one thing. Before beginning, get a million or so.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by Mrs. Augusta McElroy and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn Justice of the Peace Precinct No. one (1), Randall county; one dun horse about 14 hands high, about 10 or 12 years old, branded 7F with bar through it on left shoulder, having a big ankle on left hind leg. Also one bay horse about 7 years old and about 15 hands high, branded C on right shoulder. Appraised dun at \$20; bay at \$30. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 16th day of Jan., 1904.

J. H. Garrison, Ck.,
C. C. Randall Co.

By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

Most people have about the same consideration for the man who continually traverses the town in an argumentative mood and persists in discussing to worn out listeners old thread bare issues and topics that have been settled centuries ago as the boy had for the dog in the good old days of yore when he frequently vacated an orchard or a melon patch and left portions of his raiment out of due respect for the canine's regard for the proprieties. This is not such an all-fired progressive age, but we "do move" some, even under the most critical circumstances.

Some enterprises that will help the town come of themselves; some for the asking, and others must be worked for. But with proper public spirit and enterprise there is no reason why all of these may not be 1904 realities. Public enterprise must not wane.

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To those who have traded with us during our many years of successful business here, no words of introduction are necessary. Perhaps you do not know that we are offering in our line of Farm Implements the products of some of the most reliable manufacturers of Agricultural Implements in the world. Our business as it is today is too extensive to admit of our offering a cheaply made or inferior article in order to make a sale. Hence in dealing with us you will always find that our implements are new, modern, and of the Standard make and exactly as represented. Many of them are the very choicest and best that are manufactured. We invite your especial attention to our

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US, QUALITY FOR QUALITY, in any line. By buying in such enormous quantities, we secure only the very best goods. Always improving, always growing, always giving our customers a little more for their money. Come in, get our prices and carefully inspect our goods.

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UP AND DOING.

Canyon City should not forget the lesson that every growing town must learn, which is that all growth depends on keeping something going on. The holiday season has long since passed and the business lethargy that in every town and city is accustomed to follow a few days in their wake should not be prolonged nor allowed to work overtime. Canyon City should at once be up and doing, shake herself, and get ready for 1904.

Something must be kept "going on." What is being done to secure more of the trade to the south that is naturally tributary to Canyon City? Concerted action is what we mean. Outside of an effort on the part of a limited number of our business men, who is doing anything to bring this about? Leaders are what we want in this instance; the balance will have to follow. The enterprise that does not fall in line and furnish the necessary inducements will be left behind before the season is over. This particular proposition is one that stares Canyon City square in the face this present instant and it's about time this matter was being pushed. If you want evidence of this position it will be readily furnished. Some systematic, co-operative work in time among the business men of the town can command all of the trade half-way between here and the Texas & Pacific Ry., that is now being angled for by towns that have an eye out for business.

With the proposed Santa Fe cut-off in view what is being done to show this road that Canyon City is "on the map" and that this would be the best point on the line for permanent improvements?

And so other "enterprises of pith and moment" might be named. Canyon City must bestir herself. She must be up and doing. All things may come to those who wait but all these things are wanted right now without the waiting. Now is the accepted time. Will not someone give the ball of public enterprise and growth another kick in the right direction? Do it now; keep it rolling on.

Business Notice.—We have sold out our business to R. G. Oldham and company and specially desire that all persons owing us on account will settle up at once.

Respectfully,
J. A. WANSLEY & Co.
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An exchange perpetuates the following: "If men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is a necessity sugar is a luxury. Vicious men are saltpeter; stern men are rock salt; nice men are table salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar, and pretty girls the pulverized sugar. Pass the pulverized sugar, please."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank
At Canyon, in the State of Texas at
the close of business, Jan. 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$151,012.74
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	9,609.81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	3,059.15
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	10,534.88
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,389.78
Due from State Banks and bankers	1,111.32
Due from approved reserve agents	55,142.63
Checks & other cash items	2,956.98
Notes of other national banks	1,800.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	42.20
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	1,979.25
Legal-tender notes	6,563.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	305,801.76

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus funds	25,000.00
Undivided profits, loss, expenses and taxes paid	7,359.81
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other nat'l. banks	41,231.24
Due to state banks and bankers	3,735.44
Individual deposits subject to check	113,415.27
Time certificates of deposit	15,060.00
Total	305,801.76

State of Texas, County of Randall, ss: I, D. A. PARK, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. A. PARK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Jan., 1904.
B. F. BUE,
Notary public Randall Co., Texas.
Correct Attest:
L. T. LESTER,
J. L. HOWELL,
J. N. DONOHOO. } Directors.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by J. B. Knox and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Randall county: One bay horse about 15 hands high, seven or eight years old, branded 22 bar Turkey Track on left thigh and U on left shoulder, left hind foot. U white and wire cut. Appraised at Fifteen Dollars. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 23rd day of January, 1904.

J. H. GARRISON, Ck.
C. C. Randall Co.
By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

A PLAIN TALK.

There is no getting around the fact, unpleasant as it may appear to some, that the staple money crop of the South—the very staff upon which the farmer of moderate means must depend for his cash supply—is cotton. At times, of course, there is "no money" in cotton, but can we not truthfully say the same of any other product, stock included? The News could tell of fortunes lost in small grain farming and of money, lots of it, being sunk in the stock business, but these are matters known to all observers and for the purpose of this article the mention alone is sufficient.

Stock farming is all right. The two and four section man can make money on the plains provided he runs his place on business lines. Grain farming would likely also prove a success on the plains but in each of these avocations more capital is required than the average farmer can command and then again, a very important matter, there cannot be from the very nature of things, enough of these stock and grain men in a county to make one good town. To make it plainer, the News announces the proposition right here, that if Randall county is not and cannot be made a farming country we have about all the people in it now that are needed—more settlers would be too many. And we might say further, as did a citizen of Deaf Smith, in writing to "The Brand," "If we can't raise cotton here or some other staple money crop, several of us that are already here will have to move."

We are up against this proposition hard and fast, both county and town, and let us solve it like men having a proper regard for the rights of others.

In Severance, Kan., an ordinance authorizes the girls to pop the question, and requires the men to accept the propositions without a murmur. The world do move in Kansas. That ordinance is needed down this way. How about it, DAISY?

"MIGHT HAVE BEEN."

The other day after tucking the midday lunch under our belt where it would do the most good, the writer leaned back in the once easy chair, tossed his feet upon the desk, let his eyes study the ceiling while he indulged in a little calculation.

Just how long we sat there we are at a loss to know. Finally our calculations were disturbed by the entrance of a being; the form of a man was outlined before us; in his right hand he held a sheet of paper, and the lips of the man spoke unto us:

"Here is copy for an ad to be inserted in the News this year." Our eyes fell upon the copy and we clearly saw the letters, "R. G. O. & Co."—the initials of a general merchandise establishment down the street from this office. We hung the copy upon the hook and the messenger disappeared as silently as he came.

But another raised the latch and entered. We can almost hear his rich, baritone words yet: "Here's copy for an ad for you; give us as good space as you can." The nicely curved letters, "C. C. H. & G. Co.," smiled up at us, and we knew it was the new business in the brand new building that looms up so nicely even in a sand storm. "Click" went the copy as we pushed the ad hook through it. Vision No. 2 waddled off down the street.

Number 3 appeared. He had the appearance of an old-time friend we used to know, who was engaged in the general mercantile business. "Here," said the vision, "here's copy for a half page—"

He got no further. In reaching for that half-page, in some manner we slipped and fell from the chair and awoke. We looked for the copy.

Pshaw! 'twas all a dream! But it might prove a reality some time.

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The Surrender of the Weak.

The popular idea of suicide undoubtedly is that it most commonly results from excess of emotion of some kind. The men whom most of us think of as likely to kill themselves are those whose passions are strong—men who love and hate fiercely are violently impatient of physical ills, drink hard, or hold some idea so tenaciously that it possesses their whole being and they become insane.

These are the suicides of romance almost invariably. But Professor Bailey of Yale in his recent statistical study of suicide in the United States shows that they are far from being the majority of actual suicides. He has collected details of 10,000 cases of suicide from 1897 to 1901 and analyzed them with respect to the age, sex, social relations and other common factors of their victims, and the known or apparent cause of their self-destruction.

Bad health, insanity, disappointment in love and strong drink do lead to suicide, but they are causes much less potent than business losses, while the most frequent cause is that known as "despondency"—the feeling that the victim has made a failure in accomplishing his purpose and that further struggle against the obstacles that confront him is hopeless.

That more than three men kill themselves to one woman has long been known. Remembering what are the chief causes of suicide, it is easy to understand why this is so. Between the ages of 20 and 50, when two-thirds of the suicides occur, nearly every man is working for himself and a woman, already found or sought. Hence, when a man feels that he has failed, the weight that falls upon him is double. He has failed not only for himself, but also for the woman.

And the further conclusion seems justifiable that suicide is not a wild breaking through the barriers of life, as often imagined, but is rather an admission that these barriers are impassable. Suicide was long ago called the last refuge of the coward. Harsh as the description has seemed it is practically true. Its most frequent causes prove that self-murder is not the revolt of the strong, but the surrender of the weak.

Should "Weaklings" Be Saved?

A new and rather startling idea is being promulgated by certain eminent physicians. It is that modern medical science and its allied science of sanitation, is injuring the human race by preserving too many lives. It is the "better dead" theory reduced to a purely physiological basis and viewed in the cold, white light of medical science. A short time ago Dr. Chapin, superintendent of health of Providence, R. I., read a paper before a medical convention in Boston, in which he called attention to the effect likely to be produced upon future generations by the saving by medical skill of the lives of weaklings who instead of dying, as they would have done in the natural course of events a few years ago, now have their lives prolonged until they have married and perpetuated their own infirmities and weak vitality in their children. He seriously questioned whether medical skill was not doing altogether too much for the general good of the human race.

"English" as She Is Writ.

A returned traveler writes the New York Sun that he saw the following "ad." in an art store in Munich a few days ago: "The exhibit of the paintings, which no every exception whose alone property and in the possession of about 40000 No. of stich of koeper, cut of wood, art of shive liefs, color printings, crasures and ca. 6000 portraits, also 1000 sketches in hand, aquaralles, of german, english, dutch, belgium, italian and french masters of the latest four centuries. Also an collection of miniatures, and many old books, whiches complet collection are saleable. Mrs. Patrons, you want information about, sent you please a letter to the possessor, J. Gernert, Bavarian 30-1 and Karisplatz 20-1, Munich. Catalogue is to preparation, and sent the catalogues every patron to give his strict address."

English Nobility in Trade.

From duchess down, the haughty dames of England are going into trade. The duchess of Abercorn owns a flourishing creamery at Bannscourt, Ireland; Lady Warwick has many irons in the fire; another countess bought motors and let them out for hire, and Lady Essex is, or was, part proprietor of a flourishing laundry business. London laundresses leave much to be desired and a few society women including Lady Essex and Mrs. Hwfa Williams, have started a well managed French laundry in one of the neater suburbs.

Love's Solecisms.

Look not with reproachful eyes
As I view by heaven above,
By the sun that brights the skies
It is you, dear, who I love.
Cry not in complaining tone—
"Please say whom I love, not who!"
Never mind the case, my own,
When in any case it's you.

Frown not when I vow again
That for years and years to be,
If there be one faithful swain,
You shall know, love, that it's me.
Don't say "I, not me, I pray!"
If 'tis true, why should you sigh?
What is grammar, love, I say—
Clear that truth—to you and I?

Smile upon me, love, once more,
As I bless my happy lot,
Vowing none may match my store,
Since 'tis you, yes! you I've got.
Don't say "good" superfluous there,
It is a shame to flout me thus;
Naught concerning you, I swear,
Ever is superfluous.

Don't be down on me so much—
Ah! again I give offense—
Ask not if I'm speaking Dutch,
Else you'll know it is not sense.
For the uses, love, go search,
Uses of a bended knee,
One I—I seize you—is a perch—
Try it—now you're down on me!
—Fall Mall Gazette.

The Little Feller.

By Helca Fair Hunter.

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If ever the "light that never was on land or sea" glorified a human face it glorified the one that lay before her on the pillow. Great dark eyes of that rare color so seldom seen, violet, deepest violet, wonderful eyes, like two deep wells; one could look and look and yet not fathom their depths; brown hair pushed back from a broad white-brow. Every vestige of sin and earthly dross washed free from the small, perfect features by physical pain. Circumstances and environment made him a street gamine. God made him beautiful.

She had entered the room reluctantly, dreading to look at the bed where he lay. Unused to such scenes, she shrank from the sight of pain and suffering. An hour before she had come to the hospital to sing for the children. Just as she was leaving a nurse had followed her and told her of this boy dying upstairs. He had heard her through the closed doors singing to the others, and begged to see her.

Her glance began at the foot of the bed, and moved up gradually over the motionless limbs to his face. When she met the glance of those wonderful eyes every feeling but tenderness and pity vanished. She was beside him in an instant kneeling there. "You wanted to see the little boy?" she said. "Did you want to hear me sing?"

A slow wavering smile swept over his face. "Yer bet!" he whispered. "I heard you down stairs, singin' ter de odder kids, and nurse said she'd bring yer." He spoke in the vernacular of the streets, in the slow drawl, and the mutilated English, but the voice was clear and sweet.

Barbara thought a moment. "What shall I sing you, dear? What kind of songs do you like?"

"Oh, I don't care; anything dat's a song. I haln't perticular. I ain't never hearr'd such an orful let. Won't I want to Koster's and hearr'd some rals sing, and won't Jim and me went ter show at Miner's. But I likes de songs what de Salvation army sings best—makes yer feel kinder quiet and good, you know."

Barbara began in a low voice, singing under her breath, hymns she had learned when a child. He lay with his eyes closed, drinking in the music. When she had finished he did not stir, and she thought he had fallen asleep. She bent over and quietly touched his forehead with the tips of her gloved fingers. Instantly his eyes opened and smiled into hers. "I was just list'nin'," he said; "I'd like ter hear yer sing agin something right out loud."

And Barbara, there on her knees in that small, barren room, with Death's messenger so close that the very shadow of his wings seemed to envelop them both, sang as she had never



"Do you want to hear me sing?"

sung before. Never had the glorious voice God had given her sounded more beautiful, more wonderfully sweet, than when it rang out in that narrow room. "I know that my Redeemer liveth"—liquid, clear, like pearls of dew from heaven—the notes fell. Never had Barbara Randolph, who had sung to every great and fashionable audience in that great city, received such homage, such rapt, adoring homage, as that silent, motionless little figure on the bed paid her. She knew by the unerring instinct of genius that she struck a responsive note of harmony in the boy's soul; that un-couth, uneducated, homeless, homeless wail from the streets that he was

in his soul dwelt the love of exquisite harmonies and music; that her voice was the key that unlocked the gate of that soul, and for the first time in his short life, that had been crowded so full of the harsh, the coarse, the unlovely experiences of poverty and distress; just as his soul was hovering on the border of that land whose light even now was glorifying his face, he experienced joy.

When her voice died away he drew a long, deep, quivering sigh. "Gee! Ain't that a corker! I haln't never hearr'd anything like dat before—nevir." Oh, the pathos of it! The rough, coarse slang of the streets, the only language he knew, to express the emotion of that beautiful soul. The tears sprang to Barbara's eyes and she pressed the little, cold hand that lay outside the coverlid, to her lips.

Presently he said in a voice so low she had to lean down to catch the words, "Wonet I hearr'd a song at de barricks, 'bout a feller what lived up in de sky and loved kids; does yer know dat one?"

"Perhaps I do, dear; was it anything



"Do you tink He'd care for a little feller like me?"

like this?" and Barbara hummed the refrain of that sweet hymn children sing, "Suffer Little Children to Come, Unto Me, Jesus Said."

A joyous light broke over his face and a gleam of radiant brightness came into his eyes. "Yes, dat's it, dat's it. Sing it agagin!"

The nurse came quietly in at the door and framed the words with her lips. "Go quickly." Her trained eyes told her what was coming. But Barbara shook her head and walked over to the window.

The nurse moistened his lips with some stimulant and tried to help him. But the pain was cruel, twisting and torturing the poor, mangled body. Barbara stood holding on to the easement of the window, drawing her breath in great gasps as if that could help him.

When the paroxysm had passed he lay back on the pillows exhausted, Barbara crept back to the bed. Slowly the deep violet eyes opened and the same exquisite smile he had greeted her with crept over his face again. His lips were moving. Barbara caught the words: "Jesus, what loved de little kids! Do yer tink He'd care for a little feller like me?"

"Oh, little boy, little boy, I am sure he would. I am sure he would," said Barbara. Again that marvelous smile, just touching the corners of his mouth, just then the light went out of the dark eyes, and the quiet peace of the Easter morning streaming in at the open window wrapped them close. Another little white soul had joined the angels, and in Barbara's heart until she died she could hear the child's voice, "Do yer tink He'd care for a little feller like me?"

CONDUCTOR WAS AT FAULT.

Failed to Include Mind Reading in His Accomplishments.

There were two young and pretty girls, and they paused long enough, in what was evidently an engrossing conversation, to hail a car. It was on Broadway, Manhattan, and the girls continued their talk while they boarded the car, and paid the conductor their fares. In fact, there was no let-up from the time they entered the car at Fourteenth street until they were passing through Madison square. Then one of the girls happened to look up. She stared out of the window in bewilderment for half a minute and then said tragically: "Oh, Sadie, this is an up-town car." Her companion, after a rapid glance, called the conductor. "Is this car going up town?" she asked.

"Yes'm," answered the man in blue. "But we wanted to go down town. We didn't want an up-town car. Why didn't you tell us this wasn't a down-town car?" she asked before the conductor had time to draw a breath.

"I ain't no mind reader," said the conductor, a trifle grumpily. "How should I know you wanted a down-town car when you didn't say so?" The girls looked daggers as they walked through to the platform, and as they got off one of them was saying: "The idea. Saucy thing. He ought to be reported, letting us get on an up-town car and taking our fares and all, when we wanted to go down town." And the rest of the passengers smiled and said nothing.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Have Your Fare Ready.

In New York the street car companies instruct conductors to refuse anything larger than a two-dollar bill or fare, owing to the impracticability of carrying enough change to break up the fives and tens that would be greed upon them. A majority of fares are paid in nickels; then come, in the order named, dimes, quarters, halves and pennies.

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When she is young and innocent, with a frank, open work countenance and with no experience, get up early every morning and watch her doorstep. There are others on the same trail, and if you wish to be an active member of the club you must do your share of the work. If she accepts flowers and fruit readily, don't get too gay. This is only your privilege. And when you feel that you cannot stand it any longer, tell her so, and leave the rest to her. She will be your teacher. You needn't do a thing.

With a widow, be calm and unmoved in the face of danger. You are in for it, and don't get rattled. Sit around where you can be reached, and submit to everything. But remember that, so far as you are concerned, there is nothing doing. It won't be necessary.

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But be sure of one thing. Before beginning, get a million or so.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by Mrs. Augusta McElroy and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn Justice of the Peace Precinct No. one (1), Randall county; one dun horse about 14 hands high, about 10 or 12 years old, branded 7F with bar through it on left shoulder, having a big ankle on left hind leg. Also one bay horse about 7 years old and about 15 hands high, branded C on right shoulder. Appraised dun at \$20; bay at \$30. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 16th day of Jan., 1904.
J. H. Garrison, Ck.,
C. C. Randall Co.

By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

Most people have about the same consideration for the man who continually traverses the town in an argumentative mood and persists in discussing to worn out listeners old thread bare issues and topics that have been settled centuries ago as the boy had for the dog in the good old days of yore when he frequently vacated an orchard or a melon patch and left portions of his raiment out of due respect for the canine's regard for the proprieties. This is not such an all-fired progressive age, but we "do move" some, even under the most critical circumstances.

Some enterprises that will help the town come of themselves; some for the asking, and others must be worked for. But with proper public spirit and enterprise there is no reason why all of these may not be 1904 realities. Public enterprise must not wane.

Just A Word About Hardware !!

To those who have traded with us during our many years of successful business here, no words of introduction are necessary. Perhaps you do not know that we are offering in our line of Farm Implements the products of some of the most reliable manufacturers of Agricultural Implements in the world. Our business as it is today is too extensive to admit of our offering a cheaply made or inferior article in order to make a sale. Hence in dealing with us you will always find that our implements are new, modern, and of the Standard make and exactly as represented. Many of them are the very choicest and best that are manufactured. We invite your especial attention to our

Windmills=

A good windmill is a faithful and reliable servant upon which you can depend for steady work every day of the year, requiring no labor and very little attention. A poorly constructed windmill of cheap material and indifferent workmanship, constantly requiring repairing, etc., is a very unsatisfactory article on any farm. None of our farmer and stockmen friends appreciate this better than we do, and although there may be low priced mills offered for sale, yet there is none that will cost less after 10 years of service than our well-known, well-tried "Eclipse" and "Star" mills. It is no experiment with us, but are the same mills that we have handled for years, with changes made from time to time to strengthen, simplify and improve in every way possible each and every piece and part. INVESTIGATE TODAY!

Harness and Saddles=

We have been selling Harness, Saddles and Horse Furnishings so long that we know what our customers want and we always guarantee that the buyer will be satisfied with what he gets. When we say it is hand-made, it is. A general repair shop in connection with our Leather Goods Department. Investigate!

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST-

We have always lived the motto: THAT NO ONE CAN UNDERSSELL US. QUALITY FOR QUALITY, in any line. By buying in such enormous quantities, we secure only the very best goods. Always improving, always growing, always giving our customers a little more for their money. Come in, get our prices and carefully inspect our goods.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

UP AND DOING.

Canyon City should not forget the lesson that every growing town must learn, which is that all growth depends on keeping something going on. The holiday season has long since passed and the business lethargy that in every town and city is accustomed to follow a few days in their wake should not be prolonged nor allowed to work over time. Canyon City should at once be up and doing, shake herself, and get ready for 1904.

Something must be kept "going on." What is being done to secure more of the trade to the south that is naturally tributary to Canyon City? Concerted action is what we mean. Outside of an effort on the part of a limited number of our business men, who is doing anything to bring this about? Leaders are what we want in this instance; the balance will have to follow. The enterprise that does not fall in line and furnish the necessary inducements will be left behind before the season is over. This particular proposition is one that stares Canyon City square in the face this present instant and it's about time this matter was being pushed. If you want evidence of this position it will be readily furnished. Some systematic, co-operative work in time among the business men of the town can command all of the trade half-way between here and the Texas & Pacific Ry., that is now being angled for by towns that have an eye out for business.

With the proposed Santa Fe cut-off in view what is being done to show this road that Canyon City is "on the map" and that this would be the best point on the line for permanent improvements?

And so other "enterprises of pith and moment" might be named. Canyon City must bestir herself. She must be up and doing. All things may come to those who wait but all these things are wanted right now without the waiting. Now is the accepted time. Will not someone give the ball of public enterprise and growth another kick in the right direction? Do it now; keep it rolling on.

Business Notice.—We have sold out our business to R. G. Oldham and company and specially desire that all persons owing us on account will settle up at once.

Respectfully,
J. A. WANSLEY & Co.
46 Hs.

An exchange perpetuates the following: "If men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is a necessity sugar is a luxury. Vicious men are salt-peter; stern men are rock salt; nice men are table salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar, and pretty girls are pulverized sugar. Pass the pulverized sugar, please."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank
AT Canyon, in the State of Texas at
the close of business, Jan. 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$157,012.74
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	9,609.81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	3,059.15
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	10,534.88
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,489.78
Due from State Banks and bankers	1,111.32
Due from approved reserve agents	55,142.63
Checks & other cash items	2,956.98
Notes of other national banks	1,800.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	42.20
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	1,979.25
Legal-tender notes	6,563.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	305,801.76

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,359.81
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other nat'l. banks	41,281.24
Due to state banks and bankers	3,735.44
Individual deposits subject to check	113,415.27
Time certificates of deposit	15,060.00
Total	305,801.76

State of Texas, County of Randall, ss:
I, D. A. PARK, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. A. PARK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Jan., 1904.

B. F. BRUE,
Notary public Randall Co., Texas.
Correct Attest:
L. T. LESTER,
J. L. HOWELL,
J. N. DONOHOO. } Directors.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by J. B. Knox and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Randall county: One bay horse about 15 hands high, seven or eight years old, branded 22 bar Turkey Track on left thigh and U on left shoulder, left hind foot U white and wire cut. Appraised at Fifteen Dollars. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 23rd day of January, 1904.

J. H. GARRISON, Ck.,
C. C. Randall Co.
By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

A PLAIN TALK.

There is no getting around the fact, unpleasant as it may appear to some, that the staple money crop of the South—the very staff upon which the farmer of moderate means must depend for his cash supply—is cotton. At times, of course, there is "no money" in cotton, but can we not truthfully say the same of any other product, stock included? The News could tell of fortunes lost in small grain farming and of money, lots of it, being sunk in the stock business, but these are matters known to all observers and for the purpose of this article the mention alone is sufficient.

Stock farming is all right. The two and four section man can make money on the plains provided he runs his place on business lines. Grain farming would likely also prove a success on the plains but in each of these avocations more capital is required than the average farmer can command and then again, a very important matter, there cannot be from the very nature of things, enough of these stock and grain men in a county to make one good town. To make it plainer, the News announces the proposition right here, that if Randall county is not and cannot be made a farming country we have about all the people in it now that are needed—more settlers would be too many. And we might say further, as did a citizen of Deaf Smith, in writing to "The Brand," "If we can't raise cotton here or some other staple money crop, several of us that are already here will have to move."

We are up against this proposition hard and fast, both country and town, and let us solve it like men having a proper regard for the rights of others.

In Severance, Kan., an ordinance authorizes the girls to pop the question, and requires the men to accept the propositions without a murmur. The world do move in Kansas. That ordinance is needed down this way. How about it, DAISY?

"MIGHT HAVE BEEN."

The other day after tucking the midday lunch under our belt where it would do the most good, the writer leaned back in the once easy chair, tossed his feet upon the desk, let his eyes study the ceiling while he indulged in a little calculation.

Just how long we sat there we are at a loss to know. Finally our calculations were disturbed by the entrance of a being; the form of a man was outlined before us; in his right hand he held a sheet of paper, and the lips of the man spoke out to us:

"Here is copy for an ad to be inserted in the News this year." Our eyes fell upon the copy and we clearly saw the letters, "R. G. O. & Co."—the initials of a general merchandise establishment down the street from this office. We hung the copy upon the hook and the messenger disappeared as silently as he came.

But another raised the latch and entered. We can almost hear his rich, baritone words yet: "Here's copy for an ad for you; give us as good space as you can." The nicely curved letters, "C. C. H. & G. Co.," smiled up at us, and we knew it was the new business in the brand new building that looms up so nicely even in a sand storm. "Click" went the copy as we pushed the ad hook through it. Vision No. 2 waddled off down the street.

Number 3 appeared. He had the appearance of an old-time friend we used to know, who was engaged in the general mercantile business. "Here," said the vision, "here's copy for a half page—"

He got no further. In reaching for that half-page, in some manner we slipped and fell from the chair and awoke. We looked for the copy.

Pshaw! 'twas all a dream! But it might prove a reality some time.

BURTON-LINGO CO.,

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

STOCK TAKING IS OVER

And the time has come to clean up winter goods and make ready for our spring stock. We have marked our prices down so that if you need anything in our line you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Look at some of our convincing prices:

Blue Cashmere, worth 60c at 40c.	Brown Covert, worth 50c at 39c.	ALL Ladies' Skirts at greatly reduced prices:
Blue Cashmere, worth 30c at 25c.	Novelty Dress Coods, worth 50c at 39c.	Ladies' Balmorals, worth \$1.50 at \$1.25
Blue Cashmere, worth 35c at 27c.	Grey Cheviot, worth 60c at 40c.	Ladies' Flannel Skirts, worth \$1.25 at . . \$1.00
Tan Covert, worth 50c at 39c.	Novelty Worsted, worth 15c at 12c.	Ladies' Flannel Skirts, worth \$1.00 at . . . 80c
Men's Overcoats, worth \$6.00 at \$4.75.	Blankets, full size, worth \$6.50 at \$5.50	A full line of "Star 5 Star" Shoes just received
Men's Overcoats, worth \$7.50 at \$6.25.	Blankets, full size, worth \$5.00 at \$4.25	1 Lot Men's Shoes, odds and ends, \$1 to \$2.50
Men's Overcoats, worth \$10.00 at \$8.25.	Blankets, full size, worth \$3.50 at \$3.00	25 per cent off on Ladies' Capes and Jackets
Men's Overcoats, worth \$12.50 at \$10.00.	Elegant line of Navajo blankets just received.	All Dress Calicoes at 41c

We wish to thank our friends for their liberal patronage during the past year, and we shall endeavor at all times to give you the best values that the market affords.

WRIGHT, GAMBLE & CO.

SUCCESSORS TO PATTILLO & GAMBLE.

CANYON CITY NEWS.

(THE STAYER.)

GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.
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Announcements.

COUNTY TICKET.

For County and District Clerk, Randall County, subject to action of Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

L. J. SCOTT,
J. A. TATE.

For Tax Assessor, of Randall county, subject to Democratic nominating convention if such be held:

C. H. HITCHCOCK,
P. H. YOUNG,
J. T. JOWELL,
S. H. HEYSER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

G. C. LONG.

For County Attorney of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

ALBERT S. ROLLINS.

For Treasurer of Randall County, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

R. G. OLDHAM.

For County Judge of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

J. M. VANSANT.

We are authorized to announce the name of:

A. N. HENSON.

as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge of Randall County, subject only to the action of the voters at the polls on November the 8th, next.

OVER 400 VOTERS.

On the first day of February 376 polls were paid out of a possible 423.

377 polls were assessed last year on the original lists and 46 have since been assessed and placed on the supplemental roll.

The Collector's office estimates that there are about 50 exemptions in the county including those who were under age last year and old enough to vote this. Should this prove correct the legal voters of Randall county number 427.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Friday and Saturday of last week J. A. White, a contractor and builder of Vernon, Texas, was here and submitted to the school board a proposition to put up the new school edifice agreeing to accept as consideration therefor a portion of the recently issued bonds at the price fixed upon them by recent action of the board of trustees. Mr. White was the builder of the Clarendon public school building, and on Wednesday R. W. O'Keefe and J. C. Pipkin of the school board, went down there to examine the same as to size, style and workmanship. The object of this visit to Clarendon is to enable the school board to get at Mr. White's proposition in detail.

The News also has information that there are other contractors who are ready to bid for the work on the same basis as Mr. White.

Unless the school board changes its present plans, about \$11,000 will complete the college building proper.

Commissioners' Court.

At a special session of this court held Friday of last week a compromise was entered into between the court and the owners of the "Block" lands in which said owners agreed to pay taxes on a valuation for last year of \$1.50 per acre.

This compromise grew out of an alleged failure of the county authorities to strictly comply with the law in reference to record entries and issuing notices in cases of raising renditions.

The News is of the opinion that in this compromise the court acted wisely.

404 is the number of polls paid in Deaf Smith county.

According to the Clarendon Chronicle 488 poll tax receipts were issued for that county, or about 100 more than for Randall—not such a great difference after all when we consider how long Donley has been on the market.

Having had to move, put down carpets, etc., and this too with a first-class case of the mumps, and other troubles of our own, all this this week, the News editor has not had much time to hustle locals. And then, too, somehow the times seem dull. Discussion of things that don't happen is all very well in Jessie James's novels, but newspaper readers get tired of it. If our school board and those contractors would only go behind the barn and settle something!

New Orleans Mardi Gras.

ONE FARE for the round trip from all points via The Texas & Pacific Railway. Dates of sale February 10th to 15th inclusive, final limit Feb. 20, 1904. On payment of fee of 50 cents an extension to March 5th 1904 will be granted.

For further information call on any T & P Ticket Agent, or write, E. P. Turner, Gen'l. Pass. Ag't., Dallas, Texas.

You Take Desperate Chances When You Neglect a Cold.

It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding cold, thereby paying the way for more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds, can be had for a trifle? For Sale by S. V. Wirt.

Bob Hampton, reported in the News last week as in jail to await the action of the grand jury on the charge of conversion, was on Friday evening taken to Durant, I. T., by U. S. Marshal, A. N. Wilcox, with the understanding that if indicted here he will be returned for trial. Hampton, it seems, is wanted at Durant to answer two indictments charging him with adultery and embezzlement. He was under bond in one case for \$500, and failing to appear it was forfeited. A reward of \$200 was offered for his arrest but it appears that sheriff Upfold was not aware of this until the Marshal had left with him. Wilcox plainly "hogged" our sheriff in this as he ought to have been willing to divide anyway.

THE SUMMER NORMAL.

The Panhandle Teachers Association will convene at Amarillo next Friday and some of our county teachers are on the program for this occasion. One of the objects of this meeting is to choose a place at which to hold the summer normal and the News is informed that this town has a good chance to get it, if a proper showing be made. It is estimated that some sixty teachers will attend this normal and the chief inducement they will ask is board at about \$12.50 per month. One of our teachers who will attend the session at Amarillo, informs the News, that if he can go there, prepared to offer board at this price he thinks our town has a good if not the best chance of securing this normal.

Does Canyon City want this Summer Normal?

If so, it will be necessary to see about obtaining board for the teachers who will attend.

If interested in bringing the normal here and you can furnish or know of accommodations in the way of board at about the figures named, communicate with Profs. Lackey or Hodges, or leave word at this office.

The National "Live Stock Exchange has entered into the combination of stock exchanges agreeing to dispense with solicitors and so our townsman, Geo. Long, their representative here, loses his position.

One of our citizens who has been South, informed a News reporter Wednesday that at Plainview, Floydada and Lubbock, a man's credit was now gauged by the amount of lint cotton he carried on or about his breeches.

BOARD OF TRADE.

At the Board of Trade meeting Monday night the proposition submitted by the cotton convention, looking to the erection of a gin at this place, was referred to the committee on public improvements and enterprises, with instructions to report progress to the meeting to be held at the court house tomorrow evening. Also Judge A. N. Henson was instructed to work with said committee on this special occasion.

The sum of five dollars was allowed the advertising committee for the purpose of getting out a small booklet setting forth the advantages of the town, etc.

The secretary was allowed the sum of \$2.50 for printed stationery.



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News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding the money by mail.

- J. T. Jowell \$.50
- Jno. A. Wallace 1.00
- Miss Beasley50
- T. H. Young 1.00
- T. F. Reid 1.00
- J. D. Bratton50
- A. N. Woodard50
- W. J. Sluder 1.00
- J. T. Wesley 1.50
- T. C. Simms 1.00
- T. W. Barrett50
- C. M. Houser50
- J. A. Tate 1.00
- Mrs. H. Ross by Lee Vansant 1.00
- J. M. Burkhalter 2.50
- Jno. A. Wilson 1.00
- R. M. Peeler 1.00
- Lucy Sadler, by R. M. Peeler 1.00
- I. W. McClure 1.00
- R. B. Redfeard 1.20
- E. W. Reynolds 1.25
- J. G. Cruikshank 1.00
- J. M. Craig 1.00

NOTE—Above includes subscription paid to date from January 3.

This week petitions have been circulated for presentation to the Commissioners' court next week, asking said court to order a local option election for Randall county. To compel the court to order such election will require 200 signatures, but resorting to its discretionary powers, the court may grant the petition even though a less number request it.

IN COMMENCING THE NEW YEAR

We entered it with the determination to inaugurate special sales from time to time, the advantage of which we hope will accrue to our customers. We positively will not be undersold, either here or anywhere else on the Plains, the proof of which assertion can only be ascertained by you giving us a fair trial. The approaching change of season naturally suggests that the time is ripe for clearance sales and we respectfully invite your attention to some prices on winter goods that are sure to please. In stocking our store for a severe winter and with it an anticipation of a heavy demand for warmth-producing clothing, we are naturally overloaded on some lines and will dispose of them to your profit in order to make ready for spring

LADIES' DRESS GOODS--We have remarkably great values in Ladies' Dress Goods and our reputation for "selling the best" is nowhere better exemplified than in this department. A few pieces of 58-inch Zibeline and Broadcloth patterns that will sell at the bargain price of 90c and 80c per yd. A few pieces of 40-inch wide material, same grade as above, at 65c per yd.

NOVELTY SUITING--This season's prettiest designs, in one of the staple, popular-priced dress fabrics, always in good demand, as fine looking as the best of woolen goods. A staple suiting that sells all the year around in large stores at 75c, to go in this sale at the low price of 55c per yd. All 50c and 25c worsted goods go at 35c and 15c. In this department we also have some special values in French Flannels.

SHAWLS AND FASCINATORS--We have priced all of our shawls and fascinators so close to cost for this sale that there is no reason why we should not sell double the quantity we usually sell.

LADIES' SWEATERS--Fine quality worsted; strictly all-wool; shaped waist; fashioned, perfect fitting. The regular \$5 grade; each \$3.95

We earnestly desire that you study our PRICES, and, better still, come in and see the goods for yourself, and COMPARE them with those of other firms. Business etiquette forbids us making any direct comparisons ourselves, so we are compelled to depend upon the intelligence of our trade to distinguish the difference. We cater to a thinking element with honest goods and upright methods.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR--This department contains a full line of carefully selected goods for winter wear, in Ladies, Misses and children's sizes, and we will make a special effort to give the limit of value.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS--In sizes 8 to 12 and 2, 3 and 4 years, will go at prices that will make you think that if we were dealing in cloaks exclusively, it would be utterly impossible to sell these garments at as low a price as we are selling them.

BLANKETS--Fine values here, cotton, all wool, or wool mixed, it does not matter which, they are all picked from the best stock and we know what our customers on the Plains want in this article.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR--We reserve nothing in our men's and boy's underwear, wool and cotton; they must go.

CLOTHING--Probably the greatest values of this sale will be in this department. We will leave absolutely no doubt in your mind that you are not getting your money's worth. Men's and Boy's suits that have been selling at \$12, \$10 and \$5, now sell at \$8, \$6 and \$3.50.

FELT BOOTS--Some good values in this article for freighters and stockmen; also a full line of over-shoes, medium and Arctics, for ladies.

We would also have you remember that our grocery department is at all times complete and would also have you bear in mind that nothing but fresh, standard goods are handled. Everything in this department sells every day at a small margin of profit.

CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY.

FLOYD COUNTY COTTON.

Under date of January 27, A. D. White, of Floydada, writes the Fort Worth Record concerning cotton growing in that section as follows:

"As the present price of cotton has added interest to the cotton farming industry in the panhandle, I will send a report from Floyd county. In 1901 A. A. Lomax and a few others, believing cotton could be raised here, planted a few acres, Mr. Lomax planting about eighteen acres, from which he gathered nine bales, hauling it to Childress, a distance of 185 miles, to get it ginned. In 1902 a small gin was erected here and some fifty bales ginned during the season, cotton yielding an average of about one-third of a bale to the acre.

"In 1903 still more cotton was planted and our town enjoys the distinction of ginning cotton from perhaps the largest territory of any gin in the United States, if not in the world. Cotton was ginned here last year from seven counties and the territory of New Mexico, 180 bales being put up during the past season, cotton yielding from one third to three-fourths of a bale per acre, perhaps yielding 200 pounds of lint per acre on an average the county over.

"This year thousands of acres will be planted in this county, as nearly all the stockmen claim the seed alone raised from one acre will equal in feed anything they can plant their ranches in, hence large acreage will be planted by them. All small farmers will plant from ten to fifty acres."

A. E. Reynolds was a pleasant caller at the News office Saturday, giving us not only kind words but some good Bryan dollars on subscription to our own and two other good papers. He said he would try and attend the cotton meeting tomorrow but anyway, put him down for ten acres.

A regular session of the Commissioner's Court of Randall county will begin on next Monday Feb. 8th. All road business including the appointment of overseers will be transacted on Thursday the 11th. Road overseers are requested to have their reports prepared and turn them in on that day, as required by law.

Respectfully,
A. N. Henson, Co. Judge.

Paul Slaton died at Plainview, Texas, Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock.

The value of the cotton crop of the South (including seed) for the past five years has been estimated at \$2,575,000,000, as compared to \$1,775,000,000 for the five preceding years, showing a total gain in the last five years of \$800,000,000. This increase received by the South is nearly twice as much as the entire capital invested in all the cotton mills of the United States in 1900; it is more than the present market value of the entire property of the United Steel Corporation; more than the market value of the Standard Oil Company, and more than the entire capital of all the national banks of the United States.—Farm & Ranch.

Mr. H. A. Pierce recently received a bale of cotton from Hockley county, which came from a field of ten acres, the first cotton ever planted in that county. This cotton was planted by Mr. J. W. Peeler on his farm adjoining Mr. Pierce's ranch and from the ten acres six bales were gathered. Mr. Pierce says it was fifty miles to the nearest gin, but this bale was hauled one hundred miles to Colorado City to be ginned. Mr. Pierce will send it to the cotton mill and have it manufactured into duck of which cotton sacks will be made and sent to Hockley county for the next crop.—Hereford Brand.

A new source of wealth is opened to the farmer in the recently discovered method of ginning the unopened bolls of cotton. This was illustrated here last Saturday. J. C. Davis, of Oliver Creek, brought in a load of partly opened cotton bolls weighing 1,875 pounds. It was ginned at Milligan's gin, the huller gin being used. The result was a bale of cotton weighing 526 pounds, which sold at 11c, or less than a cent lower than the average cotton for that day. In many parts of the county there are greater quantities of unopened bolls if the stock has not been turned in on them, and hundreds of bales of 11 or 12 cent cotton can be gotten from them.—Wise County Messenger.

FOR SALE—A brand new bicycle—best wheel made. Will sell for less than cost price. Apply at this office.

The Terrell election law went into effect Monday and all those who have to come under its provisions in any way and who also value their liberty had better have a care how they monkey with it.

Cotton was sixteen cents the beginning of the week.

DISTRICT COURT.

Convenes Monday morning the 29th day of February. The grand jurors for the term are as follows:
R E Baird, F Hoffman,
G F Ames, T C Jennings,
J M Burkhalter, E D Harrell,
J M Ballard, M. S. Park,
J T Campbell, R G Oldham,
J C Cox, J W StClair,
J S Christian, M N Gallagher,
S V Gentry, T W Barrett.

PETIT JURY—FIRST WEEK.
I C Jenkins, L G Conner, J A Tate, I N Hix, L Y Burch, T C Thompson, W M Willard, E W Small, M S Lusby, J D Gamble, J H Waller, T F Reid, A J Slack, J I Campbell, C R Burrow, Joe Foster, W F Taylor, S L Long, A H. Thompson, P C Davidson, G W Taylor, E W O'Rear, M O Slack, W W Ridgeway, P H Young, R O Jennings, Geo. Black, Jr. S V Wirt, M F Slover and L T Lester.

Hereford's Cotton Movement.

The people of Hereford and vicinity are very much in earnest. The News is informed that some fifteen hundred acres will be put in by citizens of Deaf Smith and that this acreage will be added to materially by citizens of Castro county. This insures a gin for Hereford beyond a doubt. Summing up the farmers meeting held at the Hereford court house Saturday, January 23, "The Brand" says: "All and all the meeting was a most excellent one. Between eighty and a hundred men were present and all seemed to be fully convinced that the only things necessary to do to grow cotton on the Plains are planting and cultivation."

Mrs. W. J. Lackey was taken down with pneumonia last week. Her condition has been such this week as to require the presence of her husband, Prof. Lackey, at her bedside. Other teachers have been secured until the principal can re-assume his duties and in the meantime the school will be under the efficient management of Prof. Hodge. There are at present enrolled about 275 pupils.

Tom Grant and his sister Miss Alice, of Covington, Tenn., cousins of Mrs. W. W. Merrill, came in yesterday and will remain here for several months.

S. T. Whitman shipped out to Kansas City this week with a car of mules belonging to a Mr. Quisenberry.

In the opinion of many of our citizens, a good snow right about this time would be decidedly beneficial.

R. W. Foster is down in the Hale Center country for a few days.

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Thomas Brothers

"Ab" Thompson, the young man who had his leg broken in Amarillo eight or ten days ago, was removed from there Monday to his father's home here.

Feb. 1, 305 polls had been paid in Swisher county.

L. J. Scott came down from Amarillo Wednesday.

Charlie Epps is back at his old place with the Canyon Drug Co.

Dr. J. Ed. Crawford's mother died at Silverton last Tuesday after suffering intensely for some three weeks with pneumonia. A host of the doctor's friends both at this place and at Silverton, his old home, extend their heartfelt sympathy, among which is the News.

Dr. Parsons has moved down from Amarillo and will resume the practice of his profession.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in this preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Children like it, and as it contains no opium or other harmful substance it has no injurious after effect. It always cures. In cases of colds, croup and whooping cough it can be given with implicit confidence. It is equally valuable for adults and children. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Mrs. M. E. Sevalt, of Amarillo, spent several days here this week visiting old friends.

BIDS WANTED.

The Board of Trustees Canyon City Independent School District, will on the 20th day of February, 1904, consider any and all propositions from contractors to build the Canyon brick school building. The same to consist of 8 rooms each 24x30 feet, with one hall 18 feet wide, and 2 stairways, inside. The walls to be of first class brick trimmed with stone. The foundation to be 2 1/2 feet below surface; First floor 2 1/2 feet above surface; each story 12 feet high; thickness of walls: first story 17 in., second story 13 inches; the inside walls to be of studding and lathed and plastered. Necessary cloak rooms in hall below and above. Necessary entrance at each end of hall. Each bidder to furnish the detailed specifications he considers necessary to complete the above building in a proper manner, all material used in said building to be first class. The contractor to be paid in cash and unsold bonds at price to be agreed on, and he to give bond for faithful performance of his contract, payable to the Board at Canyon City, Texas. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Yoshio Yamamoto, a determined young Japanese of wealthy connection in his native country, is fireman on a locomotive running between Pittsburg and Greenburg. He came here to learn the railroad business thoroughly and worked two years in the railroad shops in Altoona. Then he sought a job on a locomotive and was assigned to his present duty. Every evening he passes his time as fashionable young Americans do, but at 6 o'clock in the morning, attired in regulation overalls, he is ready for his daily run. The superintendent of his division says the dark-eyed little Oriental will soon be promoted.

An Estimate of Austen Chamberlain.
Here is T. P. O'Connor's estimate of Austen Chamberlain, son of a famous father: "Of young Mr. Chamberlain I have only to say that he looks the image of his father, with the lines softened and refined by the admixture of another being and another race, that he has had the advantage of university training over his father and that, altogether, he is a replica of his parent, with a certain amount of the strength and vehemence taken out. He is nimble, industrious, even-tempered, self-possessed, a parliamentary good young man."

The Whole Show.
One day last week Governor van Sant and Judge Jamison, of Minnesota, visited the state fair at Minneapolis about noon and went into a certain church restaurant for a lunch. They were recognized, of course, and shown all possible attention, but just as they were about to begin eating both were surprised as well as amused to hear the barker outside the tent shout as he swung his bell back and forth vigorously: "Step right this way to get your nice, warm lunch. Only chance you will have to see the governor of Minnesota eat. Come right in and watch him feed." And it wasn't long before the place was crowded, while the blushing governor and his modest private secretary had to grin and bear it.

Where the Women Rule.
A remnant of the Sevis tribe of Indians inhabits the island of Tiburon in the Gulf of California, and is ruled entirely by the women. Formerly the tribe numbered about 5,000, but is now shrunk to a few hundred living a life of almost complete isolation and refusing to intermarry with any of the Indians of the mainland. Food and fresh water are scarce on Tiburon, but what is left of the tribe is healthy and vigorous and has always maintained its independence, fighting valiantly for it when necessary. The women are master of the household, and a council of matrons is at the head of public affairs, the men having no voice in them. They have a nominal chief, who is a man, but he has no authority and any assumption of it would bring the women about his ears like a nest of hornets. It does not say much for the wisdom of female government that the tribe is rapidly dying off, but it would probably be no better with men at the head of its inconsiderable, but rather interesting affairs.

Big Immigration of Italians.
In thirty years 1,391,076 Italians have come to this country. This immigration has a very peculiar character. Until 1890 the percentage of women was less than 15, but now it has increased to 79. This indicates that the immigration has a marked tendency to become permanent. Thirty per cent or more of Italian adults who have been in this country more than ten years went back at least once to Italy, and 80 per cent of these came to this country again, bringing their families with them. During the time in which the family is not here the men send some money weekly to Italy.

A Relic of Herodotus.
Recent excavations on the site of ancient Naucratis on the delta of the Nile have brought to light, among other things, a possible relic of Herodotus, to whose description of the luxurious Greek settlement we owe most of our knowledge of it. He visited the city in the latter part of the fifth century B. C. The relic in question is the base of a painted vase inscribed "Herodotu." This vase was found within the Hellenic precinct and seeing the comparative rarity of the name and the coincidence of the date of the vase, as judged by its fabric and the lettering of the dedication, with the probable epoch of the Hellenic settlement, it is a plausible guess that this vase had some direct connection with the father of history.

An Independent Canada.
Canada is certainly old enough and large enough and rich enough to take care of herself, and to make a good figure among the nations of the earth. She has a population of 5,500,000, exceeding that of Holland or of Sweden, and an area of 3,500,000 square miles, much of it unexplored, but known to contain vast riches in furs, timber, minerals and fisheries, besides agricultural lands of great extent and productivity. Her population is composed of Anglo-Saxon and Norman-French stock, fit to compete with the best races in ancient or modern times. She possesses all the qualities and the material advantage that go to the up-building of a proud and resourceful nation. If she were to assert her independence, she would detract nothing from the real strength of the mother country.

That England would offer any objection to the separation, if Canada should really desire it, is not to be supposed. In 1870, while the Alabama negotiations were in progress, she tried to push Canada out of the empire, but the latter declined to go. If she wishes to go now, she will find her pathway lined with roses. She can depend upon the United States also, as the Halifax Chronicle suggests, to construe the Monroe doctrine liberally for their defense against European encroachment.

Lake Paved With Gold.
Mayo Lake, adjacent to Stewart river in British Yukon, is believed to be paved with gold. How to secure the gold is the problem now confronting mining engineers. Five rich gold bearing creeks drain into Mayo lake. For centuries they have been sweeping their golden deposits into the lake. The shores of the lake were prospected this summer and were found to contain gold in paying quantities, but all attempts to sound bottom have been failures. The lake seems to lie in a great crater of such depth as to make gravity drainage impossible. It is much deeper than Stewart river and its waters could not be carried off in that great, natural artery. The lake is twenty miles in length and about two miles wide. Soundings at the mouth of Ledge creek failed to find bottom after reaching a depth of 900 feet. The Ottawa government will be asked to investigate. Stewart river miners believe the lake's bottom would produce more gold than the entire Klondike.

Australia Wants an Expert.
The government of Western Australia about to send to this country for an expert farmer to take the position of director of agriculture in that state. Western Australia has come to realize that its gold can not last forever, and that attention must be directed to grazing and agriculture. Railways are now building which will enable farmers to open up millions of acres of fine arable lands, and the state promises to become one of the most prosperous in the federation.

An Election Day Story.
Three times has the stork visited the home of Municipal Court Judge George F. Roesch, of New York city, and each time on election day. The latest addition to his honor's family arrived last Tuesday morning. The judge and his wife have always taken a deep interest in political affairs, Mrs. Roesch having given valuable aid to her husband in several campaigns.

Quickly Settled This Lawyer.
Justice Newburger made a cutting retort to the counsel for Parks, when the lawyer of the walking delegate declared in court that there was an organized plot against his client, and objected to an immediate trial. Parks' attorney, who was a former assistant attorney under some of Mr. Jerome's predecessors, cried out: "This is an unheard of proceeding by the district attorney." The justice calmly replied: "It is not a very unusual thing in this court. You, yourself, have tried one man three times in one month on one indictment." Counsel for Parks had nothing further to say.

Can't Impose Export Taxes.
British debaters of the tariff question, on both sides, make the error of assuming that the United States can impose an export tax on goods sent abroad. Mr. Morley is the latest one to blunder in this particular, for he is reported as saying at Manchester: "Suppose the Americans, indignant at British retaliation, put a half-penny on your raw cotton, where would Lancashire be? The United States constitution renders such an act impossible. America cannot retaliate in just that way."

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