

# THE RANDALL COUNTY NEWS.

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## Keiser Brothers & Phillips Buy and Sell Panhandle Lands

### TO LAY CORNERSTONE.

Arrangements Made For the New Cornerstone of the Randall County Court House.

Now that most of the material has arrived for the pushing of the work on the new court house for this county, arrangements have been made for the laying of the cornerstone of the building. The time set for the ceremony is at 1:30 o'clock on Saturday, September 19.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, under the auspices of the Canyon City Lodge No. 730, A. F. and A. M., will conduct the ceremony, and they have just issued an invitation to all lodges of that order in the neighboring counties to be present and participate. Good speakers of renown have been selected and will be announced next week, and it is the intention of those having the matter in charge to make the matter memorable.

The day is intended to be set apart as a general picnic for everybody who wants to come and everybody is invited to be present. The celebration will be held in the court house square and will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning of that date, and dinner will be served promptly at 12 o'clock. Everybody is requested to bring baskets, but the committee of arrangements will furnish meat, bread, pickles and coffee free to all who desire them. Arrangements have been made with Canyon City band to furnish the music for the occasion.

Lets make this a big day for the town. Let everybody bring baskets and eat on the grounds, irrespective of whether you live in town or not. There will be plenty of entertainment and we can lay aside all business cares for one day and help celebrate.

### Need More Rent Houses.

There has been a great demand for houses in this city the past two weeks and the News reporter found that a house that was for rent was practically rented to the highest bidder. There is always a great demand for good rent houses here and as the time for the opening of our public school draws near each year there is still a greater demand. As stated, the News reporter wanted to rent a house for a friend and found that there were only two houses in the town that were available and they were not in good repair.

John Allison of Sweetwater, was expected here yesterday afternoon on a visit to his brother, W. W. Allison, in this city.

R. W. O'KEEFE, President  
J. M. BLACK, Vice Pres.

I. L. HUNT, Cashier  
R. H. WRIGHT, Asst. Cash.

### The Canyon National Bank



Capital	\$50,000.00.
Surplus	10,000.00.
Profits	6,000.00.

### FAITH IN THE COUNTRY.

Local Man Proves His Confidence in Our Lands as Revenue Producing Propositions.

Our local people have always had great confidence in the present and future of our country, and have from time to time shown their faith by their works and by their investments.

L. E. Cowling of this city, this week purchased from S. M. Downing the J. E. Coleman place two miles east of this city, paying therefor fifty dollars per acre. Mr. Cowling now owns nearly one thousand acres in a body there, and when questioned about it said that none of it was for sale as he thought that he had a fine investment. In fact he had been offered a profit for his lands already.

When questioned as to what he expected to do Mr. Cowling said that he had six hundred acres of milo maize and kaffir corn on the place that he bought first and that it would make fine returns this year, but that he had great faith in this country as a wheat producer and that he would put in seven hundred acres of wheat in one body this fall.

### Lands Grow Good Corn.

In conversation with a News reporter this week, J. T. Holland, who has recently moved into town to send his children to the Canyon City school, stated that not since the first year he came to this country nine years ago, had he been out of indian corn grown on his own farm, and he has plenty of stock to feed, too. He showed the reporter some fine samples of this year's corn that in size of ear and maturity of grain was as good as any the reporter had ever seen.

Mr. Holland stated that he would make at least forty bushels of corn per acre this year and that he would have done much better but he did not get a good stand on account of pasturing the land so late this spring. He has from seventy-three to seventy-five acres planted in corn this year.

### Good Road Improvements.

J. H. Bell has been doing some good work on the road from here to Amarillo the past week. He has been cutting down and otherwise fixing the hill on the north side of the Palo Duro creek, which was needed very badly. Mr. Bell did the work on his own "hook" and certainly deserves the thanks of those who travel that road, at least.

### THE STONE BASE ARRIVES.

Active Work on the New Court House Will Begin at Once.

For the past two weeks not much work has been done on the new court house for the county on account of the delay in shipping the stone base which is to be placed on the concrete foundation. All this stone has arrived and is being placed on the grounds, and to The News reporter Messrs. Gilcoat and Skinner, the contractors, stated that they would put on a large force as soon as possible and push the brick work to completion.

The terra cotta has been shipped and is daily expected to arrive. The steel will all be shipped out by the 15th of the month. When the terra cotta and steel arrives practically all the material will be on the grounds and the contractors hope to have the outside walls up by November 1 in order to go to roofing.

If they succeed in their intentions they will have the roofing completed by December 1 and the remaining work will be entirely on the inside, and that can be rushed in cold weather as well as not.

The contractors expect to have about twenty brick layers at work and if they do this there

will be a big rush around the building.

The cornerstone, mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue, will be laid on Saturday, September 19, at 1:30 o'clock.

It is reported here this week that L. T. Lester of this city, has purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Lubbock. It is said that the stock brought just double its face value, which goes to show that the bank is a paying institution.

Tom and Thad Lair, sons, and Miss Lillian Lair, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lair of this city, left last Monday for Decatur where they will attend school.

J. A. Mooney was taken sick with brights disease this week and is very low. He is at the office building of Keiser Bros. & Phillips.

A. H. Fairbank of West Chicago, and Mr. Ackermann of Wheaton, Ill., are here visiting Dr. C. L. Daniel at his place north of town.

W. J. Luna of Plains, a former resident of this county, was shaking the hands of his friends here this week.

Pete Baird is attending school at Waco this year.

### PROFESSIONAL CAMP MEETING.

After Being in Session Several Days Meeting Closed Yesterday.

The Panhandle Professional Mens' Camp Meeting which began last Monday and was being held on the John Hutson ranch place north of Umberger came to a close yesterday and it is expected that by to-night all of the campers will have left the grounds.

There has been a very fair attendance on the meeting—such as would encourage those who had the matter in charge and steps were taken to make the matter an annual affair.

There was no set program for the occasion. Everything was conducted in an informal manner and those who attended enjoyed the whole meeting. They had plenty of good entertainment and good things to eat and every one had their fill of fish.

No date has yet been set for the next year's convention but it will be announced, together with the place of meeting, later.

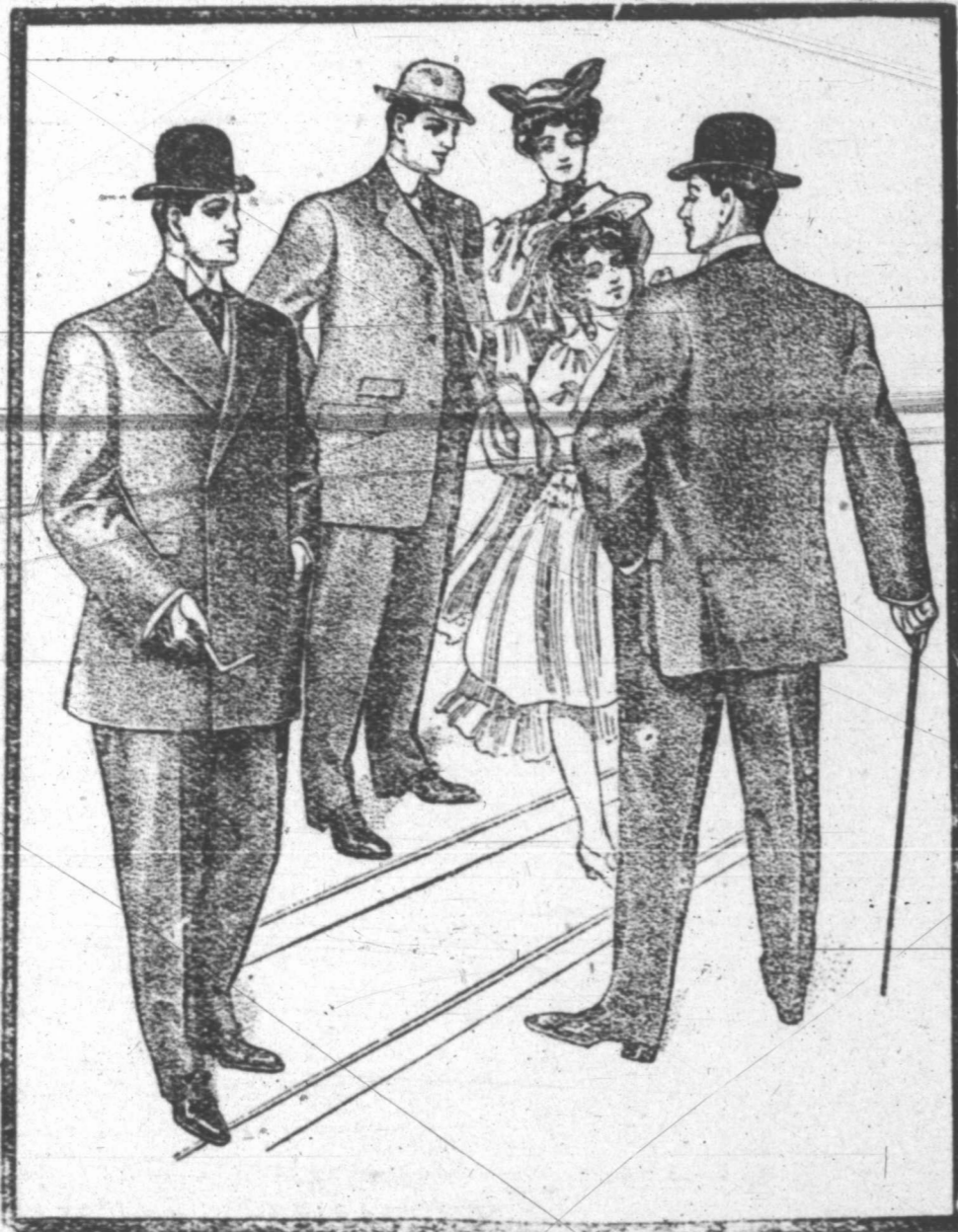
Dr. J. W. Dickson was in the city yesterday meeting his friends here. He was on his way to Nashville, Tenn., where he is to attend the medical department of the Vanderbilt University.

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# THE LEADER

## TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS  
THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS

Phone 41 when you have an item of local news.

Mrs. L. S. Carter is at Paducah this week visiting her daughter.

Grady Oldham left last Sunday to attend school at the Add-Ran College.

The Methodist ladies will serve public dinner on election day, November 3.

Monday was Labor Day and the banks and postoffice observed the occasion.

T. K. Blewett, of Denton, was among the business visitors to our city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Keiser of Keota, Iowa, will spend the next few weeks in this city.

Miss Helen Carter left Sunday for Sherman, where she is to attend the Carr-Burdette college.

Freeman-Duggan, one of the editor's friends from Denton, visited the city the first of the week.

A. S. Rollins went to Greenville last Saturday for a visit with relatives and will be gone most of this week. Mrs. Rollins, who has been visiting at that place, will return with him.

Mrs. Sarah J. Cox of this city, is moving to Amarillo this week and will make her home there.

Grady Pipkin left this week for Dallas, where he will attend a business college until he completes the course.

Miss Ida Rowan left this week to open her school at the Sunflower school house in the southern portion of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown have returned from their trip to points in Colorado, where they had been the past two weeks.

Everet Peeler will attend school at Weatherford, Oklahoma, the coming session, having left last Sunday for that place.

Mose Woosley has returned from Curlew where he has been looking after land interests as well as visiting his brother, A. D. Dooley.

J. P. Magee of Denton, is in the city and will spend the next month or so here. Mrs. Magee will arrive in a few days to join her husband.

Miss Lorena Cox of this city, has accepted a position with the telephone company at Amarillo as a "hello girl," and has gone there to begin her duties.

W. E. Bates was exhibiting some fine turnips in town Tuesday, which he grew on his farm adjoining town. He says some turnips grew so fast that they split their roots and had turnips to prove it.

Mrs. J. L. Howell, Harry Howell, Mrs. D. M. Stewart and Mrs. R. A. Terrill went to Amarillo last Monday for the purpose of seeing the sights.

George A. Brandon, the former editor of The News, went to Roswell this week to visit his son, Walter Brandon, who is connected with the Tribune at that place.

R. W. Morgan, a former attorney of this city but now of Amarillo, has gone to St. Joseph, Mo., to take a course of instruction in the St. Joseph Metaphysical Institute.

What's the use of staying quiet? We have the finest country that exists. Don't brag but boost, and you will see the biggest immigration here that we have ever had.

Mrs. Van Wermer, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Renshaw, in this city for the past week, left Monday afternoon for points in New York and other eastern states.

Eugene Barks left Monday with a car of household goods. His mother, Mrs. Jennie McElroy, left yesterday afternoon for Mineral Wells, where they will make their future home.

Born last Friday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hutchings, an eleven pound girl. C. P. says the band concert that night was for the express purpose of helping him celebrate.

Mrs. J. J. Thames and children, of Taylor, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Shaw at the Palo Duro Club grounds the first part of the week.

Robert Harrell has returned from Galveston, where he went on an excursion. He says that there is plenty of water there, but rather too salty to drink.

Mrs. W. P. Blackburn of Amarillo, the mother of Mrs. C. P. Hutchings, is in the city this week on a visit to her daughter and the new grand-daughter at C. P.'s house.

Rapid work is being done on repairing the dam at the Palo Duro Club, which was partially destroyed by the head rise on that creek last week. They expect to make the dam stronger than ever.

George M. Simms has removed to Kansas City, where he will take a course in veterinary surgery. George was one of the solid farmers of the Umbarger neighborhood and a good citizen.

Mrs. J. J. Thames, of Taylor, who with her son and daughters, has been visiting the families of W. O. Bennett and Travis Shaw, in this city for several days, left Wednesday afternoon for home. She enjoyed her stay in our city and says she would like to become a resident of the town if she can persuade her husband to move here.

For Rent.—A furnished room. 24-2 MRS. C. A. HITCHCOCK.

Miss Avis McNeal, who resides with her parents in this city at the George Long place, has gone to Herrin, Ill., their old home, to attend school for the coming year. She will graduate in the high school there next year.

Earl Long, a young man who resided in Canyon City until a few years ago, and who is well and favorably known to many of our citizens, was recently married to Miss Oda Smith, and they will make their future home at Silverton.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the new cottage for John Rowan Sr. in the southwestern portion of the city. When completed this new house will be an ornament to that portion of the town, being strictly modern in every particular.

L. C. Lair has issued a call for a meeting of the Democrats of this city to meet at the court house next Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Bryan and Kern Democratic club, the meeting to be called to order at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Mae Van Wermin, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Renshaw in this city, left last Monday afternoon for a tour of the eastern states. It has been twenty-seven years since these two sisters had met and they had quite an enjoyable time. Mrs. Van Wermin will not return to her home in Oakland Cal., for about eight months.

# RAILROAD Meeting

Propositions are submitted to Randall County for a New Railroad from Canyon City to the Southeast.

A Meeting Will Be Held on Tuesday Next, September 15, 8 o'clock at Court House in Canyon City.

Let every citizen of Randall county whether man, woman or child respond.

Be a good citizen and come out. This is the chance of a lifetime.

RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

**"Cat" Guessing Contest.**

For some two or three weeks the Hoffman young people have been planning to have some kind of an occasion where all of them could meet and have a nice time before they left for the winter. Some of the young people's parents had sold out and were going to move away, some were going off to school; others had been here for their health and summer rest; while others were not going to move, but were anxious, any way, for an entertainment. After much consideration they decided that their old "stamping ground," the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson, would be an ideal place. The news began to circulate and the Hoffman young people began to prepare to have a final good time. The boys furnished cream and the girls furnished cakes of the best kind, and W. C. Johnson furnished them with the "cat" guessing contest.

If you had been a stranger and only stood around and watched the friendship of these young people after they had congregated, you would have thought that they were all related and were just returning from some distant trip. Some were comparatively strangers, and yet they seemed to have been acquainted with everyone present for a number of years.



A LESSON LEARNED

isn't soon forgotten. Some are more apt than others and learn quick. The quicker though you discover that it's here that it's the best place to

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CANYON CITY, TEXAS

Soon everyone was seated and there was something over fifty present—and it was announced that we would have a penny contest. Each couple was given a penny and a sheet of paper with sixteen questions on it, to be answered from something suggested on the one cent piece. After a great deal of fun and laughter and very little study on the part of some, the papers were handed in to be corrected, and the prize awarded. While the judges were rendering their decision, the hostess, Miss Bessie Johnson, escorted the young people, by couples, into the spacious dining room, where ice cream and cake were served. Rather soon the judges came in and announced that only two couples had correct answers. They then drew off the tie by guessing at a number, and the prize was awarded to Mr. Roy Cage and Miss May Cowling.

Next came the memorable cat guessing contest which caused some excitement and a great deal of study, and I may venture to say, thousands of questions asked to the unknowing friends. Every one became very intent and began answering the twenty hard and simple questions. It seemed like every one was trying to answer every question. Finally, after about forty-five minutes of study, the papers were all turned over to the judges and the young people were again treated to cream and cake. At the coming in of the judges of this contest every mouth was closed and every eye and ear was fastened on the speaker. I say ear, because they were really anxious to hear. There were several correct answers. As a consequence the drawing of numbers was used to remove the tie and the prize was awarded to Miss Beulah Prichard. Henry Hoffman did more work and wrote more answers not to get a one correct, than any one, and consequently received the booby prize.

Through the consent of the Hoffman young people I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson for their kindness to us, and state here that we always expect a jolly good time at their home.

**A PARTICIPANT.**

**Church Notes.**

Subjects discussed at the Presbyterian church next Sunday: At 11 a. m.: "The character of Ananias," Acts: 1-5. At 8 p. m.: "The death of Saul," 1 Sam. 31: 6.

The subject of the lesson sermon at the Christian Science reading room for the 11 o'clock morning reading and the 8 o'clock evening service will be "Substance."

Elder J. D. White, the pastor of the First Christian church, will occupy the pulpit at both hours next Sunday and will use for his subject at the morning service, "Whose servant are you?" and at the evening service his subject will be, "Prayer," with text from Eph. 6: 18. The subject of prayer will be used throughout the month for the evening subject. Every one is invited to attend either or all the services and especially invited to bring the children.

**Province of a Newspaper.**

It was a wise statesman who said that if he had his choice, between government without newspapers or newspapers without government, he would take newspapers without government.

A newspaper proper must have its fingers on the pulse of the public.

A newspaper conducted or backed by a small class or party, faction, company or interest, or for purely personal reasons is a menace to any community, for its sole purpose is to defend the wrongful acts of those for whom it stands, and hoodwink its readers into believing what it says.

On the other hand, a free-lance paper, having respect for no one, preferring to dip into the affairs of private citizens, printing scandalous articles reported to be exposes, giving sensation the rein over news, is also obnoxious to any community.

A paper, however, that will tell the news, print the truth, play no favorites, yet handle its articles in a dignified and truthful manner, is the greatest protection the people have in continuing those rights which are theirs by law, in securing others that are needed, rebuking those who transgress or withhold their free-born privileges, directing attention to the delay or insolence of officers, educating the people with the advance of science, government, art, industry, resources and general progress of the world, makes it indeed entitled to become the Fourth Estate. It becomes a power in moulding public opinion.

Printing the news often hurts some one or a number. It is at times necessary, for those who are hurt, as a rule, care not what they are doing to their fellow-man. Criticism is a just prerogative of a newspaper when prompted by judgment and only after careful study of a question.

A good citizen need never fear a good newspaper. Those who are blind to their own faults, who outrage the rights of others, and have a contempt for the feelings of their fellow-man, are those who prefer the curtailment of the privileges of the newspapers. With the exception of a few instances, libel suits have been failures, for newspapers must have tangible evidence before they accuse. And the law allows great latitude to the press.

Muzzle the press and anarchy or monarchy will reign supreme; permit it to exercise its rights to the limit, and education and a republican form of government will live forever.—Fairbanks (Cal.) News.

**Cornerstone Laying.**

The cornerstone of the Randall county court house will be laid by the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, A. F. and A. M., on Saturday, September 19, 1908, at 1:30 p. m. On that day a general picnic will be held on the court house grounds and every one is cordially invited to be present and bring with them their lunch baskets. Meat, bread, pickles and coffee will be furnished by the Canyon City lodge. Meet promptly at 10 a. m. and dinner will be served at 12 m. sharp. Music by the Canyon City band. All the neighboring lodges have been invited to be present and participate.

R. A. SOWDER, W. M.

**To the Ladies and Gentlemen of Canyon City and Vicinity:**

**REMEMBER**

That Saturday, September 12th, the Majestic Range Exhibit, now going on at the Thompson Hardware Store will close at 9 p. m. and in order to avail yourself of the \$7.50 worth of beautiful ware which is given free during the exhibit, you will necessarily be compelled to leave your order for a range before the Majestic man direct from St. Louis, Mo., goes away.

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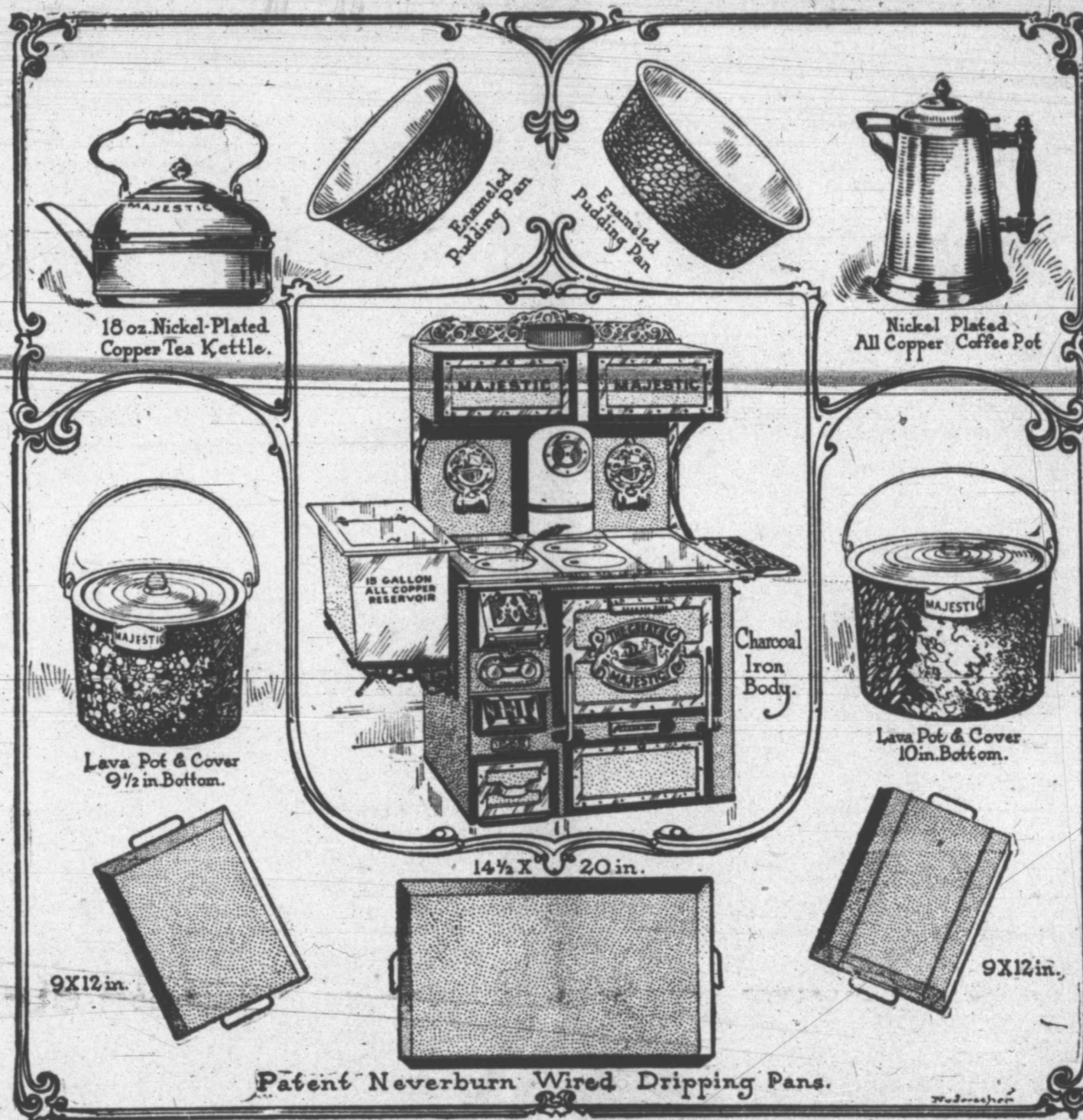
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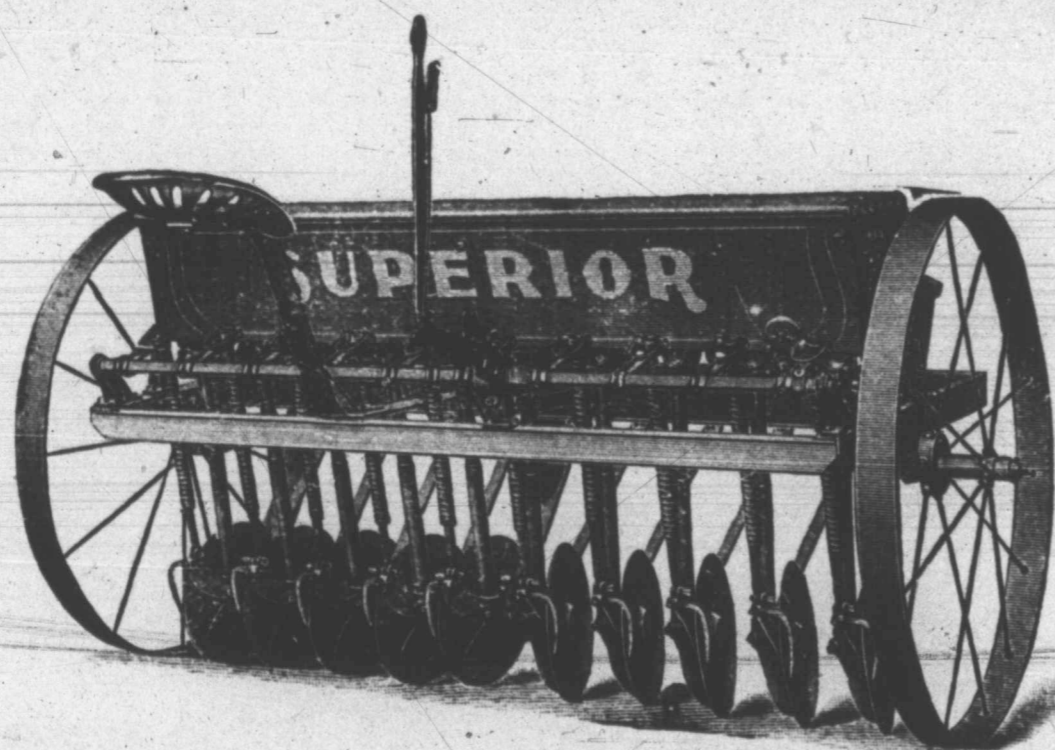
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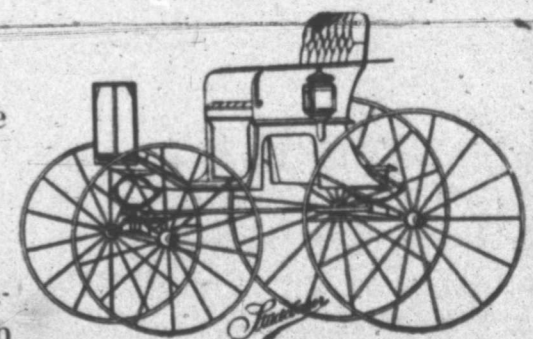


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- For County Assessor—  
Joe Foster
- For County Commissioners—  
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E W Neace  
J D Knicely  
M S Park

**CHANGE IN OUR NAME.**

With this issue we appear under a new name, having changed from the "Canyon City News" to "The Randall County News."

We do this solely for one reason, and that is that we are a county paper, earnestly devoted to the up-building of Randall county. In our scope of usefulness we are trying to do everything that we can honestly do for every citizen of the county in order that we may advance their interests morally and financially. The county is growing rapidly. How rapidly you can scarcely know unless you have devoted much time and thought to the consideration. If we are of any benefit to the county we are certainly working to the interests of the city.

Some objection may be offered that we are taking the influence of the name from the town. To those we will say that we do not know of a better advertised town in the state than the one we represent. Every person knows where Canyon City is situated, but they do not know the county. However, these people will soon be satisfied that we are not neglecting the town in any sense of the word. We are here for Canyon City and Randall county first, last and all the time, and to help our neighboring towns and counties if opportunity affords.

Penitentiaries are all filled from the ranks of idle boys, but there appear to be some parents in Abilene who do not believe this. Keep your boy off the streets and keep him busy a liberal amount of the time, and there are small chances that he will ever have to be measured for the suit of stripes furnished by the state.—Abilene Reporter.

The boy who is allowed to grow up without any responsibilities, and who is taught no useful occupation nor given any particular aid in securing the wherewithal to live honestly and respectably, is certain to encounter hard lines. This is getting to be an old country, where men must work to sustain themselves, and no man who does not know how to work fares well. The day of reality is at hand.—Dallas News.

And there are some of these boys in this town, whom we hope to see attending school after this week.

**WHAT WE NEED MOST.**

The editor has hopes that a large number of the people who are buying land in this county will come here to make their homes this fall or next spring. During each excursion, he tries to talk with the purchasers to ascertain their intentions and during the past week he found that many of them intended to move here just as soon as they could gather their crops this fall. This is as it should be. What is needed most is more farmers. Not better farmers, for you will not find anywhere a better class of farmers than we now have, but they are too scattered. When we have a farmer on each quarter section of land in our county, there will be no portion of the United States that will be more prosperous. We are glad to know that our land has reached a price where the speculator cannot afford to buy it, but a price that any man who farms can pay for the land and have a good home in a live prosperous community.

Are you in favor of a park owned by the city? If not, why not?

Now really, if you were mayor of this city, what would you propose to do for the benefit of the town?

Don't be afraid to say a good word about our country. It will back up nearly every statement that you will make relative to the productiveness of its soil, the healthfulness of its climate, and the morality of its people. What more do you want to talk about in order to bring farmers here?

George Washington—the one who never told a lie—was a firm believer in printer's ink. In an issue of the Maryland Journal—now the Baltimore American—bearing the date August 20, 1773, appears an advertisement signed by him calling attention to the advantages of 20,000 acres of land on the Ohio and Great Kanawha rivers which he desired to sell to settlers.

Efforts toward the Panhandle fair exhibit that is contemplated for the 26th have been greatly handicapped by the rainy weather. Meetings on that account have been deferred from time to time, but Mayor-Secretary Marrs still believes we can yet have a fairly good exhibit. He thinks all will rally willingly after completion of organization, and the completion will be effected at an early called meeting.—Amarillo News.

Better organize—rain or no rain.

"Business is too dull to consider a bond issue for sewerage now," is the cry of some. It occurs to us that a dull season is the very best time to turn loose a bit of money, and that's what it would mean. If the work of putting in a sewerage system was in progress right now there would be lots of money in circulation and every mother's son of us would be getting his pro rata share of the same.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

There is sense in that. Not only would it turn the money loose in dull times but also in good times such as this county is having now. It would make any town a cleaner and a better town and far more healthy. The editor of this paper wishes the people of Canyon City would undertake the sewerage system here. We need it and can afford it.

**School Tax Amendment.**

In the coming election there will be submitted to the voters of Texas an amendment to the State Constitution for their ratification or rejection. In order that every one who does not already know what the amendment is may first learn its object I will try to give its substance as briefly and plainly as possible.

The amendment authorizes common school districts to levy a special school tax not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property. It also authorizes a majority of the tax paying voters to levy a special tax if they desire to have better school facilities. In the first place, the argument that it is right and just should of itself be of sufficient significance to justify the adoption of this amendment by an unanimous vote. Its aim is to give the same right to common school districts which the independent districts now possess.

Almost daily we hear the quotation from prominent and honest citizens, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," and there is no honest man but would advocate this principle. What does that mean? It means that one human being should not in government be privileged to any right that is taken from or forbidden to another. What does the Constitution at present do? The Constitution as it now is, gives independent districts the right to levy 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, while it forbids common districts to levy more than 20 cents on the \$100. Is this not giving a special privilege to the independent districts? It is, and therefore it should be speedily remedied.

What reason is there in making a limit in a common school district lower than in the independent district? Do the country children not need as much schooling as the city children? Are the brains of the city children naturally weaker than the brains of the country children, that it takes better schools to educate them, or do the country children at the present time not have a chance to receive as good an education?

These questions are of course easily answered, as we know that there is practically no difference in the ability of the city and country children in regard to their ability to study. It takes as good a school to educate a country child as it takes to educate a city child, and as at present they are not offered equal school privileges, a change must be effected by which equality is sustained.

Now in conclusion, I would like to state that while you may not need more money in your district, it is no reason why you should not vote for the amendment. The object of the amendment is not to make you pay more money, if you don't want to, but simply to give one district as much right as the other. If you want better school facilities you vote a higher tax, if not, you vote against, and if a district so desires it need not pay any tax at all: but whether or not you want a higher tax, you ought to have as much right to do as you please in common school districts as the others have in the independent districts. Yours respectfully. — W. D. Brunken, in Dallas News.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

**School Books**

We have secured the EXCLUSIVE AGENCY for about eighty per cent of the school books. The books are changing and all the old books will have to be exchanged for new ones.

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# Our Milliner

This will announce the arrival of our Milliner, Miss Albitz, of St. Louis, who will have charge of our Millinery Department for the ensuing season.

Miss Albitz comes to us with the most favorable recommendations that could be accorded one in this capacity, and with the confidence we have for the skill and art she possesses in this work, we are frank to commend her to the trade as one worthy of your patronage, and as one capable of making this Department one to be looked upon with pride, and will serve as a credit to our business as a whole.

Miss Albitz having had the opportunity of working in one of the largest wholesale houses in the East before taking up her work with us, she has therefore familiarized herself with the very latest styles that will be worn this season, and having come in direct contact with the buyers for the wholesale houses, she is therefore in possession of the ideas in detail as to just what is being worn in Paris, France, and will be able to give this to her trade.

Having been in daily conference with the wholesale people she was informed of that essential fact that the designers would not have their work complete until late, and it was for this reason that Miss Albitz waited until every design was displayed before she began her buying and with this in her favor she has the advantage of those who bought early.

This work is nothing new to Miss Albitz and with the varied experience she has had in a wholesale and retail way, coupled with the fact that she has worked prior to this time in the Panhandle district, she is therefore in position to make it to the interest of all lovers of up-to-date hats to call and see her before buying.

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# WHEN IT COMES TO STOVES

We are just in receipt of a car shipment of the celebrated CHARTER OAK STOVES and RANGES and are now displaying a sample of the different styles in our sales room and would be very glad to have you call and give any or all a critical examination.

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**PRAISE FOR PANHANDLE.**

**Dairying, Hog Raising, Poultry Producing and Sugar Beet Culture. More Experiment Stations.**

In a recent article E. A. Prath has much to say that is pertinent to this section. The article is in part as follows:

As per various articles that I and others have written and published in the Fort Worth Telegram and Stockman-Journal and other papers on the question of dairying, hog raising and poultry producing by feeding the skim milk to hogs and poultry, and sheep raising to eat weeds, and cultivating of sugar beets as an additional feed crop, as well as an additional industry. You may say that all of the aforesaid five industries are comparatively new in Texas and are five of the most profitable industries in the United States and are well adapted to the entire state of Texas, and especially to the Panhandle of Texas. I say especially the Panhandle because of the great diversity of feed crops than can be grown in the Panhandle of Texas and great tonnage of feed crops per acre that can be grown in the Panhandle of Texas, and because of the great number of acres that one man's labor can cultivate in the Panhandle of Texas, and because of the climatic conditions in the Panhandle of Texas, and because of good water at reasonable depth anywhere in the Panhandle of Texas. For the above reasons the Panhandle is the best adapted to the aforesaid industries and is the most attractive part of Texas to the people who have made Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio great.

In fact there is no part of the United States to-day that has a better class of population than the Panhandle of Texas. They are as a rule natives of the United States, educated people, young and ambitious and full of energy, who have some money and credit. The class of population that means success to any of their undertakings and means greatness for any locality in which they settle.

Of course I have demonstrated heretofore the foregoing fact and the fact that the Panhandle of Texas naturally always was in its wild state a live stock country. The smooth part of it used to be full of antelope, buffalo and wild horses. The broken part of the country used to be full of quail, deer and turkey. The hill part of the country used to be full of prairie chickens. Since the country became civilized we find the highest bred herds of range cattle in America. The calves bred in the Amarillo country have gone into the feed lots of the central states of America in competition with the native cattle that you may say are thoroughbreds, and have taken premiums at the various fairs at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver, Colo. These premiums were obtained not because the judges were partial to that section of the country, but because the cattle were so good that the judges were compelled to award the premiums to cattle bred in the Panhandle of Texas, and the aforesaid cattle came off the L. S. ranch, the X. I. T. ranch and the J. A. ranch and Mill Iron ranch, and the Hereford bulls bred by John Hutson of Canyon City, took the premi-

ums at Denver, Colo., fair last winter.

There is no better sheep country in the world than the Texas Panhandle, which was demonstrated by the Mexicans having sheep all over the country before the cattle men bought up that country and drove the Mexicans with their sheep out of the country.

It is admitted that there is no better hog country in the United States than the Panhandle of Texas. For the truthfulness of this statement, I refer you to the stock yards and packeries of Fort Worth, Texas. There is no better country in which to breed and develop horses and mules than in the Panhandle of Texas, and it is also a fine fruit country.

**DIVERSIFIED FARMING.**

I refer to the above to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the wonderful possibilities of the Panhandle of Texas and the balance of Texas is a very close second to the Panhandle in the possibility of diversified farming and diversified stock raising, dairying, etc., and in order to familiarize the citizenship of Texas with these wonderful possibilities and with the country and age in which they live in the things which are best adapted and most profitable in their respective localities is why I have in my various articles advocated the building of seven or eight experiment stations with dairying farms attached to each to be maintained if possible by the state and national governments, which would save the necessity of the individual experimenting and wasting of time and money by giving a practical education to our citizenship, which would double and treble the earning capacity in dollars and cents of every individual citizen, as well as every acre of land, and would enable the people of this generation to get some of the benefits and fruits of their own labor, to the glory of the entire state and of the nation. Of course, the people would say that this takes money, but no better investment could possibly be made of the people's money than to make liberal appropriations to be used by the agricultural department of Texas and by the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas than to build and maintain the aforesaid experiment stations with dairying demonstration farms attached to each. Our next legislature should be liberal in appropriating all funds that are necessary to successfully and creditably carry on all of these departments to the honor and credit of all the people of this state and nation.—Lubbock Avalanche.

**Penny Social.**

The Young People's Union of the Baptist church held a penny social at the residence of J. L. Pritchard on Thursday night of last week, and a nice time was had by those present as well as realizing a good sum which the young people are to use in assisting in the building of the Baptist parsonage. On account of the weather preventing some of the people from attending, the social was again held at the residence of J. J. Taylor on Monday night, a large crowd being present.

Bryan's Commoner and The News, both one year \$1.80.

**WITH THE CITY CHURCHES.**

**Regular Church Services.**

The churches of the city invite all persons to attend the services at their various places of worship. The times of the regular meetings are given below.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:30. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society at church Tuesday afternoon 3 p. m. Mrs. R. A. Terrill Pres., Mrs. J. A. Harbison Sec.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 8:30. Sunday school 10 a. m. D. A. Park Supt., Miss Angie Meyers Sec. Senior League Sunday 4 p. m., Dr. F. M. Wilson, Leader. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m., Mrs. John Hibdon, Leader. Home Mission Society Tuesday afternoon at church, Mrs. John Hibdon, President.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**

Rev. J. B. White, Pastor. Services Sunday morning 11 o'clock and evening at 8:30. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:30. Choir practice Friday 8:30 p. m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. H. J. Cavet, Supt., Miss Frankie Gober, Sec. Junior Endeavor Society, 4:15 Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Nixon, Leader. Senior Endeavor Society, 7:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.**

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 8 p. m. V. Edna Henson, C. S., first reader. Sunday school 10:15 a. m. All children under 20, welcome. Only teachers, officers and children present. Mfs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

**Big Revival Services.**

Reports coming to this city from a revival held at Plainview shows that there has been somewhat of a religious awakening there. On Sunday night of last week there were forty-seven additions to the Methodist church and on Monday night there were thirty-four additions. Steps have been taken for the erection of a twenty-five thousand dollar church building.

**Contributors Notice.**

The editor of this paper is anxious to receive, from time to time, communications from its readers but we request that all such communications be signed, not for publication, but that we may know the source from which the article comes.

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**RAILROAD COMMITTEE MEETS.**

Meeting of the Board Appointed by Chairman Cowling with Major Gordon Yesterday.

After several meetings of the committee which was appointed by Chairman Cowling as a result of the railroad meeting which was held Thursday afternoon of last week the committee met yesterday afternoon and submitted to Major E. C. Gordon a counter proposition.

There were quite a number of people present and in the absence of Chairman Cowling George A. Brandon called the meeting to order. L. G. Connor was appointed temporary chairman. Judge J. C. Hunt read the proposition as propounded by the committee which we give in full below:

**MAJOR E. C. GORDON:** We, the committee appointed at a meeting of the citizens of Canyon City, Texas, for the purpose of investigating your proposition for the building of a railroad from Canyon City, Texas, in a southeasterly direction to a connection with some trunk line, beg leave to report:

That on account of the peculiar condition and status of the landed possessions along said proposed route in that at least two-thirds of which is owned by non-residents and the further fact that almost every other section along said route has never been patented and that money is still due the state and that many of the patented sections have already a first mortgage upon them it will be impossible to accept your proposition but in lieu thereof make you the following proposition:

That we will give outright \$50,000.00 in cash, thirty-five acres of land for depot, switches, round house and shops, and also 200 alternate lots to be laid off in an addition to Canyon City adjoining the depot or round house. This proposition embraces on your part a connection of Canyon City with some trunk line of railway other than the Santa Fe, and the locating of the general offices, round house and shops of said road at Canyon City for a period of not less than twenty years. Respectfully submitted,

L. C. CONNOR,  
Chairman Committee.

Canyon City, Texas, Sept. 9, 1908.

Major Gordon took the floor and stated that he could not accept the proposition as submitted by the committee and that the proposition which he submitted at the last meeting was the very best that he had ever submitted to any people, setting forth the plans again according to the former proposition, showing that if the subscribers so desired that they might be able to get first mortgage bonds on the road for all amounts they paid in cash.

Several good speeches were made by our citizens relative to both propositions which tended to bring about a better understanding on both sides, of the general conditions. A strong sentiment was had towards accepting the proposition as submitted by Major Gordon, in so far as the amount to be subscribed was concerned, the minor details to be determined upon when it was found that the county could raise the subscription. A motion was made and carried

that the committee of ten appointed by the chairman together with the chairman and secretary be appointed as a committee on permanent organization and with power to appoint additional persons to assist, and that the committee have authority to call meetings of the citizens as they may think proper and that we have a mass meeting next Tuesday night.

The meeting was not in any sense a "boom" meeting but merely to discuss the propositions as submitted and to take such steps towards their fulfillment as was thought proper to take.

Our editorial columns are closed for this issue, but the editor desires to say that every resident or land owner in the county should be at the meeting next Tuesday night, September 15, at the court house, and find out what is going on and how easy it will be for us to take steps to become a railroad center.

Come out, sure. Leave business for a few moments, so that you may have greater business in the future. Every man, woman and child in the county should be sufficiently interested to attend the meeting.

**THE GIANT ANT EATER.**

A Most Peculiar Creature That is Found in Venezuela.

The giant ant eater of Venezuela is one of the most outlandish looking creatures in all the domain of nature. It is an animal about two and a half feet high. The body and tail taken together measure about seven feet in length. The tail is usually carried curved over the back, draping and shading the body. In appearance the bushy tail may be likened to a clump of ornamental grass. The head is very small, but it is prolonged into a snout a foot or more in length. The mouth is at the extremity of this snout.

The ant eaters belong to that group of the animal kingdom known as the edentates, a class usually toothless. If they have any teeth at all, they are very few in number, of a rudimentary or simple form, in the back of the head. They resemble in this respect birds, and they furthermore bear a resemblance to the bird creation in the possession of muscular, gizzard-like stomachs. One feature of the edentates is that they all have some peculiarity in the covering of the body. The armadillo, for instance, has a shell of armor, the pangolin a series of shingle-like scales, the aardvark, native to the Transvaal, a piglike skin, scantily covered with hair, and, lastly, the ant eater, with a bushy tail and the body plentifully covered with hair.

The ant eater is in many ways unlike other animals. The most striking dissimilarity is in its mouth, which does not open and shut with an up and down movement of the lower jaw, as that of all other quadrupeds, but it is a mere aperture, opening only enough to admit of the passage of the foot long, whip-like tongue.

In captivity the ant eater is fed on bread and milk. In its native haunts, the forests of South America, it feeds exclusively on termites, or, as they are commonly called, white ants. These termites abound in the wilds of tropical America, and the ant eater tears open with its sharp fore claws their conical mud nests and with its slender tongue licks up the inmates out of every nook and crevice.

The ant eater has a queer way of walking. It is the manner in which it uses its fore limbs. The claws of its fore limbs are so constructed that they are incapable of sustaining the weight of the body, but are turned backward, compelling the animal to stand and walk on the outer surface of the wrists. When it ambles around, awkwardly, as it appears, it seems to be using two amputated fore limbs.

Just Received—Shipment of fruit jar caps and rubbers.  
THOMPSON HARDWARE CO.

**OUR COUNTY PROSPERITY.**

Some of the Reasons Why Our Section is Forging to the Front so Rapidly and is Becoming the Greatest Farming District of the West.

Those of our readers who have been reading closely the columns of this paper have noticed that a great many people of Randall county have been recently investing in our farm lands for homes, thereby expressing in a material way their confidence in our lands as a producing proposition. Their confidence is not misplaced.

So that our people may know what the farmers from the northern and eastern states have done we have secured letters from some of these settlers and will publish them from time to time, in order to give an idea of what they think of the country, and what they are able to do here.

**DEAR SIR:** In connection with my residence in the Panhandle of Texas, I would like to give the following:

Seven years ago last January I moved from northern Missouri to Randall county, Texas, which is known as the central Panhandle, and one of the best countries of the Plains, for it is the only one in the Panhandle having two streams of running water through it, with an abundance of fish in them.

Subsequently I have made seven crops here, having never made a failure in the seven years. I have raised corn, kafir corn, maize, wheat, oats, barley, sorghum and millet, and they have all yielded bountifully under proper cultivation, my wheat having yielded as high as thirty-one bushels per acre, and oats as high as fifty-seven bushels per acre.

I find that the soil responds to proper cultivation, more readily than any country I ever farmed in; in fact it is the best country I ever lived in. Taking into consideration the fertility of the soil, the inexhaustible supply of pure water at no great depth, the good roads, the pleasant climate,

neither too hot in summer nor to cold in winter, with cool, pleasant nights in summer to sleep, undisturbed by heat or mosquitos, the good health enjoyed by all the people, and the good moral, christian, law-abiding citizens who have pleasant homes in the Panhandle of Texas, making it an ideal home in which to live, and I believe it is destined in the near future to become one of the best wheat and oats producing countries in the wheat belt of the United States; and one where the wheat raised will grade No. 1 in quality.

As to the rainfall on the Plains, something the people of the north have an erroneous idea of, and many of them think it is a dry, barren desert, which is a grave mistake, as there has been plenty of rainfall when needed ever since I have been here. At the time of writing we have had a three and one half inch rain, raining continuously for the last thirty-six hours. One beauty of it is that the land is so level here that if a man has a deed for 160 acres here he will always own it unless he sells it, for after a big rain the best part of the soil is not making its way toward the Gulf of Mexico and leaving twenty acres of ditches in your field for you to pay taxes on and can't be utilized.

Now some people may say or think that I have land to sell or an ax to grind—far from it. Although I own two sections of as fine land as was ever in the country, I have none to sell at the present, for I claim that land on which we can raise twenty to thirty bushels of wheat to the acre and other crops in proportion, if it is worth one dollar it is worth fifty dollars per acre.

These are my honest convictions about the Panhandle of Texas. Yours very truly,  
THEODORE COCHELL.

**CITY SCHOOLS OPEN.**

Work in the Canyon City Public School Begins on Wednesday.

The public schools of this city did not begin last Monday as had been arranged, on account of the needed changes and repairs which were being made in the building and therefore active school work did not begin until Wednesday.

When the time came to begin the largest number of pupils that had ever attended the opening of the school was present. All preliminary arrangements having been made, it took the faculty but a short time to classify all the pupils and active recitation work was begun in the afternoon.

Some confusion has been had on account of the publishers not being able to furnish all of the new books which had been adopted by the state but the teachers have obviated that trouble by using the old books until the new ones arrive.

The News reporter was not able to give the complete total of the number of pupils enrolled but a member of the school board stated that he thought the enrollment this week would be as large as the total enrollment of last year.

The faculty consists of Miss Neal, first grade, Miss Tuttle, second and third grades, Miss Gilliam, fourth grade, Miss Kirk, fifth grade, Miss Bryson, sixth grade, Prof. Coss, seventh grade, Prof. Craig, eighth and ninth grades and principal of High School, and Prof. Redus, tenth grade and superintendent.

**PROPOSED MAIL ROUTE.**

Efforts Being Made to Establish Automobile Mail Route From this City to Wayside.

Efforts are now being made and arrangements to that effect are under way, for the establishment of an automobile route with daily service, from Canyon City to Wayside, in Armstrong county, going by the way of Ceta.

The mail at present is sent to these two postoffices from Happy and the new arrangement, if consummated, would give these people in that part of the country much better mail service as well as have adequate means of connections with the main line of railroad at this place. A meeting of the people at Wayside has been held and quite a number have agreed to take stock in the enterprise, enough, in fact, to guarantee the establishment of the line if the postal authorities will consent to the change of mail route.

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W. D. McGehee of Wayside, was in the city this week and left at our office some fine samples of peaches grown on his farm in that community. Mr. McGehee stated to The News reporter that he and Oscar Thomas had gathered from one of his peach trees ten dollars worth of peaches this year, the tree being about six years old. He also stated that all of his different varieties of fruit had done well this year and all that any orchard needed in this country was a little attention and that if this attention was given we could always have plenty of fruit.

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If you are in business and you want to make more money you will read every word we have to say. Are you spending your money for advertising in haphazard fashion as if intended for charity, or do you advertise for direct results?

Did you ever stop to think how your advertising can be made a source of profit to you, and how its value can be measured in dollars and cents. If you have not, you are throwing money away.

Advertising is a modern business necessity, but must be conducted on business principles. If you are not satisfied with your advertising you should set aside a certain amount of money to be spent

annually, and then carefully note the effect it has in increasing your volume of business; whether a 10, 20 or 30 per cent increase. If you watch this gain from year to year you will become intensely interested in your advertising, and how you can make it enlarge your business.

If you try this method we believe you will not want to let a single issue of this paper go to press without something from your store.

We will be pleased to have you call on us, and we will take pleasure in explaining our annual contract for so many inches, and how it can be used in whatever amount that seems necessary to you.

If you can sell goods over the counter we can also show you why this paper will best serve your interests when you want to reach the people of this community.

# A GENTLE REMINDER TO CUSTOMERS

## OF THE BIG STORE

For several weeks almost every freight and express have brought us big lots of

## Fall and Winter Goods

until our counters and shelves are beginning to look full. While the new goods are not all in yet, every department has received additions that make its stock brighter and more attractive than ever before.

Some of the new arrivals for

### The Ladies

Dress Goods and Silks in all the new weaves and colors. The most complete line ever shown in Canyon City.

New Laces, Band Trimmings, Linings, etc., for the new dress, in all qualities.

Collars, Belts, Belt Buckles, Belt Pins, etc.—new styles and colors.

Pretty Kimona Goods in crepes, outings, flannellettes. Price, 10c to 25c per yard.

Underskirts—Black Satteen from 75c to \$2.00 each.

Genuine Heatherbloom, all colors, \$2.25 each.

Our Milliner, Miss Rogers, is now with us and the ladies are invited to call at any time and inspect the most complete and up-to-date stock ever opened here.

### Notions

Our notion stock is complete and we are prepared to furnish you with all the little things you need for your fall sewing.

Some of the new arrivals for

### The Men

New Hats in all the nobby shapes.

"WORTH" Hats at.....\$3.00  
STETSON Hats at.....\$4.00 to 6.50

Pretty new Neckwear—all the new colors and shapes, 25c and 50c.

Fall Shirts—the prettiest and best line ever brought to Canyon City. All sizes. 65c to \$2.00.

Plain and Fancy Hosiery, Suspenders, etc., 10c to 75c.

"Buckskin" and "Flat Iron" Trousers for men, all sizes at \$1.50 to \$7.50 per pair.

Our stock of staple goods is all in and the prices are right. We bought just at the right time to get the best bargains for you. Be sure and see us about this line before you buy.

# CANYON CITY SUPPLY COMPANY

East Side of the Square.

Phone 25.

### Speaks Well of Our Country.

J. N. Duff, of Lone Tree, Iowa, was in this city the first of the week and was a caller at this office and to The News reporter expressed himself as being well pleased with the conditions of this country as he found them on this trip here. He said that he could see no reason why the farming class of people should want to stay in the northern and eastern states where the lands were worth from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per acre when the lands there would not produce any more, acre per acre, than the lands here. Mr. Duff made very extensive investigations as to crop conditions in this country and said that all classes of crops produced as much per acre here as they did in that country and that the land was a great deal cheaper, being at a price where a poor farmer could buy, which they could not do in the north. He says the farmers do not have to work as hard here as they did at home for the reason that we had so much longer time to grow our crops. Mr. Duff is a farmer in the Iowa state and seems to be very well informed on conditions both here and there.

looks with cattle bills of sale.

Miss Jessie Keiser of Groton, S. D., is here to spend the winter months.

Mesdames T. F. Reid and M. A. Reid have returned from a week's visit at Hereford.

Mrs. R. C. Prater of Roswell, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Allison, in this city this week.

Miss Maud Brandon left Wednesday for Memphis where she is to teach in the public schools for this year.

The additions to the Baptist parsonage are nearly completed and when finished will make as nice a home for the pastor as any church in the Panhandle can boast.

L. T. Lester, president, and D. A. Park, cashier, of the First National bank of this city, left yesterday in an auto for a business trip to Lockney where they are interested in banking matters.

Misses Luna and Winston Hitchcock have returned from a ten days trip to Nina, Texas, where they had charge of the music and singing for the Baptist people during their meeting. They report a very successful meeting and pay many compliments to the people of the community for their hospitality.

## SCHOOL BOOKS

are handled by us this year as agents for the publishers, and are for exchange and sale. All books MUST be sold for the CASH and none will be sold on credit to ANYONE. Don't ask us to charge them for you will be refused.

A. H. Thompson,  
S. V. Wirt,  
City Pharmacy.

### A Second Mother Gone.

One by one they pass to the great beyond. This week this editor is to pay a tribute to the woman of all women who is not bound to him by ties of relation, whom he held in highest esteem.

At the home of John E. Cooke, in Clarendon, last Friday afternoon, Mrs. W. H. Cooke passed away after months of illness. To me she had been for years as a mother, having taken that interest in my affairs that only a mother could, and when the time came for the separation, when she left Denton for her new home with her son at Clarendon, I could not but feel that a great influence for good was moving away.

The people of this community did not know her. It is their loss. No one who did not know her can estimate the great goodness of her character. The measure of success that has come to her children can be, in my mind, attributed to her influence. It is not necessary for me to say, "Peace to her soul," for I know she is at rest.

E. H. Ackley is spending the week in the South Plains country, looking after his interests in lumber yards with which he is connected.

**HAPPY ITEMS.**

The M. W. A. held a second meeting in their hall Saturday, September 5. Twelve new members were taken in.

Miss Burns of Kaufman county, is visiting at the home of H. Carrie of Old Happy.

Two cars of prospectors in Happy last week, besides others. Town was full.

W. S. Cook left for Missouri Monday to return next week.

H. Bechtel returned Tuesday from Iowa, where he had gone to join "Co. G."

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Christian are occupying the home of Ben Carson, while Ben and wife are in Fort Worth for a while.

Watermelons, peaches and apples seem to be plentiful around and in Happy.

E. Glover is hauling lumber for the erection of a new house on his farm northwest of town.

A Ralphs was in Canyon Monday.

Mrs. A. Malcom expects to leave Thursday for her Illinois home.

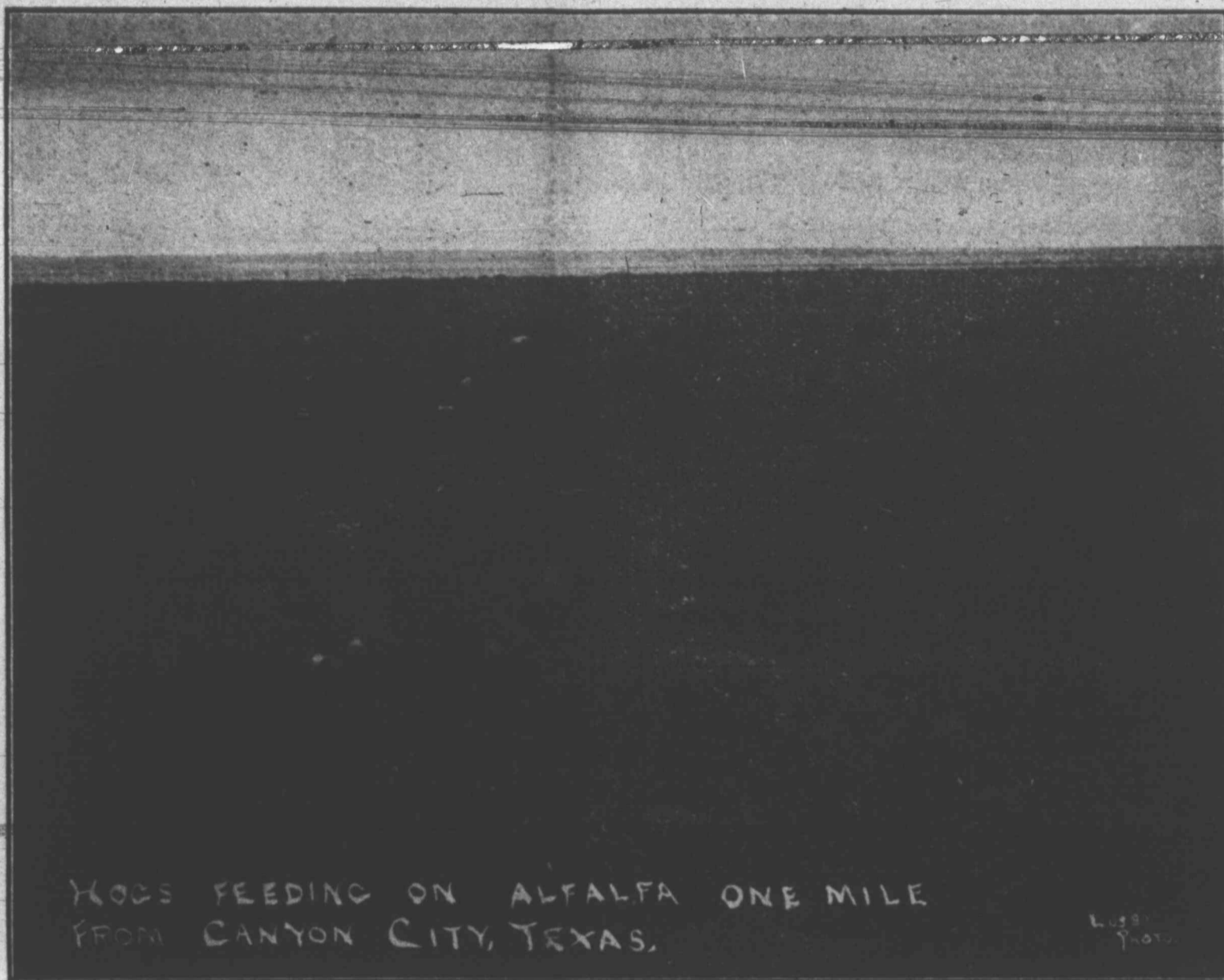
Miss Alice Prater was a caller at Happy from Canyon for a few days.

School commenced Monday with an enrollment of twenty-three. Miss Carter is the teacher, whose home is in Ellis county.

**HAPPY.**

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burnham, who have been living in the northwestern portion of this county on their ranch, will move to Canyon City at once in order to take advantage of our public schools for their daughter.

We are glad to note that I. L. Hunt, cashier of the Canyon National bank, is able to be up after an illness of a short duration.



One of our real estate dealers showed this reporter a letter from a gentleman from Ohio asking if hogs would do well in this country. Of course they do! We show above a photo of some hogs on C. T. Word's place near this city. We have endeavored this week to get a full statement from Mr. Word about them but he is in Kansas looking after some cattle he has there but as soon as he returns we shall be able to give a full financial statement of his profits on hogs.

Other hog raisers in the county say that hogs can be raised cheaper here than any other place they knew and that they are entirely free from disease.

There has been quite an activity in the sale of lots in this city this week. The News reporter tried to keep up with them so as to report them - all but gave it up as a hard job.

Quite a number of our citizens will go to the southeastern portion of this county Saturday to attend a meeting of the people there relative to the new railroad proposition.

**Teachers' Examination.**

The regular examination for teachers' certificates was held at the court house last Friday and Saturday. There were three applicants, Miss Nelle Boyle, C. E. Coss and J. H. Crawley, all of whom passed and received the certificates for which they applied.

Be a News subscriber.

Miss Avis Baird left this week for Waco where she will attend school.

Dr. M. W. Cunningham of Amarillo, was in the city yesterday on business and also attending the railroad meeting.

Lem Scoggins, one of the employes of the grocery department of the Canyon City Supply Co., is not well this week.

**HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White, of Amarillo, visited the family of A. B. Cage Tuesday night.

L. A. Price carried his mother and sister to Canyon City Saturday to spend several days with Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock.

Walter Johnson expressed himself as not admiring the bachelor life.

Several from this place attended the all-day service at Day school house Sunday.

Miss Boyle attended the teachers examination in Canyon last week.

Misses Ora Cage and Nell Boyle made a flying visit to Hereford this week.

Mary Burnham and Anita Garrett have gone to Canyon to enter school.

The Medical Association on the creek this week is having a jolly time.

B. T. Johnson has sold his crop, mules and hogs to Foster & Cochran of Canyon. He is now ready to say goodbye to his ranch.

TASSIE.

**Marshall-Brasel.**

Announcement was made here this week of the marriage of Sam Marshall, the manager of the telephone exchange in this city, to Miss Edna Brasel, at Amarillo, on Tuesday, September 1, County Judge Merrill performing the ceremony.

The announcement came as a surprise to the people of this city but they join heartily in congratulations. Miss Brasel was formerly a resident of this city but removed with her parents to Amarillo about two months ago.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

Having purchased the building and stock of the City Pharmacy it is my purpose to make the drug business the best in the northwestern portion of the state. To our already large stock of goods we are adding daily such articles as will make our stock the most complete.

**CAREFUL ATTENTION ALWAYS**

will be given to every detail of the business, so that you may become a satisfied, permanent customer. We want the drug trade and will merit it. A child will receive as fair treatment as a "grown-up."

**OUR PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT**

is in charge of W. O. and C. T. Bennett, who are registered pharmacists and have had many years' experience. The drugs used are the purest that money can buy and our promptness in this department is excelled by none. Prescriptions Filled Day or Night.

**Stationery Department**

We have a very large assortment and heavy stock of tablets and stationery of all kinds and your wants can readily be supplied at prices much below the usual.

**Paints and Oils**

Our stock of paints and oils is too large and we must reduce them, and we are therefore making a price that will interest any purchaser in this department.

**Soda Fountain**

Pure sugar syrups made in our own house, pure fruits put up by the best firms in the world and the best ice cream that money can buy are served from our fountain. A trial will convince.

**School Books**

Complete line of all the new state adopted books have arrived and we shall be able to furnish the school child with everything from the school pencil to the highest graded books.

**Jewelry Department**

Is under the supervision of J. W. Howell who is an expert watchmaker, thoroly schooled in his line. We are adding to the stock and it will be the most complete west of Fort Worth.

**Window Glasses**

How often have you been annoyed at not being able to get the right size glass to refill your window sash? Don't worry now. Come here and get what you want.

**WE SELL THE CELEBRATED ALLEGRETTO CANDIES**

To our friends from the country we ask that you make our store the place to meet your friends, a place to leave your bundles and a place to rest. Whether you make a purchase or not you are always welcome at our store.

West Side of Square  
Canyon City

**The City Pharmacy**

JOE FOSTER  
Proprietor