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RANDALL COUNTY NEWS

RANDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1908.

In order to materially increase the number of students, we have decided to allow a 10 per cent discount on all tuition and books, if sold before January 1st. This is a regular \$50 scholarship, good for \$45 cash. It will be good for

You Had Better

or you will not be one of the new-to-day-and then you will

AMARILLO

The Canyon Lumber Co.

For



Canyon, Texas.

TWENTY-ONE CARS IN ONE TRAIN

REPORT SHOWS EMIGRANT TRAIN WILL CONSIST OF THAT NUMBER.

Missouri Pacific Railway Will Furnish Furniture Cars from Their Road for the Home Seekers.

In the issue of our paper last week we stated that a train of fifteen cars of household goods would leave Wisner, Nebraska, about the first of January coming direct to Canyon City around which place the entire train load of goods is to be distributed. Further developments and reports to this office this week show that there will be at least twenty-one cars in the train outside of the accommodations for the attendants.

The Missouri Pacific Railway has agreed to furnish the cars and they are all to be Missouri Pacific furniture cars—good, large and roomy so that the greatest amount of goods may be carried. In addition the road will attach to the train at least one Pullman sleeping car for the accommodation of the families of the people in charge of the respective cars, together with a car for hand baggage and the lunch baskets and such items.

Arrangements have been completed by which a railroad official will accompany the train throughout the entire trip and each car will have a painted banner stating that it is bound for Canyon City and Randall county in the Panhandle of Texas. It is intended that every town along

THE BEST FEED YET.

Randall County Products are in Demand for Feeding Stock for Cattle and for Heavy Weight.

Last year R. E. Gatewood, a leader of Cleburne, Texas, decided to try some of the products of Randall county for the purpose of ascertaining just what they would do with reference to preparing his cattle for exhibition purposes at the Live Stock Show at Fort Worth last spring. He shipped down a car load of Randall county alfalfa and fed for a while on that alone and latter shipped down a car load of Kafir corn chops from this county also with which to top off the animals. He took the cattle to the exhibit and carried off five premiums.

Mr. Gatewood is very enthusiastic about the results of his experiment and has arranged for more of the alfalfa and kafir corn chops for use among his cattle for exhibition at the next exhibit. He has already shipped down a car of alfalfa and one of chops for that purpose. He thinks that they prepare the animals for show purposes and for killing better than anything that he can get. He claims that they produce a fine, healthy and solid flesh with plenty of fat and in addition the food seems to produce a finer looking appearance to the animal, thereby creating just the kind of animal most desired—good looking with fine flesh. He expects to continue to use the feed as long as he handles the stock business.

Happy News.

Dr. McElroy and family arrived in Happy Saturday to make this their future home.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Education of County Stud for Five Days Session and Discussion of Educational Matters and Resolutions.

As had been previously announced through the columns of this paper and otherwise the county teachers institute of Randall County convened at the City school house in this city last Monday for a five days meeting terminating yesterday forenoon. The attendance has been good and the general papers and discussion have evidently resulted in much enthusiasm for the work of the teachers.

The program as indicated and published in a former issue of this paper, was carried out practically in the entirety and in addition there to there have been some addresses by people who had not been placed upon the program.

Among other matters the teachers passed a resolution requesting the Rural Life Commission appointed by President Roosevelt to read and consider a paper prepared by C. S. Whittier of this city, which paper was read before the institute by Mr. Whittier.

Cats Findings.

Merry Christmas to all. Prof. L. Breithaupt spent the first of the week in Canyon attending the teachers' Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Locke and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis spent Monday in Canyon City.

Ed Diffenderfer made a trip to Amarillo last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Briggs left last Saturday for their home at Williamsport, Ind. They have spent the last month on their

NEW
VERY HEAVY
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There are two concerns in the Panhandle of Texas and on each of them there are usually a large crowd of people who come direct from the north to investigate the advisability of buying the land while yet they are at a reasonable price.

While there have been large crowds of the prospectors in our city on several of the previous excursions, we doubt if there has been a week in which there have been as many as under. The sales generally were smaller tracts than have been the usual custom heretofore but this is what this county needs for it clearly shows that the time for opening up the farms on the tracts bought has arrived. The purchasing of large tracts has become a thing of the past and the sales being made now are to people who intend to move to this county and build for themselves a home for future time.

The News reporter talked with quite a number of these people this week and found that it was practically the intention of all the purchasers to move to Randall county during the coming spring.

One real estate firm reports that the last month on their

January Clearance Sale!

Beginning Saturday, January 2 we will put on a clearance sale that will last ten days. This will be a great opportunity for the people of this county to get fresh, new goods at a big saving. There is no old stock—nothing but clean, seasonable goods—everything less than five months in stock.

Our store will be closed all day January 1 to enable us to get our stock marked down. Don't forget the date—

January 2 Until January 9, Inclusive.

— THE LEADER —

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

In order to materially increase our attendance, we have decided to allow a 10 per cent discount on 20 scholarships, if sold before January 1st, 1909. This gives you a regular \$50 scholarship, good in any department for \$45 cash. It will be good for any date to enter.

You Had Better Act Promptly

or you will not be one of the 20. Get your scholarship now-to-day-and then you can enter any time. Address

AMARILLO BUSINESS COLLEGE
Amarillo, Texas

Protect Your Property BY FIRE INSURANCE

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The Royal Exchange Assurance.
Philadelphia Underwriters.
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Orient Insurance Company of Hartford.
The New Hampshire Insurance Co. of Manchester, N. H.

W. D. SCOTT, AGENT,

Office in the court house Canyon City, Texas

The "OUTDOOR" Herd

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One car load two and three year old bulls.
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Ten head two year old heifers with suitable bull.
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One hundred head cows with calves on foot.

—ADDRESS—

John Hutson, Canyon City, Texas

OUR LEADER:

THE FAMOUS

Nigger Head Maitland Coal.

Globe Cattle Dip

Cottonseed Products,
Grain, Hay, Etc.

Crowdus Bros. & Hume Co.

Adjoining Town

I am offering for sale 160 acres of land, the West portion of Section 30 in Block B5, adjoining the town plat of Canyon City on the North side.

This property is finely located and has a running stream of water with fine fishing place with about 50 or 60 acres of very fine sub-irrigated alfalfa land about half of which is already planted and the remainder is plowed ready for planting it.

The place is located convenient to town and good public schools and a bargain is offered to the man who wants a good home.

Would subdivide the tract to suit purchaser.

W. E. BATES,

Canyon City, Texas.

THE NEW WEST.

H. W. Campbell Writes Interesting Article For Farm Paper—Great Development Now Going On.

There is a new west springing into existence, not so very un-

like the great west that suddenly loomed into prominence in the early '80s to which almost every state, county and town of the east contributed one or more to make up the hundreds, yes thousands, that came out on the then bleak prairies. In many instances this was far in advance of the railroads, although the Indian, the buffalo, antelope and deer had just given up these lands, which they had so long possessed, but left no mark or tradition to indicate that general agricultural pursuits could be carried on successfully. Yet this great army of men that had been so suddenly massed with their families and in most instances all their earthly possessions, pushed out, each to play his chosen part, either to till the soil and help his little mite in developing the anticipated agricultural resources of the great American desert or to help build and manage the towns and cities so necessary to the welfare of the farmer.

For some unknown reason the experience of the early settlers for a year or two was very flattering. Success seemed to hover around their doors and fortunes of no small dimensions seemed apparent in the very near future, but alas it was not to be. Soon a hopeful seed time was followed with extreme heat, cloudless skies, high winds and harvest time came with nothing to garner. The heartrending tales of woe that followed are too sad to here relate. The broken hearts and wrecked minds that now occupy our insane asylums are in some degree indicative of the sorrows that followed the first attempt to occupy these great prairies.

All because we knew nothing about the conditions we were to contend with or how to contend with them. Fifteen years have brought about many marvelous changes. The old west which cost a loss of many millions of eastern revenues and much sorrow to the pioneers, has practically vanished and the new west is here with new conditions, new advantages and new resources. With the new soil culture system the enemy of the old west, drought, has been conquered and its horrifying effects forever driven from the land. In the new west the farmer goes forth and says, I will plant so much corn, sow so many acres of wheat, oats and barley for I will require so many bushels for feed for my team, so many bushels for my cows, so much for fattening my steers, so much for finishing my hogs and so much for seed. Science dictates how and when he shall plow, cultivate, and sow. Steadily and faithfully he carries out the details with energy and care, anticipating certain results, and the business of the whole country becomes more stable and prosperous, because of the faith of the farmer and his continued sure results. In short the farmers of the great prairies are beginning to farm on business principles.

Let us go back just seven short years and visit western Kansas and Nebraska. Ask any of the scattered few that are still staying and trying to make a living how he likes the country, and the sad sorrowing expression that immediately appears on his face tells more than the few words of disgust and regret that he utters, which are followed with expressions of desire for the old home and conditions he left in the east.

Today, what do you hear in the same sections? Only words of hope and expressions of faith in the country. The old weather worn buildings and machinery

are being replaced with new. In front of every farm home may be seen Uncle Sam's rural mail box. Inside of the house is heard the jingle of the telephone bell, and not uncommonly the sweet strains of a new piano. Not far from the house is the

young orchard. Healthy and flourishing about the home are more or less flowers, shade and ornamental trees. And is this all? No, the little towns have taken on new life, empty and dilapidated buildings are being repaired and filled up, new, larger and finer stores are being built and filled, new signs, sidewalks and new electric light plants are not uncommon.

And yet as we observe the marvelous changes we realize the fact that its future is not that of the old west, that all these prosperous and encouraging conditions are based on scientific principles, that in lieu of a relapse, success and continued development and prosperity as sure to follow as the sun is to rise and set.

Yes as we ponder a little further, we are for a moment saddened with the thought of the many who with their families are just eking out an existence in the large cities, and the many more who are renting the high priced lands in Illinois and other older sections paying per acre, for one year's annual rent nearly the price that four acres of much of the best lands of this now prosperous country, could have been bought for six years ago. The further fact, that many would come to this new west but they do not, they cannot believe a country that has been condemned and cursed by thousands as absolutely worthless, unpleasant and unsafe, a country with a record of almost universal disappointment, where millions of hard earned savings have been lost forever, can possibly have changed so radically in so short a time, without desiring to ask, will not these terrible conditions return?

No they will not return, and what is more, the present conditions are sure to continue to improve. Oh, but you say I am inconsistent, I am visionary and cannot substantiate such broad theories.

Much as we appreciate your position and little as we would criticize your belief, yet we again assert that our statement is correct. Tarry with us just a moment and we will explain why.

This radical change in the great semi arid belt and the sudden development of a new west is not the result of a change of nature's laws or conditions but a discovery through years of scientific research of a system of utilizing nature's resources. The same condition exists to a very great degree today that existed six, ten or fifteen years ago. The same prolonged extreme heat of 1894 and 1901 are liable to visit us again and again, but we have learned to guard against the ill effects, we have learned to store the rainwater in the soil below there conserve it, subject to the demands of the plants during the prolonged dry periods. We have learned how to grow uniformly strong, healthy plants. We have learned how to secure quick and uniform germination. We have learned how to promote the mingling of the component parts of the soil, water and air, in proper quantities to encourage a continued strong healthy growth of all plants and all this, by a simple system of soil culture, by the use of the horse and properly constructed agricultural implements. In short we have found that nature has provided all the necessary elements in ample quantities, all over this great semi-arid belt to produce annually magnificent crops of cereals, vegetables and fruits, but she has wisely left it for man though his ingenuity and energy to combine the elements under proper conditions and in proper quantities and when we have

fully worked out these problems to their highest degree of correctness, you shall marvel and rejoice evermore.

Give fools their gold, and knaves their power
Let fortunes-bubbles rise and fall;
Who plants a tree or trains a flower,
Or sows a seed is more than all.

For he who blesses most, is blessed
And God and man must recognize the worth
Of him who strives to leave as his bequest
An added beauty to the earth.

—Campbell's Scientific Farmer.

Is There a Santa Claus?

A few years ago there appeared in the New York Sun, one of the great newspapers of the country, a letter written by a little girl, Virginia, to Charles A. Dana, the great editor of the Sun. Mr. Dana with his great heart, sat down and answered the little girl's letter. The answer was published all over the world and will hold its place among the classics of English literature.

Virginia wrote: Dear Editor Dana—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it is so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?—Virginia O'Hanlon.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and he lives forever! A thousand years from now Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."—Ex.

The candies at J. W. Cowart's confectionery store are the best made.

NEW BARBER SHOP

I HAVE opened a new barber shop on the

south side of the square and will serve you to the best of my ability and assure you that your patronage will be appreciated. -- -- --

WILL BAILEY

Cattle King

RESTAURANT

Re-opened under new management and supplies the best lunches and meals in the city at all hours. Please call for all kinds of the kind of the used to make at real talking. A trial will convince.

Opposite the Depot.

The Cattle King Restaurant

Campbell's Soil Culture

IS MAKING HISTORY

Campbell's Scientific Farmer
HAS A FIELD OF ITS OWN.

It tells you how to get good crops in dry years by the Campbell System of Soil Culture, and how to double the present yield per acre. A field of winter wheat by the Campbell System, at the Nebraska Branch Station, North Platte, Nebraska, this year was 67 bushels per acre.

Mr. Campbell is establishing experimental farms in many sections of the country. This system is being practiced more every year and its great success is becoming more completely demonstrated. It's no longer a theory, but a proven fact. Sample copy of the Farmer Free! Send for it now. We want reliable, active agents for our paper.

An opportunity for young men and women to work their way thru school or people for necessities. We pay salary and commission.

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WE LIKE GOOD MEAT to eat ourselves and therefore know just what our customers want in this line and

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with the very best meats that can be bought.

**We Are Now in Our
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in the Smith & Monroe building, south side of the square.

CITY MEAT MARKET

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H. E. Malstrom, Prop.

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Auriferous Shampoos

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Railway Time Table.

Table with columns for MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND, MAIN LINE, EAST BOUND, PLAINVIEW BRANCH, NORTH B'ND, PLAINVIEW BRANCH, SO. BOUND. Includes train numbers, destinations, and times.

Boom Your Own Town.



Business will prosper Only when the people of the community make a united effort. Your business depends on others' prosperity. Unless we work together results are disappointing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU.

Merry Christmas, readers of the Randall County News. This is the last message we can send you before the beginning of the New Year. Old 1908 has nearly run his race. In a few days he will pass onward and we shall not see him go without regret in many things.

lots of worse years than 1908. You bet! And the new year, 1909—what does he hold for us? Good luck, let us hope—good luck, prosperity, peace and plenty.

Did you ever notice that life is a good deal what we make of it? It's a fact. Ever notice, too, that the children laugh a great deal more than they cry—that the birds sing most of the time they are awake—that it's easy to get the smile habit?

However, this isn't a sermon—the editor merely got into a reflective mood. He's got it out of his system now and is able to do, at last, what he started out to do at first—wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—a prosperous one too.

We have received many words of comment of a very favorable kind upon our Christmas edition which was issued last week. We did everything within our power to give the people the very best paper that we could get out for the occasion; gave them fourteen pages of all home print and containing strictly local matter of interest to any person who had any interest whatever in Canyon City or Randall county.

Confidence is the by-word of the people of this county at the present time. And it does not have to be spoken either for any person to know that the entire population of the county have the utmost confidence in this country as a farming district. In fact it is a farming district and a good one right now and we only need more farmers—one for each quarter section—when this county will certainly be the banner county of the state.

One of our subscribers met the editor on the street the other day and requested him either to make the paper smaller or number the pages so that he would know when he had read it all. He claimed that it was so large that by the time he read it through he had forgotten what was in the first page.

Shall Canyon City turn out and meet that trainload of twenty one cars of household goods which is coming from one town in Nebraska to this city in January? You bet! Let's have a howling good time prepared for them.

Let's go into the new year with a whoop! Everybody pull for something good for the town and county. Outsiders have confidence in this country and will come with just a little encouragement from this people.

Randall county is getting a good deal of advertising, judging from the number of extra copies of the Christmas edition which have been bought and mailed out this week.

Oh for an oldtime, great big firecracker to turn loose this morning!

Now we are at the end of the year and we must stop and calculate somewhat upon what we have done during the past twelve months. Have we done as much toward the advancement of the interests of the city as we should? Have we organized a department for the preservation of property and possibly of lives from the ravages of flames? Do we realize that the longer we wait about this matter the greater will be the hazard to all the business property as well as the residences of the city? The more business houses that are erected—and are being erected rapidly—the more property there is exposed to the flames of fire which will surely come sooner or later. Let's get to work for once and organize a department before the bells shall ring out the old and ring in the new year!

A pertinent question—how much did you spend for Christmas? Did you make a single soul happy? If so, don't you feel better for it? I do.

Let the old be young again just for today and now.

The Railroad Proposition.

Circumstances during the past few weeks have developed so rapidly that Plainview is now placed in a new light with regard to the railroad situation. It now seems that the road is going to build out of this town in at least two directions. Up to now Plainview has enjoyed the commercial advantages of being a terminus and the business people have been loath to see the day when this condition would cease to exist. It now seems the time is about to come. The far-sighted people of Plainview must now cast about and see in what way these projects, if successful, will effect the town. In the eyes of the Herald there are just two phases to this question: the curtailment of our retail territory and the opportunity of becoming a railroad and wholesale center. The second is impossible without the first.

Now it seems without question that the country south, east and west of us is destined to develop into a thickly settled agricultural and stock-raising district. When these conditions come to pass there will be railroads all around us. By that time the long looked-for cutoff will be built. Where then will Plainview appear? Will she be a railroad center or not? If the Santa Fe branches here in two directions and we can then bring the cutoff our way, there are some good things in store for the town at the hands of the Santa Fe. Judging from the distance to Clovis we would be in line for a division and shops. Plainview should not falter. Her business interests will be so well established by the time the road reaches any other point that they will have a decided advantage. Remember it takes time for a competing town to build, and in the meanwhile the territory about Plainview is rapidly developing. The railroad-building era is just opening up, and there will be plenty of opportunities to make of this town just what its leaders hope for it if the right steps are taken. Railroads will be necessary to the development of the great country of which Plainview is and will remain the hub.—Hale County Herald.

That's the spirit in which to look at the matter. Make the local country such that it will support your already good town even if the railroads do not come. Get the railroads by all means if you can, but use every possible effort to get good farmers to settle around your town on every 80 or 160 acres of land and you will have all the railroad facilities you will need, for the railroads will certainly come after all those products which the farmer will be sure to raise.

His Dreadful Nickname.

"I hope they don't give my little boy any naughty nicknames in school?" "Yes, ma, they call me Corns." "How dreadful! And why do they call you that?" "Cause I'm always at the foot of the class."

UNCLE SAM'S POST OFFICE.

A Few Moments Spent Within the Building Reveals Many Hilarious and Funny Things to the News Man.

As is often the case, the News reporter is apt to bob up most anywhere in his search for items of interest to the people who read our columns. Last Tuesday the "rep" chased himself over to the Post office and endeavored to get a few moments conversation with Post Master Hunt. Nothing doing. At least nothing doing so far as the reporter getting time to have any confab with the worthy P. M.

Say, if you were never behind the bars in the post office during holiday rush you had better make friends with some post master and get in there for about fifteen minutes. That will be long enough for anybody. Every kind of question is asked, mail is to be received and sent out, letters to be stamped, parcels to be weighed, money orders to be issued and registry packages to be looked after and these are only a few of the many things which happen inside that the outside, knows barely a thing about.

The reporter tried to wait until the rush was over but soon found out that it was useless so he pulled out his watch and timed himself for just fifteen minutes and here is what happened to the two men waiting upon the windows over there. Seventeen people asked for their mail. One Mexican asked for "la carta de Mexicana." Two people wanted their private boxes opened. And many other things. The reporter tried to keep up with the questions asked and here is a record which he takes from his note book, and this does not include the asking for mail.

What is the difference in rate for sealed and unsealed packages? How many stamps will it take for this? Loan me a pencil please? Do I have to put my name on a registered package? Gimme 15 cents worth stamped envelopes and 5 postal cards. What's the postage on this? If a registered package is lost

will anybody pay me for it? Have you a pen and ink handy? Any mail for John Jones? (John had just enquired within the hour before and when told that he had no mail and that no train had come in since he had enquired stated "I thought possibly my people might have sent me a telegram.") Gimme 22 twos.

Please sir, I want a money order for ninety cents. What time will this package go out? Is the train in from the North yet? Would you please loan me a pencil for a few minutes? Where shall I mail this package? Haven't I a registered package? I ought to have. 36 cents worth of stamps please. Will you please put these stamps on for me? I am afraid I shall spoil my gloves. Weigh this!

Quarters worth of stamps please. Will this letter get off on the next train? (This letter was west bound and the next train was ten o'clock Wednesday morning.) There were a number of other questions which the reporter did not catch as he was busy with the last question asked, but in meantime, as above stated, seventeen people asked for their mail, one clerk had received and registered five letters, and delivered three registered packages, issued two money orders and had been busy trying to keep people from coming in at the back door, and in addition to all this change for bills was given to two other people.

Oh, yes, they are busy during the holidays over at Uncle Sam's joint and that's no dream. It might be said the mail during this season has been by far the largest that has ever gone out of Canyon City and that the entire mail was handled with the same force that has been working all the time, there being no addition to the workers.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

A Good Young Hog.

In conversation with the News reporter this week, I. W. McClure of this city said that he thought that Kaffir corn was the ideal feed for hogs as it was certainly a fattening food and that every bit of the grain was digested. To substantiate his belief he stated that he had just killed a hog less than a year old which had never been fed any grain other than kaffir corn and that the hog netted 324 pounds after being dressed. Mr. McClure is a believer in the Panhandle as a hog raising country.

Has Two Fingers Badly Mashed.

R. L. Wagner, manager for the Canyon City Mattress Factory, had the misfortune to have two of his fingers on his right hand very badly mashed last Saturday afternoon. In attempting to fix some of the machinery his first and second fingers were caught in a cog wheel and the flesh and nails badly torn. While the wounds were very painful it is not thought that he will lose either finger.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Musical Note.

The singer held her audience for more than an hour. Then she tenderly laid it in the cradle and rocked it to sleep.

Farms With Buildings

FOR RENT Keiser Brothers & Phillips.

A Prosperous Year

has been our portion during the year 1908 and we desire to thank the people of this city and county and to solicit a continuance of your confidence.

We wish you, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Canyon Mercantile Comp'y

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A Happy New Year
to each of you.

CANYON SUPPLY COMPANY
East Side Square

Our Prosperity

is the result of confidence placed in our immense stock of the best hardware and implements together with the reasonable prices at which they are sold.

"Happiness, wealth and health that is fine,
is among our wishes for nineteen nine."

Thompson Hardware Co.

The Leaders in Hardware
and Implements
East Side Square, - Canyon City

A REPORT

Not the puny sizzle of a bean gun, nor the scarcely audible snap of a boy's cap pistol, but the deafening belch of a ponderous, strictly modern, large calibre, rapid firing, well aimed gun mounted to defend the interests of the community, in general and the depositors of "The Old Reliable" in particular.

Read the Report. Its adoption is by unanimous vote of a large majority of our honorable citizens.

L. T. Lester, President. John Hutson, Vice-Pres. D. A. Park, Cashier. Travis Shaw, Asst. Cash.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK CANYON, TEXAS.

At Close of Business, November 27th, 1908.

STATEMENT CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$300,219.74	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Bonds & Premiums	154,746.05	Surplus and Profits	47,203.08
Real Estate and Fixtures	17,900.07	Circulation	100,000.00
Demand Loans	\$45,000.00	Deposits	350,584.37
Cash	79,834.99		
Total	\$597,787.45	Total	\$597,787.45

I certify that the above is correct. D. A. PARK, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Canyon

FULL RENDITION LAW.

County Judge Henson Expresses Opinion as to Operation of Statutes Passed By Last Legislature.

There has been, from time to time, more or less discussion of the actual operation of the tax laws passed by the last legislature of this state. This discussion has not been caused on account of the terms of the laws for the reason that if they were carried out to the letter and spirit they would tend to settle, for a time at least, a great deal of the inequality now existing in the rendition of the property in the state for taxation.

County Judge A. N. Henson has given the matter very thorough thought and investigation and is as nearly capable of giving a just opinion upon this matter as any man in the Panhandle. In a recent edition of the Dallas News appeared an article written by Judge Henson which we copy below:

Canyon City, Tex., Dec. 5.—Full rendition has been tried and found wanting. Randall county has rung the bell, as James T. Stacey would say, to her sorrow. The law is perhaps all right, the principle correct, but like too many other good laws, it failed for lack of execution. Renditions under it are far more unequal than before. So it failed in the very purpose for which it was enacted. It matters not whether the failure to enforce it results from a weakness in the law itself or from a lack of courage on the part of our state executives to enforce it, the effect is the same; it has proven a farce, a fraud, a menace, a source of oppression, rather than relief. Instead of equalizing the burdens of taxation, it has rendered them more unequal; it has placed the burden of state upon those counties whose commissioners had been taught to regard the sanctity of an oath and to believe in the majesty of the law; it has encouraged perjury and created contempt for law.

Just before Gov. Campbell delivered his address in Amarillo on the 24th of June last, the writer handed him the following questions, with a respectful request that he treat them in his speech:

"Hon. T. M. Campbell, Governor of Texas: Dear Sir—We, the Commissioners Court of Randall county, respectfully submit the following and request you to explain your position thereon in your public address, viz: We commend you in your efforts to have the platform demands, especially those relating to taxation, enacted into law. We indorse and approve the principle of full rendition, and have endeavored to comply with it in letter and spirit in the equalization of the tax renditions of Randall county. Now will the executive department of the state, of which you are the head, be as earnest and determined that this law shall be executed as you were that it should become a law of this state, and will the earnest, conscientious and careful Commissioners' Courts and the counties which they represent, be protected? Will other counties be required to pay their proportionate part of the taxes to the State?"

"To be more explicit, Randall county has assessed average unimproved uplands at a distance from town at \$8 per acre and from that up to \$50 nearer town. Should an adjoining county, with lands equally as valuable, send in their rolls with lands assessed at \$4 or \$5 per acre, will such rolls, be accepted by the Comptroller, or will they be returned for correction? Will the Executive Department make an effort to equalize the burden of state taxes among the counties? Or will certain counties be allowed to dodge taxes and evade their proportion of the burdens of government? If so what is the benefit in the so-called reform in our tax laws?"

The governor, in his speech, made no reference to these questions. He stated, however, in the course of his address, that while he did not charge that they would, yet some counties might dodge their share of taxes. Yet it was clear to the reading public that they were already, at that time, disregarding the law. The governor further stated that it might require a little time for the people to come around to the point of observing the law, but that they would eventually do so. In this, if sincere, he was certainly not logical. The logical conclusion would be that if this law was not enforced the first year, it would never be. Nothing but fear of punishment will force the tax dodgers or tax dodging county to an honest rendition. And when he sees no effort on the part of the Executive Department to enforce the law, he will feel more immune next year.

But this is not all nor is it the worst feature of this unhappy and deplorable state of affairs, growing out of the Executive being more active in evading the province of the legislative department and coercing the enactment of a law, than he is in enforcing law. Next year these honest and law-abiding Commissioners' Courts, suffering from the non-enforcement of the law and groaning beneath an unequal burden of taxation, will recognize the first law of nature, self-preservation; will take the iron-clad oath with "mental reservation" as the tax dodger took it this year with impunity; valuations will be reduced and the county rate assessed at the maximum, and the contest as to which county may pay the least taxes to the state be resumed.

Then will the "last state of tax reform be worse than the first?"

What is the remedy? Could not a state board of equalization furnish some relief? Or will complete divorcement of the state and county sources of revenue be necessary? And is that practicable?

It is a question that calls for the best thought and most earnest effort.

Respectfully,
A. N. HENSON.

Letter From Judge Vansant.

Judge and Mrs. J. M. Vansant are spending the winter months in Eastern Texas and Arkansas and before leaving the Judge called at this office and instructed us to be sure and send them the paper while they were away.

This week we received a letter from Judge Vansant stating that they expected to leave Paris, Texas, for Van Buren, Ark., and requesting that we send the paper to that address until further notice. Relative to the paper he says:

"I have read it with great interest since I left Canyon City. I appreciate the paper and the country more since leaving than before and am proud to show it to my friends. I have seen Texas from Red River to the Gulf and will say that there is nothing I have seen that compares with the Panhandle."

Why the Jury Acquitted Pat.

An Irishman was arrested for stealing a piece of pork. The evidence was all against him, and everybody present expected that he would be convicted. When the jury came back the verdict was not guilty.

The judge was angry. "You scoundrel," he said, "just as sure as I'm setting here I know you are guilty, but I can't do otherwise than as the jury says!"

His own lawyer, who had given up the case, said to him: "Tell me, Pat, how you got off scot free when I know you stole that pork."

"Well, ye see, sorr," said Pat, "each man in the jury had a payce o' the porruk."

OPPORTUNITY FOR PAMHANDLE.

Chance to Show Her Fat Hogs—French Says Panhandle is Not Equalled for Hog Culture—Wants Exhibit at Stock Show.

C. C. French of the Ft. Worth stock yards was here last week looking at the plains country, looking for a hog-raising district. In connection with the yards at that place Mr. French has been so impressed with the fine porkers that are turned into that market from that "barren desert," the plains, that he decided to investigate the matter and see if there was any "fudging" being done in the hog shipping business. A trip to the plains, of course, would settle the question as far as he was concerned, and so it did.

Arriving here he made inquiry as to who were the principle hog raisers of this territory and visited their farms and ranches to see the swine where they grew. To his astonishment he found the outlook more promising than he had dreamed was possible.

"I want you people to send us a car of lights and a car of heavies to the fat stock show next spring," said the stock man, "and I have been talking to some of your best breeders here on the subject. I think if your people know their interests and guard them as they should, the exhibit will come."

The reporter asked Mr. French if that was not quite common for our hogs to top the market at the Panther City. "It's nothing uncommon," was the reply. He said that he never saw the equal of this for a hog country, considering the short time in which it has developed.—Plainview Herald.

Health is More Expensive Than any Cure

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from that throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Woman's Christian Temperance Unions for

A call has been issued for all the ladies of this city, and especially all mothers who are interested in the work, to meet with Mrs. Cyrus Eakman, on West Houston street, at 3 o'clock on Friday, January 1, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union which was begun some time ago. It is proposed to organize for systematic work, discuss plans, and get the children interested in the forming of a Loyal Temperance League where they may be instructed regarding the evils of intemperance.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by City Pharmacy.

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- ¶ The social affairs of our own and surrounding towns.

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Texas Farmers' Congress

Every farmer in Texas is interested in the papers and addresses of the Eleventh Texas Farmers' Congress. It contains the proceedings of the congress and of the Nut Growers, Nurserymen, Horticulturalists, Beekeepers, Dairy-men, Swine Breeders and Corn Growers. A copy may be obtained free by writing a card to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Austin, Texas.

The following are a few extracts from the papers read before the Farmers' Congress or the Sections:

"The laborers, the toilers, the producers of food and clothing for the human race have until recent years been able to supply no more than the bare necessities of life for themselves and a few luxuries for their overlords. Human inventions in the form of machinery, driven by steam, water power, gas, wind and electricity have wonderfully increased the output, the capacity, the producing power of the skilled farmer, mechanic, machinist and manufacturer. The machine user is ten times as productive as his rude ancestor. Machinery is not a 'labor saving' factor, but it is a means for increasing production."

"While we have many improved methods for doing the work of the farm, yet there is a vast field for improving that which is grown on the farm."

"Every farm is a factory. It produces the raw materials of commerce. Its prosperity must depend upon the markets for its products. If the markets are good and accessible, then individual effort may count for something. If there are no good markets, or if the markets are not cheaply accessible, then effort is handicapped and success is impracticable. Markets are absolutely necessary."

"The old method of two making a trade, one the buyer and the other the seller, no longer obtains. The buyers are combined. Before the contest can be equal there must be a strong combination of sellers. Each bale of cotton today is priced and bought by an aggregation of the best business brain on two continents, backed by unlimited money. Each bale should be sold at the discretion of all the brain and capital of the South. Unless the seller is backed by the same intelligence and capital in possession of the buyers, the transaction will be unequal in the elements of trade and we will have a striking instance of the survival of the fittest, or better, a survival of the strongest. If capital and the shrewdness employed in its use have an advantage over poverty before our courts, the highest and wisest tribunals known to our government in the dispensation of justice, how much greater will be the inequality in the free-for-all fight and scramble for business supremacy?"

"Goods canned at home are coming to the front as the finest and most healthful in the land. A merchant near Jacksonville ordered one dozen cases of the very best peaches and one dozen cases of the very best tomatoes from a St. Louis firm, and when he received them he was surprised to find that they were canned near his home by his neighbors. The commercial clubs everywhere spread literature showing why farmers should patronize the home merchant. My friend, it is certainly time that we should spread literature showing why the merchants should patronize his neighbor farmer."

"Next to the gift of His only begotten son, through whom He provided the way of salvation for mankind, the soil is God's greatest gift to man. It is the basic source of all wealth and from its products are built your homes, your churches, your schools, your factories and your towns.

God created it for the sustenance of man and turned it over to him to till and keep in trust during his natural life that he in turn might turn it over to his posterity a rich inheritance for their support. But I fear that many of us are today betraying this sacred trust. We shall leave to our children not a rich inheritance, but barren estates."

"In September of the year 1900 when the tidal wave swept over Galveston the whole world was struck with awe; the loss of life and destruction of property was so appalling. Not many years later San Francisco, the pride of our western coast, was visited by an earthquake. Every man woman and child throughout this broad land of ours was again cast into gloom and sorrow. In each instance did the American people rise to meet the situation and contribute both their sympathy and their substance. And yet, today I stand before you and tell you that each year sees more destruction of property, God given property, though the waste of our forests in East Texas alone than resulted from either of these great catastrophes. Who then is to pay the penalty? Shall it be our children's children? In any event it will be our own flesh and blood and again will the Scriptures be fulfilled in that our sins will be visited upon our children, ever unto the fourth generation."

"Nothing grows into money so quickly as good shade trees planted around a home. I will give just one instance: I planted fifteen trees for a gentleman around his new home for \$30. This was in November. They made a fine growth. The following October he sold the place. In fixing values, he placed the trees at \$500. Again the second summer these trees made a fine growth and were really handsome shade trees. I then told the purchaser of the home that he had paid \$500 for the fifteen trees. He replied that that was cheap enough, and that he would not take \$1000 for them."

"Pride prompts the doing of many things. I have seen a \$600 piano in a \$500 home, and the home is a \$2 yard—a treeless, shrubless calf pasture. The family knew that the neighbors knew what \$600 means. The idea had never entered the minds of either them or their neighbors that there are many more men in the world who can make pianos than there are who can properly plant and plant even a small landscape or yard."

"The bee keeping industry has grown so rapidly within the last ten years that Texas is now pre-eminently the honey producing State of the Union. The valuation of the bees, appliances and the honey crop amounts to many thousands of dollars. Bee keeping can well be classed along with the more important industries of the State, and is growing rapidly. The honey bee is the property of the bee keeper in the same sense that cattle or sheep are the property of the ranchmen. Bees should be taxed as other property is taxed, and in turn the property of the bee keeper should receive the protection of the State."

"Several years ago I had a patch of peas. I turned 33 shoats on them. Five or six of the shoats were so gentle I could get at them, and I kept the weights of those; they gained 11-4 pounds a day. They weighed 65 pounds when turned in, and I sold them at the end of 33 days. The best one gained 42 pounds and the others gained from 35 pounds up."

"The population of Texas is increasing rapidly, and this increasing population must necessarily bring with it a diversification of agriculture. Many of these new settlers are locating on land that has been formerly in large pastures, sugar plantations, or cotton fields. They oftentimes have invested all their

available capital in the land and meagre equipment, and necessity demands that they must have some immediate income that will be reliable throughout the year and not jeopardized by floods or drouth, and with one accord they turned to the dairy

"There is not a table in the land, no matter how elaborate or how humble, upon which the products of the dairy cow do not appear in some form."

"On soils in the vicinity of San Antonio we were able to secure a yield of 27 tons per acre of prickly pear. That means roughage for one cow on one acre of ground. Point out to me regions in the United States that produce roughage for one cow on an acre, and I will show you land worth \$100 an acre."

"One hundred pounds of skim milk is worth as much as half a bushel of shelled corn. The average cow will give enough milk to make 4000 pounds of skim milk in a year. Ten cows will give 40,000 pounds, which would be equivalent to 200 bushels of shell corn. This means that the skim milk from 10 cows for feeding hogs is worth as much as eight acres of corn."

"Texas has more area suitable for the growing of corn than any other State in the Union; it has more soil that will produce more corn per acre than any other State in the Union; yet it is a fact * * * that the average yield per acre in Texas is only 22½ bushels per acre, while the average yield in Iowa is nearly 40 bushels per acre. There is much less production and a correspondingly greater demand for corn in this State than in Iowa. The average price per bushel of corn on the farms in Texas is 50 cents, while in Iowa it is 82 cents."

"There are men in Navarro county who have sold a thousand bushels of corn, and the ears were only seven inches long. If they had properly selected their seed corn they could have added one-fourth to the length of those ears without any more cultivation, without any more expense, and made one-fourth more corn. We have to look after these things."

Proseic Age.

The modern Romeo climbed up the fire escape and stood beneath the balcony.

"Darling," he gurgled fervently, "I love you."

"But how do I know you speak the truth, Romeo?" responded the modern Juliet. "Men are so fickle these days."

"Fair one, I swear by yonder moon!"

Juliet laughed and showed her bridgework.

"Why, you goose," she giggled, "that's not the moon. That's a headlight on an airship."

Pining for the days of Bill Shakespeare, the modern Romeo dropped down the fire escape just as the night watchman awoke from his nap.

Good Excuse.

Being a thoughtful wife she is naturally concerned for her husband's health, and when she sees him eating heartily of pie she reminds him:

"Now, my dear, you know very well that if you eat so much pie you will have another attack of indigestion. I cannot see why you insist upon eating it when you know it keeps you constantly suffering."

"I would not eat it, my angel," he answers, helping himself to more, "were it not that the last time I did so I dreamed of you."

Realizing that she is witnessing one of those sublime evidences of true affection of which we sometimes read, she smiles happily upon him and is silent.

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

The quotations here given are from the Canyon City grain dealers and show the market the day before the issue of this paper.

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price. Includes Wheat No. 2, Oats, Maize, Corn, Kaffir corn, Chickens and Eggs, Fryers, Eggs, Butter.

Canyon City Professional Cards

D. M. Stewart, Physician and Surgeon. Office in Wallace building over A. H. Thompson's drug store.

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W. D. Scott, Lawyer. Office in court house. Notary in office.

Buie, Rollins & Woolley, Lawyers. B. Frank Buie, A. S. Rollins, C. V. Woolley.

J. C. Hunt, Lawyer. Does both criminal and civil practice. Twelve years' experience.

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FISH CARRIES ITS OWN SAIL.

Hoists or Lowers It at Will and Navigates Shallow South Pacific Waters.

Few marine animals seem at first glance to betray less intelligence than the jellyfish.

Scientifically, of course, the popular idea of the jellyfish is wholly mistaken; but it is perhaps only in tropical waters that he is found in the perfection of intelligence.

Roundabout the Elice group the navigating fish is often found with a sail measuring five inches across, and he navigates the shallow inland waters with the skill of a Hooghly pilot.

NO PROSPECT OF LITIGATION.

"Square" Bemis a Good Example of a Modern Solomon.

The disputes which old "Square" Bemis was called upon to settle were many and various.

"You've helped me out a good many times, square," said Ephraim Gregg, on one occasion.

"Bill's been here before you," he said, gravely, "and I've been with him to look over the colt. I've advised him not to prosecute unless you tried to.

"I'm not insisting," broke in Ephraim. "On the whole square, some o' them squash-vines might not have come to much anyway.

Collecting Good Art.

"Genuine works of art are daily growing scarcer, and I am pleased to note that Americans no longer acquire the trash of Europe," remarked Henry J. Duveen of London and New York to a New York Telegram reporter.

"The people of this country are just as particular now in collecting examples of art as are Europeans. In purchasing valuable art objects they show remarkable experience and wisdom.

"The museums here own some of the most magnificent specimens of art in the world, and their collections will soon rival those in London, Paris and elsewhere."

Good for the Clothiers.

The more the parade is made up of civilians, the more the suits of ready-made clothes we sell," said a clothier. "Most men who parade the streets want a new suit to strut around in.

Prongs Down.

The latest wrinkle in table etiquette concerns forks. It has been the custom when putting the fork down on the plate to turn the prongs up.

Safe.

"Love letters are dangerous these days," remarked the wise man. "There is only one safe course that I know of and that is to write them and then read them carefully."

QUEER NEST BUILT BY BIRDS.

Oriole and His Mate Had Made Use of Post-Office Twine.

"One of the oddest birds' nests I have seen in a long time was that of a Baltimore Oriole and his mate near a busy railroad station," said an enthusiastic bird-watcher.

"At this station the mail trains take the mail bags on the fly," and on account of the suction they have to be tied to the iron arms of the mail cranes with light twine to prevent them from being blown off.

FED AND FATTENED FOR TABLE.

Chinese Diplomat Talks About Edible Dogs and Rats.

The Chinese diplomat regarded his grilled frogs' leg with faint disgust. "I suppose they are good," he faltered. "It is hard, though, to conquer my repulsion. Yet they are clean—clean feeders, eh?"

"You," he cried, "are repelled by frogs' legs, who eat dogs and rats!"

"Yes, but," said the Chinaman, "our edible dogs and rats are the cleanest feeders imaginable. They are equal to celery-fed duck or California peached hog. They are confined in runs, you know, and to make their flesh white and delicate, they are fed on mushes of bread and milk and vegetables. No meat whatever.

"You Americans think it disgusting to eat rats and dogs because you imagine them fattening on carrion and offal. But these frogs here—No, I'm afraid I can't—they may have fed on some tramp sulcus for all I know."

The First New Woman.

In the club at tea time an old new woman, lighting a cigarette, said: "We new women are really not so new as we think we are. In the thirteenth century there were lots of us.

As showing the important part played by the "sounding brass" in our hands to-day it is sufficient to mention that in an up-to-date first-class band of, say, 42 pieces there would probably be found from eighteen to twenty horns, to say nothing of saxophones, which are partly clarinet and partly horn.

Take a Pleasant Thought to Bed.

Psychologists tell us that the mental processes which are active on retiring continue far into the night. We have all dreamed of continuing an evening's experience during sleep, enjoying again the beautiful songs we have heard. This shows how important it is not to retire to rest in a fit of temper, or in an ugly, unpleasant mood.

The Failures.

Keir Hardie, one of labor's ablest representatives in the British parliament, at a dinner of boiler-makers in New York spoke of success.

"Success, they tell us," he began, "comes from aiming high. I think it oftener comes from aiming low, from aiming within one's scope."

"Suppose," for instance, that the average reporter, aiming high, devotes his life to the composition of Shakespearean tragedies or Miltonic epics—do you think he would succeed? Ah, no."

Stumped.

"A friend of mine has just been stumped." "Well?" "Which are proper, condolences or congratulations?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FAILED TO APPRECIATE HONOR.

Uncle Winfield Still Thinks Artist Played Mean Trick.

Uncle Winfield, the worthy old sexton of the brick church on the corner, and one of the most amiable and lovable of men, was one day in a high state of pleasurable excitement.

"A little while ago," he said, "a slim, long-haired fellow stopped me on the street, and asked me if I had any objection to his sketching me. He said he was an artist, and was illustrating a story for a pictorial publication, and my face had so much 'character' in it that he'd like to make what he called a 'study' of it, and use it in the story."

"I told him to go ahead. He opened up a little camp-stool, stuck up a three-cornered frame in front of him, put a sheet of cardboard on it, and in five minutes he made a picture that looked exactly like me. I saw it."

"No, no," he answered. "He thanked me, and more than that, he gave me a silver dollar. Said it was worth that to him. Here's the dollar. It's the best pay I ever got for five minutes of my time."

But his wife was still unconvinced. "It may be all right," she said, "but he'll come back at you in some way. You see if he doesn't."

A few weeks later one of his grandchildren came running into the house in great glee, with a copy of an illustrated magazine in her hand.

"Grandpa," said the little girl, "I've found a picture of you in this magazine! Here it is. Look at it!"

He looked. It was one of the illustrations in a story of a pirate ship—and he was the pirate captain.

"H'mph!" ejaculated Uncle Winfield, drawing a long breath. "I think I'd like to meet that artist fellow again some day. I'd—I'd give him back his dollar."—Youth's Companion.

MARKING THE SOUR MILK COW.

Explanation the Woman New to the Country Didn't Quite Believe.

The woman was new to the country and her host took great pains to explain to her whatever she didn't understand about the farm. He had little regard for the truth, this farmer, he delighted to test her gullibility to the utmost.

The cows seemed to interest her more than any other domestic animal. One of the cows had lost her tail somehow and this fact led the woman to ask why it was.

"That's the sour milk cow," the farmer explained with a straight face. "We always cut the tail off one cow in the herd so as to get sour milk fresh every day."

"The woman looked her doubt. It's perfectly true," the farmer insisted. "You see when the cow's tail is gone the sun shines continually on the cow's udder and the constant heat sours the milk."

But the woman still doubted.

The Early Military Band.

A little more than 70 years ago there was no such thing as a brass band in existence. The very first band entirely of brass dates, in fact, no farther back than 1835. Prior to that time even our military music was produced almost entirely from instruments of wood, and as recently as 1783 a full regimental band consisted of two oboes, two clarinets, two horns and two bassoons.

Small Change Wanted. The early Sunday morning passenger on the surface car stood out on the rear platform and chatted with the conductor.

"Are you always loaded with small change like that?" asked the E. P., as the conductor shifted a handful of dimes and nickels from one pocket to another, to keep himself from listing.

"Not always," said the conductor, with a snort of disgust. "Only Sunday mornings."

"Why Sundays? That is generally understood to be a day of rest."

The conductor grinned. "Everybody wants small change for church," he explained, "especially the women."

A Long Cable Line.

Work is at present in hand on the construction of what is said to be the longest cable ropeway in the world. It is being constructed by a German firm, and is intended to connect the collieries of the Societe de l'Industrie Charbonniere et Miniere de Turkestan, situated about 80 miles from Samarkand, Russian Turkestan, with the nearest railway station. Hitherto the coal has been transported by camels, the journey, on account of the very hilly district, occupying five days. The new ropeway, which will be 54 miles long, is intended to carry from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds a year, and the trolleys, which will each hold 20 pounds, will travel at a speed of six miles an hour.

My Lady's Hair.

Miss De Style (at music counter)—Have you the "Rat Charmer of Hamelin?" Unlucky Saleslady—You'll find her in the wig department, madam.

He Loved Animals.

Of Blackmore, the novelist, an old friend said that his kindness to animals and birds was nearly divine. "Dogs loved him; pigeons followed him about. A blackbird built in a hole in his garden well one year, and he planked the well over last the young ones, when they became venturesome, should be drowned. From the planks over the water he had a sort of ladder constructed for them to escape, which they all did and repaid him by bountifully devouring his strawberries. There is a picture of himself as a vine dresser in one of his Devonshire tales, 'Christowell.' His love for women and girls, especially girls, was as great as Mr. Ruskin's, but less outspoken, though evident in his books. There is always a Lorna or a Darcie as sweet as English air can make her. He was shy and retiring and not given to tongue."

The Worm Turned.

Barrister—Now, sir, you have stated under oath that this man had the appearance of a gentleman. Will you be good enough to tell the jury how a gentleman looks in your estimation?

Downtrodden Witness—Well—er—a gentleman looks—er—like—er—

Barrister—I don't want any of your ers, sir, and remember that you are on oath. Can you see anybody in this courtroom who looks like a gentleman?

Witness (with sudden asperity)—I can if you will stand out of the way. You're not transparent.—London Tit-Bits.

With The City Churches.

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.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:00. 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 7:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00 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, 6:30 Sunday evening, Miss Beattie Groves, Pres.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 7 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 7 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. Mrs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies Aid Society meets at pastor's home every first and third Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Mrs. J. A. Harbison, president, Mrs. Carl Coffee, secretary.

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For Sale—One Registered Poland China Male. Phone J. A. Wilson's ranch. 39-8tp

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For Sale—Two buggies and harness, one gentle pony, one bed room suit, one iron bed. 36-1f I. L. VAN SANT.

For Sale or exchange for uncultivated land a clean, fresh stock of drugs and fixtures. Address W. D. CLEVELAND, 85-5tp Canyon.

Hay For Sale—I have a quantity of Alfalfa hay and baled sorghum for sale at my barn just north of the square. M. F. Slover. 37tf

For Sale—Three mares, two colts, low wheeled wagon, good set harness and good saddle. Address Canyon City or call at home 5 miles northwest of town. 39-1f GEORGE SIUTS.

The Rogerson Hotel dining room is now under the management of Schultz & Schultz, experienced caterers, and they expect to furnish the best meals in the city. 37-3t

For Sale—White Holland turkeys; Toms \$2, hens \$1 each or \$4 for trio. Plymouth Rock roosters \$1 each. One Poland China boar \$10. J. H. BEBLE. 37-1f

Consign your cattle, hogs and sheep to men who do their own work on the market. Phone or wire us at our expense for information.

E. M. DAGGETT & SON, Stock Yards, Ft. Worth, Tex. 38-8t

For Sale—A 35 h. p. Pope-Toledo touring car. Has just been completely overhauled; tires new and car guaranteed to be in first class condition. Will demonstrate. Has gable horn and speedometer; good road clearance; 36-inch wheels. First check for \$1,000 gets car. Reasons for selling. Runabout answers owner's purpose better. Let me show you this car. Address, P. O. Box 68, Amarillo, Tex. 36-4t

Canyon Residence for Land.

We have one of the best dwellings in town to trade for half-section of land.

LAIR-COWLING LAND CO. Work Team For Sale.

Good work team weighing about 1250 each, for sale. 382t J. D. KEY.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

This is a perfectly reliable medicine for bowel complaints, and one that has never been known to fail even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Good Land For Sale.

I am offering the finest combination hog and alfalfa farm in this country for sale. It consists of 617 acres about 2 mile northeast from the court house and has a stream of running water. 400 acres of fine alfalfa land with a residence on the place. Price \$35 per acre with terms.

J. W. PICHARD, Canyon, Texas. 38-1f

COOKING IN CAMP.

How to Prepare Simple but Appealing Dishes.

Confronted by the conditions existing in a camp kitchen, which differ somewhat from those of a modern town chef's realm, cooks are apt to spoil the broth by trying to do too much or construct too elaborate dishes.

Boiled Rice.—Thoroughly wash and rinse one cup of rice in cold water. Boil in about two quarts of boiling water in an uncovered pot for two teaspoonfuls of salt and boil steadily for ten or twenty minutes, adding water, if necessary, as the rice boils. When tender, drain and place near the fire to dry it a little.

Hasty Pudding.—To a quart of boiling water add half a teaspoonful of salt and stir in slowly a cupful of cornmeal. Boil ten minutes, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Hasty pudding served with milk and sugar makes an appetizing and wholesome dish.

Symptoms of Rabies.

How to Know When Your Dog is Really Mad.

Hydrophobia is in reality so rare and so terrifying that its symptoms and treatment are little understood. As a matter of fact, the commonly accepted expression of madness in a dog is often misleading. The real mad dog does not shun water, as it is said. On the contrary, mad dogs often rush to the water and drink eagerly if they are able to swallow. The mad dog does not froth at the mouth. It does not run amuck, snapping at everything in its path. What, then, are the indications of the mad dog? To those familiar with a given dog the surest symptom and the one which should excite closest attention is a distinct and unaccountable change in the dog's disposition, a staid dog becoming excitable and a frisky one tame.

That condition does not necessarily mean rabies, but it is suspicious, says Caspar Whitney in the July Outing, and if in addition the dog has trouble in swallowing, as though it seemed to have a bone in its throat, beware! That dog should be instantly tied up, because if it be rabies it takes but a day or two for ferocious instincts to develop. The unmistakable evidence, however, of a dog with rabies is the sticky, whitish saliva which covers the teeth and shows on the drawn lips. The eyes glare and are red; the dog has paroxysms of running fury, during which it barks hoarsely, which alternate with periods of temporary exhaustion.

Hot Biscuits.—Take two pints of flour to which have been added two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder and sift into a bread pan. Add one level teaspoonful of salt, some cold pork fat the size of an egg and mix all together thoroughly while dry. Add six heaping dessertspoonfuls of evaporated milk or twice as much fresh milk with enough cold water to make as soft a dough as can be rolled on the bread board, which has been sprinkled with flour. Roll the dough about one-half inch thick and cut into circles with a china or tin cup the rim of which has been dipped in flour, or use a knife. Place the circles in a greased or floured pan, set in the rack of the baker before the fire and leave until light and brown on top.

Corn Bread.—Take one pint of flour and one pint of cornmeal and put in the bread pan, with two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one level teaspoonful of salt, two dessertspoonfuls of dried egg, one teaspoonful of sugar and cold pork fat the size of an egg. Mix thoroughly while dry. Add six heaping dessertspoonfuls of evaporated milk and enough cold water to make a thick batter. Stir until well mixed and pour into a greased pan. Place in the rack of the baker and stand the baker in front of the fire.

Griddlecakes.—Take two pints of flour to which have been added two

teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add one level teaspoonful of salt, two dessertspoonfuls of dried egg and mix together dry. Mix with this six heaping dessertspoonfuls of evaporated milk and enough cold water to make a creamy batter. Do not have the batter thin. Fry in the frying pan, which has been greased with a piece of pork fat.

How to Cure an Oily Skin.

If your skin is inclined to be greasy you must take some care about your diet. Such things as rich soups, pastry and hot, highly seasoned dishes must be really left alone. Instead of using soap wash your face with oatmeal. Just take a little oatmeal in the palm of your hand, make it quite damp, and then rub it over your face as you would do soap. This oatmeal must be well rinsed off afterward, and when the face is quite dry bathe it with the following lotion: Sulphate of zinc, thirty grains; eau de cologne, one ounce; rosewater, two ounces. Use this twice a day. Stewed fruit of all kinds are good for you, and last thing at night, also every morning, you should make it a practice to eat an apple.

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We have again received some ungrateful communications this week. We cannot publish these items unless the writer signs his or her name so that we may know just from whom the item comes as a matter of protection to the paper. We don't want to publish your name as being the sender of the item unless you know where to verify the statement if called upon to do so. Please sign your name.

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A Logical Sentence.

A lawyer defending a man accused of housebreaking said: "Your honor, I submit that my client did not break into the house at all. He found the parlor window open and merely inserted his right arm and removed a few trifling articles. Now, my client's arm is not himself, and I fall to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed only by one of his limbs."

"That argument," said the judge, "is very well put. Following it logically, I sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany it or not, as he chooses."

The defendant, with his lawyer's assistance, unscrewed his cork arm and, leaving it in the dock, walked out.

Hay For Sale.—I have a quantity of Alfalfa hay and baled sorghum for sale at my barn just north of the square. M. F. Slover. 37tf

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ballard left Wednesday for Cleburne where they will visit relatives.

Jim Black came home yesterday from Weatherford, Oklahoma, where he has been attending school.

Miss Maude Brandon, who has been living near Umbarger, has returned home to spend the Christmas vacation.

W. T. Garrett, who has been living near Umbarger, has moved with his family to this city where he can have advantage of the schools.

Randolph Carter, who has been ranching in Reeves County, is here to spend a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds of Memphis were expected here yesterday to spend a few days with the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds.

Miss Bessie Groves, who has been teaching in the schools at Amarillo, has arrived and will spend Christmas with her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Groves, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Van Vorhes of Hitchcock, South Dakota, have arrived in this city and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Van Vorhes' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Keiser.

W. C. Johnson returned Wednesday from Waco where he has been attending the Bible School of the Baylor University, and will spend Christmas with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Johnson.

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J. W. McClain of Deaf Smith county was here on business last Wednesday.

Rev. J. M. Harder and B. T. Johnson made a business trip to Lubbock this week.

Dr. S. P. Vineyard of Amarillo made a professional visit to this city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Palmer of Hereford were in this city this week on a visit to the family of W. L. Garner.

Misses Osce and Willie Mills left last Wednesday for Denton, where they will visit their sister, Miss Bertha Mills, for the holiday season.

Rev. J. M. Harder, pastor of the Baptist Church has returned from a ten days trip to Cooke county where he assisted in a protracted meeting. He reports fine success in the meeting.

It is reported that Mrs. J. T. Burnett is very sick at the family residence in the northwestern portion of town. The attending physician seems to be alarmed at her condition.

Oliver Typewriter.—An Oliver Typewriter, second hand, in good repair for sale. Apply at this office. 30tf

The Canyon Mercantile Company pays the highest price for butter, eggs and produce of all kinds.

Son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaney last Tuesday morning, a great big boy.

Son.—Last Friday morning to Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Burnett, a boy.

Son.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley last Monday morning, a girl.

Mrs. H. S. Burnham spent the first part of the week in the Hoffman community.

W. B. Walters came up from Ceta last Saturday attending to business matters here.

Mrs. G. G. Foster has gone to Cordell where she will visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J. L. Howell left Wednesday morning for Lake Arthur, New Mexico, where she will visit her son, John W. Howell, Jr.

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