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JOHN KNIGHT Real Estate.

Two tracts of 80 acres each, two miles from the town section, practically all level and smooth, red-sandy loam with about 50 acres in cultivation on each tract. Small amount of improvements.

One hundred acres and two miles from town, all of it smooth. The fine soil, about 12 acres in cultivation and is well fenced.

Sixty acres just East of the 100 acres, every foot tillable, none in cultivation.

Many other good tracts for sale among which are some valley lands within one half of a mile of town section. See me if you want good values.

Office with L. G. Conner.

For Farms See

JOHN KNIGHT

Dr. C. B. Lohr Veterinary Surgeon

I am now located at the office of the George Reynolds Co.'s livery barn and treat all kinds of diseases pertaining to domestic animals and those of cattle and sheep especially.

Castrating, ridgling and vaccinating together with tuberculosis treatments on short notice. I have had twenty-three years experience in my profession.

All calls from the city, county or state promptly answered, day or night.

Charges are Reasonable.
Office Phone, No. 6.
Residence Phone, No. 12.

DR. C. B. LOHR
Canyon City, Texas

Northwestern Title Co.
Complete Abstract of All
Randall County Property
R. A. TERRILL, - MANAGER

BUSINESS HOUSES

BURNED IN HEREFORD

FLAMES DESTROY SEVEN BUILDINGS IN SHORT TIME WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Entire Town Turns Out to Fight For Business the Plan of the City—Loss is Very Heavy.

Last Wednesday afternoon our sister city of Hereford suffered the heaviest loss by fire in the history of the town. Fire started in the rear of frame buildings next to the railroad on the west side of the street and it was utterly impossible to check the flames until they had destroyed seven business houses with practically all of their contents. The entire block of houses was burned until the fire reached the new brick opera house where the efforts of those fighting the fire proved of some avail.

In order to check the flames it became necessary to pile great stacks of flour and salt in sacks almost entirely covering the front of the opera house building in order to keep the flames from making a successful attack through the front.

It has been very hard to secure accurate information about the fire for the reason that the telephone service was put out of commission, and while communication was established yesterday morning accurate reports were still not available.

As above stated the fire loss was very heavy, various estimates having been given out, but from the best information obtainable at the time we go to press the loss will approximate \$30,000 with a very small amount of fire insurance. The telephone exchange suffered a heavy loss on account of the removal of their switchboard and other paraphernalia out of their building together with the loss of their main cable, and it is thought that it will take nearly three weeks to establish the local telephone service again.

When the fire was discovered a general alarm was turned in and the people turned out as a whole and began efforts to fight it. It is said that the main street was crowded for four blocks and that practically every man in that city was used in the endeavors to stamp out the conflagration.

Advices from Hereford yesterday morning were that arrangements were already being made for the building of substantial bricks on several of the lots made vacant.

COMING THIS MONTH.

More Farmers will Arrive in Randall County Than Ever Before to Make Their Permanent Homes Here.

If the present indications keep up, there will be the greatest influx of farmers into Randall county during the next three months that there has ever been in any county in the entire Panhandle country which is equivalent to saying that the immigration to this county will be the largest ever enjoyed by any county in the entire southwestern country. Every day comes reports of farmers who are preparing to come at a very early date.

During the last excursion there were no less than fourteen men who brought and stated that they would come just as soon as they could arrange their matters at their northern homes. They all expect to bring with them sufficient stock for their farming purposes which will of course increase the already large number of first class work stock here.

This week, among other reports come that Norris Root and Bert Shain, farmers living near Chillicothe, Illinois, has already had their sale of personal goods which they do not desire to bring with them, and that they would leave at a very early date for Canyon City, near which they will make their home on lands which they have bought.

The trainload of twenty-one cars of household goods to leave Wisner, Nebraska, on January 11th is assured and every one of the large number of families represented will be ready during this week with all their stock and household goods. These people and their families will come on this train, the railroad having agreed to furnish sleeping cars for their accommodation.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish, through your paper, to thank the good people of Canyon for remembering our home on the night of December 22nd. Pounding is very common among the American people and there are poundings that are not very pleasant, but the pounding received was both pleasant and profitable to us and will long be remembered. May Heaven's richest blessings rest on every one who contributed in any way to make the occasion pleasant. Happy New Year to one and all. Your obedient servants in the Lord's work, MR. AND MRS. T. P. SPEAKMAN.

Good quality calling cards—100 25 cents.

CHANGE OF VENUE TO RANDALL COUNTY

WILLIAMS BROTHERS WILL BE TRIED HERE FOR MURDER OF JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Application is Made for Writ of Habeas Corpus—Hearing is Held Here Wednesday—No Decision.

Before Judge Browning adjourned District Court at Farwell last week he granted John W. Williams and Philip Williams an application for a change of venue from Parmer county to Randall county on the charge pending against them for the murder of John Armstrong. The killing occurred at Bovina about the middle of November.

The applicants set up in their petition for change of venue that they could not secure a fair and impartial trial in Parmer county and that by changing to Randall county they would be able to secure a speedy trial at the next term of the district court which convenes here on the first day of February.

After the petition was granted both the defendants were brought here and placed in the custody of the sheriff who took them to Amarillo and placed them in jail there for safe keeping. Early this week an application was made to Judge Browning for a writ of habeas corpus and he set the date for the hearing in this city on Wednesday of this week.

On Wednesday the hearing was begun and evidence was introduced for and against the application after which Judge Browning took the matter under advisement and up to 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon he had not rendered a decision. Just what he would do about the matter no one can even speculate, and not nearly all the evidence for and against the guilt of the defendants was introduced and as to whether the judge will grant them bond or not cannot now be stated.

This case has caused a great deal of comment on account of the prominence of all the parties to the affray, and it is expected that when the case is called for trial in February here there will be a very large number of witnesses as well as spectators from other counties here in attendance upon the court.

Marriage Business Picking Up.

In this county there are not very many weddings and the issuance of a marriage license does not come every day or every week for that matter. During the past week County Clerk Garner has issued four of these licenses to the following people:

C. W. King and Miss Jennie Wilson.
J. A. Osborne and Elizabeth Louise Barry.

Lawrence Davis and Miss Ethel Cipeely.
I. H. Preslar and Miss Mattie Belle Prichard.

Swisher County Court House.

Reports reaching this city this week state that the commissioners' court of Swisher county has let the contract for the construction of the new court house for that county, bonds for the erection of which were recently voted upon and carried in that county.

The names of the contractors could not be ascertained but we understand that the contract price was a little over \$56,000. It is to be constructed of brick and will be three stories high and to be trimmed in terra cotta.

VERY CLOSE CALL

Light Plant Came Near Being Destroyed By Ravages of the Flames—Hard Work Saves It.

Canyon City has been very fortunate in never having a very disastrous fire but we came near having a very bad one last Saturday afternoon when an alarm was turned in from the electric light plant. Through carelessness, according to report, some one had dumped some live coals near the coal bins and the heat from the coals caused the wooden coal chutes to blaze. In a very short time it looked as if the entire plant would be destroyed in spite of the efforts of the assembled crowd of citizens. Had the wind been in any other direction than from the south it would have been almost impossible to put the flames out until they had settled all the troubles of the light company by burning down the entire building.

Just the exact amount of damage cannot be told as there was considerable coal in the bins, but it is thought that \$300 will cover the loss.

Flames Do Slight Damage.

After we had gone to press last Thursday afternoon a fire was discovered on the back porch of the residence of Geo. L. Abbott in this city. It appears that some bed clothing had been hung there and it is thought that some fireworks in the hands of the children set the bedding afire. Passers-by discovered the flames in time to put them out before much damage was done to anything except the bedding and the porch. Loss about \$100.

Preslar-Prichard.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Prichard, in this city last Sunday, Rev. M. E. Hawkins, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, said the words which joined together as husband and wife, I. H. Preslar and Miss Mattie Belle Prichard. There were quite a number of relatives and friends present at the ceremony after which the bride and groom took the afternoon train for a short wedding trip to Dallas, Fort Worth and other points, and upon their return will make their home here.

King-Wilson.

At the office of County Judge Henson appeared C. W. King and Miss Jennie Wilson, both of this county, on Christmas eve day and after securing from the county clerk the necessary license, Judge Henson performed the ceremony which united them for life. Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson living southeast of this city.

Burnett Baby Dead.

The little one week old child of Rev. J. T. Burnett died at the family residence last Saturday morning and was buried that afternoon in the cemetery of this city by the side of its mother who had preceded it to her last resting place the day before.

In the advertising contest which was given by the Thompson Hardware Company, ending on Christmas eve day, Dorothy Burrow was the successful candidate and received the miniature Buck's stove. The stove was to have been given to the little girl who brought to their store the largest number of their ads containing the trade mark of the stove advertised.

RAILWAY LINE TO SOUTHEAST

NEWS REPORTER INTERVIEWS LOCAL COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE PROGRESS.

Practically all of Subscription from Canyon City Now is Raised—Country Land Owners Must Come Up.

There has been quite a laxity in the work of procuring the subscriptions to the bonds for the new railway from this city to the southeast during the past two weeks, especially during the holiday week. The local committee met again Wednesday and discussed all the phases of the work in this county.

The News man secured an interview from L. G. Conner, John Knight and George A. Brandon, members of the committee and it fully sets forth the work done and what must be done in order to assure the building of this project, and we give the interview in full below:

"The local committee is now in a position to say that the bonus required of Canyon City for the railway to run from this place via Silverton and on to a southern connection is about made up. Of the one hundred and eighty-odd town property owners so far approached all have signed, coming up with their full assessment especially on real estate, except about twenty. This speaks eloquently for the public spirit and progressiveness of the towns and if the committee could only say half that much of the country the thing would be done." "The railway a certainty."

"In the country, and the old about Ceta, nearly all of the resident land owners have signed up the necessary contracts, but between here and there the committee, so far, has met with small encourage. The main trouble has been with non-resident owners. These people, and they represent near half of all the land owners concerned, are extremely slow about signing up; some of them, large owners too, have even refused so to do. They, these non-residents, seemingly either do not want the proposed railway, or else they are bent on letting the other fellow pay the bill if it does go. To this committee here and now begs leave to remark that without their assistance the proposition is, as Judge Haney would say, 'ready to die right now.'"

"The committee has not the least hesitation in saying that Canyon City will do her part toward this enterprise—is ready now to do it. The committee also desires to say that the country too must come up and that very soon or the project will be, in so far as Canyon City is concerned, abandoned."

"The benefits to the country, a distance of twenty-four miles from the town limits to the southeastern boundary of the county, through which this railway would pass, in the way of increased market facilities for handling farm products would be immense, to say nothing at all of greatly increased valuation of the lands themselves. This should be, and is clearly apparent to every reasonable person and just why such people withhold the small amount asked for as necessary to secure the road is beyond the ken of this committee unless, it be, as previously stated, they think it will be a 'go' anyway."

"The promoter, Major Gordon, is getting impatient of further delay in this matter and well he may be. In fact there is already on foot a movement to consider

A REPORT

Not the puny size of a bean gun, nor the scarcely audible snap of a boy's cap pistol, but the deafening boom of a ponderous, strictly modern, large calibre, rapid firing, well fitted 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.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$300,219.74	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Bonds & Premiums	154,746.65	Surplus and Profits	47,203.08
Real Estate and Fixtures	17,906.07	Circulation	100,000.00
Demand Loans	\$45,000.00	Deposits	350,584.57
Cash	79,824.99		
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

Tulia as the connecting point with the Santa Fe in lieu of this town. If this is done, and it now appears quite likely to be unless our country land holders immediately come to the rescue, it is highly probable that it will be "a many a wet and dry day" ere another such golden opportunity lays within the grasp of the eastern and southeastern property holders of Randall County.

"Canyon City wants this railway; is anxious for it and willing to pay and then some more than has been assessed against her to obtain it, but her people are unwilling to pay the price all the way through the county and so through the undersigned, her soliciting committee, she calls upon the land owners concerned especially the non-residents to say whether or not they will help. The time for action in this matter is short—it is now or never.

"What say our country land owners."

In conversation with I. L. Van Sant this week he requested that we discontinue running his advertisement of a buggy and household goods which he had to sell, as he had disposed of them all "through that little ad in your paper," as he expressed it. Said he, "This has made a convert out of me regarding advertising. These goods went almost immediately after the advertisement appeared. They brought better prices than we had been asking before we started to advertise."

WILLIAMS BROTHERS ARE GRANTED BAIL

DISTRICT JUDGE BROWNING SO DECIDES IN HABEAS CORPUS MATTER.

The Men Are Ordered to be Sent to Hereford Jail Until Bond is Made—Large Bonds Are Required.

Late yesterday afternoon telephone advices to this office from Amarillo stated that Judge Browning, who conducted the hearing of the habeas corpus cases in this city last Wednesday, had rendered a decision in which he admitted both John W. Williams and Dobie Williams to bond. The bond of John W. Williams was placed at \$3,000 and that of Dobie Williams at \$4,000.

Judge Browning also entered an order directing the sheriff of this county to take the men to Hereford and place them in jail awaiting the execution of the bonds. This action was taken in view of the condition of the jail at this place, and it was thought that the two men would be more secure at Hereford than here. These are the two men who stand charged with the murder of John Armstrong at Bovina during the month of November last.

Horse For Sale—One heavy work horse weighing about 1500 lbs. Apply to Frank Wurster, 2 1-2 miles north of Umbarger. 40-3p

Rev. J. T. Burnett and family spent several days in Amarillo this week, the guests of his brother, G. Q. Burnett.

Willie Burnett of Fort Worth, Alfred Davees and Mrs. Bunell of Bowie attended the funeral services of Mrs. J. T. Burnett who was buried on Christmas day.

His friends will regret to hear that J. Ury Cranford, deputy county and district clerk, is seriously sick at his home in this city. He seems to be threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. R. Burrow entertained a number of young people of this city last Monday evening, those attending stating that they had such a "good time" that they were reluctant when the time came to depart.

The revival services which are being held in the court room in the court house this week under the auspices of those who believe and teach Holiness, has been fairly well attended. Though there have been no conversions reported it is said that there has been a great deal of interest manifested.

A large number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sales, four miles west of town Christmas night and had one of those old-fashioned dances. Everyone present entered into the spirit of the occasion and adjournment was not taken until—well, it was past midnight when the dance broke up.

Miss Earline Garrison is making good progress this week in learning to run the new auto.

Lewis Maloney has arrived from Wolfe City and will have charge of the management of the dry goods department of the Canyon City Supply Co.

Miss Myriam Wilson entertained a few of her friends Christmas day with a dinner and Christmas tree, and those present report a very enjoyable time.

F. F. Brown, formerly connected with one of our local hardware stores, has gone to Happy where he is interested in a mercantile business. His family will follow him in about two weeks and they will make their home at that place.

Mr. Rawlins, a former barber of Canyon City some ten years since, passed through this city last week to his home at Las Cruces, New Mexico. He was on his way home from Quanah where he had been attending to some of his business affairs.

J. M. Pyeatt, a former resident of this city but who now lives at Claude, accompanied by his son; was in the city Thursday morning on his way to the South Plains country on a business trip. Mr. Pyeatt expressed himself as greatly surprised at the large amount of improvements that are going on and that have been done in Canyon City and Randall county since he left here.

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

Don't think just because you are away down here in Texas you can't get just as good lumber here as "back home." The Canyon Lumber Company has a big stock of the best material and their prices are "down in the cellar." 40-1f

Mr. and Mrs. George Massey have returned from Wichita, Kan., where they went to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives and friends. Mr. Massey says Wichita is all right but that Canyon City and Randall county suit him much better and he comes home well satisfied that he lives here.

If good material is available, give us your treatment count for anything with you the Canyon Lumber Company are the people for you to hook up with. 40-1f

The people of Canyon City certainly seemed to enjoy the Christmas holidays this year. Entertainments were held at the several churches and it is thought that there is not a child in the city but which received some token of the glad time of the year. Fire works came in for its share of the celebration and the boy with the firecracker was much in notice. No accidents of any kind occurred to mar the pleasure of the week and therefore there was nothing to keep the people from being happy.

County Clerk Marvin R. Garner, accompanied by Mrs. Garner, spent Christmas at Hereford returned home last Saturday.

Nash Hicks of Plainview has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Hicks, in this city.

If you wish your house plastered the Canyon Lumber Co. has the necessary material. Let them furnish you. 40-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds of Memphis are spending this week on a visit with the family of Geo. Reynolds in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Reid returned last Monday from Amarillo where they had been visiting relatives and friends for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Shaw have returned from Amarillo where they went to spend Christmas with the family of Prof. C. C. Foster.

We are headquarters for everything in the way of building material, and (most) always have what you want. 40-1f CANYON LUMBER CO.

Mrs. Dudley Gatewood of Amarillo arrived in this city last Monday and will spend several days visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. F. Reid.

Joseph Liebiech, familiarly known as "Uncle Joe," is reported as being considerably under the weather this week on account of rheumatism.

J. T. Holland has returned from a week's stay at Memphis where he has quite a bunch of steers on feed. He is now feeding them cotton seed meal and hulls and expects to ship to market at an early date.

January Clearance Sale

AT THE LEADER

From Jan. 2 to Jan. 9, Inclusive.

We will soon have to move into new quarters and we want to clean up our present stock of Fall and Winter goods so as to have a clean, new stock for our Spring trade. Of course our stock is broken but we still have a good deal left that we will offer you at a big discount. Below we mention only a few articles but everything will be sold at reduced prices.

<p>Calico</p> <p>Calico, standard grade, at 4 1-2c Not over twenty yards to a customer.</p> <hr/> <p>Gingham</p> <p>Toile Du Nord Ginghams worth 12 1-2c at 10c</p> <hr/> <p>Bleach Domestic</p> <p>Bleach Domestic worth 10c at 7 1-2c</p> <hr/> <p>Men's Hats</p> <p>\$3.00 Beaver Hats at \$2.20</p>	<p>Ladies' Shoes</p> <p>Ladies' Shoes worth \$3.50 at \$2.45 Ladies' Shoes worth 3.00 at 2.45 Ladies' Shoes worth 2.50 at 2.00 Ladies' Shoes worth 2.00 at 1.65</p> <hr/> <p>Men's Shoes</p> <p>\$5.00 Shoes at \$3.85 3.50 Shoes at 2.75 3.00 Shoes at 2.40</p>	<p>Men's Suits</p> <p>H. S. & M. Suits worth \$27.50 at \$20.00 H. S. & M. Suits worth 25.00 at 19.00 H. S. & M. Suits worth 22.50 at 15.00</p> <hr/> <p>Men's Shirts</p> <p>\$2.00 Shirts at \$1.50 1.50 Shirts at 1.15</p> <hr/> <p>Boys' Knee Pant Suits</p> <p>40 Boys' Knee Pant Suits that we are going to sell at prices you can't afford to overlook.</p>
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Remember we will be closed all day January 1st to get things in shape and the reduced prices put on the goods. Everything will be marked in plain figures.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE--JAN. 2 TO 9, INCLUSIVE.

THE LEADER

JUST LOOK

The Prices!

We have instituted a fifteen days' sale in our dry goods department beginning January 1st and ending January 15th, and have decided to give some especial bargains in the Grocery Department of our large store. These items mentioned are only a few of the many bargains which we will offer during these days of the sale but they will give you an idea of the immense cuts which are being made in the prices.

GROCERIES

Flour

Best Missouri Flour	\$2.85
The Best Hard Wheat Flour	2.80

Canned Goods

Tomatoes per case, two dozen	2.40
Standard Can Corn per case, two dozen	1.75
Columbia Cream per case, two dozen	3.10
Best Blackberries per case, two dozen	1.90
California Peaches per case, two dozen	4.50
California Pears per case, two dozen	4.25
Early June Peas per case, two dozen	2.25

Dried Fruits

Evaporated Peaches per box, per lb.	9 1-2c
Evaporated Apricots per box, per lb.	9 1-2c
Three Crown Raisins, the best, per lb.	7 1-2c
60 and 70 Prunes, per lb.	7c

Georgia Cane Syrup

Three Gallon Jacket Can	\$0.90
Five Gallon Jacket Can	1.30
Royal Sorghum per case	2.45
Georgia Cane per case	3.20
Carnation Syrup, case	2.50
Competition Syrup per case	2.35

Sundries

18 pounds Sugar, granulated	1.00
One Case Good Laundry Soap	3.25
Four Packages of Soda	.25
Three 2-lb. packages of Oat Meal	.25
6-lb. Bucket Best Coffee	.75

You cannot afford to miss this sale--the goods are the best of standard brands and the prices are the lowest ever offered here.

Cash Gets the Goods.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Canyon Mercantile Co.

The Day of Resolutions.

The year 1908 has passed into history with all her sorrows, her pains and sadness. She has taken, too, the joys and smiles of gladness, and left for us nothing but a saddened memory or a life made better by having lived in her time.

Many opportunities have been neglected, which if we had improved would have made life brighter for us and those about us. But let us not look back and mourn because there is too much to occupy our minds for today to allow us to live in the past.

We too often, in speaking of days gone by, say "the good old days." Well, perhaps they were good days then, but they would not do for now. Every day of our life should be better, brighter and happier than the days that are passed; and if we live with and for each other they will be.

The first of the year is general resolution season for most of us; let's make just one this year: "That the world shall be better for our having lived in it." Reverse the general rule of placing flowers on the casket, and place them in a living hand; flowers are worth more and have more influence with the living than with the dead. A beautiful wreath of roses or carnations on the casket of a cold lifeless form can never amend the neglect of the occupant while they lived.

Many a poor heart has been saddened, yea even stilled in death, because of the poisoned arrows of unkind words spoken by those from whom should come words of comfort and cheer.

Mother loves the rosebud yet, young man; father, too, enjoys a vase of flowers, dear girl; so when looking for someone on whom to lavish kindness, from which comes real pleasure—pleasure that will last—place a rose in mother's hand, now plant a kiss on the furrowed brow, and watch the once fading beauty begin to call back the rosy cheek, the eyes sparkle with real joy, and the smile resume its original place on mother's face.

Call father into the parlor, dear girl, sit and talk with him just an evening, pin a carnation on his coat and see the smiles play on his face, and watch his daily task grow lighter.

Words of cheer and kindness are heaven born and should be polished daily by passing them on to some saddened soul. They freshen the lives of neglected ones as the withered flowers are freshened by May showers. Let them fall while the ear can catch the sound; they make the speaker and the listener happier and are thereby passed on and live forever.

Then say the nice things to me while I live, speak words of praise that I may hear, if I deserve them; put the flowers in my hands while they are warm; if you cannot praise me here you can't when I'm gone. So let's make the world better while we can.

Yours for a brighter, happier world,

J. D. WHITE, Pastor,
First Christian Church.

A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is often two or three weeks before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed, a cure may as a rule be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Chamberlain's Liniment also affords great relief in cases of chronic and muscular rheumatism. Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles. Sold by the City Pharmacy.

Be a News subscriber.

The Old and New Year.

Through the courtesy of our most genial editor, we are glad to embrace this opportunity to extend to all of our citizens New Years' greetings.

We may congratulate ourselves as a community, over the progress and success that has attended our efforts during the past year. Our commercial institutions seem to be in a healthy condition; our town has made a good substantial growth; our churches have enjoyed good revivals and we feel that they have kept pace with other advancements; our public school has been much improved.

But are we to be satisfied? 1908 is gone with its successes and failures, its sorrows and its joys. Out of its experiences and observations should come a wisdom that will help us to make the year 1909 brighter and better. Let those who profess to be Christians more fully emulate the great ideal, Christ, that by so doing He may be made more attractive to the world. Let our business men give everybody a square deal.

In civic righteousness there is some room for improvement. All profanity should be "cut out" in our business houses and on our streets. We have a law to protect respectable people and a ten or fifteen dollar fine duly administered would help a man to quit cussing and again, any man who allows it in his place of business is not worthy the patronage of anybody.

Again, we are a local option people and perhaps our citizens don't aim to violate the law, but there is too much social drinking—too many red noses. We hope our next grand jury will look well after the enforcement of this law. It is every good citizen's duty to see that our laws are enforced.

Thanking our editor for his good paper, and wishing our people a "Happy New Year," we are yours for service,

M. E. HAWKINS,
Pastor Methodist Church.

The New Year.

The coming of the new year should awaken serious thoughts in our minds. During this year we will make progress either in the right or in the wrong. In morals and in religion there is no place to stand still. We will go up or down. At the close of the year we will be either better or worse than we now are. Our lives during this year will be what we make them. If we improve our opportunities and privileges, our lives will be bright and happy. Duty, faithfully done, will always bring sunshine to the soul. No cloud of sorrow or loss can darken the soul that is turned toward God. What may come to us this year in the way of trials is mercifully hidden but we must go bravely forward trusting in the Lord.

J. S. GROVES, Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church.

Some Funny Advertisements.

Wanted—A laborer and a boy; with grazing for two goats, both Protestants.

Wanted—A young man to take care of a pair of mules of a Christian disposition.

Wanted—A furnished room for a single gentleman looking both ways and well ventilated.

For Sale—Caps, victorines, etc., made up for ladies out of their own skins.

Wanted—A good girl to cook, and one who will make a good roast or will boil and will stew well.

When the baby is done drinking, it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be boiled.—Merchant's Journal.

S. G. Carter of Amarillo was a visitor in this city last Saturday.

Catastrophes.

Henry Wesley and wife entertained their relatives and friends Xmas day. Of course they feasted on the good things of the land and all spent a pleasant day.

Last Wednesday Isom Hollibaugh and Miss Cora Curry hied themselves over to the minister at Beulah and were united in marriage. They returned to the home of the bride, where a nice supper and a number of friends awaited them. All wish them well.

J. A. Curry departed for Dallas last Saturday to visit his sister. He will there meet his two brothers, whom he has not seen for several years.

J. Sluder and family are enjoying a visit from his nephew, Walter Butler.

The school here is enjoying a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sluder entertained Mr. Beasley, W. B. Walters and Prof. Breithaupt and their families Sunday.

I. Hollibaugh and wife, Ed True and Miss Minnie Curry, Walter Curry and Miss Addie Donally drove to Silverton and spent the day with Mr. True and wife.

Thomas Castle is spending a few days with R. L. Wesley and family.

Elzo Guest was the receiver of several bad scratches at the Christmas fete at H. Wesley's. They were having a general good time riding broncos and a steer played with him with its horns. He luckily escaped with a few scratches.

Mrs. P. C. Buckner and Mrs. Julius Hushaw spent Monday shopping at Happy.

Lawrence Davis thought he would be in style with the other Ceta young people so on Monday the 28 he took unto himself a wife, but so shy was he that he had not found out a promise name, but married the best taxpayee we will give communication week. All an bull and the old we wish interests. This town happy no more.

We welcome to our neighborhood Mr. and Mrs. Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and son. They hail from Missouri and will receive a cordial welcome from all we know. They are located on Mrs. Jennings farm which they will farm this year. She will erect a modern eight-room house there at once, or as soon as they can. Lumber is already on the ground.

Robert Wesley has erected a new house which he and his family now occupy. We are expecting several more new families soon to take up their homes near us. Let them come that is what we need here.

Left Arm Badly Hurt.

When the alarm of fire was turned in last Saturday, J. D. Gamble mounted his horse and started in a brisk lope for the scene. In turning the corner at the Victoria hotel the feet of the horse slipped from under him on the culvert and fell with his rider, very badly bruising up his left arm, spraining the hand and elbow so badly that it has been necessary to keep the limb in a splint and swing. It will be two or three weeks before he can use the arm.

Just as Good as Ever, Too.

An old physician of the last generation was noted for his brusque manner and old-fashioned methods. One time a lady called him to treat her baby who was slightly ailing. The doctor prescribed castor-oil.

"But, Doctor," protested the young mother, "castor-oil is such an old-fashioned remedy."

"Madam," replied the doctor, "babies are old-fashioned things."—Exchange.

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Railway Time Table.

Table with 2 columns: Line Name and Time. Includes MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND, MAIN LINE, EAST BOUND, PLAINVIEW BRANCH, NORTH B'ND, PLAINVIEW BRANCH, SO. BOUND.

"Marked Copy" Did the Trick.



... newspaper wrapper is sure to be open and read. Last year a southern man bought fifty copies of his local paper containing a suggestion for a factory location, marked them and mailed them to fifty individuals or concerns that might be interested.

A NEW YEAR'S DEDICATION.

It is a good thing for newspapers as well as individuals to stop and take an inventory every once in a while—the first of January is as good as any other time—and to ask themselves in what direction they are drifting or going. As a newspaper man the editor speaks for himself, and in this instance at this particular milestone in life, he feels that he is going in the right direction.

not but state that our success has not been the result of the efforts of the management alone but in largely attributable to the kind words and the material assistance of the citizens and friends generally—people who do not hesitate to give us items of news that would otherwise escape our notice.

This number is filled—and others will be from this day on—with things that are of interest to those who have the interest of Canyon City and Randall county at heart. We believe that you are well posted on the happenings in other portions of the state, United States and of the world and we shall devote our attention to the matters and happenings close at home; things that effect the home life and the neighbors and these are the things we are promising for the future.

The present growth and influences of the News have not been attained by anything except service in the past. It will not win anything save by service in the future. But, in so far as our knowledge and power permits, it shall be new in willingness and desire to see that the ideal of the fathers that has come down to us from the times of the Pilgrims shall not be brought to nothing, but shall flourish and burn anew.

PROPOSED MOTOR ROAD.

In another column of this issue we reproduce an item taken from the Plainsman, a newspaper published at Dimmitt, our neighbor city in Castro county to our southwest. Dimmitt lies in the heart of a very fertile country and Castro county comprises a body of very desirable farming land, and it behooves Canyon City to get in touch with these people at once. It is possible that a motor line would not meet the requirements of that country in the future but it will serve the purpose for the present and for some years to come at least and if the service by such a line proves inadequate for the amount of business developed then it will be the very best step ever made for another railway from this city to the southwest, bringing to this city people who otherwise would go to Hereford and other places further west of us along the Pecos Valley Railway line.

1908 is a year in the past—is now a part of history. Have you contributed to the upbuilding of the city, county, state and Union during that time or have you torn down the efforts of your neighbors when they have tried to make their own condition better thereby bettering that condition of things that belong to you? In which column shall you be placed for the last year? And in which column will your name appear when the year 1909 draws to a close? Start right.

Good morning, Year 1909! We bespeak for ourselves and the people of this country that continued prosperity, happiness and health which has been our portion for many years.

It's awful to be an old grouch. He can't even wish himself any joy.

DEAD, HARD LUCK.

The editor, the devil, the printers and every one connected with the publication of the News were working like Turks on Thursday afternoon trying to get out last week's edition of the paper so that we all might enjoy the Christmas day in a befitting manner. All was going sublimely when the unexpected happened. Suddenly something happened to the printing press and the rear end of it arose and chased itself around. When we got it stopped we had two papers printed and a badly broken press. Right here is where any experience printer will sympathize with this force for we had to run the most of our papers off on a George Washington hand press—ask the printer, he can tell you what this means—but we got our paper out and we had Christmas, too. Nothing like determination.

If you have made a resolution this morning stick to it through thick and thin. There is nothing which will tear down your moral character quicker than to break a resolution definitely made but if you keep the resolution it will do more to build you up than any other thing that can be done by mortal man.

US AND SOME OTHERS

THE RAILROAD OUTLOOK.

Some two weeks ago Major Gordon made a visit to the people of Silverton and the county, and submitted to them new a proposition calling for a sum equal to \$7,690 per mile from the point where the road crossed the Tule to the south line of the county via Silverton, this amount to be divided into four installments to be paid in as the work progressed; and for which amount the subscribers were to receive first mortgage bonds on the road as it was constructed. This road was to be built from Canyon City through Silverton to a connection with some trunk line now in existence or hereafter to be built to the south or southeast of Silverton. The Briscoe county railway committee met the following week and declared all former contracts between Major Gordon and the citizens of the county null and void and authorized the subscribers to former contracts to call at the bank and get their securities and notes which had been executed under the provisions of the former contract.

Also a committee was appointed to draft a counter contract, the one Major Gordon submitted not being entirely satisfactory, and submit the same for his consideration. While the people are very anxious for a road and will consider favorably any reasonable and tangible proposition which may be submitted to them, it seems at present to be the consensus of opinion of the people to not tie themselves up in any contract for a proposed railroad unless the one submitting the proposition has sufficient backing to assure them that the road will be built when they have complied with their part of the contract.

It has been suggested and the Enterprise now makes a motion that a committee of five be appointed from each of the three counties, Briscoe, Randall and Floyd, to confer with each other at a time and place hereafter to be selected, looking to the formulating of a definite and feasible plan by which the county seats of these three counties may be connected by a railway, either steam or electric; and that parties along the line between these places hold themselves in readiness to co-operate with these committees. Who will second the motion?—Silverton Enterprise.

We second the motion and for fear that no one will put the question, we ask the people of Randall, Armstrong, Swisher, Briscoe and Floyd counties as to what they will do with the motion. It seems to us that it is not a debatable question. Everyone ought to be ready and willing to put forth every effort to build this road even if we have to build it ourselves.

however, that the Silverton people have underestimated the promoter of the proposed line and that it will be clearly shown if they will carefully investigate the different railway propositions that Major Gordon has undertaken. In addition to that his connection with other systems is such that if he does build a railroad which he proposes to build we will be assured of a connection with a railway from the east or southeast.

The editor does not wish to violate any confidences placed in him on account of his connection with some enterprises proposed to be built and established in Texas at an early date, but he does want to say that if the railway is built from Canyon City to Silverton, there will be no question but that we shall have connection with a railroad from either Dallas or Fort Worth or possibly both. Just mark the prediction. What we need to do is to build the road now to Silverton and the rest of the proposition will take care of itself and we have by far the better end of the entire proposition.

The Randall County News of Canyon City comes to our table this week with beautiful colors, and the prettiest Xmas number we have received this year. The printing was plain and neat, the ads show artistic work by an expert printer and the reading by a pen pusher who knows how to deliver the goods. The News printing plant from an outside view would be credit to a town larger than Amarillo.—Dimmitt Plainsman.

Out of the Ginger Jar.

If a fool is out of his place anywhere on earth it is on a farm.

The all-around man tries to be square with the world.

Will some one please step forward and tell us what the sea saw.

Are your harrow teeth aching out in some snow-drifted fence corner? If so, why so?

Blest is the man whose wish and care

Is just to be happy anywhere.

The men who try to hide their light are few, while those who seek to shine in the light of others are many.

The kitchen range is not very large or imposing, but it is a most important complement to the cattle and sheep range.

The reason so many men are lounging about waiting for political plums, is because they are too lazy to raise plums of any other sort.

It is an apparant contradiction that while the grocer desires to take orders from everybody, he still insists upon doing quite as he pleases.

A tempest in a teapot is a familiar phenomenon; but only those who live in the cyclone belt are permitted to observe a teapot in a tempest.

While you are tinkering around at this season making things, make a few good resolutions, and then stick to them like a sand-bur to a sheep's tail.

Good nature is as contagious as the measles. Put on your best smile when you get up in the morning and observe how everybody will greet you with a sunny face.

"When I hear a man bragging about hardships," said Uncle Remus, "I just ask him: Was he ever on top of a powder mill and blow a hundred feet in the air?"

Too many men who before their marriage were always particular to get out of the buggy and help the young woman in, may be observed a few years after marriage sitting in the wagon while the good wife clambers in over the wheel as best she may. There is something wrong when the man is less thoughtful of his wife than he was of his sweetheart.—From January Farm Journal.

The Canyon National Bank. CAPITAL \$50,000.00 SURPLUS \$15,000.00 Canyon, Texas. During the three years of its existence, this bank has acquired the confidence of a very large number of the very best business men and county, and it seems fitting that its success is all due to the appreciation for the confidence, Canyon City and Randall County, and the result has been much better than that of the people.

Our Store to Move. OWING to the large increase in our business during the past year we are compelled to seek larger quarters, therefore we will, about January 1st, move from our present stand to the middle building of the three new buildings now being erected on the east side of the square where we will have much larger and more commodious quarters. We desire to thank our customers for their patronage and to wish the greatest joys at this Christmas season and a continuance of prosperity during all coming years. A. H. Thompson Leading Druggist

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