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## NEBRASKA AND TEXAS BANK GUARANTY LAWS

CATO SELLS SAYS DECISION IS NOT  
APPLICABLE IN TEXAS.

Discussed Benefits of Guaranty System and  
Criticisms Nebraska Ruling as  
Infringement on Rights.

Cleburne, Tex., Oct. 29.—Judge Cato Sells has received several letters from college students, asking for information about the guaranty law and the recent Nebraska decision. To the first letter received he replied as follows:

Cleburne, Tex., Oct. 26—I have your recent letter requesting information for college debate purposes, concerning bank guaranty and answering same, herewith inclose you a copy of speech made by me before the Texas State Bankers Association something like eighteen months since. If I were making a speech now it would be the same in substance with up-to-date additions.

I am very much of the opinion that guaranty of bank deposits is desirable from every standpoint. Certainly it will be a source of security and satisfaction to the depositor. The effect can not be otherwise than to bring into circulation a large volume of idle money which will be greatly helpful to the entire community. It will be serviceable to the banker, in that it will largely increase deposits, and above all, relieve him of the anxiety frequently incident to disturbed financial condition. It will have a strong tendency to prevent runs on all banks, whether State or National, since it will inspire greater confidence in banks generally.

A very important factor to be considered in connection with a bank guaranty law is the fact that an effective statute of this character necessarily involves as a part of it very stringent regulation and control features. Such a statute alone has a decided tendency to bring about better banking conditions in that it will prevent reckless banking and soon drive out of the business those who are either willfully or negligently slack in a strict obedience to its requirements.

I have recently read the opinion of the Federal Circuit Court declaring the Nebraska guaranty law unconstitutional and I have great faith that the United States Supreme Court will reverse this decision. Certainly it is not a tenable construction to the Constitution.

Obviously there are many analogous circumstances justifying the principles involved in the guaranty law.

The principle is firmly established in our government that it is constitutional to tax the childless for the support of the public schools; it is a well-settled principle of law that it is constitutional to tax the thrifty for the support of the indigent poor; to tax the whole people, either as a State or Nation, to pay pensions for soldiers.

It is constitutional to tax the childless to support the public schools because it is a safeguard against ignorance; it is constitutional to tax the thrifty to support the poor because it is an obligation necessary for universal self-protection, and it is constitutional to tax all the people to create a pension fund for patriotic public service.

Neither the school tax, the poor fund tax, nor the pension tax is in every instance a direct benefit to the citizen burdened with it, but in each case it is for the public welfare and as such

comes within constitutional limitations.

The Constitutionality of bank guaranty for depositors practically resolves itself into this: Shall the peace, prosperity and integrity of millions of depositors be secured by levying a tax on bankers, which shall protect depositors against loss, as now the security of our institution is protected against ignorance by a tax for educational purposes; against the crimes of unfed poverty by imposing a tax for the relief of the poor; against revolution and decadence by encouragement of patriotism with a tax for the support of aged and dependent patriots.

Since all chartered banks are necessarily quasi public institutions and their regulation and control a legitimate function now exercised by the governments authorizing the respective systems of banking in behalf of the whole people it is obligatory that such banks be required to act in the utmost good faith and with entire responsibility.

The above, with direct reference to the Omaha case, as specifically applied to the Nebraska law, and having to do with the Texas law only in a general way, for it is entirely apparent that neither of the two grounds on which the Court finds against the Nebraska law is incorporated in the Texas law, that is to say: compulsory acceptance provision as to the existing State banks, also as to private banking institutions, while the Texas law expressly provides that the State banks choose between the assessment plan of guaranty and the bond plan.

Clearly the bond plan can not be construed to impose upon the banks acting under it the payment of the obligations of another bank, for the bond requires of the bank giving same nothing but protection of certain obligations of its own. This construction is so evident that it is not debatable and no one questions the power of the state to require the giving of a bond as enacted.

The Texas law makes no acceptance requirements of private institutions doing a banking business, but extends to private banks and to banks operating under special charters the option of accepting the bond plan only.

Beyond question the Texas law is immune to attack on either of the grounds indicated in the Nebraska decision.

It is indeed to be regretted that we are again confronted with the historic tendency of the Federal Courts to interfere with those affairs properly within the jurisdiction of the States. However, the recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the Waters-Pierce Oil Company case, appealed from Texas, and in North Carolina rate case, would seem almost certain to indicate a final adjudication favorable to the guaranty of deposits law as enacted in the several States of the Union.

The determination of the validity of the guaranty law of Nebraska was properly within the domain of its State courts, where it should have been assailed, and from which it could have been taken on appeal to the court of last resort, which under the issues as made would be the Supreme Court of the United States.

This choosing of a Federal Court forum is another indication of the now too frequent manifested disposition of litigants to avoid State courts when questions involving progressive and constructive policy are at issue, and gives something of justification for the growing conviction that the Federal Courts are, without notable exceptions,

kindly disposed toward special interests.

It is gratifying that our Texas college students are so earnestly studying this and kindred public questions, for it can but result in a keener realization of the fact that the opponents of greater security for bank depositors are, though not necessarily with premeditation, acting in harmony with the comparatively few who have for the last half century been direct beneficiaries from the misuse of the functions of government through Congressional and legislative subsidies.

Herewith find several inclosures which may be of interest to you.

Very truly,  
Dallas News Cato Sells

### Gymnasium for Canyon

Week before last a paper was circulated around among the young men of the city for the purpose of establishing a gymnasium and about forty signed it, pledging themselves to become members if the project is put through. It is the purpose of those who are at the head of this movement to form a stock company or corporation with shares at \$20. By this means \$1,000 or probably \$2,000 will be raised to buy the necessary equipment for a good gymnasium where the boys of our town can find some place to get exercise and read good literature in their idle moments instead of hanging around on the street corners swapping yarns. Each member will pay in advance \$1.50 each month except the stock holders who will be given a lower rate.

An athletic club, organized upon the same basis as this one, was established in Temple, Texas, this spring with stock amounting to \$5,000 and has since proven to be of great benefit both morally and physically to the young men who belong to it. Although Canyon is not as large as Temple, a gymnasium can be gotten upon a smaller scale and people who are members can go and receive regulated physical exercises. Reading rooms will be connected with this club and all the latest books and magazines kept for the use of those who wish to spend their time thus.

The promoters of this great addition to our city have had a great deal of experience in organizing athletic clubs of this sort and efforts are being made to form the company in order to put the gym in running order early this winter.

### Hallowe'en Pranks

Hallowe'en passed with very little excitement and only a little damage was done to property by the youngsters. A few of the citizens awoke Sunday morning to find their buggies gone and after diligent search, finding them in a distant part of the city upside down with the cushion hanging high up on a telephone post nearby.

The center of the attacks of the mischievous boys seems to have been the school house for the Supply's grocery wagon was found, standing serenely in the hall and barrels, stoves and all kinds of old junk was stacked up against the door and in the entry.

Squire Redfern was the unlucky person down town for on opening his store Monday morning, he found the key hole full of chewing gum mixed with small gravel on account of which he was unable to open up for an hour or so.

I. L. Hunt of Lubbock, was in Canyon on Wednesday looking after some business matters, and calling on hosts of friends here.

## PANHANDLE PEOPLE DISPLAY PRODUCTS

Revelation Made Regarding the Things It Will  
Produce in the Greatest  
Profusion

The Panhandle exhibit of agricultural products in what is known as the Panhandle tent, south of the main agricultural exhibit hall in the State Fair Grounds, has attracted much attention from the visitors to the Fair during the last two weeks, and it is the boast of those exhibiting in this tent that the farm and garden products there shown have taken as many premiums, if not more, than any other section of Texas. This is considered the more important in view of the fact that it was only a few years ago that the plains and Panhandle country of Texas was considered little less than a barren prairie, fruitless of anything less than the grasses upon which the roaming herds of cattle are fed.

Randall County of which Canyon City is the county seat, has an attractive exhibit, one of the interesting features of which is a large photographic view of the principal business and residential sections of the city. It shows off well. Among the agriculture products displayed there may be named Indian corn, milo maize, kafir corn, wheat, oats, millet, alfalfa, hay and many varieties of garden vegetables.

The exhibit of Swisher County of which Tulia is the county seat took eight blue ribbons or first premiums, two red ribbons or second premiums, and was third in the sweepstakes for county exhibits. The first prizes were taken on baby squashes, turnips sweet peppers, cabbage, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes, string beans and oats. Second prizes were taken on onions and native hay.

The Amarillo country, of which the city of Amarillo is the center is showing some excellent specimens of the stuff which the plains country produces. In the display are to be found many varieties of wheat and oats, kafir corn, milo maize, millet, peanuts, kershaw, pumpkins, cantaloupes, corn, potatoes, celery, cabbage and beets. Considerable literature and picture postal cards giving an idea of what the Panhandle country is like and what can be raised there have been distributed from this exhibit during the Fair.

### Hallowe'en Party

One of the most successful and enjoyable Hallowe'en entertainments was given by Miss Mattie Holland at her beautiful home in the south west portion of the city last Monday evening. The moon was just rising and its pale light mingled with that of several large wierd looking Jack-o-lanterns placed upon the porch gave the guests a creepy feeling from some inexplicable cause as they approached the home of the hostess. This queer feeling was almost changed to terror as they entered into a darkened hall and were motioned up the stairway by a silent white-shrouded spook. Over in the corner behind a curtain was an old witch who told each one's fortunes. Everet Peeler was the one most astounded and could give only one little short gasp when he learned that his future wife's name would be Mrs. Everet Peeler.

Around the walls of the rooms downstairs were pinned little black cats and witches riding brooms all cut out of tissue paper while in each corner was huge Jack-o-lanterns. After much laughter over varied fortunes the guests were shown to these rooms by the ever present gob-

blins where they found a bigger surprise awaiting them.

Fortunes were tried by fishing over a curtain, blowing of candles and cutting of the cake in which Miss Maude Brandon cut the ring; Miss Mattie Thompson, the key; Everet Peeler, the thimble and Miss Emma Brandon, the penny.

Refreshments of pumpkin pie and devil's food were served while throughout the evening everyone had access to the punch bowl. After partaking of refreshments each guest was led into a little room dimly lighted with Jack-o-lanterns and there they saw their future intended in a large mirror.

Miss Holland is one of the most charming hostesses and each left assuring her that they had never spent a more pleasant evening.

### VISITS DALLAS FAIR

Secretary of Commercial Club States that Panhandle Exhibits were Best of All.

R. A. Terrill, Secretary of the Commercial Club of this city, returned home Monday after an extended trip through the northern and central portions of the state. When seen by a representative of the News and questioned as to conditions, Mr. Terrill stated that he found business conditions were not so good as is found in the Panhandle country. "This condition," said he, "is on account of the short crops during this year. About the only crop that was raised generally was cotton and upon inquiry from large cotton buyers, I learned that the cotton crop was about fifty per cent of the average.

"The price of cotton has been much better than in former years and this has been of great benefit to the farmers generally. But the farmers, now that cotton is selling at or near fifteen cents per pound, have not any great amount of cotton on hand the crops having been gathered and sold. I was also told that many farmers are even now borrowing money upon which to live until the next crop can be raised. Bankers, too, complain that finances are very much depressed in their various localities but these bankers do not fear any serious results from the short crops."

While away Mr. Terrill visited the State Fair at Dallas and comes home better pleased than ever with the Panhandle country. "Do you know that there were exhibits from nearly every county on the Plains and in every one of these exhibits were shown products that are a credit to the whole Plains country? People who have seen the exhibits this year are simply astounded at the sight for they had the impression that the Panhandle had simply burned up and blown away during the past year. Randall County's exhibit, though smaller than some of the others, attracted a great deal of attention and will result in much good. We ought never to consider another proposition to send any exhibit to the state fair in connection with any other organization for we did not get prominence in location and space that the county and exhibits deserved. For my part I shall never be willing to send out another exhibit again without we send some one with the exhibit who shall have charge of the location and displaying of the products. Our exhibit this year has done lots of good for us but if we had had a personal representative, it would have done us much more good in the way of publicity." These are Mr. Terrill's remarks.

E. U. Busy of Hereford, was a business caller Wednesday.

## LARGER PREMIUM LIST FOR FARM PRODUCTS

PANHANDLE PEOPLE WANT CLASS FOR  
SPECIAL PRODUCTS

Sugar Beets, Milo Maize, etc., Are Suggested  
as Classes Not Now  
Covered

That effort will be made to have the premium list amplified for agriculture department at the State Fair, is the statement of C. F. Drake, one of the exhibitors of county products. It is suggested by Mr. Drake that premiums be provided for sugar beets, milo maize and kafir corn as separate and distinct products of the Upper Panhandle; also that premiums be offered for winter cantaloupes. The products named thrive in the Panhandle as nowhere else in the State, says Mr. Drake.

A petition has been circulated among the representatives of the various counties, and they have requested that the premium list be amplified, believing, they say, that the growth of the number and size of the agriculture exhibits makes such a step advisable.

"The appreciation with which the premium ribbons of the State Fair Association are regarded was manifested today when it became known to the county associations that the ribbons were awarded to those counties forming associations and competing for place as the best exhibits. The fourth prize and pink ribbon was given to the North Panhandle Association in which are Dallam, Hartley Moore Ochiltree, Potter, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong and Gray. Only one ribbon is given with the cash premium and when it was turned over to the Dallam County representative, the other county managers desired one to take home also. When it was ascertained that the Fair Association furnished but one, a wall went up at once and the matter was only compromised by the Dallam county manager consenting for all the others to have duplicates made.

"A telegram was received at the Dallam Co booth last night calling in F. L. Kennard who, as superintendent of the United States sub-station at Dalhart has had charge of the exhibit. This came as a surprise, as he expected to go with the Dalhart county exhibit to Chicago. He was called back to meet and confer with his chief at Washington, who is paying a visit to the Dalhart station. Mr. Kennard will go from his station to San Antonio to take charge of the sub-station there until spring.

J. S. Ballard "as an old saying goes" is doing a land office business now days, on Wednesday he sold to T. F. Reid a block of lots in the Normal addition, also sold to Mr. Peeler and to Mr. Thomas a block and one half of lots in the new Normal addition, there are others planning to make purchases in that locality.

When the windows were placed in the court house, several of them were broken. A shipment of new glasses was received last Wednesday and workmen were busy two or three days this week replacing them. The shipment seems to have been a little slow coming for our new court house has been built nearly a half year.

R. G. Oldham and J. E. Rodgers left last Monday to spend a week or so at Dimmitt in Castro County.

**PEARY'S SISTER LIVES IN TEXAS**

**His Brother-in-law Says Cook is Only Seeking Fame That Belongs To Another**

San Angelo, Oct 30—West Texas again figures in history. It has been learned that Henry Debridge, residing at Eldorado, a town near San Angelo, is the brother-in-law of Commander Robert E. Peary. Mr. Debridge is a prominent ranchman and is in the sheep business. His sister married Peary and she has been the guiding spirit in his great explorations.

Although Mr. Debridge is not boasting on account of being Peary's brother-in-law, at the same time he feels honored in being related to a man who has gained such prominence, and, of course believes that Peary is the only man who has ever reached the North Pole. He does not harshly denounce Cook, but merely states that in time it will be learned that Cook is only seeking honors that belong to another.

To the Editor

Trustees, Choice Avenue School, District Number 7 Randall County, Tex.

Dear Sirs,  
"Still sits the school-house by the road,  
A ragged beggar running"

John G Whittier.

We have no record of Whittier's visit to the Plains, but these lines of his written so long ago prove beyond question that he did come and that he was right here for this is our school house. Everyone of us recognize it. Don't you?

We feel sure these lines were true when Whittier wrote them for doubtless the house was years old then. It looks it. We know they are true today. But will they be true tomorrow next spring? We doubt it. Old and weak as it is, we greatly fear that, on some awful day, when the wild north wind comes flying down from the pole doubly fierce because his secret perch has at last been found out, the old house will shiver and stagger and fall prostrate in its rags never to "sit" again. And we—O! where will we be?

But even if good fortune smiled And winter proved gloriously mild,

Jack Frost with his art would pierce to the heart

Of the gray old beggar, so styled,

And bite at the toes of each child.

For walks all have numerous cracks

And something each window now lacks,

The siding is worn, the paper is torn

There's no place for eating our snack,

In fact, it will rank with the shacks.

Then, Sirs, 'tis a law of the world

We shape like the mould round us curled.

We all will then be like this house, you see,

Unstable—by any breeze whirled—

Rude, graceless, the sneer of the world.

We ask of you there in its place A new house the old site to grace.

We promise to treat or keep the house neat;

To study; to mind; to embrace Each chance to climb upward a pace.

Hoping you may be able to grant us this great favor very soon, we are

Yours Respectively  
Choice Avenue School

(Signed by all who write)

Wanted—Young lady wants board and room with private family, modern house preferred. Apply at News office.

**Philatheas Entertained**

On Monday last the Baptist Parsonage was thrown open to the Philatheas and their lady friends who met promptly at 4.45 and were heartily welcomed by Miss Emma Harder and Bro. B. T. Johnson. After a short tete-a-tete the ladies were ushered into the dining room and given needle and thread and a hand full of pea-nuts to transform into a doll. Then the fun began, some laughed about their dolls wry faces and bald heads, while others worried because their dolls physique did not suit them.

Miss Mattie Thompson seemed to have more trouble than the rest, her doll was bow-legged she could not make a pretty girl out of it so she proceeded to make it a pair of knickerbockers and named it after the president of the Baracas, that being the highest compliment she could pay it. The ladies were at their highest glee when someone announced the reward of a prize to the one making the prettiest lassie, laughing ceased and every one got busy. After the elapse of an hour or two the dolls were made and dressed and stood in a row on the tables for exhibition. The ladies were then seated in the parlor and served cake and chocolate, while the judges made their decision, and soon it was announced to the dissatisfaction of Miss Mattie that Beulah Speakman had won the prize. Classical music was then rendered by Miss Harder and Miss Eakman. Too soon came the approach of nightfall which meant for the guests to express their enjoyment to the most charming hostess of Canyon City.

**When the Frost is on The Pumpkin**

When the frost is on the pumpkin  
and the fodder's in the shock,  
And you hear the kyvack and gobble  
of the struttin' turkey cock;  
And the clackin' of the guineas  
and the cluckin, of the hens  
And the rooster's hallylooyer as  
he tiptoes on the fence;  
Oh, it's then' the time a feller  
is feelin' at his best,

With the risin' sun to greet him,  
from a night of peaceful rest;  
As he leaves the house barehead  
and goes out to feed the stock,  
When the frost is on the pumpkin  
and the fodder's in the shock.

There's something kind o'  
heartylke about the atmosphere

When the heat of summer's over  
and the coolin' fall is here.

Of course we miss the flowers  
and the blossoms on the trees,  
And the mumble of the hummin'  
, birds and buzzin' of the bees;

But the air's so appetizin' and  
the landscape through the haze  
Of a crisp and sunny morning of  
the early autumn days

Is a pictur' that no artist has  
the colorin' to mock—

When the frost is on the pumpkin  
and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty rustle of the  
tossels of the corn,  
And the raspin' of the tangled  
leaves, as golden as the morn;

The stubble in the furrows kind  
o' lonesome-like, but still

A 'preachin' sermons to us of  
the barns they grewed to fill;

The strawstacks in the medder  
and the reaper in the shed;

The hoeses in their stalls below,  
the clover overhead;

Oh, it sets my heart a-clickin'  
like the ticking of a clock

When the frost is on the pumpkin  
and the fodder's in the shock.

James W. Riley

While feeding a team of mules late one afternoon of last week, James Monger was kicked on the knee by one of the mules. James was laid up in bed a few days but he was able to be up and about Monday.

J. O. Holland of Amarillo was a caller here Friday.

Edwin B. Shelton, of Cisco, Texas was stopping in Canyon Friday.

J. L. Wilson and wife were sojourners in Canyon Tuesday and Wednesday.

I. Mantz has vacated Mr. Begrin's house and moved to Umbarger, where we are told he expects to engage in the banking business in Umbarger, besides his real estate, town lot and site business.

Mrs. Jack Heflin of Hale Center, Texas, who has been visiting her father and mother who reside in Portales, N. M. stopped off Tuesday to call on old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunbar. She expects to return home Wednesday morning.

To the Editor

J. E. Rogers accompanied by Bud Oldham informs the News that they will leave Canyon on Monday for San Antonio, Texas, where they expect to remain for about ten days, when Mr. Rogers expects to go north for a short time, to return again to San Antonio, and he with Mr. Oldham will go over to Dimmit county, on a ranch owned by the Union Land Company, and situated long the Artisian Valley and Neuces River, for a Deer hunt and perhaps spend a few days fishing. Mr. Bud Oldham is also going to look the country over with a view to buying land along the Neuces river valley. The Union Land Company has a special car that leaves Kansas City every first and third Tuesday of each month, for this section, they expect to close out their holdings about Christmas. Mr. Rogers said, and I want to be back to the dear old Panhandle sure by that time."

As the News understood Mr. Rogers to say that this country was particularly adapted for raising vegetables, especially Bermuda onions, and some cotton.

**EPWORTH LEAGUERS MAY HAVE NEW CAMP**

Northwest Texas Conference Will Take Matter Up at Annual Meeting at Stamford

October 25 — Panhandle Methodism will be thrown into a commotion when Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson's scheme to establish a second Epworth Leaguer's camp in Texas is generally known. Rev. Mr. Ferguson, formerly pastor of the Polk street Methodist church in Amarillo, and the builder of that structure, now financial agent for the Clarendon college, is the originator of the proposition, and is one of the committee composed of one from each presiding elder's district to present it to the coming meeting of the north west Texas annual conference which meets at Stamford, Nov. 10. Rev. Mr. Ferguson has been interested in this proposition for more than a year, but only today made the announcement of his purpose to present the same before the coming conference. He states that this camp will in no manner be a rival to Epworth-by-the-Sea, near Corpus Christi, but that the state is large enough for two camps. The one to be established in this section of the state being one that would fill a long felt want. He argues that to some the trip to Corpus Christi is next to impossible from financial and other reasons, but that should the camp be stationed near, say in the Palo Duro canyon, midway between Amarillo and Canyon City, thousands of young Methodists and their friends, could be accommodated and benefited, who otherwise must miss the blessings of the present camp. It is believed that the scheme will meet practically the undivided approval of the conference.—Dallas News.

Stewart Miller, of Amarillo was in Canyon on last Friday.

Will A. Miller, Jr. (Ex-Mayor) of Amarillo, had a business call at Canyon Friday.

Mrs. S. J. Moreland left Wednesday for Plainview where she will visit friends for ten days.

Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock and daughter, Mary attended the stockholders meeting of the Amarillo Life Insurance company this week.

W. H. Wilson, a teacher in the Public schools at Goodnight, Texas, was a caller at the News office the first of the week he reports that schools in that place are progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Begrin of Canyon, who have been away for several days, on their return home report seeing the Dallas State Fair and that the exhibits were fine and they were well pleased with the fair.

There was a little excitement on the streets of Canyon last Tuesday evening, when officers, A. N. McMurphy and D. K. Bain, of Silverton, Brisco, county, Texas, were looking for stray horses supposed to belong over in New Mexico. When all matter were sifted down it proved to be a false trail, and nothing doing only a 180 mile trip for fun.

Tom Stewart came home from a ten days visit to Denton and Dallas last Tuesday afternoon. The North Texas State Normal is located at Denton and Tom says it has an attendance of about 675 and although the buildings are extra large, many of the classes are crowded. Three extra teachers were added to the faculty this year and a good many more students are expected after Christmas.

Rev. Robert H Bates and wife, a son of our townsman W. E. Bates, have left for Granfield, Kans, which is in the Northern part, to hold evangelistic services in presiding elders district, he expects to remain in the district until after the first of the year, and may continue longer. He reports as having good success in Western Texas and New Mexico where he has been holding meetings for some time. The News wishes him success in his new field.

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**The Leader**  
Canyon City, Texas.



J. P. Hogter, State Senator of Decatur, was in Canyon Friday.

R. J. Parsons of Amarillo was a business caller at Canyon Tuesday.

Begrin commenced moving into the house recently vacated by Mr. I. Mantz on Tuesday his phone number is 161.

S. P. Butler of Roscoe, New Mexico, was calling on old friends the last of last week, it will be remembered that Mr. Butler was one of plains country settlers, and needs no introduction to old timers.

Miss Artie Moreland returned this week from Waterloo, Iowa, where she has been attending the Waterloo Business college of that place for the past five months.

Mr. Robert Collins and wife residing on a farm located near this city were News visitors on Tuesday and they informed the News that they expected to move to Canyon and occupy the Garner house within a few days.

An interesting experiment is being made in the higher education of women at King's college, London. The idea is that there is just as much educational value in a careful study of the principles of managing the home and young children as in the course usually read for taking the degree. The examinations in such a course will be, therefore, accepted as qualifying for a degree. The lectures are especially adapted to the needs of women wishing to prepare themselves for the efficient management of their homes, to take up posts as inspectors, lecturers in economics and domestic science, county or district councilors, head of institutions and organizers of domestic arrangements on a large scale or to enter upon sub social work as health visiting and settle work.—Star.

Large samples of fall and winter goods now on display at Jack Brock's Tailor Shop, south side of square.

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We have just opened a fresh shipment of the highest grade coffees ever offered to the trade and we **guarantee** to give you the best value for the least money that has been your opportunity to partake. This coffee appears under the following brands and the names are significant of the rank that it occupies in the coffee circle.

"President" In 1, 2 and 3 lb. cans.
"Statesman" In 1 and 2 lb. cans.
"Simon Pure" In 5 lb. pails.
"Ambassabor" In 3 lb. pails.
(Other Brands too Numerous to Mention.)

We are safe in saying that this is the largest assortment of coffee ever shipped to Canyon City. for the retail trade, therefore insuring every one the opportunity of getting a coffee to suit the taste as well as the purse.

**FEED**—We are also carrying a full line of ground feed embracing—  
bran, chops and Kaffir corn—our prices are right. Every article purchased of us carries with it "Our guarantee."

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Quality - Quick Deliveries - Courteous Treatment

TALKS ON ADVERTISING

# V.—Getting New Customers And Holding Them

By Henry Herbert Huff

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"Mr. Business Man, it costs just so much for running expenses—rent, light, fuel, clerk hire—whether you sell ten or a hundred dollars' worth of goods per day, does it not? You call them fixed expenses. Now, the only way to lower fixed expenses is to increase sales. Up to a certain point all excess business brings you an added profit. It pays to lay hold on all you possibly can. Advertising offers the best means for increasing trade. New customers are attracted by leaders—merchandise at unusually low prices. An instance is told of an old lady who came nine miles to get a spool of cotton thread for 3 cents, but she purchased several dollars' worth of goods before leaving the store. The ad. has accomplished its mission when it gets a prospective patron within the doors. That is the most difficult part. It is then up to the merchant to make the most of the opportunity and win him for a permanent customer.

"The merchant who utilizes newspaper publicity has the whole world to draw trade from. He is confined to no particular neighborhood. He knows no barriers. Wherever he can send his advertising, there he can solicit business. Some of the more ambitious country merchants are drawing business from the big towns! The advertiser's opportunities are unlimited. Through the newspaper he can reach people he never saw or who perhaps never heard of his store."

"But how about holding them?"

"That depends quite as much upon the merchant as the advertising. If customers receive satisfaction, they will continue to come. But nothing HOLDS them like continued bargain offers. Have a few new specials every Saturday. Keep the farmers guessing what will come next."

"What advice can you give to the dealer starting in business?"

"What more at variance with good judgment could be imagined than for a merchant to come to town, rent a store, fill the shelves and counters with new goods, arrange attractive displays in the windows, put competent salesmen behind the counters and then—WAIT for business; WAIT for people to come in and buy; WAIT for them to find out what he has to sell; WAIT for the public to learn of his very existence? And yet it is not uncommon for one to do this! Advertising would have carried all such information to prospective buyers. He spares no expense to have stock and fixtures the finest and yet neglects the greatest essential of all. Should you inquire why he spends nothing for publicity he would probably say that pleased patrons and his window displays are sufficient advertising. Word of mouth publicity is the best, but it is too slow. Gossip has wings, but favorable news travels slowly. And as to the window—a newspaper announcement is often necessary to call attention to it."

## A CITY PARK? YES.

Local Citizen Makes Comment Upon Proposition for Establishing Public Play Ground.

In your last week's issue we notice an article calling attention to the dire necessity for a public park at some available place in this city and, in thinking over the matter, there have been several things which occurred to the writer which might be considered in connection with the proposition. The writer is in hearty accord with any movement which tends to the advancement of the interests of this city and of its people and at some future time a park will be almost a necessity as suggested but did it occur to the people that there are a number of things that ought to be considered in connection with it.

In the first place the city needs every dollar she can rake and scrape for the next few years for the purpose of making improvements in its streets and offering fire protection to the whole city. It is true that a contract has been let for a few blocks of water mains for fire protection only and it is a good movement but should be much more extensive but under the present conditions locally and otherwise (the people of the city who know conditions here may decide the 'otherwise' matter, it is probably the best that no greater sum of money is available, at the present time for such expenditures. The water supply which will be installed will not be available, so the writer is informed, for the use of people who live near the water mains but the long suffering people will still have to maintain their wells, wind-mills and tower tanks as of yore for their individual water supply. We doubt the wisdom of the decision because the water placed in the tanks and mains will become

stagnant and worse than none at all.

Then any well informed person knows that a park cannot be maintained without a great expense for labor and a water supply for keeping the lawns and flower beds well sprinkled. If the water is not abundant enough in the city water service for sale of the water to the individuals, then the supply will certainly not be enough to afford the quantity necessary for the proper development of the park proposition. We are not in favor of doing anything of the kind by half, and if a park should be established let's do it right and make it a place of beauty with all those flowers, lawns, trees, shrubs and fountains, fountains that will gush forth with streams larger than the point of a needle. In the opinion of the writer the park will become necessary in the future but at this time there is too much of a sentiment of "I have done it all and you did nothing" and until it is eliminated and the people as a whole are combined upon this proposition there not be much doing about the playground as desired. Other people must have some credit for some of the good work that is being done. Lets have a park! Yes, but let every citizen of the town have an interest in it and then have a portion of the credit for its success.

Considerate Citizen

The girl with small income who would keep within hailing distance of the fashions can make herself attractive in last year's suit. She can do her hair in modish style with effort enough and give attention to the becomingness of her gowns and face and features has blossomed out surprisingly lately because she has changed the style of her hair dressing and selected one of the modish jaunty hats.

Be a News subscriber.

## THE PROVISION DEALER

By PAUL ORLOFF.

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A disguised policeman stepped into a provision shop in the Malaja Sadovaga street, St. Petersburg. The czar often passed that way, and the locality was kept under constant surveillance. Nearly every one in the street was a paid spy.

"What will you buy this morning?" asked the shopkeeper.

"Have you been here long?" asked the policeman, without replying to the question.

"No; I have just opened."

"You seem to have quite a number of customers, considering that you have only been here since yesterday morning."

"Oh, that is very easily explained. You see, in order to start trade I sell very cheaply. These fowls could not be bought anywhere else for less than 2 rubles the pair. I sell them for half that."

"I see. Where did you come from?"

"I have been in America for three years past. It is there where I learned how to attract trade. A shopkeeper in that country will lower his prices when he first opens, get a good clientele, then gradually raise them."

"That is a great country, America."

"Yes, in everything but the government. They have no 'little father' there to keep them in order—only a president."

The policeman went out thinking there could certainly be no harm in a provision dealer who had lived in America and yet who revered the czar. The shopkeeper looked at his retreating figure knowingly from the corner of his eye and knit his brows, busying himself at the same time in drawing a jug of train oil from a cask.

That day the trade of the shopkeeper (Kobozoff) thrived to a still greater extent. People were constantly running to his shop and out with parcels under their arms. The eyes of the spies were on the place, but Kobozoff was so jolly with his customers and gave such good weight and large measure that it was quite natural he should thus suddenly step into a brisk trade. Only his fellow tradesmen were jealous of him, and one of them shook his head and said the officials of the government had better look out—there must be something wrong about this provision dealer who was selling goods so low.

People who lived in the Malaja Sadovaga street, hearing of the low prices for which Kobozoff sold goods, began to go into his shop to purchase. For, though it had not been noticed, those who were continually running out with bundles were strangers of the neighborhood. But those would-be purchasers of the neighborhood did not seem to find what they wanted. Either Kobozoff had not what they were looking for in his stock or his price on that particular article was as high as that of other dealers or of inferior quality. But the provision man went on selling people from other localities and kept everybody in a good humor by his jokes, his banter and his smiles. But one woman, who sold butter and eggs from her shop opposite, wondered how he could keep selling goods without any apparent replenishing of his stock. Going over, she asked him how he did it.

"Oh," he replied, "I get in all my stock in the early morning before my competitors are out of bed. I learned the business in America, where tradesmen hustle."

One morning a carriage stopped before Kobozoff's shop, and a young girl alighted. Kobozoff was waiting on a customer and started as she entered.

"I am told," she said to the shopkeeper, "that your pheasants are prime. How much the pair?"

"Will your ladyship wait a moment till I do up these eggs for this woman, and I will show them to you."

When the customer had departed the lady, leaning over a pair of birds she was examining, whispered to Kobozoff:

"He has changed his plans. He lunches with the Grand Duchess Catherine Michaelovna and will return by another route."

"Ach," replied Kobozoff, paling. "Then we, too, must change our plans, but for our certain death."

"Have you all ready here?" asked the girl.

"The work is just finished. The tunnel is complete from behind my wife's bed to the center of the street."

"And where is the earth you have taken out?"

"Carried away in parcels by supposed customers."

"What will you do now?"

"Give our lives to the cause."

At that moment a boy with a basket on his arm entered the shop.

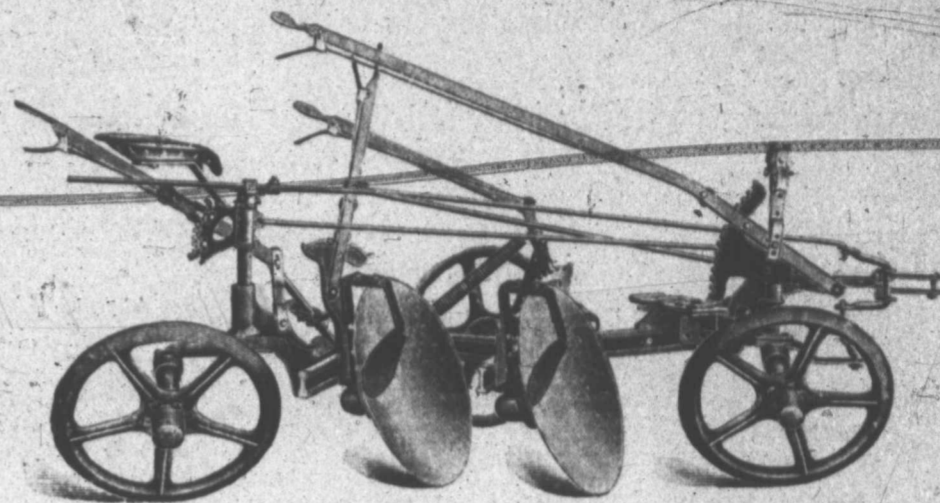
"I will take these pheasants," said the girl, handing Kobozoff a coin, and she went to her carriage, the tradesman following with the birds. Then she was driven away. She was the Countess Perouskaya, in league with the conspirators bent on assassinating Alexander II, by exploding a mine under Malaja Sadovaga street, on which he was expected to pass. She was one of those watching for indications of the czar's intentions and, having learned the altered arrangements, had given the information.

When the czar returned from lunching with the Grand Duchess Catherine Michaelovna four men were stationed along the route he was driven, each with a bomb in his armpit. One of these men threw his bomb. Men and horses of the imperial coach were killed, but the czar was unhurt. He stepped from his carriage, and another bomb fell at his feet. His legs were shattered, and he fell as if mowed down by a scythe.

Later the police found the tunnel.

# The Private Lacross

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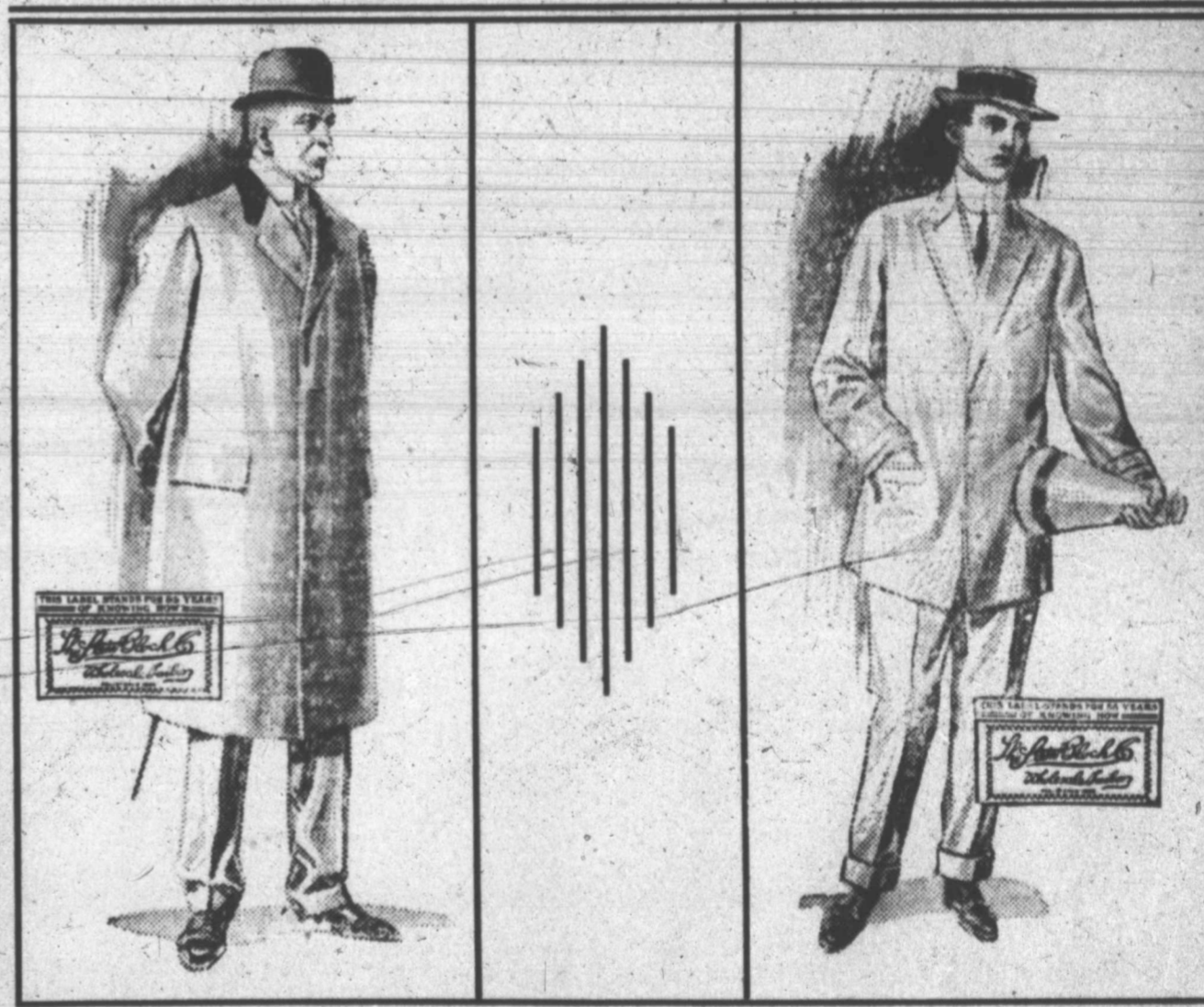
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Ralph News

Gordon Groves and wife have left for a ten days visit up in Missouri.

The "Berg" of Ralph was almost deserted on last Saturday as most of the people were over to Canyon on business.

The wheat that was sowed before and soon after the rain, is up and looking fine, everybody reports a good stand and prospects for a big crop is predicted.

S. C. Thorne of Chula, Missouri who owns a good farm near Ralph, is now on the farm looking after his farm business. "says that his farm, and, in fact all of the Panhandle of Texas, has his country and state skinned an english mile," this year. He is well pleased with the outlook in Texas and particularly his farm.

Mrs. Adam Smith left for her old home in Iowa, Mr. Smith and son Tom expects to leave in a few days. Mr. Smith is not leaving on account of any dissatisfaction with his neighbors or the country, and has no kick coming, it was simply a case where the wife was not contented, the neighbors regret to see them leave, as they were good, and obliging neighbors.

The first of the week Joe Gamble of Canyon City was over to his farm looking after his cattle that is feeding near Ralph he says they are doing fine, he has a large herd.

Mrs. Wiggins and daughter Laura, left on Wednesday for Plainview, for a few days visit with E. C. Penick and family. The weather here is fine.

Little Buster

Goodnight Grabblings

The weather is very pleasant indeed, considering the time of the year and is extremely enjoyed by all the "Panhandlers."

Last week Dr. Barton of Waco, one of the most noteworthy ministers of the south delivered an excellent address to the students of Goodnight Academy, it brought every hearer nearer to their Savior. We hope he will soon return his call to the student body.

Goodnight Academy will soon be equipped with a large brick dormitory for the young ladies. They hope to begin work on the building by the fifteenth of this month.

Four new additions to our large student body this week. There are one hundred and twenty four enrolled now, and think by the last term there will be two hundred. If you want a first class education come to Goodnight Academy. For farther information address the president J. P. Reynolds, Goodnight, Texas.

The high school is accomodated by a new large concrete building this, is quite an addition to the town. The students are increasing every week. The principal is a graduate from Denton normal, and is a first class teacher. His assistant is also an excellent teacher.

The town is increasing very rapidly there are several new buildings being erected at the present. If you want a home where you can enjoy city life, come to Goodnight. The real estate men will treat you right.

"Candy Kid"

Pleasantview

The weather continues very pleasant, rather dry for stacking Kaffir corn, but our neighborhood farmers find plenty to do.

The harvesting in this locality is practically all done for this season.

Your correspondent learns that Adam Smith whose farm is located near Ralph, has traded it to Milt Slack for the southwest quarter of section one hundred thirty, one (131) Block twenty three (23) Randall county Texas.

The church box supper held on last Friday evening was a success as to finance and socially, the receipts were something over \$19.

J. H. Crowley made a delivery on last Saturday, to John Wallace of Canyon City, 56 head of calves, they were good ones.

Sam Fletcher who returned last week from his Iowa trip, reports that crops up there are short, and land at high figures too, makes a poor return on the investment, he reports the roads in bad condition, so taking it all together he is of the opinion, that Randall county is the best place to stay.

The sewing "Bee" held on last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ed. Gibson was well attended, she wishes to thank the good neighbors for their kindness.

A meeting is called to be held tomorrow night at Pleasantview school house, for the purpose of organizing a literary society, which is a good move, and quite necessary in any and all good communities.

Remember Sunday school at 3 p m every Sunday to which everybody is invited.

Also wish to announce Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8.30 p.m, all that can come.

Booster

Prof. A. A. Whyte of Ft. Worth wishes to meet the people of Canyon City at the auditorium Saturday Nov. 5, 8:30 p. m.

A Randall County Sweet Potato Story.

James J. Leavitt, a prosperous farmer living southwest of Canyon was a caller at the News office and displayed three sweet potatoes that weighed twelve and a half pounds, one of them weighed eight pounds. These potatoes were grown on one vine. Now how is that for size to be grown in Randall county and in an unseasonable year at that? No one knows what it might have been had the conditions been just right.

B. A. Gains, of Hereford, was in town Wednesday.

J. M. Dawson and wife of Dallas, Texas, were in Canyon visiting friends Wednesday.

J. M. Smith of Burns, Kans., was looking after some business matters in Canyon Wednesday.

Don't fail to hear Prof. A. A. Whyte on "Woman's Influence on the World's History" Saturday night.

An auto party from Happy were in Canyon Thursday sight-seeing, in the party were Chas. June, Miss Jessie June, and Miss Louise Schaneba; the later is from Iowa, and visiting her brother-in-law, L. C. Kline, the Real Estate man of Happy.

Sad Accident.

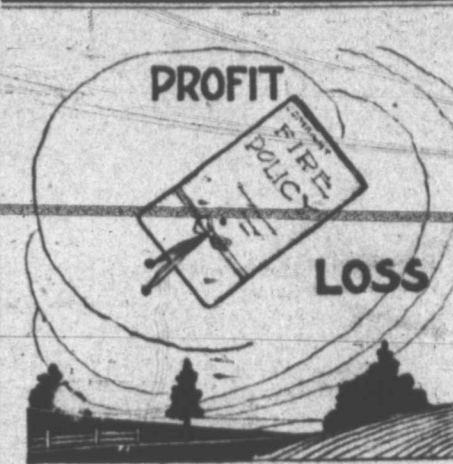
Late Thursday night while Chas. Burrow at his home and while in the act of turning on the electric light with his right hand the left hand came in contact with the telephone in such a manner that he made a short circuit in the current which burned his right hand so painfully, it is feared it will be some days before he will be able to use it.

The people of Canyon will be treated to an historical lecture Saturday night by Prof. A. A. Whyte, of Ft. Worth. His lecture on Woman's Influence on the World's History will be interesting and instructive, and will give one a broader conception of womanhood. It will be of special interest to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, describing as it does, the social condition of women in Japan, India, Russia and all countries under the sway of the Mohammedan religion. Don't fail to hear it. Regular price 50 cents, Saturday night at half price.

Party for the Young Folks

Last Saturday night, Miss Pearl Oldham entertained about thirty of her young friends at her home on Chestnut Street in honor of Hallowe'en. The weather was fine and the moon, bright so the guests remained out on the lawn and played snap, drop-the-handkerchief and other outdoor games. The young folks left early after spending a couple of hours of real enjoyment, bent upon mischief on some of the neighbors.

The News received a letter this week from J. E. Briggs, of Williamsport, Ind, in which he states, "Had a good sale, and well satisfied with the way the property sold", his sale was held on his farm some time ago. Mr. Briggs' farm is located southeast of Canyon.



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