

THE STAKED PLAIN

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These wagon wheels are boiled in oil and free from Shrinkage.

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H. B. Crouch of Mississippi is behind the counter at McCollough's. J. C. Shear's time will be out next month, when he will engage in other business.

J. J. McCOLLOUGH,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

RANCH ORDERS A SPECIALTY.

Midland, Texas.

RAILROAD TIME CARD.

Texas & Pacific Road.

GOING WEST.		GOING EAST.	
12:10 p.m.	Big Springs	3:45 p.m.	Big Springs
1:10 "	Martenfeld	2:32 "	Martenfeld
1:38 "	Germania	2:27 "	Germania
2:05 "	Midland	2:05 "	Midland
2:32 "	Warfield	1:43 "	Warfield
2:55 "	Odessa	1:21 "	Odessa
4:20 "	Monahan	12:15 "	Monahan
5:52 "	Pecos City	10:43 a.m.	Pecos City

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE, 8TH DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce the name of Geo. W. Baylor as a candidate for state representative in this district.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce Thos. G. Andrews of Big Springs as a candidate for district attorney at the coming November election.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

To the voters of Midland county, Texas:— I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector at the coming November election. J. E. D. STALLIONS.

OUR LOCAL ROUND-UP.

Grass will soon start. Kelly didn't move yesterday. Read the notice to sheepmen. Henry Ray can fix up a good lemonade.

D. H. Kedzie is at the case in the Journal office.

What the staked plain needs is a few artesian wells.

MELONS! MELONS!—At Henry Ray's, from Curtis' ranch.

T. B. Wadley is putting an addition to the Paine residence.

G. Hartgrove and family returned from the ranch on Monday.

D. M. De Vitt has moved his family to his ranch in Martin county.

For storm and tornado insurance policies go to J. C. KERR, Agent.

Wilt & Lee have purchased H. Rohling's interest in the Meat Market.

J. A. Hallum left on Wednesday for Monahan to look after cattle interests there.

Harry Weller left Midland last Thursday for his former home in Springfield, Ill.

Slickers of all kinds at Connell's

W. E. Connell has occupied the residence of Mrs. Weller, recently vacated by D. M. De Vitt.

J. J. McCollough is selling a great deal of dynamite these days for well digging purposes.

W. A. Murphy moved his family and household goods into C. R. Clough's house last Saturday.

The stock-yard well is down 40 feet with 7 feet of water. The contract calls for 10 feet of water.

The cowboys had a busy time with the cattle Tuesday night on account of the storm, but none were lost.

W. N. Warren has occupied his residence near the school house, formerly owned by W. A. Murphy.

We are indebted to Co. Assessor Adams for courtesies shown in gathering statistics from the assessment rolls.

Hoa. Lee Thompson is putting up a brick residence on Moody's Addition. Edward Thomas is doing the mason work.

Messrs. Stewart & Winborne are at work boring a well for W. G. Johnston on his section north of East Midland.

W. J. Rowe has a splendid assortment of fruits and confectionaries. His ice-cream has the right effect these warm days.

Col. A. W. Dunn has been at work on his ranch for some time making valuable improvements in his facilities for watering stock.

H. B. Crouch of Mississippi is behind the counter at McCollough's. J. C. Shear's time will be out next month, when he will engage in other business.

Connell Bros. have added to their stock of merchandise a fine line of Giant Blasting Powder, Fuse, caps, etc.

Application has been made to the county judge for the appointment of L. Gould as administrator of the estate of O. Y. Carr, deceased.

Mrs. Weller's brick building is now completed, the upper story being finished off for Masonic Lodge room purposes. The total cost of the building is \$2900.

What has become of the Midland correspondents of the Fort Worth Gazette and Dallas News? It seems as though Midland should be heard from occasionally.

J. W. Peoples left last Sunday for his old home in Falls county. He owns a cotton gin there and returns to run it during the ginning season.

It has been observed that there are a good many J. C.'s at Midland. It is needless to remark that they are generally looked upon as a well-disposed class of citizens.

Mesquite beans are eagerly sought by stock. Horses prefer them to oats. They are very nutritious and during the present scarcity of grass the bounteous crop of them are a great help to stockmen.

Engene McKenzie returned a week from an extended trip in New Mexico. He found some splendid country but is not particularly mashed on the business and social methods of the Mexicans.

Last Saturday J. B. Robertson brought in a quantity of garden vegetables from his ranch among which was a beet that measured 14 inches in length, 16 in circumference and weighed 6 1/2 pounds.

The celebrated Leader Patent Flour for sale at Connell's

The Journal is still pelting away at Odessa. We suggest that the people out there be not apprehensive but consider that good will come of these cacklings. You know, the cackling of geese once seen in Rome.

What right a newspaper fiend has got to give the campaign a premature birth is beyond our political knowledge.—Journal.

Quite likely, and so are a good many other little tidbits of information.

Much interest has been manifested in the meetings that have been in progress at the Baptist church during the past two weeks. Rev. S. B. Callaway has been very ably assisted by Rev. J. A. More of Sweetwater and D. E. Bentley of Colorado.

Judge Lancaster has had two hogs stolen lately. He had one stolen some months ago and soon discovered the thief but quietly lost the hog in preference to raising a scandal. But there'll be a scandal raised now if the thief is found.

Connell will make some very low prices on barbed wire. Call and price.

On Wednesday the following parties shipped to Chicago 19 car loads of beef cattle:

Wm. Anderson	2 cars
Bailey Anderson	2 "
G. Hartgrove	5 "
Estes, Puckett & Gray	2 "
C. C. Johnson	2 "
D. Kennedy	4 "
D. T. Eyster	2 "

J. J. McCollough is in receipt of a communication from the W. A. Huffman Implement Company of Fort Worth, stating that they are informed there is great want at Midland from the drought. The fact is there is no suffering at all; nor has there been any. Times are dull and stock does not fatten very fast but there is yet time for grass to make winter feed. No, we are the most contented people on earth.

Martenfeld is all torn up over the location of a school house. Several parties are willing to donate sufficient ground near town for a building but the trustees have selected a location one mile from the court-house, whereat there is much kicking.

W. B. Washington returned from Ballinger last week, not satisfied with the prospects. He says there are a great many people coming in there and many buildings are going up but they are of a cheap character, shanties and tents. The town is probably another Harrold for longevity.

Friday Dr. Bailey was called out to Mr. Baker's who lived in Mr. George's house at Stouts' brick yard to visit a seven-year old boy that had been kicked in the face by a horse. The bruise was a severe one but the boy will recover. The family has moved on a quarter section of vacant land this week.

W. L. Payne narrowly escaped a serious accident at the depot last Friday. As the east bound train was pulling out he attempted to get on but missing his step he fell to the platform. J. C. Seagraves helped him up which undoubtedly kept him from being caught between the train and platform. So quickly was the movement made that he arose and caught the next car.

We received a very pleasant call last Saturday from Col. Geo. W. Baylor, candidate for the legislature from this district. He has had a great deal of experience in Texas; is a man of intelligence and integrity and in harmony with the development of the west. He left for Colorado on Monday from which point he will go to San Angelo. He made many friends during his short visit here.

The Journal editor says he isn't going to rustle for a candidate's business. His idea is that when a candidate wants to make an announcement or get cards printed, he must ask for a printing office, then start across the prairie towards Dunn's cattle ranch and enter the building that looks, on the outside, like Sing Wo's laundry. That may be the way newspapers do up in Suckardom but it is not quite up to the progress of West Texas.

J. H. Cooksey did not pay his fine of \$50 as we stated recently but gave bonds for his appearance in county court. On Tuesday his bondsmen made affidavit for a release whereupon Constable McBride was sent to Colorado to bring Cooksey up. Cooksey there gave bond for appearance here on Wednesday but in the evening assaulted McBride on the street, inflicting a wound on his head and breaking the collar bone. The marshal of Colorado came up with McBride yesterday, when Cooksey applied to Judge Lancaster for a writ of habeas corpus. Judge L. is hearing the application as we go to press.

Figures from the Tax Roll.

Since the meeting of the board of equalization last month Co. Assessor Adams has been at work on the assessment and tax rolls. From them we gather the following items of general information:

Property	Quantity	Value
Acres of land	374,693	\$55,869
Town property	120,380	120,380
Wagons and harness	59	2,905
Horses, jacks and mules	569	16,000
Cattle	5,536	58,428
Sheep	77,869	86,725
Hogs	265	292
Goats	185	185
Goods, wares and merchandise	60	16,210
Miscellaneous property	27,213	27,213
Total values in county	1,899,060	1,899,060

TAXES ASSESSED:

Court house and jail tax	\$5,293.14
Ad valorem tax	2,648.05
Co. school tax	1,084.67
Road and bridge tax	628.96
Total state and county tax	15,811.57

* Of this amount one half goes to pay debts to Tom Green county.

The following persons and corporation pay taxes in the county on over \$10,000 worth of property:

To whom assessed	Valuation	Taxes
Texas & Pacific R. R. Co.	\$407,279	\$5,082.84
City of Midland	77,835	816.50
Midland Town Company	46,980	616.98
Martin & Cookrell	20,290	263.18
P. A. Grifton	19,470	252.42
Geo. G. Gray	17,655	229.15
P. M. Moody	15,261	197.16
Howard, Grifth & Brant	12,175	161.49

G. H. & W. E. CONNELL

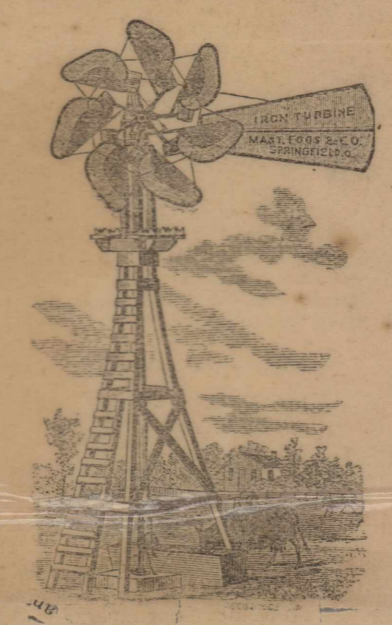
Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Ranch Supplies and hardware

Our Stock is always complete in all Lines and Stockmen will find everything needed on a Ranch that cannot be beaten in West Texas. A Large Lot of Barbed Wire Always on Hand.

GEO. C. B. JOBIN

Shelf & Heavy Hardware,

A Full Line of Unstaked Goods. MIDLAND, TEXAS.



The Celebrated Iron Turbine Wind-mill

Excels all other make of mills. Storms have no effect upon it as they do upon Wooden mills.

Neither does the dry climate cause it to shrink and fall to pieces.

It is the CHEAPEST and BEST Mill Made, FOR SALE BY J. J. McCOLLOUGH, Midland, Texas.

TO WOOLGROWERS.

The sheepmen of Midland county are requested to meet at the court house on August 2nd to consider matters of general interest: Handling the scab, feed for winter, etc.

THE BIRD.

The Bird windmill is taking the lead in all of the prairie countries. In Nebraska and Kansas it is being put on the derricks of all other mills, none of them being found as durable as the Bird. None will stand the storms as well. For sale by W. G. DAVIS, Midland, Tex.

FOR RENT.

The undersigned has for rent a few good residences in Midland, East Midland and Moody's Addition. J. C. KERR.

FOR RENT.

A cottage on Colorado St. new. Inquire of J. H. BARKLEY.

FOR SALE.

ONE DOZEN FIRE GRENADES: at this office.

FOR RENT.

The frame business house on the corner of Abilene Street and Missouri Avenue. Inquire of J. C. RATHBUN, Agent.

MIDLAND'S TEMPERATURE.

The following are the observations of the temperature taken at Midland, the past week, by D. H. Kedzie, voluntary observer, U. S. Signal Service.

Month and day	7 a.m.	2 p.m.	9 p.m.	mean
July 14	75	89	85	83.50
" 15	69	91	86	83.00
" 16	75	92	89	84.75
" 17	76	90	89	85.25
" 18	80	102	93	92.00
" 19	85	99	91	91.50
" 20	82	97	88	78.75

Mean temperature for the week, 85.92

Mean temperature for the month, 83.42

Rainfall—20th—3 inches.

CATTLE FOR SALE.

I have for sale 204 head of fine young stock cattle, ranging from 1 to 4 years old and including a 3-year old half-blood jersey bull; a 2-year old half blood Durham bull and a 3-year old half blood Jersey heifer. Two thirds of the herd are steers. I can also procure a few head of Jersey milk cows. J. C. RATHBUN.

CHOICE BARGAINS IN LOTS.

The undersigned has for sale the following business and residence lots in Midland at a bargain:

Lots 1, 3 and 4, Block 10—for residence. Each is a quarter block, equal to three 60-ft lots.

Lots 16 and 17, Block 53—for business. Each 25 feet, facing west on Abilene street.

Lots 15 and 16, Block 66—for business. Facing west on Lorraine Street.

Lots 1 and 2, Block 27—for residence or business. Each is a 20-ft lot facing east on Abilene street.

8-w quarter Blocks, fine residence location.

Also other choice locations in Midland or any of the Additions.

A few sections of land near town. CHEAP.

Any of this property is put at a figure that makes it desirable for investment.

Inquire of J. C. RATHBUN, Midland, Texas.

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MIDLAND and RANGER,

T. B. WADLEY SALESMAN, MIDLAND, TEXAS

MIDLAND, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1886.
 Entered at the post-office at Midland, Texas, as Second Class Matter.

The El Paso Daily Times is the only West Texas paper that publishes the associated press dispatches.

The delegates from the west do not seem to harmonize. Every candidate will get votes from this section.

The old-time irrepressible conflict between sheepmen and cattlemen is commencing to rage again in New Mexico. We have none of it in West Texas.

The delegates from Tom Green are Capt. Edward Duggan and Capt. Fisher. They are instructed to vote for Ex. Gov. Roberts. Dr. Yandell was unanimously endorsed as candidate for the legislature.

The contractor of the El Paso courthouse has sued several of the prominent citizens of that place for false imprisonment, he having been charged with perjury in an investigation that took place about a year ago.

The joint (Greer county) commission has adjourned, agreeing to disagree. The Texas members hold that the disputed territory belongs to the state, while the United States representatives claim it as a part of the Indian Territory.

Last Sunday's Fort Worth Gazette was a whopper—sixteen pages—and contained a vast amount of information about the past and present of Fort Worth. From this the reader can picture the future—a growing, booming, bustling city, the Chicago of Texas.

And now cotton planters are assured that a machine for picking the fleecy staple has been invented that will be hailed all over the south. It will if it is a success, but the Fort Worth Gazette doesn't place much confidence in cotton harvesters except of the old style that charges 75 cents a hundred pounds, and board.

Hon. D. C. Giddings, of Washington county, who has lately entered the gubernatorial canvass, is one of the able men of the state. He has been a member of congress, has had a large and varied experience in public affairs and is free from the claims and combinations that surround the prominent candidates in the campaign.

FROM ODessa.
 Weather dry.
 A prairie fire about five miles south a few days ago.

Two days this week the thermometer reached 108.

Col. Baylor, candidate for legislature for this district, was with us on Friday. The Colonel is a good, solid man and, judging from his conversation, is the man we would like to see go to the legislature.

Miss Minnie Rathbun returned on Saturday and resumed her duties in the school room on Monday.

We had a very pleasant visit from O. H. Welch, agent at Midland, on Saturday. Mr. W. was very much pleased with the looks of our little town and was much surprised at the progress we've made in so short a time.

Rathvon & Co. loaded their old store house on two wagons and placed it in the rear of their new store to be used for a grain and general store house. They have just opened a complete line of stationery goods; also lamps, lanterns and cutlery.

We expect the Dozier-Weyl editor will soon edify us with the funny sayings he promised in his first issue, as in passing Midland the other day we saw, on the platform, a cracker box from which exuded a fishy smell. It was billed to him from Springfield, Ill., probably a regular monthly installment of his subsidy.

MARIENFELD.
 On July 14th the Democrats of Martin county met in the court house pursuant to notice given by the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the county.

Dr. G. A. Martin presided.

Resolutions endorsing the principles of the Democratic party were adopted also an approval of the democratic administration of the affairs of states with the exception of the Land Board and its land policy. It also condemned the acquisition of large bodies of land by foreign corporations.

J. M. Warren was elected representative to the Galveston convention. He was instructed to vote against Mr. Swain, outside of that he was left free. It was thought the sense of the meeting that if the name of G. M. Roberts should come before the convention he should use his influence and vote for him.

He was instructed to vote first, last and all the time for Judge T. B. Wheeler for Lieut. Governor. As to the other state officers, no preference was given. It was also the sense of the meeting that if he could give the Land Board a black eye to

OUR NEIGHBORS.
MARIENFELD.
 From the News.
 The corn on the Mantz plantation is the best we have seen in the country.

R. A. Ewing is closing up his business preparatory to moving to Snyder.

Joseph Vetter, Jr. has just completed a big well on his farm a few miles from town and erected a wind mill over same.

BIG SPRINGS.
 From the Postgraph.
 The platform in front of the railroad hotel and superintendent's office is being repaired, and the superintendent's office is being painted and generally overhauled.

A rumor was current on the street Friday that the Rio Grande Division was to have a large amount of money to put the same in thorough repair. The report is not officially confirmed.

T. H. Clark has "hit" on a novel and practical plan of keeping cigars moist. It is a tin bottom placed in the case, with water-tight cells, and it "gets in" its work.

J. A. Fletcher is now constructing a fence for A. D. Walker around his ranch in Martin county. Mr. Walker, we are informed, has a fine ranch, and with his experience and sagacity will certainly make it a success.

J. W. Roseman had his right foot fearfully mangled at the shops Thursday afternoon. Dr. Standiford was called immediately and found that he would have to amputate a portion of the foot. The front part of the foot from the large bone of the instep was taken off.

Conductor John Dillon, while distributing ties a little distance west of Marienfeld, Thursday, met with a painful accident. One of the ties caught endwise against the car, tilting it and sliding him from the car to the ground. He landed on his feet, breaking the front bone of the right foot and back bone of the left heel, dislocating both ankles. He was brought in on No. 4, and Dr. Standiford immediately dressed his ankles. The injury is very painful though not thought to be serious.

PECOS.
 Pecos Valley Star.
 That arm of Sheriff Turnbo's is causing him a great deal of trouble. He is now at El Paso, where he has just gone through the painful operation of having the limb re-broken.

The democratic county convention of Reeves county was held at Pecos on the 13th. T. B. Chilton was elected chairman, and J. K. Harrington secretary. Only one precinct in the county was unrepresented. A. M. Walthall of Pecos and C. M. Fields of Toyah were elected delegates to the state convention, with F. B. Chilton of Pecos and H. M. Horton Jr. of Toyah as alternates. H. M. Horton Jr. and J. B. Seay of Lyle were chosen delegates to the congressional convention with J. K. Harrington and Geo. A. Knight as alternates.

The following resolution, offered by Major A. W. Hilliard, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the convention endorse Col. Geo. W. Baylor as the

ODESSA, TEX., JULY 20, 1886.
EDITOR OF STAKED PLAIN:—It was our opinion from the start when "The Try Weekly Journal" issued its first number that the same was destined to stay but a limited period with us, but little did we imagine its ending would be so abrupt and disgraceful as it certainly has been, before this shall reach the eyes of the readers of your paper.

We have read a great many papers in our time from all sections of our great country as well as from abroad and we have no hesitation in saying that for low vulgarity the Journal is entitled to the palm. Can you imagine anything more insulting to the respectable portion of Midland's population than the Journal's poetical effort in "Knick Knacks?"

We speak of the disgraceful ending of the Journal, as we have confidence enough in the decency of the Midland people, especially those who have wives and daughters to be insulted, to believe that the Journal man, immediately after the publication of such vulgarity, will be convinced, perhaps by very forcible arguments, that Midland is not the place for such a paper, or such an editor.

If you can ascertain the address of the editor will you please inquire the name of the bard who said "The course of the empire westward takes its way."

Also in his reference to his "Lilliputian neighbor, Odessa," he says "when reflecting upon her condition (she) might find some solid comfort in flipping her hand behind her four centuries; clasp his palm" etc. Now what we want to know is, how we can flip our hand either before or behind our four centuries? Where are our four centuries? Whose hand are we to clasp? and which are we anyhow, "he" or "she?" We want to be set right on this point.

We deeply sympathize with the business men for whom five columns of the Journal were reserved, also for the Town Company which has not yet taken advantage of the two columns reserved for it, but we congratulate Midland upon getting rid of really an obstacle to its growth a paper which would rather hinder than encourage emigration.

Now, Mr. Editor, we want you to understand that we have not one word to say against Midland and her people generally, on the contrary we are proud of our elder sister. Our contempt, however, reaches the high water mark for the hiring and his employers who, without the slightest provocation attack us in our infancy with the expectation and intention of crushing us. **

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.
 The mass convention of the Democratic voters of Midland county for the purpose of choosing delegates to the state congressional, senatorial and representative district conventions was held at the courthouse last Saturday and was called to order by C. W. Croft, chairman of the county committee. Upon taking the chair Mr. Croft, invited Col. Geo. W. Baylor, of El Paso, to address the convention. Col. B. gave the convention a few sensible suggestions as to the needs of this country as he had observed it for the past twelve or fifteen years.

J. C. Rathbun was chosen secretary.

On motion of Mr. Mosley those voting in this convention are in honor bound to support the candidates of the state convention and of district conventions in which delegates to this convention participate.

On motion of Mr. Mosley the convention was to be soured as to preferences for governor.

On motion of Mr. Mosley the convention took an informal ballot for governor, with the following result:

W. J. Swain, re-elected.....	12 votes
Sul. Ross.....	6 "
G. M. Roberts.....	2 "
M. Martin.....	2 "
Total.....	22 votes.

The chair ruled that this vote was an endorsement of Swain; not an instruction to the delegate.

On motion of Judge Lancaster the convention proceeded to elect a delegate to the state convention.

On motion of Mr. Mosley J. C. Rathbun was chosen such delegate.

On motion of Mr. Mathews the convention proceeded to instruct the delegate.

Judge Lancaster was voted on instructing for Swain on account of the land board policy; that Swain is the ruling spirit in that board.

Mr. Mosley thought the vote was an emphatic endorsement of Swain.

Mr. McCollough was opposed to Swain on account of his land board connections, and moved that the delegate be instructed to not vote for Swain. Lost; ayes 5, noes 6.

Mr. Mathews moved that the delegate be instructed to vote for Ross. Lost; ayes 6, noes 7.

Mr. Mosley moved to instruct for Swain. Lost; ayes 6, noes 8.

On motion of Mr. Mathews the delegate was instructed to vote for D. C. Giddings for governor. Ayes 10, noes 0.

On motion of Mr. McCollough the delegate was instructed to vote for T. B. Wheeler for lieutenant. Ayes 7, noes 0.

On motion of Mr. McCollough the delegate was instructed as to candidates for other offices.

On motion of Mr. Mosley the convention unanimously endorsed Col. Geo. W. Baylor as a candidate for the legislature from this district.

On motion of Mr. Peoples the convention proceeded to elect a delegate to each of the congressional, senatorial and representative conventions when called.

On motion of Judge Lancaster J. C. Mathews was elected delegate to the congressional convention and instructed to vote for Hon. S. W. T. Phillips.

On motion of Mr. Mathews Judge Lancaster was elected delegate to the senatorial convention. Uninstructed.

On motion of Mr. Mosley J. J. McCollough was elected delegate to the representative convention. The endorsement of Col. Baylor was considered an instruction.

Adjourned.

THE STORM.
 The storm of Tuesday evening brought with it a strong wind that inflicted a few damages in the western portion of town. The front end of the Baptist church was moved a few inches off the foundation. The new house of F. E. Kelly also was moved. G. W. Butler's building in which B. F. Gerren was living was razed completely, breaking and blowing away many articles. Mrs. G. received a few light bruises. The house on J. T. Wheldon's section was also blown down, Mrs. Conn being at home alone at the time. Mr. Coleman's dwelling was entirely demolished. The Immigrant Home was moved a few inches off its foundation, also Geo. C. B. Robinson's residence. The windmill at the Town Company's office was demolished; also the porch on the west side of the office. No damage was done in other portions of the town, the path of the wind being along the western edge of town.

A drive to J. S. Curtis' Ranch.

On Tuesday evening we took a ride out to the ranch of J. S. Curtis. Mr. Curtis has as fine a garden as is cultivated anywhere. By troughs and shallow ditches he keeps about two acres well irrigated from a large tank and has succeeded in growing all kinds of fruit trees in a thrifty condition, including a grape vine with clusters of grapes not yet ripe; also a bearing fig tree. We were most hospitable entertained by Mr. Curtis, his estimable wife and daughter and Mrs. Curtis' mother. Mrs. More. Watermelon and cantaloupes were laid out and a generous invitation given to partake.

A visit to Mr. Curtis' ranch will suggest to any one how comfortable and profitable a home can be made in Midland county by the incurring of a comparatively small expense and some attention. The cost of a windmill is a trifle when compared with the returns of even a single year.

But all this can be made patent by a drive out to Mr. Curtis' ranch.

A NEW LOT OF JOB STOCK
 At the Staked Plain Office.

candidate of the Democratic party of Reeves county, for representative of the 80th district.

Hon. S. B. Maxey was endorsed for his course in the U. S. senate.

It was unanimously ordered that the delegates go uninstructed to the state convention.

A resolution was passed endorsing the course of Hon. S. W. T. Lanham in congress.

The Pecos Valley Star and other papers in the 80th representative district were requested to publish the proceedings of the convention.

GEN'L LAND AGENTS,
R. H. & J. F. ZANE,
 Midland, Texas.
Country Property a Specialty.

Will render property for taxation and pay taxes for non-residents. Rents collected and remittances promptly made.

The MIDLAND TOWN COMPANY
 Has for sale on Easy Terms
1600 Lots in Southern Addition
 TO MIDLAND.

These lots are located just south of the railroad track on a slight elevation overlooking the town and surrounding country. The soil is not excelled by any in the county and the location is unsurpassed for purposes of either business, residence or investment.

Correspondence Solicited.

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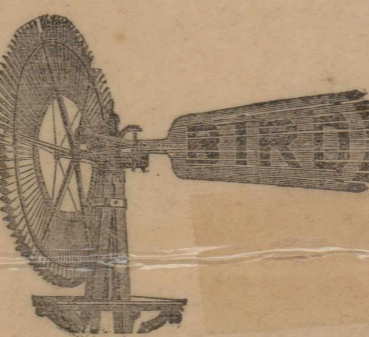
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