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Panhandle News

A recent fire in the Times build-
ing at Wichita Falls did some dam-
age to Editor Howard's plant.
Fully insured.

If the Panhandle is not the most
thickly populated part of Texas in
ten years, it is not the fault of the
country.—Quanah Observer.

Railroad news is encouraging.
They are surveying this way via
Haskell and Dickens. Before long
the truth will come out. Just now
it is all conjecture, except—they're
coming.—Emma News.

Work has begun on the con-
struction of the new railroad bridge
across the "Denver Road" on the
northwest side of town. The bridge
will be finished some time during the
latter part of June and then laying
of steel will begin on the new road.
—Amarillo Livestock Champion.

There is no place in Texas where
the people have the same snap and
energy as in the Panhandle. There
are fewer loafers and idlers than in
lower altitudes where the atmos-
phere is heavy and depressing.
There is something in this pure
ozone laden air that makes one
want to stir up something.—Quanah
Tribune-Chief.

The poet says: "A thing of
beauty is a joy forever." This
holds good in stock. Good stock
looks better, does better and pays
better than scrubs, and the farmer
who has good stock thinks more of
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News.

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FOR SALE

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be seen at my ranch, ten miles
north of Hereford.

J. F. WARD

The county seat contest in Hartley
county went in favor of Channing
and against the center of the county
by fifteen majority. This will hold
it at Channing for five years any-
way. Dalhart voted along with
Hartley and other places, for the
center of the county in order to get
it away from Channing. However
it may be better for Dalhart that
Channing won, as it would have
taken two-thirds vote to take the
county seat away from the center of
the county five years from now, and
it will only require a majority in
five years. The center of the
county was off the railway.—Mem-
phis Herald.

Careful buyers are the quickest
purchasers of my shoes, hats, pants,
neckwear, gloves, underwear, hosiery
and suits to order, offered at the low-
est possible cash price.
11-tf E. W. HARRISON.

Notice to Prospectors.
On Monday and Tuesday of each
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J. Calvert, Bovina, Texas. 9tf

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FROM TEXICO.

**Interesting Items From the New
Town on the Mexico Border.**

M. O. Meeks is suffering with rheumatism.

Blankenship & Pitts were doing Texico yesterday.

Paul Miller went to Portales today on business for his firm.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller were visiting in Portales the first of the week.

Miss Minton is in charge of the millinery department at Blankenship & Wookcocks.

Judging from the number of people moving out this way there must be some vacant school districts somewhere east of us.

Will Phillips has just brought in a fine well of sparkling, free stone water on his place at a depth of one hundred and three feet.

Jack Harwell made a business trip to Hereford yesterday and came back today. He says Hereford is putting on city airs, but Texico is good enough for him.

Our new county officers have got in harness and made their first pull on a twenty months' term, heavenly laden with the duties contingent to the launching of a new county.

The Woodmen organized a lodge here last Thursday night with 14 charter members, and as there are quite a number of Woodmen from other lodges who have settled here, the new lodge here will have considerable strength.

Another good rain Monday night. As gentle as a spray.

Ed Harwell has sublet his wolf contract to a young society man, recently of Hereford, Texas.

The ice cream parlor is being handsomely painted and with the good things to eat and drink to be had there it is fast becoming the center of attraction.

A conservative estimate places the number, within the scholastic age, of children in this community at one hundred. At the present rate of emmigration to these parts, by September 1st we will have two hundred or more.

AARON.

For Sale—1 section 3 miles from town. \$700 improvements. Also pair of mules. For particulars inquire of Mrs. S. H. McCracken. 5tf

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat trouble. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for croup, whooping cough, grip, pneumonia and consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Gough & Davis, druggists. Trial bottle free. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.00.

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The City Bakery for fresh home made candy. 13-2t

The best knee pants—Jos. Klein & Co.'s own make. Try a pair. E. W. Harrison. 11tf

Rev. A. C. Aten will conduct the regular services at the Christian church next Sunday.

Leave your orders for potato slips or other plants and they will be promptly filled by George W. Eagle. 12tf

For Sale—A fine registered Hereford bull, would take a good big, young work horse in trade. Call at once. Try Womble. 12tf

Alex Higgins arrived home from Hereford Friday, and reports that town growing substantially, chiefly with brick.—Lockney Beacon.

The great success of the Hancock Disc Plow will be vouched for by the dozens of well pleased customers who have bought them from Garrison Bros. 12tf

When you want typewriting done you will find a competent stenographer and typewriter in our office. Charges reasonable. Hereford Land and Abstract Co. 13tf

The quality, that's the question. Many shoes are cheaper, some look as well for a short time, but the Drew Selby Ladies shoe looks well, wears well and is cheap for the quality. Sold by E. W. Harrison. 11tf

Finest line of cigars in town at Gough & Davis. 52tf

W. G. Conner of Castro county was a business caller in town Saturday.

One or two sections of land to exchange for cattle. M. V. Robertson, Hereford, Texas. 12tf

J. A. Witherspoon and family of Clarendon were the guests of Hereford friends this week.

Parties wishing clover, timothy or blue grass seed can get any amount at C. C. Ferguson's grain store. 12tf

A chance customer who buys a pair of ladies' Drew-Shelby shoes at E. W. Harrison's becomes a regular customer. 11-tf

Miss Vivian Allen of Carthage, is now employed as a stenographer at the office of the Hereford Land and Abstract Company.

When you buy a custom-made suit of course you want the latest styled pattern and a perfect fit. C. L. Davis will see that you get both. 52tf

Dr. Lyman B. Raschbaum, the Amarillo ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Hereford Dental Parlors on the 1st and 15th of each month, where he will be pleased to attend to the needs of the citizens of Hereford and vicinity in his line. Dr. Raschbaum is also a scientific adjuster of eye glasses. 51tf

School books for all grades at Gough & Davis. 52tf

W. C. Green is now making fine home made candy at the City Bakery. 13-2t

Finest line of stationery ever shown in Hereford. Prices right. Gough & Davis. 52tf

For first-class dressmaking and French styles go to Misses Gamble and Douglass at the Hereford Mercantile Co.'s store. 10-4t

J. W. Rhea, of the well know cattle dealing firm of Rhea Bros., with ranches near Bovina, was in town Saturday on business.

Pianos, organs, sheet-music. Everything in the music line. Thos. Goggan & Bro., Galveston, Dallas, San Antonio. 10-tf

Rev. J. D. Ballard of Canyon City will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at both morning and evening services.

Clothes may not make the man but it is useless to create a disturbance by going around without them when you can get a stylish spring suit at such a reasonable price at E. W. Harrison's. 11-tf

The Daughters of Rebekah wish to extend thanks to C. E. Spath, Lovell & Black, the Hereford Concert Band, F. L. Alby, and others for favors shown during their recent ice cream social and also the public for their generous patronage. ■■■■

Estray Sale.

I, R. N. Mounts, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 of Deaf Smith county, on Monday, June 1, 1903, will sell the following described stock in front of the court house door:

One gray horse, branded L on left jaw, W on left side of neck, D5 on left shoulder, about 8 years old and about 14 hands high; one brown horse, branded S on left jaw, conspicuous brand on left shoulder, X on left hip, about 5 years old and about 14-1-2 hands high. 11-4t

R. N. MOUNTS, Com. Prec. No. 2.

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By beautifying your home with flowers, shade trees and vines. What will add several times its cost to the market value of your home as well as to its comforts is a good tank and irrigation outfit, bath, etc. The Hereford Manufacturing Co. builds 'em. They are cheap. 5tf

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Castro County Treasurer's Report.

Affidavit of County Court of Castro County, Texas, to Treasurer's quarterly report ending May 1, 1903, in the matter of the county finances in that of T. A. Turnbow, treasurer of Castro county.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash in the hands of said treasurer so far as we can ascertain from the Hereford National Bank statement and affidavit of treasurer at close of examination of said treasurer's report on the 11th day of May, 1903, and find the same to be as follows, to-wit:

JURY FUND.	
On hand at beginning of quarter	\$ 23.87
By amount paid out	22.55
Balance on hand	1.32
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.	
On hand at beginning of quarter	284.77
Received during quarter	519.88
By amount paid out	16.07
Balance on hand	788.58
GENERAL FUND.	
On hand at beginning of quarter	2.49
Received during quarter	3,747.04
By amount paid out	2,422.76
Balance on hand	1,326.77
COURT HOUSE FUND.	
On hand at beginning of quarter	383.89
Received during quarter	1,301.53
By amount paid out	1,477.79
Balance on hand	207.63
WELL FUND.	
On hand at beginning of quarter	34.40
By amount paid out	17.83
Balance on hand	16.57

Witness our hands this 12th day of May, 1903.

C. F. KERR, County Judge.
 W. A. TATE, Com. Prec. No. 1.
 J. A. ODEN, Com. Prec. No. 2.
 F. H. BRITAIN, Com. Prec. No. 3.
 M. F. BARBER, Com. Prec. No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of May, 1903.

[SEAL] HARVEY CASH,
 Co. Clerk, Castro County, Texas.

Horse shoe brand of mixed paint is the best made. Gough & Davis. 52tf

The Racket Store
 Sells Bicycle Sundries

Towel Rollers	20c
Large Tablets	5c
Envelopes, per package	5c
Butter Moulds	20c
Coal Hods	50c
Paper Napkins, for picnic, per hundred	15c
Lemon Squeezers	15c
Leather Lined Vinegar Faucets	10c
Pint, Qt. and 1-2 Gal. Tin Cups	5 and 10c
Mascot Mouse traps	15c
Foot Balls	\$1.00
Alarm Clocks	1.00

Crockeryware Glassware and lots of other stuff being added

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W. C. Green
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W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

CONTRIBUTED.

Program of W. C. T. U. for Monday, May 18, 1903.

Opening Song.
 Prayer.
 Roll Call—Response with quotations from Frances E. Willard.
 Reading—Mrs. T. A. Cox.
 Talk—"How to Awaken Interest in our Union,"—Mrs. Ferguson.
 Reading—Mrs. L. Gough.
 "Am I my Brother's Keeper"—Mrs. R. Clark.
 "Medal Constests, how do they help?"—Mrs. Ira Aten.
 Reading, Isaiah 5:11-17—Miss Vanderburgh.
 "Press Work—Value and Necessity"—Miss Garvin.
 Song.
 Prayer.
 Leader—Miss Nunley.

The Curtis W. C. T. U. meets each Monday at the Christian church at four o'clock. Next Monday will be election of officers and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

Notice to the Junior of the Christian Endeavor.

On next Saturday the members of the Junior Christian Endeavor will please meet at the Christian church at four o'clock.
 Senior Christian Endeavor will meet with Juniors at three o'clock.

Christian Endeavor Program.

A MEETING WITH THE JUNIORS.
 Subject—The lad with the loaves and fishes.—Scripture—John 6:9-13.
 Leader—Miss Clara Stewart.
 Song service by choir.
 Recite in concert—Luke 19:17—From memory.
 Why is there need of our help in carrying out God's plans?—Miss Nunley.
 What use has God made of young persons in his work?—Miss Mary Clark.
 How much does God expect of each of us?—Miss Miller.
 What are some things that young persons are especially fitted to do?—Lee Clark.
 In what ways can the young learn how to become most helpful?—Joe Clark.
 What chances for service are given by the Junior Society?—Miss Fore.
 What kind of help do the Juniors need from the older ones?—Miss Vanderburgh.
 Duet—"Saved by grace"—Misses Mary and Minnie Tygret.
 Exercise by twelve Juniors describing this story of the loaves and fishes.
 Solo—Will there be any stars?—Mrs. Lee Clark.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Gough & Davis'.

For Sale.

About 185 head of good graded native cattle consisting of about 95 head of 2 year old steers, about 60 cows from 2 years old up, about 30 yearlings (steers and heifers); there will be about 50 calves this year. Will sell entire bunch at \$18.00 per head, calves not counted. Apply to J. R. Morton or Harvey Cash, Dimmitt, Texas. 12tf

Miss Della Palmer Entertains.

Last Tuesday evening Miss Della Palmer entertained the members of the Mysterious Club at her home, two miles north of the city. The evening was pleasantly spent in social chat, music and amusements, during which a dainty luncheon was served in courses. Those present report having passed a very pleasant evening and declare Miss Palmer to be a charming hostess.

We now have everything in paints, oil and glass. Gough & Davis. 52tf

Band Concert.

The Hereford Concert Band will render another one of their popular concerts at the court house tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock. The boys have been practicing faithfully and have several pieces of new music, and all who fail to attend this concert will miss a rare treat. A general admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. No reserve seats. Come out and encourage the boys, they deserve it.
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A Card Of Thanks

We hereby extend thanks to the people of Hereford and surrounding country for their liberal patronage during the two months we have been in business. We appreciate your trade, you have helped us to add many new lines to our stock already, and we promise you if you continue your trade that we will add many other things to please and convince you. Why not have at least one grocery store in Hereford where you can get anything you want? Help us with your trade, and we will supply this demand. Watch for the new lines.

Very Respectfully,
Dunn & Martin

Castro County News

DR. CHARLES E. DONNELL, Editor

Dr. Donnell is authorized to receive orders for Subscriptions, Advertising and Job Work and to whom accounts are payable

Miss Nannie Beach is visiting the family of T. H. Beach, her brother.

Sheriff Burnam went to Texico on official business Saturday returning Monday.

Tom Fields is in from the Spring Lake ranch and reports cattle doing nicely in that part.

Jim Oden is attending court this week. Jim reports things flourishing on the V V N's.

Jim Williams drove a nice herd of 2 year old steers through town Monday toward Hereford.

Lawyer Holloway, accompanied by his mother, was in Dimmitt on professional business Monday.

C. E. McLean sold 500 2's to a Mr. Parker of Omaha for \$21.00. This was an average bunch of steers.

J. A. Stegall spent Tuesday night at Dimmitt and was with the W. O. W. camp in our regular meeting.

Judge Slaton and Editor Vanderburgh were attending commissioners court Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Commissioners court has been grinding with a steady grip and possibly we will have some news from that source in our next edition.

Barclay Bell moved his sheep to Frio near Hereford where a force of shearers are awaiting to begin work. This is a nice flock of mutton sheep and are worth some money.

Town has been full of people this week and 'twould be monotonous to the reader to mention all. Suffice to say numbers were interested in the much talked of public road to the southeast part of Castro county.

Fred Oberthier is on the ranch with John looking after his cattle interests. Since coming he has bought two sections of land from Mr. Morton which gives more acreage to their already large pasture.

We understand a Mr. Baker of Scurry county has purchased the Slover residence in Dimmitt, the price being \$500.00. This is a desirable piece of property and will make a neat home. We are glad to welcome Mr. Baker into our midst.

No more news this time, this cold wave is contracting in its nature as you may see.

CASTRO COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Designate The Brand as Their Official Organ.

Last Monday, in company with Judge Jno. P. Slaton, ye editor made a visit to the hustling Castro County seat—Dimmitt.

The weather was all that could be desired for a 20-mile drive and, seated in the Judge's fine new rubber-tired turnout (which, by the way, is the swellest that ever struck Hereford) we enjoyed immensely the two days' outing.

Upon coming to a ranch house we invariably stopped and inquired how crops were progressing, the condition of cattle (though the latter question was unnecessary as a glance would show that they were fat and in fine condition—that is, the most of them) and how things were generally. In each instance the reply was about the same—all having had plenty of rain and that an excellent season was in the ground.

On arriving at the O. Y. O. ranch we found the manager, D. C. Laird, absent, being on a visit among East Texas friends. However, we found the same hospitality existed among those in charge as would have been extended had Mr. Laird been present. Mr. Bernard, who was in charge, invited us to come in and get dinner—though it was past the dinner hour—but we declined, having brought a lunch with us. However, Gus, the cook, seemed determined that we should partake of the O. Y. O.'s hospitality and tendered us a large pitcher of rich Jersey milk to drink with our lunch, which we accepted and enjoyed to the utmost. Mr. Bernard informed us that they had lost but few cattle this winter. This may be accounted for by reason of the fact that they have a large amount of feed on hand yet from the last year's growing. The O. Y. O. people seem to go on the theory that it is better to have too much feed than too little—a very good, and practical theory and one which the rest of the Panhandle stockmen could put into practice with profit to themselves.

On arriving at Dimmitt we found the Commissioners Court in session and working assiduously in the interests of their constituents. The commissioners had for some time been studying over the proposition of having for their official organ a paper that was largely read by the residents of Castro county (there being no paper published in the county) and upon motion it was unanimously carried to designate THE BRAND as their official organ and henceforth all proceedings of the county officers of interest to the residents of the county will be published in their organ, including the treasurer's quarterly report.

It also gives us pleasure to state that THE BRAND now has a representative in Dimmitt, Dr. Charles E. Donnell, who will keep THE BRAND readers posted on what is going on in our neighboring county. Dr. Donnell is authorized to accept and collect subscriptions and take orders for advertising and job work for THE BRAND. This will be a great convenience to the residents of Castro county, as heretofore they have had to wait until they could make the trip to Hereford to have their wants supplied. Payments for this class of work are also payable to the doctor.

County Judge C. F. Kerr informs us that Castro county is now in as good shape financially as any of the counties of the Panhandle. Four years ago the indebtedness of the county was \$17,000. Today the county is but \$6,000 in debt, that sum being still due on the court house, which, by the way, is considered the finest on the plains. This showing speaks very well for the able manner in which the county's business has been conducted, and shows that Castro county is coming out of the kinks in fine shape. Four years ago Castro county's scrip was worth only about 30 cents on the dollar. Today the only scrip being issued is scrip having Uncle Sam's official stamp and is consequently worth 100 cents on the dollar.

Castro county is being rapidly settled with a thrifty class of stock farmers—men who are scrupulously honest, loyal to their county, state and country, and not afraid of a little hard work if the occasion requires, and withal the most hospitable people on earth. They are proud of their county and its resources, and well they may be. They have plenty of fine grass for their cattle, a splendid season in the ground, a happy, contented class of citizenship, and bright prospects for the future.

Their county seat, Dimmitt, seems to have taken on new life and many fine new houses have been built within the past few months and many more are in contemplation. Many prospectors are visiting the town and county and a large per cent of them are investing their money therein. Certainly the Panhandle of Texas is a paradise on earth and Castro county has nothing to lose by a comparison with her sister counties.

Castro county now has four post-offices within her borders—Dimmitt the first one, being established soon after the organization of the county, Miss Lalla Hill now being the popular postmistress. Rawl was the next postoffice established by the government, but was later discontinued. Hart, a community in the southeast part of the county, was the next to be established, T. W. Hart being appointed as postmaster, which position he still holds. This community has gradually grown in population as the rest of the county developed, so that now about thirty-five families patronize the office. The citizens of a settlement in the northeast part of the county, next petitioned for a postoffice, which was granted and bears the name of Arney, the postmaster being George Arney. The last postoffice acquisition to the county is called Nazereth and was established quite recently

with Mrs. T. P. McCormick as postmistress. This postoffice is situated in the heart of the German colony, in the eastern part of the county, the neighborhood being composed of about thirty families. That this is a progressive and thrifty settlement will be testified to by anyone acquainted with the German citizenship of the United States. It is also stated that many more German families will soon join this colony and it may be confidently expected that in the near future Nazereth will be one of the most prosperous communities in this section of the country. At this session of the commissioners court a local option election was ordered to be held Tuesday, June 2, 1903, the entire county to be embraced in the prohibition territory, providing the prohibition movement is victorious. It might be stated that there are no intoxicating liquors now being sold in the county, but with the rapid growth of the county it is feared that a saloon will be opened and it is to guard against this that the election is ordered, as it is believed that it would be easier to keep whiskey out now than to get rid of it after it has gained a foothold.

A peculiar case came up before Judge Kerr in Tuesday's session. The matter of the county judge's salary was under discussion and upon a vote it was found that two of the commissioners were in favor of paying him \$60 per month salary and \$50 per year as school superintendent, while the other two were in favor of a \$50 per month salary and \$100 per year for the latter office. It was thus up to Judge Kerr to decide whether to allow himself \$770 per year or \$700. Inasmuch as the county officers are straining every point to free the county from debt Judge Kerr generously voted for the lower salary. He thus saves the county \$126 per year as his salary for superintendent of schools is paid by the state.

At the afternoon session the much talked of road proposition came up. This road, as laid out by the jurors of view, runs from Dimmitt to the southeastern part of the county, and passes through the ranches of C. E. McLean, G. D. Sikes, J. E. Turner, Mr. Gollehon and others, separating their holdings and causing them much damage thereby. These gentlemen had employed Judge Slaton to appear before the commissioners court and endeavor to have the route changed. In this he was successful by showing the commissioners a more feasible and less expensive route.

This matter being disposed of upon motion it was decided to employ Judge Slaton as legal adviser to the county commissioners.

See our diamonds and solid gold jewelry. Gough & Davis. 52tf

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**A Weekly Journal Devoted to the Interests
 of the Panhandle Country of Texas**

F. L. VANDERBURGH - Editor and Publisher

PROGRESS OR RETROGRESS?

It is with regret and humility that we have to publish to the world that a few of Hereford's citizens have placed her in a position where she MAY change from better to worse in the matter of organization, though we doubt if their efforts in this direction will be successful. On Wednesday last C. G. Witherspoon presented a properly signed petition to County Judge Boyd, requesting that that official order an election to determine whether or not the incorporation shall be annulled.

We have talked to several signers of this petition and find that they themselves are not dissatisfied with the incorporation proposition, and are indifferent as to the success or failure of the movement now on foot, but, like all people of this class, will sign any petition that is presented to them, many of them having signed the previous petition calling for a corporation election. Others signed this latest petition while favoring incorporation and voting for it at the incorporation election. Others signed it because so-and-so wanted them to. One man informed us, in the presence of witnesses, that upon refusing to sign it (although being an anti-corporationist) the carrier of the petition tried to induce him to sign it by misrepresenting the facts of the case. A few signed it because they honestly believe that the town would be better off without corporation than with it, and voted against the movement at the last election.

We believe we are aware of the source from which this latest movement emanated, but will discuss that phase of the question when occasion requires.

Some people maintain that they have had enough of incorporation and complain of the ordinances and laws, either as a whole or in part, yet we have failed to find one of these who could point to an unjust or obnoxious law passed by the City Council, and when closely questioned fail to give one reason as to why they are opposed to incorporation. That they have reasons, however, we have no doubt, but their reasons are better left unsaid. Some of them are in the employ of wealthy foreign incorporations, who, notwithstanding the fact that they have

derived large revenues from their investments in this city, object to the paltry taxes to which they would be subjected through incorporation, and thereby donate their just share toward the city's improvement. Possibly some of them object to a prohibitive tax being placed on pool halls, bowling alleys and other like iniquities, which entice our growing youth into practices and habits which will be a source of pain to loving and indulgent fathers and mothers. To abolish incorporation would be to invite operators of such games as these to open their dens in the now CLEAN CITY OF HEREFORD. It would say to these operators: "Hereford is a city of nearly 2500 inhabitants, without a "den" of any kind—made so by a prohibitive incorporation tax—but her citizens have abolished that and now offer special inducements for a pool room, bowling alley or any other device which is not contrary to the laws of the state, and the only tax the operator will be subjected to is the state tax—a mere nothing." And the good people of Hereford can rest assured that these operators will not be slow in recognizing the invitation. We did not have any such institution IMMEDIATELY before Hereford was incorporated, you may say. No! But we know of two different parties who were contemplating coming here and asked us what the chances were of being allowed to operate. They were told that the citizens of the town did not want any such institutions and that when the town was incorporated, which we had reason to believe would occur soon, a prohibitive tax would be placed on these "industries(?)." And what we said was true; a prohibitive tax was made.

It's up to you, gentlemen; an incorporated city free from dens of vice, or a wide place in the road with no legal status and abounding with character destroyers, breaking the hearts of loving fathers and mothers. Which will it be?

THE Amarillo Livestock Champion comes to us this week much improved in appearance and general makeup. Editor Russell announces that a new and up-to-date plant will be installed soon. Success to you, Bro. Russell.

BEING an alderman is something like playing poker. It looks dead easy to those who have never tried it.—Corpus Christi Crony. How about it, ye dads of Hereford?

WE are pleased to note that the National Magazine has an article entitled "A Friend of the People," in its current issue, written by the versatile pen of the former editor of THE BRAND, Addison Clark, Jr. Mr. Clark is gradually coming to the front as a forceful and polished writer and we rejoice with him in his success.

INCORPORATED Hereford means a clean city from a sanitary standpoint, free from dens of vice, free from the disgusting spectacle of hogs running at large, and as soon as possible free from disastrous fires (as we have reason to believe that an adequate waterworks system for fire protection will be soon established.) No incorporation means the reverse. Which shall it be?

IN a recent issue of THE BRAND appeared an article headed "Coming to the Front," which we clipped from the Higgins News and unintentionally failed to give proper credit. Several of our exchanges copied the article, which was a good one, and gave us the credit therefor. We try to be careful in these matters, but mistakes will happen occasionally, so please excuse us for this one, Bro. Mitchell.

ONE of the signers of "that petition" and a loud howler against incorporation has never paid a cent in taxes, never donated a nickel to any public enterprise, bought his goods as far as possible from outside parties, and never missed an opportunity to run down the town and country. On second thought, we don't blame him. If we were as non-progressive as that we would want to bring everyone else to our level.

WE wish to draw a little comparison with the incorporation abolishment movement and a prohibition abolishment movement. How many are there who would vote for a saloon in this town IF it could be operated in the same law-abiding manner as it was before the local option election, held nearly two years ago? There are many. How many of these same men would vote against prohibition if they could not have that assurance (and of course they could not)? Not one. How many would vote for no corporation IF they were assured that no dens of vice would come into Hereford? Probably a large number. How many will vote for no incorporation, knowing that the way will be open to these institutions of vice if it is abolished? None, we hope.

WITH the abolishment of incorporation a "blind tiger" would have one less enemy, to fight. By all means let's abolish incorporation and give the poor, down-trodden animal a show.

THE Snyder Coming West last week issued a very creditable 16-page special edition, profusely illustrated with half-tone cuts. It should be a good advertisement for the town and county.

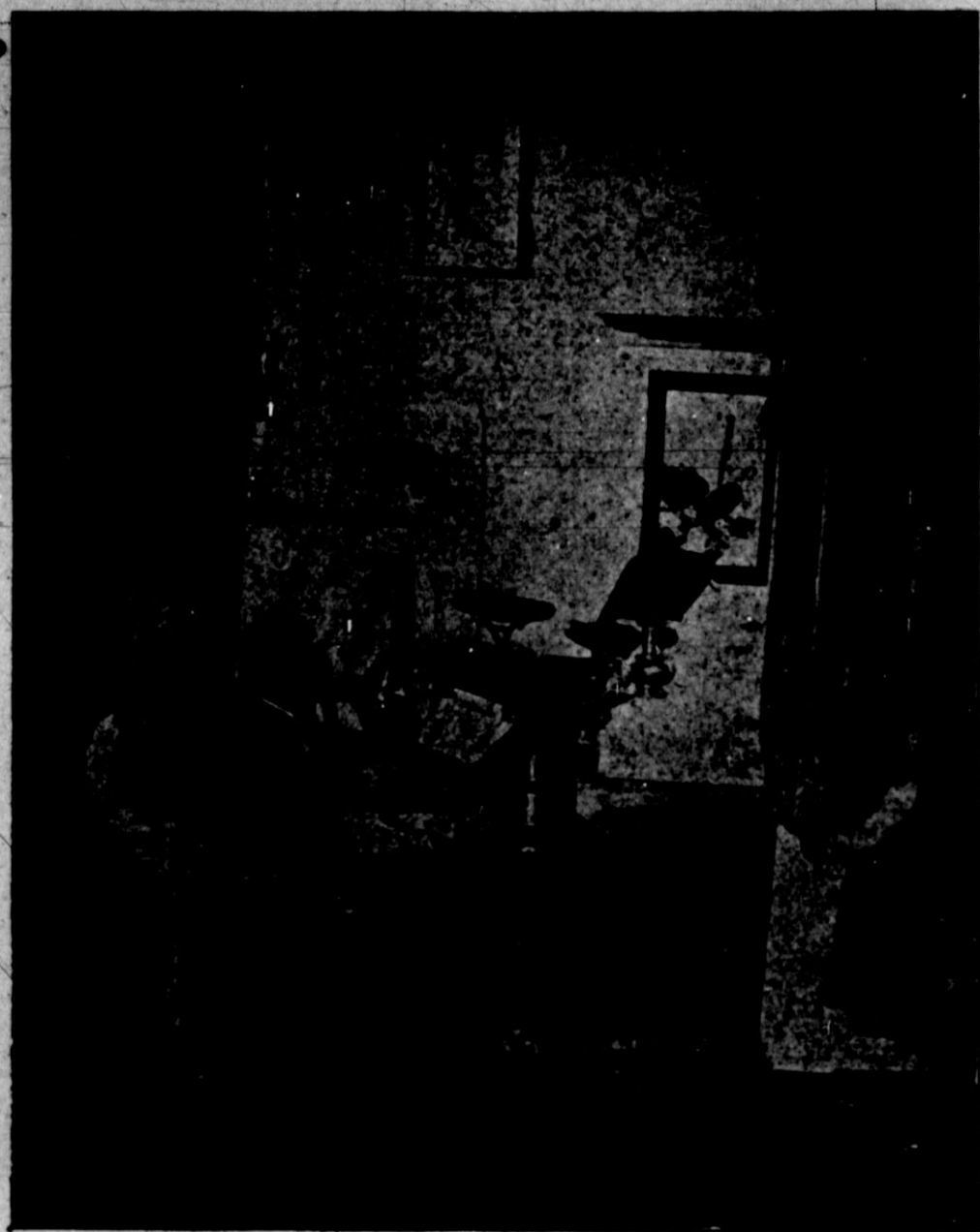
SOME of the opposers of incorporation do so on the ground that the City Council made the occupation tax too high. That may be true in some instances, though we cannot say. If this be true, however, would it not be better to appear before the City Council, state your position clearly and ask for a reduction, than to try to abolish the best movement ever made by the citizens of Hereford? The City Council is composed of fair minded, honorable men, and who would be glad to right any wrong that they have unintentionally done anyone. We say again, would it not have been better, gentlemen? However, these are not the people who are responsible for the abolishing movement, though that is one of the pretenses by which they were brought into line. Right your own wrongs, brother, do not ask or even allow someone else to attempt to do it for you. A personal talk with the members of the City Council would have been all that was necessary.

Vegetables! Vegetables!!

I expect in a few days to put in a stock of vegetable and fruits in season in Lee Gilliland's butcher shop. Will start a wagon about the 4th of May and call at your residence every morning. All orders in person or by phone will be thankfully received and promptly delivered. Yours for business,
 11tf GEO. W. EAGLE.

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BOARD OF TRADE. Regular Meeting Held Tuesday Evening—Another Meeting Tonight.

Last Tuesday evening occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade. In the absence of President Ferguson, Vice-President Newman acted as Chairman.

Secretary Davis read the report of W. G. Ross, who was appointed at a previous meeting to improve the city park, which was accepted and placed on file, and Mr. Ross was asked to continue the work. The report was as follows:

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Purchase of 500 trees.....	\$10.50
Repairing grounds.....	7.50
Hauling water.....	4.50
Setting out trees.....	16.45
Stays and gate.....	2.80
Total expended.....	41.75

RECEIPTS.	
Amount subscribed.....	\$43.00
Amount collected.....	28.00
Amount unpaid.....	15.00
Amount needed to complete work begun.....	50.00

TREES AND SHRUBBERY.	
Trees bought.....	500
Trees donated.....	2000
Cedars donated.....	5
Roses donated.....	40
Large trees donated.....	5

W. G. ROSS.

By the above report it will be seen by our citizens that already some good work has been done, which, if completed, will be an everlasting

benefit to our city. When it is considered that only the small sum of \$50 is required to finish this work it does seem as though there would be no difficulty experienced in raising it. Hereford has always had the reputation of having a progressive citizenship and we do not believe that there has been enough of the non-progressive sort come in since having established that reputation to see the town recede in the matter of its parks or anything else for that matter. If you would see Hereford have a pretty park in the course of a few years go to Mr. Ross and donate what you can afford to in this enterprise.

A communication was then read by Secretary Davis advising the Board of Trade that a delegation consisting of about fifty of Kansas City's representative business men would be in Hereford Tuesday evening and requested that arrangements be made with the business men of Hereford so that this delegation could meet with them at their places of business. Their train is scheduled to arrive here at 5:10 p. m., leaving at 5:40. As this allows them but a half an hour's stay in our city all arrangements should be made before hand to show up Hereford and her business enterprises to the best advantage. For this purpose another meeting of the Board of Trade will be held tonight (Friday) at 8:30 o'clock, and all are requested to be present. On motion the chair appointed the following special committee to receive and entertain the Kansas City delegation during their stay in this city: Mayor Ross, W. Davis, Jno. E.

Ferguson, G. A. F. Parker, A. J. Lipscomb, W. G. Ross, J. P. Snyder, L. F. Alby, C. S. Garrison, C. L. Stocks and F. L. Vanderburgh.

This sending of delegations from the different wholesale centers of the county to this state is becoming quite common and the different towns fortunate enough to be visited are not losing any chances to show up their advantages as a trade center, so it behooves Hereford to show these K. C. gentlemen that we have the best city in the Panhandle.

After some little discussion for the welfare of the city, the meeting

adjourned, having had one of the most interesting meetings in its history. Those who were not present missed THE meeting of the organization.

Big Bargain.

Three room cottage one block north of public school building, southeast corner.

111f M. V. ROBERTSON,
 Hereford, Texas.

Wanted—To do family washing at patron's home. Apply at Hereford House. Mrs. Josephine Stein. 2tp

R. H. Gough, M. D.

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Great Reduction Sale Now On

Owing to the fact that we have just received a full car of wind mills, and had in stock, at the time the city ordinances of the town of Hereford were passed by the council, more implements and machinery than we had ground to place the same on, without obstructing the streets, and in order for us to comply with said ordinances, we have decided to place our entire stock of merchandise at prices that the most scrupulous as well as the patrons of Montgomery Ward and Sears and Roebuck concerns, if there should be any such people in our community, would cater to, to say nothing of the good people of the community who respect the interests of themselves and of their families. And in order to make plain to you that we mean business and that there is no catch in this advertisement we herewith give you prices on a few of our leading articles:

Some Prices On The Famous Leader Wind Mills

10 Foot Leader Wind Mill, worth \$40, Now at	- - -	\$32
12 Foot Leader Wind Mill, worth \$50, Now at	- - -	\$40
14 Foot Leader Wind Mill, worth \$80, Now at	- - -	\$62.50
16 Foot Leader Wind Mill, worth \$130, Now at	- - -	\$105

Mr. A. G. Boyce, the general manager of the XIT ranch, gave testimony, which was published, to the effect that he considered the Leader Mill equal in every respect to the celebrated Eclipse mill of which you hear every one praise. All who know the above named gentleman know that his integrity is above suspicion and that he has no ax to grind with anyone. Our other wind mills and various lines that we carry we propose to sell on every MONDAY and TUESDAY of each week until July 1st, anything that we carry in stock for less than any special sale house in the city. Come and see our BARGAINS on these days and be convinced.

D. R. GASS & SONS, HEREFORD, TEXAS

J. C. Cox was in town yesterday en route home from the Amarillo races.

C. L. Davis would be pleased to have you call at his office in the Witherspoon & Gough building and see his fine samples of spring and summer clothing. 52tf

Mrs. Horace Humphries, wife of the popular proprietor of the Elmhurst hotel, gave a luncheon Tuesday in honor of her friend, Miss Helen Jones, of Hereford.—Amarillo Livestock Champion.

Road Overseer George Cloyd informs us that he has placed the bridge across the Frio draw on the Dimmitt road in good condition. This will be good news to Castro county freighters.

Miss Rebecca DeGraffenried of this city received the following telegram from K. A. Berry, conductor of the Summer Normal, to be held at Quanah:

"Will you do two weeks primary work in the Quanah Summer Normal beginning June 22, 1903."

Miss DeGraffenried will not accept the invitation.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullede of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Save quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at Gough & Davis, druggists.

An Ice Cream Supper

Next Tuesday night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, will be given by the ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Aid Society at the Charles Orr brick building, opposite the postoffice. Everybody come.

Wanted.

Cattle to pasture—not over 250 head. I have good grass, plenty good well water; terms reasonable. Call on me at my ranch 7 miles northeast of Dimmitt or address me Hereford, Texas.

12tf W. B. DAMERON.

Bulls to Sell.

2 registered Missouri Durhams; 4 Herefords, 1 registered, 3 high grades. Apply to
13tf RICKETTS & RAYZOR.

Corporation Election.

County Judge Boyd in compliance with the petition for the abolishment of the city corporation, mentioned elsewhere in this issue, has ordered the election to be held on Saturday, June 6.

Married.

On Sunday last at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Womble Rev. H. B. McGee united in marriage Lee Gibson and Miss Mattie Duncan, formerly of Tennessee. They will reside at Umbarger.

For Sale.

Ten section ranch, 15 miles northwest of La Plata, 7 or 8 miles south of new railroad, special bargain if sold at once, good improvements and all new.

11tf M. V. ROBERTSON.
Hereford, Texas.

For Sale Cheap.

I will sell my land in Hereford cheap. 9 acres in the west part of town and house and lot I got from C. L. Davis. See me for a bargain.

11tf I. N. DILLARD.
Subscribe for THE BRAND—\$1.

"In the Good Old Summer Time."

Not long now until the substance of the song becomes a stern reality to the people of the southwest; hence it is time to pick out some

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where the expended energy of a busy winter and spring may be re-couped. With our assistance, the choosing of the place—where to go—is now an easy matter. It should be a place where the air is light and dry and easy to breathe—where there is good fishing and other sports—where scenic attractions abound, and where there are good hotels and first-class boarding houses; in a word, where one may take it easy and enjoy the passing hours in comfort and at reasonable rates.

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Millinery Department

We have received our Ready-to-Wear Hats and a complete stock of Millinery Goods. These goods are the latest creations in the Millinery Art and were purchased at the 1904 World's Fair City, which is a guarantee of their up-to-dateness.

MISS MATTIE FORE, Manager

Grocery Department

In this department we have one of the largest and freshest stocks to be found in the Panhandle. We make a specialty of filling large orders for ranchmen. If you don't see what you want, ask for it---we've got it.



We have just received our stock of
Spring and Summer DRY GOODS

and invite your early inspection of the same.

HEREFORD MERCANTILE COMPANY

HEREFORD, TEXAS

Wanted—Boarders and roomers at Mrs. S. E. Busters. 50tf

R. P. Tarkington of Miami is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. B. Daniel.

C. L. Davis would be pleased to show you his new spring samples of clothing. See them before buying. 3tf

List your lands with Robert Humphrey. He will use every means in his power to find a buyer for your property. 12tf

Meeks, the jeweler and optician, invites his friends and customers to call and inspect his watches and jewelry before purchasing. 44tf

Go to Garrison Bros. and have them show you the powerful construction of the Samson wind mill and you will then understand why so many people are buying them. 12tf

We don't depend on superfluous words and alluring promises to sell the Giesecke shoe. Let the shoe stand on its own merit. We only ask that you give them a chance to speak for themselves. 11-tf

E. W. HARRISON.

A full line of musical instruments at Gough & Davis. 52tf

J. R. T. Bassett returned yesterday from a business trip to Austin.

Don't fail to see C. L. Davis' new spring samples of custom-made clothing. 52tf

Those new hats at E. W. Harrison's. For particulars see Emmett Cardwell. His business is to show them. 11-tf

When you are in the market for a suit of clothes don't forget that C. L. Davis can furnish you with them and guarantee every garment as to fit and workmanship. 52tf

Mrs. W. M. Cogdell has the agency for the Charles A. Stevens Tailoring Co., and will be pleased to have the ladies call and see her when in need of anything in ready-made clothing. 8tf

Clark Tannehill and daughter, Mrs. Clark Dilly, of Hebron, Ind., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, having arrived Monday. They were accompanied by a sister of the former, Mrs. Sallie Col- lum of Sedalia, Mo.

Home made candy at the City Bakery. 13-2t

Judge C. F. Kerr of Dimmitt was in town over Sunday.

We have an extra fine line of toilet articles, perfumes, etc. Gough & Davis. 52tf

C. E. Wheeler returned yesterday from Amarillo where he had been attending the races.

What one will need with spring is faith, hope and a new suit of clothes. E. W. Harrison can furnish the best goods, guaranteed workmanship and latest styles. 11-tf

I now have nice light quarters in the D. R. Gass & Sons new store and cordially invite the public to call when in need of anything in my line. Lee S. Smith, jeweler and optician. 8tf

In the ball games this week at Amarillo the Hereford boys were defeated all three games. Monday's game the score was 11 to 15, eleven innings being played. On Tuesday the score was 5 to 14 and on Wednesday another eleven inning game was played with a score of 11 to 12.

Shoes that "toe the mark," Giesecke. For sale by E. W. Harrison's. 11-tf

Pres Burnam, the popular Castro county sheriff, was in town yesterday on business.

Garrison Bros. agents for J. I. Case threshing machines, horse powers, portable and traction engines. 12tf

Wind mill repairing of every kind. We will work your old mill over and make it new. Hereford Manufacturing Co. 4tf

A half dollar and a man can be separated with genuine satisfaction to the man if invested in a tie at E. W. Harrison's. 11-tf

For Sale—All my property in Hereford including that large and up-to-date building just completed and now occupied by Loveless & Black. Will sell at a bargain. See S. Loveless. 7tf

Judge J. O. Tannehill and daughter, Miss Bettie, of Amarillo came in Monday and are the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. Jno. E. Ferguson, at the same time visiting his brother, Clark, of Hebron, Ind.

FAT CATTLE SHIPPED.

Charles Hannaford, Proprietor of Green Valley Ranch, Makes Experiment.

On Saturday last ye editor accompanied Judge Jno. E. Ferguson to the stock pens to look at a bunch of fat cattle which were to be shipped to the Kansas City market. These cattle, numbering 88 head, were put on corn feed on the 18th of last December at the Green Valley ranch, owned by Charles Hannaford, as an experiment. Mr. Hannaford wishing to ascertain if it was practicable to finish cattle in this country for the market. Notwithstanding the unusually severe winter these cattle were in excellent shape for shipment and will no doubt bring a good price in the market, thus bringing to their owner a nice little sum of money to repay him for his trouble and experiment. He also shipped 45 fat hogs to the same market, which averaged 285 pounds in weight.

Mr. Hannaford is a firm believer in this country as a finishing country as well as a breeding country and his latest experiment only goes to prove the soundness of his judgment in the former case. There is another item which has also been proven beyond doubt, and that is that as much and as good corn can be raised in the Panhandle as in any other section of the country. It is now up to the farmers of our country to make themselves independent of the northern buyer by fattening their own cattle and thereby make the profits that have heretofore been made by the feeders of Kansas, Missouri and other states.

Off For Hereford.

Last Monday evening we were called upon to bid adieu to some more of our good people, who are to become citizens of Hereford.

Evans Mabry and family and John Hughes and family departed that day for the aforementioned place. Mr. Mabry is a member of the firm of Herron & Norman, who are preparing to open a large stock of family groceries at Hereford, and Mr. Hughes will work for the new firm.

A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends accompanied these good people to the train last Monday to bid them goodbye, and make a parting benediction, and it was sad indeed to see loving mothers bidding farewell to sons and daughters and grandchildren, whom perhaps they will never see again in this world; and down the cheeks of the stern, gray haired fathers, the tears were seen to chase each other, while they struggled to repress the feelings which almost rendered it impossible for them to utter the last sad goodbye.

Hereford is to be congratulated on catching some of our best citizens. We wish all of our friends unbounded success in their new homes.

H. L. Mitchell, one of Graham's good carpenters, also went to build a residence for Mr. Hughes, and do some other carpenter work in that growing city.—Young County News.

Sand in Wells.

The Hereford Manufacturing Co. is making a sand strainer that has exploded the theory that quick sand will go any where that water will. It is a positive success. Call and see them about it. 10tf

X-RAY MACHINE.

Dr. R. H. Gough Has Purchased One of the Best Made.

Dr. R. H. Gough returned Sunday from Chicago, where he had been taking a postgraduate course in the Chicago Poly-clinic College. While there he purchased one of the best and latest improved X-Ray electrical machine and took a special course in the operating of the same.

He has placed this machine in his office and has already had use for his new acquisition on several cases which will require surgical operations.

Dr. Gough deserves great credit for equipping himself to give the people of Hereford and surrounding country every advantage afforded by cities of several thousand inhabitants and that he will derive great benefits from his up-to-date equipments is an assured fact and these benefits will not only be his, but will revert in a greater measure to his patients.

THE BRAND representative paid Dr. Gough's office a visit and inspected the new X-Ray machine and can truthfully state that it is the finest we have ever seen, though we have seen several of them of more antiquated date in make. By it we were enabled to clearly see the outlines of the bones of our hand or arm, making it especially useful in locating fractures or dislocations of bones.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the many kind friends, especially the members of the Woodmen of the World, for their assistance and warm words of sympathy during the recent illness and death of my beloved husband. Also for their assistance in the serious illness of my daughter, Celia. May a loving Father in Heaven render just reward for their acts of kindness to the fatherless children and heart broken widow.

MRS. W. B. ROBINSON.

M. E. Conference.

The Clarendon District Conference of the M. E. Church South will convene at Hereford May 22 to 24. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. T. F. Robeson of Memphis on Thursday night. The public is invited to attend the sessions of the conference. There will be preaching at 10:30 or 11:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. each day of the conference.

Look Out For Jack the Rapper

and keep him out of your house by screening your windows and doors with those extra heavy screens made by The Hereford Planing Mill & Construction Co., out of number one cypress lumber and hung in such a substantial manner that Jack will never even stop at your house. 12tf

Cattle Wanted

To pasture or on shares. Plenty of good water and grass and the best of attention given them. Address J. E. Bridges, Hereford, Texas. 4tf

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against hunting or otherwise trespassing on the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch. IRA ATEN, 37tf Division Manager.

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If you have tried others and were not satisfied with the qualities or quantities received for the price paid, we respectfully request that you give this store a trial order. We guarantee satisfaction and prompt delivery. If you are in a hurry, telephone us your order—No. 7.

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Your patronage will be appreciated and given prompt attention

PHONE 76 **TROY WOMBLE, Manager**

Real Estate Firm Changes.

We unintentionally failed to make note in last week's issue of the change in the real estate firm of Connell & Russell, J. A. Williams having purchased the former's interest. This change was made necessary by the delicate health of Judge Connell, who hopes, by a cessation of business activity, to soon recuperate in health. We trust that his action will have the desired effect.

The new firm is composed of W. H. Russell, our popular city attorney, and J. A. Williams, formerly of the furnishing goods firm of Williams & Harrison, but who for the past few months has been identified with the real estate circles of our city, being in the employ of the Hereford Land and Abstract Company. The new firm of Williams & Russell has the best wishes of THE BRAND for a growing and prosperous business.

For Sale.

About 115 head of stock cattle, good graded, native raised and no old cows, will sell any kind or any amount to suit purchaser. Will sell at a bargain. Apply to W. R. Reagan, 12 miles southeast of Dimmitt. 10-tf

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**Program for Annual Meeting at
 Amarillo August 6 and 7.**

Pursuant to call of President
 Rogers, the executive committee of
 the Northwest Texas Press Associa-
 tion met in Fort Worth May 8, with
 the following present: Cyrus Cole-
 man, Henrietta; N. W. Halcomb,
 Decatur; H. B. Martin, Amarillo;
 President J. N. Rogers, Jacksboro;
 Secretary Orion Proctor, Bridge-
 port.

The association was called to
 meet in annual convention on Thurs-
 day, August 6, 1903, at 2:30 p. m.,
 in Amarillo, continuing in session
 two days.

The following program was ar-
 ranged:

President's annual address—J. N.
 Rogers, Jacksboro Gazette:

"How to be Happy, Though an
 Editor"—N. W. Halcomb, Messen-
 ger, Decatur.

"Co-operation of Newspapers and
 Real Estate Men"—Harry Koch,
 Quana Tribune-Chief.

"Weekly or Semi-Weekly,
 Which?"—W. P. Blake, Clarendon
 Chronicle.

"Fake Advertising Propositions"
 —Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Inde-
 pendent.

"Some Little Financial Leaks"—
 F. L. Vanderburgh, Hereford
 BRAND.

"Reminiscent"—Orion Proctor,
 Bridgeport Index.

Each member is invited to bring
 to the convention a collection of
 specimens from his job printing de-
 partment for exhibition and com-
 parison.

Following the convention, leaving
 Amarillo at 11:20 Friday night, an
 excursion to Dalhart, Cloudcroft,
 El Paso and Fort Worth will be
 taken. Fuller information will be
 furnished later by the secretary.

J. N. ROGERS, Pres.
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Poor Thanks They Get.

When donations are needed to aid
 a local move the first ones called on
 are the merchants. These generous
 citizens always respond nobly and
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 all about the generosity of these
 merchants and send abroad and pur-
 chase just such goods and wares as
 are kept by these liberal donors, not
 even giving them a chance to bid on
 the contemplated purchase. Is it
 right to treat these men in such a
 way?—Quana Tribune-Chief.

Petit Jury List.

The following is the list of petit
 jurors selected for the next regular
 term of the county court, which con-
 venes at 9 o'clock on June 1st:
 Joe Killough, H. H. Hawkins, J. J.
 Portwood, A. P. Sims, J. H.
 O'Harrow, J. H. Biggs, S. B.
 Harbison, J. A. McIntosh, Jess P.
 Robinson, W. F. Philipps, C. H.
 Moore, J. P. Burch, D. F. Johnson,
 H. L. Goats, A. B. Bynum, G. H.
 Guinn, Geo. R. Hay, A. P. Ander-
 son.

Martin—Kemp.

H. B. Martin, one of the editors
 of the Amarillo Advocate, and Miss
 Beatrice Kemp, were married at
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Nearly 2,000,000 acres of this great ranch has been sold and it will be only a few months until the stock farmer of one or two sections

will have the one million acres left in beautiful homes and farms.

It has been demonstrated that the small stock farmer can make more money compared to his investment, than can the large ranch owner, and the splitting up of this large ranch (until recently the largest ranch in the world) will be a great boon to this class of farmers.

The Pecos Valley railroad (a branch of the Santa Fe System), the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroads are now intersecting this great ranch and the Choctaw road is now building from Amarillo to Tucumcari, N. M., and will traverse the entire Deer

Smith county portion of the ranch. It is also expected that the Santa Fe branch, running to Albuquerque, N. M., will be built from Bovina in the near future.

This land, being situated in the western part of the Panhandle, lies close to the mountains of New Mexico and therefore is more susceptible to good rains than is land farther east.

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The Hereford BRAND man has gone mad and is reaching out with his paper in such a manner that it will take the other Panhandle papers years to catch up. He is now issuing a twenty-four page paper all on book paper and not a column of patent or plate matter in it. We are "agin" any such proceeding and believe at the Amarillo meeting of the N. W. T. P. A. the boys should "kangaroo" Vanderburgh, as he makes the balance of us look like 30 cents.—Memphis Herald.

If Brother Johnson will forgive us for that one issue we will promise not to let it occur again—not soon at least. The issue in question was necessarily made large to accommodate the new ordinances for the City of Hereford, yet we are a little proud to feel that but few country papers could accept such a large amount of copy on a Tuesday noon and have printed copies of the same in the readers' hands on the succeeding Friday evening.

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The Hereford BRAND has just published the city ordinances of that municipality. The ordinances are good and wholesome on the whole, and the chapter on dogs, levying a dog tax and providing for its collection, should commend itself to the average citizen. The town dog generally is a nuisance, and should be abated, and there is no better way to abate this nuisance than by a tax, before which the worthless pup will quickly disappear.—Plainview Herald.

An Honor to the Town.

The Clarendon News in commenting on the Clarendon-Hereford ball game, says in part:

The Hereford boys are a gentlemanly set and play clean ball and are a credit to themselves and an honor to the town they represent and made scores of friends for themselves and their town by their gentlemanly conduct.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm known as Snyder & Johnson, and conducting the business known as the Hereford Planing Mill and Construction Company, has this day by mutual consent dissolved partnership, D. F. Johnson retiring. J. P. Snyder will henceforth conduct the above business, assuming all indebtedness and to whom all accounts are payable.

J. P. SNYDER,
D. F. JOHNSON.

Dated April 26, 1903. 11-3t

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New Hunting Law.

Following is the text of the act relating to hunting on private grounds which was passed by the legislature at its regular session, and which will go into effect on June 30:

Section 1. That article 804, chapter III, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, shall be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 2. Any person who shall enter upon the inclosed land of another without the consent of the owner, proprietor or agent in charge, and therein hunt with firearms, or therein hunt or take any fish from any pond, tank or stream, or in any other manner depredate upon same, shall be punished by fine not less than \$10, nor more than \$100; provided, further, that this act shall not apply to inclosures including 2,000 acres or more in the inclosure.

A Gratifying Business.

We are very much gratified over our increase of business this year over last. Our April business of this year was over double our April business of last year. We can account for this in no other way but that the trade appreciates our store, the class of goods we keep, the low prices we give and the fair dealing we accord to all. With much courtesy we would thank you one and all. You have a warm invitation to visit our store at all times see and price our line through.

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