

Canyon City News.

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CANYON CITY, RANDALL CO., TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

NO. 49.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Regular February term closing Saturday of last week. The proceedings in substance were:

Election Judges appointed as follows:

Precinct No. 1, Geo A Brandon presiding judge, S B Lofton, A Ernsberger and R M Peeler additional judges; election to be held at the Court House.

No. 2, Eli Dunlap presiding judge and L S Carter additional judge—Hutson school house.

No. 3, D Currie presiding; G G Foster additional judge; Gilliland school house.

No. 4, J S Christain presiding, J E Rogers additional judge; election to be held at Rowan school house.

No. 5, M S Park presiding and G C Kilbourn additional judge; box, Park school house.

No. 6, J L Wilson presiding and J N Thomason additional judge—Trigg school house.

No. 7, B F Johnson presiding, J D Weller additional judge; Hoffman school house.

No. 8, F M Brown presiding and J A Coffee additional judge; Umbarger school house.

Officers for school districts to hold trustee elections were appointed as follows:

No. 2, "Shotwell," S A Shotwell, J L Prichard and J Q Robinson.

No. 3, Hutson, J R Skidmore, J G Cruikshank and J E Swafford.

No. 4, Holton, M H Waller, T L Vansant and I W McClure.

No. 5, Hoffman, A B Cage, C H Hitchcock and F Hoffman.

No. 6, Trigg, John L Wilson, J C Jostin and J I Campbell.

No. 7, Lair, I C Jenkin, J A Tate and E W Small.

No. 8, Jowell, J T Jowell, W J Luna and L S Carter.

No. 9, Gilliland, G N Caylor, G F Ames and J R Baird.

No. 10, Rowan, W B Walters, H E Wesley and J A Currie.

No. 11, Umbarger, Theo. Cochell, E F Brown and J B Thomas.

Road overseer precinct No. 1 was instructed to have W F Lofland move his fence off land owned by the county.

Petition for local option election refused because not having number of names required by law. The court also refused by vote to submit the question upon its own motion.

All reports due from the several county officers were examined and approved.

The salary of the County Attorney was reduced from forty to twenty-five dollars per month.

The tax levy for this year, state and county, was fixed at 99 cents on the \$100. This is the same as last year and is exclusive of special school levies.

Bonds 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Canyon City Independent school district, each for the sum of \$1,000, was ordered purchased as an investment for Randall county permanent school fund.

A new road precinct was made out of the south part of road precinct No 1, and named No. 11.

Road petition of J L Smith et al granted and jury of view appointed as follows:

Jno. Burkhalter, J A Currie, G W Mays, Ed Wesley and W B Walters.

Road overseers appointed for 1904, as follows:

L G Conner Rd. prec't. No. 1 Williams " " " 2

J W O'Rear " " " 3 L A Robeson " " " 4

Larry Carter " " " 5 C H Stith " " " 10

Bob Caylor " " " 9 M H Waller " " " 11

25 Per Cent Off On Clothing

We will offer our entire line of Boy's, Youths' and Men's Suits at
One-Fourth Off
4 REGULAR SELLING PRICE 4

We have just received a nice line of Hats which will be sold at a very small margin of profit. Also, we have just received a nice assortment of seasonable calicoes. A splendid line of

SHOES AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES

We carry at all times a nice stock of FANCY GROCERIES and invite you to come and see us. A share of your patronage will be most heartily appreciated. VERY RESPECTFULLY,

R. G. OLDHAM & COMPANY.

Report of jury of view on petition of S B Lofton et al was approved and road overseer of precinct No. 3, was ordered to open said road at once.

J B Thomas was appointed Justice of the Peace for precinct No. 2, place of holding court his residence; time third Monday in each month.

The court decreed that no public or secret organization be allowed to keep locked and secret from the public any of the rooms of the court house and the sheriff demand and keep keys for same and take possession of all court house property.

The reports of both butchers were approved.

The following accounts were allowed:

W J Redfearn, inspecting road	\$ 6.00
Donohoo-Ware Co., hardware	8.00
Redfearn & Co. supplies	27.20
Mabry	1.25
Redfearn & Co. supplies county	22.30
Sheriff, waiting on Ct. and board, prisoner	2.00
W C Baird, viewing Road	2.00
S A Shotwell, viewing Rd.	2.00
J W Ballard, viewing Rd.	3.00
Co. Judge, trying one case	25.00
Co. Judge Ex-Officio Co. Supt	247.95
Canyon Lumber Co., 4 car bridge lumber	57.60
G D Bernard & Co., books	2.00
T H Rowan, windmill rep.	2.25
Canyon City News, envelopes	160.55
Dorsey Printing Co. blank cases and deed record	5.44
Stringfellow-Hume, hdw.	3.00
T H Rowan, bridge work	3.00
L C Johnson, bridge work	.25
E Dockery, drayage	51.75
Co. Clerk, keeping finance ledger, etc.	8.35
Plainview Tel. Co. service for quarter	1.00
L C Johnson, fixing culvert	.50
S V Wirt L. D. Telephone	.50
R E Hillman fixing culvert	2.00
O F Smith hauling lumber	1.40
Co. Clerk keeping record births and deaths	53.25
O C Whitman, land for right of way	12.25
J F White, same	7.00
Mrs. J. Schurman, same	19.00
G C Long, same	

Usual per diem allowed county commissioners.

Business Notice.—We have sold out our business to R. G. Oldham and company and specially desire that all persons owing us on account will settle up at once.

Respectfully,
J. A. WANSLEY & Co.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Randall County.

In Commissioners' court, February term, 1904.

Before me, J. H. Garrison Clerk of the County Court in and for said County, personally appeared the members of the Commissioners' court, whose names are below, subscribed, who, upon their oaths, do say: That the requirements of Art. 867, Chapter I, Title XXV. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, have in all things been fully complied with, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the quarterly report made to and filed in this court by R. B. Redfearn, County Treasurer of said county, for the quarter ending the 31st day of January, 1904, and held by him for said county, have been fully inspected and counted by them at this term of said court; and that the amount of money and other assets in the hands of said Treasurer are as follows, to-wit:

Total amount of cash in the various funds belonging to the county, Six Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-four and Nine-tenths Dollars, (\$6,384.91); Total amount of assets other than actual cash to the credit of the county, Twelve Thousand Dollars, (\$12,000).

A. N. HENSON,
Co. Judge Randall Co.
W. J. REDFEARN,
Co. Com. Randall Co.
J. T. SERVICE,
Co. Com. Randall Co.
F. F. GILLELAND,
Co. Com. Randall Co.
F. J. TRIGG,
Co. Com. Randall Co.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 1904.

J. H. GARRISON,
County Clerk Randall Co.
By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

Perfect Confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by S. V. Wirt.

ROGERSON HOTEL

JOHN ROWAN PROPRIETOR.
\$1.00 DAY HOUSE

As good hotel as can be found on the Plains—nice Up-Stairs Rooms.

Always try your home men on what you want to purchase before you go elsewhere.

Citation By Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Randall County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon G. H. Price by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1 Randall county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Canyon City, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1904, the same being the 7th day of March A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of January 1904, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 144, wherein Canyon Lumber Company, a firm composed of J. M. Rockwell, A. A. Rockwell and C. M. Hardin, is plaintiff, and G. H. Price is defendant, and said petition alleging that the defendant, G. H. Price, is indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$44.92 on open accounts as follows:—Account due Canyon Lumber Company, \$21.45 and \$23.45 due Canyon Mercantile Company, \$9.37 due J. W. Cummings and \$44.15 due Guber, Stone and Kenyon, which accounts have been sold to Canyon Lumber Company. All of which are due and unpaid.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of February 1904.

W. J. REDFEARN,
J. P. Precinct No. 1,
Randall Co. Texas.

DEMOCRATIC CALL.

A meeting of the Democratic Executive committee of Randall county is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Canyon City, March 5 next at 2 p. m. for the purpose of considering the advisability of holding a nominating convention or primary election, and such other matters as may properly come before us.

All Democrats are cordially invited to be present and express their views.

R. A. CAMPBELL,
County Chairman.

The Democratic Executive committee met at the Court House Saturday evening for the purpose of filling vacancies on said committee. Those present were the county chairman R. A. Campbell, Frank Trigg, J. T. Jowell and J. M. Black. Mr. Jowell on account of being a candidate resigned. This left two vacancies, the other being W. A. Donaldson, removed to Stratford. To fill these vacancies the chairman appointed J. M. Cooper and S. B. Lofton. It was also determined to hold a meeting of said committee on Saturday, March 5, at 2 p. m. for purposes given in call of chairman published elsewhere.

Will Spread Out.

To keep pace with the growth of business in the town and to meet the growing demand for advertising space the News will, in the course of a few weeks, say about its birthday, which comes on the 14th of March, increase its size. As to just what this change will be depends upon our advertising patronage at that time. With its present custom in that direction and a fair prospect of its continuance some enlargement will be made anyway.

The county news—all it can get—will always find room in the News—must have it, and this much it promises its readers no matter what the extent of its advertising patronage.

Canyon City needs to spread out—reach for the trade, that all other things being equal, should come this way—and it all signs don't fail she is going to do it. The News is anxious to aid in the accomplishment of this very desirable end and to do so will "spread out" making a larger, better and thus a more desirable representative of Canyon City and Randall county.

COTTON IN SWISHER.

John Estes of Twist, Swisher county, in conversation with a representative of the Hereford Brand recently had the following to say in reference to his acreage of wheat this year and his experiment with cotton last year:

"Asked as to his wheat acreage this year, Mr. Estes replied that he had 600 acres, 400 of which were in fine condition and gave promises of a heavy yield. The other 200 acres had been sown late and, on account of the absence of moisture, does not give much promise of a yield as yet.

"After noting his enthusiasm on the possibilities of the Panhandle in wheat raising, we quizzed him on the cotton proposition. Said he, "Cotton will grow and mature here. I put a small patch in last year as an experiment. I planted on the 7th day of June and gave it no further attention until some time in September, when I noticed that the stalks were heavily laden with well developed but unopened bolls of cotton. I then exposed the roots by plowing, thus retarding the growth. In a few days every boll had opened as fully as any I have seen, the yield being from one-half to three-fourths of a bale to the acre. I am now confident that cotton is as sure a crop in this section as in any part of the state, providing it is properly cultivated. Yes, I shall plant more or less cotton this year, the acreage depending on the amount of land failing to produce wheat, and from the present outlook I may put in the 200 acres that was sown late in wheat."

CANYON CITY NEWS.

(THE STAYER.)

GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.
WALTER R. BRANDON, Editor.

A Weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of Randall county and published at office on West Evelyn St. Canyon City, every Friday.

Papers sent out of the county promptly discontinued at expiration of time paid for.

SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year.....\$1.00
Six months.....50

Announcement Rates.

POSITIVELY IN ADVANCE.

District Offices.....\$10 00
County Offices.....5 00
Precinct Offices.....3 00
Please don't ask for credit on announcements.

Announcements.

COUNTY TICKET.

For County and District Clerk, Randall County, subject to action of Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

L. J. SCOTT.
J. A. TATE.

For Tax Assessor, of Randall county, subject to Democratic nominating convention if such be held:

C. H. HITCHCOCK,
P. H. YOUNG,
J. T. JOWELL,
S. H. HEYSER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

G. C. LONG,
E. A. UPFOLD,
(For Re-Election)

For County Attorney of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

ALBERT S. ROLLINS.

For Treasurer of Randall County, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

R. G. OLDHAM.

For County Judge of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

J. M. VANSANT.

We are authorized to announce the name of

A. N. HENSON, as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge of Randall County, subject to the action of the voters at the polls on November the 8th, next.

We are authorized to announce the name of

JOHN ROWAN, as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Randall county, subject to the action of the voters at the polls, November election.

One effect of the war—a fifteen per cent advance on silk goods strikes us rich folks in soft places.

The five per cent money loaning great English-American cotton company is no more. The purchasers of its extra fine seed can give particulars.

Plains grown cotton seed can be secured near Plainview at fifty cts. per bushel. This is just about one-half of what other seed shipped in would cost.

Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna, of Ohio, died at the Arlington hotel in Washington on the 15th. inst. He was one of the world's greatest men and expressions of regret are echoed all over the United States regardless of party affiliations.

W. F. Sterley, G. F. A., F. T. Dolan, Gen. Supt. and S. M. Hudson, Auditor, all of the Denver Road, were here Monday looking after the projected new union depot. The ground was staked off and it was decided to build a frame freight depot on the site formerly occupied by the Union depot.—Champion, (Amarillo.)

The Advance Publishing Co., publishers of the "Advance," a journal devoted to the interests of prohibition at Dallas, writes one of our citizens that R. E. Grabel, field editor of this paper, will lecture on the 26th inst., at Canyon City, admission free.

S. T. Whitman came in Saturday from Kansas City.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

Just A Word About Hardware!!

To those who have traded with us during our many years of successful business here, no words of introduction are necessary. Perhaps you do not know that we are offering in our line of Farm Implements the products of some of the most reliable manufacturers of Agricultural Implements in the world. Our business as it is today is too extensive to admit of our offering a cheaply made or inferior article in order to make a sale. Hence in dealing with us you will always find that our Implements are new, modern, and of the Standard make and exactly as represented. Many of them are the very choicest and best that are manufactured. We invite your especial attention to our

Windmills=

A good windmill is a faithful and reliable servant upon which you can depend for steady work every day of the year, requiring no labor and very little attention. A poorly constructed windmill of cheap material and indifferent workmanship, constantly requiring repairing, etc., is a very unsatisfactory article on any farm. None of our farmer and stockmen friends appreciate this better than we do, and although there may be low priced mills offered for sale, yet there is none that will cost less after 10 years of service than our well-known, well-tried "Eclipse" and "Star" mills. It is no experiment with us, but are the same mills that we have handled for years, with changes made from time to time to strengthen, simplify and improve in every way possible each and every piece and part. INVESTIGATE TODAY!

Harness and Saddles=

We have been selling Harness, Saddles and Horse Furnishings so long that we know what our customers want and we always guarantee that the buyer will be satisfied with what he gets. When we say it is hand-made, it is. A general repair shop in connection with our Leather Goods Department. Investigate!

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST=

We have always lived the motto: THAT NO ONE CAN UNDERSELL US, QUALITY FOR QUALITY, in any line. By buying in such enormous quantities, we secure only the very best goods. Always improving, always growing, always giving our customers a little more for their money. Come in, get our prices and carefully inspect our goods.

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Harris has finished the term at Trigg school house for this year.

The Rowan school under the management of John and Tove Rogers has been suspended until warm weather.

The following trustees are hereby appointed as census trustees for their respective districts to enumerate the scholastic census for the years 1904-1905. Blanks will be sent them later.

Park Dist. No. 1, G. C. Kilbourne.

Shotwell Dist. No. 2, J. L. Prichard.

Hutson Dist. No. 3, J. C. Cruikshank.

Holton Dist. No. 4, Dr. J. M. Black.

Hoffman Dist. No. 5, B. T. Johnson.

Trigg Dist. No. 6, Jno. L. Wilson.

Lair Dist. No. 7, E. W. Small.

Jowell Dist. No. 8, L. S. Carter.

Cilleland Dist. No. 9, J. S. Foster.

Rowan Dist. No. 10, J. E. Rogers.

Umbarger Dist. No. 11, Theo. Cochell.

A teachers institute for Randall county is hereby called to meet at the public school building in Canyon City at 11 a. m. on Saturday April 30th, 1904. The program will be published soon.

A. N. HENSON,
Co. Supt. (Ex-Officio.)

W. I. Lofland writes the News from Pate, Texas, that the farmers in that section of the state are ready to plant cotton regardless of the ravages of the boll weevil last year. He also said that he was glad to know that the plains people were contemplating the planting of cotton this year and expressed the opinion that it would grow equally as well here as on the \$60 per acre land where he now is. All of which coincides with the belief held by so many now that the matter is receiving agitation.

Traveling salesmen are as numerous on every passenger train that comes from the East as "hoboes" on freight trains making for the south in the commencement of winter. This speaks well for the character of the commerce carried on here; our trade is of such magnitude that the eastern wholesale houses are making an effort to get it. Drummers are at all seasons of the year as thick in Canyon City as Tomata cans around a canning alley. Most of these same drummers make regular visits here and seem well pleased with their patronage and hotel accommodations.

An independent stockman who makes a visit to town about once every month, remarked to the News reporter the other day that "you fellows here about town must be getting out of a job, for first you want us stock farmers to raise a 'shinoak' thicket for a natural habitation of the cotton-tail rabbit, and now you are after us to raise cotton so you can run rabbits and pick cotton. That is all a town is good for, is to raise 'rabbit-twisters' and cotton-pickers." To say the least of it, the premises are sound, and the argument interesting.

MARRIED—Last Sunday, at the court house, by Justice of the Peace Redfern, H. F. Upshaw and Miss Annie Jones. Mr. Upshaw is the young man that has figured largely of late in the restaurant business of the town, is a sober, industrious youth and we hope to see him succeed. Miss Annie is the daughter of our estimable baker and confectionery dealer, W. B. Jones, and many friends wish her happiness.

Some of the towns that have been disposed to throw sand at Canyon City while the sound of the saw and hammer was ringing merrily in their midst, are very quiet these days now that the deathly lull has invaded their boundaries. It should always be remembered that in taking down an old house and building a new one in its place one should not be fool enough to blow it up by dynamite. It would be far better to begin at the roof and take it down that way. And worse still, there are those that get under the house, pull out the pillars and let it fall on them. Moral: Avoid mushroom growth.

A rural poet thus soliloquizes:—Early to bed and early to rise does very well for sick folks and guys; but it makes a man miss all the fun till he dies and joins the stiffs that have gone to the skies. Go to bed when you please; and lie at your ease. You'll die just the same of some Latin disease."—Ragswell Record.

This advice may be all right for the rural poet, but here's some that will better aid his digestion: Early to bed and early to rise; bustle like thunder and "advertise."

Rev. J. T. Burnett was a pleasant caller at the News office Monday. He is tainted somewhat with the odor of printer's ink himself, having at one time been a part owner of the old "Bowie Cross Timbers," and, naturally enough he is not only interested in our spiritual welfare, but is especially anxious to see the News succeed temporarily. He and wife and two children placed their membership in the Baptist church here Sunday at the evening service.

ROCKING CHAIRS!

Golden Oak, Genuine Leather Seat, Top and Center Quartered Oak. Arms 11 inches high and iron rodged. An excellent chair; good looking and one that will stand service. We have many other styles at prices to suit. Come in and look at our stock.



THOMAS BROS.

PRICE, ONLY \$4.00.

SOMETHING ATTRACTIVE.

You can always depend on something well worth while when you come here. We furnish the things you like to carry away with you. The price is right; the goods are pleasing; our methods are attractive. Come and get the most attractive things you ever bought for the price.

CANYON DRUG COMPANY.

A BOOM

does not, ultimately, bring about the best results to a community. THE PAN-HANDLE is NOT on a boom, but is enjoying the most rapid growth of any section in Texas.

WHY?

Because only recently have the public at large realized the opportunities which this northwest section of Texas offers. The large ranches are being divided into

SMALL STOCK FARMS.

Wheat, Corn, Cotton, Melons and all kinds of feed stuffs are being raised in abundance, surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine. A country abounding in such resources (tried and proven), together with the

LOW PRICE

of lands, cannot help enjoying a most rapid growth, and that is what is happening in the Pan-Handle.

"The Denver Road"

has on sale daily a low rate home-seekers ticket, which allows you stop-overs at nearly all points; thus giving you chance to investigate the various sections of the Pan-Handle. Write

A. A. GLISSON,
General Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas,
For pamphlets and full information.

O'DELL & STEWART,
Physicians and Surgeons,
Office over Thompson Drug Company's.

Travis Shaw of Canyon City is here upon a visit to his old home and friends in Taylor. He was called here by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Doak.—Taylor Texan.

LOCAL ITEMS

ROUND ABOUT TOWN

If anyone has friends or relatives visiting in town they will confer a favor on us by informing editor.

W. C. Kenyon was down from Amarillo Monday.

Tom Cochran has been down this week with lagrippe.

Mrs. J. W. Lackey is again able to be at her post of duty in the school room.

Misses Jewel and Mabel Smith left Friday evening for their home at Clarendon.

W. A. Donaldson took the stage Wednesday for a visit to the south plains country

R. W. Foster, the popular deliveryman, has been the victim of lagrippe this week.

E. W. O'Rear left Wednesday evening for a business visit to Chillicothe, a town down on the Denver.

Dr. J. Ed Crawford is in Silvertown this week, attending court. He went down there Sunday.

A. S. Rollins, the young attorney, has been a victim of the "grip" this week, being confined to his room several days.

Joe Service, Dave Auld, "Jinks" Curry, Tom Grant and Vince Reeves were passengers to Amarillo Sunday evening.

C. M. Houser, but recently of Stratford, is now a citizen of Randall county having moved on his land near Umbarger.

Tom Carter, of Hereford, came up Tuesday evening to attend some social function at the Victoria Hotel.

Don't bottle up your joy where it will do no good. Pull the cork and let'er fizz. If she runs over it wont hurt anybody.

A. L. Anderson, the Plainview merchant, passed through here Saturday evening enroute to the Eastern markets.

H. E. Hume was down from Amarillo last Saturday seeing how everything was getting along.

R. A. Campbell will render his auctioneering services in the Sanders-Wolfarth Hereford sale at Floydada, Feb. 29th.

Mrs. Walter Cobb returned Tuesday from Stratford, where she has been visiting her parents. W. A. Donaldson, her father, came down with her.

Travis Shaw returned Tuesday from Taylor, his old home, where he was called last week on account of his aunt's death.

Heberd Smith, the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, was a caller in Amarillo, from Saturday evening to Monday morning.

Miss Ethel Yarbrough, a sister to Mrs. T. H. Rowan, came down from Amarillo Saturday and remained over Sunday with her sister and family.

W. D. Street has sold his confectionery stock to Oscar Hunt & Co., to give possession immediately. We have not learned what Mr. Street intends doing in the future.

Gus Lewis and wife came down from Amarillo Sunday. Mr. Lewis returned to Amarillo the same day, Mrs. Lewis remaining. She will visit relatives and friends here for a time.

Ed Alexander, a young man from East Tennessee, and a cousin of G. C. Long, spent from Friday of last week to Sunday of this week with relatives here.

Miss Jessie StClair went to Umbarger last Friday to visit her friend Miss Annie McLean, and returned Sunday evening bringing Miss McLean with her for a short visit.

A Trade Carnival will be given at the court house Friday night, Feb. 26, at 8 p. m. by Miss Flanders, under the auspices of the Home Mission Society. Admission 25 cents.

W. R. Brandon is local agent for the celebrated Oliver typewriter. Investigate the qualities of the Oliver, it is a machine that merits attention and will bear the closest inspection. One on exhibition daily at the News office.

February 22nd is Arbor day. Tree planting may be in order at some places at this time of the year—don't know so much about this country. Try it anyway.

Passenger traffic on the western lines is at a very low ebb just at this season of the year. As a consequence we are not receiving many new neighbors now.

Conditions still remain rosy for the stockmen. Cattle are in better shape at this season of the year than for any year previous in the knowledge of our old cattlemen.

Dr. Newlin, a property owner of the county, with his residence in the state of Virginia, was in town the first of the week looking after his property interests.

A. R. Carnes, the affable representative of the Dallas News, was in town the latter part of last week and was of course looking out for his paper's interests.

Randall county does not care so much about the coming of the speculator, but it does care, and does want the farmer who will build his home and till his own little patch of ground. And we are going to get them if all signs of a good country don't fail.

Professors Lackey and Hodges, and Misses Pope and Earhart returned Sunday from the Panhandle Teachers Meeting which convened in Amarillo on Friday and report a well attended meeting. The Summer Normal was voted to Clarendon.

Miss Delia Wilkinson, the milliner at the Canyon Mercantile emporium, left last Saturday for the Eastern markets where she will supply this firm with articles that please the ladies.

Wednesday night the ground was partially covered with snow but, Thursday morning the clouds rolled away to another clime, dispelling at once the wintry appearance.

H. J. Cavet went up to Amarillo Wednesday evening. "Jack's" health has been on a decline for sometime, and he is now taking a much needed rest. Mrs. Gus Lewis takes his place at the postoffice as assistant postmaster for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. D. Street and son, William, left Saturday evening for Abilene where they will visit relatives and friends for an indefinite length of time. Clifford Reynolds takes a position in Mr. Street's confectionery store as sales boy.

The unprecedented dry weather at this season of the year and with it the blighting of hopes for the small grain crop, will no doubt cause many more of the stock-farmers of the county to plant cotton this year than is now anticipated. A fair trial will do nobody any harm.

Why doesn't somebody take hold of the country produce business here and establish a market for all kinds of stuff grown by the farmer? It looks to us like a good business proposition, as the produce of the farmers of a large area can be had for the asking of it.

Our gardeners and truck-farmers are beginning to talk about their prospective patches already and it denotes such confidence in the plains country for this kind of culture that we already have our appetites tuned for some of the good things that only a well-cultivated garden can produce.

Prof. G. G. Foster was a caller at the News office last Tuesday. He was one of the committee that was chosen by the recent cotton convention to solicit names of parties who would agree to put a certain acreage of cotton in cultivation this year and had several names of various numbers of acres which be turned over to Secretary Rollins of the Board of Trade.

Canyon City is coming into prominence for her charitable inclinations. The Salvation Army soldiers now have the town on their regular circuit for the sale of the "War Cry." While the paper may not be interesting to some, the purchasers nevertheless contribute their mites to homes for fallen women which are supported by these workers all over the world. They come about as near putting religion into practice as any religious sect we know of.

A long article was unavoidably crowded out of last week's News, but perhaps it was best, for it narrated the adventures of the News' devil in trying to get about in the office with snow shoes after the dust-storm of Saturday the week before last. The dust was that thick. But of course this very seldom occurs here as the wind never exceeds 100 miles an hour on the plains.

A Miss Flanders has been here for several days getting up a Trade's Carnival, which is to be held under the auspices of the Ladies' Home Mission Society at the court house, February 20th. Some 20 business houses of the town will be represented in the carnival.

Mr. Hutchings, the genteel young salesman at Wright, Gamble & Co's., 'phoned the News this week that they were very busy receiving new goods, and could not put their usual large Ad in this issue of the paper, but would tell their customers about the new stock next week. This firm, like several others in Canyon City, use the advertising columns of the News liberally.

Last Sunday was St. Valentine's day, as we all know. The entire absence of any of those pretty comic pictures and our failure to receive any of them almost persuaded us that we had no juvenile Valentines in our list of friends and well-wishers. Memory calls to mind an old office where we once compressed "hot-air" that was literally papered with those lovely (?) comic pictures, kind of souvenirs, like, from those who loved us enough to send a very nice cartoon of our likeness. But then "every dog has his day."

Everybody in this country has probably heard of Sears Roebuck & Co., and Montgomery Ward & Co. Well, what we started to say was that these two firms use the Oliver typewriter and recommend it over their own personal signatures to be one of the "best what is" and have verified their confidence in it by replacing all other machines with the Oliver—something like 100 machines being now in use by these two firms alone. It must also be remembered that these two great houses have all kinds of typewriters of their own for sale.

The News wishes to thank each and everyone who have so cheerfully aided us in getting local news since we have been here. Just how much it has been appreciated only a newspaper man knows. Some people do not like to tell a newspaper reporter any news for the unnatural reason that they fear the editor will think they just want to get their names in the paper, but such is not the case, my modest reader. And again, it is doubly embarrassing for the reporter to push his inquisitive nose into every nook and corner hunting for local news items. Of course we have due regard for people's own private matters and only want that that would interest the public in general. When friends or relatives are visiting you make it a point to see or phone the editor and he will always show the proper appreciation by adding it to the local column of the paper.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

H. S. Parks		\$.25
W. F. Taylor		.50
J. Rusk		1.00
B. Frank Buie		1.00
Thad Parris by L. C. Lair		1.00

A gentleman from Lewisville, Denton county, by the name of Jim Cobb, the same who owns the Memphis brick plant, came in yesterday and is looking over the situation here with a view of putting in a plant should sufficient quantities of brick dirt be found to justify it. He will be here for several days.

\$7,500 Cash Contest

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION'S

Great New Offer Upon Receipts of Cotton at All United States Ports From September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, Both Inclusive.

Contest Opened Jan. 18th, 1904, Closes April 20th, 1904.

DIVISION OF PRIZES.

For the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the total number of Sales of Cotton received at all United States ports from September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, both inclusive.....	\$ 2,500.00
For the next nearest estimate.....	1,000.00
For the next nearest estimate.....	500.00
For the 5 next nearest estimates, \$25.00 each.....	125.00
For the 10 next nearest estimates, 12.50 each.....	125.00
For the 20 next nearest estimates, 10.00 each.....	200.00
For the 50 next nearest estimates, 5.00 each.....	250.00
For the 100 next nearest estimates, 3.00 each.....	300.00
	\$ 5,000.00

Additional Offers for Best Estimates Made During Different Periods of the Contest.

For convenience the time of the contest is divided into estimates received by The Constitution during four periods—the first period covering from the beginning of contest to February 10, 1904; second period, from February 10 to March 1, 1904; third period, March 1 to 29; fourth period, March 20 to April 20, 1904. We will give the best estimate received during each period (in addition to whatever other prize it may take, or if it take no prize at all), the sum of \$125.00.

The four prizes thus offered at \$125.00 each amount to..... **\$ 500.00**

TWO GRAND CONSOLATION OFFERS.

First—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 188 prizes) coming within 500 bales either way of the exact figures..... **\$ 1,000.00**

Second—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above 188 prizes and not sharing the first consolation offer) coming within 1,000 bales either way of the exact figures..... **1,000 00**

Grand Total..... \$7,500 00
In case of a tie on any prize estimate the money will be equally divided.

Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Port Receipts Contest.

Subject to the usual conditions, as stated regularly in The Constitution each week, the contest is now on. Attention is called to the following summary of conditions:

1. Send \$1.00 for The Weekly Constitution one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
2. Send 50 cents for The Sunny South one year and with it ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
3. Send \$1.25 for The Weekly Constitution and Sunny South both one year, and send TWO ESTIMATES in the contest—that is, one estimate for The Constitution and another for The Sunny South.
4. Send 50 cents for ONE ESTIMATE alone in the contest IF YOU DO NOT WANT A SUBSCRIPTION. Such a remittance merely pays for the privilege of sending the estimate. If you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis, you may send THREE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY \$1.00 forwarded at the same time estimates are sent. If as many as ten estimates are received at the same time without subscriptions, the sender may forward them with only \$3.00—this splendid discount being offered for only ten estimates in one order. A postal card receipt will be sent for ALL ESTIMATES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS. Where subscriptions are ordered, THE ARRIVAL OF THE PAPER ITSELF IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS CAREFULLY RECORDED.
5. The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription go together. THIS RULE IS POSITIVE.

Secretary Hester's Figures Covering the Period of the Contest.

COTTON SEASON.	TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS.	SALES IN COTTON CROP.
1897-98.....	6,333,802	11,199,994
1898-99.....	7,993,451	11,274,840
1899-00.....	6,843,134	10,383,422
1900-01.....	6,346,312	9,436,416
1901-02.....	7,218,179	10,680,680
1902-03.....	7,378,637	10,727,569

The figures above are certified by Secretary Henry G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who will furnish the official figures to decide this contest.

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CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY.

"Stop my Paper, Editor!"

Only two citizens of this county have applied to the News in person with the above request since the present management has had charge. In complying with this request, it is a fact perhaps not generally known by all, that in this particular instance the editor has as much curiosity as a woman; i. e. he sets his head then and there to find the complaint if any there be. This is done, first, that the error possibly detected by one subscriber may be the means of our enlightenment in order that one of alike nature and tastes may not become dissatisfied through the same inability to please. As for the piqued curiosity that is so engaging about the transaction we have no other answer than "just because," the ready answer that is usually resorted to by the woman.

Now while we do not imply that a greater number than this have not had cause for complaint, it is never-the-less a fact that some people "fall out" with their paper on very frivolous excuses. For instance, one of these gentleman said, each word having to be drawn out as with a dentist's forceps that he had a neighbor who did not take a single paper and that as soon as he—the subscriber—had read his papers that neighbor was always on hand to clean up the budget of news, not even leaving a scrap large enough to tie up a Plains corn-cob. Now it is quite evident that this subscriber is one of the best of men and was only doing what he thought was to be right in order to teach his neighbor a lesson and eventually induce him to subscribe for the local paper. And then, on the contrary, he may be one of these peculiarly constructed beings that actually exults in human misery and was willing to deprive himself of a luxury in order to see a fellow being in a like predicament. In either case our heart is with the fellow for if there is a man on earth that a newspaper man loathes it is the driving specimen of humanity that will habitually borrow his neighbor's paper when he is equally able to subscribe for it.

The other subscriber in question said that he was a breeder of registered Herefords. That he had at one time been a subscriber to the Farm and Ranch, one of the best stock-farmer papers in Texas, and that he stopped it for the very reason that it was always harping on diversification. Now this gentleman might have been afraid

that the News' agitation of the raising of cotton might in some way diminish the field for a great Hereford breeding ground and that the people in converting this country into a cotton field would thereby cool the ardor of some of his best buyers. And then, too, he might have exhibited the rare trait that he couldn't be pleased at all in a newspaper. In either case we would say that we are not running this paper particularly to help the rich Hereford breeder for he can take care of himself and that we never expect to please everybody.

Pneumonia in Chicago.

Over 3000 people died of pneumonia in Chicago last year. In every case the disease resulted from a cold. Had the cold been promptly and properly treated at the outset almost everyone would have recovered. This statement is abundantly proven by the fact that among the tens of thousands throughout this country who use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to cure their colds, no case of pneumonia has ever been reported, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of pneumonia. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained its wide reputation and enormous sale by the prompt and effectual cures of colds and can always be depended upon. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

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