

THE AVALANCHE.

Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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GULF, TEXAS AND WESTERN

Actual Work of Construction Under Way at Jacksboro—Will Open Great Country.

All that prevents the beginning of the construction work on a new railroad out of Fort Worth at once is the lack of terminal facilities and a way of entrance into the city. This is the statement of Ben B. Cain of Tyler, who is the head of the road in Texas and who carries the title of general agent for the State. The name of the road is the Gulf, Texas and Western, which has been chartered for a distance of 500 miles, through the richest and most diversified country in the State.

Mr. Cain, who is vice president of the company, going under the title of general agent now, was in Fort Worth Wednesday attending a meeting of the tax committee of the Commercial Secretaries' association, of which he is chairman.

The line is chartered to come through both Fort Worth and Dallas, says Mr. Cain, and the probability is it will make a loop through both cities, especially if Dallas makes any effort to get the line. The actual work of construction in Jack county at Jacksboro has already begun and within six months the line will be laid into the heart of the coal fields of young county, which will be giving forth coal to supply the commercial market at Fort Worth.

That the construction work did not begin at Fort Worth is due only to the fact that no entrance or terminal facilities had been secured here.

"Still, we were ready for construction," said Mr. Cain Wednesday morning, "and the next best place to begin was in Jack county to go to the coal fields." We want to do some actual work to show the people that the line is not a "paper" road but a bonafide proposition, which is actually being worked out.

"If the Fort Worth people cooperate with us in securing terminal facilities here and in gaining entrance to the city, we would start the work of construction at once, right in Fort Worth."

According to the road's charter, the line runs from Burr's Ferry on the Sabine river, through Dallas and Fort Worth to Benjamin, in Knox county. Beyond that point it is not chartered, but Mr. Cain declares the ultimate destination is Texico, or Roswell, which means that the line will traverse the State.

The route that the proposed road will traverse, declares Mr. Cain, is through the richest sections in the whole commonwealth. It runs through a hundred miles of pine region, then through the remarkably fertile fruit belt and on into the black land country that surrounds Fort Worth and Dallas.

Leaving this the route goes into the semi-mountainous region of Jack and Young counties, productive of the best building material in the state as well as unlimited quantities of excellent coal. Passing beyond this the road will traverse Central West Texas, which has been demonstrated to be the greatest agricultural country in the world.—Fort Worth Star.

Submissionists Sure of Victory

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20.—Every representative or senator who votes against submission, said Sterling P. Strong, manager of the submission campaign committee, today, "will be a bolter, and will be so characterized by the Democratic party." Mr. Strong declared that there was no fear as to the outcome as all Democrats are bound to vote for submission, else it means disruption to the Democratic party. He expects the proposition to prevail by an overwhelming majority. He said headquarters will be maintained here during the session.

Civic League.

About fifteen representative ladies of Plainview met in the Wayland building Wednesday afternoon and organized a city civic league. It shall be the aim of these ladies to constantly agitate the matter of beautifying our little city and to wage war on all who allow decaying materials to remain in streets and alleys. In short the ladies propose to have our streets lined with shade trees and fight for civic righteousness in all its phases.—Plainview News.

Mr. Roosevelt is having a hot time with his latest presidential message and with his extra constitutional appointments and orders. A congressional committee brought out the fact that a building, the property of the government, in Washington City was torn down by order of the president and this committee now wants to know by what authority the executive destroys government property. The Cuban press is both indignant because of that paragraph in the president's message where he said, in effect, that if Cuba didn't behave herself she would be taken charge of again. The senate is disposed to call the president to account because in his agreement with Japan he indicated a disposition to enter into treaties without the consent of the senate. A congressional committee is also asking by what authority the president gives to his "country life commission" the right to use the mails free of postage, and this committee maintains that the country life commission was appointed without authority. Now the house has adopted a resolution appointing a committee to deal with the insult offered the members of congress by the president when in his message he said that they were afraid of investigation. On this committee the following were appointed: Republicans, Perkins of New York, Weeks of Massachusetts, Denby of Michigan; Democrats, Williams of Mississippi, Floyd of Missouri, —Commoner.

Persons returned last Saturday from a visit of several weeks spent at Lubbock. Mr. Stephens says Lubbock is a live, bustling town and is going after new industries and business with a vim. Among the big things is a new railroad and they are sure to land it according to late reports.—Midland Examiner.

Lamar Wilson came home from Lubbock, Texas, Tuesday night. He was called home on account of his mother's sickness.—Hagerman Messenger.

FIRE AT BIG SPRINGS

T & P Eating House and Two Other Company Buildings Burned—Loss Covered by Insurance.

From trainmen of the Texas & Pacific, who passed through Abilene on passenger train No. 4 this morning, full particulars of a bad fire at Big Springs yesterday evening were obtained.

The fire destroyed the big eating house of the Texas & Pacific at that place, and two other company buildings, the dispatcher's office and the Y. M. C. A. buildings had narrow escapes from the flames.

The fire started in the kitchen of the eating house and it is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. It broke out at 7:30, just after No. 6, which had taken supper there, was leaving for the east.

Big Springs is not very well equipped with fire fighting apparatus, but the volunteer fire fighters did splendid work and, aided by the wind, saved the adjoining buildings. The dispatcher's office was close on the east and the Y. M. C. A. building almost adjoined the burning structure of the west, but the wind was from the south and the heat was wafted away from those buildings.

The hotel building was completely destroyed, but most of the contents were saved. The building belonged to the railroad company, and the furnishings to Thomas Carter, who ran the eating. Both the company and Mr. Carter carried sufficient insurance to practically cover the losses.—Abilene Reporter.

About Lubbock People

From Plainview Herald.

J. F. Long of Lubbock left Wednesday for Dalhart on a business trip.

I. Tubbs of Lubbock, left Tuesday morning for business trip to Houston.

H. B. Reed, of Lubbock, left Wednesday for Amarillo on a business trip.

M. S. Adoff of Austin returned to his home Wednesday after a visit to his ranch in Lubbock county.

Mrs. May Campbell of Fort Sumpter, N. M., returned home Tuesday after visiting her parents near Lubbock.

Miss Glenna Burns passed through Plainview today on her way to her home at Lubbock, where she goes to spend the holidays. She has been attending the Christian college at Lockney.

The Lubbock Drug Co. have signed contracts to handle the adopted school books and have part of them in stock now. Any teacher in the county where books are needed will please send in a list so we can order them.

Reynolds, the photographer, is still in our town, ready to do all kinds of portrait and view work. He is an expert on out door views and is ready at any time the weather permits to do your picture work. Gallery near the post office. 22-1f

Constitutional Convention.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20.—Col. Travis Henderson of Lamar today announced he will return to Austin for the session of the Thirty-First Legislature and advocate the calling of a constitutional convention. He will make that a special effort during the session. Mr. Henderson laws laws on taxation need reformation, also the present system of judiciary and says the State of Texas should make provision for long time bonds to pay the debt it owes the school fund and the permanent university fund. Mr. Henderson states according to the findings of the findings of the commission appointed, the state owes the university fund \$1,333,000 and the permanent school fund \$5,224,000.

Mr. Henderson says the constitution needs overhauling very badly and has a number of cogent reasons, as he expresses it, for favoring a constitutional convention as soon as possible.

Quanah to Paducah.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 19. According to information obtained here today, it is evident that Quanah is to have another railroad at a no distant future date. The proposed line has already been surveyed from Quanah to Paducah, in Cooke County, and it is expected that work will begin between these points soon. This line leads from Quanah in the direction of Roswell, N. M., and El Paso, Texas, which are contemplated in the extension of the road, thus opening up to railway traffic a very important portion of West Texas, which is now without railroad facilities.

In the interests of this line ex-Senator D. E. Decker, County Judge J. C. Marshall, Judge M. M. Hawkins and Dr. J. H. Wilson of Quanah were in the city today. These were reticent on the subject, but the information that the preliminary work is under way was obtained from a reliable source.

Social Union Meeting.

The Social Union met in regular session Friday evening, Dec. 18, and were well entertained until a late hour.

Miss Lula Campbell's orchestra rendered several beautiful pieces which were greatly appreciated. After which Miss Campbell began a march, ladies marching on the inside and gentlemen on the outside. The march was stopped at a given signal, the gentlemen taking the lady nearest him as his partner in a contest which was to follow. This contest consisted of "curious questions and conundrums," and the couple answering the largest number of them were the winners. This created considerable amusement for most of the evening.

Popcorn and peanuts were served.

The violin duets by Misses Eva Wheelock and Agnes Robinson were highly appreciated, as were the piano solos by Misses Campbell and Wheelock.

After the program was rendered the remainder of the evening was spent in playing forty-two and parchesi.

At a late hour all dispersed for their homes.

We meet again Christmas evening and all are cordially invited to attend.

Press Correspondent.

THE "INSULT" TO CONGRESS

Criticism of The Commoner On the President's Remarkable Message to Congress

Washington dispatches say that members of congress are greatly disturbed because of the "insult" offered them in the president's message. It will be remembered that in his message the president recommended that an amendment adopted last year providing that there should be no detail nor transfer from the secret service be repealed. He said that this prevents the giving of promotions to faithful secret service agents. In referring to this amendment he said: "In its present form the restriction operates only to the advantage of the criminal, or the wrongdoer. The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men."

He added: "I do not believe that it is the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service, and exactly as we have again and again during the past seven years prosecuted and convicted such criminals who were in the executive branch of the government, so it is my belief that should be given ample means to prosecute them if found in the legislative branch. But if this is not considered desirable a special expectation could be made in the law prohibiting the use of the secret service force in investigating members of the congress. It would be far better to do this than to do what actually was done, and strive to prevent or at least to hamper effective action against criminals by the executive branch of the government."

It must be admitted that the language employed by Mr. Roosevelt was uncalled for and unbecoming to a president's message. But Mr. Roosevelt is not and we say it in the best of spirit—famous for his good manners. His chief boast is that he is the apostle of the "square deal" and yet on many notable occasions he has been guilty of cruel injustice in dealing with his fellows. He has needlessly and wantonly insulted many individuals and although the public has been his shortcoming patient, his insults are now growing more and more numerous. They will, the Commoner believes, do well to ignore the insult put up on them. Mr. Roosevelt will retire within a few months and there after White House messages will at least be free from billingsgate. Congress has more important work to do than the resenting of insults. The Panama Canal, for instance, needs a searching investigation. Indeed, the administration's strongest friends should be foremost in demanding this inquiry—and foremost, also, in seeing to it that the investigation is of such a character as to avoid all possible suspicion of a whitewash.

LOST—Two brown water spaniel dogs. Reward of \$5.00 for any information leading to their recovery. H. M. Waggoner at W. T. Brown's ranch, Lubbock, Texas.

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To J. T. Brown and Family.

The friends of J. T. Brown and family take this method of expressing their deepest sympathy for them in their double bereavement, in the loss of their son and daughter whose recent deaths were such sad occurrences. None of us can know the anguish of a parent's heart, situated as these were, with a daughter sick at their town home and the son at their ranch ten miles away.

While each had all the attention loving friends and skilled physicians could give and there was untold anxiety for the one they could not be with.

Alton, the son, age, 24 years, 1 month and 27 days, was a promising youth, in the very morning of manhood admired by his friends for his study habits and uprightness of character.

Grace, a sweet girl, and dutiful daughter, was 15 years, 8 months and 7 days of age. Her death after a stage of patient suffering, occurred on Nov. 11, 1908. After laying away the mortal remains of this loved one, amid showers of beautiful flowers, tokens of esteem from school mates and other friends, the sorrowing parents now turned all their attention to their son, who lingered until Dec. 1, when he gently passed away.

The father and mother, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the entire town. We can only hope that time and confidence in the justness of the decrees of a loving, Heavenly Father, will soften the sorrows now so heavy to bear.

A Friend.

Fruit Trees.

Patronize home nursery. Full supply of Plains grown trees etc.
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Lubbock, Texas.

Stamford & Northwestern

Work will begin within twenty days on the Stamford & Northwestern, announced Homer D. Wade, secretary of the Stamford Commercial club, on Wednesday morning while in Fort Worth.

This line will run from Stamford to the center of the Spur ranch, owned by the E. P. Swenson & Co., of New York. Judge Buie, mayor of Stamford, is president of the road. While not officially announced, the new road will be backed financially by the Swenson interests and the completion of it will be followed by the cutting up of the 40,000 acres of ranch property into farms.

Mr. Wade says he knows nothing of the Estacado & Gulf to connect with the Rock Island, but is taking steps now to get into communication with W. A. Butts of Roby, president of the road.

With the completion of the Stamford & Northwestern and the extension of the Rock Island from Graham over to Stamford, three friendly lines will center in Stamford. These are the Wichita Valley, the Rock Island and the Stamford & Northwestern.

ESTRAY NOTICE

The State of Texas, County of Lubbock.
Taken up by J. L. Alford and estrayed before L. M. Knight Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Lubbock county, Texas, one chestnut sorrel mare 6 or 7 years old, about 14 1/2 hands high; star in face; left hind foot white; stiff in left fore ankle; old wire cut on right fore foot; no brands. Also one iron grey mare 2 years old past, about 14 hands high; old wire cut scars on front of fore legs. Appraised at \$40 dollars each.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 19th day of December 1908.

Elizabeth Boyd, Clerk.
County Court Lubbock County.

Increase Capacity.

Orange, Tex., Dec. 16.—The yellow pine paper mill at Orange today decided to tripple its capacity and the work of enlarging the plant will begin immediately. It calls for an additional investment of \$130,000.

For Sale!!

Some good furniture for sale. Also a single buggy almost new, and harness. Iron bed and springs, sofa bed, dressers, rockers, chairs, mirror etc. at Dr. Westlake's home, phone 116 3 rings, 21-11.

McCrummen Addition.

M. C. McCrummen is having a tract of land adjoining the town section on the southwest cut into lots and will place it on the market. Parties wishing places will do well to see him.

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Gents' Watches 4.50 to 50.00

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Gents' Chains 2.00 to 10.00
Fobs 1.00 to 5.00

Lockets and Charms 50c to \$5.00 Brooches and Pins 50c to \$2.00
Bracelets \$3.00 to \$6.00 Rings (assorted) \$1.00 to \$10.00
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her south the greatest of gulfs; on
her north the greatest of lakes. She
can command the trade of the world
in material things; she can lead the
march of the nations in spiritual
things, writes Senator Albert J.
Beveridge, in Appleton's Magazine.
Let us do both. With more schools
where the learning of man is taught;
more churches where the word of
God is preached; more nerve and
brain and pure resolve than all the
world combined, let us keep the lead-
ership that now is ours and captain
mankind to the practical realization
of humanity's highest hopes.

PRESIDENT JACKSON'S RETORT.

The Irish-American humorist did
not appear in literature before the
time of the civil war, though when
the occasion called for a remark that
would outlast more pompous ex-
pressions he generally said some-
thing that enriched the language. It
was the son of an Irishman, Presi-
dent Andrew Jackson, who, when
his secretary of state, Van Buren,
proffered him unasked advice as to
how the president should receive a
visiting foreign nobleman, replied,
paternally:

"Van, I once knew a man in Ten-
nessee who made his everlasting for-
tune by minding his own business."

The humor here is not very subtle,
but the speech was intended rather
to be effective than amusing. The
Sunday Magazine.

LANDIS MERELY NERVOUS.

When Judge Landis of Standard
Oil fame was starting his legal ca-
reer he was a nervous young man.
He had not been practicing long
when he unexpectedly found himself
called on to conduct an important
case. The young lawyer showed his
nervousness so plainly when he rose
to address the court that the presid-
ing judge said kindly:

"Do not be afraid, Mr. Landis."
The embryo advocate replied
promptly:

"Your honor, I stand in awe, but
fear not."

HAY ON AN AUTO TRUCK.

Probably there is no street sight
that sets more folks to noticing than
an auto loaded with bales of hay.
Up around the stable section in the
East Twenties this is not uncom-
mon, and very often the automobile
laden with hay is seen in Columbus
Circle.

The contrast is marked and almost
always leads some one to say some-
thing about the passing of the horse
as exemplified by the fact that even
his provender doesn't come to him
any more horse-drawn. New York
Sun.

HIS DREAM CAME TRUE.

In 1865 a German predicted that
he would be a victim of a war that
would take place in 1898. The war
occurred, but did not affect him.

The other day—42 years later—he
was laughing at his old-time prophe-
cy, and boasting of his good health.
In his happy mood, he bought an old
cottage from a friend, and straight-
way went to inspect it.

In the garden there was a quan-
tity of old iron, and among it a
shell dating from 1866. He picked
it up, and was examining it when
it exploded, and he was killed on the
spot. The prophecy had come true.
—Zeitung, Bielefeld, Germany.

THE DANCING SEASON.

The Young Lady (who was sit-
ting on a sofa which she had all to
herself, to her favorite admirer)—I
thought you were a mind reader.

"Rather! I'm an expert," said the
young man, pluming his evening
dress tie.

"Well," looking at the vacant
space on the sofa, "I don't believe
it!"—Illustrated Bits.

PAINTS PAINTS PAINTS

I am going out of the Paint business and will make to your
interest to see me before buying your next bill of paint
and oils. My stock is yet full and can supply your needs
in this line. Come quick as I am going to make interest-
ing prices on this line of goods

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In addition to my already large stock of furniture I am ex-
pecting a new shipment in a few days and invite you to
come in and see these goods before furnishing your new
house. I keep in stock a complete line of house furnishing
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have shipped to market more than
\$1,000 worth of poultry. Up to
three months ago there had been
practically no shipments in this
line from Tulsa, and these
figures demonstrate that the poul-
try industry is rapidly increasing.
These gentlemen also advise us
that they always get the top price
for Swisher county stuff, as the

fowls are always fat and healthy.

The returns from shipments have
been entirely satisfactory and the
business they are building up in
this line should encourage our
farmers to raise more poultry.
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the climate and general conditions
are more favorable. If there is
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can be made in the poultry busi-
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LUBBOCK TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1908

Our esteemed friend, the Plainview Herald this week admits with a double column header that Lubbock is about to secure the Santa Fe Extension. This confession we admire for it has been the custom at Plainview to tell all prospectors headed for Lubbock that Lubbock would never get a railroad that she was destined to obscurity and every other tale that could be manufactured to prevent people from coming to Lubbock. We applaud every citizen patriotic enough to sing the praises of his town but when it becomes necessary to misrepresent other communities in order to build up your own, the building is on dangerous ground. When the actual work is about to commence and the situation is apparent to all, the Herald admits the facts but tries to counteract the effect of the admission by saying, "Since the contract has been signed with Lubbock by the promoter, property has soared clear out of sight." It is reported that four or five sections have been laid off into town lots and the end is not yet.

We admit it is a hard pill for some of our Plainview friends to swallow but we regret to see them so narrow as to circulate reports that have no foundation. Lubbock property has advanced for three or four years, ever since it became an assured fact that Lubbock was destined to become the city of the plains. Plainview today has more additions than Lubbock and the geographical situation on the south Plains assures us that we will probably need the four or five sections that the Herald refers to but which at this time is only the Herald's dream but she will some day awake and find it a reality. Property values will increase rapidly as the Santa Fe extension will be in operation in a few months. The Altus, Roswell and El Paso which has been grading here for some time has passed into the control of the Frisco which assures us another trunk line, and the Santa Fe cut off already surveyed here is expected to begin work in the spring.

We are sure the Herald will have a better Christmas by having finally admitted Lubbock will soon have a railroad and as she has made a step in the right direction, we hope for more justice at her hands.

A recent investigation at Denison shows that there are 113 grass widows in the town. Unless they are "dry grass" Denison must be an awfully green town.

Ed Kennedy, chief mogul of the Altus, Roswell & El Paso railroad, reports that the work on the new railroad will commence at Roswell before the first of the year. —Hagerman Messenger.

When Roosevelt said certain congressmen "might be half witted if they had a little more sense," was he referring to Nick Longworth?

Lee Goleston Injured.

Lee Goleston, a freighter between Lubbock and Plainview, was run over by his wagon Monday and badly injured. The accident occurred about ten miles from town. He was brought in on one of the automobiles of the Dillard-Marshall Land Company.

Notice.

All those indebted to R. T. Penney are requested to call and settle. We will charge no accounts after January 1st.

B. Y. P. U.

Subject the Christmas Walk. Lesson, Eph. 5: 6-21. Lender, Miss Lula Campbell. Walk in Love, Key Johnson. Walk in Light, R. W. Hein. Walk in Wisdom, Miss Myrtle Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Rouse and their son, Sid, arrived in the city Sunday from Lubbock, for a visit relatives and friends. The high esteem in which these good people are held in their old home town was shown by the reception given them at the depot Sunday afternoon. It was a perfect ovation, and we feel sure that Louis and his good wife will remember it for many a day. We understand that Sidney Turner will be here to spend the Christmas holidays, and possibly Mrs. Maggie Wright, and this will be almost a family reunion of the descendants of the late T. H. Turner, who was one of the early settlers of Mt. Vernon, and whose name is inseparably connected with the history of Franklin county. —Franklin County Record, Mt. Pleasant.

D. W. McGlasson, Superintendent of this district of the Praetorians, who has been here writing insurance for the Praetorians, left Wednesday for his home at Dallas to spend Christmas. Mr. McGlasson has secured some eighty members for the order while here, and proposes to return as soon after Christmas as possible and run the number up to one hundred and organize a lodge here.

Let me move you. I'm specially prepared to handle household goods. I have a large roomy wagon and can handle your household goods with less damage than anyone else. See me for all kinds of hauling and dray work.

C. T. Jackson.

We have vendors lien notes for sale at this office. Don't send away for these when you can get them at home. —The Avalanche Publishing Co.

Jno. P. Lewis & Co.

We are showing some new things in Suits, Overcoats, Cloaks, Furs, Coat Sweaters, Smoking Jackets, Dress Gloves, Ties, Mufflers and Embroidered Suspenders



Also a nice assortment of Richardson's Finished Embroideries just received. Very beautiful and moderate in price. Don't fail to see them



Merry Christmas

Jno. P. Lewis & Co.

The Christmas rush of express was so heavy that the Plainview stage had to make a Sunday trip in order to catch up.

Swisher county has let the contract for the building of a new court house. The contract price being \$55,694.

John H. Wallace and John Guthrie made a trip to Lubbock the first of the week. —Randall County News.

Don't fail to Call at our Store and

SEE OUR HANDSOME LINE OF DISHES

We handle the best English goods of the latest patterns. We have the prettiest designs and the best goods ever brought to Lubbock. See our 75 piece dinner set composed of the following pieces:

6 6 inch Plates	1 8 inch Meat Dish	1 6 inch Scallop Bowl
6 7 inch Plates	1 10 inch Meat Dish	1 8 inch Scallop Bowl
12 8 inch Plates	1 12 inch Meat Dish	1 10 inch Scallop Bowl
6 7 inch Soup Plates	1 14 inch Meat Dish	1 Cream Pitcher
6 Oatmeal	1 16 inch Meat Dish	1 Sugar Bowl
6 Desert Saucers	1 6 inch Baker	1 Butter Dish
6 Coffee Cups	1 8 inch Baker	1 1Qt Pitcher
6 Saucers	1 10 inch Baker	1 3Qt Pitcher
1 Pickle Dish	1 Round Covered Dish	1 4Qt Pitcher
1 Gravy Boat	1 Oblong Covered Dish	

THIS ENTIRE 75-PIECE SET FOR ONLY \$22.75.

THE GREATEST BARGAIN EVER OFFERED—To see it is to buy

Western Windmill Co.
LUBBOCK TEXAS

The Largest and Leading Store

Of Lubbock, carrying a line of Holiday Goods, now has on display the most complete stock ever shown in Lubbock, and ask that you call and see these goods before making your purchases for Christmas presents.

Our prices are low, when the quality of goods is considered.
You can now see the three beautiful presents we are giving away by paying us a visit.
Whether you wish to buy or not we will appreciate a call from every man, woman, boy or girl. REMEMBER US.

THE PALACE PHARMACY

SOUTH SIDE--PHONE 22

Local Siftings

Jackson's dray is always ready to serve you.

Fred Boerner returned Monday from Amarillo.

Ross Stokes of Tahoka was in town Wednesday.

Enameled Ware of all kinds at the Racket Store.

Look for Santa Claus at the Star Drug Store.

See the new Shamrock Ware at Rankin & Sons.

F. L. Farris of Meadow was in town Wednesday.

Frank Young was here from Union Wednesday.

R. L. Wood has returned from a trip to Amarillo.

R. A. Stalcup, of Lockney, was in the city Monday.

H. D. Standefor of Union was in town Wednesday.

Go to the Lubbock Drug company for Magazines.

Dishes, dishes many varieties at the Racket Store.

Will Kincannon is reported on the sick list this week.

Dr. Robert Jones returned Saturday from east Texas.

For Fresh Milk and Butter phone The Floral Dairy.

See the many useful articles just received at the Racket Store.

WANTED—A good 1 good Milch Cow, see me at once.

U. H. HELM.

F. L. Mitchell, of Bartonsite was in the city Thursday.

Do you need carbon paper, get it at the Avalanche office.

Prof. E. R. Haynes left Sunday for a business trip to Texline.

Miss Willie Burgess, of Canyon was a pleasant visitor Saturday.

Home made Ward at Sanders Bros. Meat Market 14 cents per pound.

Get your next bill of Stationery at the Avalanche office—Prompt service.

If you want to be sure to sell your land, list it with Frank Bowles.

Judge Bean's wife who has been sick with pneumonia is gradually improving.

When you want feed call up Phone No. 134, Max & Downing Proprietors.

J. A. Hyatt has been appointed eight watchman at a salary of \$75 per month.

Frank Bowles came down from Plainview Monday with a party of prospectors.

Editor James L. Dow and family are spending Christmas at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

R. A. Rankin and family are spending Christmas at their old home in Arkansas.

Mrs. Thurmond, who has been quite sick at the home of Mrs. Holt is recovering.

Part of the material is on the ground to build a vault at the court house, for the better preservation of the county records.

Miss Willie Wilson pleasantly entertained her young friends on Thursday night last.

Mrs. C. C. Cleary, who has been sick for the past several weeks is able to be up again.

E. A. Carlock will leave Tuesday for Bridgeport for the holidays.—Paducah Post.

Messrs. Rushing and son and C. G. Goodman, of Plainview, were in town Tuesday.

J. M. Bradley, an ex newspaper man of Lorena, Texas, was prospecting here this week.

H. B. Reed, of Lubbock, was in the city Wednesday on a business trip.—Randall County News.

For largains in town lots, Notary work call on Penney Pickett & Penney north side of square. 21 tf.

N. A. Myers, who recently moved to his place fourteen miles northwest of Lubbock, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Putman, of Lubbock, has bought the Fox ranch for \$50,000 and may educate his family in Marfa.—New Era.

An outfit consisting of about fifty teams came in from Roswell Sunday to work on the grade of the A. R. & E. P. Railroad.

WANTED—A pair of good driving horses, 14 1-2 to 15 hands, 5 to 7 years old. Apply to Dr. Jones with Lubbock Drug Co.

Great crowds of Christmas shoppers have been on the streets every day this week. A larger volume of business being transacted this season than ever before.

M. C. Sterling, of Columbus Grove, Ohio, was here Tuesday and purchased a section of Lubbock county land. Mr. Sterling will probably move here in a short while.

A two-room addition has been added to the building occupied by the Lubbock Drug Company.

This addition has been nicely fitted up and will be used by Dr. Robert Jones as an office.

Star Brand Shoes are made in all shapes, styles and leathers and for all occasions. The prices are right. Star Brand Shoes are better. If we please you tell others, if we don't tell us.

J. B. Stone & Co.

Mrs. McCullough, of Lubbock, came in last week and visited the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Jordan, till Monday, when they both left for Rosebud, where they will spend Christmas.—Tulia Standard.

ANOTHER ADVERTISING SCHEME.

The moon shone brightly on the old mill.

"Ah!" breathed the brave hero as he crossed the canvas bridge, "the lovely maiden sees me not. Her eyes are glued in another direction."

"Yes," spoke the dark villain, as he arose from behind the imitation rocks, "her eyes are glued with Stickem's celebrated horse glue. Free samples may be had in the lobby. Don't fail to ask for them when you pass out."

And lighting a fresh cigarette, the dark villain strode off to draw his commission from the glue company, his white teeth shining like piano keys as he strode.

LESSON TOM DID NOT NEED

Col. Ochiltree Early Showed Precocity Along Lines on Which He Afterward Became Famous.

Col. Tom Ochiltree, long time famous for his brilliant exaggerations, facetiously by some called a champion liar and never denying his right to the title, once said:

"Although I was always modest, quiet and retiring, even as a child, my father sometimes administered rawhide applications to my back for my general improvement. On one occasion, as he was taking that sort of exercise, he exclaimed:

"I'll teach you to lie, and steal and smoke, and use profane language, you young rascal!"

"Never mind, father," I howled enthusiastically, "I know all them branches already."

HIS COSTLY HEADGEAR.

"I was surprised to hear that old man Coopers told Jimmy Faulkner that he wouldn't let him marry his daughter under any circumstances. What was the trouble?"

"I understand the old man noticed that Jimmy was wearing a green hat."

"Will Jimmy give up the hat?"

"Not Jimmy. He's too proud of it. He says it cost him \$300,000—that's the amount, you know, that old Coopers will give his daughter when she marries."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MEAN TO KEEP UP QUALITY.

French walnut growers in the neighborhood of Grenoble have formed an association to maintain the reputation and guarantee the quality of the walnuts commonly known as "Grenobles."

S'POSE YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WANTED FROM A DRY GOODS, SHOE AND GROCERY HOUSE S'POSE YOU DIDN'T

FIND IT IN ANY OTHER HOUSE

S'POSE YOU WENT TO J. B. STONE & COMPANY'S

Where you are sure to find what you want in Shoes, Dry Goods, Clothing and Fresh Groceries

"If we please you tell others, if we don't tell us"

Yours to please

B. STONE & COMPANY

PHONE NO. 71

THE STAR DRUG COMPANY

THE MECCA OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

In our store you will find a well selected stock of Holiday Goods from which you can select presents for each member of the family, and your friends. The variety is so great that it is easy to purchase something nice for all, and not be compelled to select the same article for either of them. The prices on these goods are as varied as the stock, hence we are in a position to accommodate those who want cheap articles or high priced goods.

Jewelry.	Perfumes.	Fountain Pens.
We have a nice assortment of Jewelry and in this department will be found articles that will make most acceptable presents for anyone—Anybody will appreciate a nice ring, gold watch, bracelet, hat pins etc. Ask to see our assortment of Jewelry before completing your purchase for Christmas.	Our Perfumes are of the best grades and always give satisfaction and are always appreciated as presents.	We have a very pretty assortment of Fountain Pens, gold pens etc. that your mother, sister or sweetheart will appreciate as a Christmas gift.
	Cigars.	Sundries.
	We have a splendid line of cigars, put up in neat boxes. Just the thing to give those who use the weed for a Christmas present. Prices reasonable. Quality the best.	We would also call your attention to our line of Sundries, such as toilet sets, combs, brushes, shaving sets, etc. receivers and numerous other articles, which are on display at our store.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you will allow us to help you make each other merry by selling you nice presents for your family or friends.

The Star Drug Company

West Side of Square
Lubbock, Texas

Vote in Presidential Election
The total popular vote of the various presidential candidates in the last national election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official votes, that of Michigan. The total shows the following:

Taft, Republican, 7,637,679.
Bryan, Democrat, 6,393,182.
Dolan, Socialist, 448,453.
Chafin, Prohibitionist, 241,252.
Higgen, Independence, League, 83,186.
Watson, Populist, 33,871.
Gillhaus, Socialist Labor, 15,451.
Total for all candidates, 14,552,239.

This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was

12,510,708. Compared with that election the candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties increased their votes this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the Prohibition, Populist and Socialist Labor parties. The Independence party did not figure in the presidential election of four years ago.

Biggest difference in a party vote is shown in an increase for Bryan of 1,315,211 over the total vote cast in 1904 for Judge Alton B. Parker, the Democratic candidate. Taft received 14,199 more votes than were polled for President Roosevelt in 1904, and Dolan 45,368 ahead of his predecessor on the Socialist ticket. The heaviest loss is shown by the Populists who, who with the same candidate, registered 83,312 votes less this year than in 1904, when their vote was 117,135. The Prohibitionist candidate, Chafin, ran 17,284 votes behind the 1904 mark of his party, and Gillhaus, the Socialist Labor candidate, received only about 50 per cent of the vote given to Corrigan, which was 31,249 in the previous presidential year.

For Sale

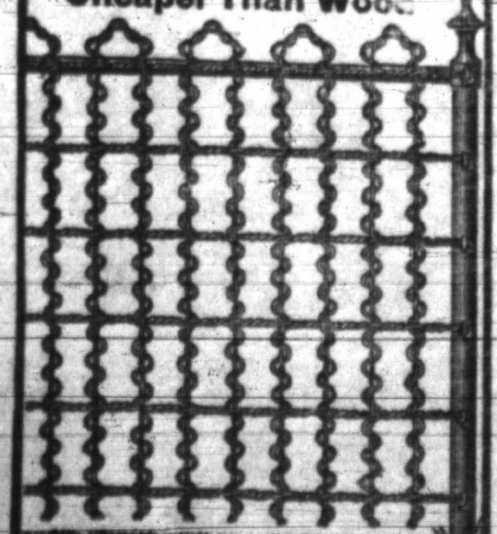
Seven room residence and twenty-four lots in the town of Lubbock, Texas, orchard containing 100 bearing trees, both apple and peach, grapes, plums, blackberries etc.; wind mill, well house, storm house, 100 feet of sheds, chicken house etc. Also 20 acres of land one-fourth mile from town, will sell for part cash, balance on time, or will trade for land in country.

Address J. J. Dillard
17 tf Lubbock, Texas.

For Sale—Two good residences see T. J. Estes, Lubbock, Texas. 21 tf.

RANGER REVOLVING BARB WIRE
HEAVY SINGLE WIRE
STRONG, DURABLE, CHEAP
DE KALB FENCE CO.
DE KALB, ILL. KANSAS CITY, MO.

Steel Web Picket Fence
Cheaper Than Wood



The lowest priced good substantial lawn and garden fence built. Write for catalog of lawn, field, hog and poultry fencing.
DE KALB FENCE CO.,
DeKalb, Ill. Kansas City, Mo.

Set The Habit

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We have formed the habit of selling Dry Goods and Groceries, and just cannot quit it.

We have a habit of making the price right and cannot quit that either.

If you will make it a habit to ask us before you buy elsewhere, you will inevitably be a regular customer. Ask our trade. They know.

Another habit we have fallen into—that of treating everyone right—we can again refer you to our friends.

Come in and see what we can do for you—we are sure of the rest.

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Mercantile Company
Lubbock, Texas

Avalanche ads bring results.

FREE A BEAUTIFUL LOMBARD PIANO

If you own a home or are situated so you can exhibit the piano to your friends, you may obtain, FREE, a splendid Lombard piano, the finest piano made.

This is a remarkable proposition and a genuine chance of a lifetime. You will be fortunate if you write for particulars today. Give your name and full address and ask for our FREE piano proposition.

LOMBARD PIANO CO.
GALESBURG, ILL.

Wall Paper

We have a well selected stock of wall paper from the cheapest to the best, and have just received a shipment of the very latest designs—1909. Don't fail to see our stock before buying.

PICTURE FRAMING

We do all kinds of picture framing, in fact, we make this line a specialty, and will sell you moulding for your house decorations. If you have some nice pictures bring them along and we will frame them for you.

Shropshire & Finley
South First Street Lubbock, Texas

J. D. CALDWELL, Pres. H. T. KIMBRO, Cashier
L. T. LESTER, Vice Pres. NO. 6195 Jno. W. Baker Ass't Cashier

Condensed statement of the

First National Bank

Of Lubbock, Texas, at the close of business November 27, 1908, as rendered to the Comptroller.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$129,949.80	Capital Stock \$50,000.00
Overdrafts 11,161.17	Surplus fund 15,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums 30,000.00	Undivided Profits 10,091.59
Banking house and fixtures 3,280.65	Nat. B'k notes outstanding 49,000.00
Redemption Fund 2,500.00	Due to other banks 2,685.75
Cash and Exchange 65,623.08	Bills payable 35,000.00
	DEPOSITS 101,346.36
Total \$263,123.70	Total \$263,123.70

The above statement is correct. H. T. KIMBRO, Cashier

We respectfully solicit your business, promising you courteous treatment and best terms consistent with good business methods. Call and see us.

Are you going to build?

If so I want to figure with you. I have several good teams and can haul and build your house without delay. I guarantee all work and can furnish gilt-edge reference as to the quality of my work. Let me furnish you plans and specifications. Inquire for me at the McAdams Lumber Company.

J. M. CONE, Contractor and Builder

COURT DIRECTORY

District Officers:
L. S. Kinder, Plainview Judge
L. C. Penry, Plainview Attorney
Elizabeth Boyd Lubbock Clerk
Court convenes on the seventeenth Monday after the first Monday in January and July.

County Officers:
Jno. R. McGee Judge
Elizabeth Boyd Clerk
L. W. Roberts, Sheriff & Tax Collector
W. H. Flynn Deputy Sheriff
W. M. Crawford Treasurer
H. K. Porter Tax Assessor
W. R. Standefer, Co. & Dist. Surveyor
No County Attorney.

Court meets on the second Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

Commissioners' Court:
L. M. Knight Com. Prec. No. 1
G. M. Boles Com. Prec. No. 2
H. B. Reed Com. Prec. No. 3
R. A. Barclay Com. Prec. No. 4
Regular sessions of the Commissioners' Court are held on the second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Justice's Court, Precinct No. 1:
L. M. Knight Justice of the Peace
Court meets the first Saturday in each month.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Methodist Church
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Epworth League every Sunday at 3 p. m. Woman's Home Mission Society meets every 2 and 4 Tuesday in each month. Rev. Ben Hardy, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Services each Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Conference, Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in each month. Sunday School 10 a. m. each Sabbath. B. Y. P. U. 4 p. m. each Sabbath. Ladies Mission Society, Wednesdays at 3 p. m. after 2nd and 4th Sundays. Claud Burrus, Clerk—B. F. Dixon, Pastor. Deacons, J. W. Baker, J. R. King, R. H. Lowery and J. P. Webb.

Church of Christ
Preaching on first Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. at the Church House. Regular Church meeting every Sunday at 2 p. m. Liff Sanders, Elder.

Presbyterian Church
Preaching by the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at the Progressive Christian Church, on the first and fourth Sabbaths in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Everybody cordially invited. J. P. Word, Pastor.

SECRET ORDERS

100 F
Meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the W. O. W. Hall on South 1st St. C. E. Parks, Noble Grand J. L. Dow, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
Lubbock Lodge No. 388, meets first and third Monday nights in each month at Woodman Hall. Wm. L. Baugh, C. C., Chas. L. Pickett, K. of R. and S.

MASONIC
Yellow House Lodge
No. 541, A. F. & A. M.—Meets the last Saturday in each month.
Lubbock Chapter No. 348, R. A. M.—Meets Friday night before the last Saturday in each month.
Jesse Chapter No. 76, O. E. S.—Meets on the last Saturday afternoon of each month.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA
CAMP No. 12883
Meet First and Third Friday night in each month, in W. O. W. Hall. J. J. Dillard, Consul, Clifford E. Hunt, Clerk, Lubbock.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS
Meet Third Thursday Nights and First Saturday afternoon of each mo. in the W. O. W. Hall. Mrs. Etta Stocking, Oracle, Mrs. L. D. Hart, Recorder.

W. O. W. CAMP No. 875.
Meets on the first and third Saturday night in each month at 8 o'clock in W. O. W. Hall on South 1st Street. Geo. R. Bean, C. C., W. D. Benson, Clerk.

A Safe Combination

Read your home paper. No argument is needed to prove this statement correct. You also need a paper for world-wide general news. You cannot choose a better one—one adapted to the wants of all the family—than The Dallas Semi-Weekly News. By subscribing for the Avalanche and the Semi-Weekly News together, you get both papers one year for \$1.75. No subscription can be accepted for less than one year at this special rate and the amount is payable cash in advance. Order now. Do not delay. 1908 will be presidential year. Your order will receive prompt attention.

The Avalanche, Lubbock, Texas.

For Sale

8 lots near public square in the town of Lubbock, with house of five rooms, windmill, cypress tank, about 75 thriving fruit trees, besides shade trees and bearing grape vines. For particulars address J. B. Mobley. 22-1f

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Lubbock Land Company

FOR FARMS AND CITY PROPERTY

We have some excellent bargains and shall be glad to serve you. If you have anything for sale list it with us. We will sell it for you.

ONE DOOR NORTH OF POSTOFFICE

GEO. C. WOLFFARTH, Pres. KINCH CARTER, Vice Pres.
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Citizen's National Bank,

of Lubbock Texas

CAPITAL STOCK FULLY PAID IN \$50,000

Your attention is directed to the following well-known business men, who compose our board of Directors

W. A. CARLISLE K. CARTER,
W. K. DICKINSON J. W. WINN
GEO. C. WOLFFARTH

In addition to the above we have a strong body of Stockholders, whose standing and responsibility give increased strength to the institution.

JNO. F. ROBINSON,
THE LAND MAN
LUBBOCK, TEX.

List Your Land With Me. I will try to find you a buyer. I want bargains that I may be ready for those who are coming to see me every day. With bargains I can interest the homeseeker and get him to locate with us. Why not give me part of your business. See me for insurance. I represent reliable companies.

W. K. Dickinson T. P. Gibson J. D. Quirk

THE NEW LUMBER COMPANY

At the old stand. We are home people and all our interests are for a Greater Lubbock. Come and see us for all kinds of building material.

We are here for business. Prices are right

Lubbock Lumber & Grain Co
Successors to Plains Lumber & Grain Co.

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FRESH AND CURED MEATS



FREE DELIVERY
PHONE NO. 59

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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Incorporated,
Capital Stock, \$10,000

Make complete Abstracts of the town of LUBBOCK, and HOCKLEY COCHRAN and LUBBOCK Counties.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.
C. W. HOLT Sec.

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Mayfield & Kincannon Barbers

Well equipped shop, good work and prompt, courteous treatment assured. Hot and cold baths in connection. We solicit your patronage.
SHOP SOUTH SIDE SQUARE LUBBOCK

THE PLAINS ABSTRACT AND TITLE COMPANY

Complete Abstracts of Lubbock, Hickley and Cochran Counties and Town of Lubbock.

Chas. L. Pickett, Sec'y.
Notary Public—Fire Insurance

JUST ARRIVED

Big lot of Cotton Seed Meal Bran and Flour fresh from the mills. Call and see us. We can save you money

May @ Downing
Phone 134 Lubbock Tex

R.H. WILSON

Well Driller

See me for good work and fair treatment

LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

TIN SHOP

We do a general Tin Shop business Build Punks, make flues, cisterns, milk coolers and do general repair work Call and see us one door west of First National Bank.

PHONE 136

COWART & HAMILTON BROS.
LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

The

RACKET Store

Is full of bargains that are not found elsewhere in town, and variety is such that you can find a great number of useful household articles. Many articles for the school children can be found on my 5c and 10c counters.

J W Stocking

Quality Counts

In the Jewelry Line. If you do not get a good Quality of Jewelry you will not get satisfaction out of it. My goods are strictly high grade.

KNOWING HOW is a very essential consideration in the Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repair Shop and in this I am proficient.

GIVE ME A TRIAL

W M CRAWFORD
THE JEWELER

THE BON TON

Always has on hand a fresh and well selected stock of Candies, Chewing Gum, Nuts, Fruits and Cigars. The freshest goods in town. We keep the necessary fruits for fine fruit cakes. Don't fail to see us before making your purchases in this line

THE BON TON

R. T. PENNEY, PROP.

NEIGHBORING COUNTY NEWS

FLOYD COUNTY

From the Beacon:

Last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Bob Ramsey and Miss Ludie Orman were united in marriage, J. T. Nix officiating.

Monday morning between midnight and dawn S. Perkins, one of oldest and most prominent citizens, breathed his last and was that afternoon laid to rest in the Lockney cemetery.

Last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Calvin Copeland and Miss Katie Boswell drove up in front of J. D. Burleson's home and were quietly married by him; only a few friends being present to witness the solemnization of the vows.

Geo. Tierce, living west of town four miles, has seventy sheep which he says he is keeping up on what it would take to keep three cows. These aforesaid sheep are only a part of the diversifying scheme by which he is making a living these days. He puts on

Pay Your Poll Tax Now.

The question of poll-tax payment is just as live as it can be. It must always be a live question along about this time of year, so long as the poll tax is a condition of suffrage and requirement of the law.

Don't put off poll tax payment to long. January is the last month in which one may pay his poll tax and acquire the privilege of voting. He may pay his poll tax after the last day of January, but the receipt he gets after that date will not carry with it the voting privilege.

Every citizen should vote. Voting is as much a duty as any other method of defending one's country, and all questions affecting government must be decided that way. The citizen who neglects to vote falls short of his duty and lacks something of being a good citizen. Not all are good citizens who vote, but all good citizens vote.

Even though there were no election to be held next year, the good citizen would feel that it was decidedly to his advantage to have a poll tax receipt. As long as the poll tax is a requirement of the law, the poll tax receipt must be a sign of sovereignty in the hands of the voter.

But in addition to the possibility of a State election on a great issue, there is the election for the city officials in April. The referendum clause in the city charter makes it altogether probable that a number of municipal questions will be settled by the people in the year 1909.

A number of labor organizations have appointed committees to urge the payment of poll taxes. The object is commendable and deserves to receive the approval of all good citizens. All who have influence should cheerfully use that influence to swell the number of votes in Fort Worth to the highest figure possible.

People who waited until the last day in January to pay their poll tax in 1908 know what a rush and jam there was in the collector's office and how long they had to wait before they could get to the window. People who are paying their poll taxes now know that they suffer no inconvenience whatever. Their toes are not being tramped on and they are not forced to lose an hour or so.

Pay your poll tax now. Every day you put it off it off lessens your chance of paying at all a little. You may put it off to the very last day to have some

his farm just as many mules, cows, horses, chickens, sheep, hogs, chickens, milo maize, kaffir corn, cotton and garden truck as the farm could afford, and does not depend on cotton failure to break into his arrangements.

LYNN COUNTY

From the News:

Married December 16th, 1908, at the bride's home, 12 miles south of Tahoka, Mr. T. B. Bailey and Miss Ruby Grey, Rev. J. T. Howell, pastor of the Methodist church pronounced the words that made them as one.

Misses Mattie B. Murphy and Hattie Sanders, of Lubbock, neices of Mrs. Ally are in Tahoka to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Alley.

Mr. Frank King and Miss Olive Nevil were united in marriage at the home of C. M. Whipp, Friday Dec 11th. Mr. Whipp performed the sacred rites, which united two loving hearts.

trifling matter come up that will prevent you from exercising the most important privilege of citizenship for a whole year.—Fort Worth Star.

Texas Banks Show Increase

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—The state department of insurance and banking today made a public condensed statement showing the condition of state banks and trust companies at the close of business November 27. The total reserve is over 55 per cent of the demand deposits in cash and with other banks, and over 14 per cent of demand deposits in actual cash in the banks. The total individual deposits aggregate \$22,570,622, which is an increase of six million in one year and two million in two months.

New Paper For Crosbyton.

F. E. White, of Anson, passed through town this week with his entire printing plant enroute to Crosbyton in the northeast corner of Crosby county, where he goes to establish a paper. This is a new town, but it is surrounded by a fine fertile country and only needs developing to make it one of the best fields in west Texas. Bro. White has the material in him to greatly aid the development and we wish him abundant success in his new venture.—Aspermont Star.

Plans Railroad

Hale Center, Texas, Dec. 18.—Hale County people met and organized a company called the South Plains Railroad Company. The object of this company is to build a railroad from Plainview, the terminus of the Santa Fe road, to Hale Center, Texas, the center of Hale county thence east to Floydada, the center of Floyd county. When completed this will open up the great shallow water belt of the staked plains, the most fertile and productive part of the plains, where all kinds of fruit and farm products grow in abundance.

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Several days ago the Commissioner's Court of Swisher county closed out the county school lands, amounting to more than 17,000 acres, to Mr. Saddler of Amarillo. The land was located about seventy-five miles west of here in Bailey county. The sale was made on forty years time bearing five per cent interest, interest payable semi-annually, in advance. The proceeds from this sale will go into our permanent school fund, which will give us an annual income, for school purposes of more than \$4,000.00, which taken in connection with our local school tax and state apportionment, which is a little over seven dollars per scholar for the present term, will give us ample means to maintain our schools in first class condition, for ten full months in the year.—Tulia Standard.

THE DEBUTANTE.

Guest at the Coming-Out Crush to Quiet Old Person in a Corner—Awful plain girl, this new girl, don't you think? Has her mother's looks, hasn't she?

Quiet Old Person—Thank you, I guess she has. I'm her father.

BEFORE AND AFTER.

John Alden was soliloquizing. "And yet," he mused, "before we were married Priscilla asked me why I didn't speak for myself."

Herewith he tried to get a word in edgewise.

RESTORING HIS SENSE.

"Come with me," said the policeman on the beat to the fake blind, deaf and dumb beggar on the corner. "The squire will give you a hearing to-morrow."

"It will ruin my business," shouted the dumb man, "to give me a hearing. What's the use of a blind man's seeing his finish?"—Baltimore American.

An Offer to All

The Semi-Weekly Post to January 1, 1910, for one dollar.

The Semi-Weekly Post this week makes a special offer of its paper from now until January 1, 1910, for \$1.

The Post is the best all-round semi-weekly paper published in Texas, and every person not so situated as to get a daily should be a subscriber to it. In its Monday's issue it gives the news fresh from the wires with full market reports and reading matter of interest to all the family.

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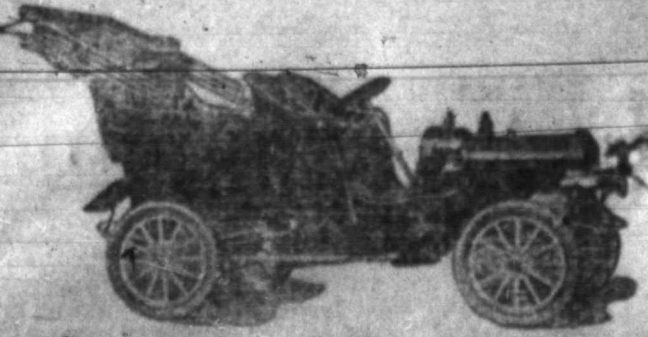
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Honor Roll.

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4th grade; Rilla Baker 95; Clara Baker, 93.
3rd grade; Ressie Baker, 95.
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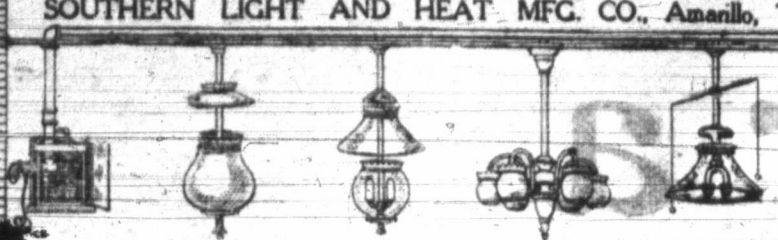
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The aeronauts have given to dwellers on the earth a new peril. In Germany an airship crew landed on the roof of a house and went through.

Dragging the anchors have occasionally ripped up fences, and would rip up humans if the latter were not agile. Objects dropped from a balloon can hurt when even a little object has dropped from a mile or so in the air.

Dragging rope from a low balloon has possibilities of danger both for the balloon and for the people and property that may be underneath it. The time is coming when we shall have to look out for occasional explosions beneath us that send manhole covers flying in the air, for vehicles of all kinds on the surface, and for the airship dangers overhead.

WRAPPED IN MUSIC.



SHE HAD A JOB.

President A. B. Storms of the State college, Ames, Ia., in his new lecture, "Are We Sane or Insane?" tells the following incident in his discussion of the mad rush of American youth to get positions, to get at something that will bring them money.

"My sister who served as a missionary once asked a raw Norwegian girl if she didn't want to serve the Lord.

"Nope," said the girl. "Aye got a job."—Unidentified.

NO PLACE FOR PICTURES.

An incident in which humor and pathos were combined occurred in the Italian settlement of Philadelphia the other day after a mission worker had handed a little Italian child a picture card.

"Here, little girl," said the woman, "you can take this home and hang it on the wall of your home."

"We has no walls in our room," said the child.

"No walls," said the worker, looking amazed.

"That's right. There are five families in the room where we live, one in each corner, and we live in the middle of the room, so you see we ain't got no walls to hang anything on."—Philadelphia Press.

QUITE PROBABLE.

It is evident that the young man who writes the news items in the Willowby Times wishes always to be on the safe side and exercise due caution in his statements.

"When Mr. Lemuel Hawkins entered the bedroom on the ground floor of his farmhouse one day last week," wrote the careful news-gatherer, "he found that a cow, probably astray, had made her way there from the open door." Youth's Companion.

AS MODIFIED.

The usual crowd of loafers were posted around the store in the village grocery.

"I never lied to my wife in my life," began one of the bunch, when he was interrupted by a unanimous laugh that was loud and long.

"That I didn't get caught at it," ended the speaker, after the laugh had subsided.

Whereupon silence reigned supreme for nearly 23 seconds.

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Please your gentlemen friends when giving them cigars for a Christmas remembrance. There is nothing quite so unsatisfactory to the smoker as a cheap cigar. The memory of one will not cause the recipient of a box to dwell with pleasant thoughts on your kindly meant act in the giving of them. If you do not care to spend much for them select a smaller box of really good ones. You will find only such in our cases. We have the finest makes in boxes of 25 and 50.

Hand Bags

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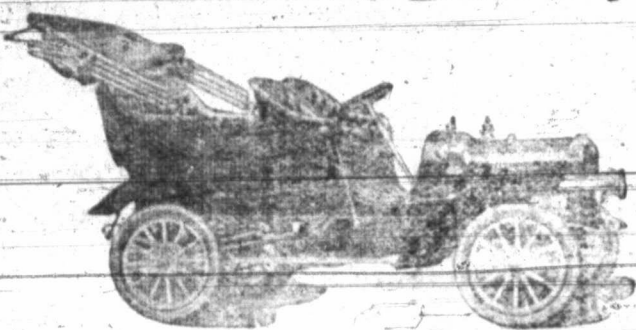
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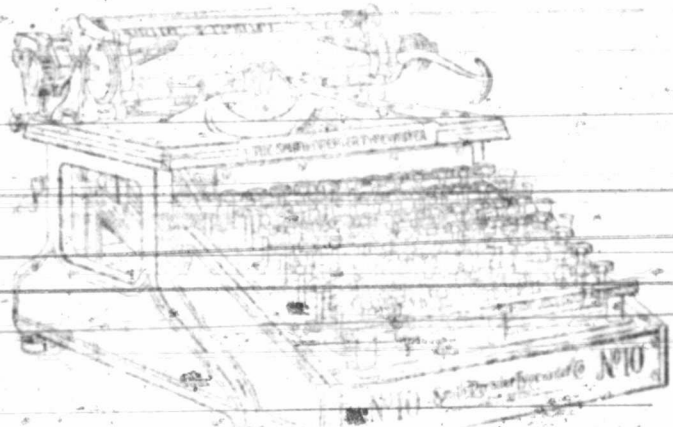
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W. Y. Lee Deputy Sheriff
W. M. Crawford Treasurer
H. K. Porter Tax Assessor
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No County Attorney.
Court meets on the second Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

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L. M. Knight Com. Prec. No. 1
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R. A. Barclay Com. Prec. No. 4

Regular sessions of the Commissioners' Court are held on the second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

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L. M. Knight - Justice of the Peace
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Methodist Church
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Epworth League every Sunday at 3 p. m. Woman's Home Mission Society meets every 2 and 4 Tuesday in each month. Rev. Ben Hardy, Pastor.

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Services each Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Conference, Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in each month. Sunday School 10 a. m. each Sabbath. B. Y. P. U. 4 p. m. each Sabbath. Ladies Mission Society, Wednesdays at 3 p. m. after 2nd and 4th Sundays. Claud Burrus, Clerk—B. F. Dixon, Pastor. Deacons, J. W. Baker, J. R. King, R. H. Lowery and J. P. Webb.

Church of Christ
Preaching on first Sunday in each Church House. Regular Church meeting every Sunday at 2 p. m. Liff Sanders, Elder.

Presbyterian Church.
Preaching by the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at the Progressive Christian Church, on the first and fourth Sabbaths in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Everybody cordially invited. J. P. Word, Pastor.

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He took another cheese sandwich in his long, pale, ink-stained fingers, and, perched on the lunch counter's high stool, he declaimed warmly:

"Clerks, however poor, are popular with the ladies on account of their fine clothes; but bricklayers, when they go sparring, get the cold shoulder."

"A bricklayer, no matter how much he makes, has trouble in getting into swell boarding houses, for his clothes soil the fine furniture; but a clerk, with his white hands, is welcome in any house he can afford."

"I know what I'm talking about, for I bricklaid two years before I took to clerking. And you'll find lots of young bricklayers forsaking the trowel for the pen; but, though clerks often say bitterly that they'd rather lay bricks than push a pen, they don't really mean it—they never turn."

GOOD WORD FOR THE COYOTE.

"I have been ranching on an island for more than a quarter of a century," writes a correspondent of the Fur News. "There are no carnivores on this island, but the coyote wolf, and I could get rid of him in a very short time and at very little expense, but if I did the rabbit would soon put me out of business. I have experimented along these lines and know what I'm talking about, and I declare here and now that in my opinion the carnivorous wild animals of Texas save the farmers and stock raisers hundreds of millions of dollars by keeping the rabbits in check."

THE BRUTE.

"I saw Mrs. Jinx in a box at the theater last night with a strange man."

"I wonder where Jinx was?"

"It was Jinx she was with."

"But I thought you said she was with a strange man?"

"Well, I heard you remark just yesterday that Jinx was a strange man."—Houston Post.

CRUELTY OF FATE.

It was the first week of the glad new year, and the jokesmith had just let out a large, open-faced sigh.

"What's the matter, dear?" asked the wife of his bosom, after the manner of her kind.

"I have just thought of a first-class leap year joke," he answered, "and now I've got to wait four long weary years before I can unload it."

WIDOWS PAID PENSIONS.

The idea of pensioning widows has steadily grown in Australia and it has been found wiser for the state to pension the mother for the care of her children than to condemn her to such employment as would cause her to neglect the children. The following new scale of weekly allowances was authorized by the recent parliament and took effect May 1, 1908: For one child, \$1.22; two children, \$1.10 each; three children, 97 cents each; four children, 91 cents each; more than four children, a maximum of \$4.38.

DOWN BELOW.

Satan—Well, how do you like it here?

New Arrival—I'm getting used to it, and on the whole I'm glad that I can't get out; because, if I went home, my wife would kick because I smelled of smoke.

EASY ROAD TO LITERATURE.

"How is it that the newspapers speak of him as being 'literary'?"

"Well, the report comes from the family that he has lost his appetite and bought a typewriter on the installment plan."

IDEA IS RATHER GREWSOME

Baltimore Man Gives Trading Stamps Good for Funeral, Grave and Monument.

Trading stamps good for a complete funeral and a monument are offered by Richard, Respass, founder of a colony just outside Baltimore, and who has purchased 150 acres of land for a cemetery adjoining the city.

When the customer has obtained enough stamps with her dress goods, her spring bonnet, her lace shoes, her stockings and other things she buys she will be entitled to a ride in a funeral car to this cemetery, where she will be nicely buried, with a monument over her grave.

Of course, no real live one wants to be buried, but Respass says his experience is that some day people will be buried whether they like it or not, and they might as well get ready for it in an economical way.

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL.



UNLUCKY REFERENCE.

Judge Wicks, who used to preside in a Maryland court, was a great stickler for verifying the attorney's references. In pursuance of this custom he one day completely upset a young lawyer who was making an eloquent fight.

"If your honor please," he cried, bombastically, "it is written in the book of nature—"

"On what page, sir?" interrupted the judge, who had only caught the last words.—Circle Magazine.

AUGUST METEORS.

The August meteors, which come from the direction of the constellation Perseus, are found by W. F. Denning, the British authority on such matters, to be scattered throughout a broad elliptical ring that has its outer limit far beyond the orbit of Neptune. Every year the earth captures many of the meteors as it passes through the ring. So wide is the stream that the earth traveling 18 or 19 miles a second, takes seven weeks to cross it, and the actual width, therefore, must be nearly 80,000,000 miles if the crossing is at right angles. The meteors are believed to be connected with a bright comet that appeared in 1862 and has a period of about 120 years.

PROPER TRAINING.

Gyer—Young Sticker is taking a course in mental gymnastics.

Myer—What's the object?

Gyer—He's going in for politics.

A HIGH FLYER.

Edyth—Was Tom on his knees when he proposed to you?

Mayme—No; he seemed to be up in the air.

SUPERCILIOUS.

"Do you expect me to do the cooking?" asked the housewife, indignantly.

"Certainly not," answered the new servant. "I'm something of an epicure."

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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3d, AT 10 O'CLOCK

We will open to the people of Lubbock and surrounding country, one of the best selected and largely assorted millinery comprising the very latest shapes and new designs in "Hatdom." When you buy from us you will be assured you get the best and the newest the market affords. Our trimmers are skilled and make their semi-annual trips to the best markets and will be ever ready to serve you, and will extend the utmost courtesy to all. We cordially invite and expect a lady within miles of Lubbock to attend this opening at our NEW STORE, two doors west from Postoffice

Yours respectfully **Abney & Nelson** Lubbock, Tex.

P. S.—Don't Forget to see Our New Hair Goods

CHURCH IS CRUMBLING AWAY

Much Money and Engineering Skill Will Be Required to Restore Strassburg Cathedral.

The magnificent cathedral at Strassburg, so well known to the tourist world, is in a dangerous condition.

At the foundations of several of the splendid pillars there have been discovered huge masses of stone rapidly decaying, owing to the action of the moisture filtering from the river. It will be an engineering feat to supply these pillars with new foundations.

Moreover, the ornamentation of the grand red sandstone facade shows signs of rapid ruin. Delicate traceries dating from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries are crumbling away, and some figures representing apostles and Old Testament prophets have become unrecognizable.

If the great church is to be thoroughly restored, something like \$1,000,000 will be necessary, and the treasury is empty.

RARE OLD MANUSCRIPT.

Prof. Kirsopp Lake, who holds the chair of New Testament exegesis in the University of Leyden, has completed the work of photographing the "Codex Sinaiticus," one of the three oldest New Testament manuscripts. The manuscript, which is written on vellum in capital letters, four columns of writing to the page, was discovered by Tischendorf in a monastery on Mount Athos some 60 years ago and is surpassed in age only by the Vatican manuscript. The third of these vellum manuscripts of the New Testament is the "Codex Alexandrinus" in the British Museum.

CHILDREN TAUGHT TO SAVE.

School children of Liege, Belgium, had on deposit in the school children's savings banks last July the sum of \$71,776. The system was first established in 1869, but received practically no encouragement until 1876, when philanthropic citizens made contributions of prizes to stimulate interest. Last year the children had \$55,168 on deposit at the beginning of the school year and added thereto \$36,980 during the year. The withdrawals of deposits amount to \$10,000 and the government paid \$1,000 interest on the deposits.

LEGISLATING ABOUT MATCHES.

The old-fashioned open-day match, the new-fashioned open match, the newest white-tape match, the off match and the very gentlemanly wax tape match have to go if the bill petitioned for by Dwight M. Sleeper, chairman of the legislative committee on bills, filed in the house of representatives last week, is passed. The bill, which is one of the most important of the session, will prohibit the manufacture and sale of matches in the city of Lubbock, and upon the box or match.

THOSE POOR NEW YORKERS.

"I hope my next admirer will be a man who hasn't been born and brought up in New York," pouted the pretty girl from the south. "I'm just sick and tired of piloting these born New Yorkers about the city, telling them where to transfer and what transfers transfer and where the streets are and everything. Just sick and tired of it. You'd think I was a guide."

A POSSIBLE PANIC.

The Mother—My son, whatever are you trying to do to your bank?
The Boy—I'm just bustin' it open to see how much is left after he made a run on it this morning.

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR.

Tommy proposed that he should go and cheer up his sick sister by reading to her the latest jokes.

"You mean from the comic weeklies?" asked the fond mother.

"Of course," assented Tommy.

The mother shook her head. "Not to-night, dear," she said, with emphasis. "Your sister is still very low."

FISH BY THE POUND.

Angler—Do you charge by the number of fish caught?

Pond Owner—No, sir; I charge by the pound, and let you do your own guessing.

HE FOUND OUT.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is nonsense?

Pa—It is nonsense, my son, for a small boy to ask me so many foolish questions.

A PROPOSAL.

Geraldine—Life is what we make it.

Gerald—Let's make it hearts.

FAST MARATHON.

Redd—What's the fastest Marathon that you ever heard of?

Greene—I can't give you the exact time, but I know it was made by my gas meter.—Yonkers Statesman.

ADVICE THAT SEEMS.

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FINE POTATO CAKES.

Did you ever see the stock exchange "boys" eat potato cakes? Perhaps you don't know what a potato cake is. The boarding house method of making this by-product of the Irish murphy is to boil the tater, smash it, mix with some flour, season it with pepper and salt, put in a little butter, then fry it. But this is not the stock exchange plan. The Power house serves this: Peel and grate a dozen potatoes, raw, of course. Add salt and pepper to taste. Fry half a dozen medium sized white onions and add. Then add again sufficient flour to make a bonding material. Cook in a caldron of hot lard; or in a frying pan with pure beef suet, mutton suet and larding pork.—New York Press.

MATERNAL CARE.



Mrs. Ostrich—You had better remove the nails from that horse's nose before you eat it, Willie. Nails are so indigestible.

MYSTERY.



Cook—You didn't happen to notice where I put down that pudding?
Robert—I can't see it anywhere.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

EDITOR ON THE WING

Makes a Flying Trip to Terry
County Towns and Sees Fine
Country

The Avalanche pencil pusher turned his sanctum over to the printers last Friday morning and boarded an auto bound for Brownfield, the county seat of Terry county. After a swift ride we landed in the above named town in time for supper, which we heartily partook of at the Hill hotel, which is conducted by J. R. Hill, who is ever anxious to make his guests comfortable and feel at home. Mr. Hill sets a good table, furnishes nice beds, and in fact he has good accommodations throughout, for a town as far from the railroad as Brownfield is. We spent the night at this place, and left next morning for Gomez, five miles west of Brownfield.

Arriving at Gomez, we met our friend, Dr. M. T. Griffin, who seemed to take a special delight in introducing us to his fellow-townsmen, and they were a progressive set of men, and those engaged in business seemed to be enjoying good patronage, and carried much larger stocks of goods than we really expected to find in that town. There is considerable improvements going on in this town. A big fine Baptist church building is under construction, and will be a credit to the town when completed. A number of good residences are also being built, and others being enlarged, painted and fixed up, which improves the looks of the town a great deal. The country is fast settling up, with a progressive set of farmers, who are doing a great deal toward developing farming interests of that country. A fine crop was raised last year and at every farm house there is a large quantity of feed stuff stacked up, and much corn in the crib, hogs in the pen and fine cattle and horses in the pastures.

Many fine orchards are being set out and this will no doubt become a fine fruit country. The land in Terry county is for the greater part much sandier than around Lubbock, and of course will be better adapted to the growth of different crops, such as corn, kafir corn, maize, vines of every description, and cotton is raised in that county too, though the land we think is hardly as well adapted to that crop, as ours. Very little has been done toward preparing their lands for the coming crop season on account of the dry weather, but there is plenty time for this yet.

The Avalanche man was entertained very pleasantly while in that little city, by Dr. Griffin and his interesting family, and we enjoyed the visit to that town very much to say the least of it, and hope that opportunity may present itself that we may again have the pleasures of their hospitalities. We returned to Brownfield Sunday and spent a few hours there and returned home in one of Dick Brownfield's dandy new Buicks, which he had just received the day before.

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We carry the Star Brand Shoes. They are honestly made from the top of the pull strap to the toe. They are made as good as the best of leather, the most expert workmen and the most approved machinery can make them. The quality goes in before the Star goes on.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Municipal Officers, to be Voted on Tuesday, April 6, 1909.

For Mayor:
FRANK E. WHELOCK.

For Aldermen:
**C. E. PARKS,
JOHN F. ROBINSON,
B. O. McWHORTER,
M. C. OVERTON,
J. J. DILLARD,
W. K. DICKINSON,
G. M. ROYALTY,
GEO. R. BEAN,
S. W. WILKINSON,
G. A. RUSH.**

For City Marshal:
**J. A. HYATT,
A. L. TINKER,
ED. HUTSON.**

TWO PER CENT GRADE

A. B. Thruston, Chief Engineer A. L. R. & E. P. Ry. Locates Line off Caprock.

A. B. Thruston, C. E. head of the Altus, Roswell & El Paso surveying corps while in Lockney last Saturday gave out some interesting information concerning the work done at the caprock. Among other things he stated that a going down place had been found east of Silverton eleven miles which could be used by having four miles of 2 per cent grade at an approximate cost of \$40,000 per mile to prepare it for running trains.

He states he will cross-section in that portion of the country soon, so that grading may begin in that country, thus bringing the two ends of the three hundred mile stretch one link nearer together.

This hopeful information taken with the report of a charter soon to be granted knocks out much of the doubt which has for a long time been in the minds of many. When these two things are done grading down the caprock and securing a charter nobody will have a logical reason to doubt that the road will be put through the Lockney Mesquite.

EVERYTHING READY.

Roswell Waiting for Thousands Who Will Attend Stockmen's Convention, April 6-7-8

Roswell has everything ready for the tenth annual convention of the Panhandle Cattlemen's Association which will be held in that city on April 6, 7 and 8.

The Board of Control expects at least 5,000 visitors and have made elaborate preparations for their entertainment. Besides the regular sessions of the association, which will be held at the great new Armory, there will be the following features:

Monster barbecue to feed 5,000 people.

Great sales of blooded cattle. Splendid show of pure-bred stock.

Wild west races and roping contest.

Harness races. Grand automobile parade—200 machines in line.

Fancy drills by the N. M. M. L. Cadets.

Stockmen's ball. Baseball tournament.

Night excursion to the great gas well at Dayton.

Side trips to Carlsbad and all intermediate points.

Unharnessed artesian wells. All sorts of shows and entertainments.

The Santa Fe Railroad has made the low rate of \$6 for the round trip.

Sanders' Addition.

Packett Land Company has secured the management of the sale of the lots in Sanders Addition, and will be pleased to show you these lots. They are well located and the prices are reasonable. See us for prices and terms. Office north of post office. 27tf

Do You Want an Auto?

If so, B. O. McWhorter is now handling the Buick, which has made itself famous as the car for endurance. 35-1m,

We will find a buyer for your property if you will list it with us and your prices are reasonable. Hartford Land Co. 33-tf.

When you need anything in the drug line don't forget the Palace Pharmacy, the leading drug store. 28-tf

Ladies, we have something in store for you April 8. Abney & Nelson 2nd door west of P. O. 37 tf.

Two cars best Niggerhead Coal just received. Lubbock Lumber & Grain Co. Phone No. 94. 24-tf.

A considerable scope of this part of the county was swept by a prairie fire that did a great deal of damage, coming at this time of year. It was finally corralled near T-ranch in Lynn Co. —Groves correspondent to Brownfield Herald.

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and city property of all kinds, see
Bob Penney. 31-tf.

Spring Millinery opening April
3. Abney & Nelson 2nd door
west of P. O. 37 tf

Don't forget that the Buick auto
can be driven with more ease than
any other car. 35-1m

L. C. Wilson made a business
trip to Amarillo and Canyon City
the first of this week.

The Avalanche has blotting
paper for sale. Remember this and
bring us your orders. tf.

FOR SALE-Black Langshang
eggs, \$1.00 per setting. Mrs. W.
B. Downing, Lubbock, Texas. 34tf.

For fresh home-made lard call
at the City Meat Market. We
have it at 12 1-2 cents per pound.
34-tf.

Judge George L. Beatty made a
business trip to Brownfield last
Friday, returning Sunday evening.

Call at the Rectigraph Abstract
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Our prices are right.

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glasses. Office with Jno. F. Robinson.
34-tf.

We have a large list of real-estate
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List your land with the Hartford
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If you want cheap lands, farms,
ranches, mineral land or cattle,
call on J. A. Lamb, Marfa, Pre-
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Mr. Gustis of the Benson Ab-
stract Company made a business
trip to Brownfield the last of last
week, returning Sunday.

FOR SALE-We have for sale
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When you want to buy a car
don't fail to see B. O. McWhorter,
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Mrs. Garrett of Canyon City,
who has been visiting her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank at Plains
Youkum county, passed through
Lubbock Monday enroute home.

Anyone needing glasses and
it is not convenient for them to
call at our office, will go to your
residence or place of business.
Phone Jno. F. Robinson for Dr.
Craven. - 34-tf.

J. S. Angell Comedians will
play at the Band Hall April 5th
to 12th. They are highly recom-
mended and the people of Lub-
bock will no doubt be highly en-
tertained.

Why should you get your
glasses from irresponsible ped-
dlers who go from place to place
hunting new pasture probably
never to come back, and if the
work is not satisfactory he is not
there to make it good. We
guarantee our work and are here
to make it good. Dr. Craven with
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Vice-Pres

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The First National Bank
Opposite Post Office.

S. C. Wilson, who has been at Marlin for some time for the benefit of his rheumatism, is expected to return this week.

The Hartford Land Company is in touch with many people who want to buy land, as well as those who have land for sale. See us if you want to buy or sell ranch, farm or city property of any kind. 33-tf.

The Avalanche carries a large stock of stationery and can do most any kind of job printing and we want your business. We have just received a shipment of 40,000 envelopes of an unusual good quality.

Star Brand Shoes are made in all shapes, styles and leathers and for all occasions. The prices are right. Star Brand Shoes sell better. If we please you tell others, if we don't tell us.

J. B. Stone & Son.
Marion Worthy of Gomez was in the city this week, and paid this office a pleasant call. He is preparing to engage in the barber business soon, and was over trying to purchase some supplies from our local barber shops.

Judge Williams of Coleman, who has been spending a few weeks in this city, returned to his home in Coleman this week. He says he will likely become a citizen of this place a little later on, which will be good news to his many friends here.

We invite our readers to read the ad of Jack Alley, of Tahoke, in this issue of the Avalanche. Mr. Alley is putting on a big sale of servicable goods, and is offering some great bargains in groceries, and will make it to your interest to attend this sale.

Professor E. R. Haynes and wife left Tuesday evening for Plainview, where they will take the train to Texline. They will spend about a month with their son, Bernard, who is now residing at that place, and engaged in the publication of the Texline Local.

Solan Cowan and wife of Colorado City came in Thursday and spent a few days in this city visiting friends and old acquaintances. Mr. Cowan was a caller at this office Monday morning and informed us that he contemplated moving to Lubbock to make it his home. He is much pleased with the growth of Lubbock, and wants to locate in the coming town of the Plains-Lubbock.

M. L. Rendleman of Santa Anna Texas, has purchased the residence of H. L. Gibson, in the Overton Addition, and will make this city his future home. His wife and two children arrived in Lubbock Saturday. We are glad to welcome this family to our town. Mr. Gibson, we are informed will rebuild in Lubbock. This is the second residence he has build and sold in the last twelve months.

Easter comes on the 15th of April this year.

Caylor-Leard Lumber Company are unloading lumber and building material on their lots near Dr. Westlake's residence, and will soon be ready to serve the public in the lumber business in Lubbock.

J. A. Caldwell made a business trip to Plainview to unload a car of furniture for his store at this place. It will begin arriving here the last of this week, and you will hear from him about it through the columns of this paper a little later.

John T. Johnson, manager of the Western Windmill Co., with headquarters at Colorado City, was in Lubbock several days this week, and while here purchased some town lots, and there is likely to be something doing in the way of greatly enlarging the stock of goods at this place in the very near future.

J. D. Wood and family, who have been at Ashford, Alabama, spending a few months visiting relatives, have returned, and are better pleased with this country than ever. Mr. Wood says the people of that country are interested in this section of Texas, and thinks there will be a great number of them finally land in Lubbock county. Mr. Wood has been engaged in the missionary work for this section ever since he left here about Christmas.

Jerry Burns made a business trip to Amarillo this week.

The Stamford Tribune is having a linotype machine installed in their printery.

M. R. Usleman and family and his brother John expect to leave this week for Clovis New Mexico, where they will make their future home.

W. R. Ingram and Frank Higgins, the former a cousin and the latter an old acquaintance of the Denton brothers, arrived here from Lubbock last Friday on a visit.-Seminole Sentinel.

Material is being assembled on the lot just south of the Caldwell furniture house for the erection of a skating rink and opera house, and work has been begun on same. The promoters say that they will have same in operation by the 10th of this month.

Judge Robinson returned the latter part of last week from a professional trip to Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin. The Judge says it is a shame and disgrace to the state to see how some of our representatives are killing time, and drawing their wage for absolutely nothing. This session of the legislative body has certainly taken the cake. The governor and the legislature have been cross from the very beginning, and the lack of harmony is probably the main cause of the notorious record they have made for doing nothing.

R. B. Shaw, one of the most prosperous farmers of the north part of this county, was in the city the first of the week. While in town he was a pleasant caller at this office, and subscribed for another copy of the Avalanche to be sent to his brother in Var Zandt county. Mr. Shaw was among the number of country people who responded liberally to the call for bonus money for the railroad, and in addition to this will give the right-of-way through his land which is very liberal of him, and for which he deserves due credit. The committee is very thankful to those in the country who responded to the call for bonus money, and to them we hope for the greatest success possible.

THE STANTON RAILROAD

Work Expects to Begin in a Very Short Time on Route From Stanton North

Our people have every reason to congratulate themselves for the successful termination of the railroad proposition. The papers have all been signed up and are now in the hands here and at other points along the proposed route that gives assurance of the building of a northern connection in a short time. The terms have all been met and the matter closed so far as the local situation is concerned and our people feel confident that building operations will be commenced at once. We have every reason for rejoicing that our people have done all that has been required of them. It is the intention of the railroad company to put in the line from here to Lamesa in actual operation within nine months.-Stanton Reporter.

Dots From Union.

Mr. G. O. Gall, of Missouri, who has been visiting John Willard and family, purchased some land before going home, and will make this his home after wheat harvest in Missouri.

Mr. Booth has sold out, and will leave in a short time. We regret very much to lose such a good neighbor.

Rube and Ben Joplin and Messrs Booth and Bartlett started to Plainview today.

Mrs. J. H. Standefer has returned to her home after an absence of several weeks.

Arthur Standefer was quite sick one day this week.

Bro. Elliott has called in his regular appointment for first Sunday on account of sickness in his family.

J. R. Pool has moved to the Newsall place.

F. V. Brown has been in the adjoining counties buying steers during the weather.

Mr. ... organized a ball ... New Comer.



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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1909

Paducah has signed the contract for the building of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific, a Lazarus road, into their town, and grading is to begin by the first of April, which is today.

Texico had a destructive fire last Tuesday, in which the First National Bank, Garner Bros. & Co., S. B. Green's building and H. R. Putman's office were all burned. The origin of the fire was a lamp explosion.

Lubbock cannot look after securing a place in the exhibition grounds of the State Fair at Dallas, too soon, as there is going to be a greater demand exhibition space this year than ever before, and Lubbock must not be absent.

The street running east and west, known as North First street, is in pretty bad shape, and there should be something done to it to improve its present condition. The north side of the square is building up, and we are of the opinion that the road overseer who has this work in charge ought to put in a few days with his force of men, leveling up the street, fixing the culverts, etc.

Stanton has had another fire, and a great deal more of good property has been swept out, with heavy losses to each owner of property. This is the second fire in that town in the last thirty days. The people of that town are in the same awful condition that this town is in at present. When a fire breaks out all we can do is to stand back and watch it burn, just like we did last Thursday morning when the school building burned. This is another warning that Lubbock is in very great danger without some kind of fire-fighting facilities. We believe that something can be done to eliminate to some extent the danger of the entire town being burned up, and we should certainly get at it.

Lubbock is getting a great deal of publicity these days, in more ways than one. Most every exchange that the Avalanche receives, from the big dailies to the smallest county weekly, has had something complimentary to say about the thrifty town of Lubbock, how enterprising we are, and what we are doing down here. This was brought about by the employment of a paid secretary for our Commercial Club, which was an unusual step for an inland town, and this one act has caused a big lot of advertising for the town, and was given in a way that did not cost the town one cent. The town has gained the reputation of doing things, and people from all over the United States are looking at us, watching with keen interest every move we are making, and there will be one of the heaviest immigrations to Lubbock as soon as railroad facilities are secured, that ever any town has known.

FIRE SWEEPS CROSBY COUNTY

During Hard Wind Last Week
Fire Destroys Large Amount
of the People's Property

The Big prairie fire which swept Crosby county yesterday, is pronounced by old timers the most destructive fire that has visited this country for many years.

From the most reliable reports it seems that the fire originated about three miles east of Estacado at the home of a Mr. Peacock by sparks from the flue blowing into his feed stacks, which were completely destroyed.

A severe windstorm from the west carried the head fire a distance of some twenty miles to the east. The wind suddenly changed to the north, and a head fire twenty miles wide proceeded to play havoc with everything before it. Much grass and feed stuff was destroyed and many horses and cattle suffered a severe scorching.

Every man and woman that was able made a hard fight, but for which the town of Emma would have been in ashes. The following damages in and near Emma are reported:

J. R. Ralls lost his fine residence and all the contents; R. L. Travis lost his fine barn; 40x50 feet with 12 foot walls with about 2000 bushels of Indian corn and maize heads, 3000 binds of sheaf feed in the loft, some cotton seed, some harness, a buggy, wagon bed, a lot of carpenter tools, besides a small crib, three plank corrals, 140 feet of plank wind breaks, a pile of lumber, etc., amounting to \$2,500 or more; Rev. Richards lost his crib, feed, meat, fruit, carpet, lots etc.; S. J. Bennett lost his crib and hack house, feed, hack, harness, etc.; J. C. Woody lost his barn, feed, buggy, sheds and lots; W. N. Bicknell lost a pile of lum-

ber, also some lumber at the jail burned; George Witt and Billy Williams both lost their feed stacks. W. F. Strange lost his sheds, corrals, feed stacks, corn, a wagon and seven head of cattle; S. E. Stockton lost 500 bushels of corn, one horse and one hog; W. E. McLaughlin lost all his bundled feed; Mr. Punchard lost his barn, feed, harness and saddles, and a milk-pen calf. Of course, there were other losses. Many residences caught fire, and some business houses, but were saved.—Crosbyton News.

A TRIBUTE TO HIS NAME

Rusk Paper Speaks of the Good
Name of John McCrummen
Who Died here Last Week

We reproduce the following article from the Rusk Press-Journal which is a tribute to the memory of Mr. McCrummen, who departed this life on the 19th of March:

"Mr. John McCrummen died in

Lubbock, Texas, last Friday, March 19th, aged 87 years and 7 months. Deceased was born in Moore County, North Carolina in 1822, and at an early age moved to Alabama where, when only 17 years old he was married. In 1849 he moved with his family to this county where he remained until three or four years ago, and then, after the death of his wife, he moved to Lubbock.

"Deceased was a man whose word was as good as any man's bond, and in his very extensive business dealings many men had the opportunity of a close acquaintance with his strict business integrity. His vocation was through all his life that of a farmer, and the one fact that he accumulated a considerable fortune is all the evidence needed of the truth of the assertion that he was a good one. He is survived by five sons and two daughters, the oldest of them all being nearly 70 years old. There are also twenty-nine grand children and eleven great-grand children, making forty-seven living descendants.

"The remains were brought to Rusk and laid to rest by the side of

his wife in the Tuesday. All except his son home sick, and their last re-

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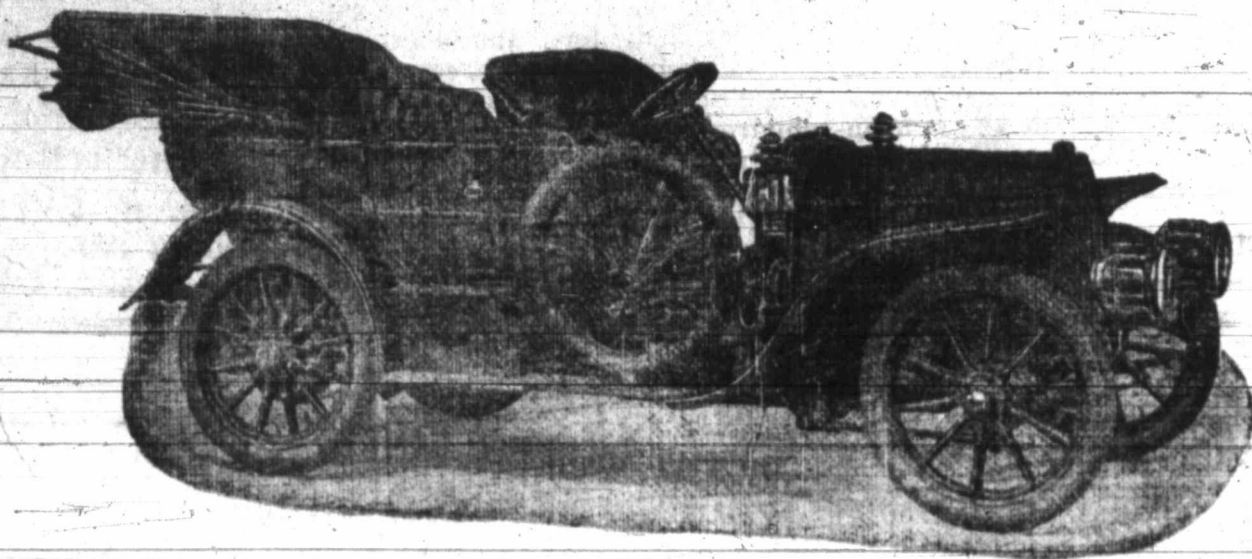
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LETTER FROM REV. ELLIOTT.

Pastor of the Cumberland Presby-
terian Church at this Place
Offers an Explanation

To The Avalanche:

There appeared in a recent issue of the Avalanche an article, which was evidently written with design, giving some comment upon some of the recent court decisions with reference to the property of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and evidently intending to leave the impression upon the mind of the reader that the question of the union was settled, and that the Cumberland church would soon cease to exist.

This impression is entirely erroneous. The property question is the smallest factor in it, with the Cumberland church. We stand for principle, and not for property.

Many of us are glad the property was given to the Northern Old School church.

The Cumberland church is the only church in the Presbyterian family, of this country, that has in its creed a pure whosoever system of doctrines. All the rest hold to the Calvinistic or fatalistic system; although some of the preachers of other Presbyterian churches often try to claim our position; yet their creed does not at all justify such claim.

The Lubbock group of Cumberland churches are of the opinion that our cause is strengthened by the recent decisions upon the property question. How such decision was ever rendered, we cannot understand, when it is a fact of record that the Cumberland church voted against the union by a majority of 137, nevertheless the union was declared to have carried, and it was so published, and some of our members submitted to it, but others did not, and those who did are rapidly coming back, and our per centage gain last year was greater than that of any other church, although many then believed that the property would be lost.

We are being imposed upon by some other denominations that want us out of their way, but we have no thought of surrendering our principle because we lost the property. The Cumberland church has no idea of giving up.

We firmly believe that our truly Biblical theology will soon be given its place in the very front ranks in the great christian army.
J. L. Elliott.

Letter to Lubbock Mercantile Co.
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sirs: Our proposition is simply this:

If Devco doesn't take less gallons for a job, no pay.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & CO
PS Palace Pharmacy sells our paint.

Dairy For Sale.

Good paying dairy in Lubbock, including about fifty head of milch cows about half of which are Jerseys. Complete dairy outfit, milk wagon and team. Can be bought on easy terms. Address: Floral Hill Dairy, Lubbock, Tex. 34-tf.1

Licensed Auctioneer.

I am a duly licensed auctioneer, and will sell at public auction anything that is brought to Lubbock for that purpose on the first Monday in each month.
33-tf. C. E. Parks.

Notice.

All parties wanting manure for fertilizing purposes can get all they want from our barn, free of charge, by hauling it away or paying for the hauling. 37tf
Lubbock Livery Co.

Seed Potatoes.

Tennessee Triumph seed potatoes at W. R. Zachary & Son's.

Silverton has been accorded the distinction of naming two directors for the A. R. & E. P. R. R. Messrs Fred Biffle and M. P. Stone which will entitle Silverton to many advantage one of the most important is the almost certain fact that a freight division will be located here. Silverton Enterprise.

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ATTENTION TO FARMERS

Remember we are still in the Feed Business and will buy hay and grain. Also will keep on hand a supply of Farm Seed, such as seed corn, cane seed, millet seed, Kafir and milo maize. Call and see us.

May & Downing

TRANSFER WAGON

I have started a transfer wagon and will give prompt attention to all business entrusted to me. Headquarters, Lubbock Lumber & Grain Co.
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I have opened a sand and gravel pit on my place on the canyon and will sell sand and gravel by the yard, delivered at the pit or anywhere in town. Also prepared to make concrete blocks.

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Crawford, JEWELLER

McCrumben Addition.

McCrumben is having a section of land adjoining the town section on the southwest cut into lots and place it on the market. Those wishing places will see him.

\$12.00 PER ACRE

We have ten or twelve sections of patented land from ten to fifteen miles from Lubbock at \$12.00 per acre, one-third cash, balance on easy terms, we can sell this land in tracts to suit purchaser. Call at our office at once for further description. Don't wait and lose an opportunity to get a tract of this land.

We have about 800 acres of land within four miles of Lubbock that we offer for \$25.00 per acre, one-third cash, balance on easy terms.

We have 640 acres of land, nine miles north of Lubbock we are offering for \$18.50 per acre \$4,340.00 cash, balance one to fifteen years at six per cent interest

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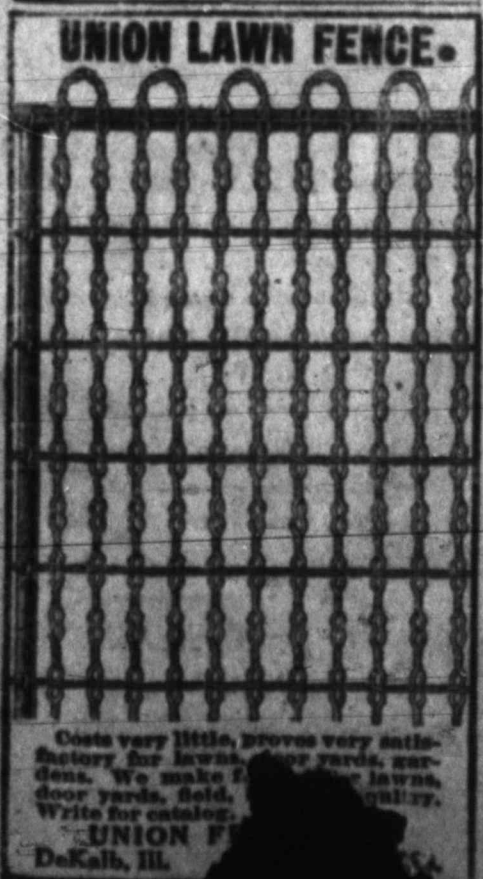
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TO THE FARMERS

President of the Farmers' Union Urges All Farmers to Meet and Hear Commissioner Kone.

All farmers, and particularly all members of the Farmer's Union, should come to Lubbock and meet and hear Commissioner of Agriculture Kone, who will be here on April 24. Mr. Kone advises the secretary of the commercial club that he will be accompanied by a number of gentlemen prominent in agricultural work, among them being Dr. Harrington, director of experimental stations and perhaps Mr. Wright, the government cotton expert. These gentlemen, especially Mr. Kone, desires to familiarize themselves with the agricultural needs, advantages and possibilities of this country, and to do this they, of course, desire to meet the farmers personally. The work of these men pertains directly to the agricultural interests of the country, and is a work in which every farmer has a direct concern. Let every farmer turn out and get some knowledge and ideas from these gentlemen, and furnish them with a little knowledge that has been obtained by actual experience. In this visit of the commissioner there is an opportunity to accomplish much good if we take advantage of it. We should appreciate the visit of these gentlemen and the effort Mr. Biggers, the secretary of the commercial club, has made in getting them to come, and we should demonstrate this appreciation by helping to make this meeting a success, and at the same time getting all the good we can out of it. We all appreciate the need of education and the benefits of proper, intelligent, co-operation and the necessity of getting into more direct touch with the agricultural department, one great branch of our civil government, the importance of which farmers are just now coming to fully appreciate.

T. J. Estes.

A full supply of baseball articles now on display at the Star Drug Company's. 35tf

Mr. Knocker, if you are determined to knock, and nothing else will give ease to your measly soul but to knock, take your little hammer and get off to yourself, behind the barn or elsewhere out of sight and knocky our bloomin' brains out, if you happen to have any. It will be the hit of your

life; the best and most appreciated knock you ever made. Crosby County News.

Our kodaks have arrived and we are now prepared to supply your wants along this line, and solicit your trade. Star Drug Co. 36 tf

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