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THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Lobbyist and Tax Problems—Free Pass Question—Election and Prohibition Amendments.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 9.—At noon tomorrow the Twenty-ninth legislature will convene. Most of the members and a horde of candidates for minor official positions are now here. Hon. F. W. Seabury of Starr county will be chosen speaker without opposition. He is an experienced legislator and has the entire confidence and respect of the house. No one can tell who will win in the contest for minor places, and except the candidates and their personal friends, no one cares, as their duties are purely clerical and do not affect the shaping of legislation.

Speaker Seabury has been giving much attention to the house rules and will recommend several important changes, the most important of which are to clear the hall of lobbyists, hold afternoon sessions and require committees to present to the house the reasons which influence them to report favorably or adversely on a bill.

In past sessions the business of the house has been much impeded by the free circulation of lobbyists and the general public about the hall and among the members while the house was in session. The afternoon sessions have been infrequent and brief and thus much valuable time lost. Mr. Seabury's plan is to have committees meet early in the morning and devote the remainder of the day to legislation, with frequent night sessions.

It has heretofore been the practice for committees to conduct hearings, hear testimony and arguments on bills and report to the house a simple recommendation that the bill do or do not pass. When the bill was called up for consideration all the evidence and argument before the committee had to be threshed over again in order that all the members might hear it, and thus much valuable time was lost. The new speaker would require the committees to present with their report a summary or digest of the facts upon which they base their report.

This legislature will be called upon to solve more difficult and important problems than have confronted any legislature in Texas for a quarter of a century. At the head of the list stands the tax problem. The expenses of the State government largely exceed its revenues. With the growth of the State it is expected that these expenses will increase rather than decrease, and additional revenue is necessary. To add to the stress of the situation, the State is now facing an imposing deficit.

There are only two alternatives—increase the tax rate or find new subjects of taxation. There will be a multitude of bills, some based on the first alternative, some on the other, and still others on both of them. Great confusion is certain to result for a while, and in the end there will be a complete revision of the State tax system. It is going to be a tremendous task to bring order out of the chaos of tax ideas and hobbies and pass a wise, conservative and harmonious bill, and the danger is that in the trades and compromises which are

so often necessary to pass a bill of this kind in a short time, that many inequalities and inharmonies will creep into the law.

One thing is certain, and that is that a strong effort will be made to force corporations and other great franchise-holding concerns to bear their part of the tax burden, which they are now escaping, and it is equally certain that these interests will strenuously oppose such efforts. The result will be the presence of the biggest lobby in the history of the State.

It begins to look as if the time has come when the free pass must go. A bill prohibiting the giving of free passes will be introduced on the first day of the session, and its friends hope to see it passed within two weeks. It is a platform demand, and will be backed by some of the strongest men in the legislature. It is considered vitally necessary that at this time, when the legislature must deal firmly with corporate abuses, that the insidious influence of the free pass be eliminated. In anticipation of the early passage of such a law many members are already declining passes.

The Terrell election law will be revised and many important changes made. Judge Terrell is at present engaged in preparing a bill for this purpose. What the nature of the changes will be can not be accurately stated, but it is certain that a modified form of the old blanket ballot will be substituted for the present multitude of party or slip tickets.

The ever present and interesting prohibition question will be up again. The most talked about bill on this subject is what is known as the "Uniform License Bill," which will require all saloons to pay the same license, whether they sell beer or whiskey. Its friends claim that such a law, with the license at a high figure, will have a tendency to eliminate the low dives, which usually operate under a beer license. It is interesting to note that some naturally very divergent interests favor such a law. For instance, Dr. Rankin, one of the prominent prohibition leaders, and the Bartenders' Association are fighting hand in hand for it. The breweries, however, and the beer saloon proprietors will bitterly oppose it.

The foregoing are only a few of the many very important measures that will engage the attention of this legislature. From week to week the special correspondent of THE CHRONICLE at the State capitol will keep the readers of this paper informed of all important matters transpiring there.

After holding out five months 2,090 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners in New York seem on the verge of submission to the conditions set by the employers for ending the strike and lockout. The cause is that the funds of the organization have been practically exhausted. For two weeks there has been no strike money distributed and many of the men have been reduced to actual want.

Alexander Dowie, of the Chicago "Zion" has gone to Mexico to found a colony and build up a "Zion."

The Farmers' Union is growing rapidly in the agricultural sections.

Some Port Arthur History.

With the capture of Port Arthur from the Chinese by the Japanese in the war that began in July, 1894, the town took its place in history. Since that eventful day much has been heard of it and it has been a bone of contention always, never being out of the minds of the diplomats whose duty it has been to watch the far East.

When the war was over and the treaty of Shimonoseki was about to be drawn up Port Arthur was the cause of much wrangling and delay. Japan wanted it and claimed it was hers by right of capture. At length China reluctantly gave it up and with certain other portions of Manchuria, it passed into the possession of Japan.

But the order of things was soon disturbed. Russia, France and Germany were not at all pleased with the prospect of the Japanese being in possession of the strongest fort in the entire East, from which the capital of China could be commanded. Long was the argument on the point, and eventually, in consideration of 30,000,000 taels, the Japanese Government gave back the port to China. This happened in November, 1895, one year after the capture. On March 27, 1898, China leased the port to Russia and the trouble between Japan and Russia dates almost from that day.

The Russians built a chain of forts from the tip of the Tiger's Tail southward and around West Port to Table Hill, thence northward, completely round the harbor to Golden Hill. Outside of this chain was still another line of forts, more scattered, but of tremendous strength. Each commanding position was fortified and supplied with guns, as though it had been the only fort in the place. When, after years of work and the expenditure of millions, the work was completed, Port Arthur was regarded as well-nigh impregnable both by the Russians and by military experts of other nations.

STATE NEWS.

Louis and Frank Crow's laundry at Waco burned last week. Loss \$10,000, insurance \$3,000.

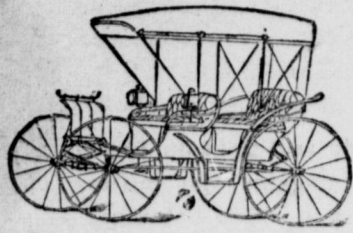
J. P. Hitchcock of Grayson county claims to have found anthracite coal in the Choctaw nation.

Last Wednesday night the Bell Springs church at Bell Springs ten miles southeast of Hillsboro, burned; loss about \$1,000.

The barn of Mrs. P. M. Moorhouse, southeast of Kaufman, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Ten tons of hay, over 300 bushels of corn, a wagon and buggy were consumed. No insurance.

In the two district courts of Tarrant county during the past year there were filed 735 suits. Of this number exactly 275 were for divorces, leaving the remaining 460 suits to cover all kinds and classes of civil litigation.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, John R. McLean's newspaper, announces that it will no longer be a democratic organ. Organs are rapidly going out of style, and perhaps the Enquirer will follow the lead of the Chicago Chronicle and transform itself into a republican calliope.—Telegram.



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Georgians Rushing to Texas.

Just at this time there is a very heavy immigration to Texas from southeastern states as well as from north and east. It is not generally known, but the influx from the southeast comes principally from Georgia. Not all the Georgians stop in this state, as many of them locate in Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

The movement is growing. The exodus is so heavy that the Atlanta Constitution says it is a menace to the prosperity and best interests of the state of Georgia.

During the months of November and December over one thousand Georgians, many of them native born, have settled in Texas and Oklahoma. The great movement is the result of effective work on the part of railroad immigration agents who visit the states in the southwest proclaiming the greatness of this state and other sections of the west.

The newspapers of Georgia are sending up a wail over the great exodus from that state to Texas, and it is claimed that the matter is to be taken up with the railroad managements, to whom complaint is to be made that unjust means are being employed by the land agents who visit that state for the purpose of offering inducements to home seekers to come to Texas.

The matter is becoming a serious one with Georgia and radical measures will be resorted to in an attempt to stop the great movement of land buyers westward.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston millionaire broker, is furnishing the public some very interesting reading regarding what he claims to be the 'system' of the Standard Oil crowd and big the insurance companies whereby they, he says, are robbing policy holders and the public generally, of millions of their hard earned dollars in a manner that would be scorned by the most bloody-thirsty highway robber. Every national and state senator and representative should read these articles and be forced back to private life should he fail to assist in enacting laws for the suppression of the grandest lot of thieves that ever inhabited a civilized country, provided Lawson is telling the truth. Lawson calls names and gives dates and invites them into the open to fight. They refuse to accept his challenge, but are apparently pursuing what has been long understood as their high-handed method for his suppression. It is publicly expressed as a strong belief that he will be suppressed somehow—even though it has to be done by the hand of a paid assassin.—Farm and Ranch.

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The Youth's Companion uses entertainment as a means rather than an end, conveying always in its fiction and its articles some convincing truth or some contribution to the useful knowledge of its readers.

The 225 men and women enlisted to write for The Companion represented an infinite variety of talents and callings. Through The Companion they address not only the young and impressionable, but the fathers and mothers of the nation. The entire family claim a share in the good things which fill The Companion's pages.

Full Illustrated Announcement, describing the principal features of the Companion's new volume for 1905, will be sent to any address free.

The news subscriber for 1905 will receive all the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1904 from the time of subscription, also The Companion "Carnations" Calendar for 1905, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

An Oklahoma woman who would not subscribe for a paper because it never contained "nothin'" she didn't know," concluded she wanted a set of teeth, and wrote a dentist thus: "My mouth is three inches across, five-eighths thru the jaw. Some hummocky on the aige, shaped somethin' like a hoss shoe, toe foreward. If ye want me tu be moor perticler I'd hev ter cum up thar."

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THROUGH our Austin special correspondent we will keep our readers informed as to legislative proceedings. The first letter in today's paper is a forecast of the work in contemplation.

If all fools who snap "unloaded" guns and pistols at other persons could be taken out and hung before they commence the nefarious habit, tragedies would be very much lessened. A few days ago a man named May, at Handley, shot his wife through the bowels, killing her, as he claimed, accidentally.

RAILROAD officials can do much in advancing the development of a country, and among them in the lead on this line is Alex Hilton, general passenger agent of the Frisco. He is to establish a bureau of information and proposes that information regarding the business opportunities in the Southwest be collected by traveling men and compiled for use.

As a result of a threat made by Folk, of Missouri, to prosecute all users of railroad passes, most of the Missouri legislators remained in Jefferson City last Sunday. Prior to that nearly all of them had been taking junkets out of the city on free passes.

The Unwelcome Negroes.

The following from the Hereford Brand pretty well pictures the result of negro immigration: "One lamentable fact which fills all the Panhandle alike with regret is that the negro, the scourge of the white American and a menace to decent society, is slowly but surely making his way into our beautiful Panhandle. In other sections of the United States and in the state of Texas, mob violence has failed to put a check to his acts of brutality and depredation. He has been burned, hung, and has undergone all the tortures possible to be executed upon the human body, without showing any inclination of a relentless spirit. On the other hand, like many of the lower animals, with each severe punishment inflicted upon those of his race, he seems to sink to greater depths of degradation in his desire to bring reproach upon the Caucasian race. Wherever he goes, reports are numerous of his attacks upon some innocent white lady. Only last week in Collingsworth county, a lady was brutally assaulted and the fiend is now domiciled in one of our neighboring prisons. What is to be the doom of the Ethiopian, if he continues the enemy of society, is difficult to foresee, but it will be a sad day indeed for the Panhandle when he gains a permanent foot-hold here.

R. B. Edgell & Son have sold the Dalhart County News to W. C. Swinney. It is not stated what business Mr. Edgell will engage in, but we opine he will soon drift back into the paper business. His son, Frank, and W. H. Saylor have gone to California, the overated land of disappointments.

Senator Bailey offers in the senate a proposed amendment to the constitution fixing the term of the president at six years, and making him ineligible for re-election.

Adams is Governor of Colorado.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 8.—Shortly before midnight the leaders of both parties settled the fight on the governorship. Mr. Adams was issued a certificate of election and will take the oath of office Tuesday and the legislative investigation committee to investigate the frauds in Governor Peabody's protest was dismissed.

Governor Peabody still declares he will contest, but his party leaders declare they will not assist him. The governor will be democratic. Both senate and house and the supreme court will be republican.

The only real fight on the statehood bill is against the uniting of Arizona and New Mexico, and there is talk of eliminating these territories from the statehood proposition. It is believed if this was done the bill for the consolidation of Oklahoma and Indian Territory would pass. Thus far there has been no conference of organizing factions on the subject and probably there will be little done to change the statutes so long as the leaders are anxious to keep other matters in the background, as appears to be the case at present. The joint statehood bill will continue to be the principal discussion in the senate during the present week, but other measures will receive attention each day during the morning hour.

A man who cuts his advertisements in order to cut down expenses is as wise as the man who takes the bait off his hook in order to save his worms.—Galveston Tribune.

Or who cuts off his eating to save the wear and tear on his digestive apparatus. No man can afford to cut off his advertising in order to reduce his expenses.—Telegram.

Cattle and Hog Talk.

The Tarrant County Citizen says:

Some of the best hogs ever sold on this market have come from the Panhandle. We printed, last week, a letter telling of a cattleman in Collingsworth county who had fenced four sections in hog-proof fence and was going to raise hogs on a large scale. He said he had raised hogs at a cost of not more than a dollar a head.

That the raising of hogs is entering the minds of cattle-raisers in the Panhandle is very evident. Along this line we take the following article from the Kansas City Drovers' Telegram:

"Just as soon as we can get railroads we will switch off from cattle raising to hog raising," said J. J. Munsey of Floydada, Texas, yesterday when he brought in four carloads of cattle. Mr. Munsey has been a resident of Floyd county for a good many years, and is now living 60 miles from the nearest railroad point and right in one of the best sections of the Panhandle district.

"We have been trimming our cattle herds down," continued Mr. Munsey, "until they are the lowest that I have ever seen them in that country. There is no mistake but what the cattle supply in that country is being narrowed down, and it has reached a lower point now than ever. The trouble is that the cowmen have become discouraged over the low prices, and they have taken up other pursuits, and find that they can make more money in diversified farming and stock raising than in following the cattle business exclusively. In this way we have found out that we can raise anything on the land in that country, all kinds of vegetables, and all kinds of grain, and this year we raised a good crop of corn, have introduced hog raising, and the country is being stocked up with them. But there is one drawback

to hog raising there, and that is the lack of railroad facilities for handling them after we raise them. Cattle can be driven, but hogs cannot, and for this reason we are handicapped in the hog industry. But the railroads are bound to come, as there will be business for them."

RUSO-JAPAN WAR NEWS.

Japanese Plans.

TOKIO, Jan. 7.—Vice Admiral Shibeyamo, commander of the naval station at Kure, has been appointed commandant at Port Arthur. A fortnight steamship service will be inaugurated from Kure to Dalny.

It is reported unofficially that the Japanese naval constructors who examined the sunken Russian vessels are inclined to believe that two battle ships, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats can be raised and put into service.

It is also reported that the Japanese propose to shortly open the entire Liao Yang peninsula to commerce of the world subject only to the restrictions made necessary by war.

TOKIO, Jan. 8.—The transfer of prisoners at Port Arthur was completed at 4:30 p. m. today. The total number of officers transferred was 878; men, 23,491.

General Nogi reports that the officers paroled to date number 441 and orderlies 229.

The fleet is busily engaged in clearing mines, but owing to the great number, navigation will be unsafe for a long time. Only government craft will be allowed to enter the harbor.

Christmas Riot in Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9.—The Greek Christian Christmas observation in the Grotto of the Nativity at Bethlehem was marked by a sharp fight between the Greek and Latin clergy arising from old-time jealousy regarding the protection of the Grotto. The Greek patriarch was celebrating midnight mass when Franciscan monks created disturbances. A collision ensued, resulting in some bloodshed. The governor had to be summoned to quell the rioting.

A republican caucus in Jefferson City, Mo., has agreed on Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the millionaire manufacturer of St. Louis as senator to succeed Cockrell, the election to be on January 17. Niedringhaus will be the first republican senator from Missouri since 1875 when Cockrell defeated Carl Schurz.

Mrs. Elizabeth Albright, of Honey Grove, Tex., is advertising for the address of her daughter, wife of Geo. W. Young, who came west 13 years ago.

Lend Williams Bros. your Ear

While they Whisper

Club-house Canned Goods are always the best,
For from every stand-point they bear the test.

And you'll find that Club House Corn and Club House peas,
With Club House Coffee, is sure to please.

Seven pounds of Coffee for one-hundred cents—
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137 acres WITHIN the College section and 640 acres joining the College section on the north. I will sell altogether or in parts, as follows:

(1) 30 acres with good house, (five rooms), 300 young peach trees, good new barn, dirt tank. This place has 4 or 5 subdivisions with good fences.
(2) 102 acres of very fine land with 50 or 60 acres in cultivation. The building situation is very beautiful, commanding views of the surrounding country and fronting on a 100 foot street over a mile in length and terminating west at the main college building where it shall be built.

(3) The section as a whole is in quarters, or in half-sections. The section corners with the main college plant. It has a nice building site half mile from boy's dormitories.
My object in selling is, having resigned the presidency of the Goodnight College, I desire to continue my college work in another locality. Purchasers can get these lands NOW at a bargain.

Marshall McIlhany,

Formerly President of Goodnight College,

P. O. Goodnight, Texas.

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We will furnish the following papers and this paper at the annexed prices for the two:

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Southern Mercury	1.00
Texas Advance.	\$1.50
Scientific American,	3.00
Phrenological Journal,	1.00
Texas Farm and Ranch.	1.75

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57 Pounds of this B. B. & S. 15, in fine condition, only 28c per Cases \$1.

60 lbs of this 11-point, Fine for Brief work. Only 25c. per pound.

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With name and address printed and postpaid at this office.

104 of these papers only \$1.

TIME TABLE.	
Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.	
NORTH BOUND.	
No. 1. Mail and Express.....	8:47 p. m.
No. 7. Passenger and Express.....	6:35 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2. Mail and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
No. 8. Passenger and Express.....	9:30 p. m.
J. W. KENNEDY, Local gt.	

Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.

Assortment of fresh nuts and candies at J. M. Clower & Son's.

Visit the Studio and see some late styles in all the very latest finishes. H. MULKEY.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Jim McMurty came in from the J A ranch via Claude yesterday and spent the day.

Miss Elta Stevens returned last week from Estelline where she had been on a visit to friends.

Mrs. Van Horn arrived Saturday from Wellington, Kas., on a visit to her son here.

A party was given for the young people Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kelley. A most enjoyable time was had and the hour was late when the guests departed.

We are having real winter this week. It snowed Monday night to a depth of several inches, thawed none yesterday and more snow and sleet fell last night, and not much sign of moderation today.

E. R. Ewing, we are told bought from the Mill Irons last week the largest cow in the United States. She was 16 hands high and weighs 2,400 pounds. She was shipped to Denver to the cattle show.

Thos. S. Egerton and brother Will Egerton, of Clarendon, are here looking after claims near town. They will put some substantial improvements on them in the spring. —Tucumcari Times.

Mr Lacy and his family are leaving this evening for Clarendon where they will make their home in the future. They have many friends here who wish them prosperity and success wherever they may go.—Stratford Star.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wood, Otto, aged two and a half years, died in Fort Worth yesterday where Mrs. Wood was visiting. His illness was very brief, only a few hours after the first message informing Mr. Wood of the illness, another followed announcing the baby's death. It is supposed to have died of croup. Mrs. Wood arrived home last night with the corpse. Rev. Story will conduct funeral services at the residence at 2:30 this afternoon.

District Court did nothing more than reported in Saturday's paper, except to reconvene Monday and hear the grandjury report and discharge the jury. The grandjury returned bills of indictment for 19 misdemeanors and six felonies. It seems the first one found against Tom Jarrell for assault with attempt to murder was defective, on account of the insertion of a wrong name, and another was perfected, but in the meantime Jarrell skipped. We are not aware of who the other felony bills are against. The misdemeanor cases only part of the papers have been covered, as follows: L. F. Harvey three cases of violating local option law, also one against his son for same offense, bond in each case, \$250. A like case is also pending against Ernest Prescott, who is under \$200 bond. Will Jones was indicted for drunkenness.

Rowe.

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

School opened Monday with an increased attendance.

Uncle Isaac Smith is building a rent house on his place.

Thomas Bros. are moving from the S. L. Adamson place to the E. R. Clark place, and W. M. Killian will live on the Adamson place this year.

A brother of Joe Kendall came in from Missouri last week to make Donley county his home.

About the 15th, Mr. Hollifield, of Collingsworth county will begin the erection of a new store house. When complete he will occupy it with a general merchandise business

Sheriff Patman come down and arrested L. T. Harvey, on an indictment found by the grand jury for selling whiskey.

A lot of boys and a lot that were not boys attended court at Clarendon last week.

The new Presbyterian church at Rowe is not completed yet, but all services are held in it.

Rowe, is shipping out 4 cars of kaffir corn and maize, this week.

Mrs. Moffett visited Clarendon last week.

Miss Ethel White returned last week from a visit to friends at Ft. Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. P. A. Smith visited friends at Clarendon last week.

Dayton Shelton has bought some land from Uncle Isaac Smith and will build a residence soon.

Mr. S. P. Smith, of the Cicero Smith Lumber Co., was looking after their business interests in Rowe the past week.

Miss Mollie Jackson, who conducted the Trades concert here last month, has arranged to give one at Claude Jan. 13.

W. K. Hollifield passed through Memphis Thursday enroute to Rowe where he is arranging to put up a store building. He will move his stock of general merchandise from Arlie to that place. Mr. Hollifield is a splendid gentleman and an energetic business man and the people of Rowe are fortunate to have him move into their community. —Memphis Herald.

BANKRUPT COURT SALE.

CLARENDON, TEXAS, }
January 2, 1905. }

I will sell at Clarendon, Donley County, Texas, on 12th January, 1905, at 11 o'clock a. m., to the highest bidder, for cash, the entire stock of family groceries, invoiced at \$1,020 belonging to the estate of C. E. Blair, bankrupt. Check for 25 per cent of the offer must accompany the bid, which will be held until the sale is approved or rejected by the Hon. United States Court. I. W. CARHART, Trustee in Bankruptcy.

Farm and Ranch announces the publication, in its issue of January 21, of a forceful article by Senator Chas. A. Culberson on "American Farmers." In this article the distinguished statesman makes some telling comparisons of farming conditions in the United States and in other countries, and in reference to governmental affairs, says: "When the Republic is fast becoming rich and corrupt the hope that it may not meet with the decay and overthrow which followed the conditions in like forms of government in other times turns largely to the farmers."

Fort Worth Market.

Prices Monday were:
Steers from \$3.15 to \$3.20.
Cows from \$1.25 to \$2.75.
Calves from \$2.00 to \$4.50.
Bulls from — to \$2.50.
Hogs from \$4.30 to \$4.75.

Old papers for sale at this office, only fifteen cents per 100.

Memphis.

Herald.

L. F. Jones is slowly improving from his recent spell of sickness.

I. W. Carhart and June Taylor were down from Clarendon a day or two this week fraternizing with their masonic brethren.

Cotton continues to roll in to the gin. From what the farmers say there is perhaps a hundred or more bales yet to gather in the country.

Judge W. M. Pardue and family will leave Sunday night for Biloxi, Miss., where they will spend the winter visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. R. E. L. Farmer was given a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist church for the ensuing year by the church in conference Sunday morning. The call was made for his full time.

Mr. Churchman, on the old Morrison place, happened to quite a painful accident the 23 of last month. In unloading some wire he was about to fall and jumped, lighting on his right foot in such a way he sprained his ankle almost breaking his foot.

A number of young couples were invited in at the home of W. A. Johnson Tuesday night and a nice little party was enjoyed, complimentary to Miss Myrtle Blake of Clarendon. Social games were enjoyed and the party proved both congenial and enjoyable.

Childress.

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Mrs. Oliver and children spent the holidays in Clarendon.

Estella Dewy returned to Clarendon Tuesday to resume her studies at the convent there.

Childress county is now in the prohibition column. The Index never expects to see it taken out.

Goode & Lane have closed their saloon but are running their pool and billiard room. These gentlemen inform us they will open a "cold storage" about the fifteenth of this month.

At Private Sale.

The following C. E. Blair inventory of Merchants Fixtures:

- 1 Computing Scale
- 1 Counter Scale
- 1 Cheese Safe
- 1 Platform Scale
- 1 Cash Register
- 1 Pr Trucks
- 1 Automatic Oil tank
- 1 Peanut Roaster
- 1 Coffee Mill
- 1 Stove
- 1 Fruit Cask
- 1 Bran Bin
- 1 Broom Rack
- 1 Cracker Rack
- 6 Glass Show Tops
- 1 Counter
- 1 Desk
- 1 Whip Rack
- 1 Safe
- 2 Store Lamps
- 2 Syrup Augers
- 2 Pumps
- 3 Paper files
- 5 Grocers' Scoops
- 3 Tin Scoops
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Fruits for the Panhandle.

In speaking of different kinds of fruit, of course I cannot name all varieties, but mostly species. We are all aware that fruit is not as sure a crop here as in California, but still we can grow as fine fruit as is done anywhere.

As the loco destroys most honey-sucking insects it seems to get the much-dreaded curculio of Central and East Texas and other states, and our fruit is not wormy; a big item to the fruit grower and one that will place our fruit ahead of all in the market; but for fine market fruit the orchard must be cultivated very highly, a thing that I see is not done to any extent here.

The next important matter is selection of varieties. As the apple is the greatest fruit the world has yet produced, I speak of it first. Some say it will not do any good here, but I see some varieties do all right. The Early Harvest, Red June, Sweet Rose or Yellow Belleflower, Bledsoe July, King, Dutchess, Shockly and Bendavis, I believe to be the most successful and profitable here. A close, compact growing tree is the most profitable, as they are the surest to hold fruit.

Next comes the peach the most delicious of all fruits, and nearly rivaling king apple. There is a great deal of taste in a selection of this fruit, as some prefer yellow, some white, some free, some cling, I would only give a few of the best kinds. White varieties, Victor and Sneed. First, Early Alexander, Roy and Mamie Ross, Chinese Cling, Superb Burkiss, Ringold. Yellow varieties, Kelley surprise is first and finest of the early peaches, ripening with Alexander and much finer. Triumph, Emma free, Morning Star, C. C. Weaver, Duff, Elberta, Henrietta. Of course there are many other fine varieties, but would suggest West Texas varieties as the most sure of success. But as there are few on the market yet, some enterprising man would do well to collect a variety for Northwest Texas, and a good way is to plant seedlings; not in orchards but in test rows. Plums do well. Japan and same varieties. Do not plant much of Wickson, Kelsey and such as they are early bloomers. Prunes do excellent. Damsons and Gage varieties, the Chichewa and native types of the Golden Beauty family and Northern wild family, the Red October, also. The Red Currant, all kinds of Gooseberries do nicely by high cultivation. Of the Blackberry family I find the Dewberry the hardest and far most profitable berry. Black Currants of all kinds are a sure success. The Eleagnus the earliest of bush fruit prosper. Native and Japan persimmons seem to be a perfect success and are very late bloomers. But of all fruits for the Panhandle, I consider the grape one of the most successful of all. It seems that all varieties are a success, even the vinaceous varieties, embracing the Rasin Grape of California, the famed El Paso and other types of the famous grapes are growing with me successfully. There is surely fortunes in our cheap lands by planting largely to vineyards, if the right kind of a man is at the head of the company and a man that knows his business.

But of course if the wrong man tries it, are that has no tact for orcharding, and knows but little about it anyway, it will be a failure unless he plants sufficient to hire a competent man. Let us see what 160 acres would produce: An acre will set 676 vines. A very low rate of production, 10 lbs. at 5 cts. per lb., make 50 cts.; or \$338.00 per acre; or \$54,080 for 160 acres. While 20 to 25 lbs are a good average yield, I have seen 100 lbs. in

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The apricot is a dainty, but not so sure. Plant some of this fruit also.

I would drop a thought to those living in town: Do not plant the sweet red Delaware grape, or other tender, red grapes. White and black are best for town planting, as the sparrows will not be so destructive on them as on the red kinds.

Next I want to speak of nuts and successful cultivation.

A. L. BRUCE.

The Weather Breeder Myth.

The "weather breeder" is a fine day that is supposed to foreshow bad weather. Like all "signs," it is unscientific. As all the year is made up of fine weather and bad weather, it follows that fine days must alternate with stormy days. The "sign" folk arbitrarily assume that the fine day comes before the bad day, and therefore the fine day "breeds" the bad or stormy day. Pursuing that kind of arbitrary assumption, it is just as reasonable to say that, as the fine day comes after a stormy day, the stormy day must be the "breeder" of the following fine day. The whole "sign" business is a muddle originated in careless observations, unscientific judgment and superstition. The "weather-breeder-sign" folk would be hard pressed to explain how, in case a clear day "breeds" a stormy day, a succession of clear days in a drouth of a week, a month, or three months can fail to "breed" a rainy day. In some parts of Australia they are suffering the tenth consecutive year of drouth, and the "weather breeder sign" has prevailed there through all the rainless years.—Ex.

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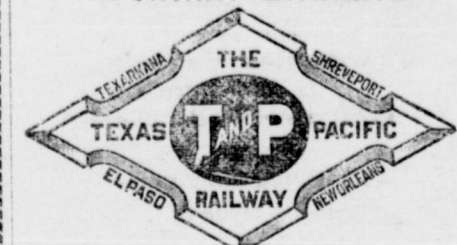
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