

# The McLean News

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## COAL DISCOVERED IN GRAY COUNTY

### Rich Deposit is Unearthed by Party of Local Citizens

It will come as a surprise to the community in general to learn of the discovery of an inexhaustible supply of the very best soft coal right at our very doors. Those interesting themselves in the development of this rich find feel that other than being an im-

portant factor in the development of the country it will forever settle the question of cheaper and better fuel. A large supply is now ready for the local market. Those desiring a load of same should see the Western Lumber Co. at once. Phone 4.

## More Farmers Needed

The cry for "more farmers" is being up all over the Panhandle and the McLean country is no exception to the rule. The farmer is correctly styled the backbone of any country and the scarcity of this kind of immigration is the only thing that retards the growth and development of this region so richly endowed with opportunities. The railroads of the country have proven, by the actual comparison of statistics on the subject, that every working family that moves into their territory is worth four hundred dollars to

them by way of increased business. This being the case it is reasonable to suppose that each family is worth that much or more to the community in general, and the citizens of the McLean country should not hesitate to spend at least two hundred dollars per family in their efforts to settle up the country. We can offer every advantage sought by a man looking for a home and the only reason the settlement of the country is slow is the fact that we are not putting forth any well directed efforts in that line. The movement now on foot to organize an immigration club with a membership fee of fifty dollars is a good one if pushed to completion. Every man in the community who has the slightest interest in her development can well afford to donate fifty dollars to the cause of immigration, and by the judicious expenditure of the funds thus created much good can be realized toward the placing of a good farmer on every one hundred and sixty acres of tillable land in the county. Let every man in the community leave off his cry of hard times and get to work doing something for the advancement of the town's interests as well as those of the country surrounding. You will never accomplish anything by kicking and crying hard times—you have probably found that out—so put your shoulder to the wheel of effort and see if you cannot do more good. Don't wait for something to turn up, but go and turn it up.

### To the Voters

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for the office of tax assessor of Gray county at the November election. As to my policies will say that I do not favor high taxes, especially when the county has something in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars lying idle in the bank. However, it is a well known fact that the tax assessor has nothing to do with the fixing of rates and valuations of property, but if elected I will do my best to see that all get a square tax deal. I believe that all property should be rendered at something like its value and the rates lowered to a reasonable amount.

Should you favor me with the office I promise you that I will do all in my power to make you a good officer. As I once served the people of Stephens county four years as their assessor of course I am familiar with the

## Work of Experiment Farm Will Continue

The squabble between the local trustees and the railroad company over the experiment farm, which is leased to said citizens by the railroad company, has been settled amicably to both sides and the west fence has been set back sufficiently to give room for the handling of cattle that should want to ship from this point. The entire hundred or more acres is under the lease but up until last year this wide strip on the west had not been fenced, and when it was fenced it practically shut off the Rowe cattle from this point and that gentleman has been making his headquarters at Clarendon and shipping from there as well as buying his supplies there. For this reason the railroad company sought to terminate the lease.

The farm has been sub-leased by A. G. Craham to J. R. Stockton, who is an experienced Texas farmer and will work in connection with instructions from the Department of Agriculture. It is hoped that some interesting and valuable information will be

gained through the demonstrations of this farm during the next few years. It is not known at this time whether the gentleman will make a trial of broom corn, but it is hoped he will. We would also suggest a thorough test of the Spanish peanut, as that commodity commands an excellent price and there is always a good market for it.

Owing to the short duration of the lease it would hardly be wise to undertake any experiments along the line of fruits, but it would not be a bad idea if some of our farmers would pay more attention to this industry as it is generally conceded that fruit, which is ever a ready seller, enjoys a prodigious growth and attains a specially delicious flavor in this section.

In conversation with a government experiment man of note at Dallas during the fair that gentleman told us that this area was naturally adapted to the growth of apricots, but so far as we can learn they have not been thoroughly tried.

work, and will say right here that you could not look into the face of any old human that could or would appreciate this gift more than I, old man Paschal (alias Dad, alias old Pistol) will if elected.

Now as I have only resided in Gray county about three years, I want to tell you something of my frontier life during my younger days. I was in this country long before there was an officer thought of. Was on the frontier of Texas several years when the population was composed of soldiers at the government posts, cowboys and red skins, and the range was covered with buffalo. I helped to run the redskins off, but don't let me forget to tell you that the most of the time they were running I was working in the lead—and I was not jockeying, either. I recall one time I did not run, because I did not have time. Dutch Nance, who lives at Albany, Texas, a boy and myself were camped on the clear fork of the Brazos river about twelve miles from Fort Griffin under a small elm tree. We had hobbled all our

mounts except one each which were saddled at camp. In the night a bunch of Comanche Indians made a run for our horses. The horses came at full speed and ran through our camp. The boy got the tree and there Dutch and I were exposed to the whole world, but we managed with our guns to turn the Indians, saved our horses and were but a few minutes taking up our little bed, packing our mule and traveling—hunting for thicker brush.

I was not a ranger; I was simply a cowboy working with cattle and not looking for Indians. Not throwing any bouquets at myself, but must say that most cowboys are big hearted fellows—worst enemies to themselves.

Now, gentlemen, after a careful consideration of my case if you can and will vote for me, I will try hard never to give you cause to regret your action.

J. B. PASCHAL.

R. H. Collier made a business trip the first of the week to Pampa to attend a stockholders meeting of the first National Bank at the place.

## AMERICAN STATE BANK

OF McLEAN

Opened for Business Oct. 1, 1909  
Deposits Nov. 16, \$42,000  
Deposits Dec. 31, \$54,000

"GUARANTEE FUND BANK"

R. H. COLLIER D. B. VEATCH C. M. McCULLOUGH  
President Vice-Pres. Cashier

Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank

## MONEY BURNS

Holes in the pockets of some people, but we have a place to keep it cool and safe here in this bank, and it is always handy when you need it. Better try it, and save your pockets, as well as your money.

DO IT TODAY

Citizens State Bank

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Of McLean, Texas



## The Year is Gone.

BY STEPHEN J. DAVIES.

The year is gone!  
No sound of footfall marked his passing  
Across the threshold of the Hall of Time.  
Silence and Gloom  
Enshrouded the world, and the night wind  
In sorrow and sighing sang his requiem.  
Good-by, Old Year!

The year is gone!  
Above the glory and crystal lightning  
Of earth's ermined beauty shine the stars—  
Watchers of God,  
Set in fields of ebon and of azure:  
Emerald and topaz, ruby and sapphire'  
Flashing fire gems.

The year is gone!  
And with his going swift bore far away  
Him whom here my soul did love intensely—  
Comrade, brother.  
Since what time the light of life shines less bright,  
And the way lacks a presence, fair and genial,  
That men praised.

The year is gone!  
Its golden space of life was brief and bright,  
Fair sunlit days exceeding days of gloom,  
And I'm content.  
It lighted weary comrades come to rest:  
Now it follows swiftly their mystic wake,  
Perchance all glad.

### Frank Wants It, Too.

We take pleasure in announcing to the voters of Gray county the name of J. F. (Frank) Faulkner for the office of tax assessor at the coming election. Frank is the oldest son of F. M. Faulkner, one of Gray county's most substantial and prominent builders, and has resided

here for ten years. He is thoroughly acquainted with the county and the majority of her citizens and is in every way thoroughly qualified to fill the office with credit. Frank has been especially educated for clerical work and possessing the Faulkner characteristic of friendly courtesy we feel sure he will command an excellent vote.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—What is in store for a believer.  
Song.  
Leader—Gorda Collier.  
Scripture reading—Grace.  
Rom. 6:14, II Cor. 9:8.  
Peace—John 14: 27—Cora Cash.  
Security—Ps. 37:40—Ruby Rice.  
Answer to Prayer—Matt. 18: 19—Willie Pearl Phillips.  
Song.  
Support in Trial—Ps. 55:22—Ruby Cook.  
Support in affliction—119:67, 71—Earl Graham.  
Song.  
Rest—Jer. 6:16—Joe Fox.  
Strength—Ps. 28:8—Clyde Cash.  
Wisdom—Prov. 2:6—Enod Grundy.  
Joy—Isa. 12:3—Claude Herrmann.  
Resurrection—Acts 26:8—Mary Grundy.  
Closing Exercises.

### Rare Book.

"My husband," said Mrs. Lapeling, "didn't do a thing yesterday but sit in his easy chair all day long and read Darwin's 'Oregon of Specie.'"

### Why Not?

It's easy to find an excuse for your own sins. Why not be a little charitable toward your neighbor?—John A. Howland.

### True Happiness.

Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others. It consists in giving and in serving others.—Henry Drummond.

Preparations are under way for the taking of a religious census of the city and the work will be conducted by the various ministers located here. Other than furnishing themselves with a working knowledge of the town it will be of benefit to the public large as showing at the exact population.

A. C. Rippy and family have returned from an extended visit with the parents of Mrs. Rippy at Electra, Texas.

We are indebted to A. C. Rippy for a dollar on subscription, having ordered the paper sent to W. M. Walker at Electra.

We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fast for what is pleasingly known to the southern palate as a "mess of backbone" which was thoroughly enjoyed and for which they have our sincere thanks.

Frank Faulkner returned last night from Pampa, where he went to spy out the lay of the land in the assessor's race.

**Deep Breathing and Digestion.**  
Deep breathing is an incalculable aid to digestion. It should be indulged in especially after a meal.

**Ocean Waters.**  
A ton of water from the Atlantic ocean, when evaporated, will yield eight pounds of salt; a ton from the Pacific, 79 pounds; and a ton from the Dead sea, 187 pounds.

**Inexcusable.**  
"Absent-minded, is she?" "I should say so. She's the kind of woman who would go to a bridge party without her rings."—Bellman.

**Echoes from Another World.**  
O music! Thou that bringest the past and the future with their fluttering flames so near to our wounds, art thou the evening zephyr of this life or the morning breeze of life to come? Yes, thy notes are the echoes which angels catch from the joyous tones of another world, in order to drop into our mute heart and our desolate night the exhaled vernal harmonies of the heavens that fly far from us.—Jean Paul Richter.

**Be Slow to Judge.**  
Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whoever thou art, that judgest, for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.—Romans 2:1.

## Five-Year Men

The Southwest needs more people. More people will make better home markets, better and more substantial land values and help to provide all the conveniences of life for town and country.

Have you lived five years in the Southwest?

If so, do you care enough about promoting its prosperity to write five letters describing your success—telling of the battles you have fought and won? Address four to your friends in the North and East and one to JOHN SEBASTIAN, Passenger Traffic Manager, Rock Island-Frisco Lines, La Salle Station, Chicago, or Frisco Building, St. Louis. Do it to-day. Do it now.

The Rock Island-Frisco Lines pay cash for printing this communication to you.

The Rock Island-Frisco Lines expend thousands of dollars every year to acquaint thrifty producers in the congested sections of the United States with the advantages of the great Southwest.

You can help in this work. You can share in its benefits.

Your letter will be read by thousands. The story of your progress and success is of vital human interest. It will inform and convince.

Write briefly—

Why you located Southwest and where. What the climate is like, the crops you raise and the present prices of land. Tell what you have gained in comfort and security. Tell what it has done for your children. Tell what your neighbors are like. Describe the character of schools, churches and roads.

Three hundred words is enough. Write the letters to-day.

## Bentley Gone Crazy

—For Money

I haven't worried you much about that amount you owe me but the time has come when something must be "did." It is absolutely necessary that I have money in order to continue in business, so it's up to you.

**M. D. Bentley**

THE VILLAGE GROCER  
TELEPHONE 85

### The Oldest Bridge.

The Sulpician bridge, at Rome, is the oldest in history. It is made of wood, and was erected in the seventh century. It has been twice rebuilt, but is in ruins at the present day.

### Latent Ability.

"Yes, sir," mused Brown, "my Jones died a really tragic death never would have thought it of didn't know he had it in him!"

### International Peace.

The nations can have peace if they will, and without the of eternally preparing for war. can arrange for it by binding international agreements, and that will the common sense way to proceed the eminently practical way.—(B. C.) Colonist.

**A Good Word for the Bachelor.**  
Lovely!  
A man never realizes how silly his love letters are until he hears some of them read in court.—Chicago News.

**Excuse for Ingratitude.**  
A man who is ungrateful is less to blame than his benefactor.—La Rochefoucauld.

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## Chickens Wanted

Will pay the Highest  
Market Price

McLean Mercantile Co.



**Too Hot For Widows.**

Deacon Putman is now an old and a pretty consistent of a Christian. But some- s, under the stress of sur- so or excitement, he forgets himself. and uses a section of his uthful vocabulary that for any years he has zealously en- avored to lay aside. Not long ago there was a eting of the pastor and the aacons to consider plans for a anksgiving service. A great al was said about the widows d orphans, and the deacons as accordingly full of the sub- ct of their great needs. When rangements for the service had en completed the pastor asked aacon Putman to close the eeting with a word of prayer. After the usual introductory entences, the Deacons warmed o the subject that had been sider discussion. "Oh Lord," he continued, ve pray that Thou wilt bestow eat blessings upon the widows

and orphans in this great land of ours, out of thy great abun- dance, grant to give each widow a barrel of flour, a barrel of sugar, a barrel of salt, a barrel of pepper,—"

The enormity of that last re- quest suddenly struck him.

"H—l, Lord, that's too much pepper," he stammered. Then aware of his seeming fall from grace, he colored red choked up and sat down in confusion. The pastor, not knowing what else to do, cried loudly, "Amen." —Tulia Standard.

**No Extra Trains.**

After promising and postponing and then promising and postpon- ing again and again, the Rock Island have finally decided not to put on the double train ser- vice over this division. The new time card, which was to have contained these trains went into effect Sunday with the extras left off. The time of the eastbound train was changed

from 2:25 to 2:47 P.M. and the westbound from 4:15 to 4:05 P. M. Agent Salmon had also ex- pected the addition of an assist- ant in the depot, as the work now devolving on him is rather strenuous, requiring him to put in about eighteen to twenty hours daily.

**Official Statement**

of the financial condition of the Bank of Alanreed at Alanreed, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December 1909, pub- lished in the McLean News, a news- paper printed and published at Mc- Lean, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1910.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and Discounts, per- sonal collateral .....	\$12,848 58
Loans, real estate .....	5,206 45
Overdrafts .....	913 52
Real Estate, banking house, .....	4,654 01
Furniture and Fixtures .....	1,253 27
Due from Approved Reserve Agents .....	4,301 83
Cash Items .....	50.00
Currency .....	\$1,485.00
Specie .....	997.10
Bank Guaranty Fund .....	84 89
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$31,794 65</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock .....	\$10,000 00
Undivided Profits, net .....	4,593 94
Individual Deposits subject to check .....	17,200 71
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$31,794 65</b>

State of Texas }  
County of Gray }

We, R. H. Collier as president, and D. B. London as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. H. COLLIER, President.  
D. B. LONDON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of January A. D. nine- teen hundred and ten. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

R. Y. MANGUM, Notary Public,  
in and for Gray County, Texas.

Correct Attest: [SEAL]  
F. R. McCracken }  
S. R. Kennedy } Directors  
C. M. McCullough }

**Notice of Dissolution.**

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore ex- isting between M. J. Brooks, T. J. McClain, C. L. Upham and C. M. Carpenter, under the style of the McLean Mercantile Com- pany, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 10th day of Jan. A. D. 1910. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid, and those due same dis- charged at the office of said firm on Main street in the town of McLean, Gray county, Texas, where the business will be con- tinued by the said M. J. Brooks, T. J. McClain and C. L. Upham under the firm name of the Mc- Lean Mercantile Company.

McLean Mercantile Co.  
C. L. Upham.  
M. J. Brooks.  
T. J. McClain.  
C. M. Carpenter.  
McLean, Texas, Jan. 8th, 1910.

**McMurtry for Sheriff.**

We are authorized to place before the voters of Gray county the name of L. C. McMurtry who aspires to the office of sheriff and tax collector at the Novem- ber election. Mr. McMurtry is well known over the county as a polished and accomodating young man and has all the nec- essary qualifications to satis- factorily fill the office. He has for three years served in the capacity of deputy to sheriff Reeves and will if elected, bring to the office a thorough knowl- edge of the duties and require- ments. He respectfully solicits the votes of the citizens.

**Here From Arkansas.**

N.L. Mabry of Fayetteville, Ark. who has recently purchased the B. D. Briscoe place near town, has arrived in the city and will

be joined by his family as soon as arrangements can be made to move. We are glad to welcome the gentleman to our midst. Mr. Briscoe, is also making ar- rangements to move to Arkan- sas and will take the place vacat- ed by Mr. Mabry. Bro. Briscoe is one of our most substan- tial citizens and we regret his decision to move out of the county, but wish him abundant good fortune in his new home.

**Joint Installation.**

There will be a joint installa- tion of officers of the Odd Fel- lows and Rebecka lodges at the hall Monday evening and all members and their families are invited to be present. After the installation ceremonies there will be a sumptuous supper served that will without a doubt be a

rare treat to those so fortunate as to be present.

**Baptist Services.**

We are requested to announce that there will be regular ser- vices at the Babtist church Sun- day, with preaching by pastor both morning and evening. At the morning hour there will be special quartette music in which the best talent of the city will participate. The quartettes is as follows: N. L. Mabry, T. W. Petty Miss Gorda Collier and D. N. Massay. All are in- vited to attend and hear th is ex- cellent music as well as a good sermon.

J. M. Hundley of Bowie Tex- as, was here this week the guest of his brother-in-law, John W. Kibler.

**Palace Barber Shop**

W. M. MASSAY, PROPRIETOR

Have moved to Paschal building opposite Palace drug store, and with two chairs running you don't have to wait. Clean- ing, Pressing, Dyeing and Tailoring in connection.

**All Work Guaranteed to Be The Best**

**The Christmas Rush Is Over**

And I am again ready to give special attention to repair work. I also beg to announce that I expect to keep up my stock of clocks, watches, jewelry, silver- ware, etc., to their usual large assort- ment. In fact, as long as I run a jewelry store in McLean, I shall strive to give you service you cannot equal in any town three times as large as this.

**JOHN B. VANNOY**  
OPTICIAN AND JEWELER

**Shrink Your Own Tires**

The Ryan Tire Tightener Co., a corporation capitalized for \$100,000.00, have purchased from Geo. Ryan, the patentee, the exclusive right of manufacture and sale of the Ryan Tire Tight- ener, and are making arrange- ments to place the same on the market at once.

The Ryan Tire Tightener is a simple little mechanical contri- vance, by the use of which any one can keep their tires in per- fect condition at all times and during all seasons without the usual expensive and troublesome recourse on the blacksmith. The tightener is fastened to the felloes, where it remains, and by one or two turns of the set screw the tire can be tightened or loosened to conform with all

atmospheric conditions. The Ryan Tire Tightner is ab- solutely indestructible and will last you a lifetime. It can be taken off of one wheel and put on another without a moment's trouble. The Ryan Tire Tight- ener will add five years to the life of your wheel. By using the Ryan Tire Tightener you never dish your wheels as the spokes and felloes are kept ex- actly in place and no play in the hub is possible.

Wagon users will at once ap- preciate the wonderful saving in both time and money by the use of this little tightener, which is practically inexpensive as com- pared with the old method of tire tightening or shrinking.

Let us show you this wonderful invention at the  
**McLean News Office**

**After You**

With a full line of

**Pure Drugs**  
And Sundries

Day Phone 6  
Night Phone 36

**Palace Drug Store**  
Will H. Langley, Proprietor

**LAND! LAND! LAND!**

If you want to buy a farm, if you want to buy a ranch, if you want to buy raw land, for an invest- ment, or if you want to buy city property, see or write

**J. L. Crabtree & Co.**  
McLean, Texas

**LADIES' HOME JOURNAL**

AND

**SATURDAY EVENING**  
---POST---

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE



# DRY GOODS AT COST COMMENCING THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

And lasting until I dispose of my entire stock. This stock consists of Clothing, Shoes, Pants, Underwear, Boys' Clothing, Hats, Caps and Dress Goods, practically all of which is new and first class. All I want is cost. Come and see them. I am actually going out of business. Goods must be sold

**Cost Mark** | **STENOGRAPH** X Z | **Cost Mark**  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 Rep

**MONEY IS WHAT I WANT.** I can save you money while these goods last. Remember I am not ordering any more goods and it will pay you to buy before they are picked over. Don't forget that I charge goods to no one. I am going to remove what is left by April 1st and cannot make any ACCOUNTS. Should you doubt any prices we name; don't hesitate, call for invoices. We will show you that we mean business.



THE HIGH PRICE BUSTER  
**ARTHUR COOK**



## Local Happenings

Items of Interest About  
Town and County

Twenty pounds of rice for \$1.00 at—Foster and Son's.

Perry Koons was a business caller in the city Wednesday.

If you want fresh bread go to the City Restaurant.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Luthye, on the 11 instant a boy.

Announce early and get your money's worth.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cash, on the 9th instant, a boy.

Michigan salt at McLean Mercantile Company.

Tom Bird made a business trip to Alanreed Monday.

Wm. Abernathy made a business trip to Amarillo Saturday, returning Tuesday afternoon.

Now is the time to announce for office—get in the game early.

Mrs. J. B. Paschall left Monday for a short visit with friends and relatives at Granite, Okla.

F. E. McCracken of Alanreed was transacting business in the city the first of the week.

Are you a candidate? If so you need cards. We have plenty of them ready to print.

G. H. Simmons left Wednesday afternoon for a short visit to Sayre and Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Barker left Sunday afternoon for a short visit with friends at Oklahoma City.

We have new supply of Candidate cards. Let us print you some.

I love my wife, but Oh those short orders at the City Restaurant.

Mrs. John Dyer was in the city Saturday of last week and made the News office a short call.

We will have in another big shipment of Amarillo flour the first of the week and the price will be interesting.

Siler Faulkner and Jim Williams of LeFors were among the callers in the city Monday of this week.

We have a large stock of all kinds of feed on hand and will sell it cheap for cash.  
Henry and Son.

J. S. Carwile was a caller at the News office Friday and left us a dollar on subscription, for which he has our thanks.

We are in the market for all your fresh eggs and will pay the highest market price.  
Foster and son.

Ezra Bourland called at the News office the latter part of last week and had his name enrolled on our subscription book.

Louis brand English peas, absolutely the best on market, at \$2.46 per case—cost price.  
Foster and son.

Joe Fogg was a business caller in the city Saturday and left a dollar for subscription to the News.

H. E. Stubbs, pastor of the Christian church at Erick, Okla., was here this week the guest of his brother, W. A. Stubbs.

Chas. Carpenter left this week for Floyd county where he will spend some time looking after cattle interest.

John W. Kibler and wife and H. S. Rippy and wife made a short visit to Ramsdell Sunday afternoon.

A. B. Kinnett and son were here the first of the week from Missouri, the guest of their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. N. Saye.

We have at all times a complete stock of feed of all kinds and we can sell it cheap for cash. Come to see us. T. W. Henry & Son.

B. H. Minter and wife left Saturday of last week for Sapulpa, Okla., where the gentleman has secured a position, and will probably be away six months.

Do you take the Youth's Companion? If so give us your renewal. We make a small commission and it saves you buying the money order, stamps, etc.

D. B. Veatch left Wednesday afternoon for a visit with Claude Cox at Hot Springs, Ark. He will be away probably two weeks.

There is no better weekly paper for both young and old than the Youth's Companion. It costs \$1.75 per year, give us your subscription.

C. M. McCullough returned Sunday afternoon from Pampa where he had been on business

in connection with the First National Bank of that city, of which the gentleman is vice president.

C. E. Minix was a pleasant caller at the News office the first of the week and left a dollar each to have the paper sent to Mrs. Wysong and J. H. Minix at Eton Ohio.

Will J. Hodges has received the glad tidings of the improvement in his mother's health, the lady having been seriously ill at the home of her son, J. P. Hodges at Naylor, for several days.

D. E. Stokes of Alanreed was a business caller in the city the latter part of last week. The gentleman was prospecting with a view to purchasing McLean property.

There will be no preaching at McLean Presbyterian church next Sunday but for this month will use the fourth Sunday in stead.

J. G. House, pastor.

Scott Johnson and family returned the latter part of last week from Arlington, Texas, where they spent the holidays with their parents. They were accompanied home by Mr. Moore of that place who spent a few days with them here.

J. O. Phillips, living three miles northwest of the city, favored the News family with a big "mess" of spare ribs Saturday, which were most thoroughly enjoyed and for which he has our hearty thanks.

Walter McAdams, Dick and Louis Cooke, Clay Gardenhire, Clyde Cash, Ethridge Llewellyn and Elmer Hodges went out to the home of Geo. Bourland Friday evening of last week where they attended a most enjoyable dance and supper.

W. T. Wilson of Ramsdell was a business visitor in the city Wednesday and called at the News office leaving two dollars for subscription to himself and Geo. T. Mitchell at Altus, Okla., for which he has our thanks. Mr. Wilson reports the outlook for a good crop in his vicinity most promising at the present time.

G. C. Koons last week closed a deal whereby he transferred his place ten miles northeast of town to Mr. Matthews, who moved here recently from Grayson county. The consideration \$4750 cash. It is understood that Mr. Matthews will move to the place in the near future and farm it the coming year.

Posted.

All parties, except wolf hunters, are hereby warned to stay out of my place and leave my fence alone. Violations of this request will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.  
J. S. Davison.

In Character.  
Wife—"Is there any difference between a fort and a fortress?" Husband—"Not much, except, of course, that a fortress must be harder to silence."—Lippincott's.

HELP WANTED—MALE.



"Hey! Some one help me! I've been holdin' this bloomin' wall up all by myself since four o'clock."

IN SICILY.

"For heaven's sake, Excellency, give me a little more time before putting the bailiffs in."

"Are you ready to pay something on account?"

"Alas! Excellency, I have nothing—nothing at all."

"It's clear to me you have not made the least effort to pay."

"Ah, signor! Twenty times, at least, I have hidden at the side of the road with my gun, but not a living soul passed."—Grand Magazine.

If One But Knew.

If we knew to-day that we were to die to-morrow, how fair, just and unprejudiced by greed and ambition would be our actions to-day! And yet any one of us may die to-morrow—and behold our acts, our thoughts, our prejudices!

Temperance Advisable.

"Should actresses wed?" asks a Paris paper. Certainly, but not to excess.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## Don't Wait to Sell Corn

We are needing money, and we need it as bad as a crippled man does a crutch—can't get along without it. If you owe us anything, please make some kind of arrangements to pay it at once. Don't defer the matter pending the sale of your corn because we are in a critical need of the cash now. If you can't get it any other way borrow it, but get it. We don't want to hurt your feelings but we must collect up in order to pay our debts and

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#### Charlie Upham Wants Clerkship.

In the announcement column in this week's issue will be the name of Chas. Upham, who aspires to the office of county clerk. As in the case of Denson, Charlie said he had nothing to say other than he would, if elected do his utmost to fill the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. This we sincerely believe he would do as there is a more thoroughly capable and conscientious citizen in the county. He has for years been president of the county and commands the friendship and respect of all who know him. He respectfully solicits your support.

#### Official Statement

Of the financial condition of Citizens State Bank at McLean, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1909, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1910.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$57,519 74
Loans, real estate	18,483 22
Overdrafts	7,121 53
Real estate (banking house)	3,065 00
Other real estate	1,058 40
Furniture and fixtures	2,400 00
Due from approved reserved agents	\$3,773 66
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check	2,972 67
Cash items	298 95
Currency	4,161 00
Specie	3,022 67
Guarantee Fund	14,228 95
	163 28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,040 12</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus fund	1,000 00
Undivided profits, net	1,501 23
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	701 40
Individual deposits, subject to check	74,594 49
Time certificates of deposit	7,214 00
Cashier's checks	29 00
Bills payable and re-discounts	4,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,040 12</b>

State of Texas }  
County of Gray } Wm. D. N. Massay as president, and Wm. Abernathy as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. N. Massay, President.  
Wm. Abernathy, Cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred and ten. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

W. R. Patterson, Notary Public.  
Correct Attest: (SEAL)  
J. L. Crabtree }  
Wm. Abernathy } Directors  
D. N. Massay }

The News man had the pleasure of making a short visit the first of the week to our neighbor city, Alanreed, and found that little burg in a most thriving condition. Several movements for the advancement of the town's interests are on foot, among them the organization of a stock company for the purpose of putting down a test well looking to the development of coal oil and gas.

Now is the time to announce for office—get in the game early.

#### Judge Wolfe For Re-election.

Judge T. M. Wolfe asks that his name be announced to the voters of this county for re-election to the office of county judge. The gentleman has held the judgeship four years and his record as a conscientious and unbiased jurist is most enviable. He has ever been prominently identified with every move for the advancement of the county in general and especially in his capacity as county school superintendent has he acquitted himself with honor. The people can make no mistake in selecting him for another term in this important office.

#### For Sale.

Mark, a Standard bred stallion, weighs 1260 pounds in medium flesh, good quality.  
Julian, the American Draft horse, no better, can show colts.  
Cotter, Gray Eagle jack, fifteen hands high. Come and see his mules. His ears measure 33 inches from tip to tip.  
Blue Jay, Maltese jack, good quality, coming 3 years old.  
See Will J. Hodges or D. N. Massay.

If you want fresh bread go to the City Restaurant.

#### Concrete Also is New-Old.

Concrete itself is, of course, very old. The concrete stairs of Colchester and Rochester castles still show the marks of the encasing boards; the dome of Agrippa's Pantheon, which is 142 feet in diameter, is of concrete; and fragments of concrete buildings are found in Mexico and Peru.

#### Good Way to Look at Task.

Big things are only little things put together. It is encouraging to think of this when confronted by a big task. Remember that it is only a group of little tasks, any one of which you can easily do. It is ignorance of this fact that makes some men afraid to try.—Warren.

#### To Waterproof Leather.

Leather may be waterproof by painting it with a combination of two ounces each of burgundy pitch, soft wax and turpentine and one ounce of raw linseed oil, applied warm.

#### No Need to Be Alarmed.

An English writer says education is adding the world of genius by making everybody a mediocrity. Don't get scared. A real genius is always a long way ahead of the very latest education.

#### Good Maxim.

Never talk of your designs until they have been accomplished, and even then the less said the better.

#### The Earners.

"I never read of any millionaire who can afford to be reckless and foolishly extravagant," says Mr. Tukaway, "without thinking what a lot of people must work for him for less than they ought to get."—Kansas City Times.

#### Do you Recognize It?

"What, Heinrich! drinking again? I thought you intended to quit." "Ach! dot is so, yes. But in der vords of der saying, 'Der ghost vas villing, but der meat vas feeble.'"—Boston Transcript.

#### Daily Toil the Common Lot.

In all the civilized countries of the world 60 per cent. of the persons over ten years old have to work for a living.

#### Cold and Fish.

Cold seems to have no effect on several varieties of fish. Perch will live in ponds frozen over all winter; and the white fish of Canada have been frozen so stiff that they have been brittle enough to break, yet showed signs of life when properly thawed out.

#### Rats as Destroyers.

A magazine writer has computed that rats destroy yearly in the United States \$100,000,000 worth of property. He estimates that rodents destroy \$5,000,000 worth of property in New York alone.—New York American.

#### What Does it Mean?

Here is a dreadful looking puzzle:  
F F A H C H T I W T H G U  
A C T O N E R A S D R I B  
D L O  
But it is so easy when you know the answer. Just read backward and you will see at once.

#### Conversational Cowards.

There are men who will lead forlorn hopes without a quail, but yet shirk being the first to speak when general conversation has suddenly stopped.—London Tatler.

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T. M. WOLFE  
(Re-Election)

FOR SHERIFF:  
J. S. DENSON  
L. C. McMURTRY

FOR COUNTY CLERK:  
SILER FAULKNER  
(Re-Election)  
C. L. UPHAM

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:  
J. B. PASCHALL

**For County Clerk.**

We are authorized to announce to the voters of Gray county the name of Siler Faulkner for the office of county and district clerk. Mr. Faulkner is one of the best known citizens of the county and has held the office of clerk since 1902. The gentleman needs no introduction from us and it would be superfluous to recount his qualifications for the office he seeks as it is a matter of general knowledge that he is a most efficient and courteous officer. He would deeply appreciate your support.

**For Tax Assessor.**

In this issue will be found the formal announcement of J. B. Paschall who seeks the support of the citizens of Gray county for the office of tax assessor. While the gentleman has only been a resident of this county for three years, he spent his young manhood on the plains and is thoroughly conversant with the general needs of the county. He was for four years tax assessor of Gray county and hence is familiar with the work of the office. He respectfully solicits your support.

**Rest More.**

The following article, the authorship of which has been lost, contains some excellent advice that the women would do well to heed but we would not say more about it as it is exceedingly reckless in a man presuming to advise a lady concerning the domestic labors. Here's what (we hope) a lady has to say on the subject:

Few women rest enough: they don't seem to know how. Now when I say rest more, I don't mean to work less but to work differently. Learn to rest while you are washing, don't rub the clothes up and down on the washboard faster than you can breathe, but take an even stroke with the muscles of your back loose or relaxed, and the same thing applies to sweeping. Do it comfortably. Sweeping is one of the most beneficial exercises when done right. Grasp the broom tightly with the hands and use the arm muscles and take a stroke that is not too fast, nor too hard. A light broom will do better for light women, and it is better for you and the room when sweeping a carpet to go over it lightly twice than to try to get it all done at once and it does not take any longer in the end. But be sure to keep your mouth shut when you are sweeping, so as to keep the dust from getting in your throat, and if there has been much dust, wash out your nostrils when you finish your work and you will feel better. Make your head save your heels. Our brains are given us to use and each day we can learn

how to save ourselves by using them. There is more lost motion about housework than any other work, because there are so many different kinds of work to do. Try to think so as to finish one kind of work before you go to another, and save yourself extra and needless steps. By all means, wear comfortable shoes with comfortable heels. I mean the heels that are comfortable for you. Some women are much more comfortable and have less backache when they wear a moderately high heel and others like low heels. Don't let any one tell you what feels, best on you. You know that better than any one else can tell you. The only rule that all can follow with regard to shoes is to have them big enough.

"Busy people are the happiest people on the face of the earth. Look on the bright side of your work. It all has a bright side, only some people don't know how to find it if they went to. Think pleasant thoughts, make a habit of it. Don't talk or think any more about sickness or sadness than you have to. I don't think you have to at all, but some people do: and rest while you work and you will soon find what was a tiresome task has become a real, exhilarating pleasure."

**Epworth League Program.**

Subject: How to hear God's voice.  
Song service.  
Accts 22:14-17: John 8:43-47 by leader.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
To find it by study of the scriptures: Daniel 9:12—Olive Henry.  
To be with Christ, 2 Pet. 1:18—Enid Grundy.  
To wait for it, 1 Kings 19:11: 12—Fred Stockton.  
A message of the spirit Heb. 3:7:15—Prof. Clark.  
To stand steadfast and await his word. Hab. 2:1-3.—Bertha Guill.  
To be of Christ's fold. John, 10:4.5.14—May Grundy.  
To use one's spiritual faculties Rev. 2:17,29,—Alva Christian.  
Reading by—Edith Stockton.

**Slavonia Sayings.**

Everybody in this community is enjoying the best of health. Sunday School every Sunday at 10:30 a. m.  
Last Sunday morning the Sunday School officers were elected for the ensuing year. Prof. G. A. Sapp, Superintendent; Miss Lorena Sapp, Secretary; Mrs. Clara A. Smith, Treasurer.  
Miss Iseal Smalley returned from her vacation January the 1st and reopened her school January the 3rd.  
Miss Smalley is boarding at Caleb Smith's until Mrs. Anna Krc returns from her visit in Chicago.  
Miss Lorena Sapp was a visitor at the school last Tuesday p. m.  
There was a nice crowd attended the singing at Harry Smocks home Wednesday night.  
The Slavonians are busy running their new corn sheller, having shelled Michael Cadra's and John Krizan's.  
G. A. Sapp was in McLean on business Monday.  
Sam Pakan was on the streets of McLean Monday.

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