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Mr. A. R. McGonagil brough in his first load of household plunder the last of last week, so now we can number Mr. Mac as one of us.

Rev Virgil Coughran came into town last Saturday with a lot of hog and chicken proof fencing, and tells us he will fence a nice lot around his house in town, so he can have a garden.

Mr. Gleghorn from Borden county was stopping at Mr. Wilson's last week with a very sick baby. Dr. McCoy attended the little fellow and soon had him well enough to return home.

Panhandle Short Line.

In response to a letter written by Col. J. H. Ransom to the railroad committee at Dalhart just after his return from Boulder, Colorado, in regard to extending the Panhandle Short Line north through that place, he received a telegram from them requesting him to come at once, that they were ready to consider his proposition.

The road will extend north-west through the Panhandle to the coal fields of Colorado, thus giving us direct connection with the largest and best coal mines in the West.

The direct route north has not yet been decided upon but Col. Ransom is submitting propositions to the different points along the proposed line and will in the near future determine on the territory through which it is to be extended and fortunate is the country through which it is to pass. The property holders and business men all along the line are very anxious for the road. It will be a great factor in developing this wonderful Panhandle country. It will not only extend north to the rich coal fields of Colorado but will give us direct connection with the most important cities of Central and Southern Texas, and the Gulf of Mexico. When completed this line will be one of the most important railroads in the West.—Hereford Brand.

We often wonder why it is, so many young men can be seen loafing upon our streets until a late hour of night. Many of them are from our best homes. The fathers of these young men, many of them at least, are numbered among our citizens. If their cow or their horse or even their favorite dog was away from home after dark they would be out on a search; but their own children can roam the town all night with apparently no effort being made to find them. The boy seems to be turned loose at a tender age to wander at will into the paths of sin and vice and then we wonder where all our tramps and worthless specimens of humanity come from. It is a regrettable fact that too many of them come from seed germinated in good homes and then sown in a careless manner upon our streets and back alleys. Reader is your boy wasting his time upon our streets? If so would you not at least, look after him as carefully at nightfall as you would your horse or cow. We do not intimate that this evil exists to a greater extent in this community than in our sister towns, but the evil seems universal and increases in magnitude as the years roll by.—Borden Citizen.

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FRIDAY, MAR. 29, 1907.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. E. C. Dosch was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Otis Shook went to Big Springs on business last Tuesday.

The Tahoka Hotel is receiving a nice coat of paint and paper up stairs.

Mr. A. B. McLoud is putting a nice wire netting fence around his town place.

Judge Bartley went to Floydada Wednesday to visit his wife and small son.

Mr. W. T. Petty was in town the first of the week smiling at his many friends.

Mr. McGonagill and family are living in the Lump Wood house until their new residence is done.

When Judge Bartley came home from Dallas last Saturday he brought his new automobile with him.

A nice job of grading has been done around the south well and water trough. This was a much needed improvement.

Miss Allan of Ladonia is visiting her uncle Hon. T. M. Bartley of this place. Miss Allan expresses herself delighted with the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Doak left last Saturday for their home in Big Springs after a short visit to Mrs. Doak's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stokes of this place.

Mrs. Lewis Robinson gave the youngsters a very enjoyable time last Saturday evening. Mrs. Robinson is one of the most pleasing hostesses in our little town.

Mr. Thomason, of Big Springs, is in town canvassing for pianos in Tahoka and the surrounding territory. He will be represented in the advertising columns of the Lynn County News.

Mr. Davis of Goree is camped in town for a few days. Mr. Davis is on his way to New Mexico where he has filed on land. The children have the measles and he will stay in Tahoka until they recover.

Messers Peoples and Posey of Lubbock accompanied by several friends visited in Tahoka Tuesday. They came in Mr. Burns' new automobile, stayed two or three hours and returned to Lubbock in the afternoon.

John Standefer paid our town a visit Tuesday.

George Shurake was in town the first of the week.

Mrs. J. V. Dvey, was shopping in Tahoka Tuesday.

Rev. Vergil Coughran brought in a new windmill Saturday.

Ervin Burk got bruised up Monday by his horse falling on him.

Mr. Hatchet of Lynn was in the first of the week doing some trading.

Messers Brown and Doffins of San Angelo were in town this week prospecting.

Mr. L. L. Forester, of near Meadow, was in town the first of the week.

Mr. Rice of Iowa, was in town this week, looking after his land east of town.

Mr. Dud Singleton and Miss Elizabeth Maur of Pride were in town Sunday.

Miss Ida Mitchell, who lives south of town spent Sunday with friends in Tahoka.

Reggie Keith of the south part of the county was in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. F. C. Mellard returned Friday from Snyder where she had been visiting relatives.

Miss Crite Wright is taking music lessons in Tahoka, having to come 12 miles twice a week.

Mrs. Baldrige who lives south of town was in the first of the week buying pretty goods for Easter.

Mr. T. C. Leedy the proprietor of the Tahoka Nursery donated a nice bill of trees to the Methodist parsonage.

H. C. Crie who has been laid up with a crippled leg and foot is able to hobble about the house with the help of a stick.

Miss Annie Baldrige who attended school at Abilene this winter, was in town Tuesday to purchase her Easter hat.

Singing at the court house last Sunday at three o'clock. The class will meet every Sunday afternoon, every one invited.

Mrs. B. L. Shook left Tuesday for a visit at West, down near Waco. West is Mrs. Shook's home town and she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Petty had a fine lot of incubator chicks hatch off the first of the week. The incubator is a large one holding 250 or 300 eggs, which beats the old fashioned hen.

Mr. W. C. Cowan who has been the victim of a crippled hand for several weeks is able to use his hand some although he has not recovered the usual strength and his wrist is a little stiff yet.

Mr. Albert Taylor was in Wednesday in his auto, accompanied by his family and his sister from Hereford who is visiting him. His father also of Hereford, came as far as J. R. Miller's where he stopped to spend the night.

From parties living in Terry and Dawson counties we learn that there is considerable faith pinned to the proposition of the Panhandle Short Line, from Hereford south to some point on the T. & P., that meetings have been held and committees formed to confer and hold pow-wows together and rub noses, and that all the small towns, post-offices, principal points and cross-roads have been brushing up, making medicine, building air-castles and bottling hot atmosphere, and that this enterprise is meeting with propositions composed of something more than warm wind, in fact it is assuming shape, and has commenced to wriggle and wriggle itself. Brownfield proposes to give a \$20,000 or \$30,000 bonus, right-of-way, and some land, etc., while Tahoka is "scratching gravel" and Lamesa has washed its ears out and has them flat on the ground like a presidential candidate trying to catch the distant sound of his rumbling boom, or the toot of an engine, and other indications of interest is being manifested. Big Springs should have her videttes out and be setting traps and throwing out nets and lassoes. It is an easy thing to catch a calf before it is dry behind the ears, but when you let a maverick get fat and frisky it might get into some other pasture and get some other brand on it, and lose it entirely.—Big Springs Herald.

That's all right Big Springs; Lamesa may have her ears on the ground, but they ain't the long kind. Tahoka may be "scratching gravel" but its our own gravel and we ain't throwing it at nobody either.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevenson were in town Wednesday.

We had a little shower Monday evening and another Wednesday night.

Skinner & Reed sold half a section of Lewis Robinson's place to Herbert Bartley of Farnin county. Herbert is a nephew of Judge T. M. Bartley of this place.

EGGS—Thorough-bred, single comb, Brown Leghorn eggs, 50 cts per setting of 15

R. L. Darrow.
Leave orders at The Fair.

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Sent off the first and fifteenth of each month, all work is neatly done and returned promptly. Satisfaction assured. Give us a Trial.

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Cresting, Ridge-Mold Tin Roofing

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Order your tanks and gutters of us. We will put them up right.
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CUT PRICES FOR THIRTY DAYS
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3 1/2 INCH WAGONS GO AT \$82.50
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ED, PRICES RIGHT.

ALL KINDS GARDEN
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A full line of Shelf Hardware
Always on hand. Just Phone
No 5, what you want we will
quote you PRICES THAT
WILL GET YOUR TRADE.

SMITH & KING

It is reported that Major Ransom has unloaded two cars of ties, one car of steel, and a steam grader at Hereford for the use of the Panhandle Short Line.

H. C. Crie & Co. the Tahoka printers got out some note heads, envelopes and cards for the new real estate firm of Robinson & Gilmore composed of Lewis Robinson and D Gilmore. While young in years both of these gentlemen are old hands at the real estate business.

Lewis having been a member of the firm of Reed Rouse & Robinson which was afterward changed to Reed & Robinson both of which firms owe much of their success to their constant advertising in the Lynn County News. D Gilmore served an apprenticeship under his father Mr. M. E. Gilmore in the firm of M. E. Gilmore & Son whose address is familiar with Lynn County News readers. H. C. Crie & Co have done all the printing for these several firms and their neat stationery has brought them many a trade.

**FRESH MEAT
WHEN EVER
YOU WANT
TO
ORDER IT**

At Cowan's Market
IN THE WOODMAN BUILDING

**Have you tried
the Drug Store of
H. J. COUGHRAN?**

If you have not, it is about time you did so, for you can find every thing in the drug line that you can possibly want, and all of the very best in the market.

All kinds of stationery, candies and cigars: In fact every thing carried in a first class drug store.

Prescriptions carefully and accurately compounded from pure drugs.

**North-east corner square
Tahoka, - - Texas.**

Give us a trial.

**WRITE
E. D. SKINNER**

For Prices on 160
Acre Blocks of Choice
Land on the Plains.

**TAHOKA, Lynn Co.
TEXAS.**

NOTICE—the ladies of the Methodist church will give an easter egg hunt for the children, at the home of Mrs. John Thomas on Saturday afternoon, March 30. Admission fee five cents for each child. A pretty prize will be awarded the child finding the greatest number of eggs. There will be no age limit imposed if you bring the nickel. The egg hunt will begin at four o'clock and last until sunset, when a fruit supper will be served to any one in general, and the young people in particular. 25 cents each for supper. The proceeds of this entertainment are to be used for the benefit of the new church, which is still unfinished.

Emmett Fleming has sold his bicycle to Otis Shook.

Mr. J. W. Luttrell was in town last Saturday having his corn planter fixed.

Dr. McCoy starts this paper to his sister Mrs. Bilbo, who lives in the Indian Territory.

Why not protect yourself by insuring your stock—we write the policies.

The Fair.

Mr. W. C. Cowan has set out 600 trees and 400 blackberries and has been adding to his locust grove.

All kinds of hogs for sale at Jack Alleys ranch North of Tahoka. See him quick and get your pick.

FOR SALE—Seed sweet potatoes and Gennine Tennessee Triumph Irish potatoes for sale at L. R. Millers. Twelve miles north of Tahoka.

Mr. I. W. Meyer, of Lynn, compliments his sister, Mrs. Julia Terry, of Colorado City, Texas, with a subscription to the Lynn County News.

Mr. W. C. Cowan had some of his lumber come in from Big Springs this week for his new residence which he will build on the lot just west of the Wells & Welcher store building.

The disputed survey line between Jno. B. Slaughter and settlers in Garza county has been settled by Mr. Slaughter purchasing the claims of J. H. Maxey, Henry Johnson, N. W. Hight and E. S. Bolin.—Borden Citizen.

Walter Pinnell will begin work on his new house as soon as the lumber arrives. He has bought the lots and will build as soon as possible and take his old place in the barber shop with Mr. Honea. We will be pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Pinnell among us again.

Mr. E. D. Skinner, the Tahoka real estate man, had 200 cards printed at the News office about six weeks ago, for which he paid \$2. and he tells us they sold \$1100 worth of property for him. Mr. Skinner believes in advertising, and in the Lynn County News, and is consequently doing a large business.

**Just Phone No 17 What
YOU WANT.**

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT,
Is always well stocked with a nice variety of fresh Groceries, the best flour, bacon, molasses, sugar, etc Just now we have an extra nice lot of California cand fruit. Just phone No 17 for your groceries.

DRY GOODS
Are something you must buy once in a while. We are well stocked with calicos, percales, childrens hose and underwear, laces, embroidery, handkerchiefs, buttons, in fact we keep every thing needed to clothe the entire family. If you need any dry goods you should phone No. 17 for what you want.

Boots & Shoes
When you have to buy boots, shoes, or slippers, you always want to buy a good brand. Our Royal Blue brands are the best to be had. If you will look at our stock of ladies and childrens slippers you will be sure to buy of us, or you can just phone No. 17 and be sure you will be well satisfied.

HARDWARE and IMPLIMENTS,
We don't want you to forget that we handle all kinds of hardware, garden tools, nails, staples, tacks and harness and leather goods also. If you need any harness, hardware or impliments just phone No. 17.

Wells ^A_ND Welcher

**LAVERNE KERSHNER
BREEDER OF HIGH CALSS
RED POLLED CATTLE
The Farmer's Breed**

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| <p>Unexcelled for the dairy and second only to the Angus FOR BEEF.</p> | <p>Herd headed by dangerfield 6430 Pure Bred, and grade bulls for sale, at farmers' prices.</p> |
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LYNN, TEXAS.**

HOW TO REMAIN YOUNG.
To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga. did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practly 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at The Tahoka Drug Store Price 50c.

SPECIALIST.

I treat all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, also have glasses and pay special attion to fitting them—15 years experience in special practice. Consultation and examination free.
Tahoka, April 13 and 14,
I. E. Smith, M. D.
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FOR SALE—Grade Norman horse and mare, 5 years old, 16 hands high, perfectly gentle to work or ride. Apply to A. B. McLoud, Tahoka.

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The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked readily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure by The Tahoka Druggist 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Sewing, Cleaning and pressing done at John Thomas's, by Mrs. Thomas at reasonable prices. Phone No. 34. Give me a trial.

FOUND AT LAST.

J. A. Harmon, of Lizemore, West Va., says: "At last I have found the perfect pill that never disappoints me; and for the benefit of others afflicted with torpid liver and chronic constipation, will say take Dr. King's New Life Pills." Guaranteed satisfactory. 25c at The Tahoka Druggist.

**NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION
of The First State Bank
of Tahoka, Texas.**

To whom it may concern:

You will hereby take notice that we, the board of directors of The First State Bank of Tahoka Tex., at a regular meeting thereof, after due notice given, held for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to liquidate the business of said association there being present and voting, the owners of more than two thirds of the stock. Upon motion made and seconded it was decided to liquidate said business and to make a National Bank thereof.

O. L. Slaton,
W. S. Posey,
W. D. Nevels,
Jack Alley,
G. W. Coughran, } DIRECTORS.

Money Must Materialize!

All our old accounts must be paid at once, for we need the money to carry on our business with.

If you know yourself to be indebted to us, no matter how large, or how small the account may be, we need it, and we must have it at once.

It takes money to run a business and the only way we know how to get it is for our customers who owe us, to pay what they owe.

If you owe us for anything that you have already gotten come in and pay up and get some more for we have every thing that you can want.

G. W. Coughran and Co.

WHITE WYANDOTTE eggs for sale \$2.00 per 15.

Mr. Horace Hale, Gail, Texas.

WORKED LIKE A CHARM

Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spley journal, the Enterprise Louisa, Va. says: "I ran a nail into my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals every sore, burn and skin disease. Guaranteed at The Tahoka Drug Store.

Local and Personal

Mr. Abernathy of Lubbock was in the city this week.

Mr. William Standefer returned from Fort Worth Tuesday.

Ben King's new house will soon be ready for them to move in.

More goods for, the same money same goods for less money. The Fair

Arch McPhaul from the west side of the county was in town Tuesday.

EGGS—From thorough bred Golden Wyandottes \$1.00 per 15.

Mrs. Hugh Moore, Tahoka Tex.

The trees in the court yard were ploughed the first of the week. Deep and thorough cultivation is what it takes to have fine trees.

The dance at the court house Monday night was well attended. The music was furnished by Mr. Thomason, the piano man from Big Springs.

There will be a singing convention held at the Black school house Sunday the 31st. All day singing with dinner on the ground. Every one come and help sing and eat.

Mr. S. D. Hunter of Fort Worth returned to Tahoka Tuesday. He will go into real estate and abstracting and expects to make this his future home. Mr Hunter bought lots here several months ago for building purposes.

Misses Lula and Annie Cowan entertained the young people last Friday night at their home on the west side of the square. The Misses Cowan are model hostesses and allways provide an entertaining time for their guests.

Mr. D. N. Glass took a notion a week ago last Saturday to go to the stock show at Fort Worth and buy a new jack; so he went, and bought a fine one just from Tennessee for \$500. Mr. Glass returned last Saturday and had us to print him some dodgers the first of this week.

Thursday of last week, H. B. Edgar, a prominent attorney of Lamesa committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a 38 automatic pistol. Deceased was 40 years old, had lived in Lamesa for a year and leaves a family in Yoakum, Dewitt county. The deed is attributed to private matters.

Attention is called to the card of Randolph & Penry, lawyers of Plainview, whose card appeared on the third page last week and now occupies its regular place among the professional cards on the front page. Hon. H. C. Randolph is well known all over the Panhandle, L. C. Penry is our district attorney so this makes a strong law firm.

**LUBBOCK, TAHOKA, GAIL, BIG SPRINGS,
HACK LINE**

MAIL, PASSENGERS and EXPRESS.

Lubbock to Tahoka \$2; round trip \$3.50; Lubbock to Gail \$4; round trip \$7; Lubbock to Big Springs \$6.50; round trip \$11. From the other direction same price.

Tahoka to Gail \$2; round trip \$3.50; Tahoka to Big Springs \$4.50; round trip \$7.50. The other way same prices.

Gail to Big Springs \$2.50; round trip \$4. Same both ways. Grip baggage carried free. Courteous treatment assured.

HALE & HALE Proprietors, Gail, Texas

**The Roberts Business College,
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offers full and complete instruction in Bookkeeping, Banking, Corporation and Shorthand. Free tuition in literary branches, penmanship and typewriting to all pupils taking either the Bookkeeping or Shorthand course.

171 pupils enrolled in the last 10 months. Write for particulars.

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Highest Cash Prices Paid For Hides.

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LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE
LUBBOCK, TEXAS.**

WAGON YARD.

Agents for Racine Buggies

HIDES BOUGHT

SAMSON

THE MAMOUTH KENTUCKY JACK

Is a fine young jack, black, with white nose, 3 years old sired by a "Famous" Mamouth Kentucky Jack. He will make the season at my farm eleven miles south west of Tahoka in the corner of the T-bar Pasture.

Season \$2.00 Insured

I can take care of a reasonable number of mares.

G. W. Hickerson



Before You Purchase Any Other Write
THE NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE COMPANY
ORANGE, MASS.

Many Sewing Machines are made to sell reward
lots of quality but the "New Home" is made
to wear. Our sewing machines are built
to last.

We make Sewing Machines to suit all conditions
of the trade. The "New Home" stands at the
head of all High grade family sewing machines
Sold by authorized dealers only.

**The New Home Sewing
Machine Co. Dallas, Tex.**

Pa's Housecleanin'

When the April sun's a-shinin' hot an' things is nice an' fresh,
When the willer's droppin' tossels an' the blackbird's in the bresh,
An' pa comes in fer noonin' an' the floors is wet as souse,
Then it's "Laws-a-massy on us! Your ma's a-cleanin' house!"
Then me an' Jim is sure to find rag carpets in the sun
When we'd planned to go a fishin' fer the suckers in the run;
But while pa takes his noonin' an' the hosses eats their snaks,
Us boys can beat them carpets while we're restin' up our backs.
An' then next day pa's certain sure to have to go to town;
But he always leaves us orders, "Help to put them carpets down."
An' at night, when he gets home again you'd think, to hear him groan
About the hardship of it, that he'd done the job alone.

Poor ma! She has it awful hard, she'll work until she drops,
An' pound her thumb nails half way off an' wet her feet with slops;
She'll get so hoarse that she can't speak, an' sore at every bone;
But pa, he says if it was him he'd let the house alone.
An' when that night the kids is sick an' has to have a drink,
An' ma she can't get up because her back is in such a kink,
If pa should bang the furniture whilt gropin' for the cup,
You can feel him gettin' mad enough to fairly eat her up,
So me an' Jim was sayin', if the time should ever come
When pa and ma should change their work an' pa should stay to hum,
I wouldn't like to be a boy, but jest a little mouse
To hear what things pa would say if he was cleanin' house.
—William Futhy Gibbons in Woman's Home Companion for April.