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"WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT."

Terrell Times-Star: The Times-Star believes that every renter who can should buy a small home, as it is certain that land will never be any cheaper in this part of the State, but on the contrary, will be much higher in the course of a few years. Under the diversified system of farming that can be done in the way of growing corn, peanuts and potatoes and raising stock, there is not a farm in this county that will not pay for itself in a few years if properly managed.

The renter should buy a home; what is more to the point, he can buy a home and pay for it in any county in Texas. Many renters of farms have postponed such a purchase from year to year under the belief that sixty, seventy-five or a hundred acres of land are necessary for a family's support, and it has seemed too much of an undertaking to

buy so much on credit. As a matter of fact, five, ten or twenty acres can be made to sustain one family in comfort. The era of the big farm has passed for Texas; the intensive farmer is now the one who wins.—Dallas News.

We do not know of a better field for investment than is offered by Borden county. Where can finer land be bought as cheap as \$8. to \$12. per acre, land that is adapted to farming or stock raising and having a good supply of wood and water, close to a railroad with a climate as fine and healthful as that of any locality in West Texas?

Mr. J. W. Chandler left yesterday on his way to Fort Worth to buy new goods.

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Texas

THE PLOWBOY.
A rattle of chains and a trample
Out in the stable I hear
The plowboy and horses, so gentle,
Then out in the barnyard appear
He snaps them and straps them
together;
He smiles and his ruddy face
glows;
He speaks and they quickly obey
him;
Then off o'er the green field he
goes.
All day long in the furrow
He sings and he whistles, or
dreams;
Perhaps all the day he is plan-
ning
His future, and working his
schemes
Few are the sorrows that find him
Life is to him but a charm;
What can be purer and better
Than the life of the boy on the
farm?

From May Farm Journal.

Welcome Taft

Mr. Taft is said to be resolutely determined on a full and fair revision of the tariff. This, if he has his way, means cheaper print paper and, perhaps, a new lease of life to the struggling penny journal; also, as previously stated, an increase of profit to the publishers of the higher-priced dailies.

Some one has recently computed the additional supply of cotton which would be required were

an inch added to the shirt tails of the Mongolians, and the amount is great.

So with the reduction of price of print paper. Saving of one-tenth of a cent per copy would line the publishers' pockets. Such a lining would be most welcome.

Newspaperdom regards the coming of Mr. Taft with the greatest of satisfaction. He seems to possess all the attributes needed for wise dealing with current conditions.

Railroad Mass Meeting.

On Saturday the 6th inst pursuant to notice a R. R. meeting was held in the Court House of Gail, Borden county. It was the first meeting of the kind ever held here and consequently the first opportunity of getting an expression of the people with reference to the building of a railroad through our county. The meeting was called at 11 o'clock by Sheriff Jno. R. Williams who in a few remarks stated the object of the call viz, to give substantial encouragement to the Texas Central Railroad Company to build through our county which proposes to extend its line West from Rotan somewhere through this section of country. The attendance was very good, nearly every

part of the county was represented, and a lively interest was manifested. Some half a dozen members of the Snyder Commercial club were present to encourage the movement, and promise the co-operation of their people. S. L. Jones presided as chairman, and J. D. Brown as secretary. Mr. Brown in a short address stated that there were two routes open to the T. C., one a pretty good route just North of Gail, the other Northwest of Snyder crossing the double Mountain Fork of the Colorado, a very expensive route but that a large bonus would probably be offered by C. W. Post and other ranchmen to induce the Company to adopt the latter route. He also pointed out the advantages we would enjoy with a Railroad in shipping stock, produce and in quick travel, Joe Strayhorn of Snyder then made a good practical talk which received close attention on the part of the audience, after which the meeting adjourned to meet again in the afternoon

A. C. Wilmeth next addressed the meeting showing the many benefits to be derived from a R. R. and the usual difficulties encountered in raising bonuses, but pledging the co-operation of Sny-

der.

After which Mr. Ainsworth spoke and in a few earnest and practical remarks impressed upon the audience the importance of the movement and the interest felt in other towns in the action they would then take. On motion the meeting then adjourned and the following persons were chosen by the chairman as committees, to solicit contributions or pledges in the several precincts of the county

Gail, D Dorward, J. Y. Everett and Jno. R. Williams.

Tradway, W. S. Street, A. M. Tredway and G. W. Miller.

Abney Ranch, F. E. Abney, J. F. Coates and J. M. Rogers, Grays, A. R. Gray, Walter Bishop, J. C. Frost.

Durham, I. N. Gray, J. H. Wicker and J. A. Callaway.

Gavitt, J. S. York, R. N. Miller and S. C. Hutcherson.

R. N. Miller from the Julia neighborhood was in Gail last Tuesday.

Gibbs Doyle spent Sunday in Gail Gibbs seems to enjoy an occasional change from the quiet of the farm to the stir and bustle of town life, and then Gibbs has some special friends here you know,

DIRECTORY

District Officers

Jas. L. Shepherd Judge
R N Grisham Attorney
Court convenes on the 1st Monday in February and September.

County Officers

E R Yellott Judge
Jno. R. Williams Sheriff
J S Weatherford Clerk
M H Leake Treasurer
H R Debenport Attorney
Court convenes 1st Modday in February, May, August and November.

Commissioners

F M Christopher Preet. No. 1
Francis Abney " " 2
Walter Bishop " " 3
C E Reeder " " 4

Secret Orders

Masons meet on Saturday night on or preceeding the full moon.

W. O. W. meets 1st Saturday night after each full moon and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

Churches

Methodist preaching every 4th Sunday, Rev. J L B Cash, preacher in charge.

Church of Crist, preaching every 2nd Lords day, Eld. J L Roberson, pastor. Ladies Home Mission Society meets every Thursday afternoon.

Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night.

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Choosing our wearing apparel we should always select it with regard to comfort rather than appearance. Sometimes we have the good fortune to secure the advantage of both comfort and good appearance. This is invariably the case when we get a good fit. Why not then get a good fit of up-to-date tailor made clothing by applying to Lee Wootton and a nice fit in boots or shoes at the Harness and Shoe Shop of H. D. Pruett?

Messrs. Edd and Walter Davis from Fluvanna were in Gail last Sunday.

Col D. W. Godwin was in from the ranch last Tuesday.

Monday evening we had a light snow. For awhile it fell very fast but there was not enough to quite cover the ground.

Quite a nice addition was made to the telephone office here last week for the occupancy of our new operator Mr. J. E. Davidson and family.

Grandpa Leake and his son were both sick last Sunday.

Miss Winnie Chandler who has been attending school in Tahoka returned home Friday night.

Mrs. Montie Hudson was in Gail last Tuesday visiting her relatives here.

Tom Hudson went to Toyah on business last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Abney were shopping in Gail last Tuesday.

Mr. J. K. Mitchel was in Gail Tuesday dealing at the Blue Front Store.

Mr. Gober left Tuesday for Big Springs to get a load of freight.

Mr. J. J. Dodson who has been to Fort Worth to get new goods returned home Monday.

W. R. Jeter from Dawson county was in Gail last Friday bringing corn and pork to sell.

Mrs. M. E. Berry left us last Friday to attend the Stock show at Fort Worth. From Fort Worth she goes to Dallas to buy her stock of goods.

Mr. Andrews of the West Culum Paper Company of Dallas, called at the Citizen office Friday morning. After working our town he went to Lubbock the same day.

Among the arrivals here this week were Cass Lyons and mother, Mrs. M. A. Lyons of Dawson county who came Friday evening and remained over till Sunday afternoon, visiting friends in Gail.

Joe Wicker of the Durham neighborhood met with a serious accident on Thursday. The team he was driving to Disk got frightened and ran away. Mr. Wicker finding he could not stop them threw himself off backwards and was knocked senseless. His wrist was broken and his head was badly cut. He did not recover yet from the effects of his injuries.

Z. Roberson left yesterday for Big Springs and will probably be absent for several months.

Now is the time to kill your prairie dogs with strychnine and corbon. We have the stuff.

D. DORWARD Druggist.

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The Western Hotel in the Alderman Building next door to Arnold, McCamant Drug store, when in Big Springs.

Our Seal.

Extra High Patent

Watch our circular letters and see whether or not our predictions have come true. If you haven't been getting our letters regularly, write us, and we will see that you get them. Medlin Milling Co., Fort worth.

We have just received a big lot of this high grade flour—quality guaranteed.

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Excellent Fare
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Harness & Repair Shop

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NOTICE!

When in Big Springs put your team up at the Big Stall Wagon yard just East of Burton Lingo's. If you will Stop with me once you will be treated in a way that you will come back again. I handle flour and meal, also, and sell all kinds of feed stuff.

E. E. WILLIAMSON

Phone No. 368

Big Springs, Texas.

Mr. White of the Crosbyton Review who is touring this Section for the purpose of publishing write-ups of the country and towns called at the Citizen office Friday. Mr. White was favorably impressed with our town and its pretty natural scenery, after making his round.

Messrs. Graham and Eli Whitaker were in Gail last Sunday. Mr. Graham attended the church meeting in the afternoon.

Mr. C. C. Stevens from Tredway was in Gail last Wednesday

Mrs. J. W. Chandler and daughter Esther left yesterday on their way to Arkansas where they expect to stay some time.

The Railroad Mass meeting in Gail was quite an important event in the history of the town. Important, not so much because of the interest manifested and the unanimity of expression, in favor of a road, as in the action that may follow, as a result of the meeting. Railroads are built

strictly in accordance with business principles. Ordinarily two or three preliminary lines are run and the best one selected with reference to cheapness of construction and of expense of maintaining. Whatever is contributed by those who are benefited by the building of the road, to that extent, lessens the cost of construction. Railroad companies are composed of independent capitalists and are influenced by self interest, rather than by sentiment. If the bonus we succeed in raising more than offsets that offered for the other route taking into consideration the comparative cost of the two routes, then we will probably secure the road, otherwise C. W. Post and his coadjutors, will get it. That is the situation as we see it.

The County Commissioners Court met to day to decide whether or not they will sell the county school land and if so upon price and terms. We understand several parties intend bidding on it. There was a meeting of the court early in last month, at which several bidders were present, but none of the bids made were accepted.

BORDEN COUNTY.

Borden county is located partly below and partly above the "cap rock". The altitude below the cap rock is about 2300 feet. Soil fertile, climate pleasant. About 25 per cent of the land to some extent is rough and better adapted to stock raising than to farming. Timber for fuel is plentiful, below the foot of the plains, mesquite being the most abundant. This country is well set in good grass, the principal grasses being the needle and mesquite.

The rainfall here is sufficient for abundant and successful farming. The products of the farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat and oats have not been grown extensively in this county, but some parts are specially adapted to the raising of small grain. We find the gardens bedecked with beans, peas, turnips, onions radishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts and watermelons. The orchards furnish peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and apricots. The wild fruits are grapes, plums and mulberries. At present orchards are comparatively few, but bear good and abundant fruit. Agriculture is fast becoming the leading industry. The lands which only a few years since were trodden under the foot of the buffalo and mustang pony, and the howl of the lobo and the yelp of the coyote were the only signs of life now are under fence and the soil beneath the plow. At present the whistle of the farm boy, the songs of the milk maid, the bark of the neighbor's dog, the rattling of wagons, and the hum of gins are some of the indications of life and civilization.

Stock raising is still a leading factor in the progress of our county. Borden county takes pride in raising some of the best horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry does extremely well in this locality.

The development of this county has been quite rapid the last six months. During that time there has been a nice little town built up. The Methodists have erected a handsome church building at Durham in the South-Eastern part of this county.

Gail, the county seat is a small town but is building fast. There are eight business houses, besides a bank, two hotels, a restaurant, a livery stable and a wagon yard, two blacksmith

Matt Cathey, Woodworkman

A L. Cumbie, Forgeman.

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East Side Square, Gail, Texas.

General Blacksmithing, Repairing. Woodwork and Horseshoeing a specialty. All work has our special prompt attention. Horseshoeing strictly cash.

MATT CATHEY, Prop.

Land Wanted

I have purchasers for land in large and small tracts, if you want to sell, list with me and get results. Write me and I will come over and see you.

YOURS FOR HONEST BUSINESS

Fluvanna Realty Co.

Roy Neblett, Mgr.,

Fluvanna, Texas.

CITY BARBER SHOP

LEE WOOTTON, Proprietor

Agent Steam Laundry of Abilene

Orders for Tailor made Clothing.

shops and a new gin. Several of these improvements have been recently erected. Borden county is almost sure to average one-half bale per acre to all lands planted in cotton. I have lived in Borden county for eight years and have never witnessed a complete failure in crops. The lands about Gail have not heretofore been for sale, hence the slow development. At present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

On the 4th of this month 150 Homeseekers arrived in Big Springs on the Soash special. Between 2000 and 3000 ladies, gentlemen and children and the Big Springs band were at the train to meet the visitors and let them know that Big Springs extended a most hearty welcome and were glad to greet them as their friends.

Not to be outdone by the hearty welcome accorded them and to show their appreciation of same they organized a chorus among themselves and rendered several verses extolling the virtues of the Lone Star State and praising the Big Springs country to the skies.

They were taken out in autos and other conveyances to the new town of Soash. The coming of this special train is looked upon by the citizens of Big Springs as one of the greatest things that could happen, as it means—the

opening up of several hundred thousand acres of finest agricultural lands in the state and the settlement thereon of thousands of families.—Big Springs Herald.

Marrying Well.

We often hear it said that So-and-so has "married well." What is meant? That she has married a man with money oftentimes has married money with a man. By general usage this phrase has come to possess this extremely limited meaning. When a girl gives herself to a young man who is rich only in character, energy, and a good name, do we say that she has "married well?" It would seem time to reform either our ideals, our rhetoric, or both.

What is the usual standard of measurement for men in our land? Is it not money? When a man dies, and we ask, "What was he worth?" we mean, "How much wealth did he accumulate in his lifetime?" We are not inquiring concerning his true 'worth,' according to the ancient and honorable definition of the word. In the very inquiry, therefore, we voice the prevailing sordidness of the age, It is his financial value that is his "worth."

A girl may "marry well" though her husband be not rich in the world's goods; a man may be "worth" much without two

coins to clink together. A more intelligent use of these terms would in itself be a potent protest against the modern worship of Mammon.—Big Springs Herald,

Miss Clem Graham spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. P. Crowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rogers are the guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rogers this week.

Miss Bertha Wilbourn spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Rebecca Graham,

Messrs A. L. Halleymon and R. H. Marabel were visitors on North plains, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers and Miss Cardie Wilbourn were shopping in Post Saturday.

Mrs. Ola McMahan and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Bill McMahan.

Mrs. B. F. Chancellor spent Friday and Saturday, the guest of Mrs. Jim Burress.

Charley Alexander visited Mr. N. H. Graham Sunday eve. Little Susie Graham spent Saturday night with Miss Essie Burress.

Singing Sunday night at Mr. J. I. Willbourn's was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Slaughter made a flying trip to Tahoka in their Auto last Sunday.

Miss Vena Elkins visited friends and relatives in Post Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Cordie Wilbourn had a pleasant visitor in Miss Gladys Maxey last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers are visiting their sister Mrs. Jim Burress.

Elder J. F. Maxey preached a good sermon at the Chapple Sunday eve.

Mr. W. L. Wilbourn and little neices Misses Cox attended church at Graham Chappel Sunday.

Miss Ona Maxey spent Thursday night the guest of Miss Gladys Green. Brown Eyes.

NOTICE

I have turned over my accounts to M. J. Thornton for collection. Please call and settle at once.

J. A. SMITH.