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Hardware for Cash

WE ARE STILL MAKING THE
VERY CLOSEST PRICES ON

Hardware, Implements,

Vehicles, Crockery, Glassware, Etc.

FOR CASH

When you need anything in this
line we would like to serve you.
We have a complete stock and
our prices will sell the goods.

Lane Hardware Co

Resolutions of Respect.

God having seen fit to transfer from her home on earth to her home in Heaven, our associate and co-worker, Mrs. J. W. Reed, be it resolved:

First: That in her death, the Mother's Club, has lost one of its most sympathetic members.

Second: That while we greatly miss our departed friend, we still bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

Third: That we extend to her sorrowing family our most sincere sympathy, and commend them, for comfort and guidance to their loving Savior.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy entered on our minute book, and a copy sent to the Blackwell Herald.

Mrs. M. A. Evans,
Mrs. C. H. Bolin,
Mrs. W. C. Shamblin,
Committee.

—Blackwell Herald.

Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c at D. Coulson & Son's.

The First National Bank,

OF ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Capital Stock - - - 25,000.00.

Do business on business principals Your account solicited.

W. J. ADAMS, President. J. K. PATTESON, Vice-Pres.
A. P. STONE, Cashier.

DIRECTORS:—W. J. Adams, J. R. Patteson, M. B. Shepard, E. C. Rawlings, J. D. Jollier, J. Q. McCabe, A. P. Stone.

Texas Industrial Notes.

A gas well, showing a flow of 3,190,000 cubic feet a day has been brought in at Trickham, near Brownwood.

The extension of the Port O'Conner branch of the Frisco will be finished into Victoria from Bloomington within the next thirty days.

A window glass plant will be established immediately at Wichita Falls.

Within the last few days, twelve train loads of fruit and vegetables have been shipped from southwest Texas to Northern markets.

A farmer living near Balmorea, recently took from forty bee hives, 1,600 pounds of honey.

Statistics just compiled by the Longview Chamber of Commerce show that something over \$600,000 in public and private improvements were spent during the year 1911.

A dairy farm has been established at Victoria by Wm. J. Quirke.

One hundred and twenty-five acres of land near Taylor recently sold for one hundred and sixty-five dollars per acre.

A conservative citizen of Chicago, who keeps abreast of the time, has predicted that the Texas display at the Chicago Land Show, followed closely by the extreme and confining cold weather in the north, will result in an investment not less than \$10,000,000 in Texas this year.

A Milling Company of Toronto, Canada, has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with principal offices at El Paso; capital stock \$500,000.

Work has begun on a series of ten pumping plants for irrigation, on a farm sixteen miles south of Plainview.

An eight-story re-inforced concrete building to cost \$175,000 is to be built at Dallas soon.

The owner of a 120,000-acre tract of land near San Angelo, will install a system of sub-irrigation on the land, which will be the largest project of its kind in the West.

Seventeen special cars have passed through Houston to points along the Brownville line of the Frisco, on the homeseekers excursion, in the past few days.

It is reported that the Santa Fe railroad will build a new passenger station at Cleburne.

The homeseekers excursions into Plainview are bringing many prospective buyers to that city.

A Young Men's Business League has been organized at Beaumont.

From September 1st. to December 24th, three hundred and fifty-eight cars of live stock were shipped out of Barnhart, a new station on the Orient.

A Boys' Corn Club and a Girls' Flower Club has been organized at Sweetwater by R. E. Mann, United States Demonstration Agent for Nolan county.

An election for \$100,000 road bond issue was recently carried in Baylor county.

The Commissioner's Court at Brady, has sold \$7,500 road bonds for precinct No. 1, work on the roads will begin within thirty days.

Nine hundred and sixty acres of land in the Southern part of Hale county has recently been purchased by northern capitalists.

A Boys' corn club has been organized in Tom Green county.

One hundred and twenty-five acres of land near Taylor was recently sold for one hundred and sixty-five dollars per acre.

It is reported that the irrigation dam being constructed across the Nueces river on the Black ranch, will be completed within forty days. It will impound enough water to irrigate 15,000 acres of land.

The power house and general offices of the East Texas Traction company will be located at Greenville.

Community peanut clubs have been formed in various parts of Parker county. The plan is to organize the clubs so that shipments can be made in carload lots.

The several commercial organizations of San Antonio have agreed to merge into a general Chamber of Commerce.

The first carload of sweet potatoes to be shipped from Raymond station, was loaded last week. They were sold to dealers at Beaumont and brought a fancy price.

—Those who contemplate marrying and desire house furnishings and furniture will do well to see me, I will save you money.

W. K. Simpson.

FARMERS AND RANCHERS!

The Old Reliable Hardware Store Still Carries

Domo Cream Separators, Dazey Churns, Feed Grinders (Hand, Horse and Power) Fuller and Johnson Farm Pumps, Acetylene Gas Machines, Stover Gasoline Engines, Centrifugal Pumps and Irrigation Outfits

And a Full Stock of General Hardware.

FINDLATER HARDWARE CO.

Headquarters for Wind Mills, Well Supplies and General Hardware.

PROMPT ATTENTION TO MAIL ORDERS.

For Tax Assessor.

The Observer this week announces Will Herron, of Bronte, as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Coke county.

Mr. Herron has been a resident of Coke county for fourteen years and is well known to the most of our people. He is a splendid young man, upright and honest, and his business qualifications are recognized as the very best. He proposes to do his full duty, if chosen, and asks for your support and influence at the primary, July 27th.

Twenty Boys' Corn clubs have been organized in Bexar county by W. G. Hand, special representative of the United States department of agriculture for Bexar county.

The citizens of Wharton and Fort Bend counties have under consideration the building of a paved highway toward Galveston to connect with a fine paved road from the city of Galveston to the Galveston county line.

An election will be held at San Benito on February 3rd to vote on issuing bonds of \$452,000 for a drainage system.

The Texarkana National Bank is considering plans for a seven-story building to be erected at a cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Wherry Brothers, of Palestine, have purchased a tract of land near there, and will begin the construction of a planing mill at an early date.

Grading has begun on the interurban railway from Mission to Monte Christo. It is expected that the line will be completed within three months.

The Gulf Pipe Line Company is engaged in the construction of a pipe line from a point in Hopkins county through the cities of Greenville, Rockwall and Dallas, to a point near Fort Worth.

A tract of land situated four miles northwest of Greenville, consisting of two hundred and thirty acres of land, was recently sold for \$24,000. Something over \$104.00 per acre.

A truck growers association has been organized at Sinton.

Pure Drugs....

When you buy Drugs and Preparatory Medicines, you should be sure they are fresh and pure.

PURITY IS PARAMOUNT HERE

We allow nothing to be used or to go out, except what we know to be the best.

Our line of Druggist's Sundries are the best you can buy. Your Prescriptions filled day or night registered Pharmacist.

THE CITY DRUG STORE

Texas Needs Great Men

XVI. ADVERTISING

ROMER sang the praises of the Greek heroes, and Greece became the flower of civilization. The ancient Egyptian king proclaimed the fertility of the valley of the Nile, and Egypt became the granary of the world.

Prosperity always comes to countries that advertise. The Commercial Clubs of Texas are getting out literature that is shaking the continent and charging the atmosphere with progress, and the Commercial Secretaries are throwing the resources of Texas like a sunbeam across the pathway of civilization.



UNCLE SAM TALKING TEXAS

When Uncle Sam wants to boast to other nations of his power and resources, he tells them about Texas. To give them a bird's-eye view of our valleys—we can feed and clothe the world; to show them through our barnyard—16,000,000 head of live-stock; and to look at our mineral vaults—nature's crucible—makes all nations tremble with astonishment. Texas needs great men.

Texas Gas And Oil.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 31st. Texas is gaining importance among the gas and oil-producing states of the Union. The main gas-producing sections are located in Clay and Navarro counties, although gas and oil as well as gas and oil indications are found in almost every part of the state. The cities in north Texas, that are supplied with gas from Clay and Navarro fields are Fort Worth, Dallas, Henrietta, Wichita Falls, Petrolia, Byers, Bellevue, Bowie, Sunset, Decatur, Alvord, Bridgeport, Rhome, Corsicana and Irving.

In 1910, gas was discovered in Webb county, and the city of Laredo is making preparations to be supplied with gas from this well.

A gas well was recently brought in at Trickham, near Brownwood, showing a flow of over 3,000,000 cubic feet a day. While this well is not so large as some of those in Clay and Navarro counties, it is much stronger than those brought in the Indiana gas belt. Brownwood will receive its gas supply from this field.

An interesting feature of the Petrolia oil field is the wells which are 100 feet. One of the wells produces 30,000,000 cubic feet a day, with a rock weight of 750 pounds. There are hundreds of wells up in this field waiting for a market. A large number of the wells are spraying oil, indicating that when the gas pressure is removed they will come in producers. The Petrolia pool is located about thirty miles east of Electra, and there are many wells flowing oil from a sand at 180 to 200 feet.

Three Million Cubic Feet Per Day. Talpa, Texas, Jan. 31. A gas well was brought in at the Trickham field a few days ago, which has a flow of 3,190,000 cubic feet every twenty-four hours. This well is not so large as some in the Henrietta and Wichita Falls field, but is much stronger than those which were brought in the great gas belt of Indiana. When taken into consideration the gas sand or Trenton rock, in which the gas was found, was drilled into only a few inches, and that the flow comes from a hole six inches in diameter, it is evident that the well is a strong one, as this pressure is usually obtained only after being shot with nitro-glycerine.

H. G. Smith, of the Saul's ranch, was in the city Wednesday and ordered the Observer and Standard sent him.

Mrs. Whitfield, of San Angelo, is here on a visit to her granddaughter, Mrs. Lee Tubb. She was accompanied by Mrs. Tubb's brother, Bud West and little daughter, who returned to San Angelo Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Millican and little daughter, Vera, of Pecan, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city, the guests of Mrs. S. B. Laub.

Hon. R. H. Bell, the high Justice of Tennyson, was in the city, Wednesday, on business and greeting his many friends, who are legion.

WEALTH OF FARMER GROWS THE FASTEST

RURAL INCREASE 117 PER CENT AGAINST CITY'S 59

121 NEW TOWNS IN TEXAS

During the past decade the value of our property assessed as town and city lots, which includes the lands and buildings within our city limits, has advanced in value from \$189,760,828 in 1900 to \$506,255,238 in 1910, making an increase of \$317,495,410 or 167 per cent, but city property not being rendered at its true value it is likely that its actual increase in value will exceed \$600,000,000. No attempt is made to separate the value of the buildings from the value of the land within our city limits by either the State Comptroller or the Federal Census Bureau and the information is therefore not available.

The Federal Census shows that we have built 121 new cities during the past decade, and our city population has increased from 559,872 in 1900 to 938,104 in 1910, making an increase of 378,232 or 67 per cent. We now have twenty cities with ten thousand population and over, and three cities that approximate 100,000 in population.

The per capita increase in wealth of city population, taking the assessed value of city lots and buildings as a basis, has advanced from \$339 in 1900 to \$540 in 1910, making an increase of \$210 per capita or 59 per cent.

Compare these figures with those of the per capita increase in farm wealth and we find the farmer has made an increase of 117 per cent against an increase of 59 per cent within our cities. These figures prove that we have greater opportunities on the farm for money making than in the city and if our citizenship could fully appreciate the force of this comparison it would turn the tide of our population back to the soil.

Texas has probably suffered less from the rush of its citizenship from the farm to the city than any other State in the Union. While our cities have shown a rapid increase in population our farms have considerably more than held their own. Our cities have been built up by immigration, inter-state and foreign, and have drawn very little from the farms.

The Observer is in receipt of the Dallas News Almanac, which is an encyclopaedia of useful knowledge and statistics and is very useful. The price is 30 cents and can be had by mail from Dallas.

Just received, a full supply of Atomizers, we also prepare solution and have tablets to be taken internally, which is precaution against meningitis, at Lee Drug Store.

Will Walling and sister, Miss Elma, left Tuesday morning for Dallas, after a two week's visit to their mother, Mrs. M. Walling and other relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Roe visited her nephew, Lee Richards and family, at Bronte, last week, returning Saturday. Mrs. Louisa Johnson returned with them.

Just received, a carload of flour. Extra high patent. Our Seal, per hundred \$3.10. High Patent, per hundred \$2.90 at W. M. Simpson's.

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J. B. Westbrook and son Currie, of Sterling City, is here on a visit to J. F. Morrow and family and other relatives.

Texas Needs

XVII. QUARRELSOME LEADERS

THREE hundred times the Imperial City of Rome, she triumphantly processed her victorious conquests in all parts of the world, and for years she levied tribute upon three continents. Weakened by the quarrels of her Senators and the strife of her leaders, she became an easy prey to the barbarians. There is no more pitiful sound than the moan of a nation writhing in the throes of internal dissension.



QUARRELSOME LEADERS

Let those who search for power understand that no nation can endure leadership that plunges in the tidal wave of unrest, like a maddened soul bellowing with rage and belching forth flames of spite and hatred hot from hell, and that no country can prosper while cringing under the leaden heel of partisan and factional strife, which blights it like terrors fresh from the devil and are as bitter as the dregs of sin. Texas needs great men.

Rev. W. H. Rosser, of Bronte, was in the city Wednesday, to pay taxes, and on other business.

O. Warren, of Dora, Texas, is here on a visit to his relatives, T. E. Puett, and family.

A. G. Sims, was in from his ranch below town, Wednesday, to pay his taxes.

R. Hickey paid Sweetwater a visit Monday, returning Tuesday.

For Sale—A good work horse, cash or credit. Dupree & Day.

Dick Collier, of Bronte, was in the city last week, on business.

OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS



Gladys—Their engagement has been broken by mutual consent. Ethel—Isn't that tantalizing? I'll never be satisfied until I find out which one broke it.

WHEN SHOULD WOMEN WED?

One of Fair Sex, Thirty Years Old, Declares She Finds Flirtation as Attractive as Ever.

At what age do women definitely decide they are too old for marriage? The answer might be "Never," which does not imply that all spinsters are seeking husbands actively, and are profoundly grieved because they do not find them; only that each woman cherishes a secret belief that somewhere in the Cosmos is her destined mate, with whom she would inevitably fall in love, as he with her, if they met. The truth is nobody manages to feel as old as they may look. Not one of us, waking up entirely oblivious of our past life, would know how many years we had spent in the world without the evidence of a mirror or of the treatment of others. The youth of the spirit is perpetual, and we hide our inward emotions because they do not agree with outward appearance. Also we discover as we grow older how much longer we remain young than we thought we would. Thus a woman said:

"At eighteen I thought I must be married before twenty-one or never; at twenty-one I realized I still might have a chance, at least until I was twenty-five; at twenty-five and thirty I found flirtation as attractive as ever, even more so, and though I faithfully recorded an age which I shall not repeat for the census, I am certain my day is not over yet."

MAKING A COLLECTION.

"Does your wife want to vote?" "She wants two," replied Mr. Meekton: "mine and hers." Subscribers for the Observer.