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Give us a call when you come to Canyon City.

The Hadley Drug Company have just received a lot of Parke Davis & Company's blackleg vaccine and syringes for applying it. Stock men are invited to call and examine them.

The editor made a flying trip down the Denver Road last week, found the people in pretty hard shape, crops poor, water scarce, grass none. We passed thousands of poor cattle at Wagoner, trying to pass the quarantine line. One man, Mr. Laster, from Jack county, had 918 head that were condemned as ticky and could not be passed over. Mr. Laster had neither grass nor water in Jack county so he could not take them back, and what he will do, is a problem. Out of eleven hundred head inspected last week, only eleven passed over. One man brought up 119 head and sold them at ten dollars each after

Dr. Edgar P. Lewis, dentist, who is now associated with Dodson Bros., of Amarillo, will be in Canyon City Nov. 18 to 23 at Hotel Victoria.

General Stock News.

W. H. Norris has been buying calves lately, paying from \$8 to \$11 around.

Tom McFarland bought from M. L. Bell 120 coming ones and twos at p. t. May delivery.

Williams, Mundy & Gibson shipped from Childress to the St. Jo market Monday 16 cars mixed cattle.

D. A. Gathings, the Goodnight ranchman, was here Saturday on business. In conversation with our reporter he stated he was in the market for a nice bunch of twos and threes, past.

M. W. Easum has sold to Mrs. W. A. Martin his one-section improved place four miles west of

Kansas City Wednesday.

Hugh Brown has sold his place near Rowe to J. T. Adamson, of Coffin county. The place consists of 240 acres patented land and 320 acres school land, and is well improved. The consideration was 2475. Mr. Brown is negotiating for another place nearer town and will continue to run the broom factory.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.

The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rake made of ten penny nails, and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and five minutes later the pain had disappeared and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well-known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by the Hadley Drug Company, the Leading Druggists.

Webster Revised.

Define Lawyer?
Lawyer is a man who lives off the rascality of the people.

What is a Doctor?
A man who lives off their mis-

M. C. Chamlee.



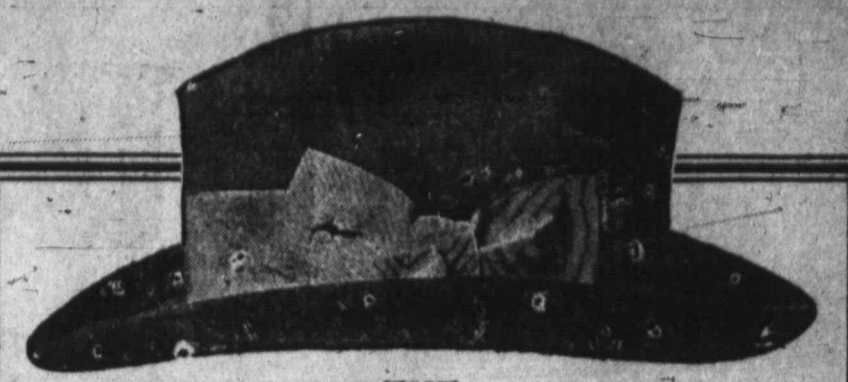
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The Indian.

"But, after all," said the Indian, "our badness is only skin deep!"

"Seeing that the world was in no small degree perplexed at his manner of arriving at this conclusion, the red man continued:

"For nobody finds fault with us so long as we suffer ourselves to be skinned!"

Here the world coughed violently, after which it spoke feelingly of the lovely weather we are having.—Detroit Journal.

The Lost Kiss.

He, bashful, did not ask of her Love's token when he should—
And now, regretful, he recalls
She looked as if she would—
—Puck.

Without Assistance.

Where He Went for It.


Albert was sent downtown by his mother to get some horseradish which she needed for her pickles.

After quite a long absence he came back home, tired and empty-handed.

"Well, where is the horseradish?" asked his mother.

"Why, mother, I went to every livery stable in town, and they didn't have a bit," answered Albert, with a weary sigh.—Tit-Bits.

Never try to coax a cold or cough, use the remedy that unfailingly conquers both. BALLANTRAE HORSERADISH SYRUP is the great specific for all throat and lung troubles. Price 25 and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Company's.



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"Why did she break the engagement?"

"He told her that she was the only girl he had ever kissed."

"What of it?"

"Why, she naturally reasoned that he was either untruthful or absurdly foolish, and he was hardly worth having in either case."—Chicago Post.

The Outlook.

"Will you still love me, Clara, if, after we are married, you discover me to be full of faults?"

"Of course, Clarence, I'm terribly proud; and I never could bring myself to admit—even to you—that I had made the mistake of my life."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Little Tommy Knew.

Minister—If anyone present can show cause why this couple should not become joined together as man and wife, let him speak or forever hold his peace.

Little Tommy—I kn, mister. He thinks auntie's only 25, and she's 40! —Tit-Bits.

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paying fourteen for them besides one hundred and three dollars freight. The below quarantine people have lots of hard luck stories to tell.

Fine September 1901 catch Mackerel at Smith, Walker & Company.

Mrs. R. W. Morgan, the bright, rustling editress of the Stayer, published at Canyon City, in Randall county, was in town a couple of days this week visiting her mother. Mrs. Morgan is thoroughly identified with the Plains country, and does not fail, when opportunity offers, to proclaim from the housetops the enviable qualities of her country and her people. To show what the soil up there will do when tickled with the hoe, she brought the Timbers office a head of cabbage that weighed 12½ pounds. To others she brought green corn, etc. The products shown are remarkable and show up Randall county in an enviable light. When the Canyon City people want to remove the bushel from off the light so that the rays may reach to remote parts, they should detail Mrs. Morgan to advertise their good works for them, for she's a hummer.—Bowie Cross Timbers.

Thank you brethren. He that tootheth not his town's horn getteth not the same tooted. Selah.

Go to the Canyon City Pharmacy for fine Cigars.

town for \$2,000. Mr. Easum says that next year he will put in an even square mile of feed stuffs.

As an illustration of the profits in cattle business W. H. Norris tells this story: Eight years ago he bought a heifer yearling for \$12 and turned her on the range. Keeping track of her and her progeny as well as he could he figured that her increase has amounted to over \$400 to date. He still has the original cow as well as all the she stock.

J. Cuddy, of Eldridge, was in town yesterday. Mr. Cuddy wants to buy 100 steer yearlings. He reports all feed crops saved before frost in Gray county.

Gus Pyron and Col. Brooks came in Friday from the Pyron ranch in Wheeler county. They put the laugh on themselves by getting lost in the fog and wandering around in a circle for several hours, finally bringing up at the point from which they started. Mr. Pyron recently purchased from D. E. Elliott his three-section improved ranch adjoining the OV ranch in Wheeler county. The price paid was \$1,500 and about \$500 worth of feed stuff was thrown in. He reports a good rain Thursday and Friday.

Sam P. Edwards, of Eureka, Kas., has been here this week looking for feeders.

Thirty cars of Matador cattle were shipped from Estelline to

fortunes.

A Banker?
He lives off their money, Groceryman?

He lives off their appetites.
A Preacher?
He lives off their credulity. And an Editor?

Oh! he lives off the scraps the others leave.—Ex.

Any of Ramon's Remedies can now be had at the Canyon City Pharmacy.

New Passenger Schedule.

DIRECT CONNECTION IN BOTH DIRECTIONS BETWEEN CANYON CITY AND KANSAS CITY.

THROUGH SLEEPERS BETWEEN CARLSBAD AND WICHITA.

Beginning Sunday, November 3rd, the Pecos System will put in effect a new schedule of passenger service, the changes being of special advantage to patrons of the line. Train No. 202 for the north will leave Canyon City at 6:08 p. m., arriving at Amarillo at 6:55 p. m., where direct connections will be made with the Southern Kansas of Texas train for Kansas City, arriving at Kansas City on the evening of the second day.

A special feature of the new schedule will be through sleepers in each direction between Carlsbad and Wichita, Kansas making close connections with the Santa Fe Kansas City sleepers. Train No. 201 from the north will reach Canyon City at 9:25 a. m.

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Expected to join "The Denver Road" at Chillicothe.

The Frisco System
Which may meet "The Denver Road" at Acme.

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Headed for "The Denver Road" at Wichita Falls.

All this, taken with the activity of immigration and real estate agents, many new settlers, numbers buying Special 30 Day Home Seekers' Tickets, and others seeking information, indicates that "THE DENVER ROAD" is considered good company in a desirable neighborhood.

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CHAS. L. HULL, T. P. A., The Fort Worth & Denver City Railway, Fort Worth, Texas.

N. B.—If you want to get choice of best locations you may have to hasten; and remember this: "Only One Road," and "You Don't Have to Apologize."

Weekly Stock Train.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Amarillo, Texas, August 29, 1901.—We have arranged to start a Weekly Stock Train for Kansas City, beginning on next Sunday night, September 1st, 1901. It is expected that this train will leave:

Carlsbad	12:30 A. M. Monday
Roswell	4:00 "
Portales	8:30 "
Hovina	10:30 "
Hereford	12:30 P. M. "
Canyon City	2:00 "
Amarillo	4:00 "
Panhandle	5:35 "
Miami	7:35 "
Canadian	8:45 "
Higgins	9:50 "
Gage	10:45 "
Woodward	11:55 "

Where it will connect with a train on the Atchison line that it is hoped will put cattle into Kansas City for Wednesday's market, BUT IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT GUARANTEE TO MAKE THIS MARKET, AS WE ARE LIABLE TO BE DELAYED IN GATHERING shipments all along the line, as this train contemplates, and may have to unload for feed and rest, in order to comply with the law. We have selected Wednesday's market for the reason that we are assured that the market on the following day, Thursday, is equally good, and our patrons are therefore protected as far as we can protect them against loss on account of possible delay as above suggested.

We will still continue to handle train load shipments, with proper notice, on any day of the week as suits shipper. This weekly stock train is simply intended to take care of shipments that would otherwise have to be handled by way of freight trains and necessarily suffer considerable delay.

Don A. Sweet,
Traffic Manager.

Too Liberal.

"Wife—Here is an advertisement in the paper that you'd better look into. It says a man is wanted, and he won't be worked to death, and he'll get paid enough to live on."

Husband—Says he won't be worked to death, eh?

"Yes; and they promise pay enough to live on."

"Huh! Some catch about that!" —N. Y. Weekly.

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The low price at which Arbuckles' famous roasted coffee can be sold is made possible by its enormous sale. It should not be classed with the inferior imitations sold at a cent a pound less than Arbuckles'. It has a quality greatly superior to these imitations and makes many more cupfuls to the pound. No other firm in the world can buy coffee to so good advantage as the producers of Arbuckles' Coffee. No other coffee is cleaned, roasted or blended with such great care and skill. When you buy Arbuckles' you get better quality and greater value than you can get in any other coffee at anywhere near the same price. You also get with each package a definite part in some useful article. Full information with each package. Save the signatures.

ARBUCKLE BROS.
Notion Dept.
New York City, N. Y.

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Healthy Mothers

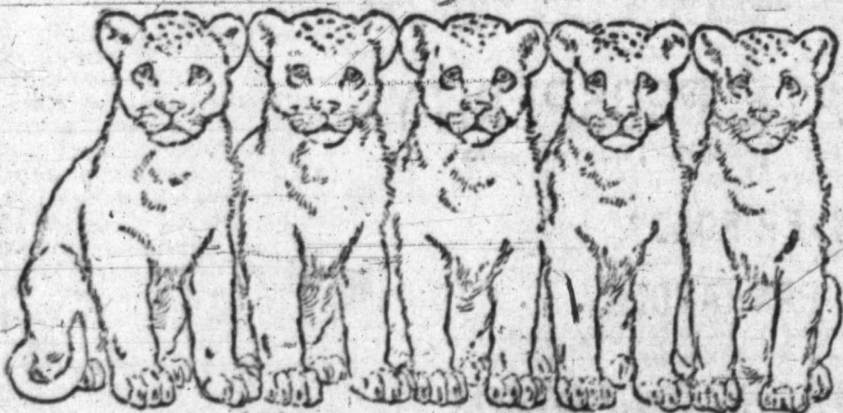
Few mothers are healthy, because their duties are so exacting. The anxiety of pregnancy, the shock of childbirth, and the care of young children, are wearisome on any woman. But with Wine of Cardui, every mother—no matter how tired—can pay the debt of personal health she owes her loved ones. Do you want robust health with all its privileges and pleasures? Wine of Cardui will give it to you.

strengthen the female organs and bring forth healthy children. It is the best medicine made. Ask your druggist for \$1.00 bottle Wine of Cardui, and take no substitute under any circumstances.

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LION COFFEE is not glazed or coated with egg mixtures and chemicals, but is an absolutely pure coffee, full of strength and flavor.

In every package of LION COFFEE you will find a fully illustrated and descriptive list. No housekeeper, in fact, no woman, man, boy or girl will fail to find in the list some article which will contribute to their happiness, comfort and convenience, and which they may have by simply cutting out a certain number of Lion Heads from the wrappers of our one pound sealed packages (which is the only form in which this excellent coffee is sold).

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JESS DEVANEY. The good looking and popular freight agent at Canyon City.
CHAS. BURROW. The efficient local manager of the Canyon Lumber Company.
The above young gentlemen after their return from visiting young lady friends at Hereford.

BEVERLY BRIEFS.

BEVERLY, NOVEMBER, 11TH.
Weather cold and fine.
Old jack frost has visited us and every thing looks dead and withered.
The health of the community is good.
No marriages, no deaths and no births since we last wrote.
School is progressing fine and the children seem to be well pleased and learning fast.
Mrs. C. Adair is expected to be at the Tule ranch next week. She will be with the cowboys during this week. She is an expert rider and has her horses and saddle and will do a great deal of riding at the round-up.
Mr. Wiley Morris one of Silverton's young men passed through the neighborhood last Monday evening on his way to Goodnight to attend school. He is well pleased with the school and thinks it is a good place for young men and young ladies who want an education.

Mr. Bob Stevenson has gone to Canyon City for a day or two.
Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman visited Mrs. Webb last Sunday.
Mr. Julius Pietzsch has gone to Kansas City this week.
Mr. Crayer Jackson spent last Monday in Canyon City.
Mrs. Bonds was the guest of Mrs. Helms and family last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Pietzsch visited Miss Minnie Brooks this week.
There has been several people from about Wright getting out wood this week. They are preparing for winter.
It will soon be hog killing time, then we can get fat. We can have hog and hominy.
Success to The Stayer and three cheers for X. T. Z. Jasper.

The Best Stationery at the Canyon City Pharmacy.
Miss Luna Cofer has returned to her home at Panhandle City after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. O. C. Davis.

Rates of Tuition of Canyon City High School.
First grade, \$1 per month.
For each additional grade, 25 cents more per month. Overs and unders and all tuition pupils charged according to the grade they study.
Tuition payable at the end of each scholastic month to the principal of the Canyon school.
All tuition goes to supplement the school fund and extend the term of school.
By order of the Board of Trustees.

Who are tuition pupils? All unders, overs and non-resident pupils who have not been transferred.
J. C. Pipkin,
F. P. Wilson,
S. A. Shotwell

For Trade.

A nice paying drug store in this town to trade for Panhandle land. Address: Smith's Palace Drug Store, Iowa Park, Tex. 36
The following gentlemen went to Kansas City last week:
Geo. Long, Bill Black, Bob Foster, J. P. Crawford this city. Marvin Faulkner, Wright A. A. Hogan and Mr. Stringer, Tullia and Julius Pietzsch, Beverly. They report an immense time, particularly in attending theatres etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown, of Lockney, are visiting Mr. I. G. Trimble and family.
Herbline sweetens the breath, brightens the eyes and clears the complexion without the slightest ill effects whatever, and ensures the natural bloom of health. Price 50¢ at Hadley Drug Company's. 35

Rev. John A. Wallace left Monday for conference at Corsicana.
Little Pearl Poe, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Shotwell, is very sick.

Mr. Bell Reed, of Lubbock is shipping cattle this week from Canyon City stock pens.
WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE removes the unhealthy tissue upon which worms thrive; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of body, where worms cannot exist. Price 25¢ at Hadley Drug Company's. 35

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Post-Dispatch Scores Victory.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch produces the only electrotype color work in the west, although many papers have colored covers such as may be printed on an ordinary printing press. An electrotyping plant is a heavy investment, but unless its contemporaries open their money bags, the Post-Dispatch will reap a harvest of increased circulation. The colored cover shows the effect of good workmanship and high priced machinery. The front page of the comic section is illustrated by Howorth, the chief of Puck's staff, who was secured by the Post-Dispatch in partnership with the New York World.

The Hadley Drug Company have some lovely jewelry they are selling cheap. Now is the time to buy presents for the holidays while you can get your choice.

Last Friday Mr. H. C. Rogerson gave a display of his water works. He was having his tank cleaned out and the water was thrown on the Hadley Drug Co's store. Those who witnessed it were satisfied that much fire could be controlled by it. Mr. Rogerson's water works has twice been of benefit in case of fire. Oh! for a dozen such men in the town.

J. A. Wansley & Co. handle the old reliable Meyers flour, Albartross and Supreme. Every sack guaranteed. 1f

Agents of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company in Texas and Shreveport, La., have been instructed to sell round trip tickets to Ft. Worth, Texas, November 22nd, at very low rates, account National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Ft. Worth, Texas, November 15th to 21st 1901. 33

Canyon City, Texas, Nov. 11, 1901

Dear Old Santa Claus, I write you to let you know that I have decided that I would rather have a big little wagon than a velocipede. I want some books too, and you can bring me anything else you want to. I want you to bring sister a doll and a doll buggy and some dishes or anything else you want to bring her. May be you can bring us some little chairs to rock in, but if you can not bring us chairs it will be all right. Bring all the little folks in town something and bring mama and papa something too. Be sure to come to the Christmas tree as we want to see you. One of your little boys, Clarence Thompson.

ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY.
From Coopersville, Mich., comes word of a wonderful discovery of a pleasant tasting liquid that when used before retiring by any one troubled with a bad cough always ensures a good night's rest. "It will soon cure the cough too," writes Mrs. S. Hinkelburger, "for three generations our family have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and never found it's equal for coughs and colds." It's an unrivaled life-saver when used for desperate lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50¢ and \$1.00 at Hadley Drug Co's. 35

Mr. J. B. Thomas, of Stamford, Jones county, has bought land about ten miles from town and will move in soon. He left on yesterday evenings train for Jones county.

Judge Lair deserves the thanks of our citizens for the very able manner in which he presented the claims of Randall county to the commission at Fort Worth. We could not hope to get the station under the circumstances but he did his best.

Johnnie's Guess.
"Now, children," said the teacher, "what do you understand from this passage: 'Nothing was to be heard except the monotonous slap, slap of the waves?'"
"That they was killin' mosquitoes," ventured Johnnie Wise.—Baltimore American.

THE STAYER

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO STOCK-FARMING.

Vol. 5.

Canyon City, Texas, Thursday, November 21, 1901.

No. 34

SMITH, WALKER & CO'S. DRY GOODS AT COST.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THESE PRICES. OTHERS MAY TRY TO MEET THEM.

Positively we will sell ANY ARTICLE in our entire DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT at ACTUAL COST. Smith, Walker & Company have a Plains wide reputation for handling only first class goods and we are now offering in every particular as desirable stock as is shown by any firm in the Panhandle. For dates of sale and a few specimen prices see our ad on another page.

Kansas City Stock Report.

Kansas City Stock Yards
November 18, 1901

The near approach to the baked turkey and cranberry sauce, mince pie and fruit cake season is beginning to alienate the affections of the carnivorous appetite from the roast beef, boiled hams, and mutton stew bill of fare and the past week's live stock business has, to a large extent been one of declining values and hard worked salesmen. The best grades of corn-fed heaves suffered the most pronounced decline and the top for the week was 6.25 against 6.00 for the week before with quality about a standoff. The close on Friday was stronger with 5 to 10% of the lost prestige regained and the decline is presumed to be about at a stopping point. One of the features of the week's offerings was the liberal percentage of short-led cattle and, while there was no especial discrimination against that class of cattle, consigners were disappointed with the returns.

The cow supply comprised many varieties, ranging from the weather-beaten, cast off grand dams of the newly martinated herds which pass current at around 2.00 per 100-weight to the tallow laden heifers that sold along with their brothers up to 5.35. All grades of females were received with the deference due the sex and the market closed a little higher on the week.

Light stock cattle and the common class of feeders that had accumulated in the hands of traders during the previous week were closed out at very low prices and 17,200 head of cattle and calves went to the country during the week, as compared with 15,300 for the corresponding week last year. Good to choice feeders are still popular at steady prices but range buyers have withdrawn from the market and the common to medium grades are in very slack demand.

Southern cattle receipts during the week were but little above 4,000 and the lightest since last May, but as the federal "open season" is now in force there will probably be many cattle inspected and moved northward to pastures and feedlots. Southern steers showed some weakness, in sympathy with the decline in natives but a load of fed Indians from Miami sold at 4.40 which was nearly as much as they would have realized the week before. Range steers that averaged from 875 to 975 pounds were taken largely at 3.35 to 3.75 and the poorer grades at all the way down to 2.40, while cow values ranged from 1.90 to 3.00.

There were heavy receipts at all markets and while packers were ready purchasers of the prime medium to heavy grades there was a sharp decline in light and pig weights which ranged from 20 to 40%. Top heavies sold at 6.00 on Saturday against 5.95 on the Saturday before but the bulk of sales ranged from 5.30 to 5.85 as compared with a 5.50 to 5.90 bulk on the preceding Saturday. Mixed and median hogs closed for the week at 5.90 to 5.85; lights at 5.00 to 5.80 and desirable pigs at 4.50 to 5.00.

Receipts of live stock for the past week were:

Cattle	42,000
Hogs	94,500
Sheep	23,500

For the preceding week:

Cattle	48,000
Hogs	88,000
Sheep	22,500

Corresponding week last year:

Cattle	62,100
Hogs	85,200
Sheep	19,600

DON'T BE FOOLED.

WE ARE NOT running a so called clearing sale AT COST BUT WILL MEET ANY PRICES

made by any so called sale and we "go 'em a 'leetle' better" on many goods. Nor is our house the

Dumping Ground For The Hard Stock

accumulated by other houses to run off at 20 to 25 per cent. below cost. If you want Good, Clean, Seasonable goods at prices that will satisfy you give us a chance to show you our goods and prices, and if they are not right don't buy.

FOR CASH

We will sell you:

All Dress Prints per yard	.04	Men's Shoes	Former price \$1.50	Now	\$1.15
A Good yard wide Brown Domestic	.04	Men's Shoes	"	"	2.90
Chambray	.08	Hamilton Brown's Shop Boots	"	"	4.45
Feather Tick	.11	Men's Hats	"	"	1.10
Fancy Outings	.08	Men's Hats	"	"	1.70
Knight's Cambric	.08	Men's Hats	"	"	2.20
Lonsdale yard wide Bleached domestic	.08	Stetson Hats	"	"	4.25
Men's Suits	Former price \$12.00 to \$12.50	Stetson Hats	"	"	3.85
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Canyon City, Texas, Nov. 18th, 1901.

As some comment on my action in resigning the office of county attorney has been made I beg to submit a brief statement of facts and conditions as they confront me. The office is the most disagreeable one in the gift of the people. I have made enemies for myself and damaged my private business in performing my sworn duty. I have been the subject of unkind remarks and unjust ridicule. The religious and moral element of the county have not given me the support I expected and I am unwilling to longer hold an office to which so much unpleasantness is attached unless the salary is better. R. W. Morgan.

A Violent Attack of Croup Cured.

"Last winter an infant child of mine had croup in a violent form," says Elder John W. Rogers, a Christian Evangelist, of Filley, Mo. "I gave her a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and in a short time all danger was past and the child recovered." This remedy not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the first symptoms appear, will prevent the attack. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by the Hadley Drug Company, the Leading Druggists.

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A Double Wedding.

On Sunday Nov. 17 at 7.30 p. m. Mr. James Coffee and Miss Ida Robeson, Mr. Sterling Coffee and Miss Jessie Robeson were united in marriage, Rev. T. E. Robeson, father of the brides, officiating. In these happy unions every element of success and happiness seems blended. The charming brides are talented, accomplished ladies, trained by a most excellent mother and pious father, they have always walked the straight and narrow path of duty and honor, leading pure, quiet lives, adorned with every feminine virtue. The young grooms are exemplary young men against whom no reproach has ever been cast, they bear the reputation of being upright, industrious, high minded gentlemen. We extend our sincere congratulations and wish them a happy, useful life, crowned with joyous age, that they may at last present themselves hand in hand before the gates of His glory to receive the reward of a well spent life.

There is probably no disease more distressing and annoying than piles. Tablers Buckeye Pile Ointment is daily curing cases of years standing of itching and bleeding piles. The cure begins on the first application, a little perseverance makes the cure complete. Price, 50¢ in bottles, 75¢ in tubes at Hadley Drug Co's.

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Sergeant Sam W. T. Lanham

TO CORRESPONDENTS

We are anxious to have correspondence from each school community in the country tributary to Canyon City.

Prices, conditions of crops and grain, sales of stock when the price, condition and age of stock, and names of parties to the transactions are given are of interest to stockmen.

Births, deaths, marriages, persons moving into the community, residents going out, etc. are matters of local interest.

Religious, educational and social matters indicate to the world the attention given to such things.

Strictly avoid mentioning little troubles or other matters that will be unpleasant to any one.

Correspondents will kindly furnish us the name and post office of the school teacher in your neighborhood.

As matters of importance come in late we would urge correspondents to have communications to reach us as early as Tuesday morning to be certain of publication that week. If they are later we will do our best to put them in.

International Stock Food guaranteed to make hens lay, at Canyon Drug Company's.

A communication from each place, Beverly, Wright and Oeta was received too late to get in this week, but each one is too good to lose so they will appear next week.

The Hadley Drug Company have just received a lot of Parke Davis & Company's blackleg vaccine and syringes for applying it. Stock men are invited to call and examine them.

Grandma Guyer stood the trip to Ft. Worth all right is going to spend the winter with her daughter at Farmersville. We went with her part of the way.

Nice line of Paint Brushes now at the Canyon City Pharmacy.

We are requested to announce that on account of Thanksgiving services at the school house there will be none held at the Baptist church on that day.

Try Secretary Gage cigar at Canyon Drug Company's.

The minutes of the Commissioners court at its last session shows that our sheriff, W. D. Orr, has turned over to the County Treasurer all funds that have come into his hands as County Collector. Square and prompt settlements of County Collectors are to be commended.

Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.

The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted rake made of ten penny nails, and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and five minutes later the pain had disappeared and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by the Hadley Drug Company, the Leading Druggists.

Dr. J. Willard Palmer, who formerly lived here is in town this week.

Clearing Sale

FOR 30 DAYS

We will sell FOR CASH our entire stock of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES & CLOTHING, (In fact EVERYTHING in our DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT), AT COST.

Some articles will be sold 20 to 25 per cent below cost:

Woolen Dress Goods	Formerly .60	Now \$0.42	Men's Suits	Formerly 15.00	Now 11.08
Fancy Outings	.15	.11	Men's Suits	6.50	4.27
Thirty-six inch Percales	.12	.08	Boys' Suits	5.00	3.88
Seasonable Gingham	.10	.07	Boys' Suits	3.50	2.53
Feather Bed Ticking	.15	.11	Dress Overcoats	12.50	9.46
Good 36-in. Brown Domestic	.05	.04	Duck Overcoats	3.50	2.64
" " Bleached	.08	.07	Sheep Lined Duck Coats	4.00	3.03
Fannellette Wrappers	2.00	1.52	Buck Gloves	1.50	1.11
" " " "	1.35	1.01	Gent's Dress Shirts	1.25	.78
Ladies' Jackets	5.00	2.58	Gent's Woolen Shirts	1.50	.99
" " " "	3.50	1.90	Gent's Shoes	3.50	2.53
Ladies' Fleece Vests	.80	.40	Gent's Boots	5.00	3.91
" " Union Suits	1.00	.69	Gent's Boots	3.50	2.53
Misses " " "	.35	.23	Stetson Hats	5.00	3.90
Ladies' Fine Shoes	3.00	2.37	Gent's Hats	3.00	2.22
Children's School Shoes	1.50	1.13	Gent's Hats	1.50	1.13

We have many such bargains but space forbids further enumeration. Look out for the "red ink" tickets they are special bargains.

Our Stock in all Lines is Complete and now is the time to lay in your Winter Supplies at a Great Saving.

Come early and get the benefit of a full stock and complete sizes. Everyone who knows Smith, Walker & Co. can vouch for the genuineness of this sale.

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Harter and Sparks are rushed with work these days but never too busy to do their work right. When in need of any kind of blacksmithing or woodwork call at the shop next door to Canyon Mercantile Company.

Dr. Edgar P. Lewis, dentist, who is now associated with Dodson Bros., of Amarillo, will be in Canyon City Nov. 18 to 28 at Hotel Victoria.

A Liberal Offer.
The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to any one wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a good one. Hadley Drug Company, the Leading Druggists.

Mrs. John Dean is on the sick list this week.

For Trade.
A nice paying drug store in this town to trade for Panhandle land. Address: Smith's Palace Drug Store, Iowa Park, Tex. 36

We call your attention to the professional card of Drs. O'Dell and Stewart. These gentlemen have fitted up an elegant office over the Hadley Drug Company's Store. Dr. O'Dell, the senior partner, is a man of years and brings to his professional work a mind stored with ripe experience in actual practice and study. Dr. Stewart, you all know. Their office is equipped with all the latest and most perfect surgical instruments including an X-ray apparatus. These gentlemen in offering their professional services to the general public feel assured their work will be satisfactory to all who feel themselves in need of medical or surgical attention.

For absolutely pure mixed paint sold under an iron-clad guarantee, go to M. T. Jones LUMBER COMPANY. They also carry Doors, Windows, Mouldings, Cypress Shingles, Lead, Oil, Varnishes, Brushes, Glass, Putty, Etc., Etc., and you may rest assured that their prices are all right.

The Hadley Drug Company have recently overhauled their store and find they have a large stock of fancy and plain stationery which they want to sell right away. Call and get bargains while this lot lasts.

Notice to Contractors.
The Commissioner's court of Randall county, Texas, will convene Saturday, November 30th, 1901 to consider sealed bids to put a shingle roof on the Court house. Plans and specifications are now in the County Judge's office for inspection. The Commissioner's court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sealed bids may be handed or sent to the clerk any time before that time.

Try Harter's blacksmith for steel toed horse shoes \$1.75

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hicks are being congratulated on the birth of a son last week.

Home Comfort coffee is the best. J. A. Wansley & Co. tf

Never try to coax a cold or cough, use the remedy that unfailingly conquers both. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP is the great specific for all throat and lung troubles. Price 25 and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Company's.

Mr. Jim Burrow, of Amarillo, came down to the wedding.

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Miss Adair and local talent will give an elocution and musical recital Friday night. We predict a pleasant evening for all who attend.

GREAT LUCK OF AN EDITOR.
For two years all efforts to cure psoriasis in the palm of my hands failed" writes Editor H. N. Lester of Syracuse Kan. "then I was wholly cured by Bucklen's Arnica Salve." It's the world's best for eruptions, sores and all skin diseases. Only 25¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

The matrimonial fever has struck town and it is reported many cases are showing indications of succumbing to the disease.

Persons desiring fruit or ornamental trees, flowers, shrubs, or other nursery stock will do well to see S. H. Baker, of Wright, Texas. He is representing the celebrated Stark Bros., of Louisiana, Missouri.

The State of Texas, Randall county. In Commissioners court November term 1901.

Before me, the undersigned personally appeared the members of the Commissioners court whose names are below subscribed, who upon their oath, do say: That the requirements of Art. 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, have in all things been fully complied with, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the quarterly report made to and filed in this court by R. B. Redfern, county treasurer of said county, for the quarter ending the 12th day of November 1901, and held by him for said county, have been fully inspected and counted by them at this term of said court; and that the amount of money and other assets in the hands of said treasurer are as follows, to wit:

Total amount of cash in the various funds belonging to the county, Fifteen hundred and ninety eight dollars. (\$1,598.00.) Total amount of assets other than actual cash to the credit of the county sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) school fund.

- L. C. Lair, County Judge, Randall county.
- C. M. Houser, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- T. F. Gilleland, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- F. J. Trigg, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of November, 1901.
- J. H. Garrison, County Clerk, Randall county.
- By A. N. Henson, Deputy.
- A. N. Henson, County Commissioner, Randall county.
- Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of November, 1901.
- L. C. Lair, County Judge, Randall county.

LOCAL MARKET REPORT

For the week ending Thursday November 21.

Flour	\$2.00 to 2.25
Sugar	5.90
Salt, No. 1	1.15
Lard per lb	12@13
Bacon strips, smoked	12@12 1/2
" " dry salt	12
Rice per lb	08 1/2
Tomatoes per case	\$2.50@2.65
Corn per case	2.10@2.25

DRIED FRUIT.

Peaches, new crop per lb	10
Apples, "	10
Prunes, dark	8 1/2
Apricots	12 1/2
Pears	11
Raisin, 3-c	8 1/2
Molasses per gal	40@60
Potatoes new	2@2 1/2
Coffee, Arabuckles, per lb	14
Java	20
chickens per doz	\$2.00@2.50
eggs	20
Butter per lb	20@30
Corn meal	1.90
Onions	3@3 1/2
Cabbage	3@4
Peas, blackeye	2 1/2
Mexican beans	3
Coal Oil, per ten gal	2.75
case, Euption	2.45
Brilliant	2.45
Baker perfect paint	\$3.75
Baker galvanized	\$4.05
Nails	.04
staples, base	.04
Coal per ton	\$5.50@6.50
Corn per cwt	1.50
Bran	1.20
Oats	1.75
Chops	1.60
Millet seed per bu	1.00
Alfalfa hay	10.00
Prairie hay	10.00

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The Sturgis Wager
DETECTIVE STORY
 BY EDGAR MORETTE

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This property, having been the subject of an interminable lawsuit, had remained for many years unoccupied, and was even now beginning to be regarded by some of the neighbors as haunted, when at last it was bought by Dr. Murdoch, a wealthy widower with an only daughter. For some months masons and carpenters were at work, and then, one day, the new occupants entered into possession.

The Murdochs lived quietly but luxuriously, like people accustomed to wealth. They had their horses and carriages, their house at Lenox and at Newport, and their yacht. Their circle of acquaintances was large, and included not only the fashionable set, but also a scientific, literary and artistic set.

For Dr. Murdoch was a chemist of national reputation, a member of several scientific bodies, and a man of great intelligence and broad culture.

On this particular New Year's morning Dr. Murdoch was seated in his study, apparently absorbed in reading the daily papers, a pile of which lay upon his table. His occupation might perhaps more accurately be described as skimming the daily papers; for each journal in turn was subjected to a rapid scrutiny, and only a few columns seemed occasionally to interest the reader.

There was no haste visible in the doctor's actions, each one of which appeared to be performed with the coolness and deliberation of a man who is not the slave of time; and yet, so systematic were they, that, all lost motion being avoided, every operation was rapidly completed.

In a short time the pile of newspapers had been disposed of, and the doctor, lighting a choice cigar, leaned back in his comfortable armchair and placidly puffed the wreaths of fragrant smoke fallingward. He was apparently satisfied with the world and with himself, this calm, passionless man. And yet a sharp observer would have noted an almost imperceptible furrow between the eyes, which might perhaps have indicated only the healthy mental activity of an ordinary man; but which, in one given so little to outward manifestation of feeling as Dr. Murdoch, might also betoken more or less serious annoyance or displeasure.

While the chemist sat in this pensive attitude, there was a rustle of skirts outside, and presently there came a gentle knock at the door of the study.

"Come in!" said Murdoch, removing the cigar from his lips.

The door opened, admitting a tall and beautiful young girl, evidently not long out of her teens.

"Did I disturb you, father?" she asked, stepping lightly into the room.

"No, Agnes," replied Murdoch, courteously; "as you see, I am indulging in a period of dolce far niente."

The young girl laughed a clear, silvery laugh, as her eyes fell upon the

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northern climate. Thus the father, engrossed as he was with his occupations and his scientific researches, had seen but little of his daughter during her childhood, and had been looked upon by the child almost as a stranger.

When at last, after her mother's death, Agnes, heartbroken at the loss of her only friend, returned to the parental roof, she was a girl of 16. In the first loneliness of her bereavement, when, hungering for human sympathy and consolation, she turned to her father, she received patient and courteous attention, with an offer of all the material comforts and luxuries which wealth could procure; but she failed to find the only thing she needed—a responsive human heart.

And yet, behind the cold and selfish exterior of the chemist, the young girl had touched a chord which had never vibrated before in this strange man's being. It is probable that the feeling awakened in him by his lovely daughter was the nearest approach to an absorbing human affection of which his nature was capable. Perhaps if the child had been sufficiently experienced to read her father's heart she might have persisted in her advances, and thus ultimately have conquered the cold reserve she had at first encountered. But she was proud and impulsive, and, bitterly disappointed in her first attempt to win from her father a demonstration of affection, she withdrew into her room.

"I judge from your reception of the gentleman's name, that his suit is not likely to meet with much favor in your eyes."

"I am not aware that I have ever given Mr. Chatham any reason to believe that it would," answered Agnes, stiffly.

"And yet you must have understood the drift of his attentions during the last few months, since—"

"Since it has been perfectly clear to every one else, you mean?"

"And yet," the young girl continued, reflectively, "I do not see how, without downright rudeness, I could have done more than I have to show him that his attentions have been distasteful to me."

"Then I may infer," said Murdoch, smiling, "that you would not break your heart?"

He seemed to hesitate in the choice of his words.

"If he should conclude to go abroad on a long journey without subjecting you to his impending proposal,"

"On the contrary, father," admitted Agnes, "I should be everlastingly grateful to you if such a consummation could be brought about without unnecessary rudeness or cruelty towards Mr. Chatham."

"Very well, Agnes, that is all I wanted to see you about."

Agnes looked curiously at her father, as if to read the purpose hidden in the depths of his inscrutable eyes. She saw nothing but a polite dismissal in his calm face; and the interview between father and daughter ended, as it had begun, with formal courtesy on both sides.



"I SHOULD THINK YOU WOULD WEL-COME HARD WORK AS A PLEASANT CHANGE."

CHAPTER VIII.

THE PORTRAIT.

Sprague was seated before his easel arranging his palette for the morning's work. The unfinished portrait of Agnes Murdoch looked down upon him with eyes of living beauty. Occasionally the artist would bestow a deft touch upon the glowing canvas and would retire to a distance to note with a critical eye the new effect. Then he would consult his watch in nervous impatience; and, going to the window, he would glance anxiously up and down the street. Once or twice the rumble of wheels caused him to look up in glad expectancy, which gradually gave way to gloomy discontent as the noise died away in the distance.

At length hope seemed to depart altogether from the young man's breast. He threw down his brushes, gave up all pretense of work and drifted off into a brown study. His eyes, fixed upon those of the portrait, had a troubled look in them—as troubled that it was clearly out of all proportion to the professional disappointment of a painter kept waiting for a fair subject.

So absorbed did he become in his gloomy meditations, that, when at last a carriage stopped before the house, the artist did not hear it. But when, presently, a gentle tap sounded upon the door of the studio, he sprang to his feet as if he had received an electric shock.

"Perhaps he had; for it was followed by a rapid current of delicious thrills tingling through every nerve and affecting in his whole being a sudden and marvelous transformation. At once the furrowed brow was smooth; the drooping lips were wreathed in smiles; the troubled look gave way to one of glad welcome.

For she had come at last. There she stood, with laughing brown eyes and glowing cheeks, when Sprague threw open the door. Alas, as usual, she was accompanied by her maid. Never mind; was it not enough to have her there at all, to bask in the sunshine of her smile, to look into the dangerous depths of those soul-stirring eyes, to listen to the rippling of her silvery voice?"

"I fear I am a little late, Mr. Sprague; I am sorry to have kept you waiting. But you see this is how it was—"

What mattered it to him now how it was? Was she not there? An eternity of suspense and misery would have been wiped out by that single entrancing fact. Her words beat upon his ear like rapturous melody; he drank them in, hardly conscious of their meaning.

Agnes Murdoch, followed by her maid, proceeded at once to the dressing-room set apart for the use of the artist's models. When she returned, dressed for the sitting, she assumed under Sprague's directions the pose of the portrait, while the artist, critically, arranged her draperies and adjusted the shades and screens.

The maid had remained in the dressing-room.

"And so these are positively the last final touches, are they, Mr. Sprague?" asked the young girl, mischievously, after a few minutes. "You artists seem to be quite so uncertain about your farewell appearances as any famous actress or singer."

The artist looked up quickly at the girl spoke. An expression of pain crossed his features.

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"Yes, Miss Murdoch," he answered, gravely. "I shall not have to trouble you to pose again."

Miss Murdoch's attention was attracted by the melancholy note in his voice. She observed him from the corner of her eyes in kindly curiosity.

The artist fell into a moody silence. For awhile he worked with feverish activity at the portrait; and then, gradually falling into a fit of melancholy abstraction, he sat, with poised brush, gazing intently at the beautiful girl before him. His task forgotten, he was apparently unconscious that he was taking advantage of his privileged position to stare at his fair subject. Agnes felt his burning glance and was embarrassed by it; but, womanlike, she retained control of herself, outwardly, at all events, as she uttered some commonplace remark which broke the spell and brought the artist to his senses with a sharp consciousness of his rudeness. He replied to the young girl's question in a low, changed voice, and then relapsed into a gloomy silence. After an awkward interval he asked, suddenly:

"Are you so very glad, Miss Murdoch, that our sittings are almost over?"

"Why no, Mr. Sprague," replied Agnes; "I did not mean that. Of course I shall be glad when the portrait is finished, because I wish to have it home and to let my friends see it. But I should be indeed ungrateful if I begrudged my poor little time and trouble, when yours have been so lavishly and so ungrudgingly spent."

"These sittings have been a source of so much pleasure to me," continued Sprague, thoughtfully, "that I have selfishly overlooked the fact that they could only be an annoyance and a bore to you. I fear I have needlessly prolonged them."

"But, indeed, Mr. Sprague, I assure you it has been anything but a bore to me to pose. I am sure I shall miss the pleasant morning hours I have spent here."

"They have been the happiest hours of my life," said Sprague, earnestly, in a low voice, "and now they are nearly gone—forever."

Agnes started slightly, blushed and riveted her gaze upon the dainty white hands which lay clasped together in her lap. Her bosom rose and fell in quickened undulations.

"Why forever, Mr. Sprague?" she asked, softly; "do you think of leaving New York?"

"No," he replied quickly; "it is you who are about to desert this studio, which for a short time has been brightened by your presence—"

"Well," interrupted Agnes, "since you are not going to leave New York, I hope you will continue to call on us."

"I suppose I shall continue to call on your reception days, if that is what you mean," said Sprague, somewhat disconsolately.

"Now that," laughed Agnes, "is not in line with the polite things you have been saying."

"I did not mean to say anything rude, Miss Murdoch, but a call on your reception day is a call on your guests. Surrounded as you are on such occasions, one has barely a chance to catch a glimpse of you, much less to speak with you."

"We are always glad to see our friends at other times than on our reception days."

"Do you really mean it?" asked the artist eagerly. "May I call on you sometimes when the crowd is not there?"

"We shall be happy to have you call at any time, Mr. Sprague."

Sprague thought he detected a slight emphasis on the pronoun.

"But it is not we I wish to call on. It is you, Miss Murdoch."

Once more the young girl's expressive eyes fixed their gaze upon the delicate hands in her lap, and once more there was a scarcely perceptible flutter

beneath the face which lay upon her white throat.

The artist sat with intent eyes fixed upon her.

"Of course I shall be pleased to have you call at any time, Mr. Sprague," she said, after a brief instant.

"What more could any sane man expect a modest girl to say? It is not so much the words spoken as the manner of their utterance that conveys meaning. But it is a truism that a lover is not a sane man. Sprague was not yet satisfied. He was about to speak again, when a knock sounded upon the door.

"It was the hall-boy with a letter."

"Miss Murdoch?" he inquired, glancing in the direction of the young girl.

"For me?" exclaimed Agnes, surprised.

"Yes, miss; a gentleman left it for you."

Agnes took the letter, inspected it curiously for an instant; then, excusing herself, she tore open the envelope and unfolded the note which it contained.

At once a deep flush suffused her face, and an expression of annoyance passed over her features. She glanced up hastily at Sprague, who was apparently hard at work upon the background of the picture.

The hall-boy was waiting expectantly.

"There is no answer," said Agnes quietly.

And as the stern mandates of fashion either forbid a woman to wear a pocket, or else decree that it shall be located in some particularly inaccessible position, the young

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