

# Canyon City News.

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## STOCK TAKING IS OVER

And the time has come to clean up winter goods and make ready for our spring stock. We have marked our prices down so that if you need anything in our line you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Look at some of our convincing prices:

Blue Cashmere, worth 60c at.....40c.	Brown Covert, worth 50c at.....39c	ALL Ladies' Skirts at greatly reduced prices.
Blue Cashmere, worth 30c at.....25c.	Novelty Dress Coods, worth 50c at.....39c	Ladies' Balmorals, worth \$1.50 at....\$1.25
Blue Cashmere, worth 35c at.....27½c.	Grey Cheviot, worth 60c at.....40c	Ladies' Flannel Skirts, worth \$1.25 at...\$1.00
Tan Covert, worth 50c at.....39c.	Novelty Worsted, worth 15c at.....12½c	Ladies' Flannel Skirts, worth \$1.00 at....80c
Men's Overcoats, worth \$6.00 at.....\$4.75.	Blankets, full size, worth \$6.50 at.....\$5.50	A full line of "Star 5 Star" Shoes just received
Men's Overcoats, worth \$7.50 at.....\$6.25.	Blankets, full size, worth \$5.00 at.....\$4.25	1 Lot Men's Shoes, odds and ends, \$1 to \$2.50
Men's Overcoats, worth \$10.00 at.....\$8.25.	Blankets, full size, worth \$3.50 at.....\$3.00	25 per cent off on Ladies' Capes and Jackets
Men's Overcoats, worth \$12.50 at.....\$10.00.	Elegant line of Navajo blankets just received.	All Dress Calicoes at.....4½c

We wish to thank our friends for their liberal patronage during the past year and we shall endeavor at all times to give you the best values that the market affords.

## WRIGHT, GAMBLE & CO.

SUCCESSORS TO PATILLO & GAMBLE.

### OUR COTTON CONVENTION.

Last Saturday at the Court House at 2 p. m., a number of citizens responded to the call issued by the Board of Trade to consider the advisability of and the adoption of such a plan for the raising of cotton in Randall county as would insure the erection of a gin at Canyon City. The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the President of the Board of Trade, who upon motion of T. F. Reid, was chosen chairman, and R. A. Sowder was chosen secretary. The meeting was then declared open for business and a general discussion was invited. From this on the minutes show proceedings as follows:

"Mr. Reid told of the cause of cotton growing in Hardeman Co. and compared this to that country to the advantage of Randall county. He showed that we need a standard, money crop.

"Mr. Conner was called upon, but he declared he was no farmer, which was pretty generally agreed to. However he told of many instances where cotton had grown in this county.

"Mr. Bates was next called upon, he gave his experience as a farmer in this and other countries; his experience has been extensive and his talk was valuable. He also stated that if there was sufficient raised he would guarantee power to gin it.

"Mr. Gilleland stated he had grown cotton here.

"Mr. Beard gave his opinion that it would grow here and that it would open; it would grow cotton as well here as anywhere if it came up in May.

"Mr. Coffee had seen cotton that was planted here that did well.

"On motion of Mr. Reid the Sec'y. was instructed to take down the names and acres that those present would plant in cotton this year.

T. F. Gilleland.....10 acres  
T. F. Reid.....5 "  
W. F. Taylor.....5 "  
J. M. Myers.....5 "

J. R. Beard.....5 "  
Pete Davidson.....2 "  
W. H. Bates.....2 "  
L. G. Conner.....3 "  
J. H. Garrison.....2 "  
T. M. Brown.....10 "  
J. F. Hood.....5 "  
W. C. Baird.....5 "

"Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed, to solicit names and acreage of cotton and to see what can be done in getting up a gin for this place, also to confer with the Board of Trade. Carried.

"Moved and seconded that the Chair appoint the committee; carried. Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Bates, Reid and Taylor to serve in capacity. To await the action of this committee the meeting adjourned, to meet Feb. 6th at 2 p. m."

R. A. Sowder, Sec'y.

### FACTS ABOUT COTTON.

Texas for several years past has produced about one-third of the cotton crop of the South. It is estimated, that on account of the boll weevil, one-half of the State has gone out of the cotton business thus curtailing production so that prices for the staple, for several years to come, are not likely to fall below ten cents.

Under present conditions and future prospects, there is more money in cotton where the average of the crop will reach one-third of a bale to the acre than anything else grown as a field crop. It has done in the past and will today pay a bigger dividend on the money invested than any other staple grown on the farm. It has enabled men of moderate means to make a good comfortable living on from eighty to one hundred and sixty acres of land. It has paid for more homes in the South than all other products of the farm combined and today the growing of it offers the farmer without a home the very best chance of obtaining one.

The by-products of cotton are specially valuable to the stock interests. Cotton seed, meal and cake for feeding cattle are

worth as much, pound against pound as is corn; even the crop growing in the fields and grazed off is worth much more than the cost of production. Again, the successful growing of cotton on the plains, would reduce the cost of warmth giving fat-producing cattle food at least one-third.

Establish the fact that cotton will average one-third of a bale to the acre in Randall county and good, honest, thrifty farmers from the weevil cursed districts will flock here; lands will more than double their present market value; the county will be full of happy homes, of churches and school houses; wire gates will give place to broad graded lanes all leading to Canyon City, and the county seat will grow and prosper as it should, receiving ample support from the citizens of its own county.

This is no Utopian dream; it is a plain statement of what the introduction of cotton has done for the Central Western counties—Runnels, Coleman, Tom Green, Taylor and a host of others. Over many of these counties the plains has a big advantage—all of our land is arable and will support a much larger population.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in this preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Children like it, and as it contains no opium or other harmful substance it has no injurious after effect. It always cures. In cases of colds, croup and whooping cough it can be given with implicit confidence. It is equally valuable for adults and children. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Mr. Bryan stated last week that in his opinion the coming National Democratic convention should by all means re-affirm the Chicago and Kansas City platform—declaring for silver at 16 to 1.

### HOME-SEEKERS COMING.

Homeseecker's excursions to the Southwest from eastern points continue to bring thousands of people into our country who are desirous of seeking homes and fortunes by casting their lot with the people of a new country. These excursions will continue throughout 1904 and the prospects point to a greater influx of immigration during the next season than ever before in the history of the country. The new Southwest has been thoroughly advertised. Stories of the wonderful fertility of the soil and the abundant crops that have been raised during the past few years have reached a class of people that are anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity to acquire cheaper lands and land that will produce equal to the higher priced lands of the older states. The climate of the Southwest is the nearest perfect of any within the American Union, temperature reaching an average of 80 degrees for summer and 40 degrees in the winter. All kinds of crops grown in the north temperate zone are grown in the Southwest and it is the real stock-farming country of the globe. Formerly the home of the American buffalo which roamed at will on a thousand hills, it has proven to be no less adapted to the raising of domestic herds, which fatten, grow and multiply upon the native grasses that abound luxuriously over the entire plains country. The water is pure and abounds in unlimited quantities at depths ranging from the surface down. The country is rapidly forging to the front and the settlers are a class of hard-working, frugal, well-to-do people, who have come here to develop the country, make for themselves a home and sustain their families.

The cost of a cotton gin may be anywhere from one with a capacity of 5 bales a day at \$500, exclusive of motion power, to a modern up-to-date complete outfit at \$6,000.

### RAISE HOGS, GENTLEMEN.

The stockmen of most of the Panhandle counties are beginning to raise hogs for a livelihood and it is claimed by those who have engaged in the business to any great extent that the raising of hogs produces more real profit to the stockmen than any other class of stock on the farm or ranch. A good brood sow will have pigs at least three times a year in this country and if she is well cared for will raise them all. Hence it can be readily seen that the hog industry is a profitable one and one too, that will be in the lead in the Panhandle within a very few years. This country has the natural facilities, especially along the streams, for the producing of the pure strains of the various swine herds. Pure water is necessary for good health to swine and the Panhandle affords plenty of it. As a consequence hog cholera in the Panhandle is unknown. The only reason that the breeding of swine has not been more generally engaged in before this is because of the great distance to market but with the building of new railroads throughout the country and the prospect for the building of more these obstacles will soon be overcome and the markets that at one time seemed a great distance with improved facilities for transportation will be near at hand. Our country is improving all along the line every day and ere long the "white man's burden" will be taken up as it should throughout the country and farming will prove more profitable. The raising of hogs will prove an important factor in bringing about this result. Besides adding to the wealth of the country it encourages our people to more thrift. Raise hogs, gentlemen, raise hogs.—Higgins News.

Board of Trade meeting next Monday night, Feb. 1st. Come out.

The St. Louis Republic, (semi-weekly) and Canyon City News, both one year for \$1.80.

GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.  
WALTER R. BRANDON, Editor.

A Weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of Randall county, and published at office on West Evelyn St. Canyon City, every Friday.

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**Announcements.**

**COUNTY TICKET.**  
For County and District Clerk, Randall County, subject to action of Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

L. J. SCOTT,  
J. A. TATE.

For Tax Assessor, of Randall county, subject to Democratic nominating convention if such be held:

C. H. HITCHCOCK,  
P. H. YOUNG,  
J. T. JOWELL,  
S. H. HEYSER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held,

G. C. LONG.

For County Attorney of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

ALBERT S. ROLLINS.

For Treasurer of Randall County, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

R. G. OLDHAM.

For County Judge of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

J. M. VANSANT.

We are authorized to announce the name of

A. N. HENSON,  
as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge of Randall County, subject, only, to the action of the voters at the polls on November the 8th, next.

The News is running a cotton edition this week. If you don't like this method of farming, you can raise "cane." Sabe?

**MORE CANDIDATES!**

Not for office but for public patronage.

We have recently purchased the business of J. A. Wansley & Co., and will open up Monday, conducting the business at the old stand, keeping in stock a good line of staple and fancy groceries, also a full line of dry goods—in style and price to suit the most exacting, and we solicit for our business a fair share of public patronage.

Respectfully,

R. G. OLDHAM & Co.

A Fort Worth Record special says that rich gold placer diggings have been discovered on Revnello creek, fifteen miles east of Tucumcari, N. M. A big rush is now heading that way. W. M. Williard was talking of getting up a company Saturday but the cotton convention was on tap then and side shows like gold mines in New Mexico had small chance.

The democratic executive committee of Armstrong county has decided on primary elections for county officers.

Our efficient County Judge announces for re-election this week. Read what he says about it, published elsewhere.

**Just A Word About Hardware !!**

To those who have traded with us during our many years of successful business here, no words of introduction are necessary. Perhaps you do not know that we are offering in our line of Farm Implements the products of some of the most reliable manufacturers of Agricultural Implements in the world. Our business as it is today is too extensive to admit of our offering a cheaply made or inferior article in order to make a sale. Hence in dealing with us you will always find that our Implements are new, modern, and of the Standard make and exactly as represented. Many of them are the very choicest and best that are manufactured. We invite your especial attention to our

**Windmills=**

is a very unsatisfactory article on any farm. None of our farmer and stockmen friends appreciate this better than we do, and although there may be low priced mills offered for sale, yet there is none that will cost less after 10 years of service than our well-known, well-tried "Eclipse" and "Star" mills. It is no experiment with us, but are the same mills that we have handled for years, with changes made from time to time to strengthen, simplify and improve in every way possible each and every piece and part. INVESTIGATE TODAY!

A good windmill is a faithful and reliable servant upon which you can depend for steady work every day of the year, requiring no labor and very little attention. A poorly constructed windmill of cheap material and indifferent workmanship, constantly requiring repairing, etc., is a very unsatisfactory article on any farm. None of our farmer and stockmen friends appreciate this better than we do, and although there may be low priced mills offered for sale, yet there is none that will cost less after 10 years of service than our well-known, well-tried "Eclipse" and "Star" mills. It is no experiment with us, but are the same mills that we have handled for years, with changes made from time to time to strengthen, simplify and improve in every way possible each and every piece and part. INVESTIGATE TODAY!

**Harness and Saddles=**

what he gets. When we say it is hand-made, it is. A general repair shop in connection with our Leather Goods Department. Investigate!

We have been selling Harness, Saddles and Horse Furnishings so long that we know what our customers want and we always guarantee that the buyer will be satisfied with what he gets. When we say it is hand-made, it is. A general repair shop in connection with our Leather Goods Department. Investigate!

**LAST, BUT NOT LEAST-**

We have always lived the motto: THAT NO ONE CAN UNDERSSELL US, QUALITY FOR QUALITY, in any line. By buying in such enormous quantities, we secure only the very best goods. Always improving, always growing, always giving our customers a little more for their money. Come in, get our prices and carefully inspect our goods.

**STRINGFELLOW-HUME HDW. CO.**

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**Program of Reading Circle to be held at Rey. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace's, Feb. 5, at 7:45 p. m.**

1. Prayer.
2. Quotations from Byron.
3. Reading, "The Tear," Miss Earhart.
4. Review of "Prisoner of Chillon," Miss Brandon.
5. Reading from Byron, Mrs. Overhuls.
6. Reading Canto III. and IV. by the class.
7. Music and unfinished work.

**You Take Desperate Chances When You Neglect a Cold.**

It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding cold, thereby paving the way for more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds, can be had for a trifle? For Sale by S. V. Wirt.

In walking into Thomas Bros. Furniture store last Monday morning bent on buying some carpet tacks, we were greeted by Como Thomas with, "have you had the mumps?" Well, we didn't happen to have this disease in our category of childhood ailments, so we made about as graceful an exit from the premises as a Christian Scientist doctor would on someone shouting small-pox! This but reminds us that this town has had an epidemic of this disease, mumps, this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Park from Amarillo, father and mother of our esteemed fellow-townsman, F. A. Park, came down last week and spent a few days here. Mr. Park, sr., is a member of the Park Mercantile Co. and finds everything here greatly to his liking. He is a most agreeable gentleman and left a fine impression on our people.—Pecos Valley News.

Some of our merry-making young ladies, all of them sprightly, buxom Panhandle lassies, have organized themselves into an association with the letters "D. A. I. S. Y.," as a title. There is much secrecy about the name and purposes of the club but we presume that it is one of the new features of 1904 Leap Year.

As will be seen by the notice of John Rowan which appears elsewhere in this issue of the News, the Rogerson Hotel will again be resurrected. In spite of the fact that this enterprise has proven a graveyard to several ambitious proprietors, Mr. Rowan feels confident of success and his confidence is in a measure warrantable by the high esteem in which the public holds him. He is a first class citizen of the Ceta community and we firmly believe that we will hear echoes of his prosperity in the hotel business.

**Estray Notice.**

Taken up by Mrs. Augusta McElroy and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn Justice of the Peace Precinct No. one (1), Randall county; one dun horse about 14 hands high, about 10 or 12 years old, branded 7F with bar through it on left shoulder, having a big ankle on left hind leg. Also one bay horse about 7 years old and about 15 hands high, branded C on right shoulder. Appraised dun at \$20; bay at \$30. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 16th day of Jan., 1904.  
J. H. Garrison, Clk.,  
C. C. Randall Co.  
By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

**Notice to Candidates.**

The News desires to call the especial attention of the candidates for office in Randall county that our Job Department is especially equipped for the printing of cards, all sizes and prices right. Nothing serves better in an introduction to voters than a neatly printed card, as it leaves a lasting impression on the memory, thus obviating the confusion of names. It pays a candidate to advertise and is just as legitimate when practiced with discretion and honor as anything else.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather only a few visitors from abroad attended the B. Y. P. U. convention which was to have convened yesterday afternoon. A short program was rendered last night by the young people and this morning will be the commencement of the Fifth Sunday meeting. The delegates to the young people's gathering consisted of O. F. Smith, W. B. Beach and daughter, Miss Bessie, and Miss Maggie Harris, all of Hereford.

Sheriff Upfold arrived here last Saturday in charge of Bob Hampton, the man who made an effort to get away with M. F. Stover's livery rig a few weeks ago and was captured at Tucumcari, N. M. Tuesday he had an examining trial on the charge of conversion and was committed to jail in default of \$1000 bond to await the action of the next grand jury. Wednesday sheriff Upfold received a telegram from U. S. Marshall A. N. Wilcox, of Durant, I. T., stating that Hampton was wanted up there and that he was coming after him.

Mesdames Clark Smith and C. B. Rider left last night, Mrs. Smith for Temple, and Mrs. Rider for Weatherford.

W. A. Donaldson is down from Stratford.

**To The Voters of Randall Co.**

**GENTLEMEN:**

I this week submit my name to your consideration as an independent candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge. This is done, not in defiance of those who submit their names subject to the action of a Democratic convention should one be held, for I presume they have seen proper so to do. But I believe that each citizen and taxpayer should have a voice in the election of county officers regardless of his honest convictions on State and National issues, and should not be disfranchised because of the tempting bait held out to certain office-seekers by a mischievous partisan election law. I was elected before by voters of different parties, factions and creeds. I have tried to serve all alike, and I now submit my candidacy to the people of the county regardless of party, faction or creed and ask for one more term only, as Judge, and if elected promise to serve to the best of my ability all the people of the county.  
Very Respectfully,  
A. N. HENSON.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

Taken up by J. B. Knox and estrayed before W. J. Redfearn, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Randall county: One bay horse about 15 hands high, seven or eight years old, branded 22 bar Turkey Track on left thigh and U on left shoulder, left hind foot U white and wire cut. Appraised at Fifteen Dollars. The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 23rd day of January, 1904.  
J. H. GARRISON, Clk.,  
C. C. Randall Co.  
By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

**To The Public.**

On the first of next month I will open up the old Rogerson Hotel to the public. Prices will be governed by those of my predecessors and I will endeavor to give my patrons as good accommodations as will be consistent with the success of the enterprise. I earnestly solicit a trial from a just share of those desiring first-class service.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN ROWAN.

Saturday night, while A. C. Thompson, familiarly known as "Ab" was walking along one of the steets in Amarillo upon which had been made an excavation for some purpose and had not been fenced off so as to prevent pedestrians from walking into it unawares, he plunged down into the hole falling some ten feet, breaking one of his legs in two places. "Ab" was on his way home from Bell Ranch in New Mexico where he has been working at the carpenter's trade for some time. Mrs. N. Thompson, the unfortunate's mother, left here for Amarillo Sunday evening to care for her son.

**TO THE TOWN.**

At the Board of Trade meeting to be held at the Court House next Monday night there will be discussed matters of material import to every business man in the town. Included in the term "business man" the writer intends also to include every man interested in the growth of the town, either directly or indirectly.

Chief among those things for consideration is the proposition which the committee appointed by the cotton convention of last Saturday, has to bring before the town. Laying aside other questions, of almost equal importance, this one item alone is sufficient to call for the serious consideration of every citizen of Canyon City.

If not already a member of the Board of Trade, if a citizen of Canyon City you should be, and most emphatically so if you are or expect to be connected with any business interests here. So come out Monday night and join us, or at any rate hand in your application for membership to the secretary of the Board and thus assist us in our efforts to work for the common good of all.

Respectfully,  
Geo. A. Brandon, Pres.  
S. H. Heyser.

The News is authorized to announce another candidate for county Assessor, S. H. Heyser. Mr. Heyser, or Sam Heyser, as he is called by his many friends, is another one of the men who formed the bed rock of the present civilization of the Plains. He is sound as a citizen and his other qualifications are such as would make him a thoroughly good County Assessor.

**Business Notice.**—We have sold out our business to R. G. Oldham and company and specially desire that all persons owing us on account will settle up at once.

Respectfully,  
J. A. WANSLEY & Co.

The long drouth, which has been general over the State, was broken last week by good rains falling over the northern, eastern, southern and central portions, and as far west as Vernon on the Denver, and Ballinger on the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe.

Mr. Bryan says that no man who voted for Palmer and Buckner should get the democratic presidential nomination and Mr. Bryan is right—a straight Democrat should head the ticket.

It is reported that Dr. Parsons who is now at Amarillo, contemplates moving back here soon.



# IN COMMENCING THE NEW YEAR

We entered it with the determination to inaugurate special sales from time to time, the advantage of which we hope will accrue to our customers. We positively will not be undersold, either here or anywhere else on the Plains, the proof of which assertion can only be ascertained by you giving us a fair trial. The approaching change of season naturally suggests that the time is ripe for clearance sales and we respectfully invite your attention to some prices on winter goods that are sure to please. In stocking our store for a severe winter and with it an anticipation of a heavy demand for warmth-producing clothing, we are naturally overloaded on some lines and will dispose of them to your profit in order to make ready for spring

**LADIES' DRESS GOODS**--We have remarkably great values in Ladies' Dress Goods and our reputation for "selling the best" is nowhere better exemplified than in this department. A few pieces of 58-inch Zibeline and Broadcloth patterns that will sell at the bargain price of 90c and 80c per yd. A few pieces of 40-inch wide material, same grade as above, at 65c per yd.

**NOVELTY SUITING**--This season's prettiest designs, in one of the staple, popular-priced dress fabrics, always in good demand, as fine looking as the best of woolen goods. A staple suiting that sells all the year around in large stores at 75c, to go in this sale at the low price of 55c per yd. All 50c and 25c worsted goods go at 35c and 15c. In this department we also have some special values in French Flannels

**SHAWLS AND FASCINATORS**--We have priced all of our shawls and fascinators so close to cost for this sale that there is no reason why we should not sell double the quantity we usually sell.

**LADIES' SWEATERS**--Fine quality worsted; strictly all wool; shaped waist; fashioned, perfect fitting. The regular \$5 grade; each \$3.95

We earnestly desire that you study our PRICES, and, better still, come in and see the goods for yourself, and COMPARE them with those of other firms. Business etiquette forbids us making any direct comparisons ourselves, so we are compelled to depend upon the intelligence of our trade to distinguish the difference. We cater to a thinking element with honest goods and up-right methods.

**LADIES' UNDERWEAR**--This department contains a full line of carefully selected goods for winter wear, in Ladies, Misses and children's sizes, and we will make a special effort to give the limit of value.

**CHILDREN'S CLOAKS**--In sizes 8 to 12 and 2, 3 and 4 years, will go at prices that will make you think that if we were dealing in cloaks exclusively, it would be utterly impossible to sell these garments at as low a price as we are selling them.

**BLANKETS**--Fine values here, cotton, all wool, or wool mixed, it does not matter which, they are all picked from the best stock and we know what our customers on the Plains want in this article.

**MEN'S UNDERWEAR**--We reserve nothing in our men's and boy's underwear, wool and cotton; they must go.

**CLOTHING**--Probably the greatest values of this sale will be in this department. We will leave absolutely no doubt in your mind that you are not getting your money's worth. Men's and Boy's suits that have been selling at \$12, \$10 and \$5, now sell at \$8, \$6 and \$3.50.

**FELT BOOTS**--Some good values in this article for freighters and stockmen; also a full line of over-shoes, medium and Arctics, for ladies.

We would also have you remember that our grocery department is at all times complete and would also have you bear in mind that nothing but fresh, standard goods are handled. Everything in this department sells every day at a small margin of profit.

## CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY.

### LOCAL ITEMS ROUND ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gordon Cumming were in town Wednesday from their ranch home.

Mrs. J. H. Garrison returned Sunday evening from Hereford where she had been visiting friends.

Mrs. D. A. Park who has been seriously sick for several days past is said to be improving.

Mrs. Ewell Brown returned to her home in Amarillo Wednesday evening.

The Baptist College trustees say that they have strong hopes of being able to do something by spring.

T. H. Rowan, the liveryman, says it is a fine 8-pound girl that came to his home last Saturday evening.

N. Thompson sold a house and lot in block 6, Victoria addition to C. M. Thomas, this week; consideration \$625.

Mrs. T. F. Reid came in Wednesday from Amarillo where she had visited friends and relatives since Saturday of last week.

A Mr. Starnes and family of the Oklahoma country, have temporarily rented the R. B. Redfern residence.

C. Surgenner, vice-president of the First National Bank at Floydada, was in town on business the first of the week.

J. R. Baird this week sold his house and lot in the southeast part of town to L. C. Lair; consideration \$800. Mr. Baird will move to his ranch at once.

E. A. Upfold and wife were the happy recipients of a fine deputy sheriff last Tuesday morning. We found out at the clerk's office that he was "registered."

Shepp Hopper, who worked in the summer for J. R. Harter, the blacksmith, was seen in town Tuesday. He is living on the South Plains with a brother.

Walter Brooks, of Fanchon, was in town Tuesday. He is a property owner of Canyon City and a family by the name of Key are occupying his house.

T. F. Reid informs the News that his son, T. M. Reid, has secured a position on the Quanah Tribune Chief at Quanah. This is Mr. Reid's old home-place.

Another car of corn and seed oats just arrived this week. Do not be afraid that we will run out of grain for when this is gone, more will be on the road.

M. M. WESTLEY

Newt. Reeves came in Sunday from El Paso whither he had escorted his mother. Mrs. Reeves will remain there with her daughter for some time.

Mrs. Walter Cobb and little daughter, Ruth, left Sunday evening for Stratford where they will visit W. A. Donaldson and family for a week or more.

J. M. Burkhalter, of Ceta, was one of our visitors Tuesday. He said he believed that cotton could be made a profitable crop in this county.

H. B. Sanburn's dwelling house in Amarillo was partially destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning. It was one of the most modern dwelling houses in West Texas, and conceded by many to be the finest.

Lee Vansant came in Monday and added another name to our Ben Franklin, Texas, list, that of Mrs. Hattie Ross. We have several subscribers at this place, all of which are being sent by the Vansant and Foster families.

Word was received here Sunday that a man had been fatally shot in Amarillo Saturday night, by the name of Bryant, a party by the name of Queen being the perpetrator of the deed. The man Bryant is yet living.

John Knight has sold his blacksmith shop and business to M. F. Slover and Ora May. This trade dates from January 22. All accounts due the business up to that time are payable to Mr. Knight.

Robt. G. West of Austin, and H. Y. Evans of Amarillo, Attorney and local agent, respectively, of the New York and Texas Land Co., were in Canyon, on business last Monday.

W. J. McLean and wife of Umbarger, spent Saturday in our town and took the evening train for Iowa Park, where Mr. McLean will conduct the singing services in a meeting held by Rev. Chandler. Bro. McLean has entered into contract to remain with Rev. Chandler till September.

Rev. Roberson from Canyon City preached an excellent sermon to a good congregation Sunday. We are glad to say he will fill a regular appointment here and will look after the interest of the M. E. Church. Items from Boom, in Hereford Brand.

Miss Vera O'dell is still very sick.

The firm of J. A. Wansley & Co., has sold out all of its goods, ware and merchandise to Messrs. R. G. Oldham, R. S. and J. H. Pipkin. As soon as invoicing is over it is said that these latter gentlemen will open up and solicit the public patronage under the firm name of R. G. Oldham & Co.

H. James was in town Tuesday from his Ceta ranch. Though he was by no means in arrears for the News he handed us a dollar and said to keep it coming. He reports everything flourishing in his neighborhood and said that himself and family were entirely satisfied with their new home.

B. E. McCoy, a prospector from Sparta, Wisconsin, was in town Monday on his way to Tulia. He is an old newspaper man and talked like he intended to take in the whole Plains country from here down to San Angelo and thence to Galveston before he returned home.

Ewell Brown, of Amarillo, son of our worthy townsman, A. E. Brown, came down Sunday anticipating being present at the surgical operation on his young son, who has suffered from an abscess forming just above the knee, due to a fall several months ago. The operation was delayed and the little fellow is getting along nicely under the care of his mother and grandparents.

Mrs. F. M. Lester left for Amarillo Monday evening where she went to be with "Grandpa" Lester, who went up there last week to put himself under the osteopathy treatment. Mr. Lester's health has not been very good of late and it was deemed advisable to make a change of surroundings and methods of treatment.

M. S. Park was in town Tuesday shaking hands with his fellow citizens. He is a resident of the county but he lives so close to Amarillo that each time he comes down an introduction is necessary. He informed us that he and wife paid a visit last week to F. A. Park, his son, at Pecos City, and found him prosperous and happy. Frank is manager of the Park Mercantile Co. and his friends will be glad to learn of his prosperity.

#### Croup.

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**The Surrender of the Weak.**  
The popular idea of suicide undoubtedly is that it most commonly results from excess of emotion of some kind. The men whom most of us think of as likely to kill themselves are those whose passions are strong—men who love and hate fiercely and are violently impatient of physical ills, drink hard, or hold some idea so tenaciously that it possesses their whole being and they become insane.

These are the suicides of romance almost invariably. But Professor Bailey of Yale in his recent statistical study of suicide in the United States shows that they are far from being the majority of actual suicides. He has collected details of 10,000 cases of suicide from 1870 to 1901 and analyzed them with respect to the age, sex, social relations and other common factors of their victims, and the known or apparent cause of their self-destruction.

Bad health, insanity, disappointment in love and strong drink do lead to suicide, but they are causes much less potent than business losses, while the most frequent cause is that known as "despondency"—the feeling that the victim has made a failure in accomplishing his purposes and that further struggle against the obstacles that confront him is hopeless.

That more than three men kill themselves to one woman has long been known. Remembering what are the chief causes of suicide, it is easy to understand why this is so. Between the ages of 20 and 50, when two-thirds of the suicides occur, nearly every man is working for himself and a woman, already found or sought. Hence, when a man feels that he has failed, the weight that falls upon him is double. He has failed not only for himself, but also for the woman.

And the further conclusion seems justifiable that suicide is not a wild breaking through the barriers of life, as often imagined, but is rather an admission that these barriers are impassable. Suicide was long ago called the last refuge of the coward. Flash as the description has seemed it is practically true. Its most frequent causes prove that self-murder is not the revolt of the strong, but the surrender of the weak.

**Should "Weaklings" Be Saved?**

A new and rather startling idea is being promulgated by certain eminent physicians. It is that modern medical science and its allied science of sanitation is injuring the human race by preserving too many lives. It is the "better dead" theory reduced to a purely physiological basis and viewed in the cold, white light of medical science. A short time ago Dr. Chapin, superintendent of health of Providence, R. I., read a paper before a medical convention in Boston, in which he called attention to the effect likely to be produced upon future generations by the saving by medical skill of the lives of weaklings who instead of dying, as they would have done in the natural course of events a few years ago, now have their lives prolonged until they have married and perpetuated their own infirmities and weak vitality in their children. He seriously questioned whether medical skill was not doing altogether too much for the general good of the human race.

**"English" as She Is Write**

A returned traveler writes the New York Sun that he saw the following "ad." in an art store in Munich a few days ago: "The exhibit of the paintings, which no every exception whose alone property and in the possession of about 40000 No. of stitch of cooper, cut of wood, art of shave liefs, color printings, erasures and ca. 6000 portraits, also 1000 sketches in hand, aquaralles, of german, english, dutch, belgium, italian and french masters of the latest four centuries. Also a collection of miniatures, and many old books, whiches complet collection are saleable. Mrs. Patrons, you want information about, sent you please a letter to the possessor, J. Gernert, Bavarian 30-1 and Karisplatz 20-1, Munich. Catalogue is to preparation, and sen the catalogues every patron to give his strict address."

**English Nobility in Trade.**

From duchess down, the haughty dames of England are going into trade. The duchess of Abercorn owns a flourishing creamery at Baronscourt, Ireland; Lady Warwick has many irons in the fire; another countess bought motors and let them out for hire, and Lady Essex is, or was, part proprietor of a flourishing laundry business. London laundresses leave much to be desired and a few society women including Lady Essex and Mrs. Hwfa Williams, have started a well managed French laundry in one of the neater suburbs.

**Love's Solacisms.**  
Look not with reproachful eyes  
As I vow by heaven above,  
By the sun that lights the skies  
It is you, dear, who I love.  
Cry not in complaining tones—  
"Please say whom I love, not who!"  
Never mind the cause, my own,  
When in any case it's you.

Frown not when I vow again  
That for years and years to be,  
If there be one faithful swain,  
You shall know, love, that it's me.  
Don't say "I, not me, I pray!"  
If I'm true, why should you sigh?  
What is grammar, love, I say—  
Clear that frown!—to you and I?

Smile upon me, love, once more,  
As I bless my happy lot,  
Vowing none may match my store,  
Since 'tis you, yes! you I've got.  
Don't say "got's" superfluous there,  
It is a shame to flout me thus:  
Naught concerning you, I swear,  
Ever is superfluous.

Don't be down on me so much—  
Ah! again I give offense—  
Ask not if I'm speaking Dutch,  
Else you know it is not sense.  
For the uses, love, go search:  
Uses of a bended knee.  
One I—I realize you is a perch—  
Try it—now you're down on me!  
—Pall Mall Gazette.

**The Little Feller.**  
By Helen Farr Hunter.  
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If ever the "light that never was on land or sea" glorified a human face it glorified the one that lay before her on the pillow. Great dark eyes of that rare color so seldom seen, violet, deepest violet, wonderful eyes, like two deep wells, one could look and look and yet not fathom their depths; brown hair pushed back from a broad white brow. Every vestige of sin and earthly dross washed free from the small, perfect features by physical pain. Circumstances and environment made him a street gamin. God made him beautiful.

She had entered the room reluctantly, dreading to look at the bed where he lay. Unused to such scenes, she shrank from the sight of pain and suffering. An hour before she had come to the hospital to sing for the children. Just as she was leaving a nurse had followed her and told her of this boy dying upstairs. He had heard her through the closed doors singing to the others, and begged to see her.

Her glance began at the foot of the bed, and moved up gradually over the motionless limbs, to his face. When she met the glances of those wonderful eyes every feeling but tenderness and pity vanished. She was beside him in an instant kneeling there. "You wanted to see me, little boy?" she said. "Did you want to hear me sing?"

A slow wavering smile swept over his face. "Yer bet!" he whispered. "I hearrd you down stairs, singin' ter de odder kids, and nurse said she'd bring yer." He spoke in the vernacular of the streets, in the slow drawl, and the mutilated English, but the voice was clear and sweet.

Barbara thought a moment. "What shall I sing you, dear? What kind of songs do you like?"  
"Oh, I don't care; anything dat a song. I haln't peticular. I ain't never hearrd such an orful let. Wonst I went to Koster's and hearrd some gals sing, and wonet Jim and me went ter der show at Miner's. You I likes de songs what de Salvation army sings bet—makes yer feel kinder quiet and good, you know."

Barbara began in a low voice, singing under her breath, hymns she had learned when a child. He lay with his eyes closed, drinking in the music. When she had finished he did not stir, and she thought he had fallen asleep. She bent over and quietly touched his forehead with the tips of her gloved fingers. Instantly his eyes opened and smiled into hers. "I was just list'nin'," he said; "I'd like ter hear yer sing agin something right out loud."

And Barbara, there on her knees in that small, barren room, with Death's messenger so close that the very shadow of his wings seemed to envelope them both, sang as she had never

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"Yes'm," answered the man in blue. "But we wanted to go down town. We didn't want an up-town car. Why didn't you tell us this wasn't a down-town car?" she asked before the conductor had time to draw a breath.  
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in his soul dwelt the love of exquisite harmonies and music; that her voice was the key that unlocked the gate of that soul, and for the first time in his short life, that had been crowded so full of the harsh, the coarse, the unlovely experiences of poverty and distress; just as his soul was hovering on the border of that land whose light even now was glorifying his face, he experienced joy.

When her voice died away he drew a long, deep, quivering sigh. "Gee! Ain't that a corker! I haln't never hearrd anything like dat before—nevir." Oh, the pathos of it! The rough, coarse slang of the streets, the only language he knew to express the emotion of that beautiful soul. The tears sprang to Barbara's eyes and she pressed the little, cold hand that lay outside the coverlet, to her lips.  
Presently he said in a voice so low she had to lean down to catch the words, "Wonet I hearrd a song at de barracks, 'bout a feller what lived up in de sky and loved kids; does yer know dat one?"  
"Perhaps I do, dear; was it anything



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like this?" and Barbara hummed the refrain of that sweet hymn children sing, "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me, Jesus Said."  
A joyous light broke over his face and a gleam of radiant brightness came into his eyes. "Yes, dat's it, dat's it. Sing it agin!"  
The nurse came quietly in at the door and framed the subject with her lips. "Go quickly." Her trained eyes told her what was coming. But Barbara shook her head and walked over to the window.

The nurse moistened his lips with some stimulant and tried to help him. But the pain was cruel, twisting and torturing the poor, mangled body. Barbara stood holding on to the casement of the window, drawing her breath in great gasps as if that could help him.

When the paroxysm had passed he lay back on the pillows exhausted. Barbara crept back to the bed. Slowly the deep violet eyes opened and the same exquisite smile he had greeted her with crept over his face again. His lips were moving. Barbara caught the words: "Jesus, what loved de little kids! Do yer tink He'd care fer a little feller like me?"  
"Oh, little boy, little boy, I am sure he would. I am sure he would," said Barbara. Again that marvelous smile, just touching the corners of his mouth. Just then the light went out of the dark eyes, and the quiet page of the Easter morning streaming in at the open window wrapped them close. Another little white soul had joined the angels, and in Barbara's heart until she died she could hear the childish voice, "Do yer tink He'd care for a little feller like me?"

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