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FIGURES TALK.

From a table of comparisons in Farm and Ranch the following figures show the market values of the stock interests of the South west as compared to the value of cotton and cotton seed products for 1903:

Live stock.....\$451,865,895
Cotton and seed.....\$363,994,875

In this calculation the South west includes Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Indian Territory. From this it will be seen that the cotton crop for one year is worth four-fifths as much as the entire stock interests, of all kinds, in the same territory. Get this in your mind for awhile and ponder over it and then say, if you can, that cotton is not worth considering in the makeup of towns.

But lest somebody say that the values of 1903, are an over estimate suppose we draw some comparisons on the values of crops in 1901, taking Texas cotton alone, as against the leading crops of other states:

Texas, cotton.....\$223,047,334
Iowa, corn.....119,736,556
Kansas, wheat.....58,456,789
N. Y., hay & forage 55,237,446
Illinois, oats.....45,012,761
Kentucky, tobacco..18,541,982
California, orchards 14,526,786
California, barley...11,617,108
Louisiana, sugar....11,000,000
N. Dakota, flax seed..7,735,640
N. Y., buckwheat.....3,627,284
Wisconsin, rye.....2,663,205

Now, put the above figures in your mental incubator for a reasonable period and if that apparatus be in anything like fair trim it will hatch out a brood of healthy, robust chickens that will crow for very joy every time the fleecy staple is mentioned—provided of course that you can have your finger in the pie.

USELESS LIVES.

In speaking about useless lives I do not mean the helpless invalid who is dependent upon the members of the family for all his comforts, because frequently the home is the better for having in it a patient, loving, helpless one, whose cheerfulness will drive away the clouds that would otherwise make the sick room gloomy. But it is the surly man or woman that is useless in any home. The grumbling, complaining boy who is never satisfied, causes more heartaches, shatters more hopes, and is the direct cause of more sorrow and sickness or even death in a home. He casts a gloom over all who come near him, and creates doubt and irresolution by the sour visage he wears, and the reflection of his own dark thoughts causes others to lose their grip on the good things of life. He never considers it a duty to be pleasant or agreeable, or to add his mite to the social evening hour. He does not try to comfort some troubled heart, or restore peace to a wounded spirit. His clouds never have a silver lining that tell of sunshine somewhere in the heart.

Such a life is abnormal, useless and not far removed from insanity. While others smile, he frowns, a funny anecdote drives him sulking from the room, or he sits sullen and stolid in a corner.

Girls sometimes fall into the same dull, dejected habit, and go moping about in a dismal sort of way as if they had lost their last friend. While pre-tending to solicit pity, they re-

sent any attempt at familiarity and even the mother goes softly, taking sly glances to see if it would be safe to speak to the haughty girl. If love is any part of her nature, it has long since lost itself in the recesses of her selfish heart, and she never dreams that anything she could do for the happiness of others is her bounden duty to perform. She does not know that a smile or a kind word is more precious in the home than much culture and a cold, selfish life.—Word and Works.

Got Rid of the Ticks.

Hiram Butler has been dipping his cattle in Beaumont oil to free them from ticks. Mr. Butler, who ranches on Lipan, states that he dipped his cattle about a month ago and they haven't a tick on them now. The vat in which he dipped them held about 500 gallons of oil and water, and also contained about a hundred pounds of sulphur. Mr. Butler intended to use about half a gallon of crude oil to the animal. As the oil on the water was splashed out he continued to add oil to the water in the vat. Mr. Butler added: "In about five days after I dipped my cattle they were entirely free from ticks, and I regard this remedy as the best that can be devised for this matter. I shall dip all my cattle again in the spring. I dipped my horses also this time, mainly to cure them of Spanish itch, but the dipping did not seem to be much of a cure for that. I think the sulphur was not strong enough."

There seems to be more complaint than usual this year among the cattlemen about the ticks. It is said the troublesome pests are more numerous this year than for many years past, especially on those ranches which have river frontage, and the cattlemen are all discussing the various remedies which are advanced, as "a sure thing for ticks."

The plan of feeding salt and sulphur is not regarded as a safe one for the reason that cattle, after eating the mixture, are liable to lose their hair if they get wet, and the cows, it is said, are apt to shirk their calves, but it is claimed that this will surely take the ticks off. The patent preparations of stock salt are not regarded as of much aid in removing ticks.

Ernest Abbott, a well-known stockman, fed his cattle salt and sulphur. He said he was advised to use one gallon of sulphur to a sack of salt, but he used two parts of salt to one of sulphur. Two weeks after, in riding over his pasture, he noticed the cattle were free from ticks.

C. G. Burbank of Menard county has also been feeding sulphur and salt, and it is reported that Mr. Burbank says this is a fine remedy.

Millions for the Finder.

The English expedition, which has returned to San Francisco from Cocos Island, after a fruitless search for treasure buried by the Peruvian government sixty years ago, should try its luck in the Zuyder Zee. There is at the present moment lying at the entrance of the Zuyder more than a million pounds, which was lost over a century ago. On the night of October 9, or 10, 1799, H. M. S. Lutine was totally wrecked off Vileland. She was a thirty-two-gun frigate, captured by the French from Admiral Duncan, and she went down with hullion and specie to the amount of 1,175,000 pounds, and all her crew save one man, who died before reaching England. Divers recovered about 100,000 pounds and the rest must be somewhere at the bottom of the "Southern sea." The Lutine's bell, recovered from the rapidly shifting sands off Vileland, now hangs in Lloyd's and is tolled whenever a wrecked is announced.

Power of Habit.

"That fellow Bonner you introduced me to is the most reckless prevaricator I ever met."
"Yes, but he doesn't mean any harm by it. It's an irresistible habit with him—something like kleptomania, you know."
"Was born a liar, eh?"
"No, not quite that; but he served four years as official weather fore-caster."

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New York's Big Population.

New York city now contains more people than there were in the American colonies when they achieved their independence. It has a million more inhabitants than the Kingdom of Greece, over a million more than the Kingdom of Serbia, is nearly equal in population to the Kingdom of Portugal, and also lacks not much of equalling the Kingdom of Holland. It has a larger population than any of the Central American republic and more than any South American nation. It has about twice the population of Denmark and more than twice that of Norway.

A Question of Time.

A foppish-looking young man stepped into a country store, and glancing disdainfully around at the half dozen customers and loafers opened conversation with the store-keeper.

"Is that clock right, up there?"
"Of course it's right up there. Where did you suppose it was?"
"I mean, is it right?"
"Let's see—we had two of them; this one's left."

"What I want to know is, does it keep time?"
"Oh, no; time flits right along as usual."

"Well, if it doesn't keep time, why do you leave it up there?"
"Oh, we let it run down occasionally."

"Sir, it strikes me—"
"Begging your pardon, it don't. It sometimes strikes one, but it never strikes nothing. Good day—good day. What's your hurry?"

Two Diminutive Monarchs.

"It is curious," says the London Chronicle, "that Nicholas II, one of the greatest of living monarchs, should also be one of the smallest— from the physical point of view—and had he carried out this intention of visiting the King of Italy, we should have been treated to the spectacle of a meeting between two of the shortest sovereigns of their time. Yet, the czar, however small and slight as regards inches of King Victor Emmanuel II, who requires to get into the saddle, like Napoleon III, before he can be seen at his best. There is nothing in the appearance of Nicholas II to suggest his sonship to Alexander III, who was almost a giant, or of Victor Emmanuel to recall the burly soldier-like figure of his father and his grandfather, the rollicking, fiercely mustached Re Galantuomo."

A Barber's "Good Thing."

There is a millionaire in New York whose summer home is 42 miles from the Bowery. Every Sunday a barber visits him to shampoo and shave him. This artist he keeps provided with a thousand-mile railroad ticket, besides which he gives him \$3 for his services each Sunday. Thus Signor Tonsor has a pleasant outing and nets \$3. The millionaire has a seam in his head that he does not care to expose in a barber shop.

Two of a Kind.

"A man needn't be afraid of lightning as long as he can see it approaching," said the would-be humorist.

"Same way with a bullet," observed the solemn party with a far off look in his off optic.

Drugs to Be Tabooed.

One of the dreams of medical men is likely to be realized in the near future, it is said. Few drugs will be swallowed or taken into the stomach unless needed for the direct treatment of that organ itself. By the medium of electric currents drugs will be applied to various organs through the skin and flesh and the treatment will be painless.

Navy Hires Expert Roach Killer.

The American navy has engaged the services of an expert cockroach killer, who will attempt to eradicate these insects from all the vessels in the navy in Atlantic waters, as well as in the various buildings at the Atlantic coast navy yard. This man has been at work on some of the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron with excellent results. He received \$100 a ship, but it is understood that a special arrangement has been made with him by the navy department under the terms which he will receive in the future only \$50 a ship.

Cost of Carnegie Libraries.

Carnegie libraries cost something. Mr. Carnegie recently said: "I have helped found 760 libraries and have 800 more under advisement." This will make, say, 1,560 in all. During last year he gave 158 library buildings, at a cost to him of \$6,679,000, so the average cost of the buildings is \$42,270, and 1,500 of them will aggregate \$63,405,000. Now, under the contract with Carnegie, the cities blessed must tax themselves annually 10 per cent of the cost of the buildings to provide funds for their maintenance. This would be \$6,340,500 every year in addition to the interest on more than \$30,000,000 paid by the cities for library sites. By these transactions the libraries will cost Mr. Carnegie each year, at 5 per cent interest on his investment, \$3,170,250, while the interest to the cities at the same rate will be \$7,840,500, or two and a half times as much.

An Aged Fire Fighter.

Henry J. Eaton, the old fire chief of Hartford, has surprised the board of commissioners and the city by asking to be retired on half pay. It seems a reasonable request from a man 72 years old, who has been a fireman for fifty-three years, and chief engineer for thirty-five, although the commissioners were extremely complimentary to him and wanted him to take back his letter, he says he has made up his mind and means it. Chief Eaton has been an interesting and very original feature in Hartford life, and he will remain that, even if his days of splendid courage and leadership are over. He comes of the old Tolland family of Eatons, and the late United States Senator W. W. Eaton was a cousin.

The Sons of Garibaldi.

Italian journals recently announced that Ricciotti Garibaldi, the younger son of the eminent warrior, was planning an extensive trip of exploration in Patagonia. His brother, Menotti, who died the other day, took little interest in politics, although he accepted the place of a deputy for a time, soon resigned and devoted himself to agriculture in the Campagna Romana. His relations with the royal family were pleasant, and he is even said to have received financial aid from that source. His death recalls the fact that in 1849, a few months before he was born, his mother followed her husband into the midst of the battle, and fought her way, revolver in hand, until her horse was shot. She was captured, but managed to escape three days later.

His Ideal of a Church.

At a convention of Universalist preachers in Detroit last week the Rev. Howard B. Bard, of Lansing said his conception of an ideal church was one with a large gymnasium, reading room and smoking room, "where the young man can go without fear of being dragged into a prayer meeting. I do not encourage smoking," he added, "but if your son, brother or husband does smoke, don't let him go down town to a place where the whole atmosphere is full of vice. Let him smoke in the place where there is no danger of being ruined. Therefore providing a smoking room in your church."

Was Speaker for Five Minutes.

In mentioning the names of living ex-speakers of the United States house of representatives one is invariably overlooked. There lives in Auburn, at the ripe age of 79, a rich banker of the name of Theodore Medad Pomeroy. He has an office in New York at 65 Broadway, is vice president of the American Express Company and a director of the National Express Company. Mr. Pomeroy was elected speaker of the house on the 3rd of March, 1869, to succeed Schuyler Colfax, who had been elected vice president and resigned the speakership to be inducted into the higher office. Speaker Pomeroy served five minutes.

The Blase Shah.

The Shah of Persia, who received some months ago from his English friends the Order of the Garter, is said to have the most tired appearance of any of the reigning sovereigns. His eyes are wearied by the sight of every luxury. During his visit to England all the statuary was removed from Marlborough house out of regard for his susceptibilities, but he showed small interest in his surroundings. One toy did excite his interest, however, and this was a tiny jeweled bird, which sang delightfully. The shah shoots excellently and has only sixty-odd wives, as company with the 1,720 of his predecessor.

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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,
E. A. UPFOLD,
(For Re-Election)

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.

We are authorized to announce the name of

JOHN ROWAN.

as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Randall county, subject to the action of the voters at the polls, November election.

The application for a local option election was given a hearing before the Commissioners' Court Monday, R. A. Sowder Esq., represented the petitioners and B. Frank Buie Esq. the opposition. The election was refused.

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We will offer our entire line of Boy's, Youths' and Men's Suits at

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My Fellow-Citizens!

In-announcing myself as a candidate for re-election, I take this occasion to thank you for this my first term as Sheriff and Collector of Randall county. I appreciated your support in the first instance and will be very thankful to you for the office one more term, assuring you that if elected I will serve you to the very best of my ability.

Respectfully,
E. A. UPFOLD.

Mrs. R. W. Morgan of the Amarillo Star was in town on business Thursday and made the News office an appreciated call. She says the Daily Star will only be issued three times weekly until April 1, when it will resume its daily visits.

The Russian-Japanese war is on in earnest and Japan has been getting in some first licks and good ones too.

P. Friemel, of Umbarger, visited our office Tuesday. He says he is satisfied that with proper cultivation, cotton will yield half a bale to the acre in Randall county and that this year he will plant twenty acres or more. He is of the opinion that to get a good stand one bushel of seed to the acre will be necessary. He also stated that lots of other things—chickens, eggs, butter, garden truck and the like—could and would be raised here if there was only a good local market at Canyon City.

Commissioners' Court has been in session all the week—full particulars in next issue.

Baltimore had an eighty million dollar fire Sunday.

While the old line insurance companies will be heavy losers on account of the Baltimore fire yet their assets are ample to cover and still leave them in good shape. The Hartford is said to be the greatest sufferer but its assets over balance the loss by 14 to 1. On the whole while it may bring about some stringency in the money markets of the East on account of the sale of securities necessary to square up it is not liable to affect local conditions in the insurance business.

Two more announcements this week—Earnest Upfold, for re-election as Sheriff and Collector, and John Rowan for County Treasurer. Read what each of them have to say in this paper.

George Washington and Martha will entertain the Reading Circle, the Senior and Junior Leagues, and their friends, in a social way, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. O'Keefe, Feb. 19, from 8 to 10 p. m. Admission 10 cents.

Barring the Panhandle, Texas last week went wet—good rains everywhere—giving promise of fine grain crops and putting the land in excellent condition for spring work. Cloudy weather has also prevailed to a great extent but on the plains it is still clear, cold and dry.

Six thousand of the Canyon City school bonds have been spoken for. Of this amount Lamar county takes three thousand and our own county three.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Randall County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon G. H. Price by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1 Randall county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Canyon City, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1904, the same being the 7th day of March A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of January 1904, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 144, wherein Canyon Lumber Company, a firm composed of J. M. Rockwell, A. A. Rockwell and C. M. Hardin, is plaintiff, and G. H. Price is defendant, and said petition alleging that the defendant, G. H. Price, is indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$44.92 on open accounts as follows:—Account due Canyon Lumber Company, \$21.45 and \$2.95 due Canyon Mercantile Company, \$6.37 due J. W. Cummings and \$14.15 due Gober, Hume and Kenyon, which accounts have been sold to Canyon Lumber Company. All of which are due and unpaid.

Hereln fall not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of February 1904.
W. J. REDFEARN,
J. P. Precinct No. 1,
Randall Co. Texas.

Good rains have fallen over the central and northern portions of the State.

Our local editor is decidedly "under the weather."

Several cases of 'grip' in town and among them the long lean editor of this paper.

Married.

At the residence of the bride Tuesday evening, Raymond Robeson, of Canadian, son of Rev. T. F. Robeson, and Miss Mattie Coffee, of this place. Rev. Stephens officiating.

They left Tuesday evening for Canadian, their future home. Congratulations of many friends go with them and the News joins in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey down the stream of time.

Perfect Confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Rev. J. E. Stephens has organized a Methodist Church at Gilliland school house and will preach there once a month.

Mack Leonard has purchased a section of land near Bagley and with his family will move there as soon as he completes a residence which he is now building.

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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

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The News is glad to report that Miss Odell is getting along nicely.

Rev. E. H. Mosely, Presbyterian, will preach at the C. P. Church Sunday, Feb. 14.

Travis Shaw was a business caller in Amarillo Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

There is plains raised cotton seed to be had near Lubbock at 50 cents per bushel.

Miss Iva Maude Buie, who has been sick with pneumonia, is convalescing.

Mrs. B. Frank Buie and daughter, Miss Annie, are quite sick this week with La grippe.

Rev. T. F. Robeson has been down with a severe cold last week but is now recovering.

Monroe, oldest son of Judge Henson, is here visiting the home folks.

Wade Stephenson and wife went down to the Roswell country Monday where they visited friends. They returned today.

Howell Merrill is among the La grippe patients. He was sick enough to have the doctor with him but is now on the mend.

Mrs. M. A. McQuirter, of Hale Center, returned this week from a visit to Waco. She remained here one day, the guest of Mrs. A. N. Henson.

Mrs. B. Frank Smith and family left Monday evening for Clarendon where her husband has secured a position as book-keeper.

M. A. Lamkin, our affable life insurance man, called in Tuesday and subscribed for a years supply of News.

Judge Henson was laid up with a severe attack of grip a part of last week and was hardly able for duty Monday but he was out all the same.

Miss Della Wilkinson, an experienced milliner from Winniwood, I. T., arrived here this week and has taken charge of the millinery department at the Canyon Mercantile Co.

J. A. Dismore, of Fate, Rock-wall county, came in and subscribed for the News Thursday. Mr. Dismore owns land south of here and has been up to see after it and to visit some of his old neighbors. He left for home on the evening train.

Tuesday the safe and vault door were taken out of the Smith-Walker bank building and sent to Silverton for use of the bank there.

Lee Shiflett returned Monday from a trip to Krum, Denton county, where he went some ten days ago in answer to a message stating that his mother was at the point of death. He arrived one day too late to see her alive.

Bep McLarry, formerly a citizen of this place, returned here with his family Saturday from Stratford where he has resided the past two years. He is not much in love with the Stratford country. He has rented the Taylor Money residence.

The kitchen roof of the West Hotel was discovered to be on fire last Saturday evening just at supper time, caused by the flue having blown down during the severe wind storm. The flames were extinguished before doing any material damage.

C. P. Hutchings, the popular dry goods salesman at Wright, Gamble & Co's., returned last Sunday from the St. Louis market where he has spent some time selecting the spring and summer stock of dry goods for this company. Mr. Hutchings is an experienced buyer and he generally gets just the things his customers want.

T. J. Webb, wife and daughter, Miss Lula, returned to their home in Erath county Friday of last week. The Webbs came here last fall on account of Miss Lula's health which was very much improved during their stay here.

The schools at Hereford closed yesterday in order to permit the teachers to attend the Teachers Association going on at Amarillo today and tomorrow. Hereford will also reach out after the Summer Normal.

To The Voters.

I have decided to become a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Randall county and will very much appreciate the support of my fellow citizens to that end. I will be in the race to the finish and will only give up when turned down by the voters at the polls in November. If elected I promise to serve you to the very best of my ability.

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Miss May Byrd, of Portales, N. M., visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Campbell the first of the week.

WHY NOT RANDALL?

We learn from the Brand that the farmers of Deaf Smith and Castro counties have organized a Farmers' Institute which will hold its first meeting as such on February 20, at Hereford. Morning and evening sessions are to be held and addresses will be delivered by Hon. J. W. Carson, who has charge of State Institute work, and by Prof. John A. Craig of the A. & M. College. Mr. Carson's subject will be "Cotton, varieties and culture," that of Prof. Craig's will be on some animal industry subject. So Deaf Smith has a Farmers' Institute and has already secured the co-operation of the State department of agriculture and is going right ahead on progressive lines.

Why not organize one for Randall county.

Pneumonia in Chicago.

Over 3000 people died of pneumonia in Chicago last year. In every case the disease resulted from a cold. Had the cold been promptly and properly treated at the outset almost everyone would have recovered. This statement is abundantly proven by the fact that among the tens of thousands throughout this country who use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to cure their colds, no case of pneumonia has ever been reported, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of pneumonia. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained its wide reputation and enormous sale by the prompt and effectual cures of colds and can always be depended upon. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

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.
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By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

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THE COTTON CONVENTION.

The second meeting of this body was had at the Court House last Saturday evening. A greater number were present and much greater interest was shown in the work.

The committee appointed at the former meeting to confer with the Board of Trade concerning the erection of a gin at this place made a favorable report. Explaining this report in detail W. E. Bates stated that he and Mr. A. E. Brown would guarantee the erection of the gin provided as much as 1000 acres of cotton was planted in Randall county contributory to said gin. A call was then made on those present to increase the acreage already pledged with result as follows:

E. W. Reynolds.....	10 acres
J. H. Garrison.....	5 "
J. L. Robinson.....	15 "
L. N. Lochridge.....	2 "
J. B. Knox.....	6 "
S. V. Gentry.....	20 "
P. O. Davidson.....	5 "
W. F. Taylor.....	8 "
W. M. King.....	10 "
H. S. Parks.....	10 "
C. M. Thomas.....	10 "
J. R. Baird.....	10 "
S. A. Shotwell.....	10 "
G. F. Ames.....	5 "
D. Steen.....	5 "
Stork Foster.....	5 "

This to date makes a total pledged of 198 acres.

After speeches by T. F. Reid, W. F. Taylor, W. E. Bates, A. E. Brown and others, it was ordered that the chair appoint a committee of five from among those present, representing as many neighborhoods as possible, whose duty it should be to solicit the planting of the required acreage to secure the cotton gin, reporting progress at the next meeting to be held at the Court House Feb. 20. This committee is composed as follows:

- T. M. Brown, Umbarger.
- J. R. Baird, Happy.
- S. V. Gentry, near Amarillo.
- G. G. Foster, for Ceta.
- T. F. Reid, Canyon City.

T. F. Reid, — Wright and the chairman were selected as a committee to see about cotton seed, kind and price, and instructed to report at next meeting, which was set for 1 p. m., Saturday, February 20th.

Professors Lackey and Hodge, also Misses Earhart and Pope, of the High School faculty are attending the Panhandle Teachers' Association at Amarillo. There is no school today.

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This, places the cotton proposition, so much of late talked about in these columns, squarely before our people.

Do you want it?
If so, see any member of the committee appointed at the cotton convention Saturday and tell how many acres you will put in this year. It not convenient for you to see any of them call at the News office and register your name.

In the humble opinion of the News this is a move decidedly in the right direction. Take hold of it and do it Now!

News Roll of Honor.

- M. A. Lamkin,.....\$1.00.
- T. E. Huffman, (by H. M. Bridges),.....50 cts.
- Mrs. S. L. Waller, (by M. H. Waller),.....\$1.00
- J. A. Dismore.....1.00
- E. W. O'Rear.....1.00

THE USE OF APPLES.

Dietetic Value of This Common and Best of All Fruit.

One medical writer says: "The more mellow apples one eats the better, provided they be taken at mealtime. It is best of all to eat fruit before meals, and freely as you like."

This will prevent loading the system with a heavy weight of less digestible foods. The no breakfast fad tells us that we must not only go without the morning meal, but that we must live much more largely upon fruit. Some of its disciples insist that the apple may be taken in the place of the ordinary breakfast. John Wesley once referred to apple dumplings as an illustration of the alarming advance of luxuries in England. Charles Lamb quotes a friend who says that "a man cannot have a pure mind who refuses apple dumplings," and Dr. Johnson speaks of a clergyman of his acquaintance who brought his family up almost altogether on this Anglo-Saxon combination. We have recollections of dumplings which might accord with the opinion of Lamb, and then we have recollections of other dumplings which might have been the origin of Calvinism. It must be borne in mind that the ideal apple is one that is fit to be eaten raw, yet the glorious old Spitzenburg is only fit for the cook, in whose hands it becomes the very perfection of pie apples. The nineteenth century went out with a marvelous evolution of new sorts of fruits of all kinds, but there was nothing in the list to exceed the delicious juices of the Northern Spy, the Macintosh Red, the Shannon or the Stuart's Golden.

There is nothing in the world to exceed the beauty of the apple blossom, while the air is laden with an exquisite perfume that has charmed a hundred generations, has added to the poetry, the love and the comfort of Greece, of Roman and of Britain. But if there be anything more beautiful than the apple in blossom it is the same tree loaded down with crimson and golden fruit. Then it is that the apple touches human nature and wakens in the housekeeper the highest conceptions of the science and the fine art of dietetics. Independent.

Animals and Fire.

Most animals are afraid of fire and will fly from it in terror. To others there is a fascination about a flame, and they will walk into it even though tortured by the heat. A horse in a burning stable goes mad with fear, but a dog is as cool in a fire as at any time. He keeps his nose down to the floor, where the air is purest, and sets himself calmly to finding his way out. Cats in fires howl piteously. They hide their faces from the light and crouch in corners. When their rescuer lifts them they are, as a rule, quite docile and subdued, never biting or scratching. Birds seem to be hypnotized by fire and keep perfectly still. Even the loquacious parrot in a fire has nothing to say. Cows, like dogs, do not show alarm. They are easy to lead forth and often find their way out themselves.

Aids to Memory.

"When I was out west a few weeks ago I ran across a couple of fellows that used to live here. Do you remember Billover, who had a lunch counter around the corner here some time in 1897?"

"Yes, I remember Billover. I lent him \$5 once, and he never paid it."

"That's the same man. He never paid anybody. Well, he's in partnership now with Skimbridge, who used to keep a hardware store in the next block. Remember Skimbridge?"

"No; I've forgotten him. I guess he never borrowed any money of me."—Chicago Record-Herald.

On Good Terms.

In a certain parish in one of the southern counties of Ireland the congregation at the Episcopal church numbered only six. One day the bishop of the diocese announced his intention of visiting the parish. Of course the parson was in serious concern lest his lordship should discover the smallness of his flock. Meeting the parish priest, he told him his trouble. "Let that not grieve your soul," replied Father Begorra, "as soon as mass is over I'll send the boys along to the church!"—Pall Mall Gazette.

Kept His Word.

"I used to think you were not a man of your word, Jones, but I've changed my mind."

"Ah, you understand me now, friend Smith. But what led you to change your mind?"

"You remember that \$10 you borrowed from me?"

"Yes."

"You said if I lent it to you you would be indebted to me forever."

"Yes."

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Joy Destroyed by Beans.

Mrs. Arabella Elliott, of Kokomo, Ind., has testified in court that for two years of her married life her husband, Henry H. Elliott, insisted that they should live on beans. They had beans for breakfast, beans for dinner, and beans for supper. It was beans, beans, until she heard the rattling of beans in the flapping of the vines against the corner of the dear little cottage; she had beans in her dreams, and in her waking fancies all the world became a pod and all the men and women in it wear merely beans. Finally she got Mr. Elliott to change off to potatoes, and, fearing that he would insist on returning to them, she sued for divorce.

An Ancient Blacksmith.

A remarkable statue of the Gallo-Roman period of a blacksmith has been excavated in Paris in a small cemetery on the Rue Cassini, near Observatoire. The figure wears a striped cap. The face is broad and beardless and the features are most expressive. This is the only real statue of a blacksmith in Paris of the ancient times; all others are mere figures of Vulcan. Under the statue was found the skeleton of a powerful man, probably the blacksmith represented. Coins discovered in the same grave show he was buried in the year 98, during the reign of Trajan. The statue has been transferred to the Musee Carnavalet, where it now is exhibited.

The Young Men of Today.

The young men of today are too finicky—too much given to self-analysis, two-self-pampering. Their shoes and neckties cost more each year than did the entire wardrobe of their grandfathers. They feel a sense of degradation in small beginnings and plodding, and they wait for success ready made to come to them. There is not a young man in the country who would imitate Ben Franklin and march through the streets munching a loaf of bread while looking for employment. He dares not, indeed, because society has become also finicky and he would be arrested as a tramp. The young man of today wants capital. Trusts and combines and corporations distress him. He cannot be president of a bank or judge of a court the first week he is from school and he feels like the famous Eli Pussley, that he has "no chance."

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