

Selkirk's Deal In Rubber

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SELKIRK had been sent south to look after the American Rubber company's interests in the interior of Honduras, and after two months of the most exasperating exploration through the swamps and woods of the lowlands ten miles back from the coast he was free to confess that he was not in love with the job. Besides the risk to one's life from fevers and ruthless cutthroats, the pay was hardly commensurate with his ideas of his usefulness. It seemed like two years instead of two months since he had seen a white man or a civilized home, and it was good to gaze at the blue expanse of the sea again and even at the dismal mud and thatched houses of Amapala. Only that morning he had returned to the coast, and his expectant eyes had scanned the sea eagerly for a steamer, but he had been disappointed and then rejoiced at the report that the isthmian steamer was due in two days.

"I'll arrange to return on her," he had said abruptly, expressing his thoughts aloud. "I'm sick of these infernal wilds and people."
The American consul, a small, dried up man whose sallow complexion indicated long residence in the tropics, shrugged his shoulders and smiled. Selkirk looked at the man in pity and added, "And you stay here right along?"

"Twenty-five years now," was the laconic reply. "I suppose I'll die here too. One place is about as good as another."

Then, turning brusquely toward his desk, he added: "Selkirk is your name, isn't it? Yes, I have some mail for you. Here's a letter marked important. It was brought on the last steamer."

Selkirk looked over the letters. Some were business communications, others from home and friends, but the one marked important was from his employers. The rubber company's name was plainly stamped on the outside. He tore it open rapidly, scanned its contents in a few vivid glances and then swore mildly under his mustache.

"I won't do it! I swear I won't! I'd die there!" shouted Selkirk breathlessly. "They are a set of—"
Then he stopped and flung himself in the only vacant chair in the hot, dingy office. He looked up helplessly at his companion. "They want me to go back—penetrate deeper into the rubber forest. There is something in the wind. Somebody else is after the rubber, and they say I must return and get ahead of them. I won't do it! No, I won't!"

The very thoughts of returning to the dismal interior made him faint, and yet—

"The black Caribs of the interior know where these forests of big rubber trees are located. You must bribe, coax or threaten them to reveal the secret. If you get ahead of the other company—an English one, by the way—we will make it all right with you on your return."

This extract from the letter ran through Selkirk's brain, and then at the end was a promise to give him a part interest in the profits if he was successful. But a horrible nightmare of fever, marshes and black natives stealing out of the bush and grinning fiendishly at him made him shiver.

"No, I won't do it!" he shouted. He lingered two days in Amapala, repeating over every time his spirits



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wavered that he "wouldn't go back to the interior for all the rubber in the

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woods!" Then when the steamer from the isthmus hove in sight he was in a fever of doubts and anxieties. When she touched the port he ran out to meet her. Another man disembarked. He talked rubber from the moment he landed until Selkirk lost sight of him.

"He's after the rubber, too," sententiously remarked the American consul. Selkirk stared, held his breath and then bolted from the office. Before night he was on his way back to the interior, carrying with him only a light traveling outfit and two guides who had accompanied him on his former trip. He knew that it was a race between the English and American companies, and Selkirk felt his native American pride urging him onward.

But the Honduras forests and swamps are the worst in the world to get lost in, and before they were two days out from Amapala the guides appeared hopelessly tangled in a tropical jungle. Selkirk swore at the stupidity of the native guides and tried to find his way out by studying his chart.

Then a queer thing happened. They suddenly plunged out of their dismal forest fastness into an upland opening with a score of native huts in full view. But more surprising than these huts was the appearance of the natives grouped under an immense coyal palm eagerly gesticulating and talking to a white man. Selkirk gave a little impatient grunt and ground his teeth in rage. Before him was the English agent who had landed at Amapala two days before.

"Thank God, there's another white man in this infernal place!" shouted

"They say we're prisoners," the guide mumbled humbly, "and we must give up our weapons. They are bad men—bad black Caribs." Then in a frightened whisper, "They eat white men sometimes, and—"

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the Englishman, rushing forward and grasping Selkirk's hands. "My name is Brandywine. I think we met in Amapala. These wild fellows want to eat me or something. Can you understand their lingo? My guides deserted me a day ago; stole everything I had except this blanket, my rifle and—"

The wild black Caribs interrupted them. They had been talking to Selkirk's guide, and they were now demanding a hearing.

"What do they want?" demanded Selkirk to his native guide. Then, in a side tone to the Englishman: "You can't trust any of these treacherous guides. They'd sell you for a dollar and kill you for a piece of gold."

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"They demand a sacrifice. One or us must be offered up, and the other can return to the coast."

"My God! A sacrifice? A human sacrifice?"

"Yes. To please the wrath of some of their gods," coolly replied Selkirk.

"It's terrible! Monstrous!" shouted the Englishman, the drops of perspiration appearing on his forehead. "What can we do? You don't propose yielding to them. I'd rather die fighting than—"

"Being roasted alive? Well, so would I. But one of us can escape, and it is folly to sacrifice both lives."

Brandywine's face was livid, and his hands trembled violently. His eyes bulged from their sockets as he stammered, "You mean that we should—should draw lots to see which one—"

"We might do that," laconically interrupted Selkirk.

"I—I—my family—my dear wife and child," muttered the Englishman.

Selkirk suddenly stiffened. "You have a family—wife and child?"

"Yes; the best that ever lived. She did not want me to come out here. It was my pigheadedness. She said—"

"That makes a difference. I could not draw lots with you. I have no family—no wife or children—only a—"

"Sweetheart; some one waiting for you to—"

"No, not that; she is not waiting. I fear she does not care."

There was a bitterness in the tone which made the Englishman wince. Instinctively he held forth his hand. Selkirk grasped it, squeezed it a moment and then said: "I'll stay. You can go back to the coast. No one will miss me."

the coast, and then you can reach Amapala and the American consul. Tell him all, and if—"

He stopped. The Englishman blinked and held back a tear. "I understand," he said hoarsely. "Give me her name and address. I'll do it and tell her all. She'll despise me, but she shall know how brave and self-sacrificing you were."

Selkirk scribbled a name and address on a sheet of paper. "There, keep that, and if I should ever escape I'll see how well you redeem your promise."

"But, my God, how can I leave you to such a fate? Roasted alive—and eaten! I can't! I can't!"

"Oh, I won't mind it. I can take my own life at the last moment if need be. Now, goodbye. They are waiting to escort you to the coast and me to their infernal prison and roasting spit."

They shook hands again, but as they turned to separate Selkirk added: "By the way, you say your name is Brandywine and that you represent the British Honduras Rubber company. But what were you trying to do in this God-forsaken region?"

"Trying to enrich the company by finding a new forest of rubber trees—sacrificing my life to their greed."

"Indeed! That makes it all the more necessary that you should return to the coast and report the danger to prevent others from trying it. Where was the new forest supposed to be located?"

"Way up on the west banks of the Segovia and ten miles from a settlement of Indian Caribs near its source. Here is a map the company gave me. But it's all Greek to me. I thought these Carib guides could direct me."

Selkirk gazed at it musingly, and when he handed it back he said, "Good-by and good luck to you!"

Brandywine replaced the map in his pocket and seemed greatly affected. The black Caribs stood around them in warlike dress. Selkirk said briefly to

his guide: "Tell them to guide him back to the coast. I'll stay."
Selkirk watched them disappear, a mournful expression on his face, and then when they were no longer in view he smiled. Taking a match from his pocket, he struck a light and puffed away at his black pipe.
"That will get him out of the way all right," he said reflectively. "And that map was a good one—better than mine. I must get up there in a hurry."
Then in native Carib jargon he said to his guide: "We'll start at once. We must go up the Segovia in canoes. How far are we from the river?"
"Ten miles," was the quiet answer.
"Heavens! Ten miles of this infernal forest? Well, get some guides who know the way thoroughly. If we are not there by tomorrow, I'll shoot somebody. Understand? No trickery, or your life will pay for it. And if



"HOW ABOUT THE ENGLISHMAN?"

we succeed there'll be gold for you and this rifle and everything I have in the outfit."

The native guide understood and bowed gratefully. Selkirk watched him narrowly and muttered: "He'll do, I don't think he dare betray me."

Half an hour later he was moving in the opposite direction from that taken by the Englishman and his escort. The fear of roasting alive seemed to have escaped his mind entirely. Once or twice he laughed softly to himself.

Two weeks later, when Selkirk appeared at the American Consul's dingy office at Amapala, he was greeted cordially by that sun-dried individual. After a few words of welcome he asked:

"How about the Englishman? Did he return all right?"

"Yes. He left for the States on the next steamer. A fine trick you played him. He ordered me to send a relief expedition after you at once. I think when he reaches the States he'll have a fine story to tell. But I've anticipated him by cubbing to the state department. I knew you would return."

"It was, rather a mean trick to play, but I'm not sure but I saved his life. He might have died in the swamps."

"Yes, he might have had that luck. And so might you."

"Oh, I'm differed! I'm used to it. I've knocked around the world more than he has. But I wonder if he will deliver the message to—"

The American consul laughed. "Yes he had her name and address. He had a fine story to tell her."

Hope For The Dyspeptic.

Everyone who has realized the discomfort and distress which accompany a disarrangement of the digestive organs will rejoice with Mrs. M. Macy, of Port Arthur, Ontario, in the relief she has obtained after having suffered for so long a time. She says: "I have suffered for the last four or five years from stomach trouble and dyspepsia, experiencing great pain. I took Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and can truthfully say they have done me a great deal of good. I feel like a different woman as a result of using them, and the after-effect is never unpleasant. These Tablets are for sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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WALTER R. BRANDON, Editor.

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Major Gordon insists that "The Railroad to the South Plains" is still on tap, and Amarillo still claims to be "headquarters." On the other end of the line—one of the lines—Stamford, Abilene, Coleman, Ballinger and San Angelo, are all muddled up about it. But "all same" it's "a sure thing"—so Col. Tallmadge says.

MORE COTTON.

Canyon City had the appearance of a "down east" cotton center last Wednesday morning as a trail of wagons containing twelve bales of cotton was to be seen wending its way across the streets of the town to the cotton yard near the Victoria hotel. Eleven of the bales was the property of C. L. Ayers, a Lockney merchant, who, as a matter of course had his cotton hauled here for weighing and shipping facilities. The other bale, the only one of the lot offered for sale, was picked up by W. S. Almond, at 9 cents. It is understood that this is the first of a vast amount of cotton which will be hauled here for shipment in the very near future by Mr. Ayer of Lockney. While other nearby towns are spreading alluring statements before the cotton growers to the south as to what they will give by way of inducement for their cotton, it will be proved by figures indisputable that Canyon City will give the top market price for all cotton marketed here by the growers, which is as much as any town can do consistently and in keeping with good business principles. So, with the assurance of as good prices for cottons as will be offered by any other Panhandle railroad point and the undisputed fact that Canyon City merchants will give just as much for the money in the way of merchandise as the best of them, there is

no fear manifested but that this town will shine forth just as radiantly as a wholesome center for the marketing of the fleecy staple to our friends on the South Plains as some of her more "pretentious metropolitan" competitors.

Amarillo and Cotton.

Referring to Amarillo's boast of "being" or "going to be" the leading cotton market of the Panhandle, the Hereford Brand expresses itself in this wise:

"The Amarillo Herald is wasting its energy in pleading with the farmers of the South Plains county to bring their cotton there to market. The Herald also predicts that Amarillo is destined to become the leading cotton market for the Panhandle. The first of these can never be realized, as one who will take a reasonable view of the situation, can readily ascertain. Hereford will naturally be the marketing point for Deaf Smith, Castro, Lubbock and a part of Swisher, while Canyon City will get the major part of the crop from Swisher and Hale; so that Amarillo can only hope to handle the crop grown in Potter county, which will be minus one bale Plus one bale. All the cotton east of Plainview will naturally go to the Denver road and be marketed in the towns along that line. "The best cotton market in the Panhandle" when you haven't an acre growing within your territory? What next! You had as well boast of establishing a saw mill in your town to transform the mighty Pandandle oak into useful lumber as boast of ever having the leading cotton market for the Panhandle."

Regarding Hereford's progress on the cotton gin, the last issue of the Brand says:

H. C. Tucker returned Wednesday from Dallas where he purchased a first class, modern gin plant for Hereford. The contract under which the committee placed Mr. Tucker required him to furnish only a one stand outfit, but realizing that he would not be capacitated to handle next year's crop, he purchased two seventy-saw stands and all necessary equipment, in the way of condenser, revolving press, suction and 25-horse power gasoline engine.

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ate, Mr. Tucker authorized us to state to the public that machinery would be installed ready for work in two weeks from today.

FARMERS' MEETINGS.

The News has frequently urged the necessity of Randall county farmers organizing forming a Farmers' Institute. All around us they are working, doing not only good for the country, but for themselves.

Hereford has been unusually progressive in this respect and the good example given us there could be adopted with profit by our readers. On the truck and cotton questions we take the following from the Brand as a part of the proceedings of the institute held at Hereford, Saturday, 15:

"The unanimous belief of all present was that there would be a large acreage planted to cabbage, peanuts, sweet and Irish potatoes and other vegetables

which will bear shipment, and the intention of the association is to plant and cultivate these right along with the other crops.

The secretary was instructed to write different produce markets in Texas and the North for particulars as to the probable price which will be paid for these products and also the time when they will be in the greatest demand.

Before the meeting adjourned, reference was made to the cotton outlook for the future, when those farmers present signified their intention of planting from 20 acres to 50 acres next year, so well pleased are they with the result of this, their first year's experience."

A Successful Sale.

In reporting the Whitman Bros. sale, held at Plainview on the 15, the Plainview Herald in part says:

"The Hereford sale held in this town on Saturday last was

fairly well attended, and many of our people, and people from other counties took advantage of the low prices and bought to advantage. The bulls numbering twenty-five were placed on the block one at a time and knocked off to the highest bidder until eight were sold, when they were taken off the market on account of the low price. The bulls were fine, good size and were in fair shape to come off the grass. The highest price paid was \$120, the lowest \$55, and the average \$70, for the eight sold. The cows were then put up, and sold pretty readily. They were fine and made a magnificent showing. The highest price paid was \$125, the lowest \$75, averaging \$92.65 for the number sold."

An Unfortunate Accident.

Mrs. M. J. Overhuls sustained very painful injuries last Sunday night as a result of burns received while removing a hanging lamp from its swinging position and allowing it to fall. The lamp was broken and the oil splattered over her clothing and a bed which was nearby and the leaping flames quickly ignited both her wearing apparel and the bed clothes. Her cries aroused her neighbors who at once came to the rescue and did very effective service in quelling the fire before any material damage was done either to the house or its contents. The flames which almost completely enveloped and consumed the clothing of Mrs. Overhuls inflicted very distressing pain to her body, though physicians think that in a short time she will be able to again be out among her many friends. Mrs. Overhuls and her little girls have the sympathy of the entire community in the sad accident which has befallen the mother.

STOCK SHIPMENTS.

From this point to Kansas City and other markets, as follows:

FRIDAY, Oct. 21.	
Luna & Crawford.....	4 cars
J. B. Thomas.....	2 "
Lusk & Demare.....	5 "
SUNDAY, Oct. 23.	
W. C. Dinwiddie.....	8 "
W. C. Hulsey.....	2 "
J. C. LaPrade.....	2 "
Wallace Goode.....	4 "
Moody & Bivins.....	7 "
Scott & Scott.....	2 "

The Dallas Semi-weekly News and this paper one year for \$1.80.

NOTICE.

The judges appointed to hold the general election in Randall county on Nov. 8th are respectfully requested to meet at the court house in Canyon City on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the method of holding the election under the "Terrell Law."

As there are many points in the law which are not generally understood, and as the manner of holding elections under it, are new and somewhat complex, it is believed that such a meeting will very much facilitate the work.

Any voter interested in the discussion is respectfully invited to attend.

A. N. Hensoa,
Co. Judge.

The Election Tickets.

This office will begin printing them Friday of this week. As previously stated in these columns, those candidates who have announced with us, will be cared for by The News, without further notice all their names will be put upon the Democratic ticket, unless before Friday morning, of this week, they order otherwise. Those who have not announced in The News had better notify the County Clerk at once—after Friday it will be too late.

In the issue of next week The News will likely publish the Democratic ticket in form as it will appear on election day.

There will be in all, six tickets for use in this county, to wit:

- Democratic,
- Republican,
- Prohibition,
- Populist,
- Socialist,
- Labor.

This office will print all of them and no other tickets can be voted.

Each voter will be given one each of the six and can use one only, and must account for all of them when he presents his vote.

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According to a previous promise made in the News of recent issue, our store will, on and after Oct. 1, 1904, and continuing until January 1, 1905, sell goods at one cash price to everybody with our personal guarantee of "value received" for every dollar's worth of merchandise purchased. Below are a few of our Many Cash Bargains which will hold good as long as they last:

<p>Men's Underwear</p> <p>Woolen Shirts & Drawers, were \$1.25, now \$1.00 Same in Wright's Health, were \$1.25, now \$1.00 " " " " " " \$1.50, now \$1.25</p> <p>Men's Suits</p> <p>Suits that formerly sold for \$12.50, now \$10.50 " " " " " " \$15.00, now \$12.50 " " " " " " \$11.00, now \$9.50 Boy's Suits that have been at \$9.00, now \$8.00 " " " " " " \$7.00, now \$6.00 " " " " " " \$4.00, now \$3.50</p> <p>Men's Overcoats</p> <p>Overcoats that were \$7.50, now \$6.25 " " " " " " \$14.00, now \$12.50 " " " " " " \$12.50, now \$10.00 Boy's Overcoats, worth \$7.00, now \$6.00 " " " " " " \$3.50, now \$3.00 " " " " " " \$2.75, now \$2.25</p>	<p>Dress Goods</p> <p>Albatross, 47-in, formerly 95c, at 75c Albatross, 38-in, formerly 60c, now 50c Brilliantine, 50-in, was \$1.35 at \$1.10 Sufting, 42-in, worth 90c, now 75c Cravenette, 42-in, worth 95c, at 75c Stellan, 50-in, worth \$1.50, at \$1.25 Rain Cloth, 52-in, was \$1.25 at \$1.00 Fancy Mohair, 36-in, was 60c at 50c Mohair Melrose, 45-in, was 60c at 50c Fleece Down, 29-in, worth 25c at 20c</p> <p>Flannel Skirtings</p> <p>White Flannel, 31-in, was 60c, at 50c " " " " " " 26-in, was 30c, at 25c Blue Flannel, 27-in, worth 40c, at 35c</p> <p>Table Linen</p> <p>White Linen, 66-in, was 75c, now 60c " " " " " " 64-in, was 60c, now 50c</p>	<p>Black Sateen Petticoats</p> <p>Ladies' Black Sateen Petticoat, \$1.25, now \$1.00 " " " " " " \$1.50, now \$1.25</p> <p>Ladies' Wool Dress Skirts</p> <p>Ladies' Wool Dress Skirts, were \$10.00, at \$8.50 " " " " " " \$8.25, now \$7.00 " " " " " " \$3.75, now \$3.00</p> <p>Ladies' Jackets</p> <p>Ladies' Jackets that were \$16.00, now \$13.00 " " " " " " \$10.75, now \$8.75 " " " " " " \$6.25, now \$5.25 Misses' Jackets that were \$6.00, now \$5.00 " " " " " " \$3.00, now \$1.75 " " " " " " \$2.00, now \$1.75</p> <p>Ladies' Shawls</p> <p>Ladies' Wool Breakfast Shawls, \$1.00, now 90c " " " " " " \$2.00, now \$1.50 Ladies' Square Wool Shawls, \$1.65 value at \$1.35</p>
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Local.

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If it's candy you want see Wilson for the best kind. 19 tf
Miss Dixon Lair is reported on the sick list this week.
Look out for our new serial to begin about November 11.

Mrs. J. M. Wright returned home Tuesday from a visit to the World's Fair.

Be sure to figure with us before placing your order.
CANYON LBR. CO.

Mrs. Fred Rees, of Amarillo, came in Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Reid, and other relatives, for several days.

D. Taylor, of Morris, McClellan county, who in the summer purchased the Taggart three sections 20 miles south of here, was in town Thursday.

The Denver Road will give its last cheap excursion, Amarillo to Fort Worth, for this season, Sunday, good to start on Saturday's train from Amarillo.

Jimmie Redfean is at the home of his grandfather, J. M. Vansant, suffering an attack of fever. His many friends hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

"Ab" Thompson has secured a position with the Canyon Mercantile Co. as book keeper, and commenced work there last week.

Clark Smith and wife returned home Saturday from a visit to the World's Fair. Clark says the Fair is all right but that Texas is good enough for him.

Mrs. Henry Barry has been quite sick for the past 10 days but was reported much better this morning.

Baird Bros., W. C. and Ed., and Dr. Black sold their crop of calves for this year, 400 head, at \$12, heifers included.

County Judge Daniel, of Briscoe county was here a day or so this week. He was on his return home from a visit to St. Louis and other points in Missouri.

Misses Hall and Whitmire left Monday evening for Hillsboro after a very pleasant visit here of several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stephenson.

M. C. Chamlee, the jeweler, will again resume his jewelry and repair work and has rented the room vacated by John Meisterhans, the boot-maker. He will be ready for business the first of next week.

The News would be glad to hear from our Happy correspondent. The reports from this community were very much appreciated by both the management and the News Readers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Park returned home Wednesday from a visit to the World's Fair. They stopped over at Amarillo Tuesday where they attended the marriage of Mr. Park's sister, mention of which is made elsewhere in this issue.

The members of the local congregation of Baptists may justly congratulate themselves on the improved appearance of their church building since it has received its dress of snow white paint. To the fair ladies of the church is due the credit, however.

I. W. McClure came in Tuesday from a short visit to Amarillo, and brought back with him two Hunt county prospectors and as we have not seen McClure or the prospectors since, it is safe to say that "I. W." will keep them in the dark until he consumates a deal with them in Randall county soil.

The prisoners, Sam and Nellie Wilson, held here for the theft of C. P. Money's horses and hack, were moved to Armstrong county jail last week for safe keeping. Wilson waived a preliminary trial—admitting his guilt—and the girl was given a hearing and remanded to jail on failure to make bond.

The best Bakers' light bread at Wilson's. Fresh and good. 19 tf

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We've brought here for your inspection this season the handsomest line of Dress Materials ever brought to Canyon City. Read carefully below all the special items that we will have for the month of October:

Imported Broadcloth.....	\$1.25 per yd.
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Latest Styles in Ladies' Jackets.....	\$5 to \$10.
Misses' and Children's Wraps.....	\$1.50 to \$4.

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Mrs. Overhuls' two sons have arrived to comfort their mother in the sad hour of distress to their home, and the sufferer is receiving solicitous attention at the hands of her many friends. At noon yesterday Mrs. Overhuls was reported to be much relieved of pain.

T. B. Ketner last week purchased 3 acres of land 1 1/2 miles west of town from C. O. Whitman and this week commenced the construction of a neat 3-room house on the same. Mr. Ketner says he is going to try a combination of town and country life and with his small plot of ground hopes to furnish a means of employment to which he has become attached.

Jack Campbell returned last Saturday from Kansas City. He brought back a handsome registered Hereford yearling bull for Ed Harrell which he purchased at Kansas City. The young animal was shipped by express and arrived here as fresh and pretty as if he had been enjoying his trip to the Plains. Mr. Campbell informed the News reporter that Geo. Long would be at home on a visit to his family early next month.

The local denomination of the Baptist church has matured plans whereby they hope to have a series of revival services, beginning the first Sunday in December. The services of Rev. J. T. Bell, General Missionary for the Panhandle, has been secured for these meetings, which insure success as far as the preaching of the Word is concerned. Bro. Bell has a warm place in the hearts of the Christian people of the town and it is predicted that he will do much in this meeting toward the spiritual enlightenment of those who will go to hear him.

There are quite a number of Randall county farmers who have already sown their fields in wheat for winter pastures and many more doubtless who wish that they had followed the same example earlier in the season now that it is looking so well. In many places the young wheat has grown up from 3 to 4 inches in height and has completely covered the surface of the soil. This forethought on the part of our stockfarmers will prove of inestimable benefit to their stock when the biting blasts of winter has killed all other herbage. Verily we have some farmers who are wise in their generation.

Lost—Saturday, off the "Block" chuck wagon, a suit case belonging to James Pipkin, containing a suit of clothes, a cap, pair of shoes, etc. Wagon left here Saturday going in the direction of S. A. Shotwell. Finder will please return same to Canyon Mercantile Co.

A Fine Feed-Stuff.
Joe Foster this week sent to the News editor a sack of milo maize chops to try as a meal for our horse and cow. Mr. Foster has installed a small crusher in the rear of his building just north of the post office for the purpose of experimenting with the merits of maize in a crushed form as a feed for stock. The trouble experienced by many who have grown this feed successfully on the Plains has been the almost universal opinion that the grain was most too hard for stock, especially cattle, and Mr. Foster, and many others are of the opinion that this food in crushed form will prove a superior article to anything that has yet been produced on the Plains. That the matter is worthy of consideration by our stockfarmers is evidenced by the ready sale which this feed commands. Mr. Foster now getting \$15 per ton for all he can convert into this particular kind of feed.

Marriage license was issued this week by the County Clerk to W. E. Bennett and Miss Lottie A. Park, and they were united in marriage Tuesday, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Park, of this county. The bride is well known to most of Randall county citizens, having become endeared in the hearts of many for her steady, modest character as a school teacher, which position she has held several times in the community in which she lives. Mr. Bennett is said to be a resident of Moore county, and while we do not know anything about him as a man, it is nevertheless a safe guess that he is a type of the right sort or else Miss Lottie would never have accepted him as her ideal. The News rises and bows to the happy pair and wishes them happiness and prosperity in their new duties as man and wife.

Wilson carries a nice line of Tablets, Pencils, Pens, Ink, etc. for the School children.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

(By the County Superintendent)

Since your last issue I have visited Umbarger school taught by Miss Lillie Leonard, Rowan school, by Prof. John Rogers, and Gilleland by Miss Lena Parker. I find all these schools reasonably well conducted and apparently moving on harmoniously. I find quite a needed improvement in the size of the school building at Gilleland; but there is still a lack of furniture and black board surface.

I am sorry to note in all the schools a woeful lack of good reading—a thing that lies at the bottom of all true education. I would appeal to all the teachers that a special effort be made to correct this great evil.

Randall Co. Productions.

The latest notable additions to Randall Co. Land & Abstract Co's. collection of county productions is a cabbage weighing 21 1/2 lbs., grown by J. L. Prichard, a 9 lb. sweet potato by Mrs. E. A. Upfold; and an 18 lb. beet by a man on the south line of the county. The writer saw an extensive comment of a lot of sweet potatoes, the largest of which weighed 6 lbs., in the Dallas News of recent date and it looks reasonable to suppose that if a metropolitan daily would in response to a call of duty feel compelled to toot a big horn heralding the unearthing of a 6 lb potato, a small country weekly newspaper away out on the plains, (the so-called desert) would be justified in devoting a page to the eulogizing of a country that would produce wagon loads of potatoes, weighing from 8 to 10 pounds, 18 lb beets and 21 1/2 lb cabbage, but we won't, for such sights on the plains are getting to be as numerous as tin cans around a chop house. Nuf sed.

Services will be held at the Reading Room of First Church of Christ, Scientist in future at 11 a. m., Sunday school, 10 p. m., Sunday evening at 8 p. m., Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Subject, Sunday Oct. 30, "Adam and Fallen Man." Everybody welcome. V. Edna Henson, First Reader.

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A. ERNSBERGER, A. M., Superintendent.

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HAPPY ITEMS.

From Amarillo Herald.
Last week T. F. Gilleland sold to G. N. Caylor 48 head of calves at \$10.

We are sorry to state the illness of Mesdames Lochridge and Withrow this week.

Mrs. Penic, John and Laura Wiggins of Canyon visited their mother Saturday and Sunday.

While playing on the play-ground at school last Thursday little Burdine Morrow fell and sprained her ankle, which resulted in a very painful wound.

Mrs. Hugh Currie has gone to Amarillo to stay with her son, Mr. Thomas Currie, and his daughter, while the latter's mother attends the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Steen received news last week of the serious accident of their son, Buford, who has been employed at Amarillo in the shops. While at work on a passenger coach he fell and sustained internal injuries. He was taken to Ft. Worth and placed in a Sanitarium.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

T. B. Ketner.....\$1.00
J. T. Coffee..... 1.00

ELECTION NOTICE.

Pursuant to the Election Proclamation issued by the Governor of Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held on **Tuesday, 8th day of November, 1904.**

In each Election Precinct in the County of Randall, State of Texas, for the purpose of voting for Eighteen Electors for President and Vice President, Member of Congress, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Attorney-General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, One Railroad Commissioner, One Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, One Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, One Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the Second Supreme Judicial District, Senator and Representative to the Twenty-ninth Legislature, as named in the Governor's Proclamation, and such County and Precinct Officers as the law requires to be elected, and for or against amending Section 52, Article 3; Article 3, Section 51, and Section 16, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

A. N. HENSON, County Judge Randall Co., Texas.

M. S. Lusby, the photographer, is expected to return from the Fair tomorrow.

A car of the celebrated Austin White Lamb just arrived.
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Announcements.

COUNTY TICKET.
 For County Judge—
 J. M. VANSANT,
 G. G. FOSTER
 A. N. HENSON
 (For Re-Election)
 For County and District Clerk—
 L. J. SCOTT,
 J. A. TATE,
 C. N. HARRISON
 For Tax Assessor—
 C. H. HITCHCOCK,
 P. H. YOUNG,
 J. T. JOWELL,
 S. H. HEYSER.
 For Sheriff and Tax Collector—
 E. A. UPFOLD,
 (For Re-Election)
 M. F. SLOVER
 For County Attorney—
 ALBERT S. ROLLINS,
 R. A. SOWDER
 BERN WILSON
 (For Re-Election)
 For County Treasurer—
 R. G. OLDHAM,
 JOHN ROWAN,
 R. B. REDFEARN
 (For Re-Election)
 For Inspector—
 K. E. FOSTER
 (Re-Election)
 W. A. JENNINGS
 G. R. STRATTON
 J. R. LUNA
 For Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1—
 W. J. REDFEARN
 (For Re-Election)
 J. T. PARKS
 For Commissioner of Precinct No. 2—
 J. A. COFFEE
 For Commissioner of Precinct No. 3—
 I. W. MCCLURE.

WHEN IS SUCCESS A FAILURE?

(Wilson Sweet Marden, in the October "Success")
 When you do not overtop your vocation; when you are not greater as a man than as a lawyer, a merchant, a physician or a scientist.
 When you are not a cleaner, finer, larger man on account of your life-work.
 When you have lost on your way up to your fortune your self-respect, your courage, your self-control or any other quality of manhood.
 When it has made conscience an accuser, and shut the sunlight out of your life.
 When the attainment of your ambition has blighted the aspirations and crushed the hope of others.
 When your highest brain cells have been crowded out of business by greed.
 When all sympathy has been crushed out of your nature by your selfish devotion to your vocation.
 When you plead that you never had time to cultivate your friendships, politeness, or good manners.
 When you have lived a double life and practiced double dealing.

When it brings you no message of culture, education, travel or of opportunities to help others.
 When it dwarts, cramps, or interferes with another's rights; when it blinds you to the interests of the man at the other end of the bargain.
 When there is a dishonest or a deceitful dollar in your possession; when your fortune spells the ruin of widows and orphans, or the crushing of the opportunities of others.
 When the hunger for more money, more land, more houses and bonds has grown to be your dominant passion.
 When it has dwarfed you mentally and morally, and robbed you of the spontaneity and enthusiasm of youth.
 When it has made you a physical wreck—a victim of "nerves" and moods.
 When it has lowered your standard and made you a traitor to all your highest and noblest impulses.
 When it has hardened you to the needs and sufferings of others, and made you a scorn of the poor and unfortunate.
 When you rob those who work for you of what is justly their due, and then pose as a philanthropist by contributing a small fraction of your unjust gains to some charity or to the endowment of some public institution.
 When the world is not the better and the richer for your life; when you have hoarded every dollar you have made, and have refused to help your less fortunate fellowmen.
 When you have used others as stepping stones to fortune, and ignored their existence when your selfish ends were attained.
 When in your climb to power you have trampled on duty, friendship, love, honor, patriotism and all the most sacred feelings of humanity.
 When your example has dragged others down; when your injustice and tyranny have driven men and women to desperation and destroyed their faith in God and man.
 When your absorption in your work has made you practically a stranger to your family.
 When your children do not look upon you as their best friend next to their mother.
 When the nervous irritability engendered by constant work, without any relaxation, has made you a brute in your home and a nuisance to those who work for you.
 When your greed for money has darkened and cramped your wife's life, and deprived her of needed rest and recreation, or amusement of any kind.
 When your narrow spirit makes you cry out, "What was good enough for me is good enough for my children," and you refuse to give them the education they crave, and which you can amply afford.
 When you have met your chil-

dren's caresses with repulses, and have denied them the help of your companionship and loving encouragement and guidance during the formative years.
 When the dissolute lives of your sons cry out against you as to the one who, either by direct example or by complete neglect of them, has pointed their downward path.
 When you are gloomy and pessimistic; when you spread discouragement and despair wherever you go; when you can see no good in any one, no success in any achievement but in piling up dollars, then, no matter how great your apparent success, you are a colossal failure.
Croup.
 Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.
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Leave Hereford	7:30 PM	Monday	—	Saturday
Leave Canyon City	9:00	"	"	"
Arrive Amarillo	9:50	"	"	"
Leave Amarillo	10:20	"	"	"
Leave Washburn	11:15	"	"	"
Leave Panhandle	12:05 AM	Tuesday	—	Sunday
Leave Pampa	1:30	"	"	"
Leave Miami	2:25	"	"	"
Leave Canadian	3:25	"	"	"
Leave Higgins	5:15	"	"	"
Leave Gage	6:25	"	"	"
Arrive Woodward	7:25	"	"	"

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