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A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT--A HOME IN RANDALL COUNTY.

## HOLDING THE LIGHTHOUSE

[Copyright, 1904, by T. C. McClure.]  
As a sergeant in a Federal infantry regiment I had been detailed to take charge of a lighthouse on the North Carolina coast, and one evening during the last year of the war I was driven inside by seven Confederates, who had landed from a sloop near by and whose mission was to destroy the light. I was well provided with arms and ammunition, and as they came within shooting distance I opened fire and wounded one of them. All of them at once moved to the left to get out of range, and five minutes later there was a demand that I surrender. In case of refusal they would burn me out.

As the lower door was a stout one and loopholed for musketry and as there was no drift stuff within a mile of us to make a fire, I was not greatly worried over the appearance of the men and their threats. I made the door secure and then climbed to the top of the lighthouse, and just as I got there the sloop from which the soldiers had landed and which had been left to take care of itself was floated off the beach by the rising tide and soon passed beyond recovery. The situation now presented was a rather curious one. I was a prisoner inside the lighthouse, but the gang were prisoners outside as well. We were on an island, and there was no escape for them without a boat.

I expected to be fired on when I lighted the lantern, which was in an exposed position, and, sure enough, they opened on me with their muskets and shaved me pretty close three or four times. I got down safely, however, and then had only the door to look after during the night. I got another demand to surrender, but only laughed at it, though two of the men crept softly up and gave me several bullets through the loopholes, which might have finished me had I been standing erect.

The fellows could not tell whether I had been hit or not, and about 9 o'clock I heard them crawling up again to listen. As one of them rubbed against the door I fired through a loophole, and the yell which answered the shot was proof that I had wounded another. What the unwounded would do during the night I could only guess at and be on the watch to checkmate. The two wounded men must have suffered a great deal, but the leader was a determined fellow and bound to carry out his orders.

Soon after the wounding of the second man I heard the whole party moving away, and it was a matter of two hours before they returned. They had searched the shores for driftwood and brought back loads of it.

Of a sudden, while I was listening with the closest attention, the loopholes were stopped up with sticks thrust into them, and then the supply of firewood was heaped against the door. There were three men engaged in this work, and all at once I threw the door wide open and blazed away at them with my revolver. All went down, and before the others could come up I had the door shut again. It was not until two hours later that I knew whether I had killed or wounded the three. I had managed to clear the loopholes and was on the alert for any further move when one of the gang crawled as near as he dared and shouted:

"Say, you in there, we want to surrender!"

"How many of you?" I asked in reply.

"Seven, and five are wounded and suffering. The sergeant will be a dead man unless we can get help pretty soon."

"Where are the two unwounded men?"

"They swam off to get the sloop and have either been eaten by the sharks or drowned. Say, sergeant, for heaven's sake don't go back on us! We were sent to capture and destroy the lighthouse, but we have got the worst of it and are ready to surrender to you."

I looked on it as a plot to take me off my guard and refused to open the door.

Twice more before daylight the same man came and again appealed to me, but he received the same answer. The ones I feared were the two unwounded ones. I believed they were in ambush instead of going off after the boat.

When daylight came I went upstairs and looked down from the parapet and soon made out that there was one man dead and no others about except the wounded. Before descending and opening the door I made them disarm, and just as I was going out to them my assistant, who had been away ever since the morning before to secure fresh supplies, ran his boat upon the beach. We took the wounded in hand together. The sergeant in command of the squad had bled to death during the night of his wound, and some of the others were in a very weak condition. We bound up their hurts and made them as comfortable as possible, and that afternoon a Federal craft was signaled, and she ran in and conveyed the living to Georgetown as prisoners of war.

About the same time the Confederate sloop came driving back with the tide and was easily secured. Several surprising discoveries awaited us. She had about \$500,000 of Confederate money aboard, which was entirely worthless as currency, but we also found \$900 in gold and greenbacks, jewelry which afterward sold for over \$600 and a number of firearms of a new pattern.  
M. QUAD.

### Japanese Patriotism.

Consul General Uchida of New York city gave, perhaps unconsciously, a fine illustration of what the strength of Japan consists when, in speaking of a possible celebration by the Japanese in this city of the fall of Port Arthur, he remarked: "Any dinner or reception would cost money, and we could use that money to better advantage in relieving the families of the soldiers who were killed at the siege. I think that our commemoration of the fall will take the form of another collection, the money to go to the fatherland." That is the spirit of heroism such as Europe for thousands of years has admired in heroes of the Greek and Roman world. An entire nation that possesses it, as Japan seems to, is invincible.—New York Tribune.

### Freezing Weather and Washing.

A handful of salt in the last rinsing water greatly simplifies the hanging out of clothes in freezing weather. As salt prevents water from freezing at the usual temperature, clothes thus treated cannot only be hung on the line before they freeze, but if the sun is shining on them they will partially dry before doing so, a circumstance which prevents much wear and tear. The laundress ought to wear white wool gloves when hanging out clothes in winter.

### A Merry War.

The warfare of the sexes has taken a new turn in Knoxville, Tenn. A gambling house there was recently raided by the police, and a number of well known young men were arrested. The girls of the city are demanding that the police make public the names of the men, threatening to cut the offenders' acquaintance. The men treat the matter as a joke and have asked the hairdressers of the city to publish the names of all the girls who wear "switches."

This office is under obligations to Photographer Lusby for rhubarb of his own raising sufficient to make a large pie. Nothing heads rhubarb tarts and pies, in the estimation of this writer, when properly made.

The rains of last Friday, Saturday and Sunday were exceedingly heavy in the central portion of the state. At Austin the Colorado came within a few feet of the record breaker which tore out the big dam some five years ago.

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OF THE

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Canyon City, Texas.

Methodist Church, Monday Evening,

May 8, 1905, 7:30 O'clock.

## Program.

INVOCATION. Rev. J. D. Ballard.

MALE QUARTET, "Hear Our Prayer."

Messrs. Thompson, Ernsberger, Stephens, and Wilson.

SALUTATORY. Willie Grandison Word.

QUEEN ELIZABETH. Leava Isabel Prichard.

"THE READING HABIT." J. P. Hix.

MUSIC, "ECHOES FROM CASINO," Orchestra.

"GREAT EVENTS IN HISTORY."

Benjamin Aubrey McLarry.

"STEP BY STEP." Roberta See Wilson.

VOCAL SOLO, (Selected). Mrs. A. Ernsberger.

CLASS POEM. Annie Laurie Bule.

PROGRAM CONTINUED.

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS HENCE,"

Anna Laura Wiggins.

"WHAT AN AMERICAN BOY CAN DO,"

John Wesley Wiggins.

PIANO SOLO, "Spilled," Miss Pearl Gilliam.

"WHAT AN AMERICAN GIRL CAN DO,"

Lola Ottilie Word.

CLASS HISTORY AND PROPHECY.

Minnie Maria Willard.

FEMALE TRIO, "Serenade,"

Misses Long, Brandon, and Mrs. Rose Howell.

VALEDICTORY. Maud Brandon.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS. A. Ernsberger.

CLASS SONG, "Life's Sea Shore."

BENEDICTION.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

At a recent meeting of the School Board, the following was agreed upon.

The Commencement exercises to be held in the Methodist church, Monday night, May 8, an admission fee will be charged as follows: Children 15 cts. Adults, 25 cts.

All who take part on the program, and all the pupils of the Canyon City Public School who continue in school till the close, and take the final examinations will be admitted free.

The door fees to go toward defraying the expenses of the Commencement.

On account of its largest size the Methodist church would have been the better place for the Commencement sermon. There is yet time for the trustees to make the change, should they deem it necessary for the comfort of those likely to attend—no other preaching in town that day, "you know."

### Revival Notice.

The Revival services at the Methodist church will begin Sunday night, 8:30, and will continue mornings 10 o'clock and 8:30 in the evening for two weeks, Monday morning and evening excepted. Rev. G. S. Hardy, President of Clarendon College, will have charge of the services. The singers and all Christian workers are requested to assist us. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

J. E. STEPHENS, Pastor.

At request of several persons we have concluded to publish the program this week anyway and will do so again next issue. Extra copies 5 cents.

There will be one or more tickets out for school trustees in the Saturday election. Scratch and write if the printed names don't suit.

J. W. Yearby of Denton, Texas, is in town this week on a visit to his son-in-law, J. E. Coleman, and looking over the country with a view to purchase lands.

### Revival Meeting.

The Revival meeting will begin at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Thursday night, June 15. Rev. F. P. Franklin of Ardmore, I. T., will do the preaching. Everyone asked to pray for and attend the meetings.

A. B. HAYNES.

M. S. Park received a telegram yesterday morning from Laredo announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. S. S. Park, at the Laredo seminary, which she built many years ago. She requested to be buried beside her husband in Galveston, who died there fifty years ago, and Mr. Park has gone down to the burial. She was 82 years old and had lived in Texas since childhood.—Amarillo Herald.

C. W. Slover, of Nazareth, is in town the guest of his brother, our sheriff.



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A TIMELY TRUTH.

'Tis easy, profitable and pleasant for a newspaper to say nice things about its town, but when it comes to taking it to task for its short-comings it requires nerve. Almost all newspapers have convictions on questions of public weal but many, far too many of them, are given to mincing matters and thus in a certain sense trucking to an unhealthy and sound public opinion. And, it may be said, that nowhere is this bending more patent than in dealing with moral questions; questions of right living and questions which frequently show a pitiable falling away of practice from loudly asserted professions. On these as well as other important matters of local concern, it is one thing for a newspaper to have convictions and quite another thing to have sufficient courage to express them. And, more especially is this so when it becomes necessary to "go agin" the expressed sentiment of your town. A newspaper that will, taking right alone for its guide, point out to its constituency the error of its way regardless of loss to the business end of its office, is a newspaper indeed, one worthy of the name; one that you can depend upon as unpurchasable; one that is entitled to and will command respect and support in any well ordered community. Such a newspaper has founded its house upon a rock—truth—and it will prevail. Country newspapers—we say country advisedly—of this character are not scarce in Texas and The News is glad to include among them its esteemed neighbor, the Amarillo Herald. It was an article in the Herald that prompted this comment of The News. It explains itself and reads as follows:

"About the hardest slam that ever happened to Amarillo was the announcement made this week that the movement to organize a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city had been abandoned. Here is a city of 6,000 or more people, with every facility for sending young men to hell by the shortest route, but when it comes to raising a few hundred dollars for a life preserver, it can't be done. Just why, it is hard to understand. There are a lot of good Christian people in Amarillo who are liberal in everything else, but when it comes to doing something for the men of tomorrow they are short horses with a broom-tail, or have a marvelous confidence in their own example. You can take your choice.

"It is carelessness of this sort that goes a long way toward making possible that \$900,000,000 booze bill the American people pay every year, four-fifths of which is contributed by men less than 30 years of age."

General Fitzhugh Lee, another hero of the Lost Cause, passed suddenly out of this life last week.

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N. W. T. P. A. ATTENTION!

The executive committee of the Northwest Texas Press Association met in Amarillo on April 17, and called the Association to convene in the city of Hereford, Texas, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12, 1905, this being our seventeenth annual convention.

The session is to open with prayer at 2 p. m., Aug. 11, and an address of welcome is to be delivered by one of Hereford's representative citizens, to be replied to by F. N. Oliver, of the Lockney Beacon, on behalf of the Association.  
President's Annual Address—Harry Koch, Quanah Tribune-Chief.

Poem—Tom Marks, Jacksboro News.

Foreign Advertising Rate, Based on Circulation—W. A. Johnson, Hall County Herald.

Should the Subscription Price of our Papers be Raised above One Dollar—Geo. L. Rhea, Graham Leader.

How Long Should Subscribers be Credited, if at all—F. L. Vanderburgh, Amarillo Herald.

Should the Members of this Association have Uniform Prices for Commercial Work—J. Ray Hereford Brand.

County Printing and Job Work; How to Obtain Them—J. E. Cooke, Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

Northwest Texas Printshops and their Reminiscences—Cyrus Coleman, Henrietta Independent; J. M. Shater, Plainview Herald.

How to get and Hold One Thousand Subscribers—E. S. Hendrick, Vernon Hornet.

Deadheads—Samuel Gay, Stamford News.

At the conclusion of each paper, the subjects shall be open for discussion by members.

Through the unflinching courtesy of the "Denver Road," your secretary has arranged for an excursion to Boulder, Colorado, details of which will be announced later.

Your secretary wishes to again urge upon every member the im-

portance of aiding in working up an interest in Association affairs. You are requested to publish above call, and later, when the campaign for new members is commenced, you are urged to take it upon yourself to aid in the work. "Hereford, 1905," must be a rouser!

Fraternally,  
Orion Proctor, Sec'y,  
Bridgeport, Texas.

Brownwood is offering prizes for the best three write-ups given their town by members of the Texas Press Association. The prizes are to be \$50, \$25 and \$10, and the articles must be from one to three columns in length. Good scheme that—Hall County Herald.

Brownwood has always laid "quite a store" by printers ink and is easily a leader in seeing good things. Hereford or any other town could take a cue from Brownwood on this proposition and reap rich harvests from it.

Many country papers have said uncomplimentary things about the legislature and it has made the members complain. The reason for these paragraphs of the country press is that they are in close touch with the people. For instance the governor has called a 30 days special session and the first ten days of the time every son of a gun of them drew their pay for doing absolutely nothing except going home and attending to private affairs. There is ten thousand dollars with no work performed to the state.—Hall County Herald.

REUNION PRIVILEGES.

Our next Reunion will be July 11, 12, 13, & 14, 1905.

Bids for ground privileges as a whole will be received up to Monday, May 8. Write to or come and see

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A Modern Family.

"Where's Edythe?"  
"She's up in her studio hand paintin' a snow shovel."  
"Where's Gladys?"  
"In the library writin' po'try."  
"Where's Clarice?"  
"She's in the parlor playin' the pianer."  
"Where's Gwendoline?"  
"Up in her boudoir curlin' her hair."  
"And where's ma?"  
"Maw? Oh, maw's down in the kitchen gettin' dinner for the bunch."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Considerate.

Satan—What was the occupation of that man who arrived a few moments ago?  
Doorkeeper—He was a train dispatcher in the New York subway.  
Satan—Oh, well, let up on him for a few days. The poor devil has been roasted enough.—New York Times.

Love Not Blind.

"Love is blind, you know," said the minister's wife.  
"Blind nothing!" exclaimed the parson. "Don't you suppose if it was blind it would sometimes make a mistake and give the minister a little more than a twenty-five cent wedding fee?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Witherspoon & Gough.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Commencement sermon at the Christian church Sunday.

Trustee election at the Court House Saturday.

Land buying fever is fairly on here. Several deals are being talked of and some of them are on the verge of closing.

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

T. E. Baird is still in the dairy business—when in need of butter, sweet or sour milk phone him.

Randall county has now had all the rain it needs until June.

There is talk of another livery stable in town.

If you want any extra copies of next issue of The News put your order in early.

W. R. Farr who has been enjoying ranch life for sometime was knocking about town on the first.

Rev. T. W. Sharp is now employed on the phone line going South.

Everybody in the country busy between rains and very little coming to town this week.

If you want anything in the dairy line phone Prichard—phone No. 63, 2 rings.

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

Charlie Long has moved on a ranch near Taggart, Swisher county.

Rev. J. E. Stephens, and Dr. Howell and wife also attended quarterly conference at Clarendon last week.

No preaching at any of our churches Sunday except at the Baptist church where Rev. W. H. Younger of Channing, officiated.

Notice change in Stringfellow—Hume Ad.

This office here and now apologizes to John Guthrie—Pat Young borrowed the ladder.

James McCormick has sold his section, which lays west of the Ketner place and is patented land, to J. B. Thomas for \$2500.

Rev. J. T. Burnett reports the Fifth Sunday meeting, a success financially and otherwise. Two were added to the church, one by letter the other by conversion.

The Northwest Texas Telephone Co. elected officers Monday as follows: President, L. T. Lester; Treasurer, Dr. Howell; Secretary, John Howell.

Rev. J. D. Ballard has gone into the land business—he has purchased the section in the "Block" pasture just east of Judge Lair's. \$2,750 was the price.

From the way R. B. Redtearn is painting on his house and that neat picket fence in front of it he either wants to sell or has abandoned all idea of remaining on the ranch.

The News stated last week that "Uncle" Tom Foster was its banner subscriber, having paid up to May, 1907. We desire to say now that M. N. Gallagher is a close second, as he came in Friday evening and advanced his date to April, 1907.

Try the News for Job Work.

**HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.**

Weather is fine, grass is looking nice. Cattle are doing well.

Prof. J. W. Morrison and wife of Greenville, Ohio, who have been visiting their brother, B. T. Johnson, returned to their home last week. They were highly pleased with the space and room we have on the plains; but didn't admire the mud.

John and Ora Cage who have been attending school at Amarillo, returned home Sunday.

The Fifth Sunday meeting at Palodura church was well attended by people far and near. Rev. Wesson of Hereford did some fine preaching. Two souls were restored to the joys of salvation.

Mrs. J. T. Burnett of Canyon visited Mrs. B. T. Johnson Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Minnie Morgan of Amarillo, visited Miss Emma Hoffman Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. J. W. Mosely who has been teaching school in Collin Co., returned Saturday. He opened school Monday with flattering prospect.

We are sorry indeed that "Uncle Dan" is so much bothered over the name of "Tassie." On account of his great timidity, we will assure him he will not be harmed, but glad to know he came through the winter alright and is able to give us locals. We hope to hear from him often.

C. H. Hitchcock and wife went to Canyon Tuesday.

B. T. Johnson went to Canyon this week.

**TASSIE.**

White Pine Screen Doors—at Burton-Lingo's.

School trustee election tomorrow at the Court House. Under the present board we have secured a good school building and have had as good a school this year as we could have asked for and it would be well to continue the out-going members, at least those of them who are willing to serve longer, for another term.

The first of the week our County Judge received a present of a nice lot of strawberries from his brother, T. B. Vansant, of Van Buren, Arkansas. They were of the Mitchell variety, and of good size and fine flavor as this office can certify as two of the boxes found their way here through the considerate kindness of the Judge and his most excellent wife.

**For Sale**—One registered Durham Bull, some pigs about 5 months old; also some milo maize, kaffir corn, California wheat and sorghum seed.

J. L. Prichard.

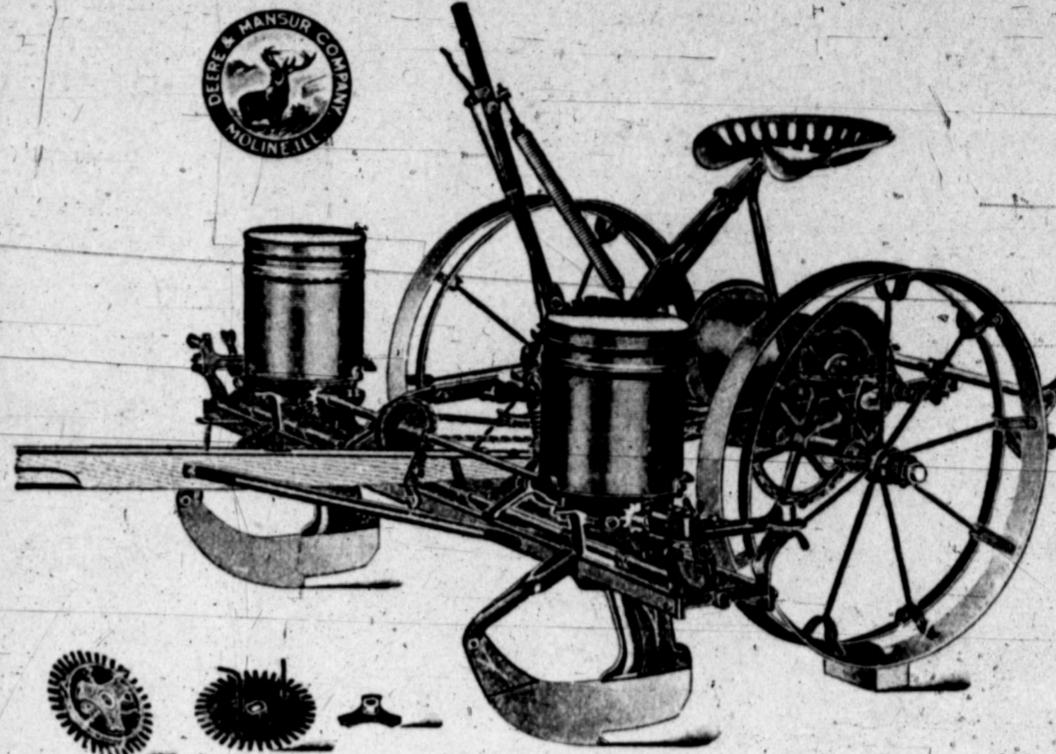
Last Friday night Canyon City and vicinity was visited by the heaviest rain of the year. The water hailed from the northwest and came down in torrents and at times included good sized hailstones.

The News has decided not to publish the school program and class of 1905, this week. It will be done next week with some comment on the closing exercises. No extra copies can be furnished unless orders are in this office by Monday. Don't forget this.

An Illinois man and a recent purchaser of considerable Randall county land, is talking of erecting a grain elevator somewhere near the depot. It would pay. It's all talk yet, however.

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**TOWN & COUNTY**

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS  
THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

**MORE RAILROAD TALK.**

The Quanah Tribune-Chief says that the

**FRISCO IS COMING**

"C. G. Jones, erstwhile promoter of the Oklahoma & Western railroad, arrived here Sunday morning.

Mr. Jones while here made no secret of the fact that construction work on the Frisco will soon begin on a 200 mile extension west of Quanah.

"It was the intention of Mr. Jones and his friends to make a buggy trip along the proposed route, but the muddy roads, and Pease river and the Wichitas being all up, made them postpone their trip.

"Their objective point in New Mexico the Tribune-Chief failed to learn, but as it is a certainty that the new route will touch Hale Center upon the plains, it is safe to say they are bound for either Texico or Roswell.

"It will be recalled that President Yoakum two years ago publicly stated that the Frisco was to be extended from Quanah to Phoenix, Ariz., hence to the Pacific coast. The present extension is probably a small part of the transcontinental line that is to be.

From Dr. Wilkins and Joe Hess, who were in Jones' party, it was learned that they own a block of school land of 23,000 acres in Hale and Swisher counties, which land they expect to become very valuable when accessible to railroads.

"The opening up of this vast plains country—the largest section in the United States with out railroad facilities—to railroads marks an epoch in the history of the West. Hale county is considered the cream of the plains. There is no better land in Texas, and Quanah's becoming the gateway to that fertile and vast stretch of country, will have the same effect on her as the building of the Pecos Valley railroad had on the growth of Amarillo."

The Fort Worth Telegram has the following about the cut-off and Belen:

"Both El Paso and Albuquerque are destined to lose their prestige, which attaches to them as mainline stations on the Santa Fe on the way to the coast, when the Belen cut off is built. According to the latest reports the Santa Fe and Rock Island will use the Belen cut off for their through traffic. The Rock Island will use the cut-off from Llano to Belen, leaving El Paso practically on a branch line. The Santa Fe will also use the cut-off which will bring the traffic back to the main line, forty miles beyond Albuquerque.

"President E. P. Ripley, of the Santa Fe, announced that the Eastern will be rapidly pushed to completion, and that nine-tenths of the business of the entire system would go via Belen and Rio Puerco. A connection would be completed to the Gulf of Mexico during 1906, and a fast train inaugurated from El Paso to connect with the trains from the east and west.

"One hundred thousand dollars will be used in building shops at Belen, Raton, Las Vegas, Belen and Gallup will be the only division points in New Mexico—the principal one being at Belen.

"The Santa Fe will also build

**SACRIFICE SALE**

**OUR LOSS---YOUR GAIN**

All our Clothing--no reserve--go until further notice, as follows:

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Our \$15.00 Suits at ..... | \$10.50 |
| Our 12.50 " at .....       | 7.50    |
| Our 10.50 " at .....       | 6.00    |
| Our 9.00 " at .....        | 5.50    |
| Our 7.50 " at .....        | 5.00    |
| Our 6.50 " at .....        | 4.50    |
| Our 5.50 " at .....        | 3.00    |

**MEN'S HATS**

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Our \$3.00 Hat, this sale ..... | \$2.50 |
| Our 2.50 Hat " " .....          | 1.65   |
| Our 2.00 Hat " " .....          | 1.50   |
| Our 1.50 Hat " " .....          | 1.00   |

**BOYS' HATS**

As long as they last at 25, 40, 50, 60, and 75 cts. Former prices on these Hats were from 40 cts. to \$1.25. We have other bargains for this month of May.

**Canyon Mercantile Co.**

a large passenger and freight depot at Belen, also a Hayvee rating house and a twenty four stall round house. Two thousand men are pushing the completion of the tracks of the cut-off and have orders to put in nineteen switches at Belen.

"Belen, it is believed, will be the most important railroad town in Central New Mexico. On May 1, the first issue of a weekly paper will make its appearance."

**OUR SCHOOL.**

The editor of The News, basing his judgment upon what has reached his ears from patrons and pupils, and from his own observation, does not hesitate to say that the term of the Canyon City school now about to close has been a success from every point of view.

The present board of trustees has labored faithfully and well. Not only through its zeal and care have we acquired a commodious and substantial school edifice, but we have secured a faculty of teachers from superintendent down that towns much larger than Canyon City might well be proud of. The News is of the opinion that this good work so well begun and carried thus far by the present Board should go on and that every outgoing member who is willing to serve us another term as trustee should be returned as such in tomorrow's election. The town owes them this much in appreciation of the tasks they have already accomplished and besides, it is good business policy to let well enough alone.

The News has no "axe to grind" in this matter and in maintaining this position is only doing it for what it candidly believes to be the very best interests of Canyon City.

J. F. P. Poole, of Stamford, passed through the city Thursday, of last week, enroute home from a prospecting tour. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Buie while here.

The Reunion begins on July 11.

**PROFESSIONAL CARDS.**

**D. M. STEWART,**  
Physician and Surgeon,  
Office with Thompson Drug Co.  
Calls promptly answered night or day.

**A. S. ROLLINS**  
LAWYER.  
CIVIL PRACTICE SOLICITED.  
Furnishing Abstracts of Title a Speciality and business in this line will be appreciated.

**SLOVER & MAY,**  
THE BLACKSMITHS.  
We do all kinds of repairing; Farming Implements, wagons; buggies and guns made like new. First-class material, good workmanship. Give us a trial BUGGY WORK A SPECIALTY.  
Harrison & Beaver, Mgr's.

**Get Your Trees From the Hereford Nursery.**

Over 100 varieties growing here; 100,000 trees in stock, all of which are Plains' grown. Have had 14 years experience in Texas. Write me for catalogue. Visitors welcome.  
L. P. LANDRUM, Proprietor,  
Hereford, Texas.

S. F. Flores, of Tulia, was in town yesterday.

On Friday and Saturday nights, May 5th and 6th, there will be preaching services at the Christian church.

**To School Patrons.**

We, the undersigned trustees whose term has not expired, in view of the fact that four trustees are to be elected Saturday, wish to express to those interested in our public school, our appreciation of the harmony that has prevailed in our deliberations, and we would be very much gratified at the return of these out-going members, in as much as we remain on the Board. We wish to emphasize furthermore,

**L. G. CONNER,**

**LAND, LIVE STOCK AND CANYON CITY PROPERTY.**

Thousands of acres of fine Grazing and Agricultural lands at from \$1 to \$5 an acre, owing to location and improvements.

Notary Public, Abstracters in office opposite Northeast corner of Square. Inquiry Solicited.

**THE FAMOUS PEGOS VALLEY OF NEW MEXICO**

Comprises within its limits the richest and cheapest farming lands to be found in the United States. All under irrigation and which last year produced the fruits and vegetables which carried off first honors at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

**THIS GARDEN SPOT OF THE SOUTHWEST**  
Can be reached only via

**THE PEGOS VALLEY LINES.**

Regular Homeseeker excursions are run into this territory every first and third Tuesday in each month and will continue up to and including the third Tuesday in April, 1905, at rate of one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip from all points north and east. Write your friends at the old home about this rate.

If you are interested, if you wish to obtain a home upon reasonable terms, where you can live like a prince, in an equable climate, write for further particulars to

A. L. CONRAD  
Traffic Manager.

Amarillo, Texas.



**Ranger R 31428.**

Standard and Registered Rule 6, Vol. 15, Blood Bay, 16 hands high, weight 1160 lbs., good trotter and A1 saddle horse.

Ranger R. sired by Rabealias 11123. Rabealias by Belmont 64 dam Mattie Mont. by Norwood Star 1395, dam Daisy H. No better foundation blood than is found in Ranger R.

Some of his colts can be seen any day to prove what his breeding qualities are.

TERMS: \$15 to insure colt, due when mares prove in foal. \$10 by season, due at time of service. With return privileges. Will not be responsible for any accident; will use necessary precaution to prevent any.

Will make the season of 1905 at Rowan's Livery Stable in Canyon City.

**C. P. MONEY.**

the importance of electing men who are patrons of the school.

Respectfully,

J. C. PIPKIN,  
G. C. LONG,  
W. C. BAIRD.

In the black land belts of the State the continued wet cool weather has caused much of the field seed to rot.

Witherspoon & Gough.