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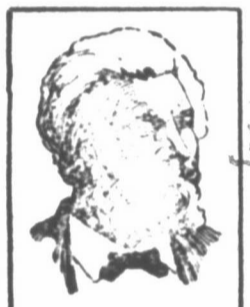
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TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

Frederick Douglass.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.



Born a slave, he became famous as journalist and orator.

THE first American negro who achieved a wide fame was Frederick Douglass. Born a slave at a place in Maryland bearing the odd name of Tuckahoe, the name first conferred upon him was Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, truly an abundance for a pickaninny with apparently no prospects in life other than those of a bondman serving a master. But Frederick Augustus Washington was different from the ordinary pickaninny. Nature had conferred upon him a large head containing gray matter which could not be kept behind in life's race by the handicap of a dark skin. When Frederick was a small boy he was sent to Baltimore to work in a shipyard. There he managed to get a little schooling.

Not always is a little learning a dangerous thing, though in Frederick's case it did prove dangerous to his owner from a commercial point of view. Healthy, hefty slaves in those days were worth a matter of a thousand dollars apiece. The little book learning acquired by the slave boy put into his head the determination to become free. He escaped in the disguise of a sailor and made his way to Massachusetts, where he read and studied to such advantage that when he reached the age of twenty-four he was able to deliver a lecture at an antislavery convention in Nantucket which brought him an invitation to go to England and deliver lectures on the slavery problem in America. He had changed his name to Douglass when he ran away.

In England Douglass raised \$1,250, with which he formally purchased his freedom from his southern owner. Then he settled in Rochester, N. Y., and became widely known as a journalist and orator. His paper, the North Star, later changed in title to Frederick Douglass' Paper, pleaded for many years the cause of the slave. Douglass had three sons in the Union armies. He was a presidential elector in 1872, United States marshal and recorder of deeds successively from 1876 to 1880 and became minister to Haiti in 1891.

LAWYER'S BIG FEES.

Payments That Would Have Started Webster or Rufus Choate.

Several days after congress bought out the rights of the French Panama Canal company a group of Washington correspondents entered the office of the late John Hay, secretary of state. They found him puzzled to the verge of bewilderment, and they sympathetically asked what was troubling him.

"William Nelson Cromwell has just been in here," Secretary Hay explained. "I mentioned having heard that he was to receive a fee of \$2,000,000 for winning the Panama case."

"I don't know what my fee will be," Mr. Cromwell told me, "and it does not matter much. I already have more money than I know

what to do with."

"Only one man ever told me such a thing," mused the secretary of state, "and that was Andrew Carnegie. When you gentlemen of the press came in I was wondering what it would feel like to have more money than one knew what to do with! And a lawyer has it! What would Daniel Webster or Rufus Choate say to that?"

What would any of the shining lights among old school lawyers say to the wealth and power that have come to a score or more of present day corporation lawyers in New York? How would a fee of half a million dollars for two weeks of work, such as the steel interests paid James B. Dill, strike them? What would they think of the \$800,000 which William D. Guthrie got for breaking the Plant will, or of the \$200,000 paid Joseph H. Choate for a single argument that the income tax law was unconstitutional, or, again, of John E. Parsons as the recipient of \$100,000 for drawing a deed, or of incomes from \$200,000 to half a million a year which are or have been paid without protest to other master counselors?—Broadway Magazine.

A Cheerful Request.

With a scowling brow the irate vaudeville agent awaited the next applicant, who was not long in coming. A long, lanky individual, with more hair than was absolutely necessary and a countenance that was not a bit cheerful, came to his desk and in funeral tones said, "Good day, sir."

"Well, what do you want?" was the unpromising reply.

"I need a job just now about as much as anything else," answered the lean person.

"Ever had any experience?"

"Oh, indeed, I have been with—"

"Chop it short! I know you've been with all the big stars from Hamlet to omelet," interposed the agent shortly. "That doesn't cut any freeze with me. What's your line?"

"I—I—I'm a—a—a comedian," was the faint reply.

"Well, then, make me laugh," demanded the agent, with a snarl.—Lippincott's.

Right Handed Man.

Primitive man, by nature and necessity a fighting animal, learned in the course of his experience that his most vulnerable part was the heart; that a hard blow on the left breast would kill or, at any rate, stun the strongest man; hence at a very early period in human history men began using the right hand to fight with, while they employed the left hand and arm chiefly to cover the heart or to parry the blows aimed at that vulnerable region. When weapons of offense and defense took the place of fists and teeth the right hand grasped the spear or sword, while the left held the shield or buckler over the heart. In this way, beyond a doubt, mankind became "right handed."—New York American.

A Money Saver.

Jenks—I've just given \$100 for this diamond ring for my wife.

Jenks—It's a beauty! But isn't it rather—er—extravagant?

Jenks—Not a bit. Think what it will save in gloves!

A SHREWD LITTLE GIRL.

Prompted a Question Which Saved an Old Woman's Life.

Elizabeth Janfield, afterward Lady Falkland, was called an "odd child." Sometimes her father, who was a judge, took her with him to court. On one of these occasions a woman was brought before him on a charge of witchcraft. It was said that she had bewitched two or three persons to death. The frightened creature when asked if this were so fell on her knees and, weeping, confessed that the accusations against her were true.

"Did you bewitch—to death?" asked the judge.

"Yes," was her reply.

"Did you come in the form of a black cat and breathe on him so that he languished away?"

"I did."

And then the judge heard a whisper at his ear, and his little daughter—she was only ten years old—began to beg the woman if she had bewitched John Symondes to death.

The question was put and immediately answered in the affirmative. How had she done it? Then she told one of her former stories, at which all the company laughed. The reason of the merriment was that John Symondes was the judge's brother-in-law and at that moment was standing near him in court. The judge then asked why she had made such a statement.

"Alas, sir, I knew him not," replied the woman. "I said so because you asked me."

"Are you no witch?"

"No, God knows I'm not."

"Nor did you ever see the devil?"

"No; never in all my life."

On further examination she said she had been told that if she did not confess she would be tortured until she did, but that if she admitted all the accusations mercy would be shown her. She was thereupon acquitted, and she owed her release and probably her life to the shrewdness of a little girl.

The Early Telegraph.

Long before Professor S. F. B. Morse had perfected his great invention the word "telegraph" was used for a sort of semaphore. In the French revolution a "telegraph," assisted by telescopes, was devised to carry news over immense distances. Forty years before this time, however, there was published the first detailed scheme for communication by means of electricity. It is outlined in a letter to the Scots Magazine, written on Feb. 1, 1753, from Renfrew and signed "C. M." This suggestion was to transmit a "charge from the conductor of an electrical machine at the sending station along an insulated wire to the receiving machine, the presence of the charge being indicated by the behavior of a light pith ball or the passage of a spark." Each letter of the alphabet was to have a separate wire, so that any word might be spelled out and any message sent.

Gratitude.

Smith, the railroad agent at a suburban station in a western city, saved the life of a dignified gentleman waiting for a train by pulling him from in front of a through train on another track. The digni-

fied gentleman lost all his dignity for the moment and was much confused, but not so much so as to forget that something was due to the agent. Following a grateful impulse, he thrust his hand into his pocket and, drawing it forth, exclaimed:

"Man, you've saved my life! Here's half a dollar!"

"Oh, I never take payment for a thing like that," answered Smith as he turned to attend to the duties of the moment.

"But, man, you must. You saved my life. Have a cigar anyway."—Harper's Weekly.

Economy.

A commercial traveler, having got settlement of a long standing account with a shopkeeper, invited him out to dine.

"Na, na," said the tradesman; "I'll ne'er gang to an inn, but just tell me how muckle it would cost ye to gie me my dinner."

"Oh," said the traveler, "perhaps 3 shillings or 4 shillings."

"Very well, then," replied the economist; "gie me the 4 shillings, an' I'll be just as well pleased as if I'd got the dinner."—Dundee Advertiser.

Very Few Stops.

Little Tillie had received from her father a short time ago a toy organ. Since that time she played without ceasing.

The other day a neighbor visited Tillie's mother. Examining the organ with interest, she asked the little girl:

"How many stops has your organ?"

"Four," replied the mother promptly—"breakfast, luncheon, dinner and bed."—Exchange.

His Wildcat.

Abraham Lincoln's pioneer, always on the lookout for danger and ready to magnify it beyond its true proportions, is only one of a large class of people who use up in one way and another a good deal of vitality which might be profitably applied.

Mr. Lincoln's old backwoodsman had very heavy overhanging eyebrows and wore big spectacles with brass rims. One day he came rushing into his cabin and seizing his rifle aimed it carefully through a crack of the door at a great oak tree that stood near and fired.

"What is it?" whispered his wife.

"A wildcat, Sairy, the orneriest wildcat you ever see, an' I missed him!"

He hastily loaded and fired again and then again.

"Now, hold on, Joshua," said his good wife. "Let me look at you. Why, lawks-a-daisy, it's nothin' but a little bug on one o' your eyebrows!"

TWO MINUTE SKETCHES

Alexander T. Stewart.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.



For forty years the merchant king.

A. T. STEWART was not a merchant prince. He was the merchant king. For forty years he reigned with undisputed title. He was the greatest and most famous merchant of his time in the entire world. He built up the first really great retail store and wholesale establishment in America. His retail house was the largest in the world at the time. His name was powerful abroad, and throughout the United States it was a household word, spoken with awe and wonder. Old men of today recall the name of A. T. Stewart as an inspiration to business ambition in their youth. Men in early middle life remember that the same name was more familiar to them than that of any other business man when they were small boys.

Mr. Stewart died thirty-one years ago, leaving no children. His widow died ten years later. The magnificent marble mansion in which he lived on Fifth avenue, New York, has been razed and replaced by a commercial structure. Eleven years ago his successors in the great store on Broadway assigned, and the Stewart store building is now a Wanamaker establishment. Even the body of Stewart was stolen from its vault in New York, and there is still a dispute as to whether it ever was recovered. The Stewart name and business and fortune all have disappeared, but his fame lives.

A. T. Stewart was a Scotch-Irishman, born in Ireland and educated at Dublin university. He was a classical scholar, devoted to books in his early life and with no idea of entering trade. When he came to America, at the age of twenty, in 1823, he became a teacher in New York. Two years later he returned to Ireland to claim a legacy of about \$5,000, and upon the advice of a friend in New York he bought in Dublin a stock of laces and other goods, which he brought back to America with him. He opened a small shop, advertised his wares and sold the goods at an enormous profit. This success revolutionized Stewart. He devoted his life to trade.

At the outset Stewart made up his mind as to his course in business. He determined to be perfectly honest, never to misrepresent his goods, always to watch every nook and corner of his business and to add more customers by pleasing those he got. It was his boast in old age that in all his career he never permitted a willful misrepresentation to be made in his store.

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- For County Judge—
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- For County Attorney,
R. A. SOWDER
WALTER E. CRANFORD
- For County and District Clerk,
J. A. TATE, re-election.
MARVIN P. GARNER
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector—
R. H. SANFORD
SAM B. LOFTON
H. J. CAVET
- For County Treasurer,
C. P. HUTCHINGS
P. H. YOUNG.
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- For County Assessor,
JOE FOSTER (re-election)
- For County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace Prec. No. 1,
JOHN ROWAN
W. J. REDFEARN
- For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
E. W. NEECE

GOING THE LIMIT.

Most people of the cities and larger towns and in some of the smaller towns go the limit, they live up to their incomes or even beyond them. This way of doing altogether too common in ordinary times becomes desperately so in flush times and when misfortune comes along or panic strikes the country, they are hit hard and in their fall others, not responsible for their extravagance, are dragged down with them.

Only a few days ago the President and Congress and the public generally were appealed to for aid to "Unemployed Millions." In this petition, published generally thruout the land, it is stated that "there are millions of people out of employment in the towns, cities and villages of our land—in actual want many of them" and all on account of the present industrial depression. In considering this matter it will be remembered

that wages, for skilled and unskilled labor, have been very high for several years back and that it also has been in great demand. In Texas, where some of this distress is said to be, crops have been lost for want of labor to gather them. Last year and previous years, the towns were searched over and over for labor and at high prices and farms have even laid out for want of people to till them. And such is said to have been the condition in other states. Where were these "unemployed millions" then? There can be but one answer—in the towns "going the limit"—living at the very top of the pot. Of course "preaching" will do no good now, something more substantial is required, but the lessons of experience now being had by the improvident may, The News says may advisedly, give them pointers for the future.

In the prosperous times we have lived too fast, overlooking altogether any and all provision for that much dreaded but sure coming rainy day.

The Supreme court of the State has affirmed the decision against the Waters Pierce Oil Co., in the sum of \$1,000,000. Another feather in the cap of Attorney General Davidson.

Monday was Texas Independence Day—celebrated here by the closing up, for holiday purposes, of the two banks and the postoffice. Every other interest seemed to be moving along about as usual.

Fulton Brown, while visiting his parents at Washington, Arkansas, bought a farm near there. He failed to mention this to The News reporter last week when telling how the old folks were getting along.

Pat Garrett, a noted pioneer civilizer of New Mexico and the Southwest Texas border, met the fate of his class Saturday—died with his boots on. Few men excelled him in the use of a sixshooter and this gift, possessed by few in these days, added to his soft speech and inoffensive manners had much to do with prolonging his days. Much can be said in his favor for to such men as him we owe much of the law, order and peace of the present time. Pat, however, like other old time experts with the gun, hardened by his many victories, lost much of his regard for human life and departing not from the old trail and habits of the past met as all do—"his match."

PROHIBITIONISTS PLAN CAMPAIGN

Want State Wide Prohibition Made an Issue in the July Primaries and are Confident of Success.

According to the Fort Worth Record the Prohibition state convention held in that town Saturday was a warm number.

The Record estimates that in addition to straight Pros, of which there was present a considerable number, there was some one hundred representative "Prohibition Democrats" from different portions of the State. Representing the Plains country only two were there, Judge Gough of Hereford, and John A. Wallace this town.

There was a hard-fought battle as to whether the state wide prohibition issue should be submitted direct in the July primaries, but the majority report, favoring an indirect method was finally adopted. It reads:

"We, your committee, recommend that the State Democratic Executive Committee be properly petitioned to submit to the Democratic primary election of July 25th, 1908, the issue as to whether or not the Democratic party shall incorporate in its platform a demand for the submission of a prohibition amendment to the Constitution of Texas."

The State Democratic Executive Committee is to be petitioned

for the submission of this question and as the law now stands it, the committee, must consent, provided ten per cent of the vote cast for Governor last general election ask it. This number can, of course, easily be obtained as not only pros but many antis as well are anxious to see the question settled in this way.

Anticipating the submission of this question at the primaries, which The News thinks is a safe conclusion, preparations were made at Fort Worth for a general campaign thruout the State in order to secure for the Legislature Senators and Representatives "favorable to prohibition." This means, as a matter of course, that it will be made an issue and a hot one, no doubt, on every matter to be determined in said primaries, men as well as measures. And to enable this campaign to be carried on it was decided that all funds of the State Prohibition Federation, and that of other Prohibition bodies, now on hand, or to be collected by them, should be used for this purpose. It was also agreed that the Federation will "suspend active operations until after the Democratic primaries in July, so as to leave the Democratic submission committee free to carry out the mission intrusted to it." Such is the substance of the

proceedings at Fort Worth and boiled down it looks very like we are going to have a battle royal on the lines contested in 1887, only more so, as in this campaign man will figure as well as principles. The only part The News don't like about it is, that notice to bolt seems to be served by some of the contending factions if the main issue be not decided their way.

The News favors the submission of this question to the Democratic primaries. It wants the Democratic party, to which its editor belongs, to pass upon the issues to be presented and no matter which way the decision of the majority goes it shall be his pleasure to abide by it.

PROMPT ACTION REQUIRED.

The Governor has issued a proclamation calling upon city and county authorities thruout the State to quarantine against smallpox and all other infectious diseases. It is intimated very strongly that if local authorities do not do this that a quarantine by the State against such offending counties may be declared.

To The News it doth now appear that prompt action is required on the part of both Randall county and Canyon City officials in this matter.

MAKING MAN OVER.

Having triumphed over the veriform appendix, which serves no useful function, the surgeons now promise that they will soon be able to make all necessary repairs to man's vital organs.

Dr. Simón Flexner talks as calmly of replacing a patient's stomach or heart or kidneys with new ones as an architect would of the reconstruction of the interior of an old house. Arteries have been transplanted from a dog to a cat and even from a man to a dog, and with patience science hopes to transfer the organs of life from sound animals to unsound human beings.

It is an entrancing subject for experiment—on other people, of course. What Burbank has achieved in producing new varieties of plants does not compare with it. In a few years surgeons may be producing a new variety of man and nature's processes of evolution be made to look as slow and antiquated as traveling by stage coach.—New York World.

Hallie and Elzia Rusk are now the city scavengers.

Walter Cranford went to Plainview Tuesday for a day or two.

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TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Mrs. Joe Foster Dead.

Returning home from Alamogordo, New Mexico, Tuesday, Mrs. Joe Foster died on the train between here and Amarillo. The burial was had the following day at the City Cemetery after services held by Elder Sam T. Shore and Rev. M. E. Hawkins. Mrs. Foster contracted the disease from which she died, consumption, something over a year ago. She waited on a Mrs. Alexander who died of this complaint here and it is thought that it was from this kindness, freely given by her, that she received the germ which finally cut short her useful life. Her trip to Alamogordo, accompanied by her husband taken some two weeks ago, was in the hope of receiving benefit from the change, but it failed of this result and she was coming home to die, as most of us wish to, surrounded by children, relatives and friends. She was denied this as the end came sooner than was expected. She leaves surviving her a husband and six children, all small, for whom the sympathy of the entire town is expressed and deeply felt.

County Court.

(Continued from last week)
The Dobbs slander case was begun on Monday morning and took up all the time of the court until given to the jury on Wednesday evening. The verdict, returned about 7 P. M., was that defendant be fined the sum of one hundred dollars.

The jury in this case consisted of J. M. Craig, J. C. Carney, C. R. Burrow, W. C. Baird, J. P. Angel, and A. S. Bassett. The verdict as here recorded is precisely that in the former trial.

Saul Barry

At the Rogerson House Wednesday evening Hugh H. Saul and Miss Margaret Barry, daughter of Mrs. Chapman, the proprietor, were married by Rev. J. S. Groves.

The News extends congratulations and best wishes.

Excursion day yesterday and those stopping here will take in the country today and tomorrow.

New Settlers.

Among those coming in this week, bringing in their families, household goods and other chattles, were Carl L. Schwartz of Ainsworth, Nebraska, Henry S. Miller and Henry A. Kuhlman of Barrington, Illinois. All bought land of Keiser Bros. & Phillips. Mr. Schwartz's place is near Umbarger. The holdings of the other two men are on section 85, five miles east of town in the "Block" pasture. These men will improve at once and when their houses are up, it can be said of them with truth that they are the first settlers to build within the "Block" inclosure, outside of the three mile cut-off adjoining the town.

Many more new settlers are expected in during this month and April.

Fair Warning to Thieves.

For the past month chicken by chicken has disappeared from my home—the Hauter place—until fourteen have been taken, but the limit of petty barnyard thievery was reached Saturday afternoon when some bold, daring human, who, in comparison to a canine would disgrace the most worthless cur, came to my barn, between the hours of 1 to 6 p. m., and appropriated two fine Plymouth Rock hens and more than a dozen eggs, taking the tin feed bucket to put the eggs in. Hereafter each door will be securely locked and barred night and day, and while I would not be surprised at such a bold thief tearing the barn down to get a fat hen, I hereby give him fair warning to be a little less brazen or he may have to carry away a good sized load of shot in his carcass, or call on his friends, if he has them, to help him "turn loose a bear."

JOHN HIBDON.

City Election Ordered.

In accord with a decree of the City Council of Canyon City, duly made on the 4th day of this month, March, 1908, I hereby direct that upon the first Tuesday in April, 1908, an election be held in said City for the following officers to-wit:

First, a city attorney. Second three aldermen, one from each of the three wards in said city, to succeed aldermen Joe Service, T. H. Rowan and T. F. Reid whose terms of office will then expire. E. A. Upfold has been appointed presiding officer.

JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock of Canyon City spent Saturday and Sunday among us. Minnie Pearl Pierce returned to town with her to attend school.

Roy Cage and Henry Hoffman spent Sunday with their sisters in Canyon City.

Will Garrett went to Canyon Monday to equip himself with wagon, team and plows for farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lester celebrated their tin wedding anniversary Monday. As a result, Will Cage had to go to see a doctor next day.

Mrs. A. B. Cage visited her daughter, Miss Ora, in Canyon Tuesday.

Rev. Speakman of Plainview will preach at Paladuro Saturday and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warfield last week, a boy.

L. A. Pierce is on the sick list this week.

Bro. Robeson of Canyon delivered a fine discourse Sunday to this people, his theme, "Train the children in the way they should go," was heartily indorsed.

Gardening is being discussed this week: hot beds are being sown.

Mrs. F. Hoffman and daughter Miss Annie spent Monday in Canyon shopping.

Mrs. W. R. McClain, who has spent the past six months with her daughter in Amarillo returned home Friday.

B. T. Johnson went to Canyon Wednesday on business.

TASSIE.

HAPPY ITEMS.

W. W. Fry and wife arrived in Happy Monday evening and are moving to their farm southwest of town.

J. O. King of Central Texas has accepted a position with the Plains Lumber & Grain Co. He expects his family soon.

Mr. T. F. Gilleland was in Happy from Tulia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White were Canyon callers Tuesday.

Arthur Todd the Happy teacher is still sick at his home, Tulia.

Carpenters are busy rushing the building of Klein-Felton's new land office.

Three new immigrants for Happy last week and one so far this week.

Happy was visited by a nice shower of rain Tuesday evening.

Four car loads of grain was shipped out of Happy last week, one of wheat, one of maize, one of Kafir corn and one of cane-seed and millet.

Happy is one of the busiest little towns on the Plains.

Charlie Van Horn of Plainview has decided to locate in Happy for the present.

W. H. Wishart of Tulia was in Happy on business Monday.

David Knapp expects to leave for Nebraska Friday. He has accepted a position with S. Bloom of Allen, Nebraska.

March 4, '08. HAPPY.

From Umbarger.

On the second inst., the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lester was stormed by a number of their relatives and friends in celebration of their tenth wedding anniversary.

The guests began to arrive about eleven o'clock and before

the host and hostess had realized what was happening, their home was captured and they were carefully guarded in the parlor while a committee of ladies proceeded to spread a sumptuous feast in the dining room, consisting of everything good such as turkey, fried chicken, all kinds of cakes, salads, pies and many other goodies too numerous to mention.

The afternoon was most pleasantly spent by both young and old in the enjoyment of music, games and a general jollification.

At a late hour, the guests all departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lester many returns of this happy occasion.

Among those fortunate enough to be present were Mr. Gregory and family, Mr. Bob Stratton and family, Mr. F. Wuster and family, Mr. A. B. Cage and family and Mr. H. Burnham and family.

A GUEST.

SUNNY HILL DOINGS.

C. H. Still and Mr. Moon had the thrasher this week.

Quite a crowd gathered at Mr. W. T. Jamerson's Sunday night and had a splendid singing.

Miss Jimmie Currie and brother, A. M. Currie, also Isam Holiball, all of Ceta, spent Sunday with Miss Inez McCann and brother, Neal McCann.

Mr. Howell had a runaway Friday resulting in a badly cut horse.

Miss Ida Rowan visited home folks in Canyon City Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Kuehn and Arthur McCann went to Amarillo Monday.

VIOLET.

The News is very sorry to say that at last report before going to press, Dr. Howell was no better and that the chances are against his recovery. His brother is still with him also an old friend, Mr. Murchison. J. L. Howell Jr. and wife from Lake Arthur, N. M., are also there.

The Dance Wednesday Night.

The dance, at the Opera House Wednesday night is said to have been the best affair of its kind held in Canyon City for many a day. The Amarillo Orchestra furnished the music and the refreshments, served in the a. m. hours, are stated to have been bountiful and of the very choicest kinds.

Some eighteen couples, seven of which were from Amarillo, took part in the dancing. The News reporter was anxious to obtain their names but all to whom he went for this information either said they "couldn't" or "wouldn't" tell.

The News editor is not opposed to balls or dances patronized by refined, nice people and conducted properly, as he feels sure that this one was, and if present he would not be the least ashamed to let the world know of it. If, however, for any reason he would be ashamed of it, he would stay away.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Wanted—A Jersey cow fresh in milk. tf B. FRANK BUIE.

Car Albatross flour in at Canyon Mercantile & Hdw. Co.

Car Iowa Burbank seed potatoes just in at the Canyon Mercantile & Hardware Co.

Red Rust Proof seed oats at the Canyon Mercantile & Hardware Co. for sale at 60 cents per bushel.

Will buy, sell or rent town lots, houses or lands. See me if you want either. Office opposite the postoffice. JASPER N. HANEY.

Do You Want Mules?

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BROOM CORN.

Last week The News raised the question of growing broom corn in this county in connection with a statement that if grown here in sufficient quantity, a broom factory would be installed.

Broom corn was one of the most interesting subjects before the Farmers' Congress held at Amarillo last December. Since then steps have been taken by the Chamber of Commerce of that town to get all necessary information on the subject and also to obtain seed if desired. The market price of this seed at present ranges between four and five dollars per bushel and one bushel is said to plant twenty acres.

As stated last week, broom corn is one of the staple crops of western Oklahoma. It grows well there and conditions in much of the Panhandle are similar. A Mr. Tillman, a broom corn dealer of Woodward, Oklahoma, writing to an Amarillo man, which letter was published in the Daily Panhandle of Feb. 18, says:

"In the first place I cannot too strongly advocate its growth in your section, for it is a well known fact that the broom corn plant is a member of sorghum family, and therefore a tropical plant, being especially adapted to dry climatic conditions, in fact too much rain injures its value inasmuch that it strains it whilst in the boot. The farmer can always depend on raising broom corn when everything else fails.

DIFFERENT SOILS VARY FIBER.
"As to its cultivation I will say that the different grades are especially adapted to different soils, we are paying as high as \$100 per ton for whisk brush, this is grown to best advantage on a sandy soil, as the rich black soil is too strong and brush grows too long, necessitating too much waste. It bears on an average of one ton to three acres of land, and can be planted thick. It is a short, fine fibered brush, but like all other farm products has got to be well taken care of.

"The standard dwarf variety, grown extensively in this section, can be grown on any kind of soil. We are paying from \$30 to \$70 per ton according to growth and fiber, the short fibered being in demand. This grows coarse fibered when planted too thin and the brush grows too long and rank, making it undesirable.

GOOD FOR SOD LAND.
"The standard variety, that has to be cut instead of pulled, is also adapted to any soil, and brings from \$50 to \$80 per ton, according to color and fiber. It takes one bushel of seed to plant twenty acres of either kind and the planter should be set to drop from fifty to sixty hills to the rod. On sod it makes an excellent crop, requiring no attention, on old ground it should be listed and then sledged and then cultivated and is ready for pulling when the blossoms are falling off, when it should be pulled or cut as the case may be, and dropped between the rows. At the end of the day it should be hauled to the shed and laid on the shelves for curing, which ordinarily takes from three to four weeks, after which it is ready for seeding and baling. It does

not require any previous experience to tend to this crop.

NEEDS CURING SHED.

"I might here add that shed cured brush is preferable, as it is more tough and durable than when cured in the open. The open curing method tends to make the brush brittle so that it will snap when bent in two, and therefore product of this kind is bought at a lower figure. I might cite you for an instance that one grower here received \$1,100 for his crop of eleven tons raised off fifty acres of land. So that it can readily be seen that it pays to erect a shed in caring for this crop. A roof is all that is necessary with four open sides, and a canvas can be thrown over the sunny side to keep the brush from bleaching. In conclusion, results come from getting the best seed and seed which has not been grafted with cane and kaffir seed."

The information in this letter is practical and to the point. Read it carefully and if a Randall county cropper and interested to the extent of desiring further knowledge of the question, or wanting seed, the secretary of the Canyon City Commercial club will be glad to take the matter up with you.

SHOULD HAVE SAVED SOME.

Commenting on the hard lines in which many people have found themselves during the present depression in business affairs the Dallas News gets right at the truth in the following words:

There is no room for doubt that much of the hardship and suffering brought upon men, women and children of the laboring and salaried classes, not to mention the others, could have been averted by the use of a little common sense and stinginess in the days of prosperity. It matters not a particle how high wages may go, how eager employers may become for help, how short the working day may be made, or how liberal retail merchants may become in the extension of credits in flush times, if the recipients of wages and salaries do not put by a share of their earnings for use in emergencies they certainly will suffer when industrial conditions reverse themselves, as industrial conditions constantly do.

The homely habits of thrift and "nearness" have well-nigh played out in the very circles where they are most urgently needed. The man with a trade who draws \$4, \$5 or \$6 a day when work is plentiful often wears patent leather shoes "on the job," not in order to be dressy, for he doesn't care for the shine when at work, but merely because he has become addicted to extravagance. His wife wears plumed millinery, with frequent changes, the price of a single piece of which would have clothed her grandmother a whole year. Their children wear out store-bought suits and dresses at the rate of half a dozen each per annum, and the home in which they live is often furnished with a miscellaneous assortment of merchandise that costs in the aggregate more than the old homestead back in the country would bring on the market. The salaried man with a hundred or more dollars a month patronizes an exclusive tailor, sends his shirts to the steam laundry and eats fifty cent lunches regularly, while his wife and children indulge their tastes in near-finery of much cost and little wearing quality, and keep a wasteful cook to fry the diurnal steak and scorch the matutinal potatoes. Upon such an improvident and indefensible scale thousands of families make their way while employment is sure, and when that is gone they pinch along miserably, pessimistic and rebellious. They suffer physically, mentally and, not infrequently, morally, by reason of their own improvidence.

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Due from U. S. Treasurer.....	550.00	Undivided Profits.....	1,472.21
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Ft. Worth City Bonds.....	50,000.00	Bills Payable.....	20,000.00
Cash.....	133,582.63	Deposits.....	282,086.49
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