

THE - COMING - WEST.

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The Cowmans Ideal Girl.

A preacher at Liberal, Kan., down in the short grass country, recently preached a sermon on "The Ideal Young Woman," and asked the young men of the community to furnish short written descriptions of their conceptions of "Ideal." The following letter is one that did not appear on the program:

My ideal young woman is a native. She is a well graded one, too, but not a thoroughbred—they take too much care and are not good rustlers when the range is short. She is pretty enough to make an honest cowman lose his heart to her and make her queen of his herd, if she'll have him, but isn't such a looker that every chuck-line riding cowpuncher in the country will want to hang around the old man's ranch until he's fied. She may not have been raised in the saddle, but she knows enough to tell a latigo strap from a branding iron, and is the kind of a girl that can get on a good broncho and hold the cut-out herd in a round-up when your extra cowboy goes back on you at the last minute. She's got all the book-learning she needs, but she doesn't go around talking dead languages while the biscuit burns, nor let the chickens scratch up a good garden while she makes experiments in botany. She knows how to talk and does a good deal of it, but you don't have to put a jerk-line on her to get in a spiel yourself sometimes. She doesn't get locoed at the sight of a cook stove and can give an old-time camp cook tips on sour doughs. It doesn't take lariats and hobbles to keep her at home part of the time, and she don't get on the prod every time something goes wrong on the ranch. She dresses as well as she can put up for, but she don't blow in every cent she can get hold of for jingle-hobs and other fixings, and she don't spend two hours, when somebody is in a hurry to get started somewhere, doing her hair up to look like a water spaniel that's been through a cactus patch. In fact, she's all right, and we love her, and look up to her and lose our hearts to her and let her make any old kind of fools of us; and we put in our lives making money for her to spend, and we're glad to do it. She is our own homegrown girl, and we are proud of her and wouldn't exchange for any other kind on earth. She helps us enjoy life when we can, and when the other kind of times come, she is the bravest and truest little partner on earth, and we reverence her more than ever. More than that, she's right here, and we don't have to go off our own range to find just the one we want. Every cowboy in the country knows just where to find one that tops the market in all these points—and may his claim never be contested! Yours for Western Girls.—A. Maverick.

Ennis Etchings.

We are agreeably surprised to see pretty weather again, and hope same will continue.

Mr. Perry Morris and wife and Misses Myrtle Tapp and Hattie Dawson serenaded the home of B. F. Davis one evening recently and were very pleasantly entertained for a few hours by the host and hostess.

Several of the young people of this community attended the play of the Ober-Keller Stock Co at Snyder Saturday night and report a most enjoyable time.

The young people of Ennis are anticipating a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. Patterson, on or near Ennis creek, next Friday night.

We are pleased to have with us again Rev. J. A. Ogle, this Friday night and would be pleased to see some of Snyder's citizens come on; also those of our own community.

Rev. J. R. Kelley will preach here in the future every first Sunday.

We are glad one of our candidates were elected; Mr. B. Y. Duke, if some some of our good men were defeat d. Hurrah for the Third party, but I had rather be a Democrat.

MAYFLOWER.

Be On The Lookout.

Armed goods will be here. Harness and oak sole at Wellborn's.

Hon. A. S. Hawkins was elected representative of this, the 106th district by a majority of about 1500 over his opponent, Allen.

In the race for district attorney in the 39th judicial district, W. E. Ponder was elected over his opponent, A. O. Wilmeth.

The scarlet fever scare is about over, no new cases having developed for almost a month, and the school is now moving along nicely.

M. T. Crawford, Colorado, Texas, has a large stock of fancy lump McAister and other grades of lump and Nat coals. Special prices for county trade.

With very little expense to any one the entire town could be cleaned up and put in a perfect sanitary condition. Are we to wait until mal-pox or some other contagious disease appears before we begin?

H. C. Hayter and family arrived last week from Merkel and will make their home here permanently. They will occupy the Blanton cottage, in the east part of town, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The vote of Scurry county at the past election nationally and for governor was as follows: Democratic electors, 376; Populist 261; Republican, 161; Prohibition, 8. For governor Sayers, 398; L. J. McMinn, 298; R. E. Hannay, 100.

In our list of county officers elected the name of A. M. Onig for county attorney is omitted, but in justice to that gentleman we will state that he received 239 votes, which elected him, and never canvassed nor was not known in the race more than three days before the election.

George Spivey and wife, who live in the Ennis community, have the profound sympathy of their friends in the death of their four month old baby, which occurred on Thursday night of last week. The interment was in the cemetery at this place on Saturday morning.

While playing with her pupils at the Elkins school house last Saturday Miss Janie Scarborough was struck in the eye with a hard rubber ball, badly bruising that organ. The accident is very painful but it is thought the sight is not injured and that she will be able to return to her school next week. She is now at the home of her parents in this city.

Last Monday afternoon while assisting in branding cattle at Lon Smith's home, in the north part of town, E. K. Smith was hooked in the right side by a vicious cow, breaking one of his ribs, the broken end of which punctured his lung. The accident is a serious one, but Mr. Smith is resting well at this writing and it is sincerely hoped that he will rapidly recover.

Rev. Ed R. Wallace, pastor of the Methodist church here, left Tuesday for Georgetown where annual conference is now in session. He stated before leaving that he had about raised the amount due for the conference collection, including foreign missions, home missions, church extension, etc., but that there was a mistaken idea among some that he was also collecting his own salary. This is a work left entirely to the stewards and how well they have done their work is not known by this writer.

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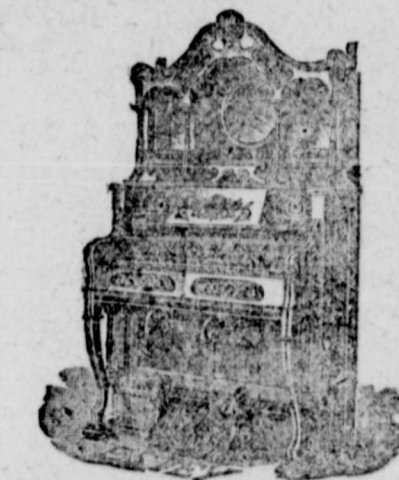
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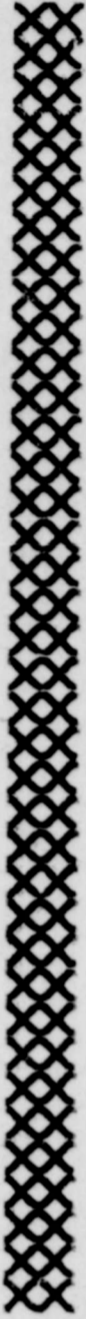
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