



**THE COMING - WEST.**

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**THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.**

The Chicago board of education has stirred up a hornet's nest by refusing to allow selections from the bible to be used as a text-book in the school of that city. The question of the bible in the public schools always brings on a vast amount of trouble, and this trouble is always precipitated by people who demand that the bible be read in the public schools. This is to be regretted because the people who demand the reading of the bible in the schools and raise a row when they fail to get what they want are professed followers of the Prince of Peace and revere the name of the great apostle who admonished his brethren to submit to the ordinances of man. It is universally admitted by all who have studied the public school system that our public schools, while teaching all theologies and philosophies, and cramming the heads of the pupils with all kinds of book learning, absolutely fail in teaching morality. Of course a faint attempt is made to give moral instruction, but the attempt is so very faint that it is not noticeable. But the people who complain of this will not find the remedy in the bible reading in the schools. On the contrary, they will find less effort to impress moral lessons because of the sectarian trouble that is sure to arise when the bible is used as a text-book in the schools.

The remedy lies elsewhere. It lies in the home. A great many parents want the bible taught in the public schools in order that they themselves may be relieved of the duty of teaching it. The situation may be explained by a little anecdote: Good morning, children; why are you here this morning?" asked a public school teacher, on opening day. "Cause we are in the way at home!" shrieked a wise little maiden.

Parents who carefully instruct their children in morality and bible knowledge in the home are not the ones who complain because the bible is not used as a text-book in the schools.—Omaha World-Herald.

It is said that the citizens of Snyder raised a sum of money a few days ago, aggregating \$6 to be presented to their band as a mark of appreciation, and that a well known attorney up there consumed three hours in making the presentation speech.—West Texas Stockman.

Wrong again, as usual, Hee. The amount was \$10.00 was raised by one man in less than 15 minutes, and the attorney's speech was of 3 minutes duration instead of 3 hours. Snyder has a band of 17 members who keep a leader all the time. Can Colorado say as much?

The census report by counties for Texas has been published and shows the population of Scurry county to be 4158, and only 1415 in 1890; an increase of 340 per cent. We doubt if another county in West Texas can make a better showing.

This week's issue is a sample of what this paper will be from now on. We have no apology to offer nor no boast to make over our new dress, but believing that Snyder needed a better paper than it has had heretofore we have made these improvements.

As soon as the local telephone exchange is put in working order this office will print a list of the subscribers, with their numbers, and the cards will also bear the advertisement of a large number of our business men. The work will be first-class and a copy will be placed at every phone in the town.

**THE REPETITION**

**Of Among the Breakers by the Dramatic Club a Decided Success.**

By Special request the band's dramatic club reproduced Among the Breakers last Saturday night. The house was well filled and \$32.95 was realized. As before the actors played their parts splendidly and the audience went home in splendid humor.

Some specialties were introduced between acts which were well received and loudly applauded.

On next Saturday night the band boys will put on a minstrel performance, composed of songs, farces, sketches, etc., and a royal good time is promised those who attend.

Reserved seats will be on sale Friday and Saturday at Dodson & Wasson's drug store.

These entertainments afford our people an opportunity to pass an enjoyable evening and at the same time assist our band boys in paying their instructor. The band is making rapid progress and receives many compliments every time it plays in public.

Dr. Geo. H. Helmkamp, who has been here some time from Moro, Ill., for his health, has decided to locate at Clairemont for the practice of medicine and left yesterday for that place. Dr. Helmkamp is a graduate of Hering Medical College of Chicago, and was nurse in Dr. Enos' Sanitarium at Alton, Ill. for two years. The people of Kent County are to be congratulated upon securing his services as a regular practitioner among them.

A. R. Polnac, of the Wheat community, was in town Tuesday accompanied by his friend Peter Simank, from Williamson county. Mr. Simank arrived last Thursday and has been looking over our county considerable. He is well pleased with the country and will possibly invest in lands here and locate his sons thereon.

Hallen & Byrd have built an addition to their restaurant and now have ample room to accommodate their increasing trade. They now keep constantly on hand game, fish and oysters and are prepared at all times to serve their patrons with anything in the market prepared in first-class style.

Last Tuesday Judge W. H. Harvey appointed Dr. A. G. Person county health physician. Dr. Person has been a resident of this county for more than a year and has built up an excellent practice in medicine and we feel safe in saying that Judge Harvey selected a man that is eminently qualified for the position.

W. A. Jones received from Colorado Monday a bran new hack and has ten good horses with which he intends running a passenger and express line daily between here and Colorado. He says that if quick time and first-class accommodations will catch the trade he'll have 'em.

Steve Ward passed through here yesterday with a heard of cattle which he has been pasturing in the Circle Bar pasture, en route to Colorado, where they will be shipped to the eastern market.

Miss Mattie Patterson left last Saturday night for Monahans where she expected to resume her school Monday. She was accompanied as far as Colorado by her brother and sister, John and Miss Fannie Patterson.

Jack Jones and wife left last Sunday for their home in New Mexico after a few days visit here with relatives during which time they purchased their winter's supplies and took home with them.

Our new job press is expected in today, and with it a large shipment of stationery. We already have several orders waiting and our friends are invited to call and see samples of our job work.

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## THE FIRST SERMON

Of Rev. A. B. Roberts, the new Pastor of the Methodist Church Here.

A good sized audience was in attendance at the Methodist church last Sunday morning to hear the first sermon of the new pastor, Rev. A. B. Roberts.

After the voluntary by the choir the minister lined and the congregation sang in the good old way the beautiful hymn by John Newton which starts;

"Joy is the fruit that will not grow in nature's barren soil."

The first scripture lesson read was the 15th Psalm, and the second the 8th chapter of Romans.

After a fervent prayer the minister took for a text 1st Corinthians 2:2 and delivered an excellent discourse. He particularly emphasized the fact that the people always expect the preacher to be a loving preacher and showed clearly that the pastor had a right to expect his church members to evidence the same disposition.

One very interesting feature at the morning service was the being together of the pastor and Rev. Jno. Lockhart, they having not met before in several years, and having years ago been associated in revival work, making the meeting one of bright memories.

Rev. Lockhart concluded the service with some excellent remarks, relating a few of his experiences since his entering the ministry, more than 50 years ago.

Services were also held at night but the congregation was small on account of the inclement weather.

There will be preaching regularly in future the first Sunday morning and evening and the third Sunday night by the pastor.

### The Century's Last Xmas.

Making an appeal for a simpler Christmas, Edward Bok, in the December Ladies' Home Journal, considers this Christmas—because it is the last of the century—a good time to change about and go back to the simpler Christmas of earlier days. "Why not respond a little to our natural selves; the selves that were given to us as children?" he asks. "In other words, why not be simpler, and be true to ourselves? Why not give a true remembrance to our children to carry them through their lives—the remembrance that comes of true giving. Not the giving that we feel, for some reason, we should or ought to practice. Not the giving that comes of any artificial or conventional motive. But the giving that comes of great gladness; the giving prompted by real loving-kindness; the giving of sincerity; the giving of the heart. It makes no difference how simple may be the giving. It need not be a gift, even a few written words will suffice I believe that there are certain things needed to evoke the highest power of Christmas; its rarest gladness. It shines brightest and best, and discloses most where material expression of it is wanting. It tells its best and sweetest secrets where love is found. It grants its highest endowments to hearts that are simple and true and glad in the lives of others. The material surroundings matter not. Upon such a Christmas the Master of the feast bestows the dearest, most abiding influences that can come into the human heart."

### Beneficent Laws.

The approaching session of the State legislature naturally creates a great amount of interest, not alone among the people of Texas, but among investors and possible settlers outside of the state. It is undeniably a fact that the reputation of Texas as to its laws, is not as good as it should be. Whether this be based upon an actual or an imagi-

nary condition, is not so much to the point as it is the necessity for the wiping away of dusty cobwebs. The law-makers of the State, like a new broom, should sweep the political horizon free from the blots and blemishes which have militated against enterprise and the importation of capital.

The legislature is in a position to create public confidence by demonstrating to the world that the people of this State are not inimical to immigration and institutions. If existing laws are good laws, it can make this fact clear, and if some existing laws are bad laws, they can replace these by statutes which will be beneficial and in the interest of the people generally. There is considerable feeling in favor of this course for the public at large is becoming tired of the blatant demagogue who "roars" with so-called righteous wrath, but who by his "roaring" operates to the detriment of everyone concerned save himself. It is the demagogues who, by a continual cry of "wolf," frighten the more timid ones into a belief that it is necessary to construct a wall about the State in order to prevent anyone else from coming within its confines.—Literary Bureau Sunset-Central Lines.

### What's in a Name.

Although the present fashion of christening children with family surnames is much to be commended for many reasons, it carries with it some awful possibilities unknown in the days of Mary Ann's and John Henry's. A glance at the following list, each name of which is genuine, will illustrate sufficiently well the possibilities of nomenclature resting with parents in their choice of names for the men and women for tomorrow:

Eda Boker Mothershed.  
Marian English Earle.  
Sawyer Turner Somerset.  
Will W. Upp.  
Nealon Pray Daily.  
Beton Killin Savage.  
Owen Taylor Money.  
Ima Little Lamb.  
Broker Husbands Hart.  
R. U. Phelan-Goode.  
Marie A. Bachelor.  
Mao Tyus Upp.  
I. Betty Sawyer.  
Mabel Eve Story.  
Will Waltz Wither.  
Waring Green Cotes.  
Iva Winchester Rifle.  
Etta Lotta Hammond-Deggs.  
Barber Cutting Mann.  
Weir Sick O'Bryan.  
Makin Loud Noyes.  
Hard Copp Cumming.  
Rodenor Pullman Karr.  
Doody Spies Sourwine.  
Knott Vorth Reading.

—Life.

### The [rl R. Hicks 1901 Almanac.

Whatever may be said of the scientific causes upon which the Rev. Irl R. Hicks bases his yearly forecasts of storm and weather it is a remarkable fact that specific warnings of every great storm, flood, cold wave and drouth, have been plainly printed in his now famous Almanac for many years. The latest startling proof of this fact was the destruction of Galveston, Texas, on the very day named by Prof. Hicks in his 1900 Almanac, by far the finest, most complete and beautiful yet published, is now ready. This remarkable book of near two hundred pages, splendidly illustrated with charts and half-tone engravings, goes as a premium to every subscriber who pays one dollar a year for Prof. Hicks' journal, Word and Works. The Almanac alone is sent prepaid for only 25c. Order from Word and Works Publishing Company, 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Why is it the less sense a boy has and the more he combs his hair down over his eyes and looks like an Ape the more popular he is with the girls?—F

## Texas State Finances.

The report of the Comptroller shows a balance on hand, Aug. 31, to the credit of the general revenue, of \$1,159,597, which represents the difference between receipts of \$3,952,775 and expenditures of \$2,793,188 during the past year. Estimated revenue for the general fund during the past two years is placed at \$6,707,344.

The receipts of the available school fund during the year were \$3,334,850. The expenditures, \$3,081,471. The permanent school fund has a cash balance of \$1,569,351, and owes bonds of the value of \$7,793,521.

The occupation taxes collected during the year amount to \$392,932. The report states that as a rule there were few attempts to evade the payment of the tax. Tax collectors have settled promptly and the state has not lost a cent during the past six years from defalcation, nor has suit been necessary to compel settlement. It is recommended that the law referring to tax collectors' bonds be so amended that they will not be such a burden on the collector.

There has been an increase in valuations during the year of \$23,393,027; all classes of taxable property show an increase. Franchise taxes to the amount of \$38,138,070 for 1890 and \$32,312,624 for 1900 have already been assessed, but there were no collections from this source, and only a few assessors have made returns, the principal of such taxation being now in litigation.

There are 5346 persons drawing pensions under the Confederate pension act. They received \$6 per capita for the last quarter. The legislature has the authority to increase the appropriation to \$250,000, which would make the amount given to each pensioner \$40 per year.

A notable decrease is noted in the amount of bonds issued by counties, cities and school districts, which is attributed to the law requiring all bond issues in excess of \$2,000 to be submitted to a vote of the people. County bonds outstanding, \$10,701,638; city bonds, \$15,054,262.

### Protecting Young Trees.

As soon as cold weather sets in and before there are any snows, all young, growing fruit trees should be well protected against rabbits and mice. Usually if there is no rubbish or litter permitted around the stem of the tree the banking up of a small mound of earth around the base of the stem will be all that will be necessary to protect it from mice.

Thin sheets of wood, wet and bent around the trees, fastened at the top and bottom will not only protect from rabbits during the winter, but also from the borers during the spring and summer.

Screen wire cloth may also be used. Cut it into strips and then wrap it around a broomstick to get it in shape, and then fasten it around the tree. Wrapping with tar-paper is also a good preventive; the objection is that it excludes the air too much.

Fresh blood rubbed on the stem, will keep rabbits away, but it must be applied several times during the winter to prove effective.

A lime wash in which a small quantity of asafetida and glue has been dissolved is also good. One advantage with this is that it will remain on for a considerable time.

There is too much risk of serious loss to permit this to be delayed long after cold weather sets in.—St Louis Republic.

A St. Louis doctor is serving a term in prison for dunning a debtor on a postal card. Our Uncle Sam is getting rather particular about the way his nephews do business.—Johnson County Review.

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The Nicaragua canal is a military and commercial necessity and should be constructed regardless of whether it is fortified or not.

A St. Louis negro, who believed that "a pound is a pound, the world around," and that a pound of feathers was as heavy as a pound of lead, tried to demonstrate it by dropping each one on his foot.

Some persons are taken into a so-called good situation when others are killed (railroad jobs.) Some years ago it was said and it was common talk, that when a man applied for a job on the Boston & Albany railroad, if there was no vacancy he was told there would be a chance when the next man was killed.

There is a school district in Reno county, Kan: in which there is a schoolhouse and a teacher, but not a solitary pupil. Miss Mary Scroggins, the teacher, opens school every morning and holds herself in readiness to instruct any children who may come, but she is the sole occupant of the building.

Wireless telephone and telegraph circuits will span the world in the next hundred years. A husband in the middle of the Atlantic will be able to converse with his wife sitting in her boudoir in Chicago.

The ladies of Scurry county are informed that McCall's Magazine is the handsomest home and fashion magazine in existence. This celebrated magazine offers beautiful premiums to all who raise clubs, and illustrates the famous McCall Bazar Patterns.

The weekly newspaper is the advertising medium through which the business men reach the farmer trade. With the good, honest and industrious farmer, his weekly home paper is his first choice in newspaper reading.

THE BANQUET

Given by The Woodman of the World was a Grand Success.

Last Friday night the Woodmen of the World, their families and the band as invited guests, met at the school house and partook of a banquet that will long be remembered by those who attended.

While supper was in progress those waiting were entertained by music, furnished by the band and several recitations were also given, one by our factions county treasurer, Chas. R. Lockhart, entitled Peter Sarghum, Esq., and one by Miss Clara Dodson entitled The Black Horse and His Rider.

This article would not be complete without some mention of the many good things found to eat at the tables. There were oysters in many styles, turkey with the usual accessories, pies, cakes, and various other things which this writer did not take time to ask the name of, but took every thing in sight.

The first Thanksgiving in American history was perhaps that held by the Pilgrim Fathers, in the fall of 1621, when Gov. Bradford sent a party out to secure game that a feast might be observed.

The first Thanksgiving in Washington on the first day of January, 1795, at the city of Philadelphia, setting aside the 19th day of February, of the same year, as a day of thanksgiving. It is only of recent years that the last Thursday in November of each year has been designated as National Thanksgiving Day.

The Globe Democrat copies from a Paris newspaper a comparative map of the United States and the rest of the world. On this map Texas is shown to be larger than ten nations, viz: Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, Portugal, Turkey, Roumania, Bugaria, Servia, Greece, Palestine.

Texas can not hope to be a rich and prosperous state like some of her northern sisters so long as she raises the cotton at a small profit and sends it north to be manufactured at a large profit.

The finest cotton exhibited at the Paris exposition, as naturally should have been expected, came from Texas and was grown in Cope county.

The farmer is getting a good price for his cotton this year, and he will get better prices next year if he does not make a mistake and increase his cotton acreage at the expense of other crops.



What Makes Home?

Home is made by the family. Without the love which comes with children there may be a house but never a home, in the best meaning of the word.

"I had been a sufferer from uterine trouble for about three years, having two miscarriages in that time and the doctors that I consulted said I would have to go through an operation before I could give birth to children," writes Mrs. Blanche E. Evans, of Parsons, Luzerne Co., Pa.

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One black horse about 8 years old 14 12 hands high branded D on left shoulder. One black horse about 10 years old 14 12 hands high branded A on left shoulder and J F A on left hip, also one bay horse about 8 or 9 years old 14 12 hands high branded OAK on left hip.

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SNYDER Lodge No. 485. I. O. O. F. Meets Friday night before the first, third and fifth Sundays. A. G. Person, N. G.; H. L. Crump, Secy.

VALENTINE Camp No 544. W. O. W. Meets last Monday night in each month. T. F. Baker, C. C.; A. J. Grantham, Clerk.

Churches Etc.

Christain Church. Preaching every third Sunday morning and evening. Eld. A. S. Henry pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. G. W. Brown, Supt. Primitive Baptist. Preaching every fourth Sabbath, and Saturday before. Rev. J. A. Bean, pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian. Preaching Second Sunday in each month. Rev. W. W. Werner, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. H. B. Patterson, Supt.

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**LOCAL NOTES.**

Wanted at this office for Xmas, a big Turkey.

W. J. Parsons was in town yesterday after supplies.

Frank Lockwood made a business trip to Clairemont yesterday.

J. A. Suits is erecting a neat cottage in the west part of town.

Will Head, of the Sulphur community, was in our city Tuesday.

Sir Walter Scott and Hon. Olin Wellborn were in our city yesterday from Knapp.

Attend the minstrel Saturday night and assist the band boys in paying their instructor.

Rev. Knott, of Colorado, was here Tuesday enroute to A. W. Bouchier's ranch, near Light.

H. A. Stacy, who lives in the southwest part of the county, was in town yesterday on business.

John D. Graham, who ranches in the Spur pasture was here Friday after supplies.

Doc Knox and Tod McClelland were here from Clairemont Friday greeting old friends.

Vic Mason, who works for Geo. Elkins, was here the past week visiting his mother.

Just received a fine line of Holiday goods.

**DODSON & WASSON.**

Rev. A. B. Roberts has been in Roby adjusting some business matters this week.

Go to Hallen & Byrd when you want fresh fish and oysters, served in any style.

Miss Fronie Kellis of Kent county was shopping in our city yesterday.

Strayhorn Bros. reported yesterday that they had ginned 2200 bales of cotton this season.

Sam C. Wilks was here last night en route to Colorado from his ranch in Garza county.

John Koonsman sold a car of fat cows in Colorado last week to Jerry and Mac Williams.

E. C. Dodson has purchased the Bavousett place, in the north part of town.

Go to Wellborns for seven feet, twist link trace chains, hames, harness goods, wagon covers and horse covers, collar pads. d28

B. C. Varley is now busily engaged in painting and papering T. J. Faight's residence, in West Snyder.

**LOST**—Small gold nugget stick pin. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office or returning to Dr. A. G. Person.

Gus Bertner of Colorado and M. Dryfus of New York, are in our city this week talking insurance.

Lovers of minstrelsy may prepare themselves for a good hearty laugh next Saturday night. The minstrel to be given by the band boys at that time will be rich, rare and racy.

Nick Alley and Joe Crissop arrived yesterday from a visit to south Texas. Nick will spend a few days here with friends before returning to his present home on the Plains.

A telephone message from Colorado this morning announced that our new job press was loaded there yesterday afternoon and will reach here some time today.

It is reported that Ira Green has sold his store and 100 acres of land at Ira, this county, to P. B. Turner of this city, taking as part pay Mr. Turner's residence property here.

Charley Trimble came down from Clairemont Sunday and returned home Wednesday accompanied by his wife, little son and his mother, who will make her home with them.

Mrs. Andrew Coggin, nee Miss Mae Wilks, and mother, Mrs. Sam Wilks, were guest of Mrs. L. D. Grantham last night, enroute to Colorado from a pleasure trip to their ranch in Garza county.

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Jeff Byrd has so far recovered as to get about on crutches and his friends hope to soon see him at his old self again.

W. M. Gatliff has sold his section of land to Newt Taylor, consideration \$1400. Mr. Gatliff will likely locate in Snyder.

Ike Boren and wife came down Tuesday from their home in Kent county on a shopping expedition, returning yesterday.

Sam Snowden, a pioneer of the west, who now resides in Clairemont, was here Saturday greeting his many friends.

Eld H. R. Looney conducted religious services at the Bethel school house last Sunday and reports a good attendance.

George Elkins and family were down from their home in Kent county and spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

T. J. Faight returned from Colorado last Friday having taken down 60 head of fat cows, which he sold to Jerry Williams.

Scott Greene recently purchased 200 cows from parties near San Angelo and will place them on his Iatan ranch this week.

Sheriff L. C. Darby has the lumber on the ground to erect a neat cottage, in the east part of town. This looks rather suspicious.

W. W. Nelson left last Sunday for Houston to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons and will be absent a week or ten days.

Rev. A. B. Roberts and family arrived from Roby on Thursday of last week and are now comfortably located in the Methodist parsonage.

W. T. Baze left last Friday for Alamogordo, Capitan, Nogal and other points in New Mexico on a visit to his mother and to look at the country.

Misses Maggie Mason and Jettie Elkins of Kent county spent several days here the past week much to the delight of their numerous friends.

I will meet with the Bison church next Saturday and Sunday and will preach at the Centerville Methodist church Sunday night.

**J. A. OGLE.**

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**HELLO, CENTRAL!**

Will Soon be the Reigning Expression in Our Little City.

Work is progressing under the management of Mr. Lew Rust on the local telephone exchange, the phones are all placed, the poles are all set and the stringing of the wires commenced.

As soon as a delayed shipment of material arrives the work will be rushed to completion.

Mr. T. F. Baker has purchased the best material for this system and the people of Snyder will have as good telephone service as any town in the state.

Arrangements have been made for the various lines already coming into Snyder to connect with the central office, which will be a great convenience to parties wishing to use the long distance lines.

**Thanksgiving Services.**

Thanksgiving was observed in our little city last Thursday by business being practically suspended and by union services at the Baptist church. Three services were held during the day, and were participated in by members of all the churches.

This year has been one of general prosperity and our people have much to be thankful for, as conditions were never better in this country.

**To My Friends.**

Having accepted a position with Mr. F. Wilkerson, who recently purchased the R. H. Elkins livery stable and wagon yard, I wish to say to my friends of Snyder and surrounding country that I will be pleased to have their patronage and will endeavor to give one and all the most courteous treatment.

Very respectfully,  
**E. J. THOMPSON.**

On last Tuesday afternoon a representative of this paper was permitted, through the courtesy of B. C. Varley, to inspect the work of the improvements recently added to the residence of Mr. Jack Smith. The addition consists of two new rooms, built and finished by Mr. Varley, besides the painting of the whole exterior of the building and the papering and decorating the interior. The work shows that the workman was an artist and we doubt if the job can be duplicated by any one man in this or adjoining counties. Mr. Varley has followed his trade for more than forty years and is kept busy all the time.

**T. K. N. Scholarship**

The free scholarship in the Texas Kindergarten Normal, offered one young lady in Scurry County is now all paid up except \$21. Any church, club, or individual sufficiently interested may finish paying for same and take it up at once.

For further information address:  
President Texas Kindergarten Normal  
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Andrew and George Kemp, from Mansfield, arrived last Friday and will build a house and otherwise improve their new home recently purchased in the Wheat neighborhood. These young men are old acquaintances of the senior member of this firm and we recommend them to the people of Scurry county as worthy and desirable citizens.

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Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1900.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this nineteenth day of Sept., 1900.

[L. S.] T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency. No. 5580.

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