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LETTER FROM DR. BETTES.

Writes that Mr. Smith is Improving Rapidly, Having Gained in Weight

In Camp, April 13, 1902. Coming West.—Snyder, Texas.

As I promised to let you hear from us occasionally I guess it is time I was showing up. We have been on the road one month and have had quite a pleasant trip. During our stay on the Pecos River we had all the nice fish we wanted; it was there we began to get fat. At the mouth of the Howard Draw where we were camped the fish were so plentiful we had to get behind trees to bait our hooks; we caught a nice lot weighing from ten to twenty pounds. We went from there to the S. & P. Railroad where we could get better accommodations as our nearest Postoffice was 60 miles away. We traveled up the railroad expecting every few miles to run into Deer, Antelope, Bears, etc., but we found it very dry and every once in awhile we would ask when did you have any rain and the people wouldn't know what we were talking about; however we found one now and then who told us it hadn't rained in three years. We had now reached a place where land, wood and water disappeared and we traveled in expectations for several days, when one morning we came to the top of the divide and Mr. Smith saw three puny Deer a long distance from us; but that cut no figure; he mounted old Dewey, shouldered his gun, and says boys we must have some fresh meat; but when he came to the true realization of facts the deer were to far away for him to do any business; so they galloped out of our sight and our hopes went with them. At last, late in the afternoon we landed in the little town of Sanderson in which we experienced another excitement. As we were driving up a back street E. I, whose surname is Stegner, grabbed his gun and says boys here is the bear, we all soon located the animal, and I soon took in the situation and insisted that it was a pet bear and Ed in his excitement declared he knew there was nothing there in those high mountains; but I insisted that bear was God and we agreed to take advantage of any

kind of an animal while we were on this trip not even a man; not with standing we had good knives shot gun, sixshooters and 30 U.S. We reached Alpine one afternoon and found a nice little burg with kind and hospitable inhabitants. We rested two days and proceeded Westward to Ft. Davis and spent two days there, and now we have pitched our tents at the head of Limbia Canyon at the foot of Liver More Mountains. We haven't been here long enough to have any excitement but from the indications there will be plenty to tell our children when we get old; what narrow escapes we had while camped in Limbia at an altitude of 6000 feet. Mr. Smith is improving far beyond our expectations he has gained 5 lbs. sleeps well, eats well, and goes to the tops of these mountains every day. He is gaining strength rapidly. I will write you again when we kill a bear. Respectfully,—S. D. Bettes.

SALOON AT DUNN.

It is reported that parties from Colorado have rented and fitted up a building at Dunn and will start a saloon at that place. It is now up to the people of Dunn and Scurry county to test strength at the ballot box to see whether or not such a business is to be allowed. Another report has it that a saloon will be started at Ira. We predict that in both instances a "start" will be about all there is in it, for we are inclined to believe that the people of these places, and of all other communities in this county, are not yet ready to open their doors to the saloon traffic.

QUARANTINE AT IRA.

Dr. Person and Judge Harvey visited Ira last Friday and placed about thirty houses under Quarantine. The doctor says the cases of small pox so far developed are mild, and thinks no serious harm is to be feared. He immediately notified the different portions of the county sending them copies of the Quarantine regulations.

BETTER THAN PILLS.

The question has been asked, "In what way are Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets superior to pills?" Our answer is: They are easier and more pleasant to take, more mild and gentle in effect and more reliable as they can always be depended upon. Then they cleanse and invigorate the stomach and leave the bowels in a natural condition, while pills are more harsh in effect and their use is often followed by constipation. For sale by P. J. Grayum.

A LETTER WELL ANSWERED.

Man at Wheat Writes a Letter to Dallas News and is Answered by Outsider.

Race Track, Tex., Apr. 14, 1902.

Editor Coming West.—I inclose a clipping taken from a recent issue of the Dallas News, which reads as follows:

"I will describe Western Texas as near as I can. I was born and raised in middle Texas. I moved to Taylor county in the fall of 1890. I stayed and dried ten years there, then I thought I would venture a little further west—about 75 miles, to Scurry county. I have been here about fourteen months, and no rain yet. We had several what Arkansas folks call Texas sweats last year, but we did not get any snow last winter or anything to make any moisture, so you know we are dry. Talking about people having the blues, if we haven't got a good case of them I don't know why. Some of my neighbors have them so badly their clothes look blue. The farmers quit trying to do any thing in the fields, and they are now hauling bones for a living. If bones hold out, and prospects are good for them to, they may yet get through. I am sorry for the women and children here, but it is no matter for the men, for they know better than to come here with their families. I am satisfied that every man could get his wife to bundle up and start back to where they came from in one week's time, if they would only say the word. Some people don't know what sandstorms are, but all of those who want to know can find out by coming here and staying through February and March. We had one of the blessed things about every other day for one month. I have heard of people having what some call sand in their gizzard. If they haven't got it in this country, I don't know why. I know they have it in their eyes and ears, because I have seen them.—J. W. Harwell, Wheat, Scurry County, Tex."

I have had the "blues" that Bro. Harwell speaks of, and I extend to him my deepest sympathy. I will do more than that; I have one of the best inland locations in Texas and will exchange with him. I am as sick of black mud as he is of dust. My six years life in Scurry coun-

ty, though I did not realize it at the time, was one of earthly bliss, and a serious mistake of my life was when I left Wheat. My aim now is to return. I am persuaded to believe that Bro. Harwell is an extremist. I predict that Scurry county will make a bale of cotton per acre even this year, and plenty of sorghum—i.e., some will. Some will sit down and wait for it to rain and starve, others will plow and plant, and make good crops without rain. I saw Mr. J. L. Gray who lives near Browning school house, make three-fourths of a bale of cotton per acre without any rain after it came up. How he made it, I refer to him or Mr. S. R. Fickas. I think Mr. Harwell's letter is an injury to Scurry county.—W. B. Miller.

The News clipping printed above and referred to by Mr. Miller in his letter is entirely erroneous in many of its statements. One would infer from the above that there is a general exodus from Scurry county, when such is not the case. The county is continuing to receive immigrants from the east, a great majority of whom come and buy homes because they realize that it is better to purchase land at from \$2 to \$5 per acre than it is to remain where they are and rent. But many come and buy from one to four and sometimes more sections of land because they prefer our pure healthful climate and good water to their black land farms in other portions of the state. On an average crops of 1901 in Scurry county would, we believe, compare favorably with other counties of the state, and while we enjoyed a few of those sandstorms of which Mr. Harwell speaks during the month of March, this year, the outlook for prosperous times ahead is not unfavorable. The mild winter has been very favorable to the cattle interests of the county, though grass is short, and the fruit crops are uninjured. Portions of the county have received seasons sufficient for the present and later rains would be in time for cotton and forage crops of all kinds. We suppose Mr. Harwell had a case of the gim jams when he wrote above, but expect he is over them by now and by the time he remains away as long as Mr. Miller he too, will want to come back to Scurry.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Parties are hereby notified under penalty of the law not to chop or haul wood out of any of the Seoggin and Brown pastures. Seoggin & Brown.

A NEW MAN- DAMUS SUIT.

An Actual Settler in Lynn County Files Suit Against Land Commissioner.

Much has recently been said about the validity of leases issued by the Land Commissioner where the original lease contract had not expired. This matter will now be decided in the courts and as a great many people from this section have made applications to purchase lands covered by this suit, it will be watched closely. In referring to the filing of the suit a correspondent to the Houston Post of April 17, has the following to say:

Austin, Texas, April 16.—An application for a writ of mandamus was filed in the supreme court this morning by J. E. Ketner against Land Commissioner Chas. Rogan and C. C. Slaughter of Dallas to compel the commissioner to award him a patent on a section of land now claimed under lease by C. C. Slaughter.

Ketner is an actual settler on one section of land in Lynn county and has applied for an additional section which is at present under lease to C. C. Slaughter, claiming that the lease is void because made on lands already leased and, the original lease having expired, though the subsequent lease has not. It is claimed that the land is subject to sale and on the application of Ketner the commissioner is bound

to award him the land.

In this case C. C. Slaughter was the original lessee and he took a new lease on the land before the first one had expired.

I. O. O. F. PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH.

1. Opening services conducted by N. G., W. H. Wilson.
2. Thanksgiving Hymn—By Lodge.
3. Music—by Band.
4. Prayer.—
5. Oration—W. B. Crockett.
6. Music by Band.

AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK.

1. Music, Anniversary Hymn—Quartet.
2. Object of Odd Fellows—Miss Garner.
3. Friendship—Miss Patterson.
4. Brotherly Love—E. B. Barnes.
5. Music—Mrs. A. C. Wilmeth.
6. Universal Love—Miss Person.
7. Benevolence—M. E. Rosser.
8. Charity—Miss Effie Fickas.
9. Music—Mrs. Wilmeth.
10. Truth—C. R. Lookhart.
11. Covenants—Miss Clark.
12. Music—
13. Intemperance—W. B. Baker.
14. Words of Wisdom—B. L. Crump.

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Take Notice.

On June 1st we will enter on new books our subscription lists and in doing so will leave off all names of those who live out of Scurry county who have not paid up, and of those in the county who are more than one year in arrears unless otherwise arranged. Now if you are sending The Coming West to some friend and have not paid up you are requested to call and see about the matter. If you want the paper and have not the money we are willing to wait until you get it.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

I hereby call a massmeeting convention of the democrats of Scurry county, to meet at the court house June 14th, 1902, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing and instructing delegates to the state and district conventions and to do anything else that the wisdom of said convention may see fit.

A. C. WILMETH.

Chairman of Democratic Executive Committee.

WANTED FOR THEFT.

Deputy Sheriff Al Irwin of Calahan county passed through here last Friday with Lee Rasberry who is said to be wanted in Calahan county on a charge of horse theft committed three years ago. Rasberry was charged with burning cattle in Kent county and was held at Clairmont waiting the action of the grand jury of the recent term of district court, but no indictment was found against him.

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R. N. GRISHAM ANNOUNCES.

Kent County Man Declares Himself in the Race for District Attorney of the 39th Judicial District.

The attention of the readers of The Coming West is invited to the announcement this week of Hon. R. N. Grisham, of Kent county, for the office of district attorney of this judicial district. Mr. Grisham is at present county judge of Kent county, and is also a law partner of Senator D. F. Goss, the firm being Goss & Grisham. The Coming West knows of Mr. Grisham as a gentleman of high character, of moral sober habits who is popular with the people of his home county where he has lived for several years. We also ascertain that he ranks well in his profession, and is recognized as a man of ability, fair minded, and with plenty of firmness and force of character.

In politics Mr. Grisham is a democrat. He assures the voters of the district that if elected he will faithfully and fearlessly prosecute all violations of law.

He is personally known to many of the people of Snyder and Scurry county, though not generally acquainted over the county. Mr. Grisham possesses the qualifications to make a good district attorney, and The Coming West, without derogating in the least from other candidates for the office, feels safe in saying that if he should be elected the district will have an honest, faithful and efficient prosecuting officer.

LEGGINGS FOUND.

Pair deer skin leggings found seven miles West of Snyder on Roby road. Owner can secure same by calling at Coming West office and paying for this notice.

JOE CHEANEY HERE.

Eld. Josephus Cheaney, the well known temperance and prohibition speaker, of Dallas, came in Tuesday. He delivered very instructive and interesting lectures on the subject of prohibition Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Mr. Cheaney will lecture again to night, tomorrow night, Saturday night and Sunday morning. We learn that an effort will be made to have him lecture at each voting precinct in the county. His lectures are free and we trust that every one who can will come and hear him.

RECEIVED THREE BULLS.

W. A. Johnson, the well known Scurry county stockman, received three fine shorthorned bulls yesterday from H. C. Duncan, of Missouri. The animals were purchased at the Fort Worth convention.—Colorado Tookman.

LEE BOREN SELLS OUT.

L. D. Grantham has bought the interest of Lee Boren, in the Gents Furnishing House, in which business they have been equally interested in for several months. Mr. Grantham has had several years experience in the Mercantile business and we predict for him a substantial and continual patronage. The deal was closed Tuesday.

A STRAY BULL.

About a month ago I noticed a red muly bull in the lane near my place, in a very bad shape and down; thinking he belonged to the EBE ranch I put him in my pasture and have been feeding him every since. Branded E (very small and low down) on left thigh. Owner will oblige me very much by taking this animal off my hands, paying for my trouble and also this advertisement. T. D. McMILLAN.

Old papers for sale at Coming West office 25c per hundred.

WANTED.

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The following couples attended the entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harris 20 miles west in Borden county, last night: Mr. R. B. Jones and Miss Janie Scarborough, Mr. W. O. Wellborn and Miss Pearl Clark, Mr. J. I. Baze and Miss Josie Garner.

Miss Lillie Bell of Marshall, who has been teaching a class in music at Clairmont the past five months, came to Snyder Tuesday and went up to Light, where she takes charge of another class.

WILL SELL AT COST.

Queensware and Glassware will be sold at cost for the next thirty days at the

RACKET STORE.

A little child of D. A. Jones, of Light, is reported quite sick this week.

The 4 year old child of John Jones, of Light, who has been very ill of pneumonia is reported much improved.

Mrs. W. H. Wellborn who has been quite sick the past week is improving.

H. P. Wellborn of Knapp, was in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. R. A. Fox and daughter, Miss Selie, returned Saturday last from a visit to relatives at Clairmont.

Attorney Chas. Jones went to Clairmont Tuesday on business.

Frank Hunter of Clairmont, passed through town last Saturday en route to Dallas.

County attorney Frank A. Judkins of Clairmont, was in Snyder last Saturday.

John Collier of the west part of the county, left Monday for Abilene.

D. W. Meador of the Bison community, is gathering his cattle and will drive them to Terry county.

J. W. Russell was doing business in the city Wednesday.

Jack Jones returned Thursday of last week from Hale county. Jack bought some town property at Hale Center and says he will move to that place in the near future.

J. N. Ellis has rented a house on west side of the square and will move his market from Bridge street to that place Monday.

BARBER NOTICE.

I have bought the interest of E. K. Smith in the Hall & Smith barber shop and will continue business at the stand. For up-to-date Haircutting and Shaving call on me. Your patronage solicited. H. L. HALL.

Those indebted to W. H. Wilson and who have not made satisfactory arrangement by note are requested to come in and settle by May 1st, as after that date all accounts will be put in the hands of a collector.

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Announcements.

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P. D. SANDERS.

For District Attorney:

CULLEN C. HIGGINS.

For District and County Clerk:

C. R. BUCHANAN.

For Sheriff and Tax-collector:

J. A. SUITS,
T. J. FAUGHT.

For County Attorney:

FRITZ R. SMITH.

For Tax Assessor;

S. T. (Tom) ELZA.
J. N. ELLIS.

While we are quite willing to admit that the stock interests of this section are considerably damaged at present and may be worse, we see no need of any one becoming discouraged yet. There's plenty of time for the farmers come out all right. For a man to notice closely the mammoth stocks of dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc., our people are continually receiving, he wouldn't think they were suffering a great deal of uneasiness.

Ira Cullings.

(April 17.)

Ira seems to be on the improve and her citizens on the move for business.

J. Middleton purchased a house and lot in Ira this week of G. A. Autry.

The gin work is progressing as well as can be expected. Some rock for the furnace has been put on the ground.

The school at Bluff Creek, taught by Prof. A. Rhoades, closed yesterday. The evening was pleasantly spent listening to recitations and other exercises.

L. L. Forrester made a business trip down in this part Friday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Forrester.

Henry Angel of the Star, Eastland county, is visiting his parents of Ira this week.

The singing class at this place has appointed representatives to meet with the county convention at Independence. Several other parties from here will attend.

We learn that the school at this place will continue about three months yet. This will be of great advantage to the scholars and it is hoped that each one will do their best during the remainder of the term.

Success to The Coming West.
ANDY J.

One of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Williams' twin babies, we learn, is quite sick this week.

Dr. Person returned Wednesday morning from a visit to Ira. He reports nine cases of small pox existing at that place, but says it is of a very mild type.

Hat Ellis has so recovered as to be able to be up.

Wade Golden of Richmond, Ky., is prospecting in Scurry county this week.

Mrs. Charley Fox of Clairmont is reported quite ill this week.

Mrs. B. C. Hardin of Clairmont, who has been very ill is reported improving.

Dr. Scarborough reports a fine girl born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stavelly, of the Light community on the 17 inst.

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