

THE AVALANCHE.

Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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LUBBOCK POSTOFFICE.

Promoted to Third Class By the Postal Authorities. Now a Salaried Office.

Postmaster J. H. Johnson received as a Christmas present the pleasant information that Lubbock Post office is no longer a commission office after January 1, but will hereafter be classed among the salaried offices, his salary being \$1,200 per annum.

The postal business of Lubbock is quite heavy and the reports of receipts and the amount of mail matter received and handled by this office showed up so well that the high authorities of the postal department saw the importance of the change. It is quite an honor to Lubbock to be thus promoted and it was nothing more than should have been done.

Now the next thing is to get the mail here sooner. This is a matter that should engage the minds of our people and they should never let up on it till something has been accomplished in the way of faster transportation to and from the railroad. The fact that Lubbock receives her mail 48 hours late should not be tolerated if there is any way to get around it, and the government ought to be grossly ashamed of such treatment of her subjects in this matter. Lubbock has transportation for passengers that lands them in Lubbock from the railroad in 2 1/2 hours while our mail is all day in getting here after leaving the postoffice; then it has been delayed over night at Plainview. This is a question that is desperately important to Lubbock, and should be remedied as quickly as possible.

Railroad Notes

Editor and the Doctor.

If an editor make a mistake he has to apologize for it, but if a doctor makes a mistake he buries it. If an editor makes one there is a lawsuit, swearing and the smell of sulphur, but if a doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and a smell of varnish. A doctor can use a word a yard long without knowing what it means, but if an editor uses it he has to spell it. Any old college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor; he has to be born.

Big Snow at Dimmitt.

Dimmitt, Tex., Dec. 25.—One of the biggest snows of the season began falling on Dec. 21 at 6:30 a. m. and continued through the day and most of the night, clearing off just before daylight of the 22nd. About six inches of snow on a level but fell so nicely that live stock have suffered very little and the storm seems to be about over. Snow will be very beneficial to the large fields of wheat throughout the country.

It is stated that eggs are sixty cents a dozen in California, which is pretty good evidence that the poultry business is neglected in that state. Thirty-five cents per dozen in Abilene is often reached, and when prices go to that figure eggs are more profitable than cotton at twenty cents a pound. Let the egg industry be developed in this section of Texas.—Abilene Reporter.

John Holmes of Terry County was here Monday.

THE CHRISTMAS TREES.

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools Each Made Magnificent Displays.

The Methodists outdone by far anything they have ever attempted in the Christmas tree line in Lubbock, on last Tuesday, Christmas Eve night.

Two beautiful cedar trees had been secured and placed side by side on the pulpit of the church and most beautifully decorated with large red balls festooned in evergreen which set forth a most brilliant sight. The tree was loaded with many beautiful and costly presents, such as only people in a most prosperous condition can afford. Dressed in an artistic and tasty style, its beauty was sublimely grand and was the talk of the town Christmas day. A nice little program superceded the distribution of presents, which was composed of songs followed by a prayer by Pastor Ben Hardy, a vocal solo by Miss Patterson and a welcome address by Little Miss Lowrie Peoples, whose talent for such is seldom equaled. After the program was ended a messenger boy entered with a message from Santa Claus which read, "Plainview, Texas—I am leaving for Lubbock; will be at the Christmas tree in time." Another song took up the time and when ended the messenger boy again entered with the following phone message over Staked Plains Telephone lines: "Auto broke down; we're working hard to get it repaired." This, of course, was bad news to the little folks, but they had only to wait a few minutes for Santa Claus soon made his appearance with a smile on his face that will not soon wear off. He was as lively as ever and seemed to have a full stock of candy from the way he scattered it about over the house. After a cheerful greeting to all he at once got busy delivering to all who were fortunate to be on his honor roll the many presents that had been placed on the tree for them.

It was in every particular a grand success.

Early Morning Call.

Early Christmas morning the phone in Uncle Johnie Green's home rang viciously as all hurried calls do, and Mr. Green, the veterinary surgeon answered the call promptly. It came from the home of J. A. Hyatt in East Lubbock and stated that a valuable horse had sustained serious injury during the night and requested that he come down at once and administer to the animal such treatment as he could. Dr. Green at once seized his case of instruments and medicines and hurried to the place post haste. On his arrival at the house indicated by the phone call he was shown to the back yard where lay the little boy's rocking horse, with a severe laceration on the neck in the vicinity of the jugular vein.

The faithful veterinary at once saw the joke that had been so nicely perpetrated on him, and engaged heartily with the balance of the crowd assembled to see the operation, in a wholesale laugh, after which they invited him into the house and a good old fashioned egg nog was enjoyed. Thus ended a most laughable and pleasant Xmas joke.

CATTLE FAMINE NEAR.

300,000 Head Had Been Moved From Panhandle of Texas This Year.

The cattle industry is growing lesser in the Panhandle and in the Texas plains country. A Telegram reporter during the past few weeks made an extensive trip through the plains country, visiting nearly every town upon the plains and traveling 485 miles without once seeing a train.

Everywhere the story of the ranchmen was the same. The settlers, the homeseekers, the farmers, are coming in and the cattle are going out. The ranchmen anticipating that early day when their ranches must be cut up into farms, are selling off their cows. They are disposing of their yearling steers and their calves. Their heifers for the past season or two have been subjected to the spaying knife.

Then where is the future beef supply of this once great cattle breeding section coming from? If the yearlings are being sent away in trainloads and if the calves are being sold, where can they get their next year's beef and the beef of the following season? If the cows are no longer there where will the calves come from? There will be none.

Not only ranchmen, but brand inspectors and government inspectors tell the same story. They are closing out with view to turning over their lands to the settler. The herds are diminishing, the vast droves of cattle are growing less.

300,000 CATTLE LEAVE PANHANDLE
One inspector interviewed stated that in rough figures 400,000 cattle had left the Panhandle country so far this year. Dr. I. H. Barr, of Canyon, who has this year himself inspected 80,000 head, and is a government inspector, states that the foregoing is a fact.

While cattle are going out more or less the greater part of the year, the real cattle shipping season commenced about Aug. 1 and it is since that date that the most of this exodus has occurred. But with the breaking of the bigger herds another condition is arising. Hogs are becoming a staple of the west Texas country. And again, while the herds of cattle are becoming smaller, the quality of the beef is improving.

The farmer is now raising his own grain. He will hold a few beef animals and finish them here. Hitherto range cattle have been shipped northward to receive those finishing touches on grain which make the juicy steaks a delight to the epicureans.

West Texas, when conditions become normal, may produce more flesh of the beef animal for market than ever before. It will not be the range animal as in the past, but the well-fatted, grain-fed, finished product. There may and may not be so many cattle shipped from west Texas, but one thing is certain and that is that they will be better cattle.

SCARCITY BOUND TO COME.

For a time there will be a scarcity of beef in that great section. This is bound to be. But with the fine finished grain-fed cattle and the grain-fed hogs and the introduction of diversified farming a few acres will produce what sec-

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BAND ENTERTAINMENT.

The Play Entitled "Honor of A Cowboy," Was Well Attended—A Big Hit.

The biggest hit of the season was the play entitled "The Honor of a Cowboy" presented by the members of the Lubbock Band, assisted by other local talent.

The large house was taxed to its full seating capacity to accommodate the crowd that attended and all were well pleased with the play from start to finish. It took about two hours to present this magnificent play, but its length did not seem to tire the large audience in the least. All the characters were represented most ably and several of them deserve extra praise for the manner by which they presented their parts. The orchestra which furnished music before the play began and between acts deserves special mention as does also the several instrumental solos by Miss McGee and others.

We desire to thank all, in behalf of the band, for their most liberal patronage and especially all who so kindly assisted in the entertainment in every way.

The gross proceeds of the play amounted to \$123.40.

A RUINED LIFE.

Presented on December 20 at Band Hall Was Quite a Success.

The above play was presented on schedule time under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church, and was a great success both financially and otherwise.

The play was along the line of temperance and carried with it a splendid moral, setting forth the dangers of strong drink and was very appropriate for church societies.

The attendance was very liberal and the proceeds were altogether satisfactory.

We understand the money made on this occasion will be used toward repainting the Baptist church which all will agree, is badly in need of shining up for the new year.

Store Burglarized.

Sunday night unknown parties broke into the Western Windmill and Hardware Company's store and secured a 22 target rifle and made good their escape. Mr. Morrow, who sleeps in the store, was awakened by the noise and frightened them away, which prevented them from taking anything else. They effected entrance to the building by breaking out a window pane. No clue has yet been found to the identity of the intruding parties.

Wouldn't Swap.

M. M. Harney, of Lubbock, came up Thursday to meet his son, Stephen, and family of Nebraska. They spent the night in Plainview and drove to Lubbock next day. This is the first visit of the young people to the plains country, but they are well pleased with what they have seen of this country. The elder Harney has been in Lubbock county for some five years, and is not yet ready to trade counties with anyone.—Plainview Herald.

NEW TOWN IN CROSBY.

Has Been Surveyed and Great Activity is Expected. May Move Seat of Government.

A town whose name shall spell metropolis for the county of Crosby, is the ambition project of Julian M. Bassett, big land owner in that section of the state. The new town has been christened Bassett, after the owner of the land, and was surveyed by N. K. Smith, county surveyor of Hall county, and C. P. Smyth of this place last week. It is located about nine miles northeast of the town of Emma, the county seat of Crosby county. Messrs. Smith and Smyth returned from Crosby county this week and report the surveys completed.

Julian M. Bassett, founder of the new town, owns about 50,000 acres of land surrounding the new townsite. He has recently cut this high tract up into small farms and proposes to sell it out, thus to actual settlers who wish to cultivate the land. It is stated that he will adopt a policy of extreme liberality in the disposal of the Bassett town property, and will probably use the latter property to a very large extent in inducing settlers to purchase the surrounding farming lands. Reports say that he will give away some of the town lots to the purchasers of the farming lands.

AN IMPORTANT MOVE

Importance is given the Bassett move by the peculiar condition now prevailing in Crosby county, so it is stated. That section of the state is largely in the possession of a few men who own large blocks of land. Many of these owners have persistently refused to cut up their property and sell out in small tracts to actual settlers. This is true of the immediate locality in which the county seat, Emma, is located, and this very condition is said to be responsible for the great handicap that town has suffered in the past and is still suffering.

Men conversant with the situation declare it is practically impossible for the present county seat town to enjoy any marked degree of growth until these large holdings are cut up and disposed of to settlers, and as the owners refuse to cut it up it appears that the town is doomed to a long period of activity.

An important feature of the situation is the fact that the present move for the establishment of a new town is believed by many to have for one of its objects the removal of the county seat from Emma to the new town. Once settled up with a number of small farmers with all the surrounding land cut up into tracts suitable for farming on a small scale, it is pointed out that Bassett will hold every advantage over the old town. It will be remembered that the seat of government for Crosby county has already been changed once. Years ago it was located at the old town of Marietta, now known as Estacado, but was finally moved to Emma.—Hall County Herald.

Ben Glasier and wife of Terry county were in the city the first of the week.

W. D. Shaw of Yoakum county spent a few days here last week.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1908.

If you are a member of the Commercial Club you should attend the meetings regularly and do your part toward furthering the interests of your town.

We notice in the announcement column of the Plainview papers the name of J. W. Campbell as a candidate for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk of Hale County.

Don't be a drone. If you won't work for your town, get out of the way that others who are willing to take hold of the wheels of progress and enterprise can get a fair show. If you won't work for goodness sake don't stop the other fellow.

Among the New Year's resolutions this year we hope you did not overlook the important resolution that you will be a faithful, energetic member of the Commercial Club, read your home paper and pay for same, work for the upbuilding of Lubbock and the West in general.

Christmas has come and gone and old Santa Claus has been most liberal with the most of us. Probably more so than we deserve, but be that as it may. We should be thankful indeed, in these days of financial stringencies, for the many kind remembrances from our friends and relatives.

The New Year should bring about renewed activity in the matter of School building for Lubbock. We cannot well afford to let the matter of supplying the crying demand for a better, more adequate school buildings for Lubbock. Revive the work with the advent of the New Year and push this matter to a final accomplishment.

The year of 1907 is a thing of the past, she has passed into history. The space of time required for the passage of the year has been well improved, so far as we can see. The past twelve months have brought with them wonderful changes. Our magnificent town and broad prairies have advanced rapidly and the new year—1908—finds us a happy, prosperous and progressive people, possessed of a liberal share of this world's goods, and enjoying magnificent health that this bracing climate furnishes to all. During the year, Lubbock has been beautified by the erection of many handsome, substantial residences such as any town could not but delight to welcome, also many substantial commodious business houses have been placed on the square and lead streets thereto presenting a most city-like appearance. It is no wonder then, that the people of Lubbock are proud of their town, and people from abroad praise her progressiveness when they visit us. We, as a town and country, have naught to complain of and we start out on a new year with brilliant prospects and a glorious future before us. Now, let us all be more progressive this year than ever before and let us accomplish even more for ourselves, our town and our community than ever before. We wish you a happy New Year.

Dr. Mark Travies of the veterinary department of A. and M. College, has under treatment for Texas fever a thoroughbred Hereford bull belonging to Frank Newsum of Abilene, a Polled Hereford bull belonging to Booge-Scott Brothers of Coleman, and twenty-three Polled Angus bulls belonging to G. O. Creswell of Oplin, Callahan county. The value of these animals run up into thousands of dollars. The treatment they get at the college is given free of charge. The usually fatal Texas fever has been handled by Dr. Travies with remarkable success. At one time three years elapsed before a single animal died while being treated by Dr. Travies and he had sick ones under his care almost constantly. Very little danger is now assumed by importers who wish to bring cattle into Texas.

On Sunday at Sweetwater Joe Foy and wife went to the Frank Newman barber shop where Joe works and found it locked. They opened the door and a negro porter employed there attempted to rush out, but they restrained him. On investigation it was found that the porter had beat another negro's head to a jelly and he was either dead or dying. It is supposed that they had fallen out over a game of craps with the above result.—Roby Banner.

The Artesian Well

Work on the artesian well is still carried on day and night and a distance of over 500 feet has been reached and the casing now reaches to almost the full depth of the well. Red clay is still being encountered and being very hard to mix with water, the work is much more difficult than one would imagine. Just how much deeper this strata of clay formation extends is impossible to tell, but it will be good news when this has been penetrated and the work can be carried on much more rapidly.—Big Springs Herald.

NOTICE.

We take this means of notifying the public of a change in our policy made necessary by the stringency in money matters. For an indefinite period we will have to put our business on a cash basis. This step is made necessary by our creditors refusing to extend us credit. This is no reflection on any one but an unusual condition of affairs which must be met. All parties indebted to us are respectfully solicited to come in and settle by cash or approved note at once. Thanking all for past favors and soliciting your patronage under new conditions, we are,
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RAILROAD NOTES.

The Railroad Promoters Are Busy in the Western Counties.

The number of people present at the meeting last Saturday was evidence that they are deeply interested in the proposed railroad. The attendance would have been greater had the day not been stormy, thus making it very unpleasant to come from a distance. Mr. Bon Durant was present and agreed to make some changes in the contract which were calculated to render the bonus easier raised. He will accept 50 per cent of the bonus in land, but cash is required for the first three payments. The meeting gave the people confidence that the road will be built if the bonus is raised, and the committee are faithfully and diligently at work and say it will be made up if non-residents do their part; and this the people here have a right to expect them to do. The survey is now being made for the Seminole Division and it is thought the grading will begin by the first of next month.

Mr. Ben Durant has evinced a disposition to be fair and reasonable in making a contract with Seminole—a fact which the people appreciate—and while the building of railroads is a business proposition, yet, where they are badly needed it does not stifle sentiment; and for years after this road is built, as the people who lived in this county during its first years observe the growth, industry and prosperity of Seminole and the surrounding country—see far and wide the fertile farms bedecked in beauty by the handiwork of many a contented toiler, they will not forget the man who first gave them hope and assurance of the condition that has been brought about.—Seminole Sentinel.

ROAD GETS CHARTER.

The charter of the Ballinger and Abilene Railroad Company was approved last week by the attorney general. The proposed road is to run from Ballinger to Abilene, a distance of fifty-three miles. The capital stock is \$200,000. Ballinger will be the principal office. The incorporators are C. A. Doose, C. H. Willingham, J. I. Guion, J. McGregor, J. W. Howell, W. J. Miller, W. E. Allen, Tom Ward, J. O. Wilmeth, C. O. Harris, Ballinger; Cicero Smith and R. E. Wiley. Mineral Wells.

TOM GREEN CO. CITIZENS AFTER RAILROAD.

Taking time by the forelock, citizens of Water Valley, in the northwestern part of Tom Green county, have inaugurated an active movement to secure the line of the West Texas & Northern railroad when it extends south from Stanton to San Angelo. After pledging the road a bonus of \$60,000, right of way and depot grounds, a committee was appointed to take the matter up with President Bon Durant, of the railroad, and to notify him that they were ready to enter into a contract when the details were agreed upon.—Taylor County News.

Notice

To my patrons: My dental office will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23rd, until Jan. 15th, or until further notice.

Dr. Ballinger, Dentist.

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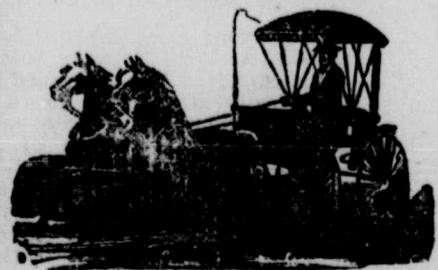
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Miss Carye Rush has been real ill this week, but we are pleased to report her condition greatly improved.

If Bryan has no chance to be elected president, his enemies ought to be the last to object to his nomination.—Daily Panhandle.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

Acuff

Burt Burford spent Xmas at Lubbock.

Walter and Hettie Burford went to Tahoka to take Xmas.

A. L. Crone is now putting up a nice house on his ranch.

J. W. Dalton and wife of Lubbock spent a few days the past week at Acuff.

Miss Lennie Dalton of Lubbock spent Xmas with her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Hoops.

Frank Ross and wife, of Petersburg, was down Sunday and Bro. Ross preached for us.

School began again Monday and everything is settled down to business for another year.

Several nice parties in the neighborhood during Christmas and the young folks all seemed to have a nice time.

Mr. Eubanks and wife, of Truscott, Knox county, came in Friday and have bought land from Mrs. Eubanks' father, M. A. Evitt and left this morning for Plainview for lumber to build with.

The Acuff and Canyon people threw in together and had a nice Xmas tree at the Canyon school house. Everything went off nice and pleasant and all had a good time.

Christmas has come and gone and everything went off in the Acuff country very quietly. Mr. Alford and family, of Austin, Texas, came on the 24th and will make their home on the M. S. Acuff place. We welcome these people among us and hope that the country will be bettered by them being among us.

Say, Mr. Editor, you just ought to have been with me Xmas day. Mrs. Happy Jack fixed that turkey that she had been saving for a time and I'll tell you I just like to have hurt myself, and then on the 27th J. T. Brown and wife sent an invitation out for the neighborhood to come in and take dinner with them and I'll tell you J. T. and Mrs. Brown know just how to make everybody have a good time. I always thought I was a champion eater but when I got up against J. H. Kemp and J. F. Bacon I wasn't in it at all. Now I have invitations to two more Xmas dinners and of course I can't afford to miss a good thing and if you hear of me being sick, you may know what the trouble is.

HAPPY JACK

A Statement!

It has been, and it is so often and presistantly uttered that I am practicing medicine without license or authority, that I deem it due to the public; to my patrons; to my friends; to myself and to my Profession, to make the following statement of facts.

First; that I am a graduate of the New Orleans School of Medicine. Second; that I am also a graduate of the National College of Electro Therapeutics. Third; that I have a Medical Certificate from a Medical Examining Board of Texas. Fourth; that I also have a Medical License from the State Medical Board of Texas. Fifth; that these two last named instruments are on record in the District Clerk's office in Lubbock. Sixth; that I also have three other Medical Certificates, and finally that all of these documents are open to the inspection of any gentleman or lady, at my home.

Respectfully,

22tf. Dr. Orville H. Westlake.

T. E. Michael of Hockley county was in the city Monday. He purchased the Geo. Wolfwarth automobile while here.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

A Letter Replete With Good Suggestions From the Worthy Superintendent.

We begin the second term of the scholastic year of 1907-1908 with bright prospects for a successful year. The usefulness of teachers may be greatly impaired unless a spirit of co-operation exists between parent and teacher. To this end I respectfully submit the following suggestions, which if followed, will enable the teacher to better perform the important duty of training your child.

Please see that your child is punctual in attendance at school. Tardiness on the part of one pupil is demoralizing to the entire school; while even an occasional absence may mean the discouragement and ultimate failure of your child. In case of unavoidable absence, the teacher will cheerfully accept an excuse if signed by the parent or guardian and presented on the next attendance of the child. May I also urge you to see that your child prepares the lessons at night assigned him by the teacher. Every child above the third grade will have some school work to do outside of school. This work will consume from thirty minutes in the fourth grade to two hours in the High school. If your child does not study each night, you may be sure that poor lessons will follow next day. In this connection I am reminded that social diversion often takes children away from their school duties. This is the teacher's greatest handicap, the "Rules and Regulations" states that every "boy and girl in the public school should understand that diligence in study to the exclusion of society is expected." The School Board and Faculty deem it best to suspend the Rules once a month for socials, and any school boy or school girl who attends a social function without the consent of superintendent, will be suspended from school one week. "In unity there is strength," is especially true in the teacher's work. If he can secure the hearty co-operation of one parent, he is strengthened, and will do better work. When it is possible to secure the co-operation of the majority, or of all parents, his work is greatly strengthened, and if he is a true teacher, he becomes invincible as a character builder.

On behalf of the teachers I extend to you an invitation to visit the school frequently. We should become better acquainted. A visit from you will encourage your child and enable us to advise with you. I believe it would stimulate your pride in the school to see the teaching, the disciple and the enthusiasm of the teachers and pupils. In doing everything possible to advance the interest of your child, permit me to pledge to you the loyal support of the teachers. We earnestly desire to make the school the pride of the town, and for the accomplishment of this aim we invite you to work with us, study the school carefully and advise with us freely. If these suggestions are followed, I am sure it will greatly increase the school interest in Lubbock, which means much to every child in our midst, whose life is trusted mutually to us for his present and future happiness.

Respectfully,

E. R. HAYNES.

B. F. Daugherty and wife and J. T. Bullock and wife spent Christmas week with T. E. Michael and family in Hockley county and report a very delightful time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor on New Year's night, a girl.

The Children's Corner.

FROM MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 22, '07

Dear Avalanche:

I am writing to you and to my friends in Lubbock.

Now I live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and I am going to school. I take German too, I think I will like it. Sometimes we divide 956 by 3. I get 100 in department, in reading 90, in German 89, in drawing 95, in spelling 95. I have been to the Chicago, Ill., Zoo and saw the lion and the snake and the leopard and the elephant and the teddy bear and the eagles, and owls and hawks and vultures. The ocelot and the lynx, or wild cat, swimming birds and last of all a beautiful Spanish duck, and sea-gulls and a little spoonbill and a family of sky larks, in a little bush, and we saw black birds and a big cow eating some meat, and then on our way home we saw a flock of sheep. I was just telling papa I wished I was back in Lubbock. The first snow storm we had lasted one day and two nights, and the icicles are two and a half feet long, and the sleighs are out already, so soon. I wish you all Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Well, good bye, and hoping to hear from some of my little Lubbock friends, I am your friend,

ROBERT W. HAY.

Junior League Program.

Leader Miss Ruby Ellis

Subject: Two Great Commandments

Lesson Matt. xxii-37-39

SONG

Scripture readings—

What Love Does: 1 Cor. xiii-4-8

Mr. Rufus Rush

The Way of Love and Its Reward:

John xiv-15-16. Miss Fannie

B. Carter.

The Christian Way: Eph. v-2.

Aynes Robinson

SONG

Lesson Story Zodia Tubbs

Roll Called.

Benediction.

A. B. Martain was here from

Tulia the first of the week.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1908.

Pay up.
Or not vote.
Take your choice.
Pay your poll tax.

Attend the Commercial Club meeting tomorrow.
A good rain last night makes the man with a big wheat acreage smile.

You only have about three more weeks to pay your poll tax to make you a legal voter in Texas. Don't neglect it.

Saturday (tomorrow) is the date of the regular meeting of Lubbock Commercial Club. Considerable business of importance is to come up before the club and a good representation of the membership should be present.

In our opinion a reduction of the passenger fare on railroads in Texas would be a serious drawback to West Texas, and we believe that our representatives should let the people know what they think of the matter before being returned to the legislative halls again.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject: A message of Grace.
Leader: Jeffie Outhouse.
Scripture lesson: Romans 5: 1-11.
Luke 17, 1-10, Miss Thornton (com).
Luke 16, John Willard (com).
Song.
Paper, Grace, Mrs. Richmond.
Roll call with quotations from Bible.
Paper, Grace or Love; Mrs. Dixon.
Song.

BAPTIST XMAS TREE.

Santa Claus Had His Full Foree At the Baptist Church Xmas Eve Night.

No picture could be presented so beautiful to the minds of the children than the Christmas Tree which greeted them at the Baptist church Christmas eve night which had been carefully arranged by "Santa Claus." He seemed to have known just what each one wanted and had spared nothing in preparing it for them. There were two trees, one on either end of the stage, and none could fail to admit that they were as beautiful as could have been arranged.

At 8 o'clock the evening exercises were opened by a song from the choir, followed by several recitations which had been prepared by the little folks. All were well rendered and they deserve credit for it. A beautiful and well rendered vocal solo, entitled "Holy City" given by Miss Cowen, after which Mr. Baker made some preliminary remarks concerning the Tree and explained to the little ones that "Santa" had been delayed, but before he had kept their anxious hearts waiting long the tinkle of sleigh bells were heard and in came the long expected Santa Claus, greeting all with apples, oranges, pop corn, etc. All were glad to see him and, after stating that he had come from the regions of the North Pole to visit them and on account of snow giving out he was forced to leave his sleigh somewhere to the north, all the children gave no more thought of seeing his reindeer and turned their thoughts again to the presents on the tree.

The different committees took their respective places and in a short time all the presents had been delivered, during which time most excellent order was kept for such an occasion. After the trees were bare again, to the mystery of the little folks, Santa Claus mysteriously disappeared and all quietly left the church house for their homes loaded with their many presents and to dream of the pleasant 1907 Christmas in Lubbock.

The W. H. M. Society

Having read in "Our Homes" that the H. M. S. at McGregor, has succeeded in arousing greater interest among the women there by writing every female member whose name is on church register an invitation, also to the sister societies of the town to attend a meeting held by them. We held a meeting of our executive committee to talk about having a meeting just like this one. Wednesday 15th is the date on which we think of having the meeting. To each one of our friends outside of our church who are interested in our welfare, we shall say that we shall be very grateful to you (considering the embarrassing position it would place us in should we undertake to write invitations to any of our friends out side of the church as we should not know where to stop) will take this as a special invitation and be present with us.

Press Reporter of H. M. S.

The Panhandle Short Line.

The following from the San Angelo Standard of Dec. 21 shows that there is something doing in the Panhandle railroad proposition:

Here are some extracts from a letter of recent date, written by W. A. Squires, of Hereford, Texas, to Colonel A. J. Baker, ex-land commissioner:

"I have become interested in the construction of the Panhandle Shortline railroad from Hereford, Texas, to San Antonio, via San Angelo. Providing San Angelo will co-operate with us, she can secure this road, which will be built through to San Antonio, for we have secured the necessary financial aid, whereby we are safe in saying that the road is going to be built.

"We have twenty-two miles graded and ready for the ties and rails, and have the road surveyed to Stanton, on the Texas & Pacific road, a distance of two hundred miles, and the line located and the right of way secured.

"Within the next sixty days we shall have twenty-four miles of the road in operation to Dimmitt, county seat of Castro county, and on January 15th we will let a contract for grading one hundred miles from Dimmitt to Lubbock. About January 15 or 20 we will put our engineering corps in the field and survey."

Miss Carrye Rush Dead.

In another column of this issue will be found a notice of the serious illness of Miss Carrye Rush, who at the time of the writing was greatly improved, but sad to say her condition grew worse and at about 5 o'clock this morning death relieved her of her sufferings and her spirit took its flight to a brighter and better dwelling place.

Miss Carrye was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rush, among the most highly esteemed families of our little city, and news of the death of this noble young lady sent a shock of sadness through the town such as the sudden departure from life of one who was loved and respected as Miss Carrye was, can possibly produce.

She was loved for her noble character and gentleness and her many girl associates feel the pangs of grief most keenly for the thoughts of the many pleasant years spent with her.

The family have the heartfelt sympathy of everyone in the saddest hours of one's life. The short time elapsing between this sad occasion, as our press hour prevents a full obituary of this noble girl, but hope to be permitted a better account by next week.

For the next 20 days, \$10 per acre buyes one of the best sections on the plains, 5 miles from Lubbock, shallow water, good neighbor hood.

Jno. F. Robinson.

T. O. Earhart went to Plainview the first of this week with a load of household goods for J. M. Sawyers.

COURT DIRECTORY

District Officers:
L. S. Kinder, Plainview - Judge
L. C. Penry, Plainview - Attorney
R. E. Brown, Lubbock - Clerk
Court convenes on the seventeenth Monday after the first Monday in January and July.

County Officers:
Ino. R. McGee - Judge
R. E. Brown - Clerk
L. W. Roberts, Sheriff & Tax Collector
W. H. Fynn - Deputy Sheriff
W. M. Crawford - Treasurer
H. K. Porter - Tax Assessor
W. R. Standefer, Co. & Dist. Surveyor
No County Attorney.

Court meets on the second Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

Commissioners' Court:
L. M. Knight - Com. Prec. No. 1
G. M. Boles - Com. Prec. No. 2
H. B. Reed - Com. Prec. No. 3
R. A. Barclay - Com. Prec. No. 4
Regular sessions of the Commissioners' Court are held on the second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Justice's Court, Precinct No. 1:
L. M. Knight - Justice of the Peace
Court meets the first Saturday in each month.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Methodist Church
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Epworth League every Sunday at 3 p. m. Woman's Home Mission Society meets every 2 and 4 Tuesday in each month. Rev. Jas. P. Calloway, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Preaching on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in the month at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Church conference at 3 p. m. on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in each month. B. Y. P. U. Sunday eve at 4 o'clock. B. F. Dixon, Pastor.

Church of Christ
Preaching on first Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. at the Church House. Regular Church meeting every Sunday at 2 p. m. Liff Sanders, Elder.

Church Church
Preaching every third Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. in the Baptist Church. Thos. R. Nance Pastor.

SECRET ORDERS



Meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the W. O. W. Hall on South 1st Street. Jno. W. Baker, Noble Grand. Jas. L. Dow, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHAIS

Lubbock Lodge No. 386, meets every other Wednesday night in each month at Woodman Hall. S. C. Wilson, C. C.

MASONIC

Yellow House Lodge
No. 841, A. F. & A. M.—Meets the last Saturday in each month.
Lubbock Lodge No. 248, R. A. M.—Meets at 8 o'clock before the last Saturday in each month.
Jesse Chapter No. 76, O. E. S.—Meets on the last Saturday afternoon of each month.

Meets on the first and third Saturday nights in each month at 8 o'clock in W. O. W. Hall on South 1st Street. Geo. R. Bean, C. C.
W. D. Benson, Clerk.

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The Avalanche, Lubbock, Texas.

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For Thirty days, beginning with January 1st 1908, we will make the following prices on goods Listed below. Everything in our Dry Goods department reduced. These prices are FOR CASH ONLY. NO GOODS CHARGED at reduced prices:

OUTINGS at	12c now 9c	EDEN CLOTH	15c now 10½
" at	12½ now 10c	FLANNELETTE	10c now 8c
" at	10c now 7½c	"	12½ now 9c
" at	6c now 5c	FLEECE DOWN	16 now 12½

ALL COLORS IN STOCK BEST GRADES.		COLORS BLUE PINK AND GRAY	
Latest Colors in Fancy		Sultina Plaids	at 30c now 15c
WINTER WAISTING	at 30c now 20c	Fancy Waist Silk	at 30c now 15c
Plaid Waisting Gingham	now 17c	Novelty Plaid for Suiting	50c now 40c
Plaid Scotch Medro. Gray	10c now 6c	" " " "	25c now 15c
Zephyr Suiting	at 25c now 15c	Mohair Black and Gray	60c now 40c

Brilliantees formerly 60 & 50c now 40c; Fancy Blue Plaid all wool 75c now 40c Wool Suiting, Gray only 38c
 RIBBONS, all colors, widths and grades reduced to the lowest possible prices
 DOMESTIC, CAMBRIC, SHEETING PILLOW TUBEING at very lowest prices.
 GINGAMS, CALICO, CHAMBRE, PERCALES, COTTON CHECKS. 5c to 8 1-2c
 All colors in Cretones Drapery Cloth, and Swiss ranging in price from 7c to 15c
 Ladies Skirts choice colors and Syles, at these prices: Your choice while they last \$2.15
 Suit cases from \$1.50 to \$5.00; Hand bags 30c to 80c; Ladies hand bags 40c to \$3.00
 Trunks formerly \$7.50 now \$5.50

We will make the following low price on Ladies Kid Gloves, all sizes and Popular colors only 79c

A complete line of Ladies Belts, newest designs from	38c to 55c
Ladies Veils reduced from	1.00 to 54c
Ladies Collars, turn over, laundried, from	8c to 38c
Back combs, side combs combs and brushes from	10c to 1.00
Bed spreads, toilet quilts from	98c to 2.50
Mens belts, best values, formerly retailed at 50c, now 40c. All sizes.	3c
Lace curtains only 75c. Window shades at	45c
Rugs formerly retailed at 2.00 now 1.60. Matting now	30c and 35c
Blankets and quilts, all grades and colors	1.75 to 8.00
Hoods, facinators, shawls, opera scarfs, onto scarfs and caps, all sizes and colors ranging from	15c to 2.50
Hats and caps from a crusher to a B4. All sizes and colors from	28c to 5.75
Our shoes are all new goods, all sizes, best prices. Its a feat to fit feet us fit you. prices low.	Come let
Ladies coats, childrens coats, boys suits, best stock in town, at very low prices. Anywhere from	1.50 to 7.00

Bargains in Shirts, Underwear, Collars and Ties for men and boys. All sizes and colors in Shirts. Our Tie Department is the most complete in town. We will sell you three collars for 30c, commonly retail at 12 1-2c every where.
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Lubbock, Texas.

Local Mentions

H. V. Edsall was in the city Tuesday.
 C. Daughtry spent Sunday and Monday in Lubbock.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Meridith on Dec. 30th., a girl.
 L. C. Wilson made a business run to Plainview Monday.
 BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nolen, on the 27th of December, a fine girl.
 B. F. Montgomery and wife, of Hoekley, were in the city Wednesday.
 School re-opened Monday with a good attendance after the holidays.
 Prof. E. R. Haynes returned Saturday from a week's visit to Claude.
 Aubry McLary made a business trip to Plainview the first of the week.
 W. H. Lasswell of Farwell Texas was in the city the first of the week.
 Reavo McLarry left Monday for Ft. Worth where he will enter a business college.
 J. W. Anderson was in the city Saturday from his farm in the north part of the county.
 Read the Pre-Inventory Sale ad of Caldwell & Porter. It may interest you.
 Miss Maude Nevels returned Sunday from the ranch where she spent Christmas week.
 I will sell my stock of goods at cost for cash. Come and look thru. Ladies Novelty Store. If
 J. A. Caldwell has been dangerously ill for the past week, but we are proud to announce his condition greatly improved.
 Miss Neeta Shaw, of Lawn, Taylor county, is visiting for a week or so, the families of Jno. W. Baker and W. M. Shaw.
 Considerable excitement was created Wednesday afternoon when the music room of Miss Lula Campbell was reported as being on fire. A large crowd of willing helpers were soon on the scene and the flames were soon extinguished. The fire was caused by the stove pipe slipping down, leaving an opening between the pipe and ceiling. Only a few feet of paper and canvas was burned off around the flue.
 Dr. Griffin, who came to Lubbock some three months ago has decided to move to Gomez where he will engage in the practice of his profession. Dr Griffin and family will leave Saturday for the place of their future abode. Dr. Griffin is very profecient in the practice of his profession and made many friends while here and we commend him to the good people of Gomez without any hesitancy whatever and wish for him and his family much success. We realize in his departure the loss of a good physician and citizen, but our loss is Gomez's gain.
 C. W. Brown of Leonard, Texas, spent this week in Lubbock working after some property he has in the southeast part of the county. He called on the Avalanche and expressed his appreciation of a good paper like the Avalanche. He says the plains country is in much better condition every way than where he lives. The cotton crop in that country was a failure last year and farmers have nothing with which to pay their debts, hence they are in a very deplorable circumstance. Mr. Brown intends improving his two sections as soon as the railroad gets to Lubbock, so that the cost of improving will not be so heavy.

E. Gilleland spent Thursday in the city.
 B. O. McWhorter and family spent this week in Hale Center.
 Jack White was in from the south part of the county Monday.
 Jno. McMahan is now holding down a case in the mechanical department of the Avalanche office.
 J. V. Clark returned Thursday from Kosse, Texas. His many friends welcome him back to Lubbock.
 We have nothing to sell but lumber, paint and coal, and nothing to do but sell it. 1 mo. A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.
 Houston Pace, we are told will work the Wint Vaughn farm this year, and will be down from Plainview in a few days to take charge of same.
 Frank E. Wheelock received a handsome new auto last week which he will use for family purposes. It is a fine car and Mr. Wheelock is proud of it.
 Monday night, a special meeting of the local lodge of K. of P's will assemble at the Woodmen Hall. All members are urgently requested to be present as much business of importance demand attendance.
 A letter from Jno. W. Dale to the editor of the Avalanche says he is now at Weatherford, but brings the bad news that Mrs. Dale's health is no better, which will be greatly deplored by their friends in this section.
 Charles H. Lister, who has held a position with the Avalanche for the past eight months, has resigned and will leave in a few days for points southeast. Mr. Lister is an intelligent, faithful worker and it is with deep regret that we see him leave our town.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vaughn entertained a number of their friends at their country home five miles north of town, Friday, Dec. 27. An excellent dinner was served and all present joined in praise to the genial host and hostess for the pleasant day.
 The young folks of Lubbock seemed to have enjoyed the holidays splendidly, and were it not for the reason that the entertainments came so thick and fast, we would undertake to give each one a mention, but they are too many for us hence we will just "square off even" and take a new start.
 W. S. Norton, the jeweler and optician, has moved his location again. He is back at his old stand in the front of the Palace Pharmacy. He has recently added a number of the latest designs of Jeweler's show cases and increased his stock of jewelry so that he is better prepared to accomodate the public. See his ad in this issue.
 Bro. and Sister Dixon entertained at dinner Christmas day Messdames Heim, Vaughn and Haynes and Misses Patterson, Johnson, Cowan, Barclay and Campbell and Messrs. Vaughn, Hein, Haynes and Lindsey. After partaking of a sumptuous repast the guests repaired to the parlor where they were entertained by some excellent music rendered by Misses Campbell and Cowan.
 Marion Coleman, student of the F. & M. College, called at our office Wednesday accompanied by his father. Marion says he is returning to school after spending two weeks very pleasantly with home folks. He says the school is preparing to accomodate about 1000 students next year, by building a much larger dormitory and enlarging the campus. About 600 are in attendance this term, many are compelled to live in tents on the school grounds.

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All persons indebted to us will
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 have amount of same now. Your
 account may be small and you
 may think it will not help us
 much but we have \$2,500 in such
 accounts and we take this method
 of notifying our friends and cus-
 tomers that we must collect now.
 Yours for Best Service,
 J. F. Cline
 Palace Pharmacy.

Cemetery Association.

A meeting of the Cemetery As-
 sociation will be held in the Court
 house the second Thursday eve-
 ning in January at four o'clock.
 Full attendance of the member-
 ship is urgently requested to be
 present as much business of im-
 portance must be attended.

B. F. Montgomery informed
 an Avalanche man Wednesday
 that he and family had just re-
 turned from a visit to Hunt and
 other counties east. He says the
 rain in that part is a sight and
 mud! "Well," he says "I am sure
 glad to get back to the Plains."

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Interesting Session Held in Lub-
 bock as Reported by Corres-
 ponding Committee.

On December 16 the teachers of
 Lubbock and attached county
 Hockley, met at the Public School
 Building in the town of Lubbock,
 and for five successive days engaged
 in the usual routine of institute
 work. The meetings were presid-
 ed over by our efficient and ever
 willing ex officio county superin-
 tendent Judge John R. McGee.
 Before proceeding to the work
 assigned, Mr. Rae Showalter and
 Mrs. B. Boyd were appointed a
 committee to report proceedings
 to The Avalanche.

The address of welcome by Judge
 McGee was a treat to be long
 remembered by those present.
 Besides the warm welcome extend-
 ed to all, the address was replete
 with suggestions as to the import-
 ance and necessity of understand-
 ing the human mind. Prof. W.
 M. Shaw, in his response paid the
 Judge a pleasing compliment by
 saying that he had attended many
 institutes but this was the first real
 address of welcome he had ever
 heard.

The first paper to be read was
 one by Mrs. Boyd on Language in
 the Intermediate Grades. This
 was followed by an interesting dis-
 cussion by all the teachers.

Next followed one of the most
 interesting and instructive papers
 of the entire week by Prof.
 Haynes on Methods in Class Teach-
 ings. There was only one objec-
 tion to this paper, and that was
 that in the discussion which follow-
 ed we could find no point at which
 to take issue.

The next subject, Treatment of
 School Evils, was discussed by
 Prof. W. M. Shaw. Being a man
 of wide experience, he was able to
 give us some valuable lessons on
 this subject.

Tuesday's work was initiated by
 a really excellent paper by Miss
 Lillie Todd on the Evolution of
 the Teachers. Unanimous praise
 followed. Mrs. Brown's sugges-
 tions on Teaching Spelling were
 excellent, and brought out animat-
 ed discussion. In the forenoon,
 a very happy thought struck Prof.
 Haynes causing him to divide his
 next subject, School Management,
 into sub-topics, giving one to each
 teacher for the afternoon session.
 This proved as interesting a divi-
 sion that the subject was not fin-
 ished for lack of time. This,
 itself, was "well worth the price
 of admission."

Tuesday evening at the Band
 Hall the teachers attended the en-
 tertainment given by the High
 School pupils, and were unani-
 mous in their praise and appre-
 ciation of the courtesy shown them.

Wednesday morning Rev. B. F.
 Dixon gave us a fine talk on The
 Value of Christian Education fol-
 lowed by an interesting discussion
 by the teachers.

Miss Lula Campbell's reading
 was well rendered and very much
 appreciated. The next subject,
 How to Teach in Primary Grades
 by Mrs. W. S. Norton was handled
 in her usual interesting style.
 Many useful suggestions were
 given us and a general discussion
 of methods and helps in primary
 teaching followed. Mrs. Haynes
 especially felt at home in the dis-
 cussion of this, her pet subject.
 In the afternoon Miss Maude
 Nevels explained her methods of
 teaching history in the High
 school. The paper showed such
 thoughtful care in its preparation
 that very little discussion followed.
 Next Miss Patterson, in a practical
 talk on physical culture, made
 evident its value in public schools.
 Several members of her class were
 present to demonstrate her meth-

ods.
 Miss Bessie Jarrott in her own
 charming manner entertained us
 with a recitation and the hearty
 encore brought her forward with
 a second. Both selections were
 deliciously refreshing.

The Ideal Teacher, by Prof.
 Mayes, and Penal Rules, by Prof.
 Jno. P. Crump, were interestingly
 treated.

Thursday, Prof. G. W. Brown
 discussed Teaching Agricultural
 in the Public Schools, and teachers
 expatiated upon the subject with
 unusual eloquence. Interesting
 talks on Studying Under Compul-
 sion by Prof. P. F. Brown and
 Public School Literary Societies
 by Mrs. Haynes, closed the morn-
 ing's work. In the afternoon Dr.
 Overton, who could not be present
 sent a most instructive paper on
 Hygiene, which the teachers appre-
 ciated very much, and the many
 suggestions will aid us in guarding
 the health of the children under
 our care.

School Incentives, led by Miss
 May Norton, was discussed with
 the enthusiasm which character-
 ized the Institute work throughout.

Miss Mamie Crump's remarks
 were practical, up-to-date and well
 received by all. At about 2:30 we
 repaired to Miss Patterson's music
 room where she very graciously
 entertained us with music by her-
 self and pupils. We also enjoyed
 another of Miss Jarrott's sparkling
 readings. Thanks to Miss Patter-
 son and her assistants.

Difficulties of County School
 Teachers, by our promising young
 teacher Prof. Roger A. Burgess,
 showed a thorough comprehension
 of the difficulties to be encountered
 by the rural teachers. Prof. Ray
 Showalter's address on Economy
 of Time in the School Room elicited
 animated discussion, since ex-
 perience has taught each of us
 that this question must be met and
 solved in all schools.

The teachers enjoyed immensely
 the talk on Laws Passed By the
 30th Legislature, by Judge Bean,
 who has always been the teachers'
 staunch friend and ally and his
 long connection with our work as
 ex-officio superintendent has taught
 him the especial need of the teach-
 ers.

The business session closed our
 work. It was decided to make a
 strong effort to get the co-opera-
 tion of adjoining counties in a
 Summer Normal for Lubbock and
 Profs. Haynes, Shaw and Showal-
 ter and Mrs. Boyd were appointed
 to communicate with delegates
 from these counties to arrange for
 same. We next extended an un-
 animous vote of thanks to Judge
 McGee for his constant attend-
 ance and genuine help during the
 entire week.

Our work now being finished,
 and the teachers having voted it
 one of the pleasantest institutes
 ever attended, we adjourned to
 meet again.

There is now every indication
 that Texas will see a campaign for
 State prohibition within the next
 two years, and there is a strong
 probability that the state will go
 dry when the election comes.
 Georgia is to be dry on January
 the first; Alabama will be dry on
 the first of January, 1909; Aakan-
 sas is soon to have an election, and
 both Mississippi and Louisiana are
 already dry, as are all the other
 southern States, and it seems but
 a question of a few years until the
 two tiers of States beginning on
 the west with Oklahoma and Tex-
 as will be dry as a bone. It has
 been just twenty years since the
 people of Texas voted on the pro-
 hibition question and there is still
 outstanding some of the animosi-
 ties and better feeling engendered
 in the campaign.—Denton Record
 and Chronicle.

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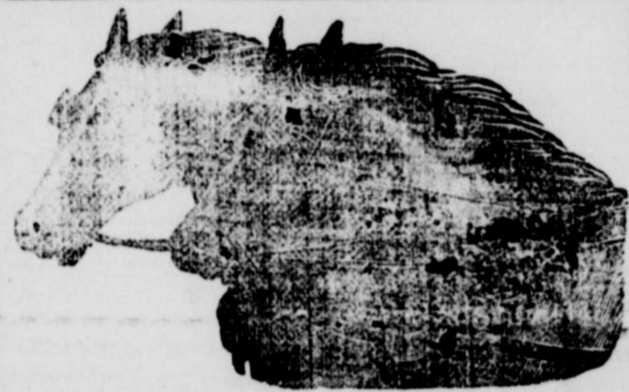
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Helps the Wheat.

A dispatch from Amarillo states the deep snow all over the upper Panhandle is greeted with great satisfaction. Wheat acreage this year has been greatly increased over former years and the value of this snow to next year's crop can hardly be over-estimated. Wheat fields were in need of moisture when the snow came.

Many farmers over the Panhandle are following the Campbell dry farming plan to a certain extent and these have fields already plowed.

Interest in the growing of sugar beets is certain to be greater in the Panhandle next year. The Amarillo Chamber of Commerce is fostering movements toward getting farmers in the Panhandle better acquainted with the industry. One of the big prizes which will be offered at the Panhandle Farmers' Congress on the 9th, 10th and 11th of January will be \$500 for the best acre of sugar beets produced in the Panhandle next year.

A Horrible Accident.

News reached us Monday that Mr. Anderson, who works in the gin at Sparenberg, in the southeast part of the county, while packing down the cotton in the stands, caught his hand in the machinery and was unable to extract it. By slow degrees his arm was washed off to within a few inches of his body. His fellow workmen heard the noise and ran to his assistance, but too late to do any good. He was taken to his home and medical aid summoned at once. Dr. Miller of this place and a physician of Big Springs were called.

We learn that Mr. Anderson is a poor, hardworking man. It is indeed unfortunate to be thus crippled and Mr. Anderson and family have our heartfelt sympathy.

Later—We learn with sadness that Mr. Anderson died from the effects of the accident.—Dawson County News.

Morris-Pond.

R. E. Morris, of Tahoka, and Miss Mary Pond of this city were married Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. Holmes Nichols. The groom is a young business man of Tahoka. Miss Pond is well known here and is greatly loved by all who know her. She was prominent both as a Pythian sister and as a member of the Woodmen Circle. Both these organizations were invited to the marriage in a body. They presented her with a solid silver set of spoons and a chocolate set. There were many other beautiful and useful gifts. The bride wore a handsome dress of grey silk with trimmings of white. After the ceremony and congratulations, the guests were invited into the dining room where a dainty salad course was served. The happy pair will remain in Colorado until after the holidays.—Colorado Record.

Castro Courthouse.

Dimmitt, Tex., Dec. 21.—While correct estimates cannot at this time be given, indications are that the election held in this county for the purpose of voting on the issuance of \$25,000 of courthouse bonds has carried by a small majority.

Announcement.

The partnership between myself and Mr. A. B. Martin is dissolved by agreement. Mr. Martin's business at Tulsa is such that he cannot come here to stay permanently. I will be found at the same old stand, and solicit a share of your legal business.

Geo. R. Bean.

Tahoka Bable.

From the News:

The Methodist church organ arrived in Tahoka last week. The organ was ordered about two months since and has been at Big Springs.

Mr. Morris, the surveyor, left Monday for the South on a holiday visit. It is whispered that "Dan Cupid" had a hand in his going and that Mr. Morris will bring a lady with him when he returns.

Mr. C. H. Doak went out to his ranch the first of this week, and they killed 20 hogs that netted about 4100 pounds of meat. He still has 21 hogs left. If this don't beat the real estate business, what does?

The hack driver between here and Gail turned the hack over the first of the week and a couple of ladies, who were passengers were badly frightened and considerably scratched up, though no serious damage was done. One of the mules became unmanageable and caused the accident.

Mrs. Albert Thomas and Mrs. H. C. Crie visited the school last Friday afternoon. Miss Ammie McLarry, who has the primary department, shows a grasp of the juvenile mind which is very rare and the children are doing well under her care. Miss Ammie rewards a week of faithful work with some well selected stories Friday after recess.

Mrs. Roberts, assisted by Mrs. Ed Robinson, entertained at her home in south Tahoka Monday evening in honor of the visiting teachers. The popular game of 42 was indulged in, after which delicious punch and wafers were served. 'Twas a late hour when the guests departed, all of whom were loud in their praises of the charming hostesses. Those present were Misses Ball, Elkins, McLarry, Pope, Messrs. Eaton, Robinson, Slaton, Skinner and Stokes.

Geo. T. Curtis, of Lubbock, is in Tahoka this week enlarging and improving the telephone exchange. He came in to visit the News Wednesday evening and told us the telephone business was growing to such an extent in our part of the country as to make it absolutely necessary to put in these improvements. Mr. Curtis is a veteran telephone man and is on the alert for anything for the convenience of his patrons or to improve the service. An addition to some offices in town will be desk phones, which are to be installed right away, a number of local boxes will also be put in.

The A. and M. College.

The campus has a deserted look, only about fifty students out of the 600 who attend the college are left on the ground. Many of these stay here during vacation in order to earn a little money to help them through succeeding terms. The state makes an appropriation for student labor which aids many a poor boy to get an education. The laundry is run almost entirely by students; they unload coal; fire the engines; clean up the grounds; act as waiters at the mess hall and at the Shirley; do all sorts of work around the houses of professors; fill many office positions—in fact, make themselves as useful as one could reasonably expect of a bunch of wide awake, serious minded American boys.

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Marian Coleman students of the A. & M. College spent the holidays with homefolks.

I have several hundred pounds of nice fresh pecans for sale. J. D. Quick.

W. J. Daniel, of Wilmoth, Oklahoma, is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. D. McDonald, in the north part of the county.

BERAZED One small two year old filly, small for her age, unbranded, white spot in forehead. Any information will be thankfully received by C. T. Jackson.

R. C. Dyer, manager of the Garnhart Type Founders Company, of Dallas, was in the city this week in the interest of that Company, and paid this office a pleasant call.

WANTED—To exchange a pure blood White Wyandotte cockerel for a pure blood Leghorn. See Mrs. J. J. Dillard, Lubbock, Texas.

Miss Amy McLarry, teacher in the Tahoka public school, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents. Miss Pope also a Lynn county teacher spent Christmas here, the guest of Miss McLarry.

Nice line of cups and saucers, plates, bowls, platters, and glassware at the proper price at Caldwell & Porter.

D. McDonald, of the north part of the county was in town Friday and visited this office. Mr. McDonald is one of Lubbock's best citizens and is always free to express his firm beliefs in regard to the excellent advantages of the plains.

The Woodmen of the World will install their new officers the first meeting night in January, quite a nice time is expected. The members of Woodmen families are cordially invited to be present, as well as all visiting Woodmen. After the installing ceremonies delightful refreshments will be served.

FOR SALE—Four residence houses at a bargain. M. C. Overton.

Fire in Deaf Smith.

Thursday night at 8 o'clock the citizens of North Hereford were somewhat alarmed by what seemed to many to be the outbreak of a fire within the city. The telephone soon brought the news that a big prairie fire was raging some two miles southeast. The light clouds that hung high in the sky served as a reflector for the leaping flames and the brilliant effect was quite beautiful. Not a very large territory was burned off, but considerable loss was suffered by one or two, on account of the loss of pasturage.—Hereford Brand.

The numerous mine explosions reported during the past few weeks are, it seems record breakers, and enough to make men fear to enter a coal mine and a few more will bring about a rigid investigation into the cause of so many disasters. Human life is too sacred to be sacrificed wholesale as has occurred lately. The states in which they are located owe it to their citizens to take a look into the devices for safety in the mines, if there be such devices.—Abilene Reporter.

W. S. Posey returned from a trip east Tuesday.

Ask For Better Service.

A petition is being circulated in Plainview this week asking the Texas railroad commission to require the Plainview branch of the Pecos Valley lines to furnish this city with regular passenger service between here and Amarillo.

Heretofore the Pecos Valley management has furnished Plainview with nothing but a mixed service, using their passenger train also as a local freight train. It is pointed out by local citizens that the companies business has increased so much now that a regular passenger service should be given Plainview, and hence the present move. The present petition will doubtless be numerously signed, since the movement is a popular one here.—Plainview Herald.

Band Officers

The Lubbock Band last Monday night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

- S. J. Winn, president,
- Z. D. Agnew, vice president,
- W. B. Powell, sec'y and treas.
- S. C. Wilson, director,
- W. A. Custis and E. B. Green, custodians.

CATTLE FAMINE NEAR
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tions have produced in the past.

If for a few years this section may suffer a lack of cattle it will not be for long. Some cattlemen have been speculating on what effect this temporary diminishing of herds will have upon the markets. Will it cause any raise in the price of meat during the next year or two? This is a question which must be answered by the passing of time.

To the southward of the plains country and to the west, New Mexico, and to the north, this condition is not so marked. Market quotations will tell the story in the next two years of the Panhandle and the plains country's relation to the market centers.—Ft. Worth Telegram.

J. G. Hardy spent several days here this week having Dr. Westlake treat his rheumatism with his electric machine, and says he is improving nicely.

Judge H. C. Ferguson returned Friday from east Texas where he had been on professional business.

J. M. Sawyer and family left this week for Elgin, Okla., their future home.

To Our Customers

Owing to the financial crisis, and the demands made upon us by the wholesale houses, we are compelled to make the following requirements of our customers:

All outstanding accounts must be settled at once, either by cash or by a bankable note. If you owe us, please call at once and make satisfactory settlement. This means you.

Hereafter, we must be settled with when goods are bought, or at the end of each month in full. We regret very much to resort to this method, but necessity compels it. All accounts must be settled. We are, very respectfully

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Call and see our line of buggies. They are the celebrated Anchor make and their reputation is sufficient to convince the public that they are as good as the best on the market. We can fit you up for ranch or city use. Don't buy before seeing our line. No trouble to show them.

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