

# THE AVALANCHE.

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

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## SPECIAL MESSAGE.

President Roosevelt Delivers Special Message to Congress.  
A Few Extracts.

As regards the employers' liability law, I advocate its immediate re-enactment, limiting its scope so that it shall apply only to the class of cases as to which the court says it can constitutionally apply, but strengthening its provisions within this scope.

I also very urgently advise that a comprehensive act be passed providing for compensation by the Government to all employes injured in the Government service.

I again call your attention to the need of some action in connection with the abuse of injunctions in labor cases. If some way of remedying the abuse is not found the feeling of indignation against them among large numbers of our citizens will tend to grow so extreme as to produce a revolt against the whole use of the process of injunction.

Not only should there be action on certain laws affecting wage earners; there should also be such action on laws better to secure control over the great business concerns engaged in interstate commerce, and especially over the great common carriers. The Interstate Commerce Commission should be empowered to pass upon any rate or practice on its own initiative.

The Interstate Commerce Commission should be provided with the means to make a physical valuation of any road as to which it deems this valuation necessary.

## CONTROL OF PHYSICAL OPERATION.

I think that the Federal Government must also assume a certain measure of control over the physical operation of railways in the handling of interstate traffic.

I do not know whether it is possible, but if possible, it is certainly desirable, that in connection with measures to restrain stock watering and overcapitalization there should be measure taken to prevent at least the grosser form of gambling in securities and commodities, such as making large sales of what men do not possess and "cornering" the market.

There is no moral difference between gambling at cards or in lotteries or on the race track than gambling in the stock market.

The Standard Oil corporation and the Santa Fe Railway Company have both been found guilty by the courts of criminal misconduct; both have been sentenced to pay heavy fines; and each has issued and published broadcast statements asserting their innocence and denouncing as improper the action of the courts and juries in convicting them of guilt. These statements are very ingenious and are untruthful in important particulars.

Certain wealthy men, whose conduct should be abhorrent to every man of ordinarily decent conscience, and who commit the hideous wrong of teaching our young men that phenomenal business success must ordinarily be based on dishonesty, have during the last few months made it apparent that they have banded together to work for a reaction. Their endeavor is to overthrow and discredit all who honestly administer the law, to prevent any additional legislation which would check and restrain

them, and to secure if possible a freedom from all restraint which will permit every unscrupulous wrong-doer to do what he wishes unchecked, provided he has enough money.

## PUBLIC TO BE INFORMED.

The only way to counteract the movement in which these men are engaged is to make clear to the public just what they have done in the past and just what they are seeking to accomplish in the present.

The Administration and those who supports its views are not only engaged in an assault on property, but are strenuous upholders of the rights of property.

We seek to control law-defying wealth; in the first place to prevent its doing dire evil to the Republic, and in the next place to avoid the vindictive and dreadful radicalism, which, if left uncontrolled, it is certain in the end to arouse.

Much has been said in attacks upon the policy of the present administration about the rights of "innocent stockholders." That stockholder is not innocent who voluntarily purchases stock in a corporation whose methods and management he knows to be corrupt. The "business" which is hurt by the movement for honesty is the kind of business which, in the long run, it pays the country to have hurt.

I do not for a moment believe that the actions of this administration have brought on business distress; so far as this is due to local and not world-wide causes, and to the actions of any particular individuals, it is due to the speculative folly and flagrant dishonesty of a few men of wealth, who seek to shield themselves from the effects of their own wrong-doing by ascribing its results to the actions of those who have sought to put a stop to the wrong doing.

## College Gets \$13,500.

Abilene, Tex., Feb. 4.—A check for \$13,500 in favor of the trustee of Simmons College has been received from the Dr. J. B. Simmons estate in New York City. The money is to be loaned and applications should be made to Eugene, treasurer of the college. The amount is part of a balance of \$20,000 which the trustees accepted in full settlement of the college's part in the estate. This will give the college \$80,000 to \$100,000 active endowment.

## Killed a Lobo.

Mr. Roy Cox of the Kokernot & Kokernot ranch, ran down and caught a young lobo wolf last week between the O6 ranch and the Ige camp. This certain wolf was thought to be about one year old, and capable of doing much damage among the ranch cattle. Mr. S. I. Johnston, the big hearted and appreciative manager of the Kokernot ranch, promptly wrote Mr. Cox a check for \$20 as a reward for the capture of the wolf, which is one of the greatest enemies of the ranchmen in this country.

## Mrs. Earhart Hurt.

While on the way to town Wednesday in a buggy, accompanied by Miss Tina May, Mrs. Joe Earhart's team became frightened, while crossing the canyon near town, and capized the buggy throwing the occupants out and Mrs. Earhart was considerably bruised about the body. The buggy was badly torn up in the scrape.

## PANHANDLE SHORT LINE

Representatives of Engineering Company to Go Over Entire Proposed Line.

Hereford, Tex., Feb. 1.—C. N. Wilson, president of the American Engineering Company of Indianapolis, will arrive in Hereford Monday and will go over the entire line of the proposed Panhandle Short Line Railroad with a view to financing and constructing the road. He will be accompanied by the officials of the line. The party will start at Dalhart, pass through Hereford, Dimmitt and on to Midland, San Antonio, Uvalde, Cotulla, Oakville, Port Rice and into Rockport at deep water. Connections will be made with both the Texas & Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

General Manager Goodenough of the Panhandle Short Line will arrive Monday from Chicago and New York, where he has been for two weeks on business in connection with the road.

It is announced from the general manager's office at Hereford that it is the intention to let contracts for the construction of 300 miles of the road within the next sixty days, and that actual work will begin within ninety days. The people of Hereford and all the towns along the line are enthusiastic over the outlook.

## B. Y. P. U.

Subject. Our Conduct.  
Leader. Miss May Bell Thornton.

Scripture Reading. Matt. 7-15-20.

Importance of Conduct. (Papers.)

(a) Because our fellowmen judge us by it. Mr. W. A. Custis.

(b) Because it makes us what we are. Mrs. Ed. Vaughn.

(c) Because it concerns everybody. Miss Cora Lee.

Quartette. Mr. Jno. W. Baker, Mr. Carlock, Miss Cowan and Mrs. Heim.

How to Regulate our conduct. (Papers.)

(a) By conscience, not inclination. Mr. John Willard.

(b) Conscience, not an infallible guide. Mrs. Mobley.

(c) The will as the enabling power. Miss Lena Brown.

## Burns To Death.

Rotan, Tex. Feb. 4.—Adel Gwyn, the 3-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gwyn of this place, was fatally burned.

Her mother had gone into the yard, leaving the children in a room in which a fire was burning in a stove and, in some manner, the child's clothes caught fire. She died several hours later.

## Want Exhibit.

J. J. Simpson, a well known live stock man of Plainview, has received a request from the Fort Worth fat stock show management for an exhibit from Plainview.

Mr. Simpson says fifty head of choice fat hogs are needed for the show and he is taking steps to secure them for the exposition Feb. 18. The Commercial Club of Plainview is discussing a move to help Mr. Simpson and place an exceptional lot of hogs on show in Fort Worth.

The Hereford Nursery is putting 300 acres in an orchard this year.

## Programme

Friday Night Feb. 7, at Band Hall.

By Miss Patterson and her music class, assisted by Orchestra.

- 1 "Waltz" (overture) Orchestra.
- 2 "Dear Old College Days," Chorus from Burgomaster.
- 3 "Faust," Piano Duett.
- 4 "Intermezzo," Engleman.
- 5 "Valse," Humoresque.
- 6 "Selection from Yankee Tourist."
- 7 "Under The Double Eagle." Wagner.
- 8 "Golden Leaf Polka," Trombone and Piano.
- 9 "The Land of Swallows," Masini.
- 10 "March," Tanihausur.
- 11 "Reading." (The Bear Story).
- 12 "The Rural Wedding," Piano Duett.
- 13 "Gallop Militare," Bohm.
- 14 "Dreaming," Orchestra.
- 15 "Habarnara," Selection from Carmen.
- 16 "Vocal," Scherzo.
- 17 "Polka De Concert."
- 18 "Tancred Overture," Rossina.
- 19 "Orchestra."

## The Time To Act.

We told you so, but you heeded not the words of wisdom and experience. The Avalanche has been for some time agitating the question of a system of water works for the town of Lubbock, but apparently it had no effect on the people, or at least no action has yet been taken to put into effect the several suggestions made by the paper from time to time in regard to supplying the town with the much needed fire protection. We have repeatedly stated that we would some day awake to the sad realization of the importance of such a thing as better fire protection when the whole south or west side of the square is licked up by the merciless flames. Such a conflagration was narrowly escaped on last Friday evening, only one week since when the Penney & Kincannon barber shop burned out with the three story hotel jam up against it, which looked like only the work of Providence saved it and the buildings on the south side of the square. True enough, the faithful work of many men with buckets kept the fire so well under control that the other buildings were saved without any damage whatever, but this is only one time out of maybe a hundred that everything turned out as fortunately as it did. We believe that it is high time to act before the town is again thrown into such great danger of immediate destruction. It will not cost one-tenth the amount to put in a good system of water works for the business part of town as the probable loss of one fire in the town will entail.

## Colorado City Depot.

A new station to be built of Pecos limestone will soon be erected at Colorado City. This depot will contain all the modern conveniences and will be an ornament to the enterprising little city. Work will begin on the completion by Contractor Rogers of the station at Ranger.

## Plans Sewerage System.

Hereford, Tex. Feb. 3.—John B. Hawley of Ft. Worth, an expert in hydraulic subjects, on an invitation from the city council and Commercial Club, visited the city and spent the day overlooking the grounds and made an investigation of the cost of the construction of a system of sewers. Members of the council and secretary of the club showed Mr. Hawley over the city and gave him an opportunity to study the lay of the surface and natural drainage and he pronounced Hereford the most ideally located city he had visited in many years. He says that the construction of an up-to-date sewerage for Hereford is one of the simplest problems.

## Mineral Wells Northern.

An extension of the Mineral Wells & Northwestern road to Aspermont, is reported from that town. A representative of the M. W. & Northern Ry. is said to be in Stonewall county securing right of way and depot sites. A petition giving these concessions is being circulated, and is receiving many signatures.

The town of Aspermont is somewhat distant from the present terminus of the Mineral Wells road and it is difficult to see why the Gould interest should extend in that direction. On the other hand, the Rock Island extension from Bridgeport to Graham could be advantageously extended to Aspermont, and it is possible that the reported Texas & Pacific agents are in reality representatives of the Yoakum interests.

## Entertainment To-Night.

In another column will be found a program of the entertainment at the Band Hall to-night by Miss Patterson's music class assisted by the Lubbock Orchestra. The price of admission is 25c. for all and we are sure you will not regret it, if you attend.



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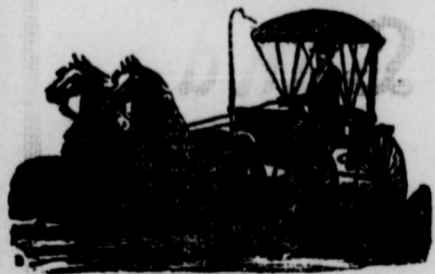
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### WEST TEXAS NEWS.

Some Improvements, Land Changes, Other West Texas Incidents.

Hereford, Tex. Feb. 1.—The entire western portion of Deaf Smith county has been sold to the Associated Land Company of Kansas City which intends cutting up the big ranches into farms and selling them to farmers from the North Central States. About 100,000 acres were involved. The new company succeeds the George G. Wright Company which accomplished a great deal in developing the Panhandle and Hereford country.

#### SANTA FE IMPROVEMENTS.

Amarillo, Texas, Feb. 1.—The Santa Fe railroad is rapidly pushing work of improvement here in order to handle the transcontinental business of the line. Nearly \$300,000 has just been appropriated for the building of an eighteen stall round-house, store house and sidings. Shops, freight and passenger stations and office buildings will be erected later this year. Fourteen miles of track has been laid in the yards. It is expected that the Santa Fe will have expended \$500,000 before completing all of the improvements. Amarillo will be greatly benefited as a division point and will handle the bulk of the traffic from the Pacific to the Atlanta.

#### ALFALFA FOR COTTON.

Quanah, Tex. Feb. 1.—The Hardeman County Irrigation Company announces that it will not plant any cotton at all this year and will instead raise alfalfa and corn, declaring that the profit from these two crops is larger. More than one thousand acres in alfalfa and corn will be planted. Farmers near Damsite, however, will plant much cotton and it is expected the gin at that place will turn out 2,000 bales this season.

#### EXPERT TO WRITE.

Amarillo, Texas, Feb. 1.—M. A. Carlton of the United States department of Agriculture, and in charge of the experimental farms in this section gave some information the other day during his visit here of the bulletin which is now being prepared on the work of the department in the Panhandle. This bulletin will be the first authoritative statement of the department of agriculture in crops and conditions in the Panhandle. It will take up at length all work that the department had done up to this time in the Panhandle and will give a few of the crops tried, of the conditions attending their growth, cultivation and harvesting, and will give exact figures on the yield of each experiment.

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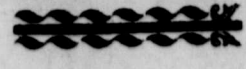
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#### Quails Are Safe.

Last Friday the open season on quail, doves, wild turkeys and deer came to an end, and it will be unlawful to slay this kind of game until November 1. Even during the season, each sportsman is limited to three buck deer; does and fawns being protected at all times. Only three wild turkeys may be bagged in the season by each hunter. On quails and doves the limit is twenty-five daily, but the sportsman may shoot every day of the season.

Texas Nimrods will now have to depend on duck shooting, principally, for their favorite sport. The only restrictions placed by the law on duck hunting is a limit of 25 daily, but this toothsome fowl may be hunted at any time. It is found in this state only during the colder period.

Plover shooting will furnish Texans with sport for about a month commencing in March and again in August when these birds make their semi-yearly migrations.

The day limit of twenty-five is placed on plover and snipe also.

Other requirements of the Texas game laws are as follows: Antelope and prairie chicken are protected all time, while geese, grouse, curlew may be killed at any season, if the twenty-five bird limit is observed. Mexican pheasants may be bagged any time and in quantity. Squirrel may be shot at any time, but the limit is ten a day for each hunter. Not more than fifty lbs. of fish may be caught daily for market.

The birds which are named in the law under the heading "not protected" are crows, hawks, buzzards, owls, blackbirds, ricebirds and English sparrows. Gunners may practice marksmanship on these birds without fear of molestation.

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### HARRY THAW ACQUITTED

Confined in Asylum For the Present. Will Soon Be Free.

He Says.

New York, Feb. 1.—Harry K. Thaw was declared not guilty of the murder of Stanford White.

The verdict was based by the jury on the ground that he was insane at the time he fired the shot.

As soon as the verdict had been read, Justice Dowling committed Thaw to the Asylum for the Insane at Mattewan.

Justice Dowling said that he deemed that Thaw's discharge would be dangerous to public safety.

A great demonstration took place in the courtroom and the verdict was cheered for several minutes.

The jury, after spending a night trying to decide the fate of the slayer of Stanford White, notified Judge Dowling they were ready to report their verdict a little before noon. When court and counsel and the young prisoner assembled, the foreman of the jury was asked by Judge Dowling if they had reached a verdict, and replied that they had.

The foreman then read the verdict in a clear voice, heard thruout the courtroom. A hush fell upon the audience only for a moment. The counsel for Harry Thaw then made a rush to congratulate him.

At the request of defendant's counsel, Justice Dowling delayed execution of the order committing Thaw to the asylum to allow counsel to confer as to whether a writ of habeas corpus will be sued out to have his sanity tested by a commission before he is taken to Mat-

tewan.

Thaw was called back from prison and had luncheon with his wife in the anti-chamber of the court room.

The jurymen all refused to divulge the secrets of their deliberations further than to say that fourteen ballots were taken.

#### Thirty-Three Members.

H. Ragsdale, the Modern Woodman organizer has now 33 members for the new camp to be organized here. Everyone that wishes to join this organization as a charter member had better hurry as the charter has been ordered and up to this date 24 applications have been mailed out to the head physician for approval and we will not be longer than two weeks getting the returns and we will then be ready to organize. Remember that this is the cheapest insurance that you procure and this is an opportunity that you may never meet up with, a gain, going in as charter member.

H. Ragsdale,  
C. B. McConnell

Bob Hampton and sister Nora of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Porterfield of Tahoka left Friday evening for St. Louis, Mo., where they go to purchase their spring and summer stocks of dry goods.

#### A Safe Combination

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Revising the Work and Promises to Push the Work to Completion.

We are pleased to learn the soliciting committee in charge of raising the bonus are meeting with flattering success. The money is not being raised readily as at first thought it would, on account of the recent money flurry, for the people are made to understand that every dollar they subscribe now they will be called on to pay.

Lamesa and Tahoka have been heard from and they say their bonus will probably be all signed by Saturday night or the early part of next week.

Stanton must come up. The very day work is resumed on this road will be the beginning of a new era for the town. It will mean the road will be pushed until completed because home people are behind this enterprise now who cannot afford to let it fall down. You know the results if the road is built. In two years Stanton will be a town of five thousand people. The excellent country, fine land, fine water and other natural advantages will make it a city, second to none in west Texas, in a very short while. There is not but one thing on earth to keep it from being such, and that is to miss this road. Therefore we must have it. Sooner or later a road is bound to cross the T. & P. somewhere in this country and the town that gets it will be fixed for all time. Stanton must be that town.—Stanton Reporter.

Richmond & Tubbs, the popular furniture dealers have installed an elevator in their building to be used in conveying goods from the basement to the main part of the building.

## We Have 50,000 Acres of Plains Land



FOR Sale to actual settlers in tracts of 40 acres up, at prices varying from \$12.50 to \$25.00 per acre, on terms of \$3.50 to \$10.00 cash, balance on 3 to 10 years. Vendors lien retained. Interest 8 per cent.

This land will yield 35 to 60 bushels corn, 25 to 40 bushels wheat, one-fourth to one bale of cotton per acre. Can pay for land with first crop.

Come and see us, and we will show the entire county to you in one day in our automobile.



Dillard-Powell Land Co., - Lubbock, Texas



**Citation by Publication.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**—To the Sheriff or any constable of Lubbock County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Benjamin H. Mills, Lydia J. Mills, Martha E. Walton, and John Walton by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 64th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 64th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Lubbock County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in town of Lubbock, on the first Monday in May, 1908, the same being the 4th day of May, 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 9th day of January, 1908, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court Number 349, wherein Martha H. Jay is plaintiff, Benjamin H. Mills, Lydia J. Mills, Martha E. Walton and John Walton, and the unknown heirs of Phamay Jay, deceased, are defendants, said petition alleging, that Plaintiff resides in Clinton County, State of Ohio, and that the residence of defendants is unknown, that on January 1st, 1906, plaintiff was and now is lawfully seized and possessed, of the lands described below, and on said date defendants ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld the possession thereof from plaintiff, to her damage \$5000.00. That plaintiff held said land in fee simple estate, the same being described as follows: 1st. Survey No. 71 in blk. C, Lubbock and Crosby Counties, Texas, located by virtue of Certificate of Land Script No. 100, issued to Dallas & Wichita Ry. Co., and patented to Phamay Jay, May 28th, 1879, by Patent No. 66, Vol. 30, containing 640 acres. 2nd. Being situated in Lubbock County, Texas, and known as the south one-half of the southeast one-fourth, and the northeast one-fourth of the southeast one-fourth of survey No. 107 in block C, by virtue of certificate 119 issued to Dallas & Wichita Ry. Co., and patented to Paris Cox, March 25th, 1879, by patent No. 60, Vol. 30, containing 120 acres of land. Plaintiff alleges her title to be as follows: Section No. 71 was patented by State to Phamay Jay May 28th, 1879, patent No. 66, Vol. 30. And that survey 107 was patented by State to Paris Cox, March 25th, 1879, and the 120 acres sued for was by Paris Cox conveyed to Phamay Jay by deed dated April 23rd, 1879, which is recorded in book Y1, page 52, Lubbock Co. Deed Record. And that both tracts were by said Phamay Jay, (she being an unmarried woman) conveyed to Martha H. Jay and her husband, Samuel S. Jay, by deed dated April 8th, 1886, the deed being recorded on page 69 of volume BT of Lubbock Co. Deed Records. Afterwards on same date plaintiff and Samuel S. Jay conveyed to said Phamay Jay a life estate only in and to the above described land, by deed recorded in volume BT at page 73; of Lubbock Co. Deed Records. Afterwards on July 10th, 1886, the said Samuel S. Jay conveyed to Benjamin D. Jay all his interest in said lands by deed, recorded in book 6 at page 390, Lubbock Co. Deed Records, and that afterwards on same day, the said Benjamin D. Jay and wife Dora M. Jay, conveyed to Martha H. Jay, the tracts of land above described by deed, recorded in Vol. 6 on page 393, Lubbock Co. Deed Records. That Phamay Jay was a widow on April 8th, 1886, and that she departed this life in A. D. 1890, and that upon her death the estate in remainder immediately vested in and reverted to plaintiff. Plaintiff further alleges that she is the only surviving child of said Phamay Jay, but that said Phamay Jay had one deceased child, who was named Sarah, who had married ——— Mills, and said Sarah and husband were both dead long prior to Phamay Jay's death, and that said Sarah left surviving her two children or other descendants, named Benjamin H. Mills, and Martha E. Mills who married John Walton, and if there be other heirs of said Phamay Jay or of Sarah Mills, their names are to plaintiff unknown. Plaintiff alleges that the claim if any, of the defendants to the above described land, is to plaintiff unknown, unless it be as the heirs of Phamay Jay. Prayer for judgement for title and possession of above described premises, for writ of restitution, costs of suit and general relief. Should the same for any reason be refused, then plaintiff says that on April 8th, 1886, she and said Samuel S. Jay were husband and wife, and on said date Phamay Jay, (plaintiff's mother) conveyed to plaintiff and her husband the lands above described. That afterwards on same day, plaintiff and her husband did sell and convey to said Phamay Jay a life estate only, in and to the said above described lands, and by apt words so limited the estate granted, said deed being recorded in book BT at page 73 of Deed Records of Lubbock Co., Texas. Plaintiff alleges that if the said deed to said Phamay Jay did not in fact so limit the estate so granted to the life only of said Phamay Jay, that in fact and in truth such was the intention of all the parties thereto, and the failure to so limit the estate so granted, was a mutual mistake, or a mistake of the draughtsman. That afterwards on July 10th, 1886, Samuel S. Jay sold to Benjamin D. Jay his undivided interest in said land. That afterwards on same day Benjamin D. Jay and wife Dora M. Jay conveyed said lands to plaintiff. That Samuel S. Jay died in 1881, and Phamay Jay died in 1890. Plaintiff is only surviving child of Phamay Jay, and Benjamin H. Mills and Martha E. Walton is the only other surviving heirs of said Phamay Jay so far as plaintiff knows, and verily believes. That upon the death of said Phamay Jay

full title immediately vested in plaintiff. That the supposed ambiguities in the deed of April 8th, 1886, from Samuel S. Jay and Martha H. Jay to Phamay Jay, and the claims of defendants, if any, because thereof, are a cloud upon the plaintiffs title.

Prayer first, for citation to defendants, and for judgment for title and possession of the above described lands, for removal of cloud from title, for writ of restitution, for costs of suit, and for special and general relief. Prayer in the alternative that the court construe the deed from Samuel S. Jay and Martha H. Jay to Phamay Jay to convey a life estate only, to said Phamay Jay, and under the facts to reform the same to so read, and substituting said reformed instrument as a muniment in plaintiffs title, and that all title be divested out of defendants that may appear to be in them, and place the same in plaintiff, and for removal of cloud from title, and for possession, and for writ of restitution, costs, and special and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: R. E. Brown, Clerk of the District Court of Lubbock County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court in the town of Lubbock, this 9th day of Jan., A. D. 1908. R. E. BROWN, Clerk of the District Court, Lubbock County, Texas.

[SEAL]

**At Baptist Church.**

Rev. S. W. Smith, missionary evangelist for this district will preach in the First Baptist Church at this place Sunday at 11 and 7:30 o'clock Sunday next. His subject Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "Duties and Qualifications of Sunday school teachers." Everybody is most cordially invited to attend these services, especially Sunday school workers.

B. F. Dixon, Pastor.

**EMMA BANK OFFICERS.**

The election held at the First National Bank of Emma, on Friday, January 17, 1908, resulted in the re-election of all officers and directors just as they stood last year. They are as follows:

Officers: L. T. Lester, president, E. B. Covington, vice-president, Wright Gunn, cashier.

Directors: L. T. Lester, Jas. B. Posey, E. B. Covington, J. W. Carter, J. C. Woody, J. Wilson Boyle and Wright Gunn.

**Junior League.**

Owing to the fact that the program for last Sunday was not rendered, the same will hold good for Sunday the 16th, which is as follows:

**PROGRAM.**

Leader---Agnes Robinson.

Subject---The planting and training of the church in the foreign field.

Lesson---Isaiah xix, 18-22.

Song.

Scripture Readings. The productive power of the mission church, Acts xiii, 1-3, Ray Porter.

The training, Acts xiv, 21-28, Odia Carter.

Acts xiv, 28-30, John Puckett.

Song.

Recitation---Mary Dale.

Lesson Story---Lela Tubbs.

Recitation---Lourie Peoples.

Song.

The Process of Planting and Training---Louis Murfee.

Roll Called.

Closing Song.

Benediction.

Sheriff Roberts returned Wednesday from Austin.

**Silver Wyndotte**  
Eggs  
**\$1.50**  
FOR 15 EGGS  
**Mrs. J. S. Alford,**  
Lubbock, Texas  
10 Miles east of Lubbock on Emma Road.

**DESTRUCTIVE PRAIRIE**

**Consumes Grass Off 50 Sections of Pasture Land. Other Damages.**

Last Friday afternoon a prairie fire broke out about 15 miles east of Lubbock, which burned all evening and half of the night, doing great damage to the range and destroying fences, telephone lines and some feed. As near as we can find out through the courtesy of the Staked Plains Telephone lines, the fire originated from campers' fires about noon, and as the wind was blowing hard from the west, the spread of the flames was rapid in an easterly direction, extending off the cap-rock in Garza county.

We understand the principal losers of grass are the half circle S's, the LFD's, Ezell Bros., Morrison, Mitchell, and others. Mitchell's loss was considerable feed stuff burned.

The Staked Plains Telephone Company was damaged by about a mile of posts being burned down.

**Girl From Acuff.**

Acuff, Tex. Feb. 5, 1908.

Dear Editor:

As you have been so kind as to let my children have space in your most interesting paper. I thought I would write a little. I am a little girl fourteen years old. I live at Acuff. I like to live on the plains. I wouldn't live anywhere else. I don't like a timber country---you can't see far enough to suit me.

Papa moved to the plains six years ago, and the longer we stay here the better we like the country. We don't think we could live any where else now. The only objections I have to our place, is that it is too far from town.

The Acuff community is settling up very fast. When we came here our nearest neighbor was two miles away. There were only three houses anywhere near and now there is a house on nearly every corner, and more going up all the time. Now, this is good enough for me. I have been going to school and I like my teacher fine. We sure have a fine school this year. We have about twenty-five pupils enrolled. As this is my first attempt I'll ring off.

Your friend,  
Trudie Burford.

**Shooting at Slaughter.**

Wednesday evening at Slaughter---Geo. P. Arthurs was shot by W. O. Ogles, the ball from a 45 pistol, entering his body just below the heart and passed entirely through him, making a very dangerous wound.

The shooting occurred at 8:30 o'clock in the saloon at that place but as to how or why it started cannot be learned now. There are several rumors about it afloat but they vary too widely.---Stanton Reporter.

**Makes Assignment.**

The grocery and hardware store of Chas. G. Birdwell is closed on account of some business troubles, but Mr. Birdwell thinks he will be able to resume business in a few days. He expects to leave for Abilene and Fort Worth to confer with his largest creditors, and his many friends hope that he can make satisfactory arrangements to resume business, for Mr. Birdwell is a fine gentleman and honorable citizen, and we regret to see him in any financial trouble.---Colorado News.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton's granddaughter is visiting them from Tahoka this week, while her parents are gone to St. Louis,

**WALTER W. ROYALTY,**  
*The Tonsorial Artist*  
Will give you a nice, stylish Hair Cut, or a smooth, easy shave. First class work of every kind in my line. The latest tonics and face lotions Hot or cold baths. Shop located in Nicolet hotel. LUBBOCK, TEX

**The Plains Lumber and Grain Company.**

Have a large, roomy and fully equipped WAGON YARD IN PLAINVIEW. Give us a share of your patronage. We buy and sell all kinds of GRAIN AND FEED STUFFS, also sell all grades of COAL.

**Plainview, - - Texas.**

**Fruit Trees.**

I am making my next delivery of trees &c., in Lubbock about the end of February. Should be glad if parties who contemplate ordering would either drop me a card or phone me and I will come and see them.

John S. Abel,  
Lubbock Nursery.

**NOTICE.**

As we have made a change in our business. We will at once proceed to collect all accounts on the old books. If you owe us come in and settle by cash if possible. If not, make some satisfactory arrangements. We feel that we have been lenient with everyone. But, now is the time we think you should favor us.

Thanking you for your kind favors in the past and soliciting continuance of your patronage to the new firm.

I am yours,  
Alvis Blake.

**To Our Customers.**

Gentlemen:---As we have gone to considerable expense in the past 8 months in preparing to do all kinds of work for you, and having some obligation out that we are compelled to meet soon. We ask that you come and settle your accounts at once. If this is not done by February 15th it will cause us to change and work strictly for cash to such customers.

Yours truly,  
Lubbock Iron Works,  
and J. B. Martin.

**NOTICE.**

My office in Lubbock will be closed for one week, beginning the 17th of February, during which time I will be in Tahoka.

Dr. C. M. Ballinger,  
29--tf.

I have a 12 section ranch in Gray county, close to two railroads, to exchange for property here, or will sell on good terms. Well improved, everlasting water, good home, 200 acres farm. \$5 per acre.

Jno. F. Robinson,  
Lubbock, Tex.

For Sale---200 bushels of red, rust-proof seed oats. Home grown.

W. H. Vaughn,  
Lubbock, Tex.

**NOTICE, FOR SALE** --- A heavy duck wall tent with fly, 10 x12 feet, cheap. Dr. O. H. WESTLAKE.

We are requested to announce that the cemetery association here will meet at the courthouse Thursday evening February 13. Every man, woman and child who is interested in the cemetery improvements are requested to be present. Don't forget the date.

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**S. F. Cline, Mgr.**  
Lubbock, Texas

**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,

CALDWELL & PORTER.

**For Sale.**

If taken within the next 30 days:

One section land 3 miles of Lubbock at \$10 per acre, can make terms.

One section five miles of Lubbock, \$10 per acre cash.

One section 5 miles of Lubbock will divide and sell 320 acres at \$11 per acre on terms, or entire section at \$10.50.

Dillard-Powell Land Co.

The Lubbock Commercial Club has issued a brief write up of Lubbock and Lubbock county, which is now ready for distribution. If you want some of these call on the secretary, W. S. Posey, or write the Lubbock Commercial Club, Lubbock, Texas. 27 3m

**STRAYED** --- Two registered Hereford bulls, five years old, unbranded. Will pay \$5 reward for information of their whereabouts.

R. B. Shaw, Lubbock, Tex.

We have nothing to sell buy lumber, paint and coal, and nothing to do but sell it. 1 mo.

A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.

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

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



**Citation by Publication.**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**—To the Sheriff or any constable of Lubbock County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Phamay Jay deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Lubbock County, to be held at the ch thereof, in the town of Lubbock, on the 1st Monday in May, 1908, being the 4th day of May, A. D. 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 9th day of January, 1908, in a cause numbered No. 349, wherein Martha H. Jay is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Phamay Jay and Benjamin H. Mills and Lydia J. Mills and Martha E. Walton and John Walton are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Plaintiff resides in Clinton County, State of Ohio, and that the residence of defendants is unknown, that on January 1st, 1906, plaintiff was and now is lawfully seized and possessed, of the lands described below, and on said date defendants ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withhold the possession thereof from plaintiff, to her damage \$5000.00. That plaintiff held said land in fee simple estate, the same being described as follows: 1st. Survey No. 71 in blk. C, Lubbock and Crosby Counties, Texas, located by virtue of Certificate of Land Script No. 100, issued to Dallas & Wichita Ry. Co., and patented to Phamay Jay, May 28th, 1879, by Patent No. 66, Vol. 30, containing 640 acres, 2nd. Being situated in Lubbock County, Texas, and known as the south one-half of the southeast one-fourth, and the northeast one-fourth of the southeast one-fourth of survey No. 107 in block C, by virtue of certificate 119 issued to Dallas & Wichita Ry. Co., and patented to Paris Cox, March 25th, 1879, by patent No. 60, Vol. 30, containing 120 acres of land. Plaintiff alleges her title to be as follows: Section No. 71 was patented by State to Phamay Jay, May 28th, 1879, patent No. 66, Vol. 30. And that survey 107 was patented by State to Paris Cox, March 25th, 1879, and the 120 acres sued for was by Paris Cox conveyed to Phamay Jay by deed dated April 23rd, 1879, which is recorded in book Y1, page 52, Lubbock Co. Deed Record. And that both tracts were by said Phamay Jay, (she being an unmarried woman) conveyed to Martha H. Jay and her husband, Samuel S. Jay, by deed dated April 8th, 1886, the deed being recorded on page 69 of volume BT of Lubbock Co. Deed Records. Afterwards on same date plaintiff and Samuel S. Jay conveyed to said Phamay Jay a life estate only in and to the above described land, by deed recorded in volume BT at page 73, of Lubbock Co. Deed Records. Afterwards on July 10th, 1886, the said Samuel S. Jay conveyed to Benjamin D. Jay all his interest in said lands by deed, recorded in book 6 at page 390, Lubbock Co. Deed Records, and that afterwards on same day, the said Benjamin D. Jay and wife Dora M. Jay, conveyed to Martha H. Jay, the tracts of land above described by deed, recorded in Vol. 6 on page 393, Lubbock Co. Deed Records. That Phamay Jay was a widow on April 8th, 1886, and that she departed this life in A. D. 1890, and that upon her death the estate in remainder immediately vested in and reverted to plaintiff. Plaintiff further alleges that she is the only surviving child of said Phamay Jay, but that said Phamay Jay had one deceased child, who was named Sarah, who had married — Mills, and said Sarah and husband were both dead long prior to Phamay Jay's death, and that said Sarah left surviving her two children or other descendants, named Benjamin H. Mills, and Martha E. Mills who married John Walton, and if there be other heirs of said Phamay Jay or of Sarah Mills, their names are to plaintiff unknown. Plaintiff alleges that the claim if any, of the defendants to the above described land, is to plaintiff unknown, unless it be as the heirs of Phamay Jay. Prayer for judgement for title and possession of above described premises, for writ of restitution, costs of suit and general relief. Should the same for any reason be refused, then plaintiff says that on April 8th, 1886, she and said Samuel S. Jay were husband and wife, and on said date Phamay Jay, (plaintiff's mother) conveyed to plaintiff and her husband the lands above described. That afterwards on same day, plaintiff and her husband did sell and convey to said Phamay Jay a life estate only, in and to the said above described lands, and by apt words so limited the estate granted, said deed being recorded in book BT at page 73 of Deed Records of Lubbock Co., Texas. Plaintiff alleges that if the said deed to said Phamay Jay did not in fact so limit the estate so granted to the life only of said Phamay Jay, that in fact and in truth such was the intention of all the parties thereto, and the failure to so limit the estate so granted, was a mutual mistake, or a mistake of the draughtsman. That afterwards on July 10th, 1886, Samuel S. Jay sold to Benjamin D. Jay his undivided interest in said land. That afterwards on same day Benjamin D. Jay and wife Dora M. Jay conveyed said lands to plaintiff. That Samuel S. Jay died in 1881, and Phamay Jay died in 1890. Plaintiff is only surviving child of Phamay Jay, and Benjamin H. Mills and Martha E. Walton is the only other surviving heirs of said Phamay Jay so far as plaintiff knows, and verily believes. That upon the death of said Phamay Jay full title immediately vested in plaintiff. That the supposed ambiguities in the deed of April 8th, 1886, from Samuel S. Jay and Martha H. Jay to Phamay Jay, and the claims of defendants, if any, because thereof, are a cloud upon the plaintiffs title.

Prayer first, for citation to defendants, and for judgment for title and possession of the above described lands, for removal of cloud from title,

for writ of restitution, for costs of suit, and for special and general relief. Prayer in the alternative that the court construe the deed from Samuel S. Jay and Martha H. Jay to Phamay Jay to convey a life estate only, to said Phamay Jay, and under the facts to reform the same to so read, and substituting said reformed instrument as a muniment in plaintiffs title, and that all title be divested out of defendants that may appear to be in them, and place the same in plaintiff, and for removal of cloud from title, and for possession, and for writ of restitution, costs, and special and general relief.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: R. E. Brown, Clerk of the District Court of Lubbock County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court in the town of Lubbock, this 9th day of Jan., A. D. 1908. R. E. Brown, Clerk of the District Court, Lubbock County, Texas.

[SEAL]

**What Is Ground Hog Day?**

The origin of Ground Hog day is accounted for in the House-keeper for February in the following way: February second, or Candlemas day, was a favorite holiday, marked by public gaiety and ceremonies in Europe during the Middle Ages. It is still marked there by the closing of banks and office, but not otherwise, outside of the reading of church services. In the Church of Calendar it is known as the Feast of Purification of the Virgin, and was instituted by Pope Sergius about the year 684 A. D. The popular name of the day is derived from the early custom of lighting up the church with candles and carrying these in procession on this festival.

As to the weather superstition that gives to Candlemas the name of "ground hog day," that is a world-wide fable. In Germany it is the badger that breaks its winter knap on this day to essay the thankless task of weather prophecy; in France and Switzerland it is the mermot, in England the hedge hog. Observation shows that none of these small animals do thus observe the date fixed, also that the weather on this date does not accurately foretell that of the following two months, as is supposed. But is a general truth that in temperate latitudes, warm and sunny weather in the first half of February is usually followed by a change and a cool spring, and on this fact our ground hog and badger stories are founded.

**Fell Forty Feet.**

E. E. Candle, a young man about 23 years old, fell into a well a distance of forty feet, at Ed. Sim's place in Kent county, last Friday, and sustained serious injuries. He was digging a well for Mr. Sims, and on being let down in the well, the rope broke, and he fell to the bottom lighting on a solid rock bottom. Both of his feet and ankles were thrown out of joint, and otherwise badly injured. He was brought to town and is now at the Anderson Hotel, under medical treatment of Dr. Bernard and Bannister. Notwithstanding the seriousness of his injuries—he is getting along nicely.—Snyder Western Light.

O. L. Slaton is having a handsome residence erected in the west part of town.

**Too Much Speculation.**

The immigration movement to Texas at this time is unusually heavy, but unfortunately for Texas "immigration" does not always mean "settlement." The prospector, investor and speculator are too frequent on these excursions. Texas needs more home-builders. —Texas Stockman Journal.

The home builder—the farmer—is slow to act, but once fairly started in a new country that is good for his business you can't keep him out.

Many of those coming here now are as the Stockman-Journal would say, "investors and speculators." These men, many of them, have made it their business for years to find out what the farmers want in the way of land; from a long experience in such matters they have become excellent judges of a country and its possibilities; they know a good thing when they see it and, having found it, they make haste to get in on the ground floor. This is just what has been done on the Texas Plains. To-day these people own the bulk of our vast fertile prairies.

The "prospector, investor and speculator" however seems to be a necessity in the opening for actual development of all new countries. They are the fore-runners of the actual settler. Such has been the case from the time the Anglo-Saxon made his first entry into the great Mississippi valley and so it is likely to be until every quarter section of the vast Plains country has one or more occupants.

If the farmers of the middle states could know these things they would come and get in on the "ground floor—themselves," but, they are too slow. Used to the practice of economy, in many instances, especially the one before us, a "penny wise and pound foolish" creed—they won't spend the money and take the time to see for themselves, hence, as the saying goes, when they do come to a knowledge of the truth, the other fellow, the investor and speculator must be paid for his foresight and enterprise.

Lands on the Texas Plains have risen in price tremendously during the last two years, but the opportunity to get them cheap still remains. The money stringency may hold them at present figures for a while, but it won't last long and now, if ever, is the best time for the real homeseeker and home-builder to buy. Such people we want and such people will find a cordial welcome in Randall county. —Canyon City News.

We, Penney & Kincannon, desire to express our thanks to the people of this town for the great help rendered during the fire last Friday evening, also, for their kindness and generosity in making up the subscription Saturday. Wish also to say that I, Robert Penney, desire to give my part of the amount made up for us toward some kind of fire protection for the town, whenever that business is taken up.

Signed, Robert T. Penney.

C. E. Hunt is having a modern built residence put up on his property, one mile south of Lubbock.

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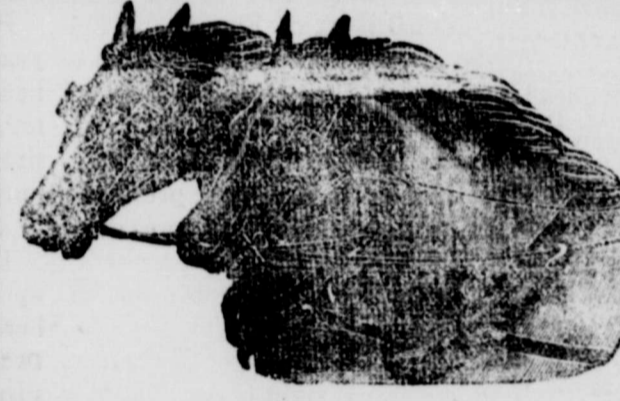
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WALTER S. POSEY Cashier

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### First National Bank, OF LUBBOCK

Capital Paid in - \$50,000.00  
Profits Earned - \$26,000.00  
Shareholders Liabilities - \$50,000.00

We have more Capital and Surplus, with our Shareholder's liability than we have deposits, so this bank has no need of the much talked-of Insurance on Deposits, and the men who own, control and run this bank are as follows:

L. T. Lester, O. L. Slaton, R. A. Barclay, Jas. B. Posey, J. D. Caldwell, J. B. Mobley, John McCrummen, John W. Gordon, J. & W. Fisher, and W. S. Posey.

## TANDY-COLEMAN CO Coal and Grain Dealers

Buy and Sell all kinds of Grain and Feed Stuff. Best Nigger-head, Maitland, Osage Lump and Nut Coal always in Stock (now at Summer Prices.)

**BEST WAGON AND FEED YARD** on the Plains, in connection. Stalls 15c. We want your trade and will treat you right. Come and see us when in Plainview.

## JNO. F. ROBINSON, THE LAND MAN LUBBOCK, TEX.

List Your Land With Me. I will try to find you a buyer. I want bargains that I may be ready for those who are coming to see me every day. With bargains I can interest the homeseeker and get him to locate with us. Why not give me part of your business. See me for insurance. I represent reliable companies

## Lubbock Iron Works

Daugherty & Bullock, Props.

### General Machine Shop Work.

We Solicit Your Business and Guarantee Satisfaction

Postoffice Box 178. Phone Number 38.  
Lubbock, Texas. 3 Rings.

## Just Lumberin' Along

That's Our Business.

See us for Posts, Wire, Anchor Posts, Windmill Towers, etc. A car load of coal on hands and more on the road. Yours for business.

Plains Lumber & Grain Co.  
J. D. Quick, Mgr. Lubbock, Texas.

## BUY A HOME!

In the Famous Plains of Texas

Good Land, Low Prices and Easy Terms, on long or short time. We can sell you any quantity desired, but 160 acre tracts are our specialty. If you want to buy land see us; if you want to sell your property list it with us.

**E. P. Earhart**

LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

### GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

L. K. Ferguson Convicted of Murder In First Degree. Jury Gives Him Life Sentence.

Since our last report of the District Court on Thursday last the court has made an enviable record.

Thursday evening all of the evidence in the Ferguson case was in and the attorneys began arguing the case before the jury, putting in the time until about 5 p. m. Friday when it was turned over to the jury.

Judge Thurmond for the defense made a strong plea for a light sentence, making the defense that Rhodes, the man killed, had threatened Ferguson's life, also the plea of insanity, caused by strong drink and also that the defendant was under the influence of liquor when the crime was committed. The state was ably represented by M. Carter, the district attorney, and the Bealls from Sweetwater where Rhodes formerly lived. The State's attorneys made a strong appeal for the death penalty and it is said that the speech of Warren Beall was a master argument eloquently delivered.

The jury retired about 5 p. m., Friday, elected H. J. Free as foreman and proceeded to take the first ballot which stood 11 for the death penalty and 1 for a life sentence. About 7:30 the jury returned with the following verdict:

We, the jury, find the defendant L. K. Ferguson, guilty of murder in the first degree and assesses his punishment at confinement in the State penitentiary for life.

#### HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

There is not much to be said. During Christmas week it seems Mr. Ferguson became intoxicated and went to the rooms where Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes lived and grossly insulted his (Rhodes) wife. A complaint was filed next day against Ferguson for disturbing the peace, to which he plead guilty, paid his fine, and immediately afterwards secured a winchester shot gun and meeting Rhodes on the street near the Sheppard corner, shot him without a word, killing him instantly.

It was just four weeks from the day L. K. Ferguson violated the law until he received the sentence of murder in the first degree in the District Court of Mitchell county. —Colorado Record.

#### Farmers To Shafter Lake.

Shafter Lake, Tex. Jan. 30.—A hundred and fifty farmers are to be brought here during the next two months and located on tracts of 100 acres each near the town. The settlers are principally from the states of Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Indiana. The land here is good for both grazing and agriculture and is offered cheap. Forty acres of the best land in Andrews county and a good lot in Shafter Lake can be obtained for \$160., on long payment terms. These inducements are pleasing to homeseekers and this section is enjoying a wonderful growth. The town is rapidly enlarging and adding new stores and municipal facilities.

## Modern Woodmen of America.

Modern Woodmen of America, just as well leave your little family two or three thousand dollars more to live on should you be taken away by death. Here below you will find the table of rates. Just take at your age what it will cost you per thousand and multiply by nine and you will have what it will cost you per year as we have had only an average of nine assessments out of twelve for twenty-five years. Your certificate matures the night we organize and you take it up. Better investigate, as we are only organizing one time in a town. You will find H. Ragsdale at Nicolett Hotel on the streets.

Table of rates:

Age	\$500	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000	\$3000
18 to 25	\$ .25	\$ .50	\$ .75	\$1.00	\$1.50
26 to 27	.30	.55	.85	1.10	1.65
28 to 29	.30	.60	.90	1.20	1.80
30 to 31	.35	.65	1.00	1.30	1.95
32 to 33	.35	.70	1.05	1.40	2.10
34 to 35	.40	.75	1.15	1.50	2.25
36 to 37	.40	.80	1.20	1.60	2.40
38 to 39	.45	.85	1.30	1.70	2.55
40 to 41	.45	.90	1.35	1.80	2.70
42 to 43	.50	.95	1.45	1.90	-----
44 to 45	.50	1.00	1.50	2.00	-----

#### THE LOVE OF HOME.

Bryan's Commoner rises to remark that "when a man fails to think his home town is the best town of its size in the country, it is time for him to seek another location." And continuing further, says: "We have noticed that the people who live comfortably in a small town do not wear the worried look of people who claim that a city is the only place to live." Which assertion is correct. The look of the city's dweller reflects his environments as that of the inhabitants of the smaller towns reflect on conditions which surround him. One bears the stamp of rushing roaring death, the other of the calmer—stillier way. Yet each considers his especial place of abode—the only one to be chosen and thus nature finds a way to even the scales and permit each man to be satisfied with the life he has found. The country dweller who spends a day in the busy, bustling metropolis returns to his peaceful home in the quiet evening and blesses fate for the silence that he finds. On the other hand the man from the city spends a day in the country town, yawns and gets restless and the shades of night behold him turning his eager eyes towards the lights and noises of the city. Each has become accustomed to the things that grow about him, and misses them accordingly when transplanted to foreign scenes. It is the love of home, old as the Garden of Eden, which prompts each heart to lean toward its parent location. People grow into the life which long association renders familiar, and separated from it awhile they return to it like a child to the arms of its mother. Unto each man be his own way.—Weatherford Herald.

#### Amarillo Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—The house this morning passed the bill introduced in the senate by Senator Culberson establishing a division of federal court for the northern district of Texas at Amarillo. The bill was called up under the unanimous consent rule by Mr. Stephens.

### Business Locals

All kinds of fresh cured meats at the Lubbock Meat Market.

Breakfast bacon 20c per pound at the Lubbock Meat Market.

Fresh mince meat and lard at the Lubbock Meat Market.

Pickled pig feet, preserved pig feet and fresh oysters at the Lubbock Meat Market.

Jackson's City Dray does a general transfer business. See it if you have any hauling to do.

Automobile For Sale: Cheap for cash, 4 passenger automobile, almost new, or will trade for Plains land.

Dillard-Powell Land Co.

Homeseekers, don't forget that we can sell you lots in the Overton addition to the town of Lubbock. Dillard-Powell Land Co.

#### CASH! CASH! CASH!

I have purchased the Grain and Feed business of Douglas Pounds, and can now be found at the same old stand selling grain. My terms are strictly cash. You will be expected to pay for the grain when delivered. This does not mean 30 days, but cash on delivery. Please bear this in mind when ordering Grain or feed stuffs. By selling for strictly cash it enables me to make you a better price on everything in the grain and feed stuff line. Yours for business.

ELDER B. PENNEY.  
Phone No 85.

#### Sells Big Ranch.

Plainview, Tex. Jan. 30.—The largest realty deal ever consummated in the Plainview country and one of the largest made in the Panhandle country in years was closed here yesterday with the transfer of Col. C. C. Slaughter's famous "S" Ranch, located in Hale, Lamb and Castro counties,—to the W. P. Slash Land Company, with headquarters in Waterloo, Iowa. The deal involves the transfer of 125 sections of fine plains land.



# THE STAR DRUG CO.

**A**s usual we are carrying a magnificent stock of everything usually found in first class drug store and Want you to come to our store when you need anything in our line. We are always glad to see you whether you desire to purchase or not. We invite your special attention to our FINE LINE OF:

### TOILET ARTICLES.

Consisting of all the latest and most popular kinds of face powders. Lotions hair dressing etc. We can certainly please you in this department.

### DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES.

We are sure no better selection of useful articles of this kind can be found in Lubbock. We have what ever member of the family needs and the prices are such as you can afford to use the best.

**PRESCRIPTIONS.** This department of our store is watched over by the most skillful of pharmacists and with the purest of drugs we can render you the very best service possible, and the fact that our business in this department is continually on the increase is evidence that we are pleasing the and their appreciations are expressed by their continued patronage. Call and see us.

Phone No. 11.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

Judge Geo. R. Bean returned this week from a business trip.

Wyley Puckett has been quite sick the past week.

Ed. Copeland was up from Meadow the first of the week.

F. E. Wheelock is transacting business north this week.

John F. Robinson was transacting business in Tahoka first of the week.

Dr. Woodworth and family are off on a visit to their old home in Ohio.

R. J. Dillard made a business trip to Plainview on the first of the week.

Jack Alley of Tahoka was shaking hands with friends in Lubbock yesterday.

The best Paint on earth, the Slierwin-Williams Paint, sold under a positive guarantee.

Star Drug Co.

Information has been received here that Gertie Hinshaw died last week in New Mexico where she had been taken for benefit of her health.

Mr. Glenn is quite sick, but we are glad to say that his condition is somewhat improved at this writing.

J. T. Brown and family of near Acuff, were in town Friday and Mr. Brown came in and ordered several copies of the Special Edition sent to friends in Tennessee.

Our buyers are now in the eastern markets and will purchase our complete line of Dry Goods for Spring and Summer uses.

W. R. Hampton & Son.

G. O. Groves, of Grovesville, was in the city this week, transacting business with our people.

### Valentines

Get them at the Star Drug Store—they have them for sale.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will serve oysters from three to ten o'clock on the evening of the 22nd. The place will be announced later.

If you want to save money on your purchases of Dry Goods and Groceries, call on W. R. Hampton & Son.

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are this week authorized to place the name of H. K. Porter before the voters of Lubbock and attached counties, for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor. Mr. Porter has served us faithfully and efficiently since his election in 1906, and should be again be chosen to fill this important office, we are confident he will do so to the best of his ability, and his work during the present term has proven him a man fully qualified for the position he aspires.

The Avalanche has been kinder shy on local and personal mentions for the past two weeks on account of the rush of work in the office which has kept the local editor employed and prevented him from catching many personal items that would otherwise have been mentioned in the local columns of the Avalanche. We hope that our readers won't be too severe on us along this line, but will strive the harder to tell us the many little local items they may know of. We assure you that the same will be appreciated.

L. C. Wilson returned Monday from a business trip north, in Iowa.

## The Time; the Place!

**LADIES!** We have now on display a part of our Spring Goods, which we are eager to show you. Beign early and get all your Spring clothes. We are showing the most exquisite line of white goods for Shirt waists. For skirts a line of linens unsurpassed (of these we have colored, whites and natural colors) goods that cant be beat in quality and prices. A beautiful line of white muslin for underwear. Of Our Embroideries, we have received just a few patterns ranging in prices up to \$30. Our Laces will be of the newest patterns—Tavelars and Vals. Long Cloth, Nainsooks, Dimities, Linen, Lawns, etc. We are showing a line that can't be beat. India Linens in all grades. Also a neat assortment of Persian Lawns. Of White Good for dainty hand work. We show the best grades and most perfect weave in Linen Cambric Lawn.

We cordially invite you to call and inspect our line. We take pleasure in showing our goods.

A few bargains to be had in some of our winter goods. A new and complete line of spring Oxfords for ladies, men, boys and girls.

**Caldwell & Porter.**

Lubbock,

Texas.

### —The Five essentials to a Modern Farm and Ranch—

**Eclipse Windmills, McCormick Harveting Machinery, John Deere Implement, Pittsburg Perfet Fencing, Charter Oak Stoves.**

Also a full line of Shelf Hardware, Builders' Hardware, Nails, Staples, Pipe Fittings, Cylinders, Pipe Casing, Queensware and Glassware, Etc.

