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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss. Katie Huss spent several days last week in town.

Mrs. Ware has been quite ill but is now improving.

Miss Velma Reeves spent several days last week visiting in town.

Rev. C. S. Hagaman of Stephens county is in the city.

The Revival, conducted by Rev. Howard and Rev. Feemster closed Sunday night.

Mr. A. C. Wimberly donated a wheel to the Stayer's exchequer last week.

Miss Eva Wright brightened our sanctum with her sweet smiles last week.

Messrs. R. F. Stevenson, Charley Ayres and H. J. Farnham were among our callers last week.

Mr. Byron Witherspoon and Miss Willie Wardlow and Mr. Cloyd and Miss Katie Huss made us a brief but pleasant call last week.

Sheriff Michael has just returned from Floyd county and reports the grass in splendid condition. There has been plenty of rain there all the year.

Dr. and Mrs. McClendon are home again from their visit to friends and relatives in the east. Mrs. McClendon's mother and brother accompanied them home and will spend some time here.

Mr. H. P. Jones came near getting his house burned one day last week. As near as we could learn the wind blew fire from under the wash pot into a tub of clothes by the side of the house. The clothes and a barrel were burned and other things badly scorched before Mrs. Jones, who was at a neighbors when the fire started, could, with the aid of Prof. Lowe, get it put out. We sincerely congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jones on their good fortune in getting the fire out with no greater loss. Of course the clothes burned were of value, but clothes are easier got than houses in this burg.

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Briscoe county is an area of 900 square miles, 4 is arable land. The population is 1125 with 400 sections of 360 and 35,000 acres of school land. The rate of taxation is 65cts. with an addition of 10 to 20cts. school tax, one hundred dollars. All taxes are rendered at \$1.00 per acre. The total debt is \$4500 for court house and jail. The county has in the treasury nearly \$5,000 and taxes will soon be due again. All county paper is worth 100 cents on the dollar.

The court house is a neat and plain structure in fairly good repair. The county jail, a magnificent stone structure, is used as a private dwelling, there being no other use for it. The only inmate it has had for over two years, a crazy man, was placed in the asylum.

There is still some good land to be taken up.

The water supply is drawn from wells by wind power and the quality and quantity cannot be surpassed anywhere.

The health of the people of Briscoe county is as near perfect as ever fell to the lot of humanity since man, for Adam's sin, inherited sickness, pain and death. There are two physicians in the county, and but for the natural increase in population and those ills that are unavoidable they could not make a living. The altitude precludes the possibility of malaria. Bilious and malarial fevers are unknown. Nobody ever contracted a chill in the county. We are not high enough to have mountain fever, and even slow fever that prevails lower down is comparatively rare with us. Statistics speak louder than words. The following figures will show for themselves:

During the past twelve months there has been interred in the Silverton Cemetery, one adult, a lady who died from chronic troubles contracted before she came here; and three children. In the rest of the county, so far as we can learn, only two deaths have occurred, which is fraction over one-half of one per cent of the total population.

Mr. R. Sedgwick's place lies on a slight eminence two miles north of Silverton. Mr. Sedgwick has 640 acres under fence 50 acres in cultivation in field corps, 15 acres orchard and garden. He has 725 apple trees three and four years old, 750 plum trees same age, 150 peach trees three years old, and a large number of other trees, both ornamental and fruit bearing.

ing. He also has grapes, goose berries, strawberries, currants, wine berries, and other small fruit in great abundance. Mr. Sedgwick's orchard is a sight well worthy of mention, as it clearly disproves the statement one so often hears made both at home and abroad, that is, that trees will not do any good unless irrigated; he practices the best irrigation theory, that is, frequent and thorough cultivation. The trees are as large, healthy, and thrifty as any grown in the famous fruit growing district of Montague and Wise counties. He has, also, a garden filled with a variety of thrifty looking vegetables, all showing indisputable evidences of industry and unremitting care. The neat little house; the yard full of beautiful blooming flowers; the cool shade; the chickens, turkeys, pigs and calves in the lot all combine to make a picture of homely comforts that appeal to all who appreciate the beauties of rural life. Such homes as his enoble the farmer's life.

The school building in Silverton is large and well built, but is not big enough to accommodate the ever increasing number of pupils. This winter arrangements will be made to house the overflow and another year more room will be added. Prof. D. C. Lowe has been selected as principal for the ensuing term. Mr. J. M. Oakes will be first assistant. Second assistant is yet to be selected. The term will be nine months.

The plains country is a paradise in summer. There is never more than one or two oppressively hot days at a time, and probably not more ten days during any one summer that are very unpleasant, and not one night. Cover on ones bed is always comfortable and sometimes more than one quilt is necessary. How delightfully green the earth looks now, just like spring time.

There will probably be an exodus to the army from this county this fall. It will not be soldiers however, but the stuff that helps make good soldiers, fine fat beef. Lots of pretty white face yearlings are frisking around these prairies unconscious that they are destined to shed their blood for their country, but such, no doubt, will be their fate.

Briscoe county farmers do not keep their smoke houses in Fort Worth or Kansas City, but grow their own hogs, feed them milk during the summer and finish them off with Kaffir corn which makes the best of bacon.

#### CANYON VIEW.

On Sunday evening, the 24th, this part of Briscoe's moral vineyard was visited by a young flood.

Rev. O. W. Carter failed to meet us on last Sunday but Bro. Gilbert Bryant gave us quite an interesting talk.

Dr. Miller and family, Mrs. McClary and a Mr. Kerby from Parker county are visiting Mr. W. L. Malone's family.

Mr. M. T. Wright of Silverton was delivering picture in our part this week.

Camp meeting will commence this week at Hasting school house and will continue several days. Who of our Milo girls pronounce Mr. Jim Derr, my "Dear."

The sick of our neighborhood are all improving.

Mr. S. B. Feemster and family expect to be off to Fisher county for two or three weeks visiting.

Tom Thornton captured a coon the other night—a four legged coon.

Prof. Gilbert Bryant will move to Lockney soon as he has a position in the public school at that place.

W. H. Lemmons has built a new store house.

Mrs. Doty of Iowa Park is visiting the family of C. C. Derr.

Arkansaw.

This is the gardener's song, and many there be who sing all day long:

The bugs, the bugs, white bugs, black bugs, brown bugs, red bugs, green bugs, striped bugs, little bugs, big bugs, old bugs, young bugs, bugs that fly, bugs that crawl, bugs that creep, bugs that sting, bugs that bite, bugs that blister, bugs to kill, bugs to sell, bugs to give away, bugs enough to supply the universe

Oh, for a sudden and awful pestilence in bugdom

Mr. Miner Crawford wishes it understood that he is strictly in the swim in the race for sheriff. He is also a candidate for the honorable position of "Benedict the married man." Look well to your caps girls, see that they are set straight. The position of Mrs. Sheriff may be yours.

Cucumbers are on the market now.

The first watermelons season were on the market this week.

Mr. H. A. Malone has on thanks for some fine Irish potatoes and green beans.

Mrs. J. H. Reeves sent us some extremely nice cucumbers this week. Many thanks.

We would respectfully call your attention to the card, in another column, of the City Drug Store.

Mrs. H. A. Malone has a new process for preserving fruits and vegetables without cooking. She also sells the preservative. Before putting up your summer fruits, call on or address her at Milo, Texas.

Mr. R. Sedgwick will have a fair crop of apples and quite a good crop of plums. They are the best Japanese and American kinds.

Mr. John B. Porter will have a few apples. He would have had a large crop, for such young trees, but they were a little too early in putting out and got caught by the last cold snap. In a few years more fruit will be as abundant here as any where in Texas.

Garden truck never wilts in the heat of the day here as it does under the plains. There is most always a cool breeze blowing that keeps things live and fresh.

Hon. W. B. Ware is receiving much encouragement in his race for district attorney. Of course his home county will give him the compliment of a unanimous vote, but we learn Donley and several other counties in his district will do likewise, which will insure his election. We believe Mr. Ware will amply repay the confidence and justify the hopes his fellow citizens repose in him by filling the office of district attorney with honor to them and credit to himself.

See Judge Hullum's card. If you have anything to sell or wish to buy stock or land, be sure to see him, he has some desirable bargains listed.

W. A. P. Matthews  
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 and Woodworkman.  
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