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Chamber of Commerce Votes to Communicate With F. W. & D. Officials

Denver Official Denies Protest Being Filed Against Plainview-Silverton Branch; Contract With Lubbock Signed

There has been no protest from the Denver Railway system against the Santa Fe building the Plainview-Silverton branch, according to a statement issued by Frank E. Clarity in Fort Worth last Saturday, but only a formal protest in the form of the required questionnaire against the road from Plainview to Dimmitt.

The Denver has filed application to build from Carey to Dimmitt, via Plainview, 135 miles, and from Lubbock to Silverton, while the Santa Fe has asked permission to construct lines from Plainview to Silverton and from Plainview to Dimmitt.

While in Fort Worth about two months ago C. G. Burnham, executive vice president of the Burlington, controlling the Denver, announced that the Burlington system would not enter into a fight with the Santa Fe for territory, believing that the Plains country would justify extensions by both roads.

But the two systems, exactly parallel between Plainview and Dimmitt such a situation not holding true in regard to other projects. That there may be some rearrangement of routes to satisfy the I. C. G. and avoid a contest, is a likely outcome.

Five Counties Served.

The conclusion that the Denver had filed protest was reached through the declaration by the Denver in its questionnaire that the 135-mile line, reaching to Dimmitt, would better serve that territory than other proposed construction. The I. C. G. questionnaire was sent in by Hale Holden, president of the Burlington, who said that the Denver had been seriously planning connections and branches in the Plains and Panhandle for more than two years, to embrace the counties of Floyd, Hale, Briscoe, Swisher and Castro.

The extension from Plainview to Dimmitt by either road would serve territory of 600,000 acres of pasture land and 200,000 acres of cultivated land, the country between the two towns having a population close to 3,000.

The Denver has asked the I. C. G. for a hearing and it is probable that that board will request the Texas Railroad Commission to hold a hearing in its behalf.

What effect the Santa Fe and Denver plans will have upon the Texas Panhandle and Gulf project is not known, though promoters of that road have filed a protest, claiming priority. The T. P. & G. hearing had been scheduled for Oct. 1 and its protest claimed that the other roads proposed to tap territory the T. P. & G. would serve.

The Santa Fe has not protested against the T. P. & G. plans nor those of the Denver, but it is expected that it will do so within another week. Clarity expects to go to Chicago next week to confer with Holden.

The Fort Worth committee seeking

to raise \$300,000 as a trust fund for the Administration Corporation of the T. P. & G. has not yet completed its labors and pledges are still coming in, some of the contributors raising their amounts. Should the \$300,000 be raised the Administration Corporation will be chartered to handle the finances of the road and will seek to raise \$3,000,000 along the route, which extends from Fort Worth to Tucuman, N. M. Only a small part of the \$300,000 has been turned in.

Some of the towns on the T. P. & G. also are on the Santa Fe and Denver routes, including Turkey, Silverton, Quitqua and Dimmitt, and citizens in all the territory embraced by the proposed lines are daily making an effort to make certain of these lines running through.

In the meantime a large force of Denver officials and employees are preparing exhibits for presentation to the I. C. G. showing tonnage, population and other data in the affected area.

Lubbock Contract Signed.

Contracts calling for the building of a line of the Fort Worth and Denver City South Plains Railroad from a point near Childress to and into the city of Lubbock, were signed last Friday morning. More than 100 responsible citizens signed the agreements for Lubbock and Frank E. Clarity, vice president and general manager of the company, of Fort Worth, was the signer for his firm. The contracts are backed by more than \$175,000 in negotiable notes, signed by more than 1,000 Lubbock people, during a two-day whirlwind campaign, to be used in purchasing a right-of-way from the east line of the county through to the western limit of the city, and 32 acres for terminal and shop grounds in the city limits.

According to the terms of the contract, the road will be completed in 18 months' time after the passing of the plans of the road by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington.

At the present time the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company is constructing a western branch, running from Lubbock to the New Mexico line, a distance of 70 miles, through Lubbock, Hockley and Cochran Counties. Three hundred teams and a large crew of men are working on the new road.

According to unofficial information coming from reliable sources, two other systems of railroads are planning surveys into Lubbock in the near future, and the desirability of the Santa Fe's building east from Lubbock is being discussed by the officials of the road.

Besides Clarity, J. H. Barwise Jr., solicitor general, and W. D. McKay, director of right-of-ways, all of Fort Worth, represented the Burlington system were in Lubbock at the time the contract was signed.

which was very unlucky for the other side.

Among those who made the trip to Turkey with the boys were: Mrs. Scott Smith, Mrs. Casey Calloway, Mrs. John Bain, Joe Ed Burleson, Bob Dickerson, Alton Steele, Bullard Thompson, C. J. Pennington and Charlie Pennington.

Season of Baseball Is Opened Here

The Silverton Cubs are all good ball players but Turkeys and "ifs" have their govt.

A ball team was organized here about ten days ago and a public subscription taken and the suits ordered. Walter Ferguson is the manager of the team with the following players: Emmett Puckett, Walter Lee Bain, Casey Calloway, Alan Allard, D. L. Morgan, Scott Smith, Bud Alexander, Jim Stevenson, J. D. Taylor, Perry Bowen, Slim Thompson and Max Crawford.

The first game of the season was played with Turkey on the home ground, Friday, May 15, which resulted in a tenning game with the score 15 and 14 in favor of Turkey. Everybody admitted it was a good game except for the score. The second game was played Tuesday with Turkey and the reporter was unable to get the exact score except to learn that one of the...

Rains During Past 5 Weeks Total 4 Inches

The rain fall in Silverton and vicinity now totals almost three inches for the month of May so far and nearly four inches within the last five weeks. This amount of rain, the kind that it has been, slow and soaking with plenty of cloudy weather, has put an excellent season in the ground. Many say that it is all that is really needed at the present time.

The rain last Saturday afternoon while general all over the Panhandle, is reported to have been as heavy here as anywhere amounting to 4.1 of an inch according to J. D. King, local weather man.

Gene Simpson Now Owner of Tourist Station

Gene Simpson has bought V. L. Webster's interest in the Tourist Garage and he will continue to operate it under the same name. Mr. Webster has moved to Lockney.

In addition to carrying a complete line of gas, oils, greases, tires and accessories, Mr. Simpson announces that he will continue to do all kinds of welding and that day and night service will be maintained by his filling station. Another visible pump is being installed and the corner is being improved so as to make driving-in easier, states Mr. Simpson.

Man Breaks Jail Here; Companion Is Acquitted

J. F. Harris, who was jailed here last week on a charge of robbery, broke jail early Sunday night and so far, has not been apprehended.

W. L. Allen who was arrested as an accomplice was acquitted in county court Monday, however, it is understood that he has been indicted by the grand jury of Floyd county on a burglary charge and that he will have to stand trial at Floydada in district court. He has secured C. W. Norrid, local attorney to defend him.

You'll enjoy "The Homesteader." Don't miss a chapter.

Folly Theatre Is Bought By Oklahoma Man

R. C. Wood, of Cordell, Oklahoma, has bought the Folly Theater at Silverton, from A. W. Phillips.

Mrs. Wood is expected to arrive here the last of this week with his family and will make his permanent home here.

The announcement of the sale to Mr. Wood was made by Mr. Phillips Saturday night at the show. He recommended Mr. Wood as a high class citizen and bespeaks for him the same considerations and patronage that he had received since opening the Folly here. He stated that he had made a trade with Mr. Wood to furnish the same pictures here that are shown at Tulsa and that the show would be operated along the same lines as heretofore. It is understood that Mr. Wood plans to make arrangements for a new building in the very near future, if he has to build it himself.

Clean Up Campaign Is On.

The Clean Up campaign is on in earnest! Everybody is taking hold in a fine spirit. The dust is flying, and has flown, in nearly every home in town. Many are asking if they have to do all their cleaning up in one week. The committee says no. The cards that have been passed out are to be turned in only when you have accomplished all that you intend to in the near future. Clean Up—Paint Up—Keep It Up!

Carabel Biffle Has Operation In Fort Worth

Miss Carabel Biffle was taken ill last Friday and an operation was decided upon. She was rushed to Fort Worth by way of Amarillo, where an examination was made. Mrs. Biffle Fort and Dr. T. A. Moore accompanied her and Mayor John G. Fort went to Fort Worth the next day. She was operated on Saturday noon and Dr. Moore reported upon his return Sunday that the operation was entirely successful. It is understood that Mrs. Biffle Fort was operated upon Tuesday or Wednesday but no information had been received in Silverton Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Castleberry of Wildorado, are keeping the two smaller children in the absence of Mrs. Biffle Fort.

New Town Is Named For J. L. Francis

Francis is the name of the newest town on the South Plains of West Texas. The new town will be opened by the Santa Fe railroad on the proposed branch of the road from Plainview to Silverton. It will be located on the J. L. Francis ranch 13 miles southwest from Silverton, and will be named for the ranchman from whom the company has purchased a half-section of land for the townsite. Francis is a pioneer cow man of Briscoe county.

R. J. Murray of Lubbock, will have charge of the selling of the lots in the new townsite. Until recently Murray was president of the Slaton State bank which position he resigned to become a land agent of the Santa Fe.

The Santa Fe is also announcing that they will open two or three towns on its branch southwest of Lubbock.

The town of Francis will be started just as soon as the Santa Fe is granted a certificate of authority to build their Plainview-Silverton line for which application was made to the Interstate Commerce Commission four weeks ago. Action on the application is expected to be made within the next two weeks.

Local Men Build Home For Widow

A few weeks ago Mrs. Paulona Stringer, with seven fatherless children arrived in Briscoe county from Howard County, Arkansas. At first they lived on a farm nine miles south of Silverton but on account of the immediate necessity for securing money to keep her family together and in food, Mrs. Stringer came into town to get work. She met with some success but was greatly handicapped on account of living so far from her work. She managed to get hold of a lot in the east part of town and went to one of the lumber yards to try and figure out a plan whereby she could build a home. The lumber yard agreed to furnish the materials at a reasonable price and on terms that she thought she could handle but she had no means for paying carpenters. J. N. Morton, the contractor, heard of Mrs. Stringer's plight and learned of her circumstances. He and his men, and others volunteered their services to help her build the house.

As a result, Mrs. Stringer and her children are now living in a cozy two room home, and in a shape to own it very soon. She is close to her work and with the assistance of the children who are large enough to help, feels that she has a chance to give them a good home and provide for them as they should be. She was almost overcome with joy and thanks to the men who so freely gave of their labor and says: "My work will now be a joy, because you have made it so; you have set the merry pace for our feet to go; the splendid work you have done will echo throughout the years to come, and I am wishing that each of you will reap the joy you have sown."

The following are the names of the men who donated their time and work in building the house: J. N. Morton, W. M. Draper, Fred A. Wilson, Carl Morton, Charlie Nelson, Charley Crow, J. G. Steven, Homer Simpson, Jack Brown and T. L. Strang.

Many Matters Discussed at Special Called Meeting; Friday, May 22, Set For General Clean Up Day Here

At a special called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held here Tuesday night it was voted to write a letter to Frank Clarity of the Denver system expressing thanks for the interest his company has taken in Silverton and offering the services and cooperation of the body in securing right-of-ways, and terminals for the proposed branch line which is to be built from here to Lubbock. It was also voted to write a letter to the committee at Lubbock along the same line. It was pointed out by various speakers that such action would be advisable inasmuch as the Denver was going ahead with their plans and that they would in all probability be calling upon Silverton within a very short time. It is understood that no bonus of any kind is expected but it was the sense of the meeting that the railroad officials should be advised of Silverton's interest in the proposed road.

Friday, May 22, was set as special clean-up day for Silverton and H. R. Brown, C. J. Witherspoon and Bert Northcutt were appointed as a committee to solicit individuals and business

firms for donations of labor and trucks. It is the plan to meet early Friday morning and organize into squads to give the streets, alleys and vacant lots a thorough cleaning and to haul the rubbish to the dump grounds five miles north of town. Trucks will be secured to call at the residences for trash and rubbish and a small charge will be made according to the amount to be hauled away.

A sanitation and parking ordinances were discussed, it being the opinion of the majority of those present that such ordinance should be passed by the city council immediately. Frank Bain stated for the council that the ordinances were under advisement at the present time but that no definite action had been taken. Endorsement was given to the Better Wheat meeting which will be held here June 9 by the Santa Fe Agricultural department.

A resolution was also passed endorsing the designation of a proposed state highway from Clarendon through Silverton to Ralls. There were about 25 members present.

Delegations Go To Plainview On Highway Project

A delegation of Silverton business men joined a group from Clarendon and went to Plainview Thursday to see the Honorable Joe Burkett, who is a member of the state highway commission, in reference to the proposed designation of a state highway from Clarendon through Silverton and Floydada to Ralls.

Business men at Clarendon and Ralls have been working on the project for several months and it is understood that the commissioners courts of Donley, Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby and Garza Counties together with the county judges have signed the petition for the designation.

When it was learned that Mr. Burkett would be in Plainview it was decided hurriedly to call upon him personally, to give him an idea of the interest that was being taken in the road and stressing the importance and necessity for such a highway. It is understood that the state commission is to have a meeting at an early date at which time the matter of the road will probably come up.

The local Chamber of Commerce heartily endorsed the proposition at the called meeting Tuesday night.

Higginbotham & Bartlett Buy Business Lots

Announcement was made this week that Higginbotham & Bartlett Co., of Lubbock, had purchased the three north front lots facing the Burton Motor Co.'s building with the intention of building on them at once. This firm already owns other lots in the same block. It is said, and it is considered probably that they will put in a complete lumber and hardware establishment.

The Higginbotham-Bartlett organization is one of the oldest and strongest in the Panhandle-Plains country and their entry into Silverton is an excellent sign of the assured future development of the community.

The deal for the lots was made through C. J. Witherspoon, local real estate agent.

She's Boss, No Doubt

Angry Passenger—Guard, why didn't you wake me as I asked you? Here I am miles beyond my station.

Guard—I did try, but all I could get out of you was, "All right, Marie, Get the children their breakfast and I'll be down in a minute."—Midland Daily Tri-

Pete Blakney Now Owner of Silverton Gin

Pete Blakney is now the sole owner of the Silverton Gin, having bought out his partner C. L. Martin, of Seymour.

Mr. Blakney's friends are glad to learn of this fact because they believe that he is greatly interested in the development of this section of the country and they know that he is a real gin man. Mr. Blakney says that he personally will be on the job every day during the season except Sundays and that in rare cases if it was absolutely necessary they might be able to find him somewhere near on Sundays.

Mr. Blakney built the Silverton Gin last year and ginned 2500 bales of cotton. During the past few weeks he has installed at great expense the latest and most highly developed additional machinery for successfully handling "boltees." He started up the gin Tuesday and ginned 10 bales of the hardest, rottenest boltees that he could find and he states that the new machines absolutely turned out lint that could hardly be told from picked cotton.

The gin now has a capacity of 115 bales of picked cotton or 30 bales of "boltees" per day.

Better Wheat Meeting to Be Held Here

The Santa Fe Railroad and the State A. & M. College will hold a "Better Wheat" program in Silverton, Tuesday June 9, according to a communication received by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be held in the district court room and there will be three prominent speakers who will lecture on better methods in wheat production. All farmers and others in the county are promised something worthwhile and are urged to attend the meeting and

Grammar School Program.

The Grammar school program was given at the school auditorium on Tuesday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock.

A large crowd filled the auditorium to capacity and a very good program was rendered by the first six grades of the school.

Many of the numbers attracted considerable attention, and some exceptional talent was exhibited. The most interesting feature of the program was the May pole dance and the crowning of the May queen which was the last number on the program.

The Homesteader by Robert J. C. Stead Illustrations by Irwin Myers



A Romance of Canadian Prairies and Foothills

A REALISTIC PICTURE, painted in the novelist's best style, of the settlement of the lands of Manitoba and westward. Deals with the life story of a pair of lovers who in the early eighties went into a wilderness and watched it grow into an empire. It then takes up the story of their children, particularly the romance of their charming, strong-willed daughter, who, like her mother, followed the man of her choice to another frontier.

Thrilling as a tale of knight errantry, yet redolent of the country, and sweet as a breath from meadow land.

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PRELUDE.

Six little slates clattered into place, and six little figures stood erect before their benches.

"Right! Turn!" said the master, "March! School is dismissed;" and six pairs of bare little legs twinkled along the aisle, across the well-worn threshold, down the big stone step, and into the dusty road, warm with the rays of the Indian summer sun.

The master watched them from the open window until they vanished behind a ridge of beech trees that cut his vision from the procession. While they remained within sight a smile played upon the features of his strong, sunburned face, but as the last little cadence was swallowed by the wood the smile died down, and for a moment he stood, a grave and thoughtful statue framed within the white pine casings of the sash.

His brown study lasted only a moment. With a quick movement he walked to the blackboard, caught up a section of sheepskin, and began erasing the symbols of the day's instructions.

"Well, I suppose there's reward in heaven," he said to himself, as he set the little schoolroom in order. "There isn't much here. The farmers will pay a man more to doctor their sick sheep than to teach their children. If others can take the chance I can take it too. If it were not for her I would go tomorrow."

The last remark seemed to unloose a new chain of thought. The gray eyes lit up again. He wielded the broom briskly for a minute, then tossed it in a corner, fastened the windows, slipped a little folder into his pocket, locked the door behind him and swung in a rapid stride down a by-path leading from the little schoolhouse into the forest.

Ten minutes' quick walking in the woods, now glorious in all their autumn splendor, brought him to a point where the sky stood up, pale blue, evasive, through the trees. The next moment he was at the water's edge, and a limpid lake stretched away to where the forests of the farther shore



mingled hazily with sky and water. He glanced about, as though expecting someone; he whistled a line of a popular song, but the only reply was from a saucy eavesdropper which perched on a near-by limb, trilled back its own liquid notes in answer.

"I may as well improve the moments consulting my chart," he remarked to his undulating image in the water. "This thing of embarking on two new seas at once calls for skillful piloting." He seated himself on a stone, drew from his pocket the folder, and spread a map before him.

In a few moments he was so engrossed that he did not hear the almost noiseless motion of a canoe as it thrust its brown nose into the blue wedge before him. Kneeling near its stern, her paddle held aloft and dripping, her brown arms and browner hair glistening in the mellow sun, her face bright with the light of its own expectancy, was a lithe and beautiful girl. In an instant her eye located the young man on the bank, and her lips molded as though to speak; but when she saw how unobserved she was she remained silent and upright as an Indian while the canoe slipped gently toward the shore. Presently it cushioned its nose in the velvety sand, she rose silently from her seat, and stole on moccasined tip-toes along the stones until she could have touched his hair with her fingers. But her eyes fell over his shoulder on the papers before him.

"Always at your studies," she cried, as he sprang eagerly to his feet. "You

must be seeking a professorship. She stole the map from his fingers.

"I declare, if it isn't Manitoba!" Seizing his cheeks between her hands she turned his face to her. "Answer me, John Harris. You are not thinking of going to Manitoba?"

"Suppose I say I am?"

"Then I am going, too!"

"John! Nothing unusual about a wife going with her husband, is there?"

"No, of course, but you know—"

"Yes, I know—glancing at the ring on her finger. "This still stands at par, doesn't it?"

"Yes, dear," he answered, raising the ring to his lips. "You know it does. But to venture into that wilderness means—you see, it means so much more to a woman than to a man."

"Not so much as staying at home—alone. You didn't really think I would do that?"

"No, not exactly that. Let us sit down and I will tell you what I thought. Here, let me get the cushion. . . There, that is better."

"They sat for some minutes, gazing dreamily across the broad sheet of silver."

"And so you are going to Manitoba?" she said at length.

"Yes. There are possibilities there. It's a gamble, and that is why I didn't want to share it with you—at first. I thought I would spend a year; locate a homestead; get some kind of a house built; perhaps break some land. Then I would come back."

"And you weren't going to give me a word in all those preparations for our future? You have a lot to learn yet, John. You won't find it in that folder, either."

She had snatched his confession at an unguarded moment. He had not meant to tell her so much—so soon. As he thought over the wheels he had set in motion their possible course staggered him, and he found himself arguing against the step he contemplated.

"It's a gamble," he repeated. "The agricultural possibilities of the country have not been established. It may be adapted only to buffalo and Indians. We may be far back from civilization, far from neighbors, or doctors, or churches, or any of those things which we take as a matter of course."

"Then you will need me with you, John, and I am going." In a crimson glory the sun had sunk behind the black forest across the lake. The silver waters had draped in mist their fringe of inverted trees along the shore and lay, passive and breathing, and very still, beneath the smooth-cutting canoe.

"And we shall build our own home, and live our own lives, and love each other—always—only, for ever and ever?" she breathed.

"For ever and ever," he answered.

The last white shimmer of daylight faded from the surface of the lake. The lovers floated on, gently, joyously, into their ocean of hope and happiness.

CHAPTER I.

The Beck of Fortune.

The last congratulations had been offered; the last good wishes, somewhat mixed with tears, had been expressed. The bride, glowing in the happy consciousness of her own beauty, and defied by the great tenderness that enveloped her new estate like a golden mist, said her farewells with steady voice and undrooping eyes.

It had been a busy winter for John Harris, and this, although the consummation of his great desire, was but the threshold to his new activities and new outlets for his intense energies. Since the face and form of Mary Allan had first enraptured him in his little backwoods school district, a vast ambition had possessed his soul, and today, which had seemed to be his end, he now knew to be but its beginning.

The ready consent of his betrothed to share his life in the unknown wilderness between the Red river and the Rocky mountains had been a tide which, taken at its flood, might lead him on to fortune. At the conclusion of his fall term he had resigned his position as teacher, and with his small savings had set about accumulating equipment essential to the homesteader. Because his effects were not enough to fill a car he had "doubled up" with Tom Morrison, a fine farmer whose worldly success had been somewhat less than his deserts, and who bravely hoped to mend his broken fortunes where land might be had for the taking.

So John Harris and his bride took the passenger train from her city home, while their goods and chattels, save for their personal baggage, rumbled on in a box-car or crowded stolidly into congested side-tracks as the exigencies of traffic required.

At a junction point they were transferred from the regular passenger service to an immigrant train.

One or two of the passengers had already made the trip to Manitoba,

and were now on the journey a second time, accompanied by their wives and families. These men were soon noted as individuals of some moment; they became the center of little knots of conversation, and their fellow-immigrants hung in reverent attention upon every word from their lips.

"Tell us about the crops," said one of the men passengers. "What like wheat can ye grow?"

"Like corn," said the narrator, with great deliberation. "Heads like cars o' corn. Wheat that grows so fast ye can hear it. Nothin' uncommon to walk into wheat fields when they're knee-high, an' have to fight yer way out like a jungle."

"Is the injuns werry big?" piped a little voice. "My pa's go'n' to make me a bone-arrow so I can kill 'em all up."

"That's a brave soldier," said the man, drawing the child to his knee. "But Ah know a better way to fight Indians than with bows an' arrows. Ah fights 'em with flour an' blankets an' badge-meats, an' it's a long way better."

The child climbed up on the friendly knee and interested himself in the great silver watch-chain that looped conveniently to his fingers. "Go on wif your story, man," he said. "T's listenin'."

And big Aleck McCrae forgot the immigrants crowded around, forgot the lurch of the train and the window-glimpse of forests heavy-blanketed with snow, as he plowed his fertile imagination and spread a sudden harvest of wonderment before the little soul that clung to his great watch-chain.

And so the journey wore on. As day succeeded day to the monotonous rumble of the car wheels the immigrants became better acquainted and friendships took root that in after years were to brave every storm of adversity and bloom forth in the splendid community of spirit and sacrifice which particularly distinguished the pioneers.

In the cold gray of a March morning, when the sun had not yet dispelled the mists of night, and the fringing woods back from the Red river loomed white and spectral through the frost, they re-entered the empire, and in a few minutes were detouring at Emerson, the boundary town and gateway to the prairies which for 1,000 miles stretched into the mysteries of the unknown.

Emerson was the gateway of the great invasion. The "farthest west" of rail communication, on the threshold of the prairie country, it seemed the strategic point for the great city which must arise with the settlement and development of the fertile kingdom of territory lying between the Lake of the Woods and the Rocky mountains, and between the forty-ninth parallel and the unknown northern limit of agriculture.

Harris left his wife with a company of other women in the government immigration building while he set out to find, if possible, lodgings where she might live until he was ready to take her to the homestead country. He must first make a trip of exploration himself, and as this might require several weeks his present consideration was to place her in proper surroundings before he left. He inquired at many doors for lodgings for himself and wife, or for his wife alone. The response ranged from curt announcements that the inmates "ain't takin' boarders" to sympathetic assurances that if it were possible to find room for another it would be done, but the house was already crowded to suffocation. In two hours Harris, notwithstanding his stout frame and his young enthusiasm, dragged himself somewhat disconsolately back to the immigration building with the information that his search had been fruitless.

At the door he met Tom Morrison and another, whom he recognized as the teller of Indian stories which had captivated the children of his car. "And what luck have ye had?" asked Morrison, seizing the young man by the arm. "Little, I'll be thinkin', by the smile ye're forcin' up. But what am I thinkin' of? Mr. McCrae is from 'way out in the Wakopa county, and an old timer on the prairie."

"Aleck McCrae," said the big man. "We leave our 'misters' east of the Great Lakes. An' Ah'm not from Wakopa, unless you give that name to all the country from Pembina crossing to Turtle mountain. Ah'm doing business all through there, an' no more partial to one place than another."

"What is your line of business, Mr. McCrae?" asked Harris.

"Aleck, I said, an' Aleck it is."

"All right," said the other, laughing. "What is your business, Aleck?"

"My business is assisting settlers to get located on suitable land, an' eking out my own living by the process. Tom here tells me you're hunting a house for the wife. Ah know Emerson too well to suppose you have found one."

"I haven't, for a fact," said Harris, reminded of the urgency of his mission. "It's out of the question," said McCrae. "Besides, it's not so necessary as you think. What with the bad time our train made, an' the good time the stock train made, an' the fact that they started ahead of us, they're in the yards now. That's a piece of luck, to start with."

"But I can't put my wife in a stock car!" protested Harris.

"There's worse places," McCrae answered, calmly worrying a considerable section from a plug of black chewing tobacco. "Worse places, Ah should say. Ah've seen times when a good warm stock car would have passed for heaven. But that ain't what Ah have in mind. We'll all turn in an' get the stock unloaded, hitch up the horses,

LOCALS

R. M. Carter went to Clovis Sunday afternoon and returned Tuesday. He visited his family there. His little boy, who was sick has recovered but his wife's mother, Mrs. Tucker, was very ill.

E. G. Snapska, of the City Tailor Shop, admits himself that he knows how to measure you for a suit so that it will fit. In fact, he guarantees a fit on every suit he orders.

M. L. Kizdar spent last week in Floydada assisting in inventorying the stock of the Floyd County Lumber Company there.

H. R. Brown has moved into the Al-good place in the southeast part of town. Mr. Brown recently bought an interest in the South Side Grocery.

V. L. Webster has sold his interest in the Tourist Garage to Gene Simpson and has moved to Lockney.

If you do not have one of the Ladies New Cook Books, call a member of the Missionary Society and they will see that you get one—or call at Mrs. Cloyd's office, where they are kept. The recipes are good and tried and the book will prove a pleasure to any housewife.

V. L. Dunham is suffering with his back from an accident which he had Monday near Turkey, when a wheel came off the Ford in which he was riding and threw him to the ground.

Bob Forbis, of Spur was in Silvertown Tuesday looking at some cattle.

I. N. Summers made a trip to Rochester, Haskell County, Tuesday.

D. M. Morgan made a business trip to Plainview and Hale Center Tuesday. He was accompanied by John Terry of Munday.

CLEAN UP. Have your Suits and Dresses cleaned and pressed at the City Tailor Shop. Just phone. They call for and deliver.

Z. O. Crane, brother-in-law of Pete Blakney, came through Silvertown this week, moving from Canyon to Childress. He had been living in Canyon for his health. His father S. B. Crane was with him.

A. N. Amoson has moved his lunch car back from the sidewalk and built a platform in front. He has also added a new screen door.

A. L. Duncan and W. A. Pharis, of Waurika, Oklahoma, were here on business, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Let Snapska measure you for a new suit. Fit guaranteed.

Mrs. F. E. C. Cowart is visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. N. M. Lawler has just started a new home in the West part of town. The house will consist of three rooms and bath.

J. C. Whitley was in town Tuesday. He visited the News office and left the necessary wherewithal to keep his paper coming to him for a year.

Mr. M. L. Kizdar returned to Silvertown from Floydada Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Clyde Seif visited Mr. Seif's mother, in Tulsa Tuesday.

Mrs. N. M. Lawler and three children will return to Silvertown Friday from Tulsa where they have been since the first of the year.

Neale Crawford, son of Miner Crawford, has ordered the Briscoe County News to come to him for a year at Tulsa, where he is working.

J. S. Fisher returned Tuesday from Munday where he visited his family

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DON'T MISS A SINGLE INSTALLMENT!

The Senior Class Prophecy
Class of 1925.
By Miss Jewel Montague.
One moonlight night I was sitting on
a bench in a beautiful green lawn. Be-
side the lawn was a beautiful lake with
a canoe floating listlessly on the water.
To one side of the lake was a small
stream on which the moonlight beamed

softly.
As I looked I recognized this stream
to be the river of fantasy. Getting into
the boat I paddled slowly down the
stream. The mists of imagination gath-
ered around me and I saw a light far
ahead. It was the light of the future.
Paddling on down the stream I soon
came to the light. As I looked at

the light it blinded me and the canoe
drifted unguided down a by-way and
into the Land of Dreams.

When I awoke the canoe was floating
dreamily on the surface of a beautiful
lake. The moon was giving out a sil-
very light over the water and as I sat
enjoying the beauty of the scene strains
of music reached my ears. I looked up
and far to the left of the lake I saw a
beautiful cottage surrounded by trees.
Lured by the beautiful music I ap-
proached the cottage which was a very
beautiful little red brick house. Softly
I opened the door and entered the house.
I walked down the spacious hall and
into the drawing room from whence the
beautiful strains of music continued to
come. And lo! Beside the piano I saw
my old friend and schoolmate Miss
Miriam Cross. Beside her sat a little
girl with beautiful golden curls, whom
Miriam introduced to me as her little
daughter. The little girl was taking her
first lessons in music and was some day
to become a very great musician and
singer. As I looked about the place the
luxuriant beauty of everything impress-
ed me. I realized that Miriam had
achieved the greatest success that can
come to woman, that of making a happy
home.

As I remained, breathing in the ex-
quisite beauty of the happy home the
light faded and when I awoke I was
again in my little canoe. It carried me
on down the beautiful stream to a large
city. At the edge of the city the boat
stopped and I stepped to the sidewalk.

As I walked down the sidewalk I saw
a beautiful brick house. On one side
of the house was a beautiful flower
garden blooming with all the radiant
gifts of nature. I walked up to the house
and was admiring the beauty of the
flowers when I heard a soft step behind
me. Turning, whom should I see but
my old schoolmate Wilda Brown. She
led me into the parlor of her home, say-
ing that she wished to show me a pic-
ture of her husband. She showed me a
photograph of a tall, good looking man
and I was surprised to recognize him as
another of my old schoolmates, Mr. Car-
roll Dale. Wilda told me that Carrol
was a prominent lawyer and one of the
best business men of the city. Then to
my surprise the door opened and Carrol
walked in. He was a perfect picture of
a successful business man, and I realized
that this happy family were two
more of the Seniors of 1925 who had
made a success in the world.

I walked on down the street hoping
to meet other school mates of
Silverton High School. Then look-
ing in front of it was a sign, "Geo. W. Bu-
chanan, Specialist." I walked into the
office and sure enough it was the same
George Buchanan that I had known at
Silverton. George was neatly dressed,
wore a silk hat and carried a cane. He
told me that he was one of the most
successful doctors in the city, that he
was very wealthy and that he had just
built a neat little home. I realized
again that the Seniors of 1925 were
making bright successes in the world.

As I was leaving George's office he
gave me the address of a person whom
he said he was sure I would be glad to
meet. I got on the street car and hur-
ried to the place where he had directed
me, hoping that still other surprises
were in store for me. Before I reached
the place I saw a large sign, which read,
"Oran Turner, Mercantile Co." When
the car stopped I hurried into the of-
fice and there in the office hard at work
sat my old friend and schoolmate, Oran
Turner. He was very glad to see me
and was very much interested in show-
ing me his place of business. He owned
a large eight-story brick building and

had a large business which filled the
entire building. I was very much pleas-
ed when he told me that he had made a
large fortune the past year and his busi-
ness was constantly growing. The fact
was more firmly impressed upon my
mind that the Senior Class of 1925 were
meeting with brilliant successes in the
world.

As I left Mr. Turner's store I saw a
large bank building on the next street
and decided to go over and look at the
building. I entered the door and start-
ed walk to the elevator when someone
called me. I turned to see who it was
and in the president's chair I recognized
Mr. Eugene Simpson, another of my old
classmates. Eugene was very glad to see
me and we talked for several minutes
of the old school life at Silverton, and
wished that we could see all of our old
classmates again. Then Eugene showed
me about his bank which was the best
one in the city. He told me that he had
built it up himself and that he was meet-
ing with splendid success in the finan-
cial world.

After leaving the bank my journey
carried me to the campus of a beautiful
university. It was the best institution
of learning in the state and a position
on the faculty of the school was indeed
a great honor. I looked over the camp-
us of the university and decided to visit
some of the classes. I first went to the
auditorium and there I was surprised to
find that a great lecture was about to
begin. Someone told me that the great-
est woman educator of the state was
about to lecture on the values of differ-
ent educational departments to the state.
I walked into the auditorium and was
very surprised to find that the lecturer
was my old friend and classmate, Miss
Elaine Yancy. I enjoyed the lecture
very much and afterward met Miss
Yancy, who told me that she was state
supervisor of home economics. I was
very pleased to see Elaine holding a po-
sition of such high honor, and immedi-
ately placed her name on the list of
Seniors of 1925 who had paved the way
to success for themselves.

When at last I left the university I
met a friend who was about to leave
for Paris in an aeroplane. I decided to
go with her and we were soon far out
over the Atlantic on our way to the
beautiful foreign city. The next morn-
ing we landed in Paris and were to
leave the next day for Belgium where
the olympic games were in progress.
When we arrived at Antwerp the ath-
letes were on the field and soon the
races were to begin. As the first race
began I picked out the United States
runner. Something about his features
told me that I knew the man but I
could not recognize him from the dis-
tance at which I was sitting. Then as
the race progressed the United States
man took the lead and won the race.
After the race was finished the man
came closer to where I was and I was
surprised to see that it was another of
my old schoolmates, Barton Claunch.
Barton had realized his old ambition,
that of becoming a world's champion
athlete.

The next day I again visited Paris,
where I was to see the world's best bal-
let dancer. I went to the opera house
and soon a very beautiful young lady
came on the stage. As she came closer
to where I was I was deeply impressed
by her beauty and gracefulness and
wished that I could meet her. Then as
she came into the light I recognized her
as Miss Jessie Burson, another of my
old schoolmates. Jessie was introduced
as the dancer and my heart overflowed
with pride as I thought of the success
that came her way.

When Miss Burson had finished her
act it was announced that a great prima
donna would continue the entertainment
of the evening. The young lady came
forward and before I had time to see her
she was introduced as Miss Rose Ella
Dale, the world's greatest prima donna.
As Miss Dale began to sing I was car-
ried away into dream by the beauty and
melody of her voice. Here was indeed
another wonderful success and I was
filled with pride as I remembered that
I was once a classmate of this wonder-
ful woman.

My next and last journey was to be
made to Rome the following day. When
I arrived at Rome I was very impatient
to take a walk through the beautiful
city, but our train went on to Venice
and I decided to take a walk along some
of the beautiful canals. As I was walk-
ing down one of the canals I came to a
quaint old house nestled among some
trees. I stopped for a moment to ad-
mire the beauty of the place and as I
went nearer the house I saw a young
man sitting on the veranda writing on



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a typewriter. As I looked at him he
arose and came forward and I recog-
nized him as another of my old school-
mates, Clyde Thomas. He told me that
he had come to Venice to gather mater-
ial for a book that he was writing. He
showed me a part of the book, which
was entitled, "The Dawning of a Per-
fect Day," and which he hoped would
meet with great success when it was
finished. Clyde also showed me some
other books that he had written and I
saw that his old high school ambition
of writing a book had been realized.

The following day I returned to Rome
and spent the day in touring the city.
Late in the afternoon I went out to a
little lake where it was said that one
could see some magnificent scenery. As
I arrived at the lake the sun was set-
ting and scene was the most beautiful
that I had ever seen. As I walked
around the lake I came to a little studio
and looking within I saw a young lady
painting a picture of the sunset. As I
approached the studio the young lady
arose and came forward and as I look-
ed into her beautiful dark eyes I recog-
nized her as my old friend, Anna Sum-
mers. Anna told me that she had come
to Rome to obtain material for her
painting and that she had become a very
accomplished artist. Anna led me into

her studio telling me that she had a
friend there whom I would be very glad
to see. As I entered the studio I saw a
very beautiful young lady seated near a
table. As she turned toward me I was
astounded for the young lady looked
just as I appeared when I was attend-
ing high school at Silverton. Then
upon seeing my own image the happy
vision faded, the beautiful studio be-
lieve the lake vanished, Rome was left far in
the distance and I awoke from my vision
to find myself still seated on the
bench in the little park. It had all been
but a dream. My vision of all my old
classmates had been but a fairy dream
which had instantly vanished, but as we,
the Senior Class of 1925, go out into
the world my most sincere hopes are
that the problems of real life will be as
easily overcome and that each and every

one of you will achieve the happiness
and success that I dreamed of in my
vision.

Tourists have begun to move. Sil-
verton will get her share.

Notice.
Decoration Day, Saturday, May 30, will
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HIGHWAY BUMS

The highway bum is a menace. He is worse than the railway bum. The best way to rid the public highways of him is for motorists to adopt the universal custom of hardening their hearts and stepping on the gas when they meet one.

Motorists themselves are responsible for the condition as it exists today. They have encouraged the breed by their free heartedness. It is so easy to "pick up a lift" that hundreds and thousands are taking advantage of the fact and traveling at random all over the country. Many of them are able to pay their way, or have no excuse for traveling. Of course there are isolated cases and variations. Hardly a day passes that you can not read in the state papers where some kind motorist has been knocked in the head by a highway bum that he has "befriended." He is robbed, his car stolen and sometimes murdered.

Right here in Silverton, a man has just spent a week in jail and is now up for trial in the district court, as a result of "picking up" a fellow on the highway, so he claims—and his claims were so logical that the local court turned him loose. The man he picked up had committed a burglary and he was held as an accomplice.

Don't encourage highway bums.

SANITATION ORDINANCE

Silverton must have a city scavenger. Now we've said it. It is a crime and a disgrace that there are no means provided for disposing of the filth and rubbish in our alleys. Citizens are tired of the excuses that the city council is giving for not passing a scavenger ordinance. It would be a self supporting proposition and home owners would be more than glad to pay what it will cost. When a few of our children take sick with typhoid fever and one or two of them die as martyrs to neglect, maybe somebody will wake up to the conditions as they actually are and we'll get action.

LITTLEFIELD'S RECORD

In making surmises, laying plans and building for the future of Silverton, it might be well for us to know what other towns are doing and have done. The following outline of the accomplishments of Littlefield was published recently in the Littlefield paper:

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From 250 to 2,500 population in 14 months.

From 465 to 1275 public school pupils during the past scholastic year.

A \$66,000 grammar school building, \$80,000 high school building, and bonds voted for \$100,000 primary school building.

\$75,000 voted for city waterworks.

An organized fire department and modern fire engine with equipment.

\$300,000 worth of brick buildings constructed during the past year.

Eight new brick buildings now under construction and to be started within the next ten days.

\$5,000,000 worth of land sold in the immediate trade territory within the past three years.

A newspaper plant sufficient for a town of 15,000 population and equipped to turn out a daily newspaper upon due notice.

A good municipal band.

A Chamber of Commerce that has become famed for its accomplishments."

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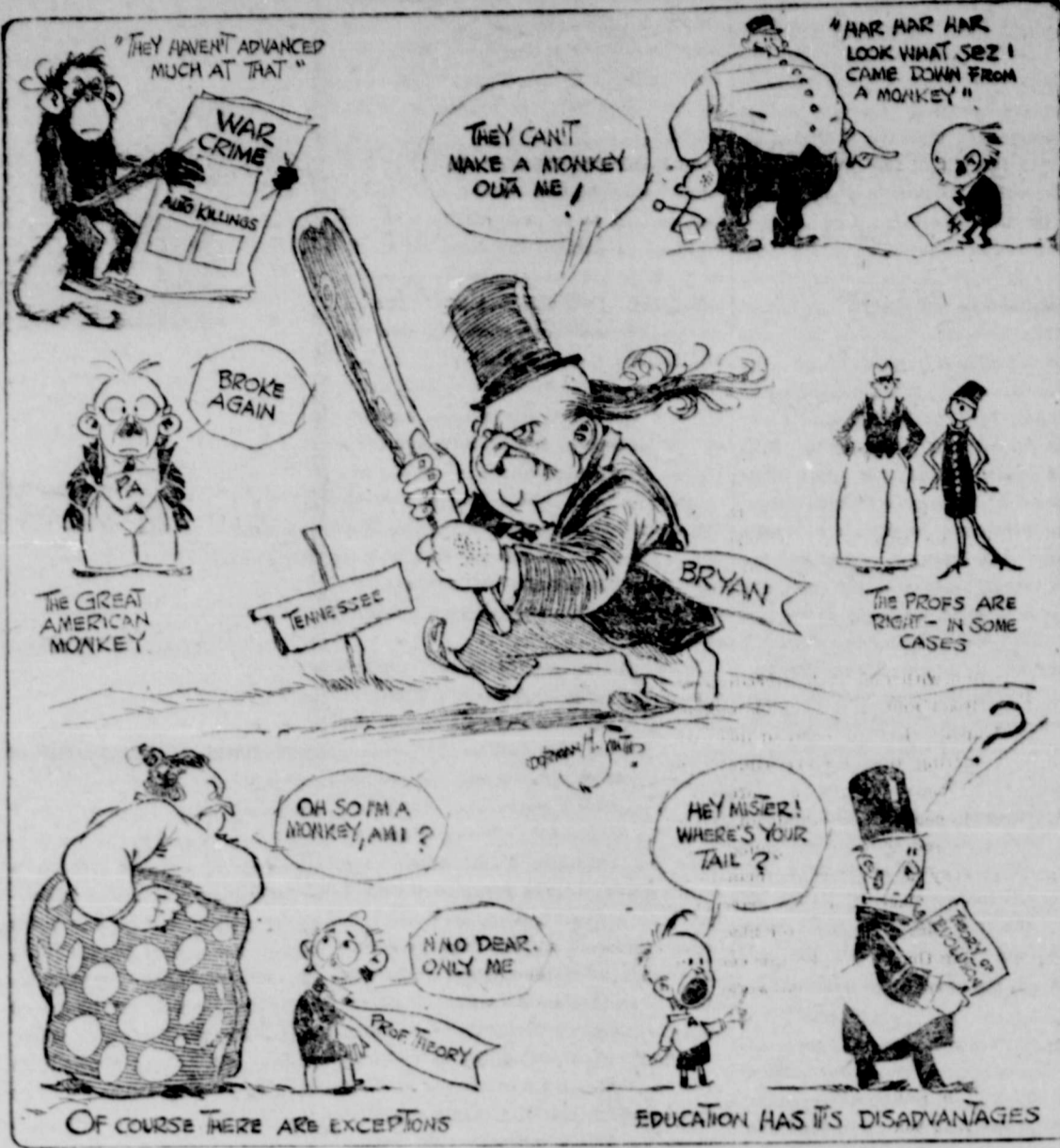
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This assurance is given American farmers by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, upon the studies made by its specialists.

Besides, reports the department, the hog industry can be stabilized without co-operation of foreign producers.

Heretofore hog production has swung from over to under-normal requirements. What the farm wants is a method of gauging both hog production and marketing so as to level out the peaks and depressions and save the losses he has been incurring.

With the United States dominating the hog market, this regulation is possible, say government experts. Instead of basing their production on current corn and hog prices, farmers are advised to depend more upon the official outlook statements issued by the Department of Agriculture.

This, say the experts, would eliminate the speculative element as far as possible. According to their report:

"If the farmers could know what prices will rule when the hogs will be ready for market, they could better adjust the supply of hogs to the demand. Economists in the Department of Agriculture have worked out a method of forecasting hog price trends which has been thoroughly tested. It makes it possible for them of the hog market to be forecast far enough ahead and with enough general accuracy to give the farmers a better and safer basis for gauging production than they can ever get from watching the current markets."

More than 200 movie films on agricultural subjects are being distributed by the Department of Agriculture.

Insects and grubs cause an annual loss of \$800,000,000 to farming in the United States, and we pay another \$500,000,000 trying to get rid of the pests.

Eggs kept in cold storage in a frozen condition for nearly nine years have been found by the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture to retain practically their original vitamin content.

Russia is planning to increase considerably its cotton and sugar beet acreage this year.

Only about one-half of the purebred animals in the country, eligible to registration, are actually registered.

Six new counties in California, Iowa, Minnesota and North Carolina have been recognized as free from tuberculosis, after cattle tests made by the Department of Agriculture.

Prices have increased four-fold

bushels were grown annually. Mutton and lamb consumption in the United States, during the last five years, has been less than a tenth that of beef, and about a fifteenth that of pork. It is also considerably less than that of veal.

Churches

Come! Come! Come!

Everyone is invited to come to the services of the Baptist church next Sunday. We are sure you will get an inspiration from them.

Our pastor always has a wonderful message for us and there is a welcome to all. There are many people in Silverton who do not go to church at all. Let's make next Sunday "Go To Church Day." Come in time for Sunday School.

In the evening at 7 o'clock we have Senior, Intermediate and Junior B. Y. P. U. and the Sunbeams.

Praying at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The W. M. S. meets every Wednesday at 4 o'clock.

Miss Marguerite Morgan and Miss Amye Burson taught the Sunbeams last Sunday. It is thought that these young ladies will take charge of this work regularly from now on.

The program of the W. M. S. of the Baptist church Wednesday was as follows:

Song

Prayer by Miss Draper. Bible study topic, Lois and Eunice, by Mrs. Draper.

Psalm 119, 33-40, in union.

The School of Jesus, by Mrs. Faust. The shadow of the things to come, Mrs. Shall the seminary live or die, Mrs. Patten.

Dr. John A. Broadus, Mrs. Siewert. We sow what the men of the future shall gather, Mrs. Morgan.

What the seminary stands for, Mrs. Simpson. The gathering of twenty-five years, Mrs. Haynes.

The relation of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to Baptist W. M. U. Training School, Mrs. Miller.

The dream city, Mrs. Gene Simpson. Closing devotional.

We have had some good rains now, why not show the Lord that we appreciate it by attending church. You will feel much better during the following week if you would go to church some.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. each Sunday. A class awaits to welcome you into it.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Leagues will meet at 7:30 p. m.

The Epworth League is planning a playground for the summer, west of the parsonage. Every one that is interested in tennis and croquet should be at the league at 7:30 so as to discuss this project. This playground will give the league young people a place for recreation during the summer. Do not fail to come Sunday evening.—Fred A. Wilson, pastor.

That's The Reason

Teacher—Why do you always add up wrongly?

Scholar—I don't know!

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Scholar—A waiter!—Vikingson, Oslo.

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Chamber of Commerce Organized For Quitaque; Committees Chosen and Definite Aims Set Forth

A mass meeting was held in the school building Monday night, and a local organization known as the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce was perfected. A set of rules and by-laws were adopted and using it as a guide, the organization was begun. Out of the members joining and paying for their fees. Fifteen members were chosen to act as directors. The board of directors elected G. Tunnell as president and A. L. Patterson as vice president. O. R. Tipps was chosen as secretary, and J. F. Tunnell as treasurer.

The president then appointed the following standing committees and were approved by the board:

Committee on railways: Amos Persons, J. B. Russell, Orin Stark, C. R. Lewis and P. O. Woods.

Committee on finance: J. L. Grundy, L. E. Graham, Jno. A. Johnson, Henry Bailey and A. L. Patterson.

Committee on streets and roads: R. T. Hawkins, J. O. McBride, W. T. Dalton, J. R. Corder and J. M. Wise.

New committees will be appointed to supplement these as the need arises.

Definite Aims.
At present the organization means to

take up these projects.

1.—A railroad. The Denver people, it is believed, are seriously trying to build a road. We think they are going to try to bring their line so as to build a terminal at Quitaque, and thus serve this whole rich trade territory. When Mr. Clarity comes to make us a proposition there will be an organization that will have the authority to make him an answer, and if necessary, get on the dotted line with him. This territory needs a railroad, and the tonnage is increasing so rapidly that the railroad men are all considering this western country as a good prospect. Just at present, the Denver people are making an extensive survey, and Quitaque is going to make it as easy as possible for them to come by here. This place is in earnest, and this organization is out for blood, or for anything that will make this community a better place to live and work.

Ice Plant.

2.—An ice plant for Quitaque. The need has been felt for years. The population of this community is increasing so rapidly that no one doubts the ability of a power and ice plant to pay a dividend from the outset. At the present rates, the majority of the people cannot use ice during even the summer months for their price is prohibitive, due to the loss in shrinkage and freight rates in hauling it fifty miles. There is no reason why a plant could not make money, and if some one will "pop open" they will find that they can get a good thing right here.

3.—Then the organization is out to get some roads. We have a good highway, but that is not enough. We want some work done on the roads over south of the river. That territory belongs to Quitaque, and those men over there make a world of cotton and haul it here. They should have a good road to come over, and we mean to see that they have one before they start to market their crops this year.

4.—Then again, there is a need for a produce house here. Many a man can make a living off his chickens and cows if he could get a market. There are 200 families in this trade territory that could raise on average of 200 chickens. That would mean a total of 40,000 chickens, worth at least \$25,000. Then with case after case of eggs going to waste in the summer due to no market, and with many families turning good milk cows in the pasture simply because there is no market for their cream or butter, is proof that a live wire could make money in handling the produce staple food product.

Idea that cotton is the only money crop.

Quitaque Items

Miss Viola Hope, who has taught music here for the past nine months has returned to her home in Plainview. Miss Hope was very popular here and it is hoped that she will be back next year.

Little Reuben Hawkins, who has been quite sick, is able to be up and about again.

Mrs. McFall went to Memphis Tuesday where she had her tonsils removed. Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Justice accompanied her.

J. W. Ewing and Orin Stark made a flying trip to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neely went to Clarendon Thursday to be with their daughter, who underwent an operation there.

Mrs. W. C. Robinson, who has been with her brother at Sudan, is at home for a few days.

E. W. Singletary has gone to a hospital in San Angelo for treatment.

Mrs. W. P. Hall and daughter, Mrs. W. T. Dalton, returned from Mineral Wells last Friday. Mrs. Dalton had

been down with pneumonia for three months.

Miss Kate Tipps has returned from the sanitarium at Plainview. She is reported to be getting along nicely but is still confined to her bed.

Mrs. W. P. Hawkins has returned from the Plainview sanitarium where she has been having her ears treated.

W. C. Robinson and family left Wednesday for Captain, N. M., where they will spend the summer for Mrs. Robinson's health.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Barrett and daughter, Bertha, left Tuesday for the coast for Mrs. Barrett's health.

Ike Grundy of Flomot, was in Quitaque Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burgess and son, Roy, left last Saturday for an extended trip through Arkansas. They will visit Mr. Burgess' brother and sister at Atkins.

W. P. Hall has been repairing his rent house which is occupied by O. E. Hutcheson.

T. E. Boyles is building two or three rooms on to his house in the west part of town.

Brookie Sanders is reported on the sick list.

Y. T. Giles of Flomot, was in Quitaque last Friday.

W. T. Tibbitts, Ernest Morris, Leonard Merrill and Gat Cogswell attended the rodeo in Silvertown last week.

F. O. Wood and son, Clem, and F. P. Rumph attended the convention and school for Ford dealers in Amarillo Monday.

Miss Ruth Owen, who taught in the school here the past term, has returned her home in Chickasha, Okla.

V. L. Dunham, father of Cleve, was in Quitaque Monday.

J. G. Vinson, who has bought Mr. Nall's interest in the gin here, is building a home near the gin.

Quitaque Quibs

The school board announces that practically all the present teachers have been hired to teach at Quitaque for another year. It is understood that Miss Hazel Tipps will not return and possible Miss Ruth Owen.

Prof. Tipps was accepted a contract for two years and Principle A. L. Kesey was re-elected for next year.

Possible 1,000 people will attend the district signing convention which will meet here on the 5th Sunday. The meeting will be held in the school auditorium and delegations will be here from Flomot, Turkey, Gasoline and Wolf Flats. There will be dinner on the ground.

A near serious accident occurred early Monday morning when two Ford coupes had a head-on collision just on top the cap. Earl Wise had started to Plainview and Johnnie Jenkins was returning to his school at Gasoline from Silvertown. In the car with Mr. Jenkins were Miss Bonnie Jenkins, Miss Roberta Campbell, Miss Margaret Campbell and Miss Maxine Frieze. The heavy fog and deep ruts were blamed for the accident and although the cars were badly damaged, both frames being bent and otherwise broken up, no one was hurt.

Business men of Quitaque are encouraged over the fact that the Burlington surveyors are now running a line up the Linguish canyon. This would intimate that they are trying to find a place to go up the cap at a point nearer Quitaque. There are 14 surveyors at work on this particular stretch of the proposed right-of-way.

The farming activities of Quitaque are on the boom this week. Planting cotton and other kinds of piping. Friday, the 15th of May, on section No. 19, adjoining the town site of Quitaque, there were nine men, twenty-eight head of work horses and mules, and two Fordson tractors working on this one section of land at one time, planting and plowing new ground.

This explains to some extent why the Flats country is such a great producing country. There are some very active men farming here, men that do things when they should be done and how they should be done.

These men think they will get 600

NOTICE: Who ever borrowed my three-section harrow, please return at once, as I need it badly.—J. R. Corder.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer went to Lockney Saturday and were forced to stay over on account of the rain.

J. A. Powell of Plainview, has opened a shoe shop in the Hawkins Motor Building. Mr. Powell has been in Plainview for 23 years and is an experienced cobbler.

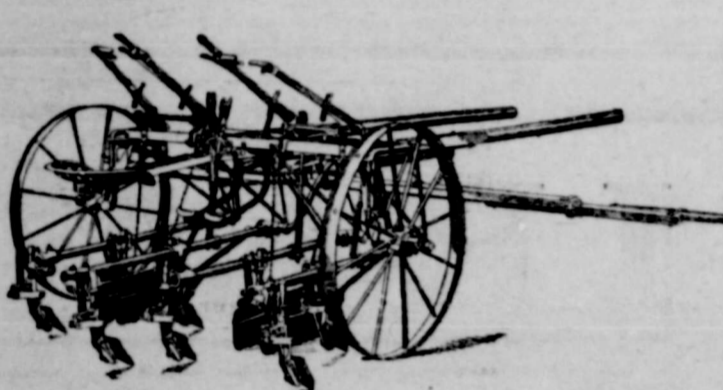
Luther Barrett and Miss Love were married here Sunday.

Let me break your land. Have two brand new tractors. \$2.50 per acre.—J. R. Corder, Quitaque, phone 44.

Red Simmons has made an addition to his picture show house so the machine is now on the outside and more room for spectators.

G. H. Pigg was in town shopping Monday.

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Quitaque School Items

The commencement exercises were held in the high school auditorium last Friday evening. The graduates were preceded by the Girls' Choral Club singing the recessional, "God of Our Fathers." Then came the seventh grade graduates, then the faculty, and after them, the speakers for the evening, together with the president and secretary of the school board, and lastly, the Senior Class.

The program was as follows:

- 1.—Recessional—Chorus.
- 2.—Invocation—Mr. Patterson.
- 3.—Song, Springtime—Chorus.
- 4.—Salutary—Miss Seney Persons.
- 5.—Valedictory—Guy T. Hawkins.
- 6.—Song, One Sweetly Sober Thought—Chorus.
- 7.—Commencement Address—Judge L. S. Kinder.
- 8.—Presentation of Promotion Certificates, to members of the Seventh Grade.
- 9.—Presentation of Diplomas.
- 10.—Presentation of Scholarship Awards.

The members of the seventh grade receive certificates of promotion. Iola Mae Rucker, Ruby Hawkins, Burgess, Ernest Brown, Cleland M. Don Woods, Henry Grundy, V. Williams, Charles Grundy, Mildred Carl Allen, LeRoy Hutchinson and Turner.

The members of the Senior Class graduate were: Mr. Paul Hamilton, Seney Persons, Mr. Guy Hawkins, Miss Minnie Mae Robinson.

The feature of the evening was a splendid address made by Judge Kinder. He is an old resident of the handle and has spent 35 years in going to develop its resources. A man of broad experience in public life, well fitted to speak to a class just entering out, and his talk was well received.

New evening gowns of black satin on simple lines completely covered Chinese embroideries.

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Art Exhibit

There will be a free art exhibit of hand painted china and art craft work at

J. A. Bain's
Starting Saturday, May 23, and ending Wednesday May 27.

Any one interested in taking art lessons please phone Mrs. Odor at the Briscoe County News Office.

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 Quitaque, Texas
 SHORT ORDERS
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FOLLY THEATRE
 Friday, May 22
 Fred Thompson and Silver King in
"GALLOPIN' GALLAHER"
 Saturday, May 23
"LILLY OF THE DUST"
 with
 Pola Negri
 Tuesday, May 26
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 with
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 Big Super Production
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Sanitation is, with her, a matter of great importance. Rough, badly finished wall surfaces, which collect and hold dust and dirt, offer ideal breeding places for germs.

A smooth, unbroken, painted surface offers no breeding place for bacteria. Furthermore, it can be made absolutely sanitary by the simple application of soap and water. In this respect, its value from a medical point of view is apparent, particularly where there is any danger of infection.

Painted walls last for years without cracking or peeling and may be washed repeatedly. In a test conducted to determine the washability of painted walls, an area was washed with soapy water twice daily for ten days. After these twenty washings the paint was in excellent condition. By wringing the sponge out almost dry, better removal of soil marks will be obtained than with a very wet sponge.

High School Graduating Exercises.
 The graduating exercises of Silvertown High School were held at the high school auditorium on Friday evening, May, May 15th, at 8:30. The stage was beautifully decorated in rose and pink, and with many pot plants to add to the attractive appearance. The girls carried a bouquet of roses and the boys each had one rose on their coat lapel.

The graduates entered the auditorium at the west door and marched to the stage where they were seated in two rows. To one side were seated the speakers of the occasion and the high school faculty.

Invocation was by Rev. F. A. Wilson, after which "America" was sung. Then came the Salutatory address by Miss Elaine Yancy. After the Salutatory Supt. Williams introduced Dean W. P. Clements of Wayland College, who delivered the commencement address.

Following the commencement address was the Valedictory by Miss Rose Ella Dale, after which Supt. Williams presented the two Boyer Medals to first and second high point students of this year. The medal for first place was won by Miss Anna Summers and second place was won by Miss Lorena Summers. Supt. Williams also presented the scholarships to some of the classmembers. Miss Rose Ella Dale, as Valedictorian, received several scholarships, and Miss Anna Summers, as the girl making the best grades and Clyde Thomas the boy making best grades also received several. Miss Jewel Montague also received a scholarship to Draughan's Business College.

One of the most interesting features of the program was the Senior class prophecy by Miss Jewel Montague. Another item of interest on the program was the High School Song, which was led by Mr. Carrol Dale, the composer.

The members of the graduating class were: Eugene Simpson, Miriam Crass, Jessie Burson, Carrol Dale, George Buchanan, Barton Claunch, Wilda Brown, Anna Summers, Oran Turner, Jewel Montague, Elaine Yancy, Clyde Thomas, and Rose Ella Dale.

Young men, from 17 to 24 years of age, wanted for training in Citizens' Military Training Camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from July 28th to August 26, 1925.

Attendance in the Training Camp does not constitute any present or future contract of enlistment in the army of the United States.

The United States government pays the expenses of those attending, including transportation to and from camp, uniforms, food and medical attention.

The object of the training camp is to bring young men of high type from all sections of the country on a common basis of equality and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life; to stimulate and promote good citizenship; patriotism and Americanism, and to realize their obligations to their country.

For application blanks or any information desired, address Major William Noble, JAG ORC U. S. A., Box 1213, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Seventh Grade Graduating Exercises.
 The Seventh grade graduating exercises were held at the Silvertown high school auditorium on Thursday evening, May 14, at 8:30. A large number of students made up this year's seventh grade which will next year enter high school.

The stage was beautifully decorated in orange and green and many pot flowers added to the beauty of the arrangement.

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Draper, after which came the salutatory address by Miss Eiva Wright. Then the address of the evening was delivered by Judge Ernest Tibbets. Following the address by Judge Tibbets the valedictory was delivered by Miss Arah Phillips.

A parting charge to the sixth grade was given by Miss Bertha Thomas and a response to this charge was made by Mr. Ural Vaughn of this year's sixth grade. Then the diplomas were presented by Supt. James Williams and following his speech a response was made by Coleman Draper, president of

From the *Florida Hesperian*—Clean Up, Paint Up campaign starts in Silvertown on May 15th. This is good news. Silvertown is a good town with a good prosperous trade territory. It has an opportunity to make a real little city. What they have needed is the clean up, paint spirit, and the fact that they're developing it speaks well for the development of the county seat of Briscoe into a real classy town.

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