

Hesperian Gazette.

VOL. 4.

FLOYDADA, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1900.

NO. 42.

P. O. POULSON,

MANUFACTURER OF
AND DEALER IN

Saddles, Bridles,
Harness, Lines,
Collars, &c.

REPAIRING AND CARRIAGE
TRIMMING done on short
notice at reasonable prices.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS.

THERE IS A SATISFIED-

glad I am going-expression on
the faces of all who have dis-
covered the unexcelled train
service and connections for
California via

THE DENVER ROAD

Our passengers to California
and back take advantage of the

TRINIDAD GATEWAY

in connection
with the A. T. & S. F., westward
through New Mexico and Ari-
zona, eastward through Utah
and Colorado.

UNION STATION

connections at Pueblo, Colora-
do Springs and Denver facili-
tate round trip tickets via di-
verse routes.

Magnificently illustrated liter-
ature will be sent to you with-
out expense by sending your
name to W. A. STERLEY, A.
G. P. A., or A. A. GLISSON, G.
A. P. D. "The Denver Road"
at Ft. Worth, Texas.

D. B. KEELER, V. P. & T. M.

50 YEARS'
EXPERIENCE

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS
DESIGNS
COPYRIGHTS & C.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may
quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an
invention is probably patentable. Communica-
tions strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents
sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents.
Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive
special notice, without charge, in the

Scientific American.

A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest cir-
culation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a
year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.

MUNN & Co., 361 Broadway, New York
Branch Office, 625 F St., Washington, D. C.

C. W. JONES, DENTIST,

Plainview, Texas.

Is prepared to do all kinds of
Dental work on short notice.
Broken plates made good as
new. All work strictly guar-
anteed. Prices to suit the
times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For District Attorney, 50th Ju-
dicial District.
J. W. PRUITT.

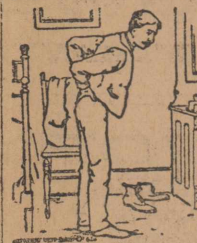
For Tax Assessor.
M. S. DUMAS.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the news-
papers is sure to know of the wonderful
cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root,
the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.
It is the great medi-
cal triumph of the nine-
teenth century; dis-
covered after years of
scientific research by
Dr. Kilmer, the emi-
nent kidney and blad-
der specialist, and is
wonderfully successful in promptly curing
lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid trou-
bles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst
form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not re-
commended for everything but if you have kid-
ney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found
just the remedy you need. It has been tested
in so many ways, in hospital work, in private
practice, among the helpless too poor to pur-
chase relief and has proved so successful in
every case that a special arrangement has
been made by which all readers of this paper
who have not already tried it, may have a
sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book
telling more about Swamp-Root and how to
find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble.
When writing mention reading this generous
offer in this paper and
send your address to
Dr. Kilmer & Co., Bing-
hamton, N. Y. The
regular fifty cent and
dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists.



Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest lit-
tle thing that ever was made is
Dr. King's New Life Pills.
Every pill is a sugar-coated
globule of health, that changes
weakness into mental power.
They're wonderful in building
up the health. Only 25c per
box. Sold by R. C. Scott.

Cold spells like the present
one reminds us strongly of the
necessity of being prepared for
such weather before winter be-
gins. With plenty of wholesome
feed and good warm windbrakes
and sheds and cattle in good
condition at the beginning of
winter a man can rest at ease
while the northerners rage. On
the other hand, the man who is
lacking in these comforts for
his stock has a constant dread
on his mind during his waking
hours and his sleep is disturbed
with occasional nightmares and
spooks of skeletons of his cattle
and horses. His troubles are
various and many, for he remem-
bers experiences of the past, such
as "tailing up," heavy losses in
the spring crop of calves, and
skinning dead cattle. A great
trouble with many of us is, that
we are too stingy and too confi-
dent at the times when we should
prepare for winter.

Courtney Starks was a caller at
our office Thursday morning to
report on his trip to Kentucky.
He was accompanied by a Mr.
Branden who came out from
Kentucky with him.

Red Hot From the Gun.

Was the ball that hit G. B.
Steadman of Newark, Mich., in
the civil war. It caused horri-
ble Ulcers that no treatment
helped for 20 years. Then
Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured
him. Cures cuts, Bruises, Burns
Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Er-
uptions. Best Pile cure on earth
25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed.
Sold by R. C. Scott, Druggist.

Champ Clark on Bailey.

"Hitherto in these letters I
have spoken of the marvelous
strength as a debater of Joseph
W. Bailey of Texas. His great
speech on the financial bill is a
new confirmation of the opinion
I have long held touching his
mental capacity. He is in our
public life the intellectual suc-
cessor of John C. Calhoun. His
mind is severely logical. His
courage, moral and physical, is
above proof. He's a Democrat
from core to skin, and he stands
by his principles without the
shadow of turning and without
considering the consequences to
himself. He is a man whom one
could follow blindfolded on any
question affecting the welfare of
his party or the honor of his
country. I not only admire him
for his brains and bearing, but
entertain for him deep person-
al affection. He is only 36 years
old. If he lives to the psalm-
ist's allotment he will rank with
the most illustrious statesmen
who have adorned and glorified
the Republic.

"In the House there is really
little chance for adequate de-
bate, but if Bailey reached the
Senate, for which he is now a
candidate, where there is ample
time for debate and a wider
field for oratory I confidently
predict that during his first
term he will become one of the
leaders of that body. Such men
as Bailey constitute the hope of
Democracy and Constitutional
Government."

Last Saturday afternoon the
experiments of the gasoline en-
gine caused quite a crowd to as-
semble about it to witness its
performances. It performed in
many ways. The engineers knew
all about the old-time steam en-
gine, but found that modern
science had advanced too much
for their old-time skill. They
had something new to learn.
Steam engines and gasoline en-
gines are entirely different. The
engine had to be readjusted and
more closely studied. Tuesday
afternoon it was perfected and
put in running order. She was
turned loose and the way she
did run! Spectators were with-
out number, seemingly. It ran
satisfactorily and tremendously.
The workmen now have to await
the arrival of new fixtures when
it will be completed.

The Plainview Texan-Press
Leader is urging that the old
settlers of the Plains organize
and have an "Old Settlers Re-
union" at the Plainview Cow-
boys' Reunion next summer.
Hesperian Gazette seconds the
suggestion.

We are in receipt of a copy of
"Coin on Money, Truts, and Im-
perialism," by W. H. Harvey.
He treats of these momentous
questions just like every Demo-
crat and patriot should view it.
It is worth its weight in silver
to every voter who would like
to vote understandingly and in-
telligently. We would not part
with the copy we have and do
without it for its weight in gold.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and
kidney troubles as well as
women, and all feel the results
in loss of appetite, poisons in
the blood, backache, nervous-
ness, headache and tired, list-
less run-down feeling. But
there's no need to feel like that.
Listen to J. W. Gardner, Ida-
ville, Ind. He says, "Electric
Bitters are just the thing for a
man when he is all run down,
and don't care whether he lives
or dies. It did more to give me
new strength and good appetite
than anything I could take. I
can now eat anything and have
a new lease on life." Only 50
cents, at R. C. Scott's Drug
Store. Every bottle guaran-
teed.

Old Sayings in Verse.

As poor as a church mouse,
As thin as a rail,
As fat as a porpoise,
As rough as a gale,
As brave as a lion,
As sly as a cat,
As bright as a sixpence,
As weak as a rat.

As proud as a peacock,
As sly as a fox,
As mad as a March hare,
As strong as an ox,
As fair as a lily,
As empty as air,
As rich as was Croesus,
As cross as a bear.

As pure as an angel,
As neat as a pin,
As smart as a steel trap,
As ugly as sin,
As dead as a door nail,
As white as a sheet,
As flat as a pancake,
As red as a beet.

As round as an apple,
As black as your hat,
As brown as a berry,
As blind as a bat,
As mean as a miser,
As full as a tick,
As plump as a partridge,
As sharp as a stick.

As clean as a penny,
As dark as a pall,
As hard as a millstone,
As bitter as gall,
As fine as a fiddle,
As clear as a bell,
As dry as a herring,
As deep as a well.

As light as a feather,
As hard as a rock,
As stiff as a poker,
As calm as a clock,
As green as a gosling,
As brisk as a bee,
And now let me stop,
Lest you weary of me.
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

R. T. MILLER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Will practice in the District and Inferior
Courts of the State. Any business entrusted
to me will have prompt attention.
FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the
public to know of one concern
in the land who are not afraid to
be generous to the needy and
suffering. The proprietors of
Dr. King's New Discovery for
Consumption, Coughs and Colds,
have given away over ten million
trial bottles of this great medi-
cine; and have the satisfaction of
knowing it has absolutely cured
thousands of hopeless cases,
Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness
and all diseases of the Throat,
chest and Lungs are surely cured
by it. Call on R. C. Scott Drug-
gist, and get a free trial bottle.
Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every
bottle guaranteed, or price re-
funded.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh
is better than medicine. Learn
how to tell a story. A well-told
story is as welcome as a sun-
beam in a sick-room. Learn how
to keep your troubles to your-
self. The world is too busy to
care for your ills and sorrows.
Learn to stop croaking. If you
cannot see any good in the world,
keep the bad to yourself. Learn
to hide your pains and aches un-
der a pleasant smile. No one
cares to hear whether you have
the earache, headache or rheu-
matism. Don't cry. Tears do
well enough in novels, but they
are out of place in real life.
Learn to meet your friends with
a smile. The good-humored
man or woman is always welcome
but the dyspeptic or hypochon-
driac is not wanted and may be a
nuisance as well.—Exchange.

Important Announcement.

The Management of the Great
Texas-Colorado Chautauqua at
Boulder, Colorado, announces
that its next session is to be
from July 1st to August 15th
inclusive, longer and in every
way stronger than ever.

The Management is now
booking, regardless of great ex-
pense, the very best educational
platform talent securable in
this country for the edification
and pleasure of the hundreds
who will be on hand during the
session. The further announce-
ment is made that, in the inter-
est of complete satisfaction for
its guests, the Chautauqua As-
sociation will considerably en-
large the previously existing
cottage, tent and dining facili-
ties and will operate the whole
itself, contracting nothing to
outside parties, and completing
every detail necessary to com-
fort and pleasure in advance of
the opening date.

Moser+Poser Correspondence. No. 3.

At Washington.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1900.
Dear Friend Pack:

This penciling finds me at the Nation's Capital. The day is one of ineffable grandeur; and the sky looks as tho' it had taken the last three days to clear up its indigo. Birds are awing, swirling and flitting from cupola to steeple; and busy people fill up the interminable train that rests not from sun to sun. One with less knowledge would think this a land where there are no unhappy people, and where the happy find increase of happiness, and the miserable, going, drink of the enchanted waters, laugh and sing like children in halls of pleasure. The air is astir with incoherent sounds, drowning out the otherwise musical rythm that comes as a current of undertones from beneath the wail of vociferous monotony.

Four days ago I left the Falls with a tinge of regret and a taint of sorrow. I had made many friends with whom the sweet sorrow of parting pricked me keenly with a familiarity of a period first enacted at Floydada.

As the train climbed the hill I could not forbear the temptation to look back and saw only a pile of architecture and the Falls swimming in a dazzle of light.

I thought I must go to Gettysburg and view the remaining scars that the lapse of thirty-seven years had failed to efface. I went. This battlefield is held sacred, and isolated from the rest of the world. And, O, Pack, the cemetery would send a tremor of horror even thro' stout frames as yours to see the enormous dead sleeping in their encampment on the hill. I thought of the brave men who fell here, and watching the death palor tinge their manly brows, I saw a deeper shadow pass into a deeper night.

But next I went to Quebec, for I knew you would be somewhat disappointed if I did not send a relic from this historical city. It was about the seventh hour of the day when I passed out of the gate at the rearage of the city leading on to the Plains of Abraham. I soon found myself one of a procession apparently endless, moving on to the famous battle field. On either side balustrading, broken by pedestals, many of which were surmounted with gaudy statuary, guarded the different lines of separation. One could not help observing the royal liberality which marked the construction of these objects of interest. Finally I reached a conspicuous point and found myself susceptible of entertainment. My thoughts wandered, and I fell to sketching a picture. And, Pack, what do you suppose it was? It was a small peaceable town in western Texas, with a white court house. If you can divine the subject of my sketch

I wish you would do so in your next letter.

But leaving these brilliant scenes of blendid art and nature I came straight to Washington where I am now. But I have just completed the reading of the Hesperian Gazette which is of great interest to me. And if I love not Floydada never falsehood before played with my feelings so well the part of truth. She is to me more than the gardens of Daphne; more than Bathsheba to the shepherd king; a well of living water, and streams from the desert; a rock in a weary land. But, Pack, tell me about "Old Griggs" and "Black Joe;" I have not heard from them since I left. By, by!
MACK MOSER.

Pack Poser's Reply.

Floydada, Jan. 30. MCM.
Dear "Old" Mack:

I was at my place of lodging taking my afternoon siesta when a messenger aroused me by stating that he had an important letter for me. What led the messenger to the conclusion that the letter was an important one was its postmark, "Washington, D. C." When I was first disturbed in my slumbers I felt provoked, for it always provokes me to have my rest broken, but as soon as I laid eyes on the familiar handwriting I was in full possession of all my faculties. Words spoken or written by you for my own edification or pleasure always receive my profoundest attention. Mack, there are three reasons why your letters interest me; namely, first, the warm and enduring friendship that exists between us; second, you never fail to find something fascinating and noteworthy to write about; third, you possess the happy faculty of communicating your thoughts in a manner that can not fail to illicit my attention or the attention of any one who delights to read good literature.

And you are at Washington, the gay capital of the Nation? How I would enjoy being with you! It will pay you to spend a month or longer time at Washington. While at Washington, do not fail to call on our esteemed Congressman, John H. Stephens, and to take a good look at the great Texas Statesman, Joe Bailey. You will find Mr. Stephens a very busy man. There is not a harder worker nor a more conscientious member of Congress than Mr. Stephens. He will greet you with a West Texas handshake and will otherwise cause you to feel very much at home in his company. Give Mr. Stephens my regards and assurances of my warm and unqualified support for him for re-election to Congress.

Mack, I am sorry that I can not be with you corporally; but, remember, I am with you in spirit.

Quebec, the Plains of Abraham, and Gettysburg! The

mention of these historic places thrill me in a way which I can not describe. It is utterly impossible. I find myself hoiding sweet communion with the past. I can not refrain shedding tears at the thought of the great effusion of blood that took place. I turn from these sad thoughts. May our country never again be the scene of such intestine strifes as history records of these places.

How can you in the midst of the great scenes you depict revert to sketching "a small peaceable town in Western Texas, with a white court house?" You ask if I can divine the subject of your sketch. Mack, what sort of an estimate do you place on my powers of perception. Have you the temerity to consider me a non compos mentis, by propounding so simple a question? It could be no other place than Floydada, the loveliest spot on God's footstool. God bless her!

"Old Griggs" is still at his post. He smiles when others frown. When others frown, he smiles. "Old Griggs" smiles when the winds blow hard, which is exasperating to others. When the winds blow, "Old Griggs" can run his mill and make meal and chops. Velly, Mack, it is an ill wind th' blows nobody good.

"Black Joe" Oh, yes; I know whom you refer to. It is Mr. Albert C. Bowers, the brunette grocer. Mr. Bowers no longer responds to the cognomen, "Black Joe"—unless some one exhibits a silver dollar, or more or less money in his presence. If anything in the world would cause him to sin it is "the root of all evil." He is like many of us in this respect. Mr. Bowers is still as young in years and movements as of yore.

Mack, tell me all about Washington's monument in your next letter. It would make interesting reading, I know.

PACK POSER.

J. J. Mancy and family moved last week to the D. W. Scott place in Motley County.

150 POUND WATERMELON!

Think of Such a Monster!

We can all have them if we plant Girardeau's Extra Fancy Selected "Triumph" Seed. From no other seed will such melons grow. Thousands of Melons grown from these Seeds in 1899 weighed 100 to 125 pounds each—one weighed 148½ and another 149½ pounds.

\$210.00 IN CASH PRIZES for the 9 largest "Triumph" Watermelons grown in 1900 from Girardeau's Seeds.

Giant Beggar Weed Seeds a Specialty.

Send for Catalogue giving full information to

W. M. GIRARDEAU, MONTICELLO, FLA.

TRY

Hesperian Gazette FOR JOB PRINTING.

MY TRADE

IS INCREASING!

Consequently I am having my Stock

ENLARGED!

Hence, the Where

To buy GROCERIES, SADDLERY, &c., is everything, and the man who fails to look my stock through neglects the opportunity for saving money. Try me.

"Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

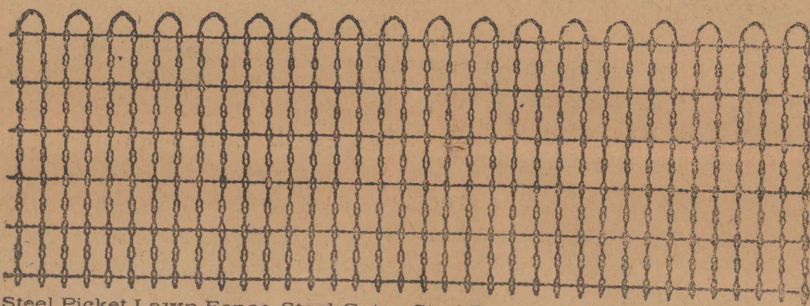
A. C. BOWERS, FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

R. H. NORRIS, Childress, Texas.

Aermotor Wind Mills, Mitchell Wagons, Schuttler Wagons, John Deere Steel Wagons, Standard Cultivators, Standard Planters, Buckeye Mowers, Buckeye Sorghum Binders, McCormick Grain Binders, Great Western Stoves, Baker Wire, Waukeganite Wire, Glidden Wire, Corrugated Iron Roofing.

I have the most complete stock of Wind Mill Supplies in the country. The AER MOTOR continues at the head of the procession, and why? Because it takes less wind to run it, pumps more water, takes care of itself in a high wind, and lasts longer than any wind mill made. There is no piece of machinery of its size that will do as much work, and do it as cheerfully, and with as little attention, as the Aermotor. In other words, it boards itself and works for nothing.

I have also a first-class Tin Shop in connection. Send me your orders for Hardware. My prices are right and I treat my customers as friends.



Steel Picket Lawn Fence, Steel Gates, Steel Posts, Rail, Etc. Superior grade of Field and Hog Fence Wire and Model Hog Fence. M. M. S. Poultry Fence leads in quality and price. Descriptive matter mailed free.

UNION FENCE CO., De Kalb, Ill

SAVE YOUR STAR TIN TAGS

"Star" tin tags (showing small stars printed on under side of tag), "Horse Shoe," "J. T.," "Good Luck," "Cross Bow," and "Drummond" Natural Leaf Tin Tags are of equal value in securing presents mentioned below, and may be assorted. Every man, woman and child can find something on the list that they would like to have, and can have

1 Match Box..... 25	23 Clock, Sany, Calcutta, Thermom..... 500
2 Pen Fe, one blade, good steel..... 25	24 Gun case, leather, no better made..... 500
3 Safety Razor, Gillette, safety..... 25	25 Revolver, automatic, double action..... 600
4 Child's Set, K. H. P. & Co. Toys..... 25	26 100 yd. Caliber..... 600
5 Salt and Pepper Set, one each, good..... 50	27 Tool Set, not paythings, but real..... 600
6 Triple plate on white metal..... 25	28 Toys Set decorated porcelain..... 500
7 French Brass Wood Box..... 25	29 very handsome..... 300
8 Razor, hollow ground, fine English steel..... 50	30 Remington Rifle No. 4, 23 or 31 cal..... 800
9 Butter Knife, triple plate, best quality..... 50	31 Watch, sterling silver, full jeweled 1900..... 1000
10 Sugar Shell, triple plate, best qual..... 50	32 Brass Suit Case, leather, handsome and durable..... 1000
11 Stamp Box, sterling silver..... 75	33 Sewing Machine, first class, with all attachments..... 1500
12 Barber Knife, "Horse Shoe," 8-in blade..... 75	34 Revolver, Colt's, 38-caliber, blued steel..... 1500
13 8-in. "Horse Shoe" 8-in..... 75	35 Rifle, Colt's, 16-shot, 22-caliber..... 1000
14 Nut Set, Cracker and 6 Pieces, silver plated..... 80	36 Guitar (Washburn), rosewood, first class..... 2000
15 Base Ball, "American," best qual..... 100	37 Mandolin, very handsome..... 2000
16 Alarm Clock, nickel..... 150	38 Winchester Repeating Shot Gun, 12 gauge..... 2000
17 Six Genuine Rogers' Teaspoons, best quality..... 150	39 Remington, double-barrel, hammer Shot Gun, 10 or 12 gauge..... 2000
18 Watch, nickel, stem wind, jewel..... 200	40 Bicycle, standard make, ladies or gents..... 2500
19 Carvers, good steel, buckhorn handles..... 200	41 Shot Gun, Remington, double barrel, hammerless..... 2000
20 Six Genuine Rogers' Table Spoons, best plated goods..... 250	42 Regua Music Box, 16 1/2 inch Disc..... 5000
21 Six each, Knives and Forks, buckhorn handles..... 250	
22 Six each, Genuine Rogers' Knives and Forks, best plated goods..... 300	

THE ABOVE OFFER EXPIRES NOVEMBER 20TH, 1900.

Special Notice | Plain "Star" Tin Tags (that is, Star tin tags with no small stars printed on under side of tag), are not good for presents, but will be paid for in CASH on the basis of twenty cents per hundred, if received by us on or before March 1st, 1901.

BEAR IN MIND that a dime's worth of

STAR PLUG TOBACCO will last longer and afford more pleasure than a dime's worth of any other brand. MAKE THE TEST! Send tags to CONTINENTAL TOBACCO CO., St. Louis, Mo.

Hesperian Gazette

Entered the postoffice at Floydada, Texas, as second-class matter.

Come and see and examine the Ellwood Woven Fencing Wire at J. G. RAFFT'S.

J. A. T. Pearson was in town yesterday on business.

Mrs. C. L. Rice has been quite sick the past two weeks.

Frank Montague was circulating on our streets yesterday.

J. J. Harrison returned Saturday from a business trip to the railroad.

J. H. F. Reed returned yesterday from Canyon City with freight.

Glaude Fallwell left Saturday for Mangum, Greer County, to visit his parents.

H. C. Atchison was in town Friday. He reports his stock in good condition.

Ollie Molloy, the O. K. barber, and family moved into the Lockney building in West Floydada last Monday.

Little Kate Harrison has been quite sick the past week from typhoid fever. As we go to press her condition is considered precarious.

Editor Henderson of The Llano Estacado of Lockney was in town Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Henderson and little daughter.

R. T. Miller has fitted up himself a law office up stairs in the southeast corner of the Court House, where he will be pleased to meet his friends.

W. E. Buckley has received a horse-power feed crusher for his own use on the farm in stock-feeding. We hope to see other Floyd County farmers follow Mr. Buckley's example.

E. M. Walling has opened up a nice stock of groceries, grain, and trail supplies. He is ever ready to serve the public both day and night. He extends you an invitation to call, inspect, and price his goods.

W. H. Stricklyn reports a red yearling marked underslope on right ear and branded A on left shoulder, cross on left side, and bar on left thigh. Owner is requested to remove him, as he is in poor condition and, in Mr. S's way.

We are informed that the proprietors of the Floydada Hotel will have their large two-story building painted. This is one of the nicest and most costly buildings in the city, but has heretofore fallen short in appearance what it should be. Paint and brush will add materially to its appearance. Verily, Floydada is going to sparkle as a jewel. Keep up the good work!

STRAYED—5 bay mares and 3 mule colts, branded on left thigh R L with bar above; and 5 head of mares and colts, branded R L with bar underneath. Information concerning them will be appreciated. Address, R. LIGHT, Lockney, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good Cedar posts at A. C. Bowers.

Winter weather has set in in earnest. Last week the days were, in the language of Mrs. Josiah Allen, "coldish" and sometimes windish. But on Saturday night a strong, mercurious wind blew from the north, the air became thick, spitted some snow, and warm fires and closed doors were desiderata, and wind brakes and shelter were sought by dumb domestic animals. Everyone realized that it means to make up for the warm, clear weather that January so kindly gave us. How long it will continue thus the Lord only knows. Weather charts can not control or modify the zeroners on the Plains; nor can weather prophets ascertain in advance just what sort of weather there will be on the Plains every day in the winter. They can guess, and, as Dr. Rattlehead said when preparing a prescription and was uncertain how it should be compounded remarked, guess work is as good as any when it hits right.

Last Saturday morning the Chief Scribe accepted an invitation from Dr. Andrews to accompany him in his rounds in the country where small pox once existed in Floyd County. The doctor's notion was that if the editor should become a victim to the disease that Hesperian Gazette, as it circulated throughout the County, would get the disease well scattered and the doctor would have a good opportunity to test the remedy he has. (This was a joke of the doctor's, of course.) We drove to G. W. Seigler's place 14 miles southeast of town and found him and family under a rigid quarantine. On all sides yellow flags were floating and black hands pointing to Mr. Seigler's house, as much as to say, "You are treading on dangerous ground when you pass me." The family appeared in fine spirits, but a little lonesome in their seclusion from the outside, as no one but a doctor or an editor would dare to associate with them. What would unfortunate people do if there were no doctors or editors in the world?

The public is hereby notified to keep off my land in hauling wood. I can not endure further trespasses. JNO. N. FARRIS.

I desire to express my most profound thanks to the large number of friends and customers for the liberal patronage they have given the firm of Surginer & Miller the past year. I assure you that I will do all in my power to merit a continuance and an increase of your patronage. I shall carry a larger stock of Furniture, Hardware, Implements, etc.—goods that I can fully recommend to my friends.

When in need of anything in my line, don't neglect calling and inspecting my goods and prices. Yours to serve,

C. SURGINER.
Successor to Surginer & Miller, Floydada, Texas.

Mrs. G. R. Griggs and sister Miss Maggie Foley were pleasant callers at our office Saturday evening.

Considerable preparation for farming is being made. Good! Keep up. Effort spent now will realize something next autumn. It will as sure as you were born.

In conversation with C. Surginer, successor to Surginer & Miller, hardware dealers, a Hesperian Gazette scribe was informed that he would add 20 feet in length to his hardware building. He says he needs more room to display his stock of hardware and furniture, as he will increase his stock. We like to see our business men enlarge their business. Such means more business.

Last Saturday Judge Duncan appointed his committee to determine the prize-winners of the prizes he offered last fall for the finest specimens of corn, milo maize, and kaffir corn, and the prize Hesperian Gazette offered for the finest specimen sorghum stalks, all of which were on exhibition in the Judge's office. The following prizes were awarded: W. C. Silvey, indian corn, \$1.00; C. W. Howard, milo maize, 50 cents; Silas Duncan, kaffir corn, 50 cents; and John B. Baker was winner of the 75-cent prize by long odds on sorghum.

The General Manager of the Eagle Lumber Co., of Canyon, Amarillo and Hereford, C. M. Hardin, was in town the 26th inst. and requested us to inform the readers of Hesperian Gazette that they have a large stock of well-seasoned lumber on hand. This Company will sell as cheap as any one, all things considered. If you are thinking of building, it would probably be to your interest to figure with them. While the prices of building material of all kinds have advanced materially Mr. Hardin says that where any one wants to build a house his Company will furnish the material as cheap as any one. If you will send your bill they will take pleasure in furnishing an estimate on same. They handle LONG LEAF LUMBER, the best on earth. Make out your bill and mail it to them and see what they will do for you.

Dissolution Notice.

The Hardware Firm of Surginer & Miller has by mutual consent been dissolved. Mr. Miller retiring and Mr. Surginer becoming sole proprietor of the business who will continue the business and pay all debts of the firm and collect all debts due the firm, and all parties who know themselves indebted to the firm are requested to come in at once and settle, and greatly oblige. Yours truly,

SURGINER & MILLER.

In retiring from the business firm of Surginer & Miller, I wish to express my gratitude to the people for their generous patronage while in business, and ask that you continue the same with Mr. Surginer. Yours respt.,
R. T. MILLER.

An Important Business Change Notice.

On and after Feb. 12, 1900, I will do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS. I will not deviate from this rule. Please do not ask to have an item charged: IT WILL BE REFUSED. This means satisfied customers--no worrying over long accounts. I hope to offer such Temptingly Low Prices on Goods that no customer will have cause to complain in this change in my business methods.

Jas. B. Posey

Floydada, Texas.

New Goods!

FALL AND WINTER STOCK.
FINE CLOTHING Boys' and Children's Suits, Men's California Suits, Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps. **Hamilton & Brown Boots and Shoes**, Men's Over and Under Shirts, Ladies Fine Dress Goods, Hosiery, and Underware, all at BED-ROCK PRICES.

S. A. McMANNIS, FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

Molloy & Fallwell, CITY BARBER SHOP.

Work done in the most up-to-date manner and at customary prices. Satisfaction assured.

FIRST CLASS RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION.

Floydada, -- -- -- Texas.

W. M. MASSIE, Successor to—
MASSIE & MENEFF
Land and Livestock Agent,
Surveyor and Abstractor.

BUY, SELL, LEASE, OR EXCHANGE LAND
In any size tracts through Western Texas, especially through Floyd and other Counties of the Beautiful Plains; render and pay taxes, furnish abstracts, perfect titles, etc. NON RESIDENT LANDS A SPECIALTY.
ADDRESS,
W. M. MASSIE, FLOYDADA, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS.

U. S. Mail Stage

— FROM —

CHILDRESS TO FLOYDADA.

Daily except Sunday.

Good Accommodations and Careful Drivers.

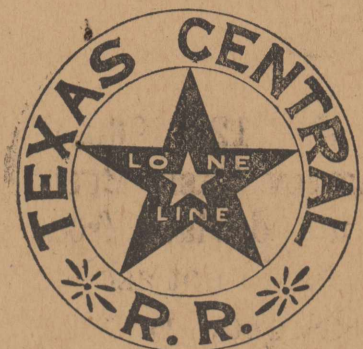
W. R. MILLER,
Contractor and Manager.

Floydada Hotel.

MRS. J. N. DILLARD, Prop'r.

Headquarters for commercial men. Tables supplied with the best the market affords. Nice, clean, airy rooms. No pains spared for the comfort of guests. Rates reasonable. FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

For COMFORT, SAFETY, SPEED and STYLE
Try the CENTRAL once in a while.



The Great Daylight Route

THE CONNECTING LINK
BETWEEN

CENTRAL TEXAS
CALIFORNIA
AND MEXICO

VIA WACO, CISCO AND EL PASO.

Passing through the SWITZERLAND of America for Scenery, and EGYPT for fertility of soil and productiveness in Cotton, Corn and Cereals.

FARM LANDS AND TOWN LOTS FOR SALE

While the development has been great along the line of this great thoroughfare, the possibilities of the future can scarcely be foretold, taking into consideration all its essentials of greatness. The Climate is Salubrious and Healthful with Living Water in Abundance.

C. C. GIBBS, Land Agent,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

W. F. McMILLIN,
Gen. Frt. and Pass. Agent, WACO, TEXAS.

R. M. COX,
Trav. Frt. and Pass. Agt., DUBLIN, TEXAS.

CHAS. HAMILTON,
Vice-Pres. and Gen'l Mgr., WACO, TEX.

4 IMPORTANT GATEWAYS 4



2-Fast Trains-2
DAILY

For St. Louis, Chicago
and the EAST.

Superb New Pullman Vestibuled
Buffet Sleepers. Handsome
New Chair Cars. (Seats Free.)

Only Line Running Through
Coaches and Sleepers to New
Orleans Without Change....

DIRECT LINE TO
Arizona,
New Mexico
AND California.

L. S. THORNE, E. P. TURNER,
Third Vice-Pres't and Gen'l Mgr., General Pass't and Tkt. Agt.,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

ATTENTION!

Don't Trust Your Photos to Agents. Deal Direct with the Artists.

We will make to anyone sending us a photo, a Life-Size Oilette, Crayon or Pastel Portrait Free of Charge to introduce our superior work. Exact likeness, highly artistic finish, and prompt return of small photo guaranteed. Send us your photo at once.

ARTIST'S UNION, 203 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS.

We Club

Hesperian Gazette

With all the leading papers. You can save money by being our patron.

GOOD NEWSPAPERS

At a Very Low Rate.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Dallas or Galveston) is published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for farmers, the ladies, and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc. We offer

SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS

HESPERIAN GAZETTE

for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.80.

This gives you three papers a week, or 156 papers a year, for a ridiculously low price. Hand in your subscriptions at once.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Frank E. Short and Ione C. Short by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 50th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 50th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of District Court of Floyd County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Floyd City, on the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1900, the same being the 5th day of March, A. D. 1900, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1900, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 321, wherein The Union Stock Yards Company of Omaha, Nebraska, is Plaintiff, and Frank E. Short and Ione C. Short are Defendants, and said petition alleging, that heretofore, to-wit: On the 28th day of December, 1895, Defendants executed and delivered to Plaintiff their certain promissory note, bearing date on the day of the year last above mentioned, and for the sum of One Thousand Dollars, with interest thereon from date at the rate of Eight per cent per annum. A copy of said note is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A." and made a part of this petition. That Defendants thereby promised and became liable to Plaintiff in the sum therein specified and set out due and payable to the order of Plaintiff one year from date of said note.

That in order to better secure the payment of said note Defendants executed and delivered to Plaintiff a certain mortgage on land hereinafter described, said mortgage bearing date December 27, 1895, a copy of which is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit B" and made part of this petition, and is given on land described as follows:

Six hundred and forty acres of land, known as Abstract No. 324, Certificate No. 1020, Survey No. 95, Block D3, in Floyd County, Texas. Also North half of 640 acres known as Abstract No. 343, Certificate No. 4 over 538, Survey No. 27, Block D1 in Floyd County, Texas.

That Plaintiff is now the legal holder and owner of said note; that the same is wholly unpaid, though long past due; but Defendants especially promised and agreed that in the event of a foreclosure of the mortgage herein sued on that in the event they became liable to Plaintiff in a reasonable sum to be determined by the Court, in addition to the Judgment as attorney fees. Though often requested, Defendants refused, and still refuse, to pay the note herein sued on or any part thereof.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays that Defendants be ordered to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Floyd County and answer this petition.

That upon final hearing hereof Plaintiff have Judgment for its debt, both principal and interest thereon, as therein specified, together with a reasonable attorney fee, to be determined by the Court and for costs of suits, and that said Mortgage be foreclosed and said premises be decreed to be sold as is required by law governing such cases and for relief, both general and special, as it may show its self entitled to recover under the facts and law herein governing, Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, U. S. Wilkinson.
Clerk of the District Court of Floyd County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at Seal office in Floyd City this the 4th day of January, A. D. 1900.

U. S. WILKINSON, Clerk,
District Court, Floyd Co., Texas.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR "THE Life and Achievements of Admiral Dewey" the world's greatest naval hero. By Murat Halstead, the lifelong friend and admirer of the nation's idol. Biggest and best book; over 500 pages, 8x10 inches; nearly 100 pages halftone illustrations. Only \$1.50. Enormous demand. Big commissions. Outfit free. Chance of a lifetime. Write quick. The Dominion Company, 3rd Floor Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

...AN INVITATION...

We extend to every reader of this advertisement a cordial invitation to come to Floydada and make our store your headquarters and command our services. We guarantee you fair and courteous treatment.

WE SELL.....

Groceries. Hardware. Saddlery.

We have been the Leaders in carrying the Largest, Best-Selected, Most up-to-date Stock in Floyd County, and our prices are bedrock.

Our line of Hardware, Cutlery, and such like is selected to win the people's trade. We urge you to call and inspect this Department.

You can not help admiring our stock of Saddles, Bridles, Blankets, Harness, &c. A look will convince you of their superior merits.

SNODGRASS & NELSON,

FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

DRUGS

I Have Them,
You Want Them.

When you are in need of Drugs my house is the first to present itself for your consideration—and justly, too. Give me a fair trial.

R. C. SCOTT,
FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

JOHN G. RANFT,

—DEALER IN—

GROCERIES,
HARDWARE,
GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

And HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES of Every description.

South Side Public Square. FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

C. Surginer,

—DEALERS IN—

HARDWARE

- ✧ Tinware, Queensware, Glassware ✧
- ✧ Farm Implements, Wind Mills, ✧
- ✧ Wind Mill Fixtures, Barbed Wire ✧

FURNITURE, ETC.

Come and examine our goods and prices before buying elsewhere. We think it will be to your interest to do so. Polite attention to all, whether they want to examine and get prices or to buy goods.

Floydada. - - Texas.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT.

Any one wishing to purchase GROCERIES will do well to see us before going elsewhere. We keep in stock a well-selected lot of Groceries and Provisions, which we are selling at the lowest prices.

Others may out-talk us, but they can not undersell us.

McMannis & Griggs, - Floydada.

.... FLOYDADA

LIVERY, SALE AND FEED STABLE.

E. M. WALLING, PROPRIETOR.

Good Rigs always ready for the Public at Reasonable Prices. Best Attention given to Stock in my care.

FLOYDADA, - - - - TEXAS.