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Cottonwood Locals

James Harvey of Abilene, was visiting in Cottonwood the first of the week the guest of J. M. Ferguson's family. We are impressed with the idea that Mr. Harvey has designs on some of Cottonwood's fair sex.

Boyce Kenady, Herbert Swan and McGowen of Cross Plains, were visitors at Cottonwood Sunday.

Miss Ester Hall of Cross Plains is visiting Miss Mary Varner, three and a half miles north of Cottonwood.

Miss Mary Varner visited in Admiral Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guin, of Wingate, are visiting the parents of the latter Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell at their home near Cottonwood.

Charlie Barr and family of the Board Flat country, were visitors at R. J. Young's near Cottonwood, Sunday.

Jessie D. Carter of Austin, is visiting relatives and friends in Cross Plain and Cottonwood this week. Jessie is a Cottonwood boy, a young lawyer and is filling an important position in the Comptrollers office at Austin.

Grady Respass, who has been attending school at Cisco, has returned to his home at Cottonwood.

The friends and relatives of Mrs. Carl Murdock of Dale Okla., will regret to learn that she is dangerously ill with typhoid fever at her home.

Well, what we did for the amendments at Cottonwood Saturday was a plenty. When you want anything snowed under at Cottonwood just call it amendments or bonds and we will do the balance.

Married—Earl Gattis of near Cottonwood and Miss Pura Hood of Scranton, were married Wednesday, July 16th, 1913. This scribe offers congratulations and wishes for the happy couple a long, useful and happy life.

The Gospel Mission Baptist have just closed a meeting here. Can't say as to results but there were no additions to the church.

J. S. Newman of Glen Rose, preached a series of interesting sermons here last week.

Uncle Jimmie.
In The Baird Star.

MEN, GET YOUR SHARE
of the good 75c and \$1.00 shirts on sale at 45c.

The Racket Store.

The Singing School will be taught at the public school building.

Mrs. Hill and children of Dallas are the guests of her sister Mrs. S. P. Rumph.

Chase & Sanborns teas and coffee are the best. Get them at B. L. Boydstuns.

Misses Dora and Ella Crutchfield of Pottsville Ark. are visiting their uncle E. A. Haley.

NICE, NEAT AND DRESSY
shirts worth \$1.00 while they last. Will go at 45c.

The Racket Store.

W. A. Reynolds of Crosbyton was here last week to see his brother-in-law, E. A. Haley.

W. W. Everett and family of Rising Star are here this week the guest of Lee Harris and family.

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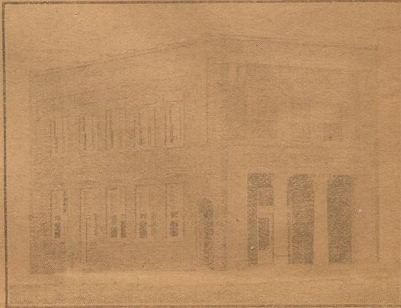
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GREETINGS!

Picnicers, greetings! It is our sincere hope that you are having a "good time" in the common acceptance of that term. There is probably more people in our midst today than ever in the history of the town. Many of you likely have never before beheld our little city. We are sure you are amazed at its magic growth. Hardly old enough to have put by her swaddling clothes, being but thirty months of age she has assumed the semblance and the proportions of a town of no mean pretensions. With a score of progressive businesses, three-fourths of which are operating in substantial and modern brick buildings, we are prepared to take care of the every want of the buying public.

It is hardly possible that we could say anything concerning the wonderful fertility and diversity of our soils, that would be new to you. You know our rainfall, you know that we have the sandy loam and the black prairie soils. But as to location of our town, its probable future, you may not know so much. Cross Plains is at the intersection of straight lines drawn thru Baird and Brownwood and Cisco and Coleman. It is the center of an irregular curve made by drawing a line thru the cities named in the foregoing. Cross Plains isn't the hub of the universe nor of west Texas but it is the hub of this section from which radiates a spoke to Coleman 31 miles in length one to Brownwood 35 miles in length, one to Rising Star 13 miles long, one to Cisco 26 miles, one to Baird 30 and one nearly half a hundred miles long to Ovalla to the west. This gives us a larger trade territory than that of any of our competing markets. When this hub shall have been developed as it will be in the natural course of things, Cross Plains shall have come unto her own and you will behold her the queen city of this section.

Burkett Bubbings

Bro. Norman of Austin has been conducting the Christian meeting at this place.

John Strickland and Loe Jennings are teaching a singing school at Grovenor. John says he is going to Waco in October to attend the Trio Music Co. We hope him great success.

Ellis Briscoe and family who have been visiting relatives here left on Thursday for Ford City, their home.

Gus Burkett returned from Fort Worth last week. Gus says he had a nice time while there.

Mrs. Geo. Keller has been very sick. But we are glad to report at this writing that she is much better.

Quite a number of our Cross Plains friends have been attending meeting in progress here.

Frank Brown and family left for Edwards county one day last week visiting relatives.

R. E. Harris and wife went to Gouldsburg Monday visiting Jonnie Harris. Mrs. Harris is very sick and not expected to live long.

Wilde Head and wife are living in Burkett now.

R. L. Cross is still serving drinks at Burkett.

We are sorry to learn of the fact that Dr. Upton has been up to Nowice looking out a location.

Clay Thames, the ladies man, went calling Sunday at Mr. Cope-lands.

Miss Artie Mountain has returned to Burkett after a somewhat pro-

Dead

J. B. Pinkstun died July 20, age 26 years, death being caused by tubercolosis. Burial was made at the Burkett cemetery. He was preceded in death by his father and mother M. M. and W. A. Pinkstun. He leaves a brother and two sisters to mourn his death.

HONOR ROLL

The Review is indebted to the following for cash on subscription since the last publication of the Honor Roll:

Lee Pierce, J. M. Lindsey, Mrs. T. A. Crump, G. G. Carter, H. A. Bowdoin, C. A. Mangum, Ernest Thate, E. D. Boden, S. H. Arrowswood, J. K. Gafford, Wm. Armstrong, B. W. Everett, O. C. Kingstun, W. D. Trimmell, J. A. Clements, Carl Klutts, M. D. Jones, W. H. Lacy, Mrs. B. W. Webb for her brother, Pink Barr, Miss Valera Casey, C. A. Mayes, J. P. Cross, E. Riche, W. A. Brandon, J. P. Phillips,

Special prices during August on all summer dress goods.

B. L. Boydstun,

Turkey Creek News.

The farmers have their crops almost laid by with the exception of a little plowing.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely, we would like for more of the old folks to come and take part.

Poly Holloway was at Mr. Arvins Sunday. (N. B. Cross Plains.)

Little Julia Payne has a severe case of whooping cough.

R. Cordvent has gone on a trip to Eastland Co. He has a large bunch of goats on his farm there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Erazier Thursday July 18th a fine baby boy.

Quite a crowd of T. C. people attended the picnic at Admiral Saturday.

At the home of Bud Anderson's Sunday July 20, fifty of the Gibbs family met for a reunion all were present with the exception of two sons-in-law and three grand children those present were the Anderson family of this place, Jess Gibbs and family of Rowden, Mrs. Bettie Taylor and children of Clyde, Jim Coffey and family of Cottonwood Mrs. Mattie Holley and children of Jay-ton, Will Burks and family of Baird and Mrs. B. E. Gibbs, Grover Gibbs and family, Marbon Sikes and family all of Rowden. Mr. Anderson's sister Mrs. R. C. Dawkins and two granddaughters of Admiral were present. Had plenty of dinner, music and social chatting. This is the first time this family has had an opportunity of meeting in eight years. It's sweet to meet but sad to part.

Tempest.

Choice any ladies hat for \$1.00 at B. L. Boydstuns.

Dr. Rumph has traded the building occupied by the Crystal Cafe to Jim Baum for a residence in the east part of the town.

Might Trade: Two of the best located lots in town, South east shade trees. Would trade for horse, cows, or money. Also four contiguous lots in east part of town. See L. P. Henslee

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Settle are visiting Mr. Settle's folks in Collin County.

Mrs. J. M. Rumph of Ardmore, Okla. has been visiting her sons here, the Drs. Rumph.

longed absence.

Miss Blanche Brown and Fayette Hounshell were married last Friday night, the Justice of the Peace officiating.

Henry Martin joined the Christian church here Saturday night.

Burkett 2nd ball team crossed bats with Dressy last Saturday, our team winning with a score of 13 to 7.

W. A. Tabor of Albany is here visiting relatives.

For lack of time and knowledge of further events I am forced to a conclusion.

Rambler.
P. E. Rambler still wants a chance at S. J.'s scalp in debate.

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The Racket Store.

Car of Cotton White Flour just received.

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5 Gal. Blue Flag Syrup, worth \$3.00 now \$2.00 at Boydstuns.

Mrs. Lee Browning of Baird is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. McClute at Pioneer.

Cotton White Flour only \$3.00 at Boydstuns.

E. P. Crawford and wife returned Tuesday of this week from an extended visit in the east.

J. H. McElroy and family of Cottonwood left Sunday for a visit to Port Lavaca.

Mrs. H. L. Harris of Cottonwood went via the T. C. Sunday for a visit to Dublin. She was brought to Cross Plains by her husband.

Rev. C. C. Wright and wife of Blackwell are the guests of their relatives here, W. R. Wright and Luke Clements.

Miss Bill Wilson of Lubbock is the guest of the Misses Adams. Miss Jake Adams went Saturday to P...

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M. C. Baum, Clerk.

W. O. W. Camp No. 778.

Meets every Saturday night before the first and third Sundays, at W. O. W. Hall, south Cross Plains, Tex.

E. T. Bond, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 171.

Meets every Friday night at 8:30 at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

C. W. Barr, Sec.

M. E. Church, South.

Preaching each 1st and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Sunday school each Sunday 10 a. m. R. P. Odom, Supt.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Woman's Home Mission Society meets Thursdays before the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Mrs. Tyson Pres.

You are cordially invited to attend all our church services.

A. Lee Boyd Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian church, preaching on 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11 a.m and 8 p. m.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Regular session meeting, Friday, 3 p. m. George A. Crane, Pastor.

Baptist Church.

Preaching 1st 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday School begins 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8:15. Ladies Aid Mondays 3:30 p. m. Pastor.

Preaching

At the Christian Church the first Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock and Saturday night before. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock and a Bible school every Wednesday night at 7:15. All are invited to attend.

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Dr. E.H. RAMSEY

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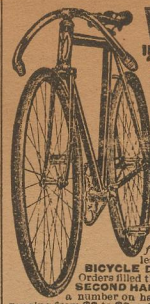
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The Administration Bill, by Kirby has been reported unfavorably, while the Kennedy Bill, relating to the same subject, has met with approval. The Kennedy Bill provides that the winning candidate for Senator must get a majority of votes cast, and his expenses shall not exceed \$2,000.

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"Well, my dear," said Mr. Beecher, "if all heathens were as pretty as you are we would all become missionaries."
—Ladies' Home Journal.

He Was a Bore.

The young man sat and sat and talked and talked.

About 11:30 he sang, "Love, I'm Going Away."

The young lady showed interest for the first time since 8:30.

"When do you start?" she inquired.—
Louisville Courier-Journal.

All Alike.

Visitor (in a country village)—Well, it's a simple thing to elect a man surely. Choose the cleverest man. Villager—There isn't one unfortunately.—
Meggendorfer Blatter.

Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned.—
Holmes.

Revival Meeting Notice

Revival Meeting at the Presbyterian church begins 2nd Sunday in August. A large Gospel tent will be used.

Rev. W. E. Harrison, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Abilene will do the preaching. A lot of new song books have just been procured. The hearty co-operation of everybody is earnestly solicited. Come, help us with your prayers, songs and earnest endeavor to help to bring the lost to Christ.

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A Place For All Things.

Willoughby was nervously watching the time, and as the minutes passed and it became evident that the train could not by any possibility reach its destination on time he turned viciously to the porter and began angrily:

"Of all the dad binged old heaps of junk this side of the earthquake belt this railroad of yours is without any exception the—"

"Excuse me, boss," said the porter, with a courteous wave of his whisk-broom towards the rear end of the train, "but dere's an observation car on de end ob dis yere train, suh, an' if Ah might take de libbity ob makin' a suggestion, suh, you might go back dere, suh, an' make de observations now ris'n in yo' midst. De presence ob ladies ob dis yere car, suh, is mah excuse fo' makin' de suggestion."

Whereupon Willoughby retired to the rear platform and strewed his observations along the track with such effect that one of the ties was seen to be smoking long after the train had passed it.—Harpier's.

Rivalry In Prayer.

Turkish dignitaries comport themselves toward European representatives now otherwise than some of them formerly did. Sir Henry Layard tells an amusing encounter between Charles Alison, then chief interpreter at the British embassy, and the grand vizier, to whom Sir Stamford Canning had sent him on important business. In the middle of a discussion the Turk rose from his seat and said his prayers on a carpet spread by an attendant, concluding with the curse on all Christians very emphatically uttered, and going through the motion of spitting over his right and left shoulders in abhorrence. Alison was equal to the occasion. Presently he, too, left off business to pray in a corner, doing it in Turkish and invoking curses on all followers of Islam. To the scandalized Pasha he explained that Christians also had their religious duties, and he had no doubt the formal curses of their prayers meant as little as the Moham-medan's.

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"Champion Corn Grower of Texas," 167½ Bushels on One Acre.

Alford Branch is a wide-awake farmer boy living at Overton, Rusk County, Texas, who, by careful preparation of his land in the fall of 1911, so that it was in condition for the winter rains to sink in and to be stored for the use of the plant during the following season; who carefully selected the best seed-corn that was grown in his section and by shallow and constant cultivation from the time the corn was a few inches high until it was actually mature, not only kept it free from weeds, but kept the surface for an inch and a half or two inches so finely pulverized that it acted as a mulch and prevented the loss of moisture by capillary attraction, has raised on one acre of second bottom land 167½ bushels of corn at a cost of 13 cents per bushel. Raising the corn at the low price of 70 cents per bushel, there was a net profit of \$95.35 from this acre. Adding to this the \$250 prize money awarded him by the Texas Industrial Congress, makes a total of \$345.35, which is the interest at 6 per cent upon \$5,755.83, and represents the value of an intelligent combination of brains and work.

This young man broke his land in the early winter with a two-horse plow, cutting about six inches deep; followed in the same furrow with a team pulling what is known as a "bull-tongue" that cut ten inches further into the earth, but turned up no new soil, and formed a reservoir to hold the moisture as well as to aerate the land and make more plant-food available. He used five hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer that had been recommended by a reliable house as best adapted to the successful growth of corn upon his black, sandy land, which had been in grass for a number of years and had an ample supply of humus. He used seed-corn that was popular in his neighborhood, known as the "Bloody Butcher." He states that he made as much corn on the one acre by the better methods above mentioned as his father made on ten acres prepared and cultivated in the old-fashioned way.

The picture below is a graphic illustration of the value of using improved methods.

(19 BU. PER ACRE)
10-YEAR AVERAGE OF TEXAS

(51 BU. PER ACRE)
GENERAL AVERAGE OF ALL CONTESTANTS

(23 1/2 BU. PER ACRE)
LOWEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD

(167 1/2 BUSHELS PER ACRE)
LARGEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD

The general average of all contestants was fifty-one bushels to the acre, while the general average for the State in 1912 was but twenty-one bushels. If all of the corn growers in Texas had averaged just what these contestants averaged, at the prevailing price, the crop would have brought one hundred and sixty-odd million dollars more than it did.

In 1911 the average corn crop of Texas was 9.6 bushels to the acre. Seventeen hundred and forty-six contestants for the prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress, coming from one hundred and sixty-one counties, averaged 31½ bushels of corn per acre. All of the prizes were won in seventeen counties. In 1912 there were 4,030 contestants from 205 counties. Fifty-five counties won prizes, and 16 of the 17 that won in 1911 won again in 1912. This clearly demonstrates that the work of the Congress is constructive, permanent and cumulative.

The Congress keeps in touch with all contestants, makes suggestions as to preparation of soil, conserving moisture and fertility to make plant food available, as to seed selection and the best methods of cultivation, but all of these are subject to any changes that the contestant thinks best to make; the only object being to offer suggestions that cause the farmer to investigate and with all the information at hand to determine the best methods to adopt.

Notice:
One-fifth off on one lot of Shoes as long as they last. Remember these prices are for cash only.
Forbes & Adams.

Dr. John Rumph accompanied his mother Sunday to DeLeon. She was en route to Carbon.

Ches Baum spent Saturday night with his folks on the farm.

Say, Mr. I am a stranger here. Where is the best place to buy ice? Go where they all go—to the Cross Plains Ice & Bottling Co. (adv)

Housewife, buy your flavoring, extracts and coloring from the Bottling Co.

Snow Driit Lard at \$1.20 per bucket.
Jones & Westerman.

Cooking Oil 80c per gallon.
Jones & Westerman.

Red Cedar shingles are the best to cover that house with.
Brazelton & Pryor Lumber Co.

Sherwing & Williams Paint, as good as the best.
Brazelton, Pryor Lumber Co.

Notice:
We have a lot of shoes we are going to give you 20 per cent off on as long as they last. Remember these prices are for cash only.
Forbes & Adams.

These hot sultry days strongly indicates nice refreshing cool drinks. We are still endeavoring to please you with our Fountain service.
The City Drug Store.

Signing the Pledge.
"New York is a town of pledge signers," said a transplanted Bostonian. "People sign pledges to refrain from about every vice and pleasure known to the human race. Pledges striking a death blow at intemperance and profanity, of course, are most popular here, as elsewhere, but they are only the top liners in a varied list of abstinences."
"During my six months' residence in New York I have been approached by emissaries from humane societies, botanical and horticultural societies, patriotic societies, physical culture clubs and every kind of benevolent institution the town affords, asking me to pledge myself to refrain from doing any of the things those organizations condemn. At pledge headquarters they even attempt to regulate your literary and musical tastes by obtaining your promise not to read certain books or listen to certain kinds of music. No matter how frankish a pledge may seem to the average citizen it finds hundreds of supporters, and as all pledges really tend to regeneration it is not unnatural to expect the millennium to strike New York most any day."—New York Times.

When Amundsen Reached the Pole.
In Amundsen's "South Pole" he tells of his three years' sojourn in the antarctic and gives this account of the supreme moment of the trip:
At 3 in the afternoon a simultaneous "Bull!" rang out from the drivers. They had carefully examined their sledge meters, and they all showed the full distance—our pole by reckoning. The goal was reached, the journey ended. I cannot say—though I know it would sound much more effective—that the object of my life was attained. That would be romancing rather too barefacedly. I had better be honest and admit straight out that I have never known any man to be placed in such a diametrically opposite position to the goal of his desires as I was at that moment. The regions around the north pole—well, yes, the north pole itself—had attracted me from childhood, and here I was at the south pole. Can anything more topsy turvy be imagined?

Medicine and Law.

Medicine stands in this strange contrast to law, that while the public is clamoring for the lawyers to advance the lawyers themselves as a class offer the chief resistance. The medical profession constantly outstrips and leads the public imagination in devices to check disease. Although much at the start was due to laymen, the campaign against tuberculosis, against infant mortality, against malaria and typhoid fevers is largely captained and manned by doctors, who have the hearty support of the profession as a whole. Of two Rip Van Winkles awakening today the physician would find his old methods as rust eaten and useless as his instruments. The lawyer, after a few hours with new statutes, would feel at home in any of our courts.—G. M. Stratton in Atlantic Monthly.

Hub Harrell, returned Sunday from a several months stay at Plainview where he was engaged in a drug store.

G. N. Borden, of Cottonwood, father of Cliff of this place, was in town Monday. Mr. Borden says he is in the cream business and likes it.