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PANHANDLE NEWS.

Dalhart won the county seat of Hartley county by seven votes.

Clarence Smith was adjudged insane last Monday in Vernon by a jury in the county court.

A man named T. N. Wilmore, wanted at Mangum for cattle theft, was captured at Acme Monday.

The Mill Irons in Hall county are reported to have lost 1,200 head of cattle this week, says the Quannah Tribune.

News agents will soon disappear on the Choctaw system. The management has decided to establish news stands at all stations, but allow no agents on its trains.

The Andrews and Hunters Land and Cattle company has changed its name to the Andrews Hereford Cattle company and place of business from Claude, Armstrong county to Sherman, Grayson county.

STATE NEWS.

The legislature has voted to adjourn April 1.

Lamar county farmers are offering cotton pickers a dollar per hundred for picking.

Bud Pelt was fined \$25 and 20 days in jail for violating the local option law at Farmington.

There are four well developed cases of smallpox, or Cuban itch, as some call it, near West Point.

A two-year-old daughter of a Mr. Denson fell in a dry well at Haskell Tuesday and it was instantly killed.

The fare from Fort Worth to the New Orleans meeting of the Union Confederate Veterans will be \$10.95 round trip.

Mose Westbrook, a Lorena ranchman who accidentally shot himself at San Angelo a few days ago, died at Temple Tuesday.

President Yoakum orders work on Frisco's proposed New Orleans line stopped and the surveyors to at once survey a route to Galveston.

Ex-sheriff Shrewsbury, of Grayson county, is under four indictments by the grand jury for accepting bribes from gamblers while in office. He is under \$500 bond in each case.

GENERAL NEWS.

Creek lands are now practically on the market.

Prospects are that a reform school will be built at Norman, Ok.

Redfield, Ark., was wiped out by fire Wednesday. Loss \$30,000.

Kansas proposes to stop caring for territorial convicts by contract.

The shoo fly bridge over Salt Fork, where the O. & W. crosses in Greer county, Ok., washed out Tuesday.

E. Y. Shook of Cimaron, N. M., was shot and killed by B. S. Payne as the result of a quarrel between the children of the two men.

The Pullman Car company was sued for \$10,000 damage by a negro, who was refused a meal when ordered near Richmond, W. Va. He obtained judgment for \$500.

In a pitched battle at Wright's coal works in W. Va., Wednesday between deputies and miners eight miners were killed out-right and twelve wounded. One negro marshal was killed and two wounded and an officer shot through the

Some Cattle Quarantine History.

Representative Moran, of Parker county has given out some history of the quarantine business, which may be of interest to our readers who have read only the other side. He says:

"The contention that if the bill should pass it would result in spreading splenic fever among the cattle north of the line and the abandonment of the line through the state by the Federal government, is the one thing so industriously propagated, and, if true, should defeat the bill. The facts of history are worth more than the theories and speculation of any man or men, and especially of those having a personal interest to subserve, and I shall content myself by stating some facts which are either unknown or purposely misrepresented in the controversy.

"The present joint quarantine line was established in 1894, after Gen. Rusk and the veterinarians of the Department of Agricultural at Washington had come to Texas in person and made a satisfactory investigation of all the facts and conditions and provided for an open season of six months, from Nov. 1 to May 15, during which time cattle crossed the line without inspection of any kind. This continued until in 1896, when the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission, in the face of this statute undertook to close the latter part of the statutory open season and prevent driving after Feb. 1. This produced a conflict between the authorities and the Western Union Beef Company, which drove over the line in May, 1896, and the Federal Government threatened, at the instance of the local state board, to move back on the state line. But Mr. Jordan is off on his facts when he says Gov. Culberson recommended the present law, cutting out the open season absolutely, as his message proves. From his message, on page 22, Senate journal, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, I quote the following, being all he said on the question: 'The Livestock Sanitary Commission, which has rendered most valuable service to the stock interests of the state, recommends in its report some changes in the law creating the commission. It is particularly necessary that the law be amended so as to remove any doubt, that the commission may establish quarantine lines from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1, instead of May 15, and that it be given sufficient funds.'

"Now, then, the Legislature (see page 4, act 1897), under suspension of the rules passed the present law, which, instead of following the above recommendation for an open season from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1, cut out the open season absolutely and left the whole matter under the arbitrary control of the board, and this when neither the Federal authorities, the livestock board nor the governor, according to the records above quoted, asked for it to be done. Now, the Bryan bill only opens the season from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15 without inspection, one month shorter than that recommended by Gov. Culberson and in still colder weather.

"Again, New Mexico, under art. 187, compiled laws 1897, has an open season to southern Texas and Old Mexico cattle from Nov. 1 to Feb. 15. Missouri, under Sec. 5242, Revised Statutes, 1899, has an open

season to Texas, Indian Territory and Arkansas cattle below the line from Nov. 1 to April 1, and any time upon giving bond. Now, under an official bulletin Mr. Wilson, under date of Dec. 29, 1902, modified Sec. 3 of B. A. I., order 101, as follows: 'From Jan. 1 to Jan. 31 all cattle from said (infected) district may be moved for purposes other than immediate slaughter in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico and Arizona, as may be provided in regulations of these states and Territories. All cattle from the quarantine districts destined to points outside of the States and Territories above named, except Texas and Oklahoma, may be shipped without inspection during the time named.' Texas and Oklahoma, by their own legislation, having closed their own states against their own citizens, they alone are excepted. Now, the legitimate deductions from the above facts: That Texas had at the instance of the Federal authorities an open season of six months and never has been required or requested to abolish it, but only to shorten it, as set forth in Gov. Culberson's message; that all of the surrounding States and Territories subject to splenic fever and on the Federal quarantine lines have open season by statute and by consent of the Federal Government, are, first, that if it is safe to transfer cattle in those States and Territories in the winter, it is safe in Texas; second, the Federal authorities respect the local statutes and regulations in those states and would do so in Texas, and that the hue and cry of Federal interference with which the papers are daily teeming, arises either from a want of information or selfish purposes.

"Now, the persistent lobby in their efforts to defeat this bill are making a serious mistake in that they are not likely to mislead the honest and intelligent representatives of the people here, and we who understand this question are going to legislate on this question for the greatest good to the greatest number, and they are manufacturing a false and pernicious doctrine to the effect that this law when passed will infect their cattle, which will react upon themselves, and for this reason I ask that this be published."

Quannah After It Too.

The Northwest Texas Baptists have decided to build a \$40,000 college in one of our Panhandle towns. Does Quannah want it? Some sacrifice on the part of our citizens will secure it!—Tribune-Chief.

Indian Territory range cattle, as a rule, were in poor condition to stand the severe weather. One man near Ardmore who was pasturing sixty head lost fifty-two. Very few stockmen escaped without some financial loss. Around Mill Creek the loss was 25 per cent. At Hugo it was fully as great.

A reporter for an Amarillo paper says: "The writer attended court Monday at 3 p. m. in our beautiful city. Say it was a hummer; the way they do business is no trouble to them. I could not tell which was the attorneys and who were the boot-leggers, but nevertheless they were one big happy throng. God bless the combination."

YOUR CASH

Is worth as much to us as to any firm in Clarendon and we will duplicate prices of any business house in town.

We will continue to extend such accommodations to our friends and customers as is consistent with prudent business policy.

We realize the fact that many of our best citizens find it much more convenient and satisfactory to run 30-day accounts than to pay spot cash. To all such we say: We will take pleasure in supplying your needs in our lines and shall use our best efforts to please you.

To such as may require more than 30 days time on their purchases we say: if their responsibility or security justifies it we will also take care of them.

We do not claim to sell goods CHEAPER than any one else, but JUST AS CHEAP, and to extend such courtesies and accommodations as their reputation and circumstances may require and warrant. Yours truly,

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Ask to see our New Tailor-made Skirts. Just Received.

Beginning with March 1, 1903, we will give a

Purchase Ticket

for each \$5 worth of goods purchased from us for cash or promptly paid 30 day accounts. One of the numbers given out has a duplicate number which comes to us sealed in an envelope and is now on deposit at the First National Bank. When the numbers are all out the number deposited will be announced and the party holding the corresponding number will get free of all cost the

SINGLE BUGGY

now on exhibition at our store. Remember Purchase Tickets given for all cash purchases or promptly paid 30 day accounts.

W. H. Meador Grocer Co.

A Scheme For Church People!

Beginning March 1st 1903, I will donate to the church of Clarendon whose members and friends have purchased the largest amount of goods at my store 5 per cent of the total amount of such purchase. The plan is as follows:

When each customer pays his bill he will designate to which church he wishes the amount placed to the credit of. At the end of each month the church organization which has the most to its credit will be given 5 per cent of that amount IN CASH.

This applies to cash over the counter trade and to promptly paid 30-day accounts only. The plan will be continued indefinitely, and this gives the church workers a chance to help their church without engaging in any questionable prize scheme, about which they may feel a delicacy in engaging. This is a plain, honest proposition and one we hope all our customers will take an interest in and ask others to do the same.

Very truly,

**J. A. JACKSON,
GROCER.**

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WITH all the snow and rain Donley county has had in the past two weeks the ground is in better condition for spring crops than was ever known before, and the farmers of the county will plant the largest crop ever planted.

SCHEMING pension agents are already sending out their circulars to fleece the ignorant negroes of fees to procure pensions for them under the Hanna pension bill, assuring them that "as it was introduced by the chairman of the national republican committee it is sure to pass." The bill has not the ghost of a show to become a law, but no doubt thousands of dollars will be given up by the ignorant colored brother in seeking a hand-out from Uncle Sam.

THE Vernon Call has entered its 15th year of publication, continuously under the same management, longest of any northwest Texas paper. This speaks well for Bro. McConnell, considering the great number of bonus hunters and adventurers who crowd into the business in all new towns. The Call with its large, permanent country list of subscribers should have a much better advertising patronage from Vernon merchants than it now has.

WHILE the democrats have frequently spoken of Olney, Parker and Gorman as presidential possibilities, the latest boom seems to be for William R. Hearst, of New York. This is done to draw in the Bryan faction, as it is claimed that in 1896 and 1900 he stood by the democratic party when the wealthy men deserted. In the two campaigns he is said to have contributed \$200,000 to the democratic cause. He was elected to congress last fall by an unprecedented majority from New York.

WE are told by a Fort Worth man this week that it is believed there that the Goulds have secured a controlling interest in the Fort Worth & Denver road. The T. & P. road now waits for connection at Fort Worth, which it has never done heretofore, but rather avoided it. This road gives the Gould system through connection by nearest route from Fort Worth to Denver and Salt Lake over the D. & R. G. from Trinidad, Col., and the opinion that the Goulds have secured it is plausible. Another thing that makes it look more so is that the work on the proposed Mineral Wells extension to Trinidad has all stopped.

FROM a Washington correspondent it is learned that although the House has agreed to consider the Fowler currency bill at this session of congress, it never will become a law. The edict hath gone forth from the powers that be that the only currency bill that shall become a law at this session is the Aldrich bill, which is in the nature of a substitute for the Fowler bill, and gives the gold trust and the bankers of the country a tighter cinch on the people than even the Fowler bill. They say they intend to push it through, and I guess they will. They can do most any old thing they want to do, and the people pay the freight. This and the Philippine currency bill will be about all the currency legislation at this session of Congress.

NO DOUBT the numerous press notices of THE CHRONICLE repro-

duced by us became a little monotonous, though we are still receiving them, so we let up. All have been favorable. A few fear the result, from a financial standpoint, and a few also make mention of "a change in politics," which is hardly the fact. Its editor and the paper under both names have been independent all along. They have acted with the populist party as best meeting their political views. The paper in the future reserves the right to act with the populist party or with any other party it sees fit. But we will allow no party or convention to tie it up or bring it under exclusive obligations to them.

We understand that water is scarce at Clarendon and Amarillo. —Childress Post.

We cannot speak for Amarillo, but if your "understanding" on other subjects is as baseless as it is on the Clarendon situation you had better have a guardian appointed for you forthwith.

Legislative.

The legislature has done very little this week on account of their junket to Galveston, where they, like thousands of others, were sadly disappointed in not being able to board the battleships, which remained some seven miles out to sea. Monday night the trains were crowded with returning excursionists between Houston and Galveston, and it is said pickpockets and thieves held high carnival. It is estimated \$10,000 worth of booty was secured, in diamonds mostly. Many of the members of the legislature were among the victims. An attempt was made to capture one thief, who was caught in the act. Two of his pals came to his assistance. A lively scrimmage ensued, ending by the thieves leaping from the train and escaping.

Senator Paulus had finally passed his bill providing that lands sold under execution must be advertised in a newspaper before being sold.

Senator Paulus had finally passed bill authorizing towns having a population of less than 3,000 to dispense with the office of city marshal.

The senate committee reported adversely on Decker's bill punishing the purchaser as well as the sellers of merchandise who violate the Sunday law.

The proposition to tax brewers 50 cents on each barrel of beer is creating much discussion among the liquor men and brewers of the state, and they are maintaining a strong lobby to fight the proposition and when it does come up the opposition will be strong enough to defeat it.

The final vote on the Bryan quarantine bill passed the house by a vote of 71 to 46 Wednesday.

A bill of more than passing importance was passed in the senate Wednesday. It is a bill by Senator Harper and amends the "blind-tiger" act so as to apply to school districts and other sub-divisions of a county and that prescriptions given under the act shall be filed with the district clerk of the county and he shall submit them to the grand jury monthly.

The snow only reached a short distance south, four inches fell at Memphis which soon melted off. The lower country, however, is being flooded with rain. North, however, it was deeper the further you go. Amarillo claims 19 inches, while at Texline and Matlock all kinds of stories are told of the depth. Any way, the northbound train Tuesday night only reached Texline Thursday night. There was no train through from Colorado from Tuesday morning until last night. Two engines to a common snow plow could not open a cut near Matlock, and a rotary plow from the Colorado Southern was procured yesterday and finally opened up the blockade.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We have determined that on and after the 1st day of March, 1903, we will conduct our mercantile business on
A Strictly Pay-as-you-go Plan.

We are induced by experience in the past to make this radical change in the interest of our customers, as well as ourselves. Office expenses and expenses in bookkeeping will not hereafter be a burden upon our friends who may kindly favor us with their trade, but will be eliminated from our Expense Account and enable us to give our customers the benefit of the saving.

In doing a credit business it is impossible to always discriminate nicely and be sure to give credit only when it is deserved and safe, but too frequently results in loss of an account WHICH LOSS MUST BE COVERED BY ADDED PROFITS to cover contingencies. We hope hereafter to

Save Our Customers the Payment of
Bad Accounts.

By adopting the pay-as-you-go principle we believe it is possible for us to adopt this plan with a line of customers with whom it will be a pleasure to do business, for they will know they are not paying the debts of others, but for their own purchases. We shall be pleased to have you call on us and test the matter as to prices under this plan. We feel very confident it will be to your interest to trade with us under this pay-as-you-go plan.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION, THE PLAN IS FOR ALL.

At all times we will pay the highest price the market will bear for produce, and shall deem it a pleasure to aid you in securing the highest price for all your commodities.

T. J. Noland & Co.,

CLARENDON, TEXAS.

It is reported that the 4,000 miles of the Frisco system has passed into the hands of the Rock Island people and that President Yoakum will be placed in charge of the new Rock Island system.

The top prices at the Fort Worth stock yards Thursday were: Steers, \$3.25; cows, \$3.25; calves, \$4.00; lambs, \$5.00; hogs, \$6.80.

The Teachers' Meeting.

The snow storm has interfered materially with the Panhandle Teachers' meeting. The resident teachers met yesterday and the only visiting teachers present were Prof. L. A. Wells, of Claude; Miss Annie Hendrix, of Amarillo; J. M. Craig, of Powell's school; Geo. Harding, of Skillet; Miss Lizzie Stevens, of Oldtown and Prof. Egerton, of Rowe. The address of welcome by Attorney O'Neill, as well as the response, were deferred until tomorrow. However, the teachers present took up the program and discussed the subjects: "Are Our Textbooks too Difficult," "How I Teach Physiology," "Duties and Responsibilities of Superintendents," and "Lessons in Geography," then adjourned to this morning. Prof. Wells returned home at noon yesterday. A number of teachers were looked for last night and this morning.

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New Meat Market.

Robt. Troup has open a meat market in the Walsh restaurant building and keeps Fresh beef, pork, poultry and fish will be kept on sale at reasonable prices. Honest weights and courteous treatment.

Dental Parlor.

Dr. Prather has fitted up the neatest dental rooms in town, on the ground floor and convenient to the public, west of Taylor's corner. Up-to-date methods and best of work. Call and see him in his new quarters.

Printing Outfit For Sale.

We have a six-col. Washington press, 150 pounds of 10-point and 12½ lbs of 8-point and five or six fonts of display type for sale at a bargain.



Put your hand in

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FINE
BOOTS AND SHOES
ARE THUS MADE.

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104 of these papers only \$1.

TIME TABLE.

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 1, Mail and Express.....	8:47 p. m.
No. 7, Passenger and Express.....	10:15 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2, Mail and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
No. 8, Passenger and Express.....	9:25 p. m.
J. W. KENNEDY, Local et.	

Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.

Finest candies, box or bulk at Ramp's.

See Clower's new jewelry, clocks and watches.

Rat cattle and hogs will find ready sale at Bob Troup's meat market.

Genuine silver goods on sale at Clower's. Sugar shells, knives and forks, spoons, mugs, etc.

Books, fancy stationery, gold pens and extension pencils, stick pins, breast pins, buttons and studs. Greatest variety in town at Clower's.

Local and Personal.

Hear Miss Florence McKillop, the elocutionist, at the band concert Tuesday night March 3.

B. J. Rhoderick was in town yesterday and says he lost no cattle.

George Morgan is spending this week at Amarillo and Dalhart on business.

Mrs. G. S. Pattarson is off on a month's visit at her mothers in Ellis county.

Hon. W. B. Ware returned home Thursday night and returned to Austin last night.

Clifton Carter, who is now working on the yard at Childress, spent yesterday in town.

Lee Ward, at Giles, is said to have only 80 head of cattle left out of 370. This is the heaviest loss we have heard of anywhere.

Attorney O'Neal has filed suit for Priddy & Son for \$250 against C. H. Ellis for commission in making a \$5,000 land sale near Lelia Lake.

See the new ad of Martin, Bennett & Co. in this issue. They are bidding for your trade, cash or credit, and have the goods to supply you with. Call and see them.

The two-year old child of J. E. Humphrey we mentioned Wednesday as being very sick with membranous croup, died that night and was buried Thursday.

Mrs. R. M. Prather returned from St. Louis the first of the week where she laid in a big supply of up-to-date millinery goods, which she will be pleased to show her friends.

Mrs. Cynthia Fields, of Pryor Creek, I. T., came in Thursday morning on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. P. Blake. She will also visit her son, Tom Fields, at Bovina before returning home.

A mistake was made in not putting in a small culvert at the cold storage corner before the crossing from Noland's corner was graded. As it is now the walk forms a dam, holding a lake of water in the street. However Marshal Patman will have it worked on as soon as the weather will admit.

Mr. Geo. E. Thomas and Mr. Carl W. Bennett, of Taylor, Tex., have purchased the Smith, Walker interest in the firm of Martin, Smith & Co., and Mr. Bennett has already arrived and has charge of the office affairs of the firm. Mr. Thomas will not reside in Clarendon for the present. Mr. Bennett is an expert accountant and a polished gentleman and will be a welcome addition to our town. His wife and little son will follow him in a few days.

Best cigars on the market at the Globe Confectionery.

The band has no Schubert quartette, but they have a good one. Hear them at the concert March 3.

Fresh bread daily at the Globe Confectionery.

Frank Borchers of St. Louis came in Thursday on business.

Mrs. A. Harrington returned to Amarillo the first of the week after a short visit here.

Judge White is suffering from lagrip and has been confined to his room pretty closely for the past two weeks.

Elder Chamber's baby is now sick with the measles and Lew McClelland is laid up with the same complaint.

W. H. Conway, whom we mentioned last Saturday as being robbed in a wagon yard, afterwards found his money and check rolled up in his bed, where he had overlooked it.

Childress' leading hotel is even having to rely on Donley county for water. The Post says a 3-inch pipe has been laid from the hotel tank to the track to connect with the tanks of water shipped from Giles.

H. W. Kelley went out to Mr. Graham's on Mulberry the first of the week to put up a windmill, but only got in one days work and was then glad to get back to town until the sun uncovers the earth from snow.

A letter from a sister of Rube Liipe, who is living at Dawson, N. M., to Mrs. Ramsey, says Lonnie Robinson was killed accidentally, his pistol falling from his pocket, or coming in contact with some obstruction while climbing some cliffs up a mountain side. Rube Liipe was with him at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren, of Georgiana, Ala., arrived in Clarendon last Friday evening and will make Clarendon their home. Mr. Warren has accepted a position with Martin, Bennett & Co., (successors to Martin, Smith & Co.) in their drygoods department. From the way Mr. Warren has taken hold of his work he seems to understand the handling of drygoods. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Warren a hearty welcome. They are at present boarding with Mrs. B. H. White.

Tuesday night following an all-day rain it snowed all night, all next day and night and part of Thursday. The first 24 hours of the snow-fall it melted nearly as fast as it fell, but finally wound up with about six inches on a level, but had none melted until it ceased it would have been about 16 inches deep. There was a light freeze Thursday night followed by a bright sunshiny day yesterday, making it very sloppy yesterday evening. It was the biggest snow in this part of the Panhandle for years. It has been hard on cattle and we have heard of some heavy losses in cattle not well cared for. Cattle kept on feed, however, will go through without much loss.

Washington's Birthday by Our Public School.

To have been a visitor on the occasion of the celebration of Washington's birthday at the public school building, last Friday, was to be filled with pride and inspiration, and one was proud to be called a citizen of Clarendon and Donley county.

Your scribe was on the ground early and reviewed each room. Beginning with Prof. Silvey's room, which, be it said to their credit, decorated with the pupils' own "handiwork", bespoke for them that close application to study that alone could have approached so near to perfection.

Here we were filled with wonder and pride, as we inspected maps, figures in geometry and trigonometry, biographical sketches, compositions, etc., and observed that, in many instances, the hand of the true artist was manifest and the very climax of perfection was most reached.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Next we visit the "Beehives" whose keepers, Misses Skinner and Stout, remind one of—excuse the expression—the patient, motherly hen, with many chicks.

As one views with pride and satisfaction, the mutual love and affection that exists between teacher and pupil, in these rooms, he is led to exclaim: What a power for good may be the teacher!

Next to the home and the mother, here may be exerted an influence for good more lasting and impressive than elsewhere in the broad universe.

In these rooms, too, we viewed some specimens of art that led us to ask if the little fellows had not used drawing paper. But suffice it to say, that my advice to any one visiting said rooms in the future is not to ask such questions, if you would not have the young hens flying at your eyes.

Still another room to visit on the ground floor, and we now enter the sanctum of Miss Betts and her little flock. Here we observe—from the entrance door on the one side to the door of exit on the other, one continuous wall of map-drawing, art-specimen, biographical sketches and essays and compositions galore. Here, too, the same mutual love and respect is manifest, which assures efficient and satisfactory work.

Only a short time now 'til the program, and we must pay our respects to the rooms of the second floor. So up we go and as we reach the head of the stairway we are greeted by the smiling happy faces of Misses Helvy and Kimberlin, and standing in his door is the genial Stuart with a smile that makes his ears rear back.

By this time we are so enthused we go from door to door, back and forth across the hallway, finally entering and carefully inspecting with the greatest satisfaction the specimens of work on exhibition in each room. As we would finish each room we would say, surely this is par excellence; but as we would enter the next, the admission forced itself and we would agree—none better than this.

So on and on 'til we had seen the last, and now, had we been a judge upon whose decision some anxious heart was waiting for the long coveted prize, that one would have met with the answer: It is ALL most gratifying to me and now, having seen ALL, I can but say that I am forced to the conclusion that instead of ONE PRIZE, there should be SEVEN.

But stay, We are yet to be ENTERTAINED. Then followed the program so carefully prepared by each room, in honor of the great father of his country and I dare say that no visitor who was there that day will ever forget the occasion of the celebration of Washington's birthday, by the public school of Clarendon. All honor to her and "Long may she wave."

ONE PRESENT.

J. H. O'NEALL,
LAWYER.

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T. H. WESTBROOK,

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All calls from town or country promptly answered, day or night.

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NEW Millinery Store.



Mrs. R. M. Prather will open a New Millinery Store in Clarendon about March 1st.

Mrs. Prather is in St. Louis buying a stock of goods and will be able (by buying her goods in Saint Louis) to give her patrons the latest and most Stylish Millinery to be found in the Texas Panhandle.

Dates for Grand Opening will be given later in this paper.

Millinery rooms in same building with Dr. Prather's Dental Parlor.

Phone 29.—Residence phone 30, two rings.

We wish to Have A Little Chat With the People and will head this article:

Plain Words from A Plain Man.

The financial or monetary policy of our government controls its commercial interests, whether directly or indirectly. The United States through its monetary system has fostered the national banking system. Through that system every other branch of business is controlled, from the least confectionery to the largest wholesale establishment in our nation. These enterprises from the least to the greatest, except that of a capitalist, do business through the banks which loan their credit, notes or bank bills, for 30 to 60 days, rarely longer. The retail merchant, owing to privileges, trusts and monopolies, must buy from the jobber or from the factory through him, which means nearly the same thing. The jobber or factory sells to the retail dealer for cash and on 30 and 60 days time, if he has and standing. And if he would retain that standing he must meet his bills promptly at maturity. To fail means bankruptcy sooner or later; usually very soon.

So without stating the question further or attempting to argue the question you can see the condition your home merchant is in. He sells to his customers on time, say 30 to 60 days. He is dependent upon them for money to meet his bills at maturity. If you fail to pay, he must fail. So you see it is an endless chain system; all is right as long as she revolves, but one broken link in the chain effects the entire business. These are plain facts that we have given you. So taking this view of the question we must, whether desirable or not, fall into line, adopt this system or quit business. Therefore we give notice that there will be

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Thirty days must be our limit and most positively, we must have settlement at expiration of that time, and we further give notice that all who are indebted to us must make settlement by the 25th of this month. In doing this we mean no disrespect to anyone. We have fully appreciated your trade and extend a cordial invitation to all to come and see us, and we hope by this plan to keep a better stock and be able to give you better prices. We are yours,

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On the 15th of this month we experienced a most destructive spell of weather, a howling norther with snow and sleet. The loss of cattle, I am told, was very large, more especially on the naked plains. A number of settlers came in last summer from the lower counties and Oklahoma, their cattle not being acclimated and the want of proper shelter just killed them in droves. A number of settlers lost nearly all the cattle they had. Your humble scribe escaped very luckily, since I have not lost any yet. Weather is now moderated again and we all hope it will continue so. Feed is scarce this winter and cotton seed and oil cake are hauled from the railroad in large quantities. I suppose the Donley county stockman, as usual, are well supplied from his own raising. Things remain quiet here just for a spell, I presume.

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Says Bryan will Bolt and Support An Independent Ticket.

A New York special says Mr. Bryan will bolt the next democratic presidential ticket unless the national convention of 1904 shall reaffirm the 16 to 1 plank in the Kansas City platform. He will not only insist upon an indorsement of the silver plank, but also upon many other planks of the platform of 1900, on threat of placing in the field an independent ticket.

When in New York last he received calls from a number of men prominent in the party, state and nation, with all of whom he held long conferences concerning the lines upon which the battle of next year should be fought. But there was no harmony, and no decision was reached.

Eugene V. Brewster of Brooklyn, Bryan's closest friend in New York's political whirl, is quoted tonight as saying: "Try as I would, I could not swerve him from his desire for bi-metallism. Other leaders from eastern and southern states had presented him with the same facts, but it had apparently had no effect upon his views. He would not for a moment agree that the last national platform with the silver plank left out and one or two new ones inserted might be the one to win with. In fact, he declared that the Kansas City document should be reaffirmed in toto or not at all. Mr. Bryan is for free silver, first, last and all the time.

"In taking this position Mr. Bryan is serving notice upon the men who deserted him in 1896 and are now working for a reorganization of the party upon a sound money basis that he holds it in his power to make or unmake them, just as they did him. These men are the men who now are willing to be guided by the councils of Grover Cleveland, David B. Hill, William C. Whitney and a score or so of others.

"Bryanites go so far as to intimate that while it is true that Bryan is not to be a candidate again he will be in a position to place an independent ticket in the field that, they declare, will poll as many votes as that nominated by the regular party."

When you read this paper, hand it to your neighbor, ask him to read it and send in his subscription.

Giles Gossip.
CHRONICLE Correspondence.

Jack Mann's bridge gang came in Thursday and will be here a week or ten days doing repair work on stock pens and bridges.

Mrs. Horn came in from Childress Saturday after a visit of a month to her daughters.

Mr. Van Eves and Miss Rosey Turner returned on the 20th from their visit to relatives and friends in east Texas.

Prof. Wallace suspended school for two weeks the 16th and went to New Mexico where he will do some necessary improving in order to hold his homestead there.

Mr. Claude Hill of the Flat neighborhood was in Giles Saturday.

Mr. George Craine sold his stalk field of 50 acres to Dr. Morris of Clarendon.

Mr. Will C. Johnson of Greenville came in Sunday to look after his land and cattle interests here. It is reported that he will shortly add more land to his already large interests here.

Messrs Loftus, Drake and Powell of Memphis were perambulating the streets of Giles Sunday.

A Mr. Browning, of Weatherford, Tex., was in Giles on business Monday.

Mr. J. B. Battle loaded his household goods on wagons and moved to Wellington Tuesday.

Amarillo.
Champion.

The joints still run! Ye Gods, how the city fathers do wink.

Homer Hawkins, a fireman on the Denver, was on the sick list last week.

D. B. Hill of Clarendon has been in the city this week, being employed in some of the cases that are being tried in the county court.

For Sale, Ladies Wheel.
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Miss Irma Cody, daughter of Colonel William F. Cody, and Lieutenant Clarence Armstrong Scott of the Twelfth cavalry, stationed at Fort Clark, Texas, were married at her home in Nebraska Tuesday. The bride and groom will make their home at Fort Clark.

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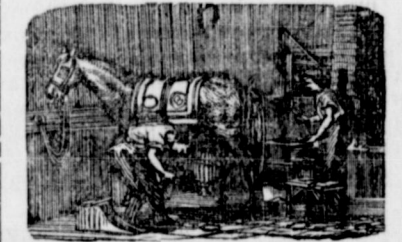
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