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Amarillo is to have a wholesale dry goods house.

A commercial club has been organized at Quanah to promote the business interests of the town.

Hart, the man who killed Tom Driskell at Amarillo two weeks ago, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$2000.

The board of directors of the Dallas Commercial Club last week addressed a petition to the State Legislature asking that the Bryan quarantine bill be not passed.

M. W. Hall, of Vernon, and "Sockless" Jerry Simpson, of Roswell, will be the principal orators at the Panhandle Cattlemen's Convention, which meets at Childress next month.

A fatal duel was fought Wednesday between Thomas Dickson and J. W. Hickey in Haskell county. Dickson was shot to death. The men were prominent stock raisers and quarreled over a division of property. They met on the highway and fought it out with Winchester. Hickey is in jail.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

S. Taber an aged citizen of Clarendon, died last Friday night.

Felis Howard and Miss Mollie Appling were married at Claude Tuesday, February 17.

That civilization is advancing with rapid strides in Donley county there can no longer be any question. They are contemplating down there the erection of a new \$10,000 jail.

Four cars of slips, wheelers and graders were unloaded at Tucumcari, N. M., February 15, and work will begin on the Choctaw extension from Amarillo, Texas, to that place as soon as the weather clears up.

The commissioners' court of Wilbarger last week redeemed and cancelled \$2600 of Wilbarger county refunding bonds, also ordered county treasurer to take up \$1000 jail bonds and \$4000 court house bonds.—Vernon Hornet.

The loss of cattle throughout this section is expected to be pretty heavy. Mrs. J. D. Hassell has lost ten head, P. S. Roberts thirteen and others that we have heard of from one to three head. Reports from the Mill Iron ranch is to the effect that the loss will be from 25 to 50 per cent. The range in this section is over stocked and the loss from now on to spring will be heavy unless the weather is very favorable.—Childress Index.

H. J. Holcomb and Miss Deborah Simpson were married near Chillicothe, Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

The suit of John Kelley against the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. for damage for loss of a leg over a year ago, resulted in a verdict by a jury for \$10,000. The railway company has appealed the case.—Clarendon News.

Reck Bros., who engaged last fall in hog raising, say they are well pleased with their venture. They have a large number of pigs, and as they have good warm pens they anticipate very little loss from cold weather.—Claude News.

The Memphis hotel was destroyed by fire the night of February 18. The flames started from a galvanized flue leading from the dining room. The building belonged to J. A. Kinney, formerly of Gordon, Tex. His loss is \$3500, with no insurance.

David Somerville, manager of the steer pasture of the Matadors, came down from Channing Sunday en route to Kansas City. While their range is not in very good condition, Mr. Somerville states that their cattle are coming through in fairly good condition.—Livestock Champion.

At a meeting of the Railway Club of Amarillo held last Thursday afternoon, the Livestock Champion was designated as the official organ of that organization, composed of

members of the Order of Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Order of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Operators.—Livestock Champion.

LEGISLATORS RUN AMUCK.

A Quiet Little Game Interrupted and Some Distinguished Gentlemen Arrested.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18—A general raid of private poker and crap games was made by Constable Morris and a large force of deputies and numerous arrests were made.

At a leading hotel a poker game was broken up and eight arrests were made, including several members of the legislature. All gave bond and were released without having been taken from the hotel.

The raid caused much excitement, being the first since the moral wave spread over Austin one month ago.

Feed Grinding.

I wish to announce that I am now prepared to do all kinds of feed grinding and cutting at my place in Ricketts addition.

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DICKENS COUNTY NEWS.

Transpiring Events in That Section of the Country.

From our regular correspondent.

From reports from Cottle county it seems that things are not doing well there. In some places grass is good and water plentiful, but generally feed is scarce and the range is badly eaten out. Some loss has already occurred and it is liable to be heavier.

This week I met a man who had just returned from Jack county. He said that people on the plains were in much better circumstances than those in the lower counties, especially near Fort Worth. While crop prospects are excellent there yet the country does not seem to have come through last year as well as this and many are in bad shape financially.

King county is getting in pretty fair shape now and cattlemen are feeling much more hopeful than they were. There is a fairly good supply of grass and water, and stock seem to be wintering well, much better than was expected at least. There had not been much loss until the last storm and as the winter is far advanced without cattle getting very weak, it is hopeful that they will go through all right.

In traveling over the plains country now one is impressed by the number of wells that are being put down. In the deep water regions the expense of equipping first-class watering outfits has kept many people from doing so, but of late they seem to think the need greater than the expense and well drilling outfits are rushed with business. One man said recently that during the latter part of last summer his machine was kept running night and day.

Borden county stockmen seem in high spirits now. One of them said the other day that his cattle were in as good order as he had ever known them at this time of the year and that he counted on very little loss. Grass and water were reasonably plentiful and altogether the prospect is very promising. Of course there are some parts of the country which are not doing so well, but there is an excellent season in the ground, and farmers predict big crops next year.

One hears of more deals in hogs now than in cattle, although of course the property is of much less value. The high price of bacon, lard, etc., makes it almost necessary for those who can do so at all to raise part at least of their meat, and a few men are breeding hogs now just to sell to other parties for fattening and killing. The swine business is not so profitable here now as

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Store on Dewey Avenue, opposite Humphrey House

to pay one to invest very largely in it, but a few good hogs on each ranch or farm will pay a handsome profit.

This week has been a stormy one in every respect. Rain and snow changing to sleet, have smote us hip and thigh for most of the time and cold winds have prevailed during the clear weather and there has been no rest for the poor cows. I have not been able to learn the extent of the loss but am certain that it has been heavy as this storm has been the worst we have had in several years. To-day there is about an inch of snow left, but it is melting and there is a fair prospect for warmer weather.

One seldom sees a ranch, farm or even a residence in town that is without a bunch of chickens, and frequently the waste from about the place is not sufficient to keep them

up, so corn, oats or meal is bought to supply the shortage. This is a needless expense as plenty of better feed could be provided by planting a few stalks of Russian sunflowers in out of the way places about the yard. These are very hardy, are little affected by dry weather and yield a large amount of seed which is hard to be excelled for chicken feed. If planted like corn, seven or eight pounds will sow an acre which will frequently produce 1000 pounds of seed.

Hold Up.

If you contemplate buying furniture wait until my stock arrives. My line will be complete and up-to-date, my prices, will be as low as the lowest, my aim will be to please those favoring me with their patronage. I hope to be ready for business about March 15th.

52tf Yours for Business. C. E. SPATH.

Washington's Birthday.

It is a custom of the public schools to mark the 22nd of February with exercises appropriately suggesting and commemorating the birthday of the first great American. As the day fell this year on Sunday, the teachers and pupils of our public school devoted the afternoon of Friday, February 20, to observing the Birthday of Washington. All the school rooms from the lowest to the highest were handsomely decorated. The blackboards were frescoed round with flowers of many colors, and adorned with flags and other symbols, among which the fabled hatchet was conspicuously displayed.

The exercises consisted of patriotic songs, readings, and recitations, and almost every child present had some part. The little folks of Miss De Graffenried's room sang with great gusto and apparent enjoyment the tale of "Little George Washington," and in the higher grades "America" and other rousing choruses were rendered with much zest. In the lower grades the story of the hatchet and the cherry tree was told again and its valuable lesson emphasized, while the numbers rendered by the older children called to mind other interesting incidents and characteristics of Washington.

THE BRAND representative was unhappily not able to hear all the exercises as they were going on in several rooms at the same time; but he heard enough to be convinced of their profitable nature, and to be impressed with the fact that the public schools are doing much to keep alive in the hearts of the children the memory of the greatest of all Americans. And we wondered, too, why there were not more friends and parents present to enjoy the occasion and to express to the teachers and pupils their approval and encouragement.

Notice.

All parties owing Beach & Camp an account will please call at county clerk's office and settle the same at once, either by cash or note. All accounts are now past due and must be settled at an early date.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
the Sheriff or any Constable of Deaf
Smith County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon
A. A. Johnson and all persons claiming
under him and all unknown claimants, by
making publication of this citation once in
each week in four consecutive weeks pre-
vious 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
47th Judicial District; but if there be no
newspaper published in said Judicial Dis-
trict, then in a newspaper published in the
nearest District to said 47th Judicial District,
to appear at the next regular term of the
District Court of Deaf Smith County, to be
held at the Court House thereof, in Here-
ford, on the 3rd Monday in March A. D. 1903,
the same being the 16th day of March
A. D. 1903, then and there to answer a
petition filed in said Court on the 16th day
of February, A. D. 1903, in a suit, num-
bered on the Docket of said Court No. 74,
wherein L. M. Forister, Plaintiff, and A. A.
Johnson et al, Defendants, and said petition
alleging that plaintiff is the owner and oc-
cupant of the following described land situ-
ated in Deaf Smith County, Texas, and
about ten miles Northeast of the town of
Hereford, to-wit: 480 acres of land out of
a section of land known as Abstract No. 56,
Certificate No. 1-69, Survey No. 3, Block
K 14, Original Grantee Beaty, Seale &
Forwood. Said 480 acres being all the East
half of said section and 160 acres in a square
block off of the North end of the West half
of said section. That plaintiff deraigned
this title through and under regular chain of
title from one J. T. Lofton, who deraigned
his title through deeds made, executed and
delivered by the Comptroller of public ac-
count of the State of Texas, who sold said
land in the years 1880, 1881, 1883, 1886 and
1887 for taxes theretofore due and unpaid on
same and through regular chain of title from
the Comptroller of the State down to the
said J. T. Lofton, all of which said deeds
and transfers have been duly registered in
deed records of Deaf Smith County, Texas,
since the 30th day of May, 1890. That
the plaintiff and the grantors through whom
he deraigned title have had and held the
quiet, peaceable, uninterrupted and undis-
turbed possession of said land under said
duly registered deeds for the space of thir-
teen years immediately next before and
preceeding the commencement of this suit
and that he and his grantors aforesaid have
for the time aforesaid been occupying,
using, cultivating, enjoying and claiming
same and paying all taxes thereon and that
the claim, enjoyment, use, occupation, etc.,
of said land by plaintiff and his grantors
as aforesaid have been adverse to the claim
of the said A. A. Johnson and all persons
claiming under him and all other persons
whomsoever.

That defendants pretend to have some
kind of claim or title to said land which is
adverse to plaintiff's and which they claim to
have derived through the State or through
some person to plaintiff unknown about 27
years ago. All of which plaintiff denies,
and alleges that if the said A. A. Johnson or
any of said defendants ever had any right,
title or interest whatever in or to said land
or any part thereof, the same has long since
been lost and barred by reason of plaintiff's
undisturbed, peaceable and adverse posses-
sion as aforesaid, and by reason of plaintiff
and his grantors using, cultivating and en-
joying said land and paying all taxes due
thereon, and claiming same under said duly
registered deeds for the last past thirteen
years next preceeding the commencement of
this suit.

Wherefore premises considered plaintiff
prays that each and all of said defendants be
cited in manner and terms provided by law,
to answer herein, and that upon final trial
plaintiff have judgment establishing his title
and quieting him in his title to said land and
that a writ of possession issued in favor of
plaintiff and judgment be rendered removing
the cloud from plaintiff's title and for such
other and further relief as he may show
himself entitled, etc.

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 W. B. Beach, Clerk, of the Dis-
trict Court of Deaf Smith County.

Given under my hand, and the seal of
said court, at office in Hereford this 16th
day of February, A. D. 1903.

1-4t W. B. BEACH,
Clerk District Court Deaf Smith County.

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Mrs. B. H. Smith left Sunday for
Quanah, where she will visit her
parents.

If you want a good wearing pair
of overalls try the Carhart brand.
For sale by D. R. Gass & Sons. 52tf

Wanted—Boarders and roomers
at Mrs. S. E. Busters. 50tf

Mrs. Harrington of Amarillo was
here this week visiting her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis.

Parties in debt to me will please
settle their accounts at once.
50tf CHARLES ORR.

Fire sale at E. W. Harrison's. 2tf
Geo. Hughes of Castro was in
town this week.

First come, first served, at the
fire sale of E. W. Harrison. 2tf

Press Burnham, sheriff of Castro
county, and his wife were in town
this week.

Ladies' shoes and hosiery—large
reduction at E. W. Harrison's, next
door to the postoffice. 2tf

Wanted—Boarders at reasonable
rates. Close in. Apply to D. F.
Ricketts at D. R. Gass & Sons. 52tf

C. L. Davis would be pleased to
show you his new spring samples of
clothing. See them before buy-
ing. 52tf

For Sale—Two business lots and
20 acres suburban property, or will
trade for ranch property anywhere
on the plains. W. A. Smith. 1tf

J. W. Arney and his wife were
here this week. They came for-
merly from Missouri, and Mrs.
Arney was on her way home to visit
her people.

We have the genuine Missouri
cane sorghum, fresh from the mill.
This is pure sorghum, there being
no adulterations whatever. Here-
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F. A. Millard, of the North Draw;
S. J. Deason, Rock Springs; Robt.
Dixon, Bovina; J. A. Collier, Rock
Lake, and J. P. Lee, Corsicana were
registered at the Humphrey House
this week.

For Sale—83 acres of land ad-
joining town on east, 1/4 mile from
court house. 30 acres in cultivation
lying in the valley of Tierra Blanco.
Is very best alfalfa land. \$22.50
an acre gets it. Apply to D. F.
Johnson. 24tf

Julius A. Baumer and wife, of
Chicago, are in town this week to
make some inquiry and investigation
concerning the German colony which
is located near Dimmitt. They
purpose, should the weather permit,
to go on to Dimmitt and visit the
colony.

On account of my loss in the
Hereford fire and heavy expense in
rebuilding, I will sell some very de-
sirable residence lots just west of
the college campus, or business lots
just opposite Ritchey Hotel. Apply
to F. B. Fuller at Smith Walker &
Co. Bank. 1tf

D. T. Blankenship, of Tucumcari,
came down Monday. Mr. Blanken-
ship was the owner of the building
occupied by L. S. Smith's jewelry
store, Bassham & Syms, barber
shop, and John Wyatt's confection-
ery, which was destroyed by the fire
a few weeks ago.

Mrs. R. C. Phansteel and her
daughter, Miss Nellie, have returned
from Dallas, where they have been
for sometime while Miss Nellie's
eye was under treatment. It was
feared at one time that she would
lose the sight, but the treatment
given her was so effective that the
danger is now removed and she is
able to see better than she could
before.

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Discount from 25 to 50 per Cent

Having closed our first year's business, which has proven very satisfactory to us, we desire to show our appreciation to our friends who have contributed to our success by offering them the remainder of our winter stock of dry goods at a reduction of from 25 to 50 per cent discount from our regular marked price. This discount is without regard to the first cost of the goods.



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\$16 suits for	\$12.00
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12.50 suits for	9.00
11 suits for	8.00
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8.50 suits for	6.50
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Price 75c per yard, now	60c
Price 65c per yard, now	40c
Price 50c per yard, now	35c
Price 45c per yard, now	30c
Price 40c per yard, now	25c
Price 25c per yard, now	15c
Price 15c per yard, now	8-13c

Men's Shirts

Men's Negligee shirts price \$1, now	50c
Men's dress shirts price \$1.25, now	65c
Men's dress shirts price 75c, now	50c
Men's dress shirts, price 60c, now	35c

100 Misses' and Ladies' Jackets and Capes

Price \$8, now	\$6.50
Price \$7.50, now	5.75
Price \$6.50, now	5.00
Price \$6, now	4.00
Price \$4.75, now	3.25
Price \$4, now	3.00
Price \$3.50, now	2.60
Price \$3.25, now	2.25
Price \$2.50, now	1.75
Price \$2.25, now	1.70

Now is the time to buy what you need. Come and let us show you what we have. It is for your benefit we are giving this sale. We invite all to come and receive the advantage of this sale.

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General Stock News

The fourth annual meeting of the Texas Hereford association will be held at the Worth hotel, Fort Worth, on March 5.

Secretary Wilson refuses to express a definite opinion on the Bryan quarantine bill, but he strongly hints that it would be unwise, and would lead to the moving of the Federal quarantine line to the state boundary.

The big packeries of Armour & Co. and Swift & Co. will be formally opened at Ft. Worth March 6, at which time they will entertain with an elaborate spread, cattlemen and other visitors from all parts of the state.

Geo. B. Loving, a prominent cattleman, journalist, real estate agent, and general promoter, died suddenly at Fort Worth last week. A few years ago he became very widely known through his efforts to organize a national cattle trust.

Andrew Nimmo, formerly of Fort Worth but now of Boston, Mass., claims to have found an effective remedy for ticks. His method is to immerse each animal in water charged with electricity, and he guarantees that it will kill every tick without injury to the animal.

Capt. John T. Lytle, of San Antonio, will no doubt be the next general manager of the Cattle Raisers association of Texas. The singular unanimity with which the opposition has taken to the brush is proof positive that he is the right man for the position. —West Texas Stockman.

The people of El Paso have prepared an extensive, and very attractive program for the entertainment of the cattlemen's convention which is to meet there the week beginning March 10. Five thousand dollars has been subscribed to pay the expenses of the convention and everyone who attends is promised a jolly good time.

At the rate cattle are going to market, a shortage in that stock is in prospect. Receipts at the five principal cattle markets for January were 623,000, breaking all records for that month. This is 46,000 more than in January last year, 83,000 more than in 1901, and 180,000 more than in 1899. The attraction of high prices is no present to account for this eagerness to market stock.

A Colorado City (Texas) dispatch says: "The calf crop throughout the West this year has been far below the normal, as a result of the last winter. From the Pease river west and embracing practically all

of Eastern New Mexico, it is generally rated at from 30 to 35 per cent. The plains country will not average above 40 per cent, and for the great breeding section located below the foot of the plains and embracing this section of the state, the average will not go above 60 per cent. Bearing these facts in mind, the average ranchman looks to the coming year with a feeling of hopefulness, believing that it will witness a shortage in the supply sufficient to insure better prices. The year rapidly coming to a close has not been a prosperous one by any means and the big ranchman who can figure himself much above even on the operations of the year is a lucky individual. Next year they all hope better things, and they deserve it." —Texas Stock Journal.

Will Have a School.

T. W. Hart, the postmaster and general merchandise dealer of Hart, 20 miles southeast of Dimmitt in Castro county, was a pleasant caller at THE BRAND office Tuesday, having come in after supplies. He informed us that on February 16, the enterprising citizens of that community held a meeting for the purpose of building a school house at that place. W. W. Parker was made president and T. W. Hart secretary of the meeting, after which J. A.

Stegall stated the object of the meeting. A general discussion followed, which resulted in J. S. McClure's moving that a school house be built and situated on the east line of section 28, block O7, and which was unanimously carried. A building committee was then appointed, consisting of J. S. McClure, T. W. Hart and W. W. Parker; and a finance committee composed of J. S. McClure, J. A. Stegall, J. N. Bryant, N. A. Drake and T. W. Hart.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet at J. A. Stegall's on February 28, at 3 p. m.

Mr. Hart also states that the country surrounding Hart is rapidly settling up and that at present there are about sixty families who would be patrons of the new school, which, when finished, will also be used as a church house. There will also be a physician and a blacksmith located there in the near future. With fat cattle, a splendid season in the ground, and a hustling citizenship, Mr. Hart looks for a prosperous year.

Notice.

From this date (February 13, 1903) only 30 days' time will be given on credit sales at our drug store. BURI'S & SMITH, GOUGH & DAVIS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

Cattle Trail to be Opened—Delegate Appointed to Teachers Convention.

The Directors of the Board of Trade held a special called meeting Wednesday afternoon in the office of the Hereford National Bank to consider some important matters. A. P. Murchison, J. D. Earnest, and L. W. Ricketts, who will attend the State Cattlemen's convention at El Paso in March, were constituted a committee of the Hereford Board of Trade to notify the cattlemen of the state that the Board has succeeded in having a cattle trail opened up a hundred and fifty miles or more south of Hereford. The trail will begin at the south line of the Sade pasture and extend northward across the Slaughter and other intervening pastures to Hereford, and free water and grass will be furnished for all herds coming here for shipment. Arrangements for the opening of the trail have not been entirely completed, but will be by the time cattle are ready to be moved. It may be noted in this connection that much of the credit for the opening of this trail is due to Sam F. Dunn who has co-operated with the officers of the Board of Trade and rendered them much assistance in the matter.

Another matter that was considered by the Directors was the appointment of a representative to attend the Panhandle Teachers Association, which is to meet at Clarendon Friday and Saturday of this week, and to try to secure the next meeting of the association and also the Summer Normal for Hereford. It was agreed that Prof. Randolph Clark, on account of his prominence in educational matters and his ability to represent properly the advantages of Hereford, was the best man for the purpose, and he was accordingly designated as representative of the Board of Trade, as well as of the College and the town of Hereford in general, to invite and urge the association to hold its April meeting here and to secure, if possible, the next Summer Normal for Hereford. Prof. C. E. Edwards, who is a member of the Board of Trade, will also probably attend the Clarendon meeting and will use his influence as a representative of the Board and of the Public School to bring the next Institute and the Normal here.

The Great Snow.

The deep snow which has fallen over the plains this week is declared by old settlers to be the heaviest that has fallen in this country for many years. It will of course be a severe hardship upon cattle but nothing like it would have been a few years ago, before ranchmen provided shelter for their cattle and

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33—4 sections (2560 acres) solid body; 30 miles from Hereford in Deaf Smith county; no improvements; school land; \$1 per acre cash

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62—640 acres patented land 7 miles from Hereford; no improvements; \$4.75 per acre; part cash, balance long time.

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75—2300 acres of school land in Castro county in solid body; 4428 acres of leased land, absolute lease for 7 years; 700 head of cattle; mules; saddle horses; all farming tools; all for \$30,000; terms given on part of the above.

79—640 acres of school land in Castro county, 20 miles from Hereford; well and windmill, cribs and windbrakes; 50 acres in cultivation; all fenced; \$2200 cash.

80—640 acres of school land 2½ miles north of Summerfield switch; small house and windmill; \$4 per acre.

87—5-section ranch in Castro county; 3 school and 2 patent sections; farming implements and 100 acres feed; \$12,500; terms on part.

88—640 acres school land in Castro county 17 miles from Hereford; \$1700.

91—1280 acres patent land 17 miles from Hereford; \$3.50 per acre cash.

92—640 acres patent land 25 miles from Hereford; \$3 per acre; one-third cash, balance 1 and 2 years at 8 per cent interest.

98—640 acres school land 10 miles from Hereford in Castro county; 4-room house; 16x41 barn; well, windmill and reservoir; \$3300.

99—640 acres school land fenced with above; \$2200.

102—5-section ranch 10 miles from Hereford; all under fence; well 120 feet deep; 50 acres in cultivation; \$4 per acre; can give long time on part.

104—1280 acres school land in Castro county; no improvements; \$2.50 per acre cash.

On all school land 97½c per acre will be due the State in addition to the purchase price, payable in from 35 to 37 years at 3 per cent interest.

640 acres of land 8 miles from Hereford; perfect title; fenced with 3-wire fence; 2 miles of fence owned; 50 acres fenced in field; 35 acres in cultivation; good young orchard; about 100 locust trees; 65 head of 2 and 3 year old stock cattle including 2 Shorthorn bulls; will be about 50 calves this spring; one-third of calf crop reserved; possession of place given in October, 1903; \$5 per acre; \$1280 in 4 equal payments at 8 per cent interest can be assumed; \$20 around for cattle. This property will be on the market but a short time.

Hereford City Property

4 acres and 4-room house on south side of creek in Ricketts addition; \$1000.

4 acres in Evans addition; no improvements; one block from College; \$150 per acre.

4-room house; good barn; well and windmill; quarter of a block; close in; \$1200.

3-room house and one lot; close to school and church; \$750.

5-room residence near college; 10 acres ground; \$3000.

provender to feed them. The old way of leaving stock to take the weather unfed and live or die has been abandoned and most cattlemen of the Panhandle have wind brakes, and plenty of feed stuff to put their cattle through; consequently the losses of stock will be comparatively small.

From another standpoint it is agreed that the snow will be an undoubted blessing. It will put a fine season in the ground, will insure a plentiful growth of spring grass, and will make sure the raising of plenty of feed and other crops. It will be particularly good for wheat, of

which a large acreage has been planted here, and will further prove the fact that this is a fine agricultural as well as a cattle country. On the whole, one may venture to say that the twelve or fifteen inches of snow that has fallen will prove in the end of inestimable benefit to the country.

For Sale.

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The following program will be rendered at the meeting of the Curtis W. C. T. U., to be held at the residence of Mrs. R. H. Gough on Monday at 3 p. m.:

- Roll call—respond with Bible text
- Leader..... Miss Garvin
- Scientific temperance instruction..... Miss Grayson
- 1 Heredity, effects on temperance..... Mrs. L. Gough
- Mormonism is not Christianity..... Miss Zula Vanderburgh
- 2 An appeal from Utah..... Mrs. Lee Clark

League-Endeavor Program.

The following program will be rendered at the union meeting of the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor, to be held at the Christian church Sunday at 3:30 p. m.:

- Lesson from sermon on the Mount: What Christ teaches about blessedness..... Mat. 5, 1-12
- Topic..... Dr. C. L. Stocks
- Leader..... Dr. C. L. Stocks
- Song and prayer
- What must we do to gain the blessedness Christ promised?..... Joe Clark
- Blessedness of overcoming temptation..... O. F. Smith
- What conditions of blessedness are within our own control?..... John Herod
- Song
- Select Reading..... In Hughes
- Blessedness of Godliness..... David Martin
- What are the reasons for the common failure to gain happiness?..... Miss Miller
- Blessedness of service..... Miss Garvin
- Select reading..... Miss Robinson
- Song
- League benediction

Musical Normal.

The ministers of the several churches are co-operating in an effort to secure a Normal singing school to be held here this summer. It is thought that, if a sufficient number of persons will agree to join the class, Prof. A. J. Showalter, of Dalton, Georgia, can be induced to come here and conduct the school. Prof. Showalter is one of the best known singers and song writers of the south, and it would be a great advantage to Hereford in a musical way to have him conduct a singing Normal here. Fifty persons have already expressed a desire to take the course of lessons, and the number will probably be doubled as soon as a thorough canvass of the town can be made.

For Sale.

My ranch near Endee, N. M., consisting of 160 acres owned and 640 acres leased for five years, all fenced with three and four wires; plenty open range adjoining; three-room house, corrals, barns, etc., windmill, two tanks and two sixteen-foot drinking tubs. Improvements cost over \$1500. All for \$2500. This property is within seven miles of the Choctaw survey, and would make fine sheep ranch, or small cattle ranch. J. T. Claybrook, Endee, N. M. 46-8tp

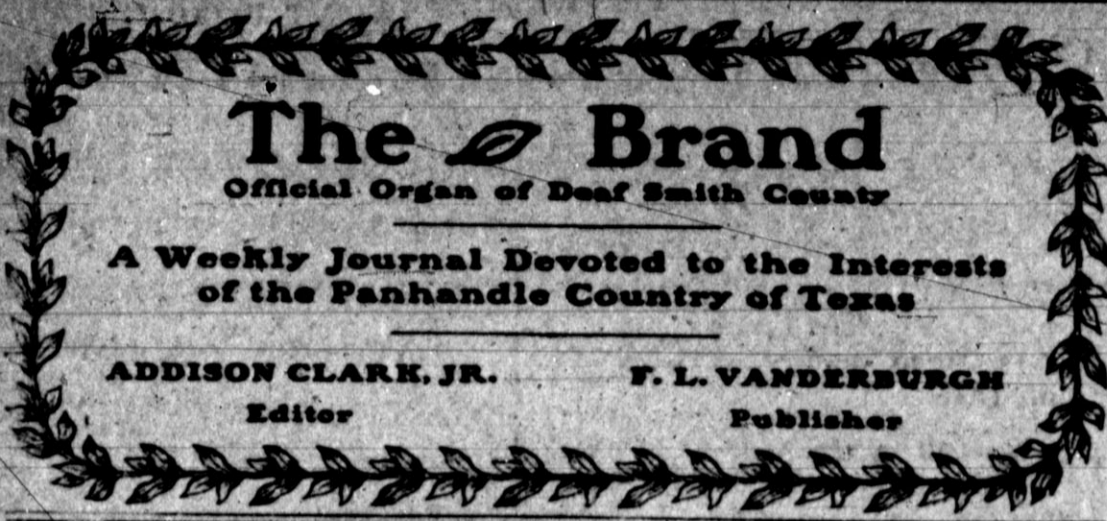
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THE PANHANDLE PRESS.

It is a conspicuous instance of the injustice of circumstances that so brilliant and erudite a man as the editor of The People's Review, of Henrietta, should be compelled to wear out his mammoth intellect grinding out copy for a country newspaper. He deserves better things; he ought at least to be the president or secretary of something or other. He is one of those large minded philanthropists who are never content with knowing everything themselves but want everybody else to know everything too. In a recent number of his valuable journal he relieves himself, with the assistance of numerous exclamation points, of a column and a half of overworked atmosphere apropos of the quarantine discussion and the relation of the Panhandle papers thereto. The particular burden which seems to be bearing down upon our amiable brother below "the line" and hurting him to the heart so that he can't sleep nights is the crass ignorance which has overwhelmed the Panhandle press in regard to everything in general and the tick theory in particular. This painful subject has so wrought upon his sensitive emotions, and occasioned him so many lugubrious reflections that he has at last deemed it incumbent upon him to devote a portion of his valuable space to injecting into the benighted brains of Panhandle editors a few choice sparks from his calcium light intelligence. Truly we are all deeply and tearfully grateful to our distinguished contemporary. It is refreshingly kind of him to wish that we might know as much as he knows. Possibly it is true, as he so modestly suggests, that what the Panhandle press needs is sense—"common tick sense." We had never thought of it that way exactly, but he may be right. We will, however, be considerate; we will not ask our good friend to supply our deficiency. We know that he must have about all that he can do each week to furnish the intellectual lubricant necessary to keep the wheels of his own small shop a-whirling. But we thank him nevertheless. We confess, with shame, that we were grossly ignorant. We did not even know until this week that there is such a paper as The People's Review published

at Henrietta. But now we know, and we feel better; we feel that life is brighter and more worth living. And we shall take up again our study of the habits and peculiarities of the fever tick with hope and confidence.

STRANGERS visiting a town for the first time naturally judge it by its physical appearance. If it has clean, well-kept streets, shade trees, yards made beautiful with shrubs and flowers, they are likely to think well of it, and to say "Here were a good place to live." Nature has not done much to beautify the towns of the Panhandle. She has given them only an abundance of fresh air, and room to grow. The rest, the adorning and beautifying, must be done by human hands. But the task is not an ungrateful one. The soil is fertile and yields ready return. Trees, shrubs, and flowers grow with little trouble, if they be but given a chance. In the absorbing interests of land and cattle and railroads and prospectors, it were well to think sometimes of these less necessary things which adorn and make beautiful.

It is not to be presumed for a moment that the members of our state legislature who were recently apprehended in a gambling dive in Austin were really engaged in the reprehensible and vulgar practice of playing poker. They were merely employed in observation and sociological study. As representatives of the "great free people," who are engaged in the onerous business of legislation, they feel it necessary to keep constantly in touch with all classes of society; hence their mingling upon terms of apparent familiarity with crap shooters and black-legs. Possibly, even as the police swooped down upon them and rudely interrupted their meditations, they were deeply absorbed in the solution of some vital question of public policy. They may have been studying the tick theory; or perhaps they were gathering statistics to be used in fighting the Cattle Trust. We do not know, but surely we cannot believe they were playing poker. There is some sinister mistake here. For are not our senators and representatives dignified men, and men of elegant manners and irreproachable character?

MORE WEATHER.

One could easily write volumes about this Panhandle weather, but the reflections occasioned thereby just at the present sitting would not look well in print, so we forbear to express them. We had elevated our thoughts and feelings to a pitch appropriate to the production of an exquisite verbal symphony upon the surpassing pulchritude of Panhandle days as compared with any other days in the mundane universe; but just as we were about tuned up and ready to take the key, something broke loose somewhere; the wind fell down in a furious stifling shower that sent the mercury of our enthusiasm tumbling incontinently down to umpty-four degrees below. And since then we have been hovering over the stove, reflecting upon the inanity of life, and wondering if, after all, a literal hell wouldn't have its compensations.

Panhandle weather! O miscellaneous succession of incongruous and immiscible elements! Today proud Phoebus chases his fiery steeds in splendor across the heavens. The sun-kissed earth awakes, and smiles like a maid at her lover's glance; the vast wilderness bourgeoises, and the heart of man swells and turns warm within him. But anon, before the night falls, a screw slips out of the eternal cosmos; the sun dies in a gray agony of mist; the ravenous wolves of the winds are

loosed to ravish and torture the earth; and the great plains lie stricken and helpless, a dead, white waste of snow.

Panhandle weather! BAH!—By the way, the Fourth of July will be coming on afterwhile.

HEREFORD needs very much a Y. M. C. A. hall, or some such attractive resort for young men. At present there is no place in town where the boys and young men may go to pass a pleasant evening in reading or playing games. It is a trite saying, but one still full of truth, that idleness is the mother of many evils. The best safeguard against degrading practices and unseemly conversation is refined associations and pleasant employment. It is just these things that a Y. M. C. A. hall and reading room would give; and unless something of the kind is established soon, worse things are sure to come instead.

"THE trouble with the Panhandle is the awful cattle trust which keeps out actual settlers," or "it is the quarantine line," or "it is the lease law," or "this, that or the other," persistently vociferate the genial wisecracks who are attempting to edit the thousand or less weekly (and often weakly) newspapers below the line. Gentlemen, you are wrong. The trouble with the Panhandle is that there are too many quacks in the legislature, and out with patent nostrums which they are

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eager to try on this vigorous and unwilling invalid. There is nothing the matter with the Panhandle at all. All it wants is to be let alone, and left to grow and develop naturally, without the pernicious assistance of theoretical journalists and long-distance statesmen.

New Postoffice Building.

One of the most pressing needs of Hereford is a larger postoffice building. The present quarters of the local postal department are small, cramped, and inconvenient, and as the volume of mail business is rapidly increasing the insufficiency of the present building to accommodate it becomes more noticeable. Realizing the necessity of securing better accommodations, Postmaster Walters has been looking about to see how he can make a change for the better. Since the fire, however, office room and any sort of apartments for business purposes have been hard to find, and it was easy to see that nothing could be found among the buildings already erected to serve as a postoffice.

It was up to somebody to put up a new building especially intended for mail headquarters. This week a plan has been projected which, if it can be carried out, will easily solve the difficulty and furnish such a post-office building as the town needs. Judge Jno. E. Ferguson proposes to erect on the lot in the rear of the Hereford National Bank a brick building for the accommodation of the postoffice, provided he can have the assurance of the authorities at

Washington that the building will be taken for that purpose. To this end a petition was circulated this week and signed by a number of citizens approving the plan, and asking the government authorities at Washington to designate the building to be so erected as a postoffice.

There has been some talk also of the office being moved into one of the brick buildings that is being erected on Dewey avenue. It is to be hoped that one plan or the other may be carried out soon, in order that the postoffice may be moved into larger and more convenient quarters.

Private Boarding House.

I have rented part of the property known as the Dr. R. M. Johnson block and will conduct a private boarding house. My former patrons at the Hereford House will receive a cordial welcome and all others who desire good, wholesome meals at reasonable rates, which will be served at the usual hours.

50tf MRS. M. B. DANIEL.

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W. J. Walters, P. M.

P. V. & N. T. TIME TABLE

Pass. Train	Leaves
No. 201, south-bound,	11:12 a. m.
No. 202, north-bound,	4:12 p. m.

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Lv. Dimmitt at 1:00 p. m.	" "
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Gone to California.

W. H. Clary and family left Tuesday for Santa Ana, Cal., where they will make their future home. They went by the way of Dalhart and the Rock Island. This excellent family has been identified with Hereford and Deaf Smith county for many years (in fact, Hereford's first building—now the Humphrey House annex—was erected by Mr. Clary) and have many friends, including THE BRAND, who, while regretting their departure, will wish for them unstinted success in their new home. It is needless to state that they will be regular readers of Deaf Smith's official newspaper.

Special Train to El Paso,

For the annual convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association at El Paso next month the Southern Kansas of Texas and Pecos Valley lines will run a special train on March 9th, with ample Pullman sleeping car accommodations, running through to El Paso via Pecos and the Texas & Pacific railroad reaching El Paso on the morning of March 10th. Parties desiring to take advantage of this through service should write or wire me at once for sleeping car reservations. If more convenient, see any of our local agents and have him take up with me. DON A. SWEET, Traffic Manager, Amarillo, Texas.

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Cattle in Panhandle of Texas.

J. D. Hagler of Vernon, Tex., talked to a Drovers' Telegram representative in Kansas City last week about conditions in the Panhandle country:

"Aside from the present condition of the market," said he, "we have but little to worry us. Cattle are in good shape and are wintering well. Cattle in the feed lots have been doing splendidly, and as far as the results of feeding are concerned we are well pleased. Another year will demonstrate that the day of the cattle baron has passed. A large immigration during the coming two years is anticipated. The country between the Kansas and Texas lines is now pretty thickly settled and the next wave of immigration will be toward Wilbarger. In fact, it has already begun, to speak correctly, and the success with which the small farmers have met shows that it is a good country in which to make a home. Prairie schooners laden with human freight, household goods and domestic utensils are coming into the county steadily and it will experience a

wonderful development in the next two or three years. A comparatively recent discovery that is adding much to the wealth of that section is that it is one of the finest hog raising countries on earth, and it is surprising that hog raising was not thought of a long time ago. Cholera is unknown, and such feed as milo maize, Kaffir corn, sorghum, Johnson grass, pie melons and June corn will make large and sure crops every year. Many cars of hogs were shipped from that part to Fort Worth and Kansas City the past year and they made the shippers big money, too.

"The cattle proposition has narrowed down to two alternatives—either raise good cattle or get out of the business—and every man who owns a hoof has come to realize it. The scrubs and dogies have nearly all been cut out and shipped to market and thoroughbred bulls introduced into most of the herds. Henceforth, the quality of the cattle raised in that section will be better."

Notice to Prospectors.

On Monday and Tuesday of each week I will be prepared to take parties out for inspection of the XIT lands, advertised for sale elsewhere in this paper.

IRA ATEN,
Manager

41tf

Died of Heart Failure.

Sunday afternoon, at fifteen minutes after one o'clock, C. P. Trimm, of Boonesville, Ark., died at Mrs. M. B. Daniel's boarding house of pleurisy and heart failure. He came here four weeks ago from his home at Boonesville in the hope of recovering his health. He was formerly cashier in the Boonesville National Bank, and close confinement in the office had broken his constitution and enfeebled his health until he was compelled to make a change and came here in the hope that the high altitude and invigorating air would prove beneficial to him. But instead of improving he grew worse from day to day till he died. Just the day before his death he declared his intention of going on to Mexico to find a warmer climate, but when the time came for the train to go he was too weak to get up.

Mr. Trimm was a gentleman in manner and bearing, and evidently accustomed to moving in the better circles of life. He leaves a wife and two little girls to mourn his death. Shortly before he died a message was sent to his wife notifying her of his critical condition, but for some reason the message did not reach her in time for her to come. Mr. Trimm was an Odd Fellow and as soon as it was known that he was

dead the local lodge of the Odd Fellows took charge of the body and prepared it for shipment to Boonesville, Ark., the former home of the deceased.

A stranger was within our gates, yet none the less the hearts of sympathetic people go out in sadness and commiseration to the wife and little ones from whom a husband and father has thus been rudely snatched away.

Decides To Stay.

Mr. S. L. DeSpain, of Howe, Grayson county, who has been here for a week prospecting, is so well pleased with the country that he has decided to locate here. He has this week closed a contract through Davis & Holloway for the purchase of two sections, with improvements, of the J. W. Moreman property eighteen miles northwest of town, the price paid being about five thousand dollars. The place is well improved, having a good house, fences, windmill, an orchard, an irrigated garden, and 125 acres in cultivation. Mr. DeSpain will probably also buy a place in town, and will move his family here from Grayson county early in the spring.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against hunting or otherwise trespassing on the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch. IRA ATEN, 37tf Division Manager.

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 I. J. Wing, representing the Moore Chemical Company, manufacturers of the Car-Sul cattle dip, was in town last week on business.
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 A. C. Harrow, a prospector from Eldorado Springs, Mo., is in town.
 T. C. Bunch, the druggist drummer, was in town last week on business.
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 E. F. Connell, the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association inspector at this point and also a prominent Ende, N. M., cattleman, came in town Saturday on business.
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 J. G. Smith, special agent for the Trezevant & Cochrane insurance agency of Dallas, was in town Saturday on business with the local agents, Witherspoon & Gough.
 George W. Dale, W. R. Evans, G. A. Sachse, and S. H. Morris went to Amarillo Sunday as a committee of the Odd Fellows accompanying the body of C. P. Trimm who died here Sunday afternoon.
 Dr. Lyman B. Raschbaum, the Amarillo ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Hereford Dental Parlors during the first week of each month, where he will be pleased to attend to the needs of the citizens of Hereford and vicinity in his line. Dr. Raschbaum is also a scientific adjuster of eye glasses. 51tf

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