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**Plainview
Wire Fence Co.**
Plainview, Texas

MR. FARMER OR RANCHMAN:

Before placing your order for HOG fence write us for prices. We make a specialty of giving you prices direct from our factory. A letter from you asking for quotations will be appreciated by us.

**We Manufacture
Hog, Poultry and
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Capital \$25,000.00

Extends its splendid facilities to those desiring the services of a carefully conducted bank.

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President Vice-Pres. Cashier

About Creameries

The following special creamery bulletin has been issued by Prof. Chas. H. Alvord, who is at the head of department of agriculture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas:

The successful operation of a creamery depends very largely upon the action of the farmers of a community. Some farmers are naturally dairy men and become much interested in the production of milk, while other men are naturally abhorrent of the thought of milking cows and would never make any success whatever of this kind. The most successful creamery enterprises of this country are those which have been established by farmers who were naturally dairy men and were interested in the financial success of the enterprise. Where a creamery is started by a few business men in the city, it has oftentimes been a failure on account of the fact that the farmers for whose benefit it was established do not appreciate the benefits which will come to them from the success of the creamery, and take no interest whatever in the welfare.

The creamery relieves the farmer's wife of the irksome duties of making butter and furnishes a ready market for all the butter-fat that can be produced on the farms. Some men

can produce good butter upon their farms but have great difficulty in getting rid of it, especially in the summer months and become very much discouraged in the dairy business. The successful creamery takes in the cream in the summer as well as in the winter, and on account of the fact that they have a sufficient amount of butter to supply a large amount of trade they have comparatively very little difficulty in getting rid of their butter.

A creamery completely equipped for the manufacture of but-

ter will cost from \$2000 to \$3000 and the expense of operating will amount to about \$1500 per year. In order to keep up the equipment and maintain itself a creamery must have the cream from at least 250 cows every day in the year. It is not safe to start a creamery where less than this number of cows will furnish milk. It is also well to have these cows distributed among as many farmers as possible and if they are interested in the business they will increase their herds every year.

The establishment of a creamery in a section of state devoted to growing of fruit or truck or cotton or corn need not disturb the agricultural conditions in the least, for the milking of a few cows does not cause any change in the system of farming except, perhaps, the growing of more cowpeas and sorghum, which would give green feed for summer feeding or make hay for winter feeding. This will be found profitable on every farm where cows are milked, and will increase the returns materially.

There are few days in the year when it is not profitable to feed a cow some hay in addition to the pasture she is getting, and the feeding of cotton seed meal and hulls is also advisable.

The department of agriculture at Austin will soon publish a bulletin on "Dairying in Texas", which will give very complete directions for feeding cows and the handling of milk on the farm.

The dairy department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College will be pleased to furnish a list of apparatus required for a creamery and also suggest plans for building.—Southwestern Farmer.

The Charlie McClain home, just west of the school house, has been purchased by C. A. Cash of the firm of C. A. Cash & Sons, who will reside there in the future. This is one of the best homes in the city.

A Word to Home Merchants

The remedy for the mail order business rests with home merchants. If instead of sitting down in despair or gloomily telling people how their trade is cut by the mail order houses, they would but imitate some of the features of those houses and then go one better, they would have no cause to complain of poor trade.

It is by profuse and timely advertising, and by getting that advertising into the homes, the mail order business thrives. Too often the home merchant contents himself with a small, unattractive ad that does not appeal to people. When that is the case he alone is to blame if the mail order house gets the best of him.

Let the home merchant catch the eye by generous and timely advertising in which the quality and variety of his goods are set forth. Let him also point out how in the home store the customer sees the goods before he buys them, that he does not have to pay in advance, that if his credit is good, credit is given and that there are no vexatious delays in delivering the goods (all of which are advantages the customer of a mail order house never has) and business will flourish.

It may be said that people know this already. Probably they do, but it is necessary to get them to realize it, and that is done by constantly keeping at the City Times, Malvern,

D. N. Massay left Saturday for the Dallas Fair. We understand he will remain in Dallas the entire two weeks.

We Announce to The Public

The addition of a large stock of coal to our business and in the future will be prepared to supply your wants at any time from a big stock of the

BEST COLORADO COAL

Our large and commodious sheds recently built are filled with a clean stock of coal and we can fill your orders promptly. We solicit a share of your business

Western Lumber Company

Closing Out Sale

We are closing out our stock of Drygoods, Hats and Shoes, going out of the Drygoods business. Come and see what we've got and

MAKE YOUR OWN PRICE

We also carry a complete line of Groceries and pay the market Price for your Produce.

McLean Mercantile Company

Mr. Davis, traveling salesman of Coleman-Lysaght-Blair Co. of Amarillo, was in the city this week.

Mrs. E. D. Langley, and little grandson left Tuesday for Dallas to visit the fair and also to visit Will Langley's daughter and son at that place.

A. E. Erwin, one of our excellent farmers, shipped a car of hay to W. T. Wilson of Ramsdell this week.

Clarendon, Texas, Oct. 22, 1909
To my friends and the Public:

Having been engaged for the past three years in a busy and continuous practise in the Panhandle (and by the way the garden spot of Texas) and after having visited nearly every town and post-office in the aforesaid country, it necessarily follows that a very large percentage of the inhabitants know me, either personally or by reputation. Being a close observer and student, it is certainly a gratified realization of personal ambition that causes me to, in this public manner, follow the advice of friends and conscientious dictates of my own heart, say openly, with no trace of egotism, that my success as a general practitioner, has averaged well with the graduates of the different colleges, practicing in the different states; not taking into consideration my handicapped condition of being the only graduate Veterinarian in the Panhandle, and of having been compelled to cover such a large territory. The intended idea, my wish is to convey, is this, I am in possession of the sentiments, desires and needs of the whole population of the Panhandle country, in so far as my profession is concerned; and could be busy every day in the year, were it possible to secure wireless or instantaneous transportation. I have tried regular and periodical visits to certain towns, with indifferent success; and am determined to discontinue that mode of practice, in the future. Clarendon has been my home and headquarters for the past two years; and it being centrally located, have decided to claim permanent and indefinite citizenship with the good people of that place; and have opened an infirmary; and am prepared to receive, treat and care for, any and all cases that may be sent from a distance, as well as local subjects; at the following prices:

For sick, or horses requiring medical treatment only — per day \$1.50.
For horses requiring treatment after being operated upon or after an acute attack and requiring after treatment, in addition to price of operation or price of first treatment—per day \$1.00.

The above prices cover the whole expense of treatment, care, feed and medicine. I cure nearly all cases of bone Spavin, in from four to six weeks. Cure worst cases of Stringhalt (Chorea) by operation; and put back to work in 2 weeks. Could give many references if desired. If you don't know me, ask your neighbor. Residence phone 296, office phone 1, postoffice box 112. All

correspondence will be given my personal attention.

Yours truly,
J. F. McGee, D. V. S.

Leave For Oregon

Charlie McClain and family accompanied by their sister, Miss Lucy McClain, left Friday afternoon for Bedford, Oregon. Mr. McClain and family have resided in McLean for some time and have many friends here who are sorry to see them leave. The popularity of this estimable family was amply attested by the large crowd who accompanied them to the depot to wish them well on their journey. They will visit for a short time with their daughters, Mrs. Joe and Will Harrell, before locating permanently.

Alanreed Notes

We have been waiting for more than a month, thinking something would happen, but as nobody has married, run away or had a fight we have decided to wait no longer.

Our school has enrolled ninety three pupils up to this date.

Mr. Hind has quit the hotel business and Mr. McKinney is now in charge.

Our friend, D. B. London, on account of ill health, has asked for a "lay-off" for one month, which being granted, he and family are now visiting friends and relatives in Clarion Okla., while J. H. Hill of Amarillo is filling his place at Alanreed Bank.

Robert Quillan left Saturday to visit his mother in Virginia.

John Davis, Charlie Slaven and Wm. Kennedy left with cattle for Kansas City last Saturday.

Our popular real estate agent, E. G. Castleberry, made a business trip to Clarendon this week.

W. M. Greenwood of Elma, Okla., is visiting relatives in Alanreed this week.

Rev. Carver, a Presbyterian minister from Pennsylvania, is visiting his son, Andrew Carver near Alanreed. He thinks of moving to Texas in the near future.

Dr. J. A. Coppedge and wife are attending the Dallas Fair this week.

Mr. Agee intends moving into town shortly for the benefit of the school.

Grandma Slaten is on the sick list this week.

The Baptist Sunday School is gaining in interest and numbers.

Born.—A fine baby boy to the wife of James Owen last week, mother and babe are doing nicely.

UNCLE SAM

A number of citizens will leave tomorrow for the fair. Don't forget that you are from McLean and don't let any one else forget it.

You can get the Ladies Home Journal by calling at the News office.

A. L. Rippe came in Tuesday morning to bring Miss Nida who had been out home to attend the Rippe-Earp nuptials.

Ersa LeFors Dead

The citizens of McLean are indeed grieved to note the death of the fourth member of the LeFors family, and extend their heartfelt sympathies to the mother and remaining children.

Miami Chief, Saturday Oct. 16: Miss Ersa, the fifteen year old daughter of the late Perry LeFors, who was taken to Amarillo for treatment Thursday died the following day. The body was brought on the 9:50 train this morning. Services, conducted by Rev. J. W. Whatley, will be held at the Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, after which the body will be placed to rest in Miami cemetery. This community is intensely sad over the great grief and sorrow which has befallen this good and highly respected family. But a few months ago a happy home with father, mother and six children, but death has claimed the father and three children, the half of the family, while another member is hardly expected to recover from the ravage of the fever.

A car load of oats were shipped in Wednesday by Berring Pursley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rowe were callers at the News office Tuesday afternoon.

November issue of the Ladies Home Journal at the News office—15 cents.

Geo. Woodward made a business trip to Texola the first of the week.

Dr. J. F. McGee of Clarendon is here this week on professional business.

Dear Lady:

You have a special invitation to visit our store Saturday, Oct. 23rd and take advantage of the specially low price on Onyx ware that we will offer on that day under the Red Tag sale. McLean Hardware Co.

W. W. Mars sold this week 30 calves to Robert A. Reese who will ship them to Eureka, Kansas, where he will feed them for the market.

Let us know how your subscription stands. We find a great many names without any credit.

Mrs. Alice Kelly, who has been visiting her relatives, J. N. Saye and family, left Monday for her home at Alex, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont Noel were in from the ranch eighteen miles South of town Saturday trading with local merchants. Mr. Noel was looking after a shipment of cattle.

If you are not ready to pay your subscription just let us know how you stand. We are trying to get our rolls straight.

Jack Johnson (colored) retained the world's championship as prize fighter when he knocked out Ketchel in the twelfth round at San Francisco Saturday.

E. C. Mahoffey, who has been visiting his family here, left Monday for his home in Alanreed, N. M.

Mrs. W. H. Bates left Monday for Greenville, Texas, for a visit with relatives. The lady will be away some time.

CARE

Is taken with all goods we handle. Try us.

SPEED

THE DRAYMAN

A Shave that won't come off and a Hair Cut that

FITS

At the City Barber Shop, G. H. Simmons, proprietor.

Agents for Amarillo
Steam Laundry Co.

Grist Mill

Opens for business November 1st. We want all your CORN, market price paid. Threshing also done.

J. S. DAVISON
Proprietor

C. SHORT SHOEMAKER

Expert Boot, Shoe and Harness Repairing. Prices Reasonable.

EXTREMELY LOW FARES

TO
DALLAS and return, account of the FAIR. Via



\$13.25 daily, Oct. 15 to 30 limit Nov. 2nd.

\$ 5.55

Oct 16 and 23 limit to leave Dallas Oct. 18th and 25th respectively.

Greatest Attractions in Years. See ticket agent for further Particulars.

Phil A. Auer, G. P. A.
Fl. Wort, Texas

T. U. Salmon, Local Agent.

THE

North Pole

HAS BEEN REACHED

But we are still wondering what we must do to get your trade. Must we call on you at your homes? Or shall we send an officer to bring you in? Or will you consider your own best interests and call and see our stock and get our prices? A full line of everything in the building line. Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, etc. Windmills, Casing and Pipe.

Niggerhead Coal

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

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WEEKLY

TEXAS

I can sell where else, for time.

RICHARDSON

SCRIPTION.

.....\$1.00
 ter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at Mc-
 congress.

McLean county, while perhaps not winning any prizes, is doing herself proud and getting some excellent advertising at the great state fair.

The great state fair is on in all the might of its glory and great big bustling, goodnatured Dallas is wide open and her streets agog with throngs of visitors. The first day's turnout was slim, but the crowds have steadily increased and thousands of people from all parts of the United States are pouring into the city to attend one of the greatest fairs in the Union.

While there many counties in the state represented with agricultural displays, there being about fifteen from the Panhandle, the McLean offering is among the top notches and her splendid exhibit is attracting considerable attention, principally on account of the excellency of her corn and pumpkins. Hundreds of visitors who are seekers after knowledge of our country have given their names and addresses to the editor with the avowed intention of making our country a visit.

While the McLean country will not be able to take any premiums we are confident her exhibit will prove of decided value in the matter of inducing strangers to investigate its advantages.

There are eleven counties represented in the Panhandle tent and is continually crowded with people. The citizens of McLean acted wisely in offering this exhibit and the good to be derived therefrom will soon be apparent.

Fifth Sunday Meeting

Ramsdell, Texas, October 28, 29 and 30, 1909.

Preaching Thursday, 7 p. m.
 Bro. J. W. Slayton.

Devotional Service
 Bro. F. M. Pease.

PROGRAM

- 1st. Exegesis, Eph. 4-5
 S. F. Tipton, A. J. Goodwin, H. G. Finley.
- 2nd. For what purpose were the first Deacons ordained.
 J. D. Rowden, G. R. Moore, John Adams, W. R. Gilliland.
- 3rd. Does Christian education pay?
 T. E. Stearns, J. W. Slayton, J. R. Hicks.
- 4th. How may we best reach all the school houses in our field.
 F. M. Pease, F. L. Kinton, J. W. Slayton.
- 5th. Why should we as churches co-operate with the Associations and conventions.
 J. E. Stanley, R. B. Rogers, J. R. Hicks, R. C. Farmer.
- 6th. What good has been done in your Sunday School and how

was it done?

T. E. Stearns, Mrs. J. E. Stanley, Mrs. T. L. Ingram, J. L. Martin, C. S. Rice, Miss Claudie Kinard.

7th. What has been done in the last five years in our association in Mission Work?

J. W. Slayton, J. W. Whatley.

8th. What are the present needs of the field?

J. R. Hicks, R. C. Farmer. Preaching at eleven a. m. and seven p. m. each day.

School Notes

Charlie Faulkner is a new pupil in the High school department.

Our second monthly examinations are in progress this week.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

We gladly welcome Deta and Dessa Patrick as new pupils.

Ora Green has been absent a few days on account of illness.

Several pupils were absent Monday on account of the rain.

We are glad to know that Jesse Ashby is improving after an illness of three weeks.

Most of the pupils are doing fine work in their studies' especially writing.

We had an interesting debate Friday, the question being: Resolve, that Home Study is more important than Study at School. Clay Gardenhire, Huland Collier and Wheeler Foster were judges. The affirmative side won.

We have a new table, also a fire bell and Professor has us practicing fire drills often.

Miss Ruby Hale was a visitor Wednesday afternoon.

What do you think! Clarence Cash, Gracy Brown and Ezra Bowland were promoted to the high school department—but they recite in our room.

We think Mrs. Horton is a fine teacher.

S. B. Fast left Monday for a stay at the Dallas Fair.

Mrs. Harrick, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Hudson, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Callahan of Russell, Ky., is the guest of Jas. W. Burrows and family this week.

Clay Stegal of Odgen, Utah, who has been visiting at the home of R. S. Thompson for some time, left Saturday for his home.

The Vortex saves fuel and gives entire satisfaction in every way. McLean Hdw. Co.

J. S. Davison has secured the services of M. M. Newman to his machinery. A good move for Davison as he is a very fine machinist.

J. H. Whitley, of Heald, was in town last Saturday.

The Vortex hot blast is the stuff. McLean Hdw. Co.

T. J. DeSpain was in town on business Wednesday.

H. H. Mahoffey, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, left Monday for Amarillo.

Buy a Vortex Hot Blast and save one half the price of your coal bill. McLean Hdw. Co.

J. S. Stephens was a business visitor in the city Saturday from his ranch south of town.

We have the stove, stove polish, stove pipe, elbows and "joints" McLean Hardware Co.

C. A. Cash moved into his newly purchased home the latter part of last week.

Safety Razor with one package blades extra, All guaranteed, for \$1.00. McLean Hdw. Co.

C. W. Crisp returned Sunday from Kansas City where he went with a shipment of cattle.

John Harris, one of Ramsdell's progressive farmer was here Wednesday.

Just arrived a new shipment of fine candies. Biggers & Son fruit specialists.

Vester Cooke remembered the News lady with a nice fat duck Wednesday.

Bob Harlan was in town Tuesday with two wolves he had caught with his pack of hounds.

Wm. Henry made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday returning Wednesday.

Better look at those new suits and buckskin pants at L. M. Haynes & Son's.

The Vortex Hot Blast is the best hot blast stove on earth. McLean Hardware Co. is agent for this heater.

A. J. Simpson left Wednesday

WE CARRY

Everything to eat and wear. We handle the best flour on the market and we guarantee to meet any prices and will give you back 10 cents on every cash dollar you buy from us. Will pay 25cts per dozen for eggs and the highest price for chickens. We mean business and have the goods. Come in and see.

L. M. Haynes & Son

for Amarillo, after spending a few days here with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Beall.

We carry a complete line of fresh groceries, give us your next order, we can please you. Biggers & Son, fruit specialists.

Saturday, Oct. 23rd is the day. On that day we are to have a special sale on Onyx Ware. McLean Hardware Co.

C. C. Cooper and J. W. Holder made a flying trip to Ramsdell Tuesday on business.

Lenox laundry soap, the best on the market at seven bars for 25 cents. Can you beat it? Foster and Son.

Fresh fruits and vegetables of all kinds always on hand. Cheap for the spot cash. Biggers & Son, fruit specialists.

We handle Snowflake flour and guarantee it. If you don't

like it bring it back and we will pay you for your trouble. L. M. Haynes & Son.

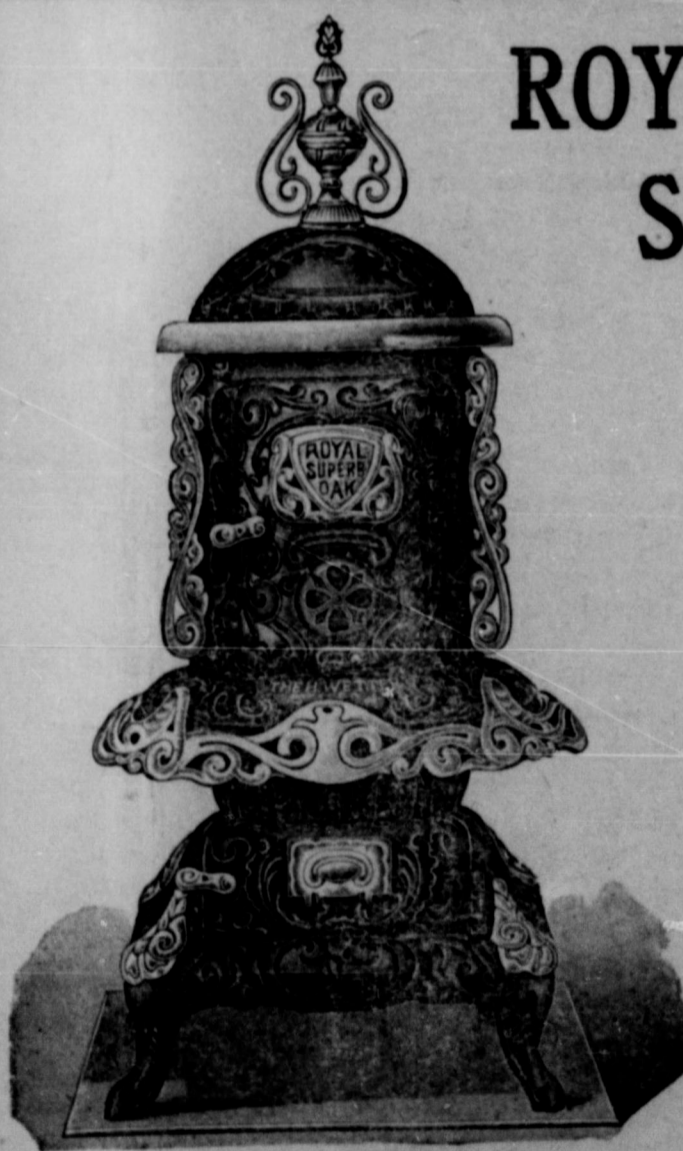
Sam Morris and family of Northfork left Wednesday for a visit with their sister at Norman, Okla.

Eggs, eggs, yes, we want all the eggs you have at 20 cents per dozen. Foster and Son.

C. C. Reynolds, of Lubbock, come in Sunday and stayed over Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. A. A. Callahan. Mr. Rogers expressed himself as being very much pleased with the country and says it is better for farming or stockraising than the Plains.

Ladies Home Journal at the News office. 15 cents.

Just arrived a full line of all kinds of dried fruits. The very best the market affords. Compare our prices with others and you will buy from us. Foster & Son.



ROYAL SUPERB OAK



Another of the famous Superb line. A Heater that is next to the Vortex Hot Blast and superior to anything of its kind on the market; a handsome, up-to-date Oak. A head and shoulders above many styles of hot blast; has a draw center Grate and extra heavy corrugated fire pot. We are expecting these every day. Remember our Motto

QUALITY

We have most any old thing you need in our line, as well as Stoves; and are anxious at all times to supply your wants

Our Qualities are Right Our Prices are Right
 We appreciate Your Business, We Do what we say



McLean Hardware Co.

NO MAN CAN LIVE ALONE

No one is in a position to realize this more fully than a little two by four grocer. If the grocer had no customers he would have to close his doors. If you had no grocer you would have to close your doors, then you come along and trade some with me and look like you wanted me to stay in business. I promise you that I merit your business by courteous treatment and prices based on a reasonable margin; which is only just to you and myself. Again I thank all my customers for their kind support and promise you the best service in future.

M. D. BENTLEY

THE VILLAGE GROCER

TELEPHONE 85

SOCIETY

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Earp, ten miles east of McLean, at four o'clock Sunday afternoon Miss Gracie Earp and Horace S. Rippe were united in marriage in the presence of more than seventy relatives and friends. Reverend Early of Ramsdell performed the short but impressive ceremony that united the young peoples lives. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers and fern. The bride was gowned in a creation of white Crepe de Chine with lace and ribbon trimmings and made a charming bride.

The wedding was followed by an informal reception when the young couple received the congratulations of the guests and acknowledged the many handsome presents presented to them.

The visiting guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan, Mr.

and Mrs. M. D. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kibler, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Grigsby and family of McLean; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stone, Grandma Rogers, Miss Bessie Hobson and Leo Rippe of Wheeler.

On Monday the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rippe, entertained the bridal party at dinner. Covers were laid for thirty-six guests.

Mrs. Rippe is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Earp. She has won for herself an enviable position in the circle in which she moves by her winning manner and womanly ways. She has many friends in McLean, having been associated with the Telephone Company here for some months.

Mr. Rippe is one of the most promising young business men of the city. He is owner of the City Dray line and is admired for his uprightness and integrity in all business matters.

Without the formality of a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Rip-

pe will be at home to their friends in one of the Easterwood houses where they are domiciled for the winter.

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The pretty home of Mrs. George Edward Woodward in west McLean was the scene, on Friday afternoon at one o'clock, of a most delightful reception given to a few friends. The reception hall was decorated with cut flowers, geraniums predominating, and presented a most pleasant effect, white and pink in the dining room. The color scheme was pink with a beautiful setting of Cosmos and pink ribbon. Covers were laid for five, each guest's place being designated by a dainty souvenir picture and hand painted card bearing their name. A delicious five course luncheon was served after which the guests indulged in a card cutting contest, the prize, a hand painted china cake plate, being awarded Mrs. Salmon.

The following ladies were present: Mesdames William

Abernathy, Sidney O. Thad U. Salmon and Art Richardson. Mrs. C. McCullough was unable to attend on account of illness. The affair was one of the most thoroughly enjoyed of the season and all the guests report Mrs. Woodward a delightful hostess.

New State Show or Produce.

UNDER CANVAS

Friday, Oct. 22

HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE
COMEDY, DRAMA AND
MOVING PICTURES

A Show at Popular Prices

Children 10c Adults 20c

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, eighteen miles north of here occurred the death of H. A. Shook. He had been ill for some time with typhoid fever. His body was interred in the McLean cemetery Wednesday afternoon, services conducted by Rev. M. L. Moody.

170 acres of improved land 3 1/2 miles from Merkel, Texas, to trade for good land in Panhandle. See the undersigned or McLean Real Estate Co. A. A. Callahan.

HOMES FOR FARMERS PLENTIFUL

McLean is situated in the southeast corner of Gray county, one of the four banner counties of the Panhandle (Collingsworth, Wheeler, Donley and Gray) and has a population of about 1000 people. The town is situated on the main line of the Rock Island from Tucumcari, N. M., to Memphis, Tenn., connecting her with the large markets of the country by direct route.

Climate

The climate is as fine as could be desired, the average summer temperature being 73 degrees, while that of the winter season is 47 degrees, making the climate at no time during the year uncomfortable. The altitude is about 2600 feet. Another feature of the climate is the fact that at no time during the hottest summer weather are the nights oppressive, there always being a cool breeze which makes them delightful.

Schools

She has an independent school district with a special tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollar property valuation, which will provide abundant funds for the best school system in the state. The fact that there were over five hundred pupils enrolled during the last scholastic term shows the popularity of her educational advantages.

Society

The town has no saloons, pool halls, gambling houses nor other obnoxious institutions of any character. There are four church buildings of ample proportions to meet the demands and the necessity for a jail is absolutely unknown. In fact, the town offers every advantage to the man who is looking for a home where he can raise his children in a moral atmosphere, minus the many snares and vices that abound in the larger cities and towns of the country.

Available Land

This county is composed of nine hundred sections of land, making 576,000 acres, about eighty per cent of which is good tillable soil of a rich sandy loam, some dark and some light, all of which is as rich as can be found anywhere in the southwest, and for holding moisture it is unsurpassed in any section of the United States. There are at present about 500 men farming in this county, making an average of 1000 acres to the man, while 100 acres is all that can be properly cultivated. Figured on a basis of 200 acres to the family there is room in this county for 2,500 families. This land ranges in price from \$5 to \$15 an acre, with a reasonable valuation where there are improvements.

Rainfall

The average annual rainfall for the period covered by the government bureau at this place is about 26 inches, distributed in months as follows: January .63, February .13, March .47, April 2.18, May 1.14, June 5.87, July 3.91, August 5.99, September, 1.39, October 3.35, November .43, and December 1.32. These figures are taken from the official weather report and show that the main rainfall comes during the growing season, which is from

May to September, inclusive. This report is not compiled from the records so far in 1909 as the seasons have been backward and the rainfall very light, crops making only about one-half the usual yield. However it is authentically stated by honest men of the community who have farmed this land for the past twenty years that there has been but one failure in that time, a disaster that befalls every known section of the globe on occasion.

Crops

All crops adapted to the temperate zone thrive here, but the root crops probably are the most prolific, such as Irish and yam potatoes, peanuts, beets, onions, etc. Watermelons and cantaloupes grow as fine as they do in any part of the world and the flavor developed is absolutely unsurpassed. Corn is the staple crop, making an average yield, the county over, of about thirty bushels to the acre. Cotton is not advisable from the fact that there is too much rain during the growing season and the nights are too cool. Wheat, oats and millet are especially productive and kaffir corn, milo maize and sorghum never fail. All kinds of garden crops grow in profusion. It is said of this soil that it responds quicker and with more certainty to fertilizing than any in the state, making truck gardening not only profitable but sure.

Fruit

This section is the natural home of all temperate zone fruits and there has been but two fruit failures in the past twenty years. All varieties grow in profusion and a full grown orchard will clear at least \$100 per acre with less work than in any other portion of the state. There is an opportunity for vast fortunes in this section with fruit.

Markets

McLean has as a market Amarillo on the west (with 15,000 people and constantly growing) a distance of 72 miles, and Oklahoma City on the east (with 40,000 and growing faster than any other city in the world) a distance of 200 miles. This assures us a market for everything that can be grown in this section.

In Conclusion

Let us say that we are not prompted by any spirit of graft to catch the unwary suckers, but are trying to honestly set forth what this country has to offer the man with the hoe who is looking for a home where the land is cheap and all other conditions are equitable—where farming can be indulged as a profitable business venture and where his family can have the advantages that he would desire them to have.

Mr. Homeseeker, we invite you to inspect this country of ours and form your own opinions. There are no excursion trains run into this county at the present but there are always low rates for homeseekers on all roads. If you are thinking of a change of location, drop us a card at this place for any information you may desire. We don't have any real estate listed for sale, but if you should come to McLean prospecting look us up and we will gladly give you any information you may want in regard to values, etc.

THE McLEAN NEWS

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S. O. COOK

FIRE IN STORAGE BARN SATURDAY, \$4000 DAMAGE

A fire which will aggregate \$4,000 broke out in McLean Saturday afternoon. The following is a list of those who are the chief losers:
 F. M. Faulkner, barn and contents, value \$2000, covered by \$1000.00 insurance.
 McLean Mercantile Company, goods in storage, value \$1800, covered by \$1500 insurance.
 McLean Telephone Company, wires damaged in the amount of \$300, no insurance.
 E. H. Small & Co., minor losses.
 About 2 o'clock Saturday af-

ternoon fire was discovered in the F. M. Faulkner barn just west of the McLean Mercantile Co. and E. H. Small and Co's. buildings. Part of this barn was occupied by F. M. Faulkner and was full of feed, the balance of the building being used for a store room by the McLean Mercantile Co. In a few minutes the entire building was a mass of flame with no recourse but to just let it burn. The wind was blowing strong from the south, that being all that saved many other buildings. For a while it seemed that the wind would

change to the southwest which would have meant utter destruction to the business portion of the town, while on the other hand the Western Lumber Company stood in the great danger. In a few minutes after the alarm of fire was given practically the entire male population of the city were at work, some on buildings, some carrying water and some tearing down the fences around the burning building. Excitement was intense though every man worked with but one object in view, to keep the fire from spreading. All of the roofs of the nearby buildings and those that looked like they might be in danger were kept thoroughly soaked with water by the "bucket brigade." Many bed quilts and blankets were brought into use. All immediate danger was over in less than two hours. As a greater portion of the feed stored in the barn was hay in the bale it burned steadily for many hours. At last it was decided to drag it loose and effectually put out the fire before leaving it. Teams and men worked with it until past midnight and by Sunday morning there was no trace of a fire except a heap of charred debris.

The origin of the fire is a mystery and as yet no solution has been offered. It appeared to have caught in the portion of the barn where the feed was stacked, in the center near the bottom of the stack of hay. However, this part of the barn was kept locked and no one had been in it for several days.

The entire loss is estimated at \$4000, with \$2550. insurance.

Important Notice.

The women of the South will want to read "The Price of Suffrage for American Women" by Mrs. L. H. Harris in The Saturday Evening Post October 23rd. The article is strong, straightforward and sincere and will interest every woman. "The women of the South have the largest hope of political recognition; and when the women of the South make up their minds to vote they'll do it and the men will count the women's vote in with their own without misgiving about their women becoming less attractive."

You can get the Saturday Evening Post at the News office. Phone 47 and we will send it to you. 5 cents.

J. S. Earp of the Heald neighborhood was in town Tuesday on business.

John W. Kibler has been busy this week repairing the telephone lines that were damaged in the fire Saturday. All of the lines running to the business portion of the city were put practically out of commission. Mr. Kibler states that he will soon have them in order again. The fire loss to the Telephone Company was probably the greatest sustained by any one, the actual money out put being between \$200. and \$300. besides the inconvenience and work of repairing.

Pittsburg Wins Championship.

In the series of games for the worlds championship between the American and National Leagues, Pittsburg of the National League won from Detroit of the American League by winning four games out of seven.

Chrysanthemum Show.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church at Clarendon, Donley county will have a Chrysanthemum show in that city some time during the month of November.

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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

D. W. Jaye was among the visitors in the city Monday.

Mrs. Miller left Friday for Fletcher, Oklahoma.

A. A. Hunt was among the visitors to the Dallas fair the first of the week.

Bert Guill, of Clarendon, visited his parents here the latter part of last week.

R. L. Collier was in town Saturday with a big load of corn for the Livery barn.

Elder J. B. Starks and family from McLean, are visiting here this week.—Texola Herald.

Miss Turner, who is teaching school in the Whiteface district, was a visitor here Saturday.

Miss Bertha Graham was in from her school Saturday to visit with her parents.

Albert Ramsdell of Groom visited friends in the city the latter part of last week.

Press Guill of Groom was a visitor in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Paulkner left Friday for a business visit in Sayre, Oklahoma.

W. M. Jones from the Johnson farm was patronizing home merchants Saturday.

T. J. Bailey was among the business visitors in town Saturday.

Don't forget to boost for McLean while you are at the Dallas fair. We need publicity.

Miss Sanders of Alanreed was in the city Saturday shopping.

Miss Monk of Alanreed was here Saturday visiting friends and shopping.

Mr. Weller of Ramsdell was in the city Saturday transacting business.

Mrs. Parker of Alanreed was in the city Saturday visiting with Mrs. Lilly R. Bumpus.

Lost:—On Main Street a pair of new white gloves stained with printers ink. Please return to the News office.

Messrs. Seitz and Burges, who live eighteen miles north of the city, were here Friday transacting business.

Frank Chambers is adding a nice addition to his home in the edge of the city, also making other improvements.

LeRoy Freeman of the Cash ranch was in the city the latter part of last week visiting at the home of C. A. Cash.

R. S. Thompson and family were in from the ranch Saturday visiting with their daughters, Misses Pearl and Willie.

While in the city last week county treasurer Henry Thut left us a dollar to apply on his subscription to the News.

Lee Guthrie, formerly a resident of McLean but now residing in Claude, came in Sunday on a short business trip, returning Monday.

Don't forget that Dr. J. F. McGee, the veterinary of Clarendon, is in the city today and will be here tomorrow. You had better see him.

Miss Bessie Whatley, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Pollard, left Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Pollard, for her home in Groom.

John Saye was in the city Saturday trading with local merchants. He brought in a load of kaffir corn which he sold to the Biggers Livery barn.

Sid Denson has moved his house from the north part of town to his recently purchased property near the Presbyterian church.

The Grist Mill under the management of J. W. Davison will be ready for business on the first of November. Mr. Davison's ad is found elsewhere in the News.

If you've never read the Saturday Evening Post come to the News office and get a sample copy. We are sure you will like it.

Carl Heffner arrived in the city Sunday from Fredrick, Oklahoma, where he has been visiting his mother. The young gentleman will make his home here with his sister, Mrs. Lily R. Bumpus.

The first game of foot ball of the season between the Clarendon College Cowboys and the Goodnight College Buffaloes resulted in a victory for the Cowboys with a score of 46 to 0.

Miss Leota Kite of Hedrick, Oklahoma, arrived in the city Saturday for a week's visit with Miss Nida Rippy. Miss Kite is enroute to Wheeler where she will attend school this winter.

Harvest time is here and it is a common occurrence to see a load of fine feed on the streets. Our local merchants buy all of

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the surplus produce the farmers bring in.

Mrs. Lilly R. Bumpus accompanied by little Miss Laura Haygood, went to Alanreed Saturday afternoon to visit with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, returning Sunday.

Mrs. W. B. Hedrick of Amarillo, accompanied by Master Guilba Hedrick, arrived in the city Friday for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. McCullough. The lady returned home Sunday.

J. G. Cash returned Sunday from Perry, Oklahoma where he had been on business connected with his recently purchased hotel at that place. It will be remembered that this building was burned some two weeks ago, the fire being caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The building was only insured for about half of its value. Mr. Cash does not contemplate rebuilding at this time.

One morning a Sunday-school was about to be dismissed and the youngsters were already in anticipation of relaxing their cramped little limbs after the hour of confinement on straight backed chairs and benches, when the superintendent arose

and instead of the usual dismissal, announced: "And now, children, let me introduce Mr. Smith who will give us a short talk."

Mr. Smith smilingly arose and after gazing impressively around the classroom began with: "I hardly know what to say," when the whole school was convulsed to hear a small thin voice back in the rear hiss:

"Thay amen and thit down!" —Midland Examiner.

Miami is marketing a lot of broom corn this year and from the the increase in yeild for this year over last it would seem that the farmers have found a good thing and know it.

Miami Chief: Broom corn is one of the principal topics of conversation now. Lots of it is being brought into Miami. Most of it has been contracted for but what is being sold is bringing \$150 to \$165 per ton for best grades. Last year about three cars of broom corn were shipped from Miami, while this year approximately thirty car loads will be shipped. With the same proportionate gain the broom corn industry will be something stupendous in this section. And the good price this year is likely to encourage such proportionate increase in acreage planted to this crop.

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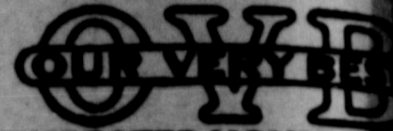
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