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A Reflected Diet.

Everybody's dieting some ailment to be quieting and hunger goes a-rioting where plenty once was gay;
 Ban's on food and fishes, and we have no need for dishes, and the stomach of me wishes it could find the means to stay
 The clamor of its cravings, for its food is mostly shavings, and it hears naught but the ravings of the daily diet list;
 Nothing much for dinner, with a luncheon somewhat thinner, and I think as I'm a sinner I shall melt away in mist.
 Mother's eating little in the way of food or victual and abates no jot or tittle of her diet, she's so stout;
 Father's stomach presses on his liver and distresses him extremely, and he blesses fasts and cuts the foodstuffs out;
 Breakfast, ah, 'tis cruel, just a dish of mush or gruel, not a stick of worthy fuel for this furnace pit of mine;
 Lunch is somewhat lighter, and I pull my belt up tighter, and my hopes grow slight and slighter as the hour comes to dine.
 All the kitchen's quit since the rage began for diet, and the vision of a pie, it would quite turn my head, I swear;
 Steak is quite forbidden, all the roasting pans are hidden, and the cook is crossly chidden if she swells our bill-of-fare.
 How my pulse would quicken could I look upon a chicken and see rich cream gravy thicken in the long-lost frying-pan.
 But the Code Starvation says the bodily elation from fried chicken spells damnation to the health of modern man.
 Aunt is rheumatic and with language quite emphatic says her feelings grow ecstatic on her diet of dry toast;
 Uncle who is gouty says he has no bit of doubt he will be cured by cutting out the steak and stew and broil and roast,
 Uncle One-Twenty-Seven of the skim-milk route to Heaven says no breadstuffs made with leaven way be eaten, so, pray tell, what's the consolation for a healthy youth, whose ration is a share of gaunt starvation just to make some others well?
 Mother's getting thinner on no breakfast, lunch or dinner—and her diet is a winner for the stoutness she complains;
 Father's girth's reducing since he is no longer using food and drink, and he is losing all of his once-so-fearful pains;
 Aunt's getting better, keeps her diet to the letter, and dear Uncle he is debtor to the scheme of toast and tea.
 It works its wonders when assimilation blunders—and its praise the family thunders—but it's simply killing me!

—J. W. Foley.

Northwest Texas Conference.

The following are a few of the minute items of the recent session of the Northwest Texas

Conference held at Stamford, Texas, November, 10th to 15th 1909.
 Thirty one young preachers

were admitted on trial into the conference, and eighteen were admitted into full connection (membership) having served two years on trial. Twenty six remain on trial, and will, if they meet the requirements, be admitted into full

connections at the next fall session.

Those admitted on trial 31, and received by transfer from other conferences 14, make an increase in the ministerial ranks of the conference of 45, this year.

Three ministers died during the year. The total number of local preachers and members in the conference are 105,956, a net gain over last year of 7,956. (There are four and a half conferences in the state besides the Northwest Texas.)

The number of baptisms during the year was, infants 1959, adults 5925.

There are 21,856 Epworth League members and 82,837 Sunday school members.

The contributions to the benevolences of the church have increased during the year: For our orphan's home at Waco \$3,500 (the several conferences at the state pay annually to this institution upwards of \$10,000—the home is valued at \$105,000). For church extension \$11,224.05. Foreign missions \$13,969.88. Domestic or home missions \$18,841.53. For the American Bible Society \$3,327.43.

There are eight educational institutions in the conference valued at \$1,144,000, with an endowment of \$595,000. This small endowment is to our disparagement. We are derelict in this. Instead of \$595,000 we ought to have at least 2,000,000.

It has been a source of gratification that we have not been handicapped by a shortage in the supply of ministers as is the case with some others, our supply has been abundant.

The Laymen's Missionary movement has contributed \$7

"foreigner" in our midst, and this is only a small beginning of the great work our consecrated layman will do, under God, in the future.

Let every member in the church here who has any part in the results enumerated above thank God and take courage, and, with renewed faith and purpose let us face the future with greater courage and larger effort that we may have a share in the joy of a greater victory. Yours in the work.

M. L. Moody.

Rained Out.

The News family was among a party of friends invited to spend Sunday at the home of Messrs. Cosby and McDaniel west of the city, but the incessant rain that prevailed all day precluded the possibility of attending, a fact sorely lamented, as a day spent in the atmosphere of their genial hospitality is most enjoyable—we have been there. They also had a dozen or so ripe frying chickens which they know exactly how to cook. The only redeeming feature of this disappointment was two of the chickens which Mr. Cosby brought us Monday, together with the promise that another trial would be made at a like entertainment. We shall await the day with pleasurable anticipations.

F. M. Faulkner has just finished the work of erecting new sheds along the north side of the block recently burned. The gentleman has more or less stock in town all the time and the sheds will take the place of the more substantial structures to be built.

FULL CAR CANNED GOODS

Just received and put on the shelf. We bought them before the rise and got the freight paid to boot, therefore we are going to put them out to our customers cheaper than the other fellow can buy them. Read the following low prices on tomatoes and corn and see if they don't listen good. They are for the spot cash:

Best Tomatoes, case - - \$2.45 Best Corn, case - - \$1.90

100 Pounds	SUGAR	\$5.95 Cash
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We still have a quantity of that Eagle Brand pure cane sugar—none genuine without the Eagle—and we have the price down to \$5.95, where we intend to keep it for the next ten days. Sugar is rising in the open market and it will pay you to lay in a supply at once. Also have a limited amount of the good old fashioned brown sugar—the kind that mother use to make syrup of. Call for this before it is all gone.

Another Big Car Flour

Received. Flour has gone up about 30 cents on the hundred, but we are holding the price down to former figures. Better lay in a supply of flour while it is cheap.

C. A. Cash & Sons

Largest Stock General Merchandise in McLean

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

S. O. COOK

**HARDWARE
FOR
HARD WEAR**

S. O. COOK

Palace Barber Shop

W. M. MASSAY, PROPRIETOR
Solicits Your Patronage
Quick and Easy Shaves

All Work Guaranteed to Be The Best

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Please sign your full name to all communications. We do not wish to publish it. If possible mail your letter so we will get it not later than Thursday. We want to hear from your community every week. EDITOR.

LAND! LAND! LAND!

If you want to buy a farm, if you want to buy a ranch, if you want to buy raw land, for an investment, or if you want to buy city property, see or write

J. L. Crabtree & Co.

McLean, Texas

Stock Election.

We, the undersigned qualified voters and freeholders of the town of McLean, Gray county, Texas, hereby respectfully petition the honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the town of McLean, to order an election within the corporate limits of the town of McLean, submitting to the qualified voters the question, whether or not Horses, Mules, Jacks, Jennetts and Cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the town of McLean, from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of March following, of each year.

Signed: S. F. Tipton, G. P. Herrmann, M. J. Brooks and others.

In accordance with the fore-

going petition the town council of the town of McLean, Texas, did at a regular session thereof, held on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1909, order an election to be held within the corporate limits of the said town of McLean, to determine whether or not Horses, Mules, Jacks, Jennetts and Cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the town of McLean, Texas, from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of March following, of each year.

Now therefore, I, C. S. Rice, Mayor of the said town of McLean, Texas, by the authority in me vested, do hereby order an election, to be held at the office of J. L. Crabtree, in the town of McLean, on the third

**Can You Can a Can of
CANNED GOODS?**

If you can you cannot can them as well a Louis can. We can sell you "LOUIS BRAND" canned goods at a price you can easily afford—it's the best, you know. We handle the famous

Amarillo Flour

Put up by the Star Mill & Elevator Co. at Amarillo. Also everything in Groceries. We appreciate your business.

M. D. Bentley

THE VILLAGE GROCER

TELEPHONE 85

**Campbell Taken
in Alabama**

Friday morning when the case of the State of Texas vs C. Campbell, for the illegal dispensing of liquor, was called in Mayor's court, it developed that the defendant had forfeited his bond and skipped the country. Upon further investigation it was also found that various other crooked transactions had been negotiated by the gentleman, among them selling of mortgaged property and securing money under false pretenses.

The mortgaged property sold was a pair of mules upon which E. P. Cox of Silverton held a mortgage for one hundred dollars, and which Campbell sold to Uncle Sam Tipton. The Cox note was held by the Citizens State Bank for collection and Campbell paid it with a check on the First National at Amarillo, but failed to secure a release and in his hurry to get out of the country forgot to deposit the necessary one hundred in the Amarillo Bank. He also paid a large account at the McLean Mercantile Co. with a like check, which account had been secured by a first mortgage on a horse and cow, W. P. Rogers also holding a first mortgage on the same security.

After flooding the country with telegrams Deputy Sheriff Massay finally located his man Saturday night at a little town in Alabama, which place was his former home, and as soon as the necessary papers can be se-

curated Mr. Massay will go after him. Campbell had been in Amarillo several days disposing of a load of corn and returned Wednesday. He stated to Mr. Abernathy at the bank that he had deposited his corn money in the Amarillo bank and would just check on it, a practice which he had been following for two years, and hence the banker took the check for the Cox note in good faith, withholding the release, however, until he was sure the check would be paid. Some time Thursday evening Campbell left with his family by private conveyance and caught the Denver train at some point below Clarendon, going to Fort Worth, from which point he made his way to Alabama and was arrested there soon after his arrival.

J. T. Foster is hereby appointed as presiding judge of said election, and the polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 7 o'clock p. m.

All qualified voters who are freeholders under the laws of the state of Texas, shall be allowed to vote in said election.

Those voting in favor of preventing such stock from running at large, shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For stock law, from October 15th to March 15th," and those voting against preventing stock from running at large, shall have written or printed on their ballots, "Against stock law, from October 15th to March 15th."

Witness my hand and at McLean, Texas, this 10th day of November, 1909.

RICE, Mayor.

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.**

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.

Mattie Haynes won the tablet in class C. Pearl Ellington in class B, and Virgie Derrick and Jewell Haynes won in class A. He also gave a pencil to the one who could work through the primary arithmetic without help. Jewell Haynes won that prize. Luther Harlan visited our school last Wednesday.

Miss Fannie Bailey also visited us Tuesday.

PUPILS

Mr. McElmyer, recently of Wood county, has rented the half way house and moved into the same with the intention of making his home here. We welcome them to our little city.

Heald School Notes.

(Too late for last week)

We regret to know school will soon be half out. But our school report will tell of the work we have done.

We had an examination in Texas History, and some fine grades were made, the highest being 98 and the lowest 20.

Alma Harlan was absent from school Thursday and Ruth and May Bailey were absent Friday.

Mr. Traweck gives prizes to the ones who get most head marks in the spelling class.

We are Going Out of the Dry Goods BUSINESS

And as long as our big stock of Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes, etc., last you may have them at your own price. There will be nothing reserved in this line. Come early and get the goods if they suit you—the price won't cut any ice.

With every \$25.00 Purchase
we will give you a

Beautiful Rayo Lamp

Be sure to see this lamp—it's a bird

**MCLEAN
MERCANTILE
COMPANY**

Mrs. Minter and Miss Tate called at the News office Wednesday afternoon.

Misses Bertha Graham and Elsie Hodges were pleasant callers at the News office Wednesday afternoon.

We handle the famous Panhandle flour. If you don't know about it being the best try a sack. Foster & Son.

C. C. Cook has moved his stock of drygoods in his building just opposite the News office and has fitted up a neat and pretty place. He is making arrangements to "go into business" and will likely have some interesting things to show for the holiday trade.

Last week we quoted batteries at the McLean Telephone exchange at 50 cents each, when it should have been 50 cents per pair. They still have a quantity on hand at the figures mentioned. See them for batteries.

J. S. Morse of the Northfork country was here Saturday after a load of coal and other supplies.

Niggerhead coal, the best lump, for \$7.50 per ton delivered. Can you beat it? Foster & Son.

M. J. Brooks returned Wednesday from a short business trip to his old home at Snider, Oklahoma. He reports heavy rains along the route.

Our car of assorted feed stuff has arrived and we can give you anything you want. We pay spot cash for feed and sell at small profit, hence must sell for cash. Henry & Son.

The American State Bank has received and put in place two handsome signs which add greatly to the appearance and dignity of the sidewalk in front of their place of business.

Just received a car of the very best Niggerhead lump coal and can deliver it to you for \$7.50 per ton. Foster & Son.

The Farmer's 10 Commandments

The outlook for a fine crop season the coming year is most flattering at the present time. The frequent heavy rains during the past two months, together with the continual downpour that prevailed during the first of the week, has given the land the best soaking it has had in over two years, and put it in excellent condition for the commencing of the fall plowing. It is hoped the farmers in this section will not overlook the importance of deep plowing in the winter, in order to put their land in the very best condition for seeding in the spring.

The time has arrived when the man who tills the soil must put brain with his brawn in order to be successful. The old way of planting large tracts, which have been only partially prepared, and which not only depreciates the price of the land but results largely in disappointment, is rapidly passing and the farmer is awakening to the all important fact that business methods must be adopted and every foot of land must be made to produce to the utmost of its capacity if he would reap the reward of his labor. If the farmer will study and experiment with his various crops he will soon find that the added knowledge will not only save him many hard licks but will put dollars in his pocket.

In this connection we would again urge the farmers to plant broom corn. It is not necessary to give the entire farm up to some crop that is not known to be a sure money maker, but every man who farms in this vicinity can well afford to plant five or ten acres and then, by giving it careful attention and studying its growth and requirements, they will be enabled to render a fair verdict as to the advisability of making it a staple crop. Those who have given it years of study are a unit as to its productiveness and everyone who reads the paper is familiar with the fact that it is always in demand at a fancy price, a price that will insure an average income of fifty dollars per acre.

It is urged by some that it would be difficult to secure help in gathering and curing the crop, but we contend that the claim is not reasonable from the fact that broom corn matures and is ready for gathering just about the time the other crops are laid by, and hence the farmers have nothing else to do and help is plentiful. Let us give this crop a fair trial and if it prove successful there is not much lost.

However, no matter what you raise, let your brain help to do the work and you will find the profits growing. The following from the pen of Doctor S. A. Knapp, a special agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, we would suggest that you read:

"At an early period it was found necessary to evolve from the mass of ethical teaching a few general rules for living called the "Ten Commandments", by which a man could be moral without going through a course of theology. Just so, in order to instruct the average farmer how to successfully conduct his farm operations, so as to secure a greater net gain from the



The Wonderful

HOWARD

Over Draft Heating Stove

Holds fire perfectly . . . So long
Operated to easily. . . . Too
Warms the floor all . . . Over
Arcates the small . . . Vacuum around fire pot
Reduces the coal bill . . . Easily one-half
Does away with the . . . Smoke

The air and gas from the coal mixes thoroughly and the gases are all burned, while in a common stove these gases go up the flue and half your fuel is gone to the four winds. The gas is all burned and hence the

"NO SMOKE"

feature. We have just two of these stoves left and those who have tried the Howard are well pleased.

**MCLEAN
HARDWARE
COMPANY**

Forty Two Piece Set Of Dishes Given Away

With every \$25.00 worth of goods purchased, until one dozen sets are disposed of. You do not have to pay anything additional for the dishes. My stock is composed of strictly first class goods. The old portion of stock to go at absolute cost. New goods are arriving. Call and see what I have even though you do not purchase. Will make it to your interest to call.

W. P. Rogers
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All kinds Fresh Meats and Lard. Everything
Clean and Wholesome.

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Proprietors

The Young Man Loves the Young Lady

That's His Business

The Young Lady Loves the Young Man

That's Her Business

Some day They will Marry and Need A Bank Account

That's Our Business

CITIZENS STATE BANK
Of McLean, Texas

OFFICERS

D. N. Massay, Pres. J. L. Crabtree, Vice Pres.
Wm. Abernathy, Cashier A. L. Rippey, Asst. Cashier

Prosperity

Two years since the panic. Two hard dry years have just passed and to-day the waters of prosperity are pouring in from all sides. The largest crop for years is going on the market and the price at the top notch. Factories in the east are running full time. Rail roads are straining very nerve to handle the business. Big rain has just blessed the Panhandle. The biggest boom will be in 1910.

Arthur Cook

IT IS CLAIMED

It is claimed that some of the business men of McLean have talked "hard times" to some of their customers until they refuse to buy enough to eat. Talking hard time is a habit. Don't get the habit. Buy your Dry Goods from Arthur Cook and you will form a habit that will be of some benefit to you.

"High Price Buster"
ARTHUR COOK

Arrested In Alabama

HANDLING THE WRONG KIND OF GOODS

Crawford shoes, Quaker Maid hose, Flat Iron pants for men, Captain Kid suits for boys are the right kind of goods, are sold and guarantee by Arthur Cook.

Santa Clause will be at my store from December 15th., to 25th.

Arthur Cook

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Fresh bread on hand at all times. City Restaurant.

A. A. Biebrick has our thanks for a dollar on subscription.

Get an overcoat for your horse from McLean Hdw. Co.

McLean Hdw. Co. have a nice lot of horse blankets.

A. P. Rippey was among the visitors on the street Saturday.

J. O. Phillips was in town Saturday trading with our merchants.

The best cook stoves and ranges on earth at McLean Hdw. Company.

J. M. Robinson was among the visitors here Saturday afternoon.

We have the small upright cheap stoves. A dandy for a cheap stove. McLean Hdw. Co.

J. R. C. and Tom Bird were visiting in the city Saturday afternoon.

Leland Kirk was here from Amarillo on business the first of the week.

E. A. Erwin has been engaged in the city this week with the Guthrie Haynes Company.

Anything you want in the short order line at the city restaurant.

H. W. Smock and E. D. Ritchey of the Slavonia neighborhood were here on business Monday.

Louis Laswell returned Monday from an extended visit with friends in Oklahoma.

Henry Tiemeyer has returned from a business trip to various points in Kansas.

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

J. T. Hicks was among the visitors in the city Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Sebe J. Thomas, the well known Baptist minister of Elk City, Oklahoma, was a visitor here the first of the week.

Bachelor stoves—"you bet". We've got 'em. Put in a "jint" of pipe and shovel with each one. McLean Hdw. Co.

J. P. Burrows called at the News office Tuesday afternoon and left a dollar for subscription. Our thanks.

Tell us what you know. When we have to get it second hand we often make mistakes, especially in names.

S. F. Gregory, manager of the Rowe ranch with headquarters on the river, was here the first of the week after supplies.

You don't have to take trade for your hides and furs. We pay the spot cash. Henry & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayburh Cash are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born the latter part of last week.

The Howard over draft and the Vortex hot blast are superior to all others. McLean Hdw. Company.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fast were in the city Saturday and the lady was a pleasant caller at the News office.

We are in the market for all the hides and furs you can bring us at the highest market price. Henry & Son.

W. M. Massay has rented the Paschal building, formerly occupied by the Beall drug store and moved his barber shop into it Wednesday.

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.

J. D. Stockton has moved the building formerly occupied by post office from its site on Main street to his residence property in the west part of town.

Mesdames Lanning and Bush were here the latter part of last week from Peary, Oklahoma, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver.

Prof. Turman of the Laketon school was here the first of the week, being prevented from returning home on account of the wet weather.

The people of Heald wish to extend their hearty thanks to those who donated so liberally towards the success of the box supper.

Sold everything we had in wagon harness last week but we are expecting several sets in a few days. Don't buy till you see our new stock. McLean Hdw. Co.

W. A. and Jas. Dougherty were among the farmers in the city Saturday afternoon.

Fred O'Dell who was formerly a citizen of McLean, but now lives at Fowler, Kansas, has been here this week visiting with friends and attending to business matters.

For Trade—a two room house and acre and half of land in the McLoughlin Addition. Will trade for most anything, a good team preferred. Phone or write W. W. Breeding, Abra, Texas.

J. P. Reeves was here Saturday shaking hands with friends. Mr. Reeves says he intends to adopt the intensive methods of farming another year and will begin to break his land as soon as the ground dries sufficiently to admit of it.

The box supper given by the people of the Heald neighborhood Saturday night was a decided success, the proceeds amounting to about ninety dollars, which will be used for the purpose of purchasing an organ, table, dictionary and other articles necessary for their school and church house.

W. B. Skaggs of Heald was here Tuesday and dropped into the News office for a chat. The gentleman says he intends to put forth some strenuous efforts next year to produce some prize winning kershaws and other garden stuff and we feel sure he will be well represented at the Gray county fair, which will probably take place just prior to the opening of the Dallas fair.

J. G. Cash made a short business trip to Oklahoma this week. Mr. Cash has recently traded for a farm in that state and his trip was in connection with this deal.

Gracey Notes.

About eight-thirty o'clock last Thursday morning twenty one pupils of our Gracey High School, with their teacher and

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Mrs. Kunkel as chaperones, boarded a hay wagon, to which four large mules were hitched, and started for Heald. After a very pleasant trip we reached there about ten o'clock and made known our presence by our chool yell, after which we were welcomed into the house.

The time that was not spent eating dinner, which was one of the best we ever had a share in, was taken up with a spelling

match, and a base ball game, followed by an appropriate program.

Perry Koons of "THAT COMMUNITY" was the orator of the occasion and gave some advice that any school boy or girl would profit to take.

Shortly after four o'clock we started for home voting this one of the most pleasant Thanksgiving days of our life.

SOMETIMES.

EVERY-THING

—To Eat and Wear

We are in debt, whether anyone else is or not, but we are determined to pay it by the first of January. We have the largest stock of dry goods and groceries in McLean and from now until the first of the year, regardless of cost, we will sell Clothing, Overcoats, Over-shoes, Shoes and Hats, and if we can fit you, the price is no object. Groceries fresh and up-to-date.

Tomatoes, best	.10
Corn, best	.10
Peabery and African Java Coffee	.20
Standard Granulated Sugar	5.90
Best Flour on the Market	3.25

In fact everything we have is in line. Also have a few fine mules and horses, a good farm and a house and lot in town. If you want anything in our line get busy

L. M. Haynes & Son

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TEXAS

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

Year \$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at McLean, Texas, under the Act of Congress.

When corn would never be so low on the market as the price is this year and the yield in bushels per acre would easily be double that received for Indian corn. Plant a small acreage of Indian corn the coming year if this is not so.

GLANCE at the bank statement published last week is inspiring for it shows beyond a doubt that this section is prosperous. A town of this size with \$150,000 on deposit in her banks may well feel proud of her prosperity.

We have the assurance of the merchants of the city that they will begin buying corn soon as the roads get in shape for the farmers to haul it. With two shellers running at the merchants all shipping is hoped the present glutted condition of the market will be relieved.

WHILE other sections of the state have been in the grip of a severe norther and storm this week, the McLean country enjoyed a good fashioned ground-soaking rain, to the amount of about four inches. We have been told the winter would be severe here, but it begins to look like only a prolongation of the pretty fall.

It should be remembered that there will be inaugurated next fall a Gray County Fair, at which premiums will be offered on all varieties of products of the farm and garden and we hope the farmers will begin their preparations this winter for the purpose of making this fair a success. Let us go to the Dallas fair with creditable samples of every plant that will grow in this zone.

ALL over the state the counties are voting large amounts of bonds for the purpose of road

improvement, while in this section there is practically no effort being made to better the highways. A considerable amount of money and labor has been donated the past two years through the application of the road working law, but, with all due respect to the overseers in charge, very little good has been accomplished. In the places where the sand is loose and deep the work of grading, while it removes some of the worst hills, does the road very little good. We note that where straw is placed over the sand it lightens the road for awhile but soon the straw is ground up and blows away, leaving the road in as bad shape as ever. There is considerable road and bridge money in the county treasury and with the issuance of a reasonable amount of bonds, the main roads could be put in good shape. It is a certain fact that every dollar intelligently spent on road improvement adds a dollar to the value of the lands adjacent, hence the wisdom of such a move. There are several ways the roads could be improved and the merchants and farmers should take some steps to bring the matter before the commissioners court.

Minister Arrives.

Rev. J. G. House of Wellsville, Mo., arrived with his family this week and will make this place his home, having accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church. The gentleman purchased the Patterson place from the Citizens State Bank, where he will be at home to his friends and the members of his congregation.

New Corn Sheller.

T. J. Bailey of this city and Mr. Luck of Ramsdell have completed arrangements for the installation of a corn sheller, which will be for the present stationed in Scott Johnston's field and will be ready to go to

work as soon as the corn has sufficiently dried and the roads get in shape for hauling. Mr. Luck furnishes the sheller, which he brought from Ramsdell, and Mr. Bailey went last week to Chillicothe where he secured a large traction engine which will furnish the power.

The Honor Roll.

The following is a list of those who attained the honor roll, making an average of 90 and over, in the public school at the last examination. Miss Olive Haynes again leads her class, having made the best average in the entire school, 99 1/4:

Eleventh Grade—Ruby Cook, Ruby Rice, Earl Graham and Appie Taylor.

Tenth Grade—Mary Grundy, Lucile Horton, Orman Horton and Mamie Rush.

Ninth Grade—Olive Haynes, Minnie Foster, Vida Montgomery, Sam Erwin, Sydney Geren, Enad Grundy, Cora Cash, Mabel McMillan and Hulon Collier.

Eighth Grade—Reports are not out yet.

Sixth and Seventh Grades—Wayland Floyd, Ola Koons, Otis Harbert, Mary Erwin, Maud Gardenhire, Myrle McClain, Beatrice McKnight, Ethel Cash, Wm. Turner, Lillie Guill, Pearl Guill, Susie Beall, Dot Cooke, George Hale and Clyde Haynes.

Fourth Grade—Mary Henry, Euel Sheets, Bessie Christian, Minnie Crawford, Dolores Dougherty, Minnie Rogers, Dewey Dalrymple, Howard Hext, Buck Gardenhire, Ressie Mann and Bettie Lee Christian.

Alanreed Letter.

Owing to the fact that feed is so scarce many cattle are being shipped from this place.

Mr. McMinn has rented his place to Mr Spradling and moved to Wichita Falls.

Messrs Ball, Kennedy and McCready attended the Masonic lodge at McLean last Saturday night. Returning, they got caught in the norther, and finding they could advance no further against the wind and rain they took refuge in an old abandoned dugout where, wet and cold, they remained until morning.

W. J. Ball had the misfortune to lose a fine mare by death last week.

Mr. Agee has moved to town for the benefit of the school.

Land Agent Stokes was made happy this week by the arrival of his wife from San Antonio.

On last Thursday Mr. Mosely of California led to Hymen's altar Miss Eleanor Kennedy of this city, Rev. J. W. Slaton saying the little speech that united them for life. They immediately took the train for California where they will make their future home. We wish for them a successful voyage on their matrimonial sea.

Mrs. B. T. Stubbs from Erick, Okla., has been visiting friends and relatives in and around Alanreed for the past week, returning home Monday.

Our station agent, Mr. Love, and wife are visiting relatives in Alabama.

J. Walker Lane of Clarendon was on our streets the first of the week.

Walter Hardin, who is attending college at Clarendon, visited his parents here last week.

Our school is moving along smoothly. The following pupils, having made an average of 90 and over, have been placed on the honor roll: Eighth grade, T. C. Loftin and Evelyn Monts; fourth grade, Ava O'Reer and LaRue Loftin; third grade, Willie Barnes; second grade, Vera Hines; first grade, Eva Bostick, Ray Wilson, Guy Paxton and Jasper Elms.

We have just received the sad intelligence of the death of O. P.

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We have a few standard size wagon covers left that we want to get rid of, hence we will sell for \$3.00. Get one while they last.

Winter Underwear, Overcoats Wraps, and Overshoes

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Hornmel's baby.. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

UNCLE SAM.

To Tax Payers of Gray County.

I will be in McLean December the 20th and 21st to collect taxes. R. P. Reeves, Tax Collector, Gray County.

Saturday night December 4th will be regular election of officers of the W. O. W.

Oh my! see them new post cards at the Palace Drug store.

County attorney Hardin of Alanreed transacted business here Thursday.

The McLean Dramatic Club will present at Alanreed Saturday night, December 11th, at the Woodmen Hall, that delightful comedy, "Miss Topsy Turvy," which drew the largest house of any play ever produced in McLean.

Grist Mill

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

J. S. DAVISON

Proprietor

J. N. Henderson and J. T. Petty of Jackson county, Okla., are here visiting the latter's father, T. W. Petty. The gentlemen are on a prospecting tour and it is likely they will buy property in this vicinity before returning to their home.

Bring us your hides and furs, we pay the highest market price and guarantee to take every one you bring. Foster & Son.

NOTICE.

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S. O. Cook.

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PROGRAM

**GRAY
COUNTY TEACHERS
INSTITUTE**
McLean, Texas
December 20-24, 1909

MONDAY

Opening, 8:45 a. m.
Enrollment and Organization.
Address of Welcome—Ernest Clark.
Response—S. R. Loftin.
Methods in Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades—Mrs. Francis Knox.
Methods of Teaching Reading in Intermediate Grades—Mrs. J. H. Horton.

NOON

Roll Call.
General View of the Recitation—Ernest Clark.
Purpose of the Recitation—Miss Willie Thompson.
Essentials of the Recitation—Miss Barrett.
Preparation and Presentation of the Recitation—S. R. Loftin.

TUESDAY

Opening, 8:45 a. m.
Roll Call.
Address—The March of the Intellect—M. C. Graham.
Recitation Considered in Its Parts—J. T. Claggett.
Five Formal Steps—C. W. Turman.
Thinking in the Recitation—Miss Mallow.
Application of Five Formal Steps, Illustrated with a Model Recitation—Miss Farrington.

NOON

Roll Call.
Language in the Primary and Intermediate Grades—Miss Deen.
Drill in Phonics—Miss Helm.
Number Work in the Primary Grades—Miss Claggett.
Hygiene and Sanitation in the School Room—Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy.

WEDNESDAY

Opening, 8:45 a. m.
Roll Call.
Address—Education Essential to Good Government—J. W. Kolb.
Oral and Written Work in Recitation—Miss Sanders.
Use of Books in Recitation—Mrs. McMurtry.
Individual Methods in Recitation—Miss Hyman.
Methods in Teaching Spelling—Miss Collier.

NOON

Roll Call.
Future of Texas Schools—Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy.

Morals and Manners in the School Room—Miss Deen and Miss Henry.

School Evils—Mrs. McMurtry.

THURSDAY

Opening, 8:45 a. m.
Roll call.
How to Teach Physiology in the High School—J. H. Horton.
How to Teach Physiology in the Primary and Intermediate Grades—Miss Thompson.
How to Teach Civil Government—M. C. Graham.

Knowledge of Psychology of Vital Importance to Teachers—S. R. Loftin.

Roll Call.
Professional Ethics—J. T. Claggett.

Correlation of History, Civics and Geography—Miss Grace McMurtry.

Methods in Teaching Geography—Miss Edwards.

FRIDAY

Opening, 8:45 a. m.
Roll Call.
A Model Recitation in Arithmetic in the Higher Grades—Mrs. Kolb and Miss Jones.
How to Teach Grammar in the High School—Miss Clara Deen.
Importance of Reading as a Study in our Public Schools—Lee R. Smith.

NOON

Round table discussion on the following subjects: School Law. Drill on Making out Monthly and Final Reports. Discipline. Text Books.

What the Teacher Expects of the County Superintendent and What the County Superintendent Expects of the Teacher—Judge Wolfe.

Reports of Committees.
Business. Adjournment.

Entertainment Committee

Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy.
Miss Clara Deen.
Miss Willie Thompson.

Reception Committee

Judge T. M. Wolfe.
A. B. Gardenhire.
J. R. Hindman.

NOTE—The law governing institutes will be rigidly enforced. No teacher who wilfully refuses to attend will secure the approval of his voucher, and no teacher attending but graded "indifferent" will be allowed pay for the week.

A Card of Thanks.

Life per se is a sweet possession but life, with the added blessings of friendship and enthusiastic expression of appreciation for ones efforts, is a fortune which ought to comfort and stimulate the most discouraged.

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Will H. Langley, Proprietor

the beautiful spirit manifest in the company who so completely surprised us on Thanksgiving evening. We do not profess worthiness of the expression of interest, sympathy and love which came to us on Thursday evening. We are overwhelmed with the beautiful spirit, but it is delightful.

The inestimable value attached to the pleasant surprise, is the tender sympathy and love brought so prominently into view therein. While we greatly appreciate the substantial things, "the things which are seen," and from our hearts thank everyone who came, yet our greatest joy and deepest gratitude is called forth by the things "which are not seen" since the things which are seen are temporal while "the things which are not seen"—sympathy and love—"are eternal." May the God of comfort bless and keep each one who has thus encouraged our hearts in perfect peace and "supply all your need according to the riches of His grace in glory by Christ Jesus."

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moody.

Notice

Owing to the fact that a change in business, which of course matures all wholesale bills, and these obligations must be met and I therefore insist that all who are indebted to the Palace Drug store will call and settle without delay.

Thanking each and every one for their past patronage and trusting all will call on me in the future for anything in my line, I am, Very Respectfully,
Will H. Langley.

Estrayed since spring: One yearling and one small two year old steer, branded M on left hip. (Mars' brand) Information to H. W. Smock 12 miles N. E. of town will be liberally rewarded.
H. W. Smock, McLean, Texas.

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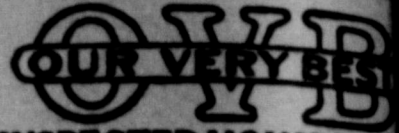
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