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FIFTH YEAR

McLEAN, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1912

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We Wish You a Prosperous New Year



Interior view of Panhandle Exhibit at Recent Land Show in Chicago

in station receipts would have reached at least fifty per cent had it not been for the heavy snow which practically stopped all car load movements during the latter part of the month. Mr. Salmon is authority for the statement that during some months of the year the increase in business over the former year ran as high as one hundred and twenty per cent.

While the rest of the state and even the entire southwest was suffering from a protracted drouth and making strenuous efforts to maintain an existence, the Panhandle, with McLean the heart and center, was making for itself a record for crop and livestock production.

Not only has our agricultural advancement been unusual, but we have enjoyed a most pleasingly prosperous year in other ways. Many valuable and lasting improvements have been made, including a block of handsome brick and concrete business buildings, residences, etc.

Quite a few new concerns were added to the business life of the town and a general tone of prosperity prevails.

Already the opportunities that abound in this favored section have been heralded to the outside world and in consequence



McLean Country Plums

The Story of Our Progress During the Year Just Closed

most interesting story and a that indicates prosperity progress from a material point is contained in the ment recently made public gent Salmon of the Rock d line in this city relative e total amount of freight led through this station g the year just closed.

more graphic picture of access of all farm and ranch tions could be conjured the most imaginative mind the one set forth by this of cold facts and figures. nparison with the figures e former year also furnish- oof of the fact that in spite verse crop conditions we aking wonderful strides in sification and intensive ng.

culated statement of car ents from this station dur- 11 is as follows:
 n, 20 cars; grain (kafir and maize), 113 cars; hors- l mules, 3 cars; cattle, 322 hogs, 27 cars; hay and

straw, 4 cars; vege- melons), 270 cars; cars. Freight ship- than car load lots, 1,915,948.

In comparison give below the cars, Freight ship- and less than car- ing 1910, which a considerable gain 1909:

Corn, 43 cars; g- maize), 13 cars; mules, 2 cars; h- hogs, 18 cars; h- cars; vegetables, 101 cars; all c- Freight shipme- car load lots, al- pounds.

Total number cars shipped out during 1911, 820. Total shipped out dur- 1910, 370.

Adding to this duction of four ed bales of cotton that w- ginned at other- ts, we find that this im- te section of e great Pan- le has enjoy- ed a most p- erous year.

Figuring the cars at their esti- mated value we find the follow- ing:

Corn, \$7,000; kaffir and maize \$22,600; horses and mules, \$12,000; cattle, \$100,000; hogs, \$27,000; water melons, \$20,000; cotton, \$15,000; all others, \$5,000; making a total production of \$208,000.00.

This is not taking into consid- eration the small shipments of freight and express, including butter, eggs, poultry, etc.

The report shows the follow- ing car shipments received during the year:

Coal, 46; lumber, 19 cars; salt, 7 cars; building material, 17 cars; fruit and vegetables, 1 car; flour and feed, 50 cars; livestock, 126 cars; grain, 1 car; implements, 1 car; immigrants, 10 cars; all oth- ers, 17 cars.

The station business for the month of December was \$6,675. 53 as compared with \$5,171.52 for the corresponding month last year. It is probable that an in- crease of about twenty per cent

hundreds of new people have identified themselves with us and more are coming daily.

It is said that farms for rent are at a premium and many families are compelled to seek their fortunes "further on" by reason of this scarcity. There is plenty of raw land, however, awaiting the home maker and it is for sale very cheap.

You are invited.

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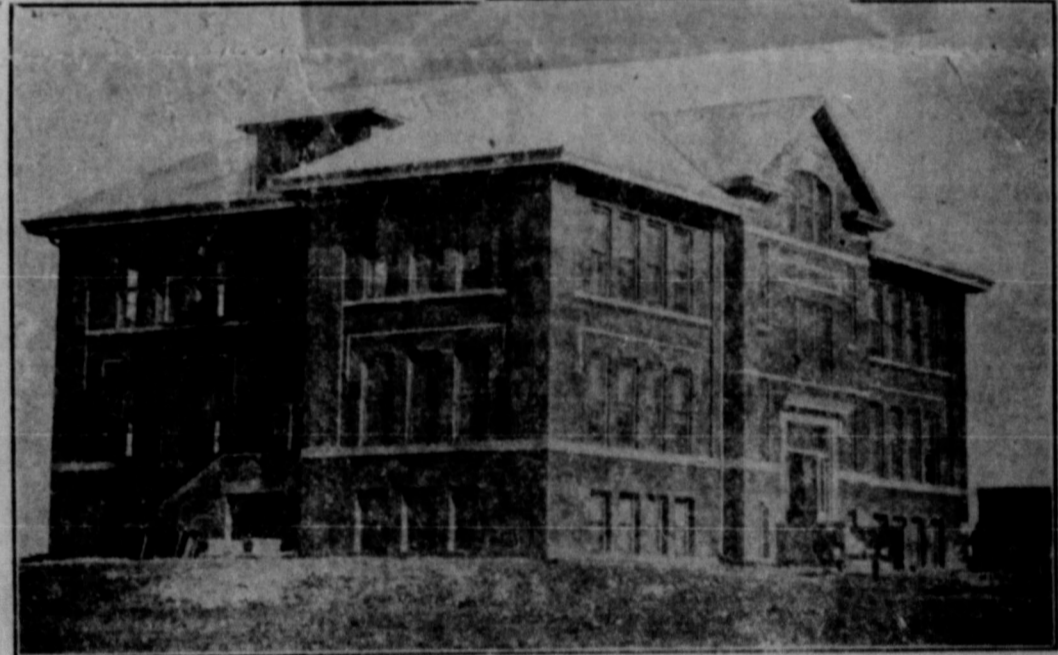
All parties are warned not to hunt, camp or otherwise tres- pass on the land owned by:
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 W. H. Bates
 J. E. Williams
 Geo. H. Sanders

Time Table.

Westbound—
 No. 41—1:04 p. m.
 No. 43—4:26 a. m.

Eastbound—
 No. 42—12:15 a. m.
 No. 44—10:25 p. m.

I have 100 acres, with 45 acres in farm, all fenced, to sell at \$10.00 per acre. J. L. Crabtree.



Another Example of our Progress—A \$25,000 School Building



One of Our Civic Buildings—Hotel Hindman

Two Sides of The Mail Order Que

In the McLean News of Dec- ember 15th there appeared an article headed, Thousands Going to Mail Order Houses, the sub- ject matter of which touches the vital interest of every citizen in and about McLean. The writer seems to think the people are in error and acting grossly wrong in patronizing the mail order houses, the sentiment of which I am heartily in accord, but as this is no exception to the rule that there is two sides to every question, possibly a touching up of both sides might be of inter- est to both country and town people.

Let my motives might be mis- understood in what I have to say, I want to state in the begin- ing that I am opposed to patron- izing mail order houses when it can reasonably be avoided. This is the first community I ever liv-

ed in that I allow out from my plac- is a personal banker Mr. will vouch for a successful tutions and strictl- my neighbor, whi- dates from Jan- 1912.

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McLEAN NEWS

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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By A. G. RICHARDSON

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One Year\$1.00

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

Roach-Rippy.

On Sunday evening before Christmas, at the Heald school house, occurred the marriage of Hubert Roach and Miss Estelle Rippy, both residents of that neighborhood. Rev. J. C. Carpenter, pastor of the Methodist church performed the ceremony.

Both Mr. Roach and Miss Rippy have been residents of this section for years and their families are among the best in our country. They enjoy the friendship and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances to whom they have endeared themselves by their many happy qualities.

They were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents at the hands of admiring friends and express themselves as being grateful for the many tokens of regard.

Foregoing the formality of a wedding journey they are now at home to their friends where they are receiving congratulations and many good wishes for a long and happy life.

It is the pleasure of the News to join in extending congratulations. May their path be strewn with the flowers of happiness and contentment.

Senior League Program.

Subject—The Background of Prophecy, Sin and Spiritual Blindness.

1st Sam. 2:22-25. And John 19:20 to be given out by the reader.

2nd Sam 31 and talk on topic by leader.

"No. I'm afraid." "I'm trying to find I leave him at the Christian's duty in the midst of a worldly society—Ethel Harbert.

What are some of the evidences of spiritual blindness in the christian—Gorda Collier.

Business. Reports from vice presidents. Talk—Bro. Carpenter. Leader—Minnie Easter.

Herrmann-McClain.

Friends in this city were agreeable surprised to learn of the marriage of Miss Hannah McClain and Mr. Claude Herrman, which took place at LeFors on the 19th of December, County Judge R. E. Williams performing the ceremony.

Miss McClain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McClain who formerly lived here, but now residing at Medford, Oregon, and spent many years of her early life here where she has a host of friends. Mr. Herrman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Herrman who also lived here for several years. They now live at Lehigh, Okla.

The happy couple arrived by different trains from their respective homes and quietly journeyed to the county capital before any but their most intimate friends divined their purpose. After the wedding ceremony they returned to this city, being guests at the home of the groom's brother, Val Herrman.

The News is joined by their hosts of friends in wishing for them all that is best in life.

They will make their home in Oklahoma.

Masons Entertain.

The local Mason lodge entertained their members and ladies with a feast on Monday night of this week which is reported to have been a most pleasant one.

Only the members of the lodge and their families were invited but it is stated that there was a huge crowd and a menu entirely commensurate with the demands, there being plenty to spare.

A feature of the banquet was a half dozen possums which were especially prepared for the occasion.

There were several short talks and many happy toasts that added to the merriment of the occasion.

For Sale—Single harness as good as new. CPEAP. Apply this office.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—Either the Cross or the stumbling block.

Song. All standing repeat Psalm 23 from memory.

Song. Prayer. Business. Roll call.

Special music—Messrs. Jones, Biggers, Bundy and Henry. Daniel 7:8-21—Leonard Montgomery.

Consecutive bible readings. Mat. 11:28-30—Ida Brown. Luke 14:25-35—Ruby Rice. Mat. 12:28-39—Edith Stockton.

Luke 14:34-35—Nynvah Glass. Mark 10:17-27—Ethel Harbert. Mark 10:28-30—Mildred Holland.

Show what the article in the quarterly teaches—W. R. Patterson.

Prayer. Song. Closing.

Leader—J. W. Kibler.

Junior League Program.

Subject for the year—The full Stature of a Man in Christ Jesus.

Subject for Sunday—Bible Be's. Eph. 5:1.

To be like Jesus we must be: Good—Rom. 12:21.

Faithful—Rev. 2:10. Obedient—Eph. 5:1.

Unselfish—Mat. 16:21. Kind—Rom. 12:10.

Patient—Heb. 10:36. Honest—Rom. 12:17.

To be given up by leader. Talk—Mrs. Noel.

Song. Prayer.

Leader—John Stockton.

Attention Woodmen.

The installation of officers which was to have been held tomorrow night has been postponed indefinitely on account of the bad weather.

W. B. UPHAM, CLERK.

Pasted.

All parties are hereby warned not to hunt or otherwise trespass on my land east of town. Violations will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

GEO. BOURLAND.

If you intend putting down a well on your place, remember that we always have a good supply of well casing, pipe, suckerrod and windmills and will be glad to fit you up at the lowest market price. Cleero Smith Lumber Co.

Nice five room dwelling, well and under ground cistern, two lots fenced with low picket fence, cement walks in front, residence part of city. Also a \$3,000.00 stock fresh groceries (cash sales average \$2,000.00 per month). Will trade for good land in the McLean country. If you want a bargain see W. A. Fowler at once.

Christmas Dinner.

There were many brilliant and pleasing social entertainments given during the Christmas holidays and one of the most enjoyable was the dinner tendered by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooke to a party of friends on Christmas day. Mrs. Cooke has an enviable record for her prowess in matters culinary but it was the opinion of those who enjoyed the dinner that it was her crowning effort. Everything that the heart could wish graced her table and for more than an hour the guests toiled away in their grim determination to stow it all away, but it was no use. After all were fed and given enough to take home for supper—even after Uncle Jim Harbert had been given his supper—there was enough left for two or three more like occasions. The following friends enjoyed it:

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Biggers, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Vannoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson, Barney Barnes, Joe Hindman, Dot Cooke and Grandmother Cooke.

Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cook entertained a party of friends with an elaborate dinner at their home in North McLean on Wednesday evening of this week. Covers were laid for twelve and a most pleasing menu was served.

At the conclusion of the dinner a game of progressive high five was inaugurated and furnished amusement for the guests until a late hour. Mrs. R. E. Dorsey was the winner of the favor, a beautiful hand painted dish, while to R. E. Dorsey fell the somewhat doubtful honor of the "booby," a lobster mayonnaise dish. The following guests were present:

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson, Mrs. R. H. Collier, Miss Lucile Horton, Charlie Cook, C. B. Hedrick and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cook.

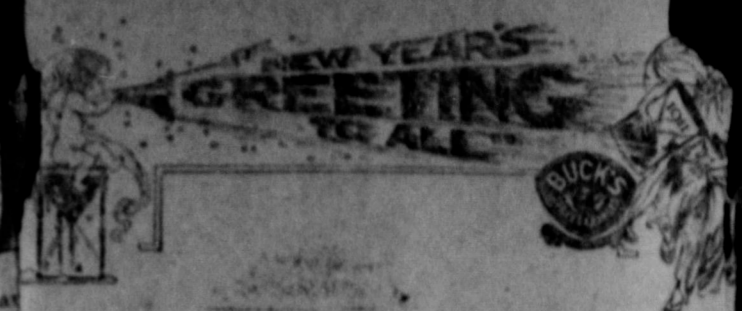
For Sale—A limited number of Barred Rock cockles of the Thompson strain, at reasonable prices. Mrs. F. M. Faulkner.

Round-up Dinner.

Did you notice a bunch of hungry looking men on the street Thursday about noon? The reason? There was a hen party at the E. D. Langley home for dinner and about seventeen matrons were present.

The occasion was the regular meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church and Mother Langley conceived the idea of having an old fashioned "round up" dinner, each lady cooking some dish and bringing it with her. The result was more than pleasing. The table was covered with a beautiful battenberg spread and decorated with cut flowers, ferns, etc. The menu consisted of everything imaginable that was good to eat and almost two hours were consumed in enjoying it. Especially pleasing to the guests was the corn "pone" bread with cracklins in the kind we used to enjoy "back yonder"—made by Mother Langley. Those who enjoyed this splendid affair were:

Mesdames Horton, Erwin, Sitter, Rowe, Patterson, Gull, Collier, Crabtree, Homer Crabtree, Sugg, Bryant, Watkins, Langley, Will Langley, Hodges, Cooper and Richardson.



And our heartfelt thanks to all our customers for the splendid business that you have given us in 1911.

We are entering upon a new year and we propose, with your assistance, to make it the best all round year in the history of our business.

We fully realize just how much the measure of our success depends upon our ability to satisfactorily serve you and to the end of bettering our service we shall labor unceasingly.

Service improved in every way where improvement is possible, better goods where possible and prices as low as possible.

Into 1912 we enter with every effort put forth to make you realize (and realizing patronizing) that this is THE store that from every standpoint merits your patronage.

Again for a splendid business in 1911 we thank you and trusting to be favored with your patronage in 1912 we are

Yours for Business
McLean Hardware Co.
A. A. Callahan, Mgr.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XV. REVENGE

IN THAT vengeance might not slumber, King Darius the Persian army was cut to pieces in the hands of Hannibal. Hannibal laid his hand on the altar and against Rome, and the Carthaginian army was annihilated. Many a nation has gone to destruction in blindly following its leaders in an endeavor to avenge themselves.



SIRE, REMEMBER ATHENS

Who would stamp his name upon the age in which he lives, and whose name is not forgotten, and that his frailties will not ride the State to ruin, a greater curse can blight a country than less than a pestilence.

THE NEWS \$1.

Local Happenings

Items of Interest in Town and Country

John spent the holiday with his parents at Jericho.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent Christmas with their parents at Jericho.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith visited with their friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited with their friends at Jericho.

Mr. and Mrs. White visited with their friends at Jericho.

Mr. and Mrs. Green visited with their friends at Jericho.

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ANOTHER GLAD NEW YEAR

At the beginning of this new year of 1912 we wish to extend to our friends and customers a hearty greeting and wish them a happy and prosperous new year.

You have been our customer during 1911 we believe we appreciate our earnest efforts to be of service to you in every possible way and hope you will continue to be a customer of ours we solicit your business, promising good goods at prompt and adequate service.

Separate the Flocks. Impure air, as well as dampness, are a danger to any flock. Separate the flocks in bunches of 25 or 50, and feed them separately, and they will gain much better gains.

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New Year

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...Manning looked up with an air of surprise.

...Mrs. Missioner did not wonder. She clasped between her hands the packet containing the other stones of her necklace, and gazed dreamily into the fire.

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A Metallic Click Broke the Suspense.

...sioner had not cultivated in this part of the world.

...He waited until she was close to the hearthrug before he turned, and said with a profound bow:

...Madam, my intrusion is excused by the fact that I can restore your jewels."

...It is more than possible. It is a fact accomplished," he answered.

...That diamond," continued the sage, "once blazed in the forehead of the great Buddha, in the Temple of Delhi.

...Mrs. Missioner's lips were parted. Her eyes were fixed upon the Oriental's in the intensity of her interest.

...One night," the sage went on, "a band of militant priests assigned to guard the shrine of Buddha in the great Delhi temple relaxed its vigilance, a sacrilegious wretch—on whose head be all the curses of all the centuries!—made his way into the heart of the sacred building, and wrested the diamond from the brow of the god.

...Madam," said the Oriental, in the courtliest way, "I would not for the world say anything to disturb your faith in your husband. There is no need of doing so. Your faith is warranted. Mr. Missioner, when he said that, thought he was telling the truth.

...Drawing about her shoulders a soft, warm shawl, she took a seat at a window in her boudoir and sat gazing into a sky pink and gray with daybreak, trying to solve her real feelings in regard to the recovery of the Maharane diamond.

...It is important that I be permitted to see you at once."

...At such an hour? Mrs. Missioner was astonished by the request. Who could her early visitor be? Surely no one in her own circle of acquaintances would venture upon such a liberty.

...She controlled her eagerness for understanding of the request, nevertheless, so well that when in a leisurely way she reached the big room on the main floor, the visitor was already within it.

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THE TRUTH... Liquid bluing... Given a half or a full...

the patrolman from what would undoubtedly have been a foolhardy act of courage. Hastily breaking his revolver open, he made a swift examination of the cartridge, saw that its rim was not dented by the hammer, and, concluding an accident for which the shell was not to blame had prevented an explosion, set the chamber once more, and fired again.

CHAPTER XXII.—Continued.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Mrs. Missioner's Visitor.

Mrs. Missioner, after the ball, took in the fog-end of a bridge party, and stayed so late that when she returned to her home the east was striped with dawn, and the maid who had waited up for her was sleeping soundly in a chair.

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THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTE STOMACH BITTER

You can strengthen the system, keep bowels open, prevent Colds and Gripes by taking the B...

Constipation Vanishes Forever! Prompt Relief—Permanently! CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail.

DISC... Genuine must bear...

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GREAT MEN

King Darius had...

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Citizens State Bank
McLEAN, TEXAS

BON TON RESTAURANT

We have purchased the Al and Joe Restaurant and will be pleased to serve you in the most up-to-date manner with clean wholesome food. Try us.

Clay & Dick Props.

Furniture For Sale

One piece or the whole stock. It is cheap but good. Come and get it.

J. A. GRUNDY.

Williams Livery Barn

R. J. Williams, Prop.

Neat and stylish rigs to let at reasonable prices. Call on us (at the old Voyles barn) when in need of our services.

Phone 29 McLean, Texas



Don't Buy Lumber Blindly

Lumber is such a common article, and is so unattractive, that a good many thoughtless people don't stop to think that there's a mighty big difference in the actual quality of two boards that may even be graded the same, in different lumber yards. In sorting our stock, we put every board that is not strictly up to the grade, in the next lower grade. This makes every grade of our stock uniform and of a higher and better quality than you can buy elsewhere for the same money. Don't be a mollycoddle and take any old thing. Come where you secure the best at the same price. West Lumber Company

Mail Order Evil

(Continued from first page)

ting forth every effort possible to meet the demands of the country that they are more than willing to reciprocate even at a sacrifice.

Now as there is so much mail order business being carried on at this place there must be some cause for it, as it has not been so much the case at other places that I have lived.

As I am comparatively a stranger in this community, I suppose no exceptions will be taken to my relating some of the things I have observed since moving here that indicate some reasons why such conditions exist.

It has been my practice to keep a shoe cobbler's outfit at home in order to repair my folk's shoes on rainy or cold days. For that purpose, before ordering from a mail order house, I called at my home town of McLean for more than three months continuously for some brass shoe nails of the sizes commonly used for that purpose and could not get them. This is one small item among many. Possibly our home merchant is ready to say that don't amount to anything if they don't order more than a five cent box of shoe nails, which would be true if it was not for the fact that when a person has to order he wants to order as economically as possible, and to do that larger articles have to be ordered to curtail expenses.

Late one evening a few days ago while at home I heard two citizens coming down the road talking. As they were in separate wagons they had to talk very loud hence I could distinctly understand them. I discovered they had a grievance towards some one so I stopped to listen to their conversation. It seemed they had gone to town with some country produce to sell and was having to return home without selling it. Their conversation was something like this:

If our home merchants have no disposition to try to find a market and help us sell our produce they do not deserve our patronage: as for me I intend to send hereafter to mail order houses for my goods.

From the fact that but very few farmers raise enough of one kind of small country produce to pay them to ship it, they are compelled to look to their local business man as a medium through which to market their produce. When the business men look at the matter from the proper viewpoint, they will readily see that in order for a country to be thrifty and prosperous the farmer must have something to sell as well as the merchant. The better price the farmer gets for his produce the more it will inure to the benefit of the merchant. Therefore it behooves the merchant to assist the farmer in getting the best price possible for what he has to sell. If that is done I am sure the farmer will appreciate it to the extent that he will return to the merchant all the trade possible. I base this opinion not merely on my own judgment but my experience and observation have fully demonstrated the fact.

Once worked for a mercantile company who ran a large department store. A business of that kind is not usually supposed to fool with as small matter as country produce. But the manager conceived the idea that to handle the peoples produce would add trade to their business. He appointed the head clerk of the grocery department manager of the produce department and instructed him to get in touch with the best markets in the United States and if necessary go beyond and get the

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best price possible for the produce and to give the farmer all he got out of it, believing that the difference in the amount of trade would more than pay for the handling of the produce. After trying it for quite a while it was the opinion of the manager and all the clerks that this was the greatest factor in building up trade for the business. They sold not only in the United States but did quite a good deal of business in old Mexico. At the end of the year some time the produce account would show a small profit and some times a small loss. Yet they considered this one of the best factors in the business. I have known farmers to come from beyond towns almost as large as the one in which they were doing business because they knew they could get the best price for their stuff. Some times a farmer not not having more than fifteen or twenty dollars worth of produce would spend seventy five or one hundred dollars before they left the house, besides what they would spend at other places in the town.

A good market is what the country people need and what they want. If the town will furnish the market, I will almost guarantee that the people will furnish the trade to the very best of their ability.

Now what I have said is not meant to reflect upon our town or business men for I do not intend to do that. My home is here and I am here to put forth all my energy in helping to build up the town and country.

The News having opened its columns for a discussion I write this to help ventilate both sides of the question hoping that the town and country may be brought to a better understanding of their mutual interest.

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