

The McLean News

NINTH YEAR

McLEAN, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1913

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Another Good Thing—Swat the Pesky Fly

Prepare For Old Age

The possession of enough money to make a person independent in old age is within the reach of every normal individual who will systematically deposit part of his earnings each week, month, or year.

If you have not already begun these preparations, it would be a wise move to open an account with us today, deposit regular and dread not the future.

This bank offers its customers unexcelled facilities for handling their accounts whether large or small.

Give us an opportunity to prove our value to you.

THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND

Citizens State Bank

D. N. Massay, President
Earl S. Hurst, Cashier, Roy Rice, Asst. Cashier

Start Drill at Once

One more forward step has been taken in the work of developing the oil situation in this vicinity by the McLean Development Co., and work will commence at once on drilling of the test well. Last week the big Derrick was constructed and on Saturday the machinery arrived and has been put in place.

The contract for putting down the well has been let to W. J. McCalister of Petrolia and Mr. L'Engle, an experienced driller, has charge of the work. As outlined by Mr. Hurst, who is the active manager of the promoting company, the contract calls for a thousand feet and in case there are no developments at this distance the contract fur-

ther calls for as many additional feet as will be necessary to either strike oil or prove to a practical certainty that it does not exist.

Opinion, of course, is divided as to the possibility of striking oil in this locality, but many who have had experience in this line of work and who have made a study of the earth formations where oil has been developed are sincere in their belief that it will be found here.

Certain it is that the move to put down a test well is a good one and in case either oil or gas, or both, is found, it will give the town and community a decided impetus in its commercial growth.

At this time all persons, both lease holders and others, are jubilant over the prospects and entertain enthusiastic hopes for the success of the venture.

Odd Fellows Meeting.

At the meeting of the Panhandle Odd Fellows Association at Claude the latter part of last week Mrs. C. S. Rice of this city was elected second vice president and the association also favored McLean by unqualifiedly endorsing C. S. Rice for the post of Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Attending the meeting from this city were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rice, J. F. Harbert, J. Lee Turner, A. T. Russell and Frank Pleasant.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Plainview next spring. Those who attended the Claude meeting are loud in their praise of the splendid hospitality and the superior entertainment offered them by the good people of that little city.

Newspaper Visitor.

The News man enjoyed a visit Monday afternoon from Col. J. M. Warren, editor, manager and owner of the Clarendon News, one of the classiest little weeklies in the Panhandle. Mr. Warren was out on a combined business and pleasure trip. Accompanying him were Messrs. J. H. O'Neal, R. H. Alexander, M. W. Headrick, W. F. White and Gene Noland.

They were investigating the oil possibilities in this section.

Revival Meeting.

Plans are fast shaping for the big Holiness revival which will be commenced on next Sunday morning at the tabernacle and running for an indefinite period. S. K. Jones, who is the pastor of the holiness flock, requests us to extend a cordial invitation to all church pastors, their congregations and the public in general to attend the services, which will be held both morning and evening.

Canton Listers sell themselves. That's the reason you see so many of them. Personally, I am a poor salesman. S. O. Cook.

Gray County Needs Silos

The Farmers' Union has been conducting an exhaustive investigation into agricultural conditions with reference to the cost of producing and value received for farm crops with a view of recommending a substitute for cotton as that industry is already suffering from over-production. In discussing the subject, President Radford of the Farmers' Union said: "The Lord made the great part of Texas a cotton country and it will always remain the money crop of Texas so long as the farmer markets his crop direct from the harvest field, but I believe with plenty of good livestock and a silo a farmer can successfully raise feed stuff and he will be justified in planting less cotton and raising more livestock."

The Federal Census Reports show that we have 14,080,936 head of livestock in Texas, and 96 per cent of our farms reported domestic animals.

There were 430 farms in Gray County that reported livestock when the Thirteenth Census was taken according to a report just issued by the Federal Department of Commerce and Labor and the total number of domestic animals on these farms numbered 31,342, which has a combined value of \$1,101,015. Cattle is the predominating class of livestock in this county as shown by the following table:

KIND	NUMBER	VALUE
Cattle	21308	\$623721
Horses	2632	254235
Mules	1260	172347
Jacks	48	9725
Swine	5392	38542
Sheep	701	2340
Goats	1	5
TOTAL	31342	1101015

Thirty-Four Farms Annually.

34 new farms are opened up in Gray county every year and the latest Federal Census Reports which are based on data gathered in the spring of 1910 show a total of 433 farms in this county at that time. In 1900 we had 88 farms. We have a total of \$6,428,587 invested in farm property and our farms are worth \$14,847 each including equipment.

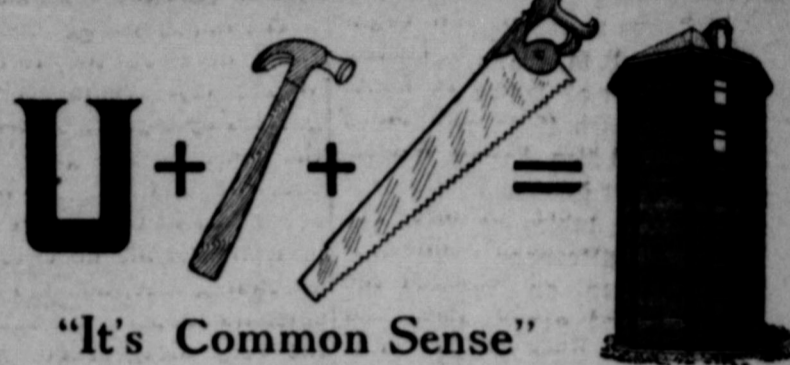
The total number of farms in Texas at the date of the last census was 417,770 having increased 75,580, or 19 per cent during the past decade. The value of all farm property in the State is \$2,218,645,000. The average Texas farm is valued at \$5,311.

Prominent Visitor.

Prominent among the visitors in the city is J. L. Davis of Nocona, Texas, who is spending some time here the guest of his nephew, Geo. Bourland. Mr. Davis was identified with the pioneer builders of Texas, having come to this state in 1854 and settled on what was then our frontier.

In 1860 he was a member of the Texas rangers under Capt. Curington in the Sul Ross expedition that finished up a brilliant campaign against the lawless Indians by recapturing Cynthia Ann Parker in that notable battle at which the husband of the ill-fated girl, Nocona, was

SOLVE THE SILO PROBLEM



"It's Common Sense"

It solves the silo problem; it solves YOUR problem and it is surprising what a simple problem it is to build it. Of course, you have already figured it out. All you need to build the COMMON SENSE SILO is a hammer and saw—and not much sawing for we furnish the material already cut.

Here's "Common Sense" Facts

The COMMON SENSE SILO is solid, substantial. Its walls are THICK enough to withstand the highest wind or lowest temperature; they will not expand nor crack and need no hoops nor guy wires. It will fatten your herd and fatten your purse and bring prosperity to this town and county. This is the one silo that will grow as YOU grow. You can have it keep pace with the size of your purse and herd. As they enlarge you can enlarge your COMMON SENSE SILO.

Is not that the kind of silo you ought to buy? Is not the kind you would expect our firm to offer? Study the COMMON SENSE SILO as thoroughly and as unprejudiced as we did when we first considered which silo we could conscientiously sell—then you will arrive at the conclusion that the COMMON SENSE SILO is THE SILO FOR YOU.

Western Lumber Co.

killed, together with his entire band of followers.

Mr. Davis was associated during those stirring days of danger and heroism, with the late lamented Tom Pollard of this city, Chas. Goodnight of Goodnight and other brave and dauntless pioneers who risked so much and suffered so much in their efforts to build a civilization where savagery and aboriginal ignorance held sway.

The gentleman is eighty years of age but is still hale and hearty and enjoys telling humorous occurrences of his life but is very reticent relative to the heroic part he took in the building of our western civilization.

Pays To Advertise.

If the editor of the News had heretofore entertained any doubts about the truth of that saying he has so often pounded into the ears of his local constituency to the effect that "it pays to advertise", that doubt was permanently removed after the publication of our announcement relative to the purchase of a brand new two-passenger wheelbarrow and our offer to take our friends for a spin.

Those of our readers who could not get to see us personally about the matter have availed themselves of the telephone to inform us that they were "willin'" to accept a joy ride at our expense. Not dozens of friends for a spin.

ties, but hundreds of people have reminded us that promise and when the avalanche of joy riders does descend upon us there will undoubtedly be weeping and wailing and gnashing of molars. At present, however, the differential is at outs with the carburator and the transmission will not transmiss.

Big Cattle Deal.

F. H. Yokley last week completed negotiations whereby he takes over the entire ranch holdings of John W. Puckett, known as the old Pyron ranch, about fifteen miles northeast of this city. The consideration was not made known but the deal involves a considerable sum.

Included in the transfer were about twenty-two hundred head of the cattle twenty head of horses and other equipment, also the different land leases, some of which run for several years.

Mr. Yokley has installed Clyde Cash ranch boss and will begin immediately the work of refurbishing and fixing up the ranch headquarters, where he will also make his home.

It is invariably the case, that when a farmer buys a Range from a traveling agent he afterwards regrets it, if you want a Range we advise you to figure with your home merchant, from whom you can buy the best at much less price. adv

Read the News \$1.00 per year.

HERE'S WHAT YOU WANT IN A BANK

SECURITY—Absolute freedom from anxiety concerning the safety of your funds.

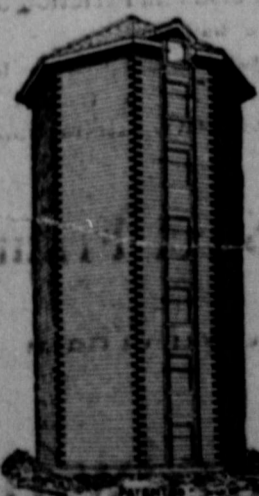
SERVICE—Ample and modern facilities for the prompt and effective handling of every feature of the banking business.

COURTESY—Careful and painstaking attention to the requests of every customer, quite regardless of the size of accounts.

All these of a good bank are at your command at the

American State Bank

Of McLean, Texas



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All kinds of building material in stock. A few two-row Moline Planers that we will sell at a bargain. Call and see us when you need anything in our line. Our motto is courteous treatment and fair dealings.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

McLean, Texas

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year \$1.00

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

Events in Society

Forty-two With Mrs. Wolfe.

The week's social calendar, which was unusually full, began with Mrs. T. M. Wolfe as hostess to a number of ladies in honor of the Misses Zella and Many Wilson and Mrs. Frank Wilson, who are her guests.

Five full tables of forty-two busied the afternoon, while several lookers on enjoyed the games. Iced grape juice and dainty cakes were served. Mrs. Wolfe always receives high praise from her guests.

Besides the honorees, Mrs. Siler Faulkner was the out of town guest.

Farewell Party.

Miss Annie Dalrymple tendered a going-away party to her friends on Tuesday evening, she departing for Wichita Falls and Chatanooga, Okla., where she will spend the greater part of her summer vacation. Four tables of forty-two entertained the guests, after which delightful pineapple sherbert and cake were served. Good nights were not said until the wee hours, proving the time pleasantly spent.

Miss Hattie Thompson was the out of town guest.

Burrows Otto.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Guthrie in Canyon City on Tuesday night of this week occurred the marriage of Mr. Beriah O. Burrows of this city to Miss Mable Otto of Canyon. The wedding was a quiet affair and only a few intimate friends

were in attendance. Rev. John A. Wallace of the Methodist church read the ceremony.

The happy young couple arrived here on the 10:15 train Wednesday evening and were greeted by a party of friends at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burrows, who had gathered at the invitation of the hosts to attend a wedding reception and enjoy a splendid supper. On account of the very disagreeable weather many were deprived of the pleasure of attending, but those who did attend were heartily sincere in their many expressions of good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of the young people.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burrows and has grown up in McLean, where he is admired and respected for his many manly traits. He is now in the employ of the Rock Island as operator at Sayre, Okla., where he and his young bride will make their home.

The News is glad to join with other friends in offering sincere congratulations.

Miss Rush Married.

A Montrose, Colo., exchange gives the following, which will be of interest to many McLean friends of Miss Rush:

Miss Mamie Rush, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rush, and Mr. Glenn Brookins were quietly married Friday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. L. J. Cole at the Methodist parsonage. The ring ser-

Unfair To The Druggist

To Old Joke about "Something Just as Good," Doesn't Apply to This Drug Store.

You have probably heard dozens of times the old story that a drug store was a place to "get something just as good." There is at least one druggist in the world that you can't say this about.

It is certain that an inferior article will never be substituted for a guaranteed one by Arthur Erwin drug store. Take for instance a safe, reliable remedy for constipation and liver trouble like Dodson's Liver Tone. This harmless vegetable liquid has proved so satisfactory a liver stimulant and reliever of biliousness, and to entirely take the place of calomel without any danger or restriction of habits or diet, that there are dozens of preparations springing up with imitations of its claims.

But Dodson's Liver Tone is guaranteed to do all that is claimed for it, and if you are not satisfied with it, Arthur Erwin will hand your money back with a smile. Any person going to this store for a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will be sure of getting a large bottle of this genuine remedy in exchange for his half dollar.

Only the immediate relatives of the bride were present, and the young couple were unattended. The bride was very attractive in a white embroidered net gown over light blue silk. Mr. and Mrs. Brookins left on the afternoon train for Ramona, Cal., where the groom has purchased an interest in a newspaper and they will make their home there.

No more popular people reside in Montrose than this well known couple. Miss Rush, who has been stenographer and book keeper for the Mountain States P. & T. company for some months past, is a fascinating girl of the blonde type, quiet, of a delightful personality and is a typical southern girl. She is a graduate of the Montrose county high school. Mr. Brookins is also well and favorably known here and is a young newspaper man of considerable ability, and has been associated with local papers for several years. On Thursday night he resigned his position with the Enterprise. He is one of our most highly respected young men. Both he and his bride are active in church work.

The best wishes of a host of friends go with them to their new home.

The Irish Are Coming.

Emerald Isle is sending a steady stream of jovial, sturdy and honest citizens to Texas. According to Uncle Sam, who who is now acting as gate keeper of our immigration, the Irish are coming to Texas at the rate of five per day, and Pat is well pleased with our opportunities.

There are no snakes in Texas, and the earth is covered with a carpet of green the whole year 'round and we all celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

In Gray county there are 8 persons of Irish decent and of this number I was born in Ireland and later moved to Texas and 7 have parents that were both born in Ireland.

The Federal Census Reports, which have just been issued, show that in 1910 there were 5,385 persons living in Texas that were born in Ireland and 7,752 residents of this State are of Irish parentage.

Mason Elect Officers.

The local Chapter of the Masonic lodge elected officers at the regular meeting on last Saturday night with the following result:

W. R. Patterson, W. M. Scott Johnson, S. W. J. H. Bodine, J. W. J. L. Crabtree, Treasurer. Jas. F. Heasley, Secretary. T. J. McClain, Tiler.

The regular installation will take place on Tuesday night, June 24th, and we are requested to extend an invitation to all Master Masons and their families to be present. Refreshments will be served.

Post Office at Heald.

Heald about eight miles north-east of McLean, has been made a post office by the United States government and Willie Haynes appointed postmaster.

This community formerly had a post office with W. B. Skaggs as postmaster, but for some reason it was discontinued two or three years ago.

On May 14th I will begin doing PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK again on Wednesdays and Saturdays and will continue until further notice. Tracy Willis will take your picture any day except Sunday. John B. Vannoy.

Wednesday of this week Mrs. C. S. Rice entertained a few lady friends at an elaborate fried chicken dinner at her home in the north part of the city, in honor of Mrs. Siler Faulkner of LeFors. The day was pleasantly spent in a round of conversation, each guest pronouncing Mrs. Rice an excellent cook.

Complimenting Mrs. Siler Faulkner of LeFors, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson entertained a few friends at six o'clock dinner Tuesday of this week. The evening was spent in progressive games.

With Mrs. S. O. Cook.

Twenty ladies responded to invitations given by Mrs. S. O. Cook on Thursday afternoon to meet her guest, Mrs. Siler Faulkner of LeFors. After spending a delightful hour in merry jests and pleasantries of the day, score cards were handed round designating their places at the tables for progressive forty two. Game succeed, ed game sending the players to mingle with each.

Pine Apple Ice cream and cake were served after which, With Mrs. Roy Rice at the piano and a chorus of voices to trill the melody of a number of popular songs, another hour melted away.

Mrs. Cook's ability to entertain is never doubted and each guest was loth to say good bye when time for departure arrived.

We Are Practical, Prosperous and Progressive.

We have taken the wild shrubs and herbs and by working intellect into the soil and inspiration into vegetation have developed fruits and vegetables sought after by the markets of the world. We have builded cities and dotted the valleys with happy homes, and have made greater contributions towards the progress and prosperity of the nation than the citizens of any other state in the Union.

This Space is for Sale at very reasonable rates. Why not use this advertising your wares?

Read the News \$1.00 per year.

Clamoring For Existence



Yes we are all clamoring for existence. For some time I've been the need of proper equipment for handling gasoline and I ventured to speak to some of the dealers of gasoline about putting in the proper facilities for handling it, and they would not do it. So I had some money and enterprise that was spending, (more enterprise than money) as you all know. But I concluded to make the necessary arrangements for handling gasoline. Therefore I have installed a 5 bbl. underground tank, and an office over same, and now I can take care of your needs in gasoline from a spoon full to a car load, and be glad to serve you. I ask that you anticipate your day needs, as I will not keep open on Sunday.

I am still buying poultry and cream and I am paying good prices for them. Yours for more business, M. D. BENTLEY

FEMALE MASONARY A laughable farce

Will be given at the School Auditorium tonight by the ladies of the Eastern Star. This play is a burlesque on Women's Lodges and will create fun from start to finish. A real goat will be in evidence.

- Below is the cast of characters: Most Illustrious High Mogul... Mrs. J. L. Crabtree Grand High Pull Hauler... Mrs. S. O. Cook Sister Royal Panjandrum... Mrs. J. M. Noel Sister High Muck-a-Muck... Mrs. J. B. Hert Sister Hobble-de-Hoy... Mrs. Spenser Sister Gobble Gobble... Mrs. Emma LeFors Sister A. F. & A. M... Mrs. Boyett Grand Inner Guard of the Temple Key Hole... Grand Outer Guard of the Temple Key Hole... Sister Mary Yelling Screech... Mrs. Gertrude Foster Two Candidates... Organist.

Admission 15 and 25 cents Curtain Promptly at 8:45

To the Public

For the benefit of the public I would like to state that the matter of the Mothers Club piano being moved or not from the school auditorium has never come before the club. At one meeting it was mentioned but as there were so few members present it was not officially discussed. The last regular meeting for this year's school work went by default, not a Mother being present. I am ready and willing to call a meeting at any time the members desire it.

Mrs. A. G. Richardson President Mothers Club

Choosing A Freezer



In buying a Freezer you want the best. By best, we mean not only the one that will freeze the best, the quickest and the smoothest cream but also the freezer that will last the longest.

Our freezers are absolutely the best made. They have Virginia White Cedar pails. Other makes of freezers have pine pails which soon rot, burst the hoops and fall to pieces. A pail made of Virginia White cedar needs no chemical to preserve it; it will neither rot or mould; it will not leak nor fall down. In its natural state, it defies decay. Pine pails are treated with chemicals, but this water proofing is soon eaten off by the brine and friction of the ice and your freezer "goes to the bad."

One purchase of the Double Quick Steel Frame is all you need to make. You will then have a freezer that will last indefinitely, and give ENTIRE satisfaction. Buy a

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WI Be B WI Local H Items o Town You can get fresh butter off the Bassel's any time. The farmer is the right arm of a healthy town. J. Y. Bates has had his name on the News honor roll. Get a John Deere go-devil and say in that kaffir and maize. County Clerk Upham was a vi re the first of the week. Leslie Brown made a trip to Oklahoma City the first of the week. Buy your screen doors from V Lumber Co. A town is judged by the size of its newspaper. Orman Horton left Monday for ... where he will enter the norn We will sell you a sewing ma installations. The Bills & Ca Opportunity is the only knocker could ever be given a hearing. J. L. Crabtree made a business Groom Monday afternoon See Richardson for a good se and buggy and harness. Uncle Sam Kunkel has our th a subscription renewal. Misses Ruby Cook, Annie Da and Lucile Horton visited Hattie Thompson at the week. Saving We know t money. Come with you. New time. Yours for f C. A. C

