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The Early Life of W. J. Bryan

His Birth,
Boyhood
and First
Years in
Law and
Politics.



His Birthplace, Salem, Ill.

His Credit-
able Career
In Congress
and His
Work In
Journalism

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

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HE has spoken face to face beyond all question to more hearers than has any other man in the world's history," says one who traveled with William Jennings Bryan during the presidential campaigns of 1896 and 1900, and there is no doubt as to the truth of the statement.

The purpose of this article is briefly to sketch the life of Mr. Bryan up to the age of thirty-six, when he was nominated by the Democratic party for the presidency of the United States. It is a life possible only to American politics, and, whether or not Mr. Bryan shall reach the presidency, it is an interesting chapter in United States political history.

The town of Salem, Ill., is the birthplace of Bryan. Judge Silas L. Bryan, a substantial, intellectual settler from Virginia, was his father. Maria Elizabeth Jennings was his mother's maiden name. The child was born March 19, 1830. Judge Bryan lived on a farm near the edge of town. He had nine children, of whom William Jennings is the fourth. The boy grew up outdoors, drinking the daily medicine of sunshine and the open air. His physical constitution, a marvel of robustness and energy, came by inheritance

and was nurtured by wholesome and healthful environment in boyhood. Bryan attended the public schools in Salem until he was fifteen, when he entered Whipple academy at Jacksonville, Ill. Two years later he matriculated in Illinois college, in the same city, from which institution he was graduated with honors, at the age of twenty-one. During his college course his oratorical abilities made him prominent in middle western collegiate life. He won the honor of representing his school in the state contest of college orators. He won that contest and represented Illinois in 1851 at the interstate oratorical contest, held at Galesburg, Ill., where he achieved second honors. He was class orator at graduation.

Jacksonville has a female seminary. In that school Miss Mary E. Baird was a student while young Bryan was in Illinois college. She was from Perry, Ill., and was of excellent family and an ambitious student. A bright young man and a bright young woman attending college in the same town sometimes emphasize the aphorism that like attracts like. Perhaps that explains why Bryan, after attending the Union Law college in Chicago and reading law at the same time in the office of Judge Lyman Trumbull, the celebrated associate of Abraham Lincoln, returned to Jacksonville to begin the practice of his profession. Bryan and Miss Baird were married shortly after his return. Mrs. Bryan studied law in order to assist her husband in his professional work. After the Bryans removed to Lincoln, Neb., in 1857 Mrs. Bryan was admitted to the bar. Mr. Bryan became junior partner in the law firm of Talbot & Bryan. He believed there was more opportunity for a rising young lawyer in a new state—a belief assuredly well grounded in his own case.

Bryan plunged into politics in the spring of 1858, and that became his life vocation instead of the law. He was elected a delegate to the Democratic state convention at Omaha, where he made a speech strongly advocating free trade; also he made a reputation as a speaker. He was only twenty-eight years old, yet the very next year the party leaders offered him the nomination for the lieutenant governorship of Nebraska. He declined the offer, but made a stumping campaign for the ticket throughout the state.

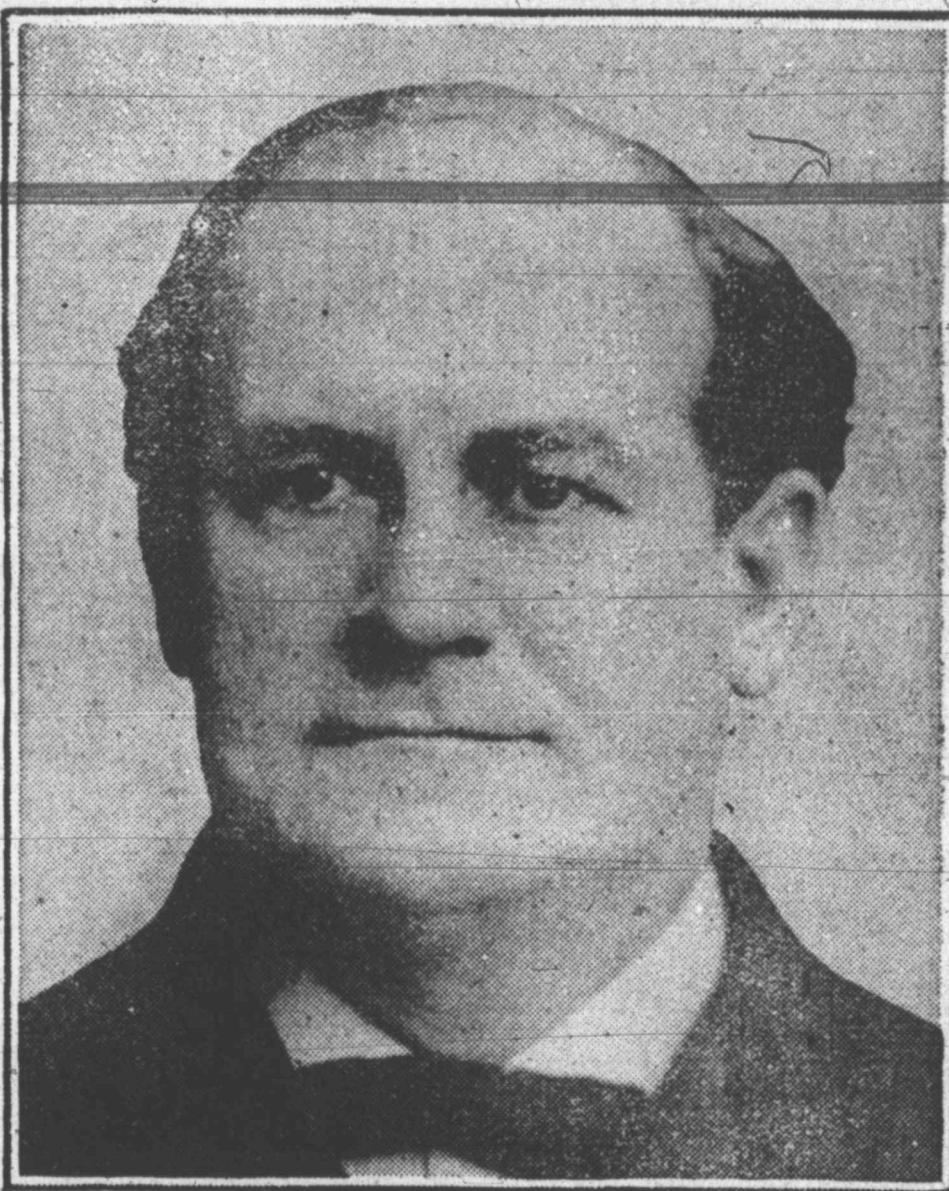
The next year, 1860, the young Democracy thrust upon the young Demosthenes from Illinois the nomination for congressman from the first district. J. Sterling Morton, who in his time was father of Arbor day and a member of President Cleveland's cabinet, had been defeated in the race for congress from that district in 1858 by a Republican majority of more than 3,000 votes. Scarcely anybody expected young Bryan to win. He was not so very sanguine himself, but he made an oratorical campaign and defeated Congressman Connell by nearly 7,000 votes. In Omaha, where Connell lived, Bryan was sneered at as "that Lincoln boy." It was the reaction against the new McKinley tariff that elected Bryan—that and the silver tongue of the Lincolnian lad.

So at thirty Bryan was chosen to the national house of representatives. He delivered his first speech in the house the 12th of March, 1862, on the subject of free wool. Senator Burrows of Michigan, temporary chairman of this year's Republican national convention, declared that it was the best speech on the tariff he ever had heard. News-



MRS. WILLIAM H. LEAVITT.

papers of all political persuasions called it a masterpiece. The chairman of the ways and means committee was William M. Springer of Illinois. Springer was so delighted with Bryan's free wool talk that he procured the appointment of the young Nebraskan on his committee. Old graybeards have sat in the house for a generation without achieving that coveted honor. Here was a youngster member so honored in his first term. And when Bryan was



WILLIAM J. BRYAN, FROM HIS LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.

returned to congress for a second term he was continued on that most important committee.

In the interim the Nebraska districts had been reapportioned so that Omaha was eliminated from the first district. The district in its new shape was conceded to be Republican by about 3,500. Judge Allen W. Field of Lincoln, one of the ablest and most popular Republicans in the state, was nominated to run against Bryan. He resigned from the bench, so sanguine of success was he, but Bryan beat him by 140 votes.

When President Cleveland called an extra session of congress in the summer of 1893 to push through the repeal of the Sherman silver bullion purchasing act of 1890, the Democratic president of the old school unwittingly gave to the man of destiny in the new school of Democracy an altitudinous stepping stone toward the presidency. Bryan of Nebraska, aged thirty-three, delivered in the house on the 16th of August a speech against the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act. The whole house and most of the senate heard it. When Bryan ceased speaking he was picked up by enemies and friends alike and borne around the hall on the shoulders of enthusiasts who liked a rippling fine oration when they heard it regardless as to whether it suited their politics. Nobody disputed that it was the greatest speech of the extra session.

Bryan declined a renomination for congress in 1894 and became editor of the Omaha World-Herald. He wanted to go to the United States senate. The World-Herald business office made a contract to run daily on the editorial page two columns of "stuff," paid for by Republicans, which was inimical to Bryan's prospects. Bryan resigned the editorship after a fierce legal fight against the advertising contract. He was nominated for the senate by the unanimous vote of the state convention, despite the fact that many of them disagreed with him on the silver coinage issue. With John M. Thurston, the leading Republican candidate for the senate, Bryan engaged in two joint debates, having challenged Thurston. The forensic duels took place in Lincoln and Omaha. The tariff was the sole topic of discussion. Bryan defended the Wilson tariff, which as a member of the ways and means committee he had helped to create. At



MISS GRACE BRYAN.

Lincoln the enthusiasm was such that Bryan was carried from the platform outside and down into the street, where howling mobs of "overflow" admirers awaited him. Thurston was elected by the legislature. Mr. Bryan remained a private citizen. He had challenged William McKinley also to a joint debate on the tariff, but the Ohio tariff builder declined. Mr. McKinley was destined to meet the Nebraskan in a broader contest a little later.

In the meantime Mr. Bryan was happy at home with his little family, the helpful wife and three children. The children now are grown up. Ruth is Mrs. William H. Leavitt and has made her father a grandfather. William junior is eighteen, and Miss Grace is a budding belle of seventeen years. Young Mrs. Leavitt herself is something of a politician. She has been

some residence. Prior to that the family had occupied a modest cottage in Lincoln, where Mr. Bryan returned to his law practice after his unsuccessful campaign for the senatorship.

When in 1896 the Republican convention which nominated McKinley for president met in St. Louis, William J. Bryan held no office whatever. He still had a connection with the Omaha paper, and he went to St. Louis as a press correspondent. At the Planters hotel the clerk looked over the plainly garbed young man who signed "W. J. Bryan" on the register and made him pay in advance. The clerk put Bryan in a room with seven Republicans. Under date of June 16 a correspondent of the New York Tribune sent to his paper from St. Louis this highly interesting paragraph:

Ex-Congressman William J. Bryan, the leader of the free silver wing of the Nebraska Democracy, was one of yesterday's arrivals. The appearance of Mr. Bryan in a hotel corridor in consultation with several Republicans from free silver states of the far west excited much comment. In response to a question concerning his mission Mr. Bryan remarked, "I have nothing to say now except that these gentlemen and I will be found next November voting the same ticket."

Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado and others were the free silver Republican leaders indicated by the Tribune correspondent. It was an accurate prediction by Mr. Bryan that they would be voting the same ticket with him in November, for they walked out of the Republican national convention when the gold standard platform was adopted and aligned themselves with the free silver Democracy.

But neither the New York correspondent nor the free silver seceders nor the Nebraska correspondent and free silver leader himself could foretell that the seceders would vote for William Jennings Bryan as the presidential candidate on the ticket which was to be nominated at Chicago a few weeks later.



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The Canyon Mercantile Company.

**THE CATALOG HOUSES
VS.
THE HOME MERCHANT.**

Some time ago a letter reached The News office over the signature of "Clod Hopper." It was and is, in the candid opinion of The News, an uncalled for and unjustifiable attack on our local merchants. The News, at the time, called attention to its receipt and refused to publish it because its author, for some reason to this paper unknown, had failed to even intimate his lawful name. This, his proper name, The News advertised for, but up to this good hour not one word has it received as to his identity.

The letter in question, however, presents a matter of deep concern to all of us--country as well as town. It gives, in the strongest sense, a stock argument of the catalog houses themselves; an argument which has been listened to and thoughtlessly fallen in with by too many of our people already. If "Clod Hopper" was alone in his views, or nearly so, The News would pass him by, but he is not, and as the time to check an evil is always now The News will here give his letter and then in its kindest manner attempt to show him the error of his way. The letter reads:

EDITOR NEWS:
I have been interested in reading the pieces published in your paper from time to time in regard to the catalogue houses and in regard to patronizing the home merchant and I have wondered if it had ever occurred to you that there might be two sides to this question, and that it might well be asked, does the home merchant patronize the home people or does he order his goods from afar?

The man who has cattle to sell has to ship them to Kansas City or somewhere else to get the money for them and the same may be said of hay, wheat, oats and almost everything the farmer produces, and if Mrs. Farmer has a few pounds of butter or a few dozen eggs to sell, if she can sell them at all, she is often offered less than it costs to produce them.

To my certain knowledge there was a great quantity of fine vegetables grown in gardens in and around Canyon City last year. The most of these went to waste, and why? Because the people who raised them did not have time to deliver them to the homes of those who would have used them, and if Mr. Farmer ventured to ask his home merchant to buy some of them the reply in most cases was, we have an order out for vegetables from Bowie or Roswell or Fort Worth, as the case might be.

Now it occurs to me to be a little unreasonable to expect that us county clod hoppers (who have to seek a market elsewhere for our produce) should be expected to spend our hard earned money with those who show so little consideration for us. According to my way of thinking the best capital a business man can possess is the good will and patronage of the people. This he can never have unless he has some regard for his customer's interest, and as long as the mutual interest of the merchant and the producer is so widely separated, the mail order business will not only continue but will increase.

Personally I expect to buy \$250 or \$300 worth of groceries, dry goods and hardware this year and I expect to buy where the people make it to my interest to patronize them.

I believe you to be a fair minded man and send the foregoing asking you to give us a hearing.
CLOD HOPPER.

And now what are the facts, briefly stated, on the matters inquired of?

First, it will be admitted that the home merchant buys abroad and from the jobber, or from the manufacturer--same as does the catalog house.

As to the farmer being compelled to ship his cattle, hay, wheat, oats, etc., our friend is surely misinformed. There has been and is now buyers in Canyon City for all of these things, and at a fair market price. In fact so close has been the competition that loss has been almost as frequent as gain. The News knows of one dealer who recently handled alfalfa hay by the car load, hunted the buyer, undertook all the correspondence and guaranteed the payment--all for fifty cents profit per ton.

On the butter and egg proposition the demand, as all people should know, is entirely local and there is not a merchant in the town but what would be more than willing to come out even on all of this stuff he buys. At most he only asks a profit of about five cents per pound on butter and about half of that on eggs and then delivers them, often only a pound of butter or a dozen eggs at a place anywhere in town "to boot." The stale butter and the rotten eggs, a rather large per cent of the whole receipts, he loses entirely. And, in this connection, did it ever occur to Clod Hopper that there is butter, so-called, and butter that is butter? And again, does Clod Hopper know that this last named butter is even now, in Canyon City, in active demand at thirty cents per pound? Well, it is, and what is more has been for several years.

Now as to the garden truck. There is not a merchant in town, has not been since The News

man's been here, some five years, but what would gladly buy from home people all he could use of their garden truck at the prices the same quality costs him laid down here. Of course, he should know and is really entitled to be informed that home parties have these things for sale before he makes his contract elsewhere. If The News is at fault in this particular bring in your proof and it will give that merchant who is so short sighted as to ignore his possible customers in this matter a roast that he will not soon forget.

In considering this produce matter our country friends must not overlook the fact that, at the present time, our merchants are confined in their actual needs to a purely local demand. If they go beyond this they lose money and no set of men can be expected to do this. In this connection The News has often been told that Amarillo pays more. No doubt of it for Amarillo has more mouths to feed. In either of the towns--all Panhandle towns for that matter--the prices paid for produce are far and away ahead of the general markets. When country butter at Fort Worth is ten cents it is twenty-five here and when eggs are going at six cents in Central Texas they are 12 1-2 here and so on all along the line.

Clod Hopper is right when he says that a business man's best capital is the good will of the people. He is right again when he says there are two sides to the question at issue, but it does seem to The News, premises considered, that he is on the wrong side of it.

Now, in a general way, Clod

Hopper should know that, for the cash, he can buy dry goods and groceries, quality against quality, just as cheap in Canyon City as in Kansas City or Chicago. He should know too that it is the "home merchants" that make towns possible; that help build its churches, pay its pastors and maintain its schools. He should know also that a town, thus sustained by its business men, adds value to every acre of his farm in proportion as his farm may be near or far from it. He ought also to be able to perceive that these local business men and those dependent upon them furnish him a local market--always the highest price--for much that he produces and that these business men always pay a good proportion of the county taxes.

Will the catalog houses do any of these things? Do they help in any way, state or county? Do they buy cattle, hay, wheat, oats or country produce? To be candid now is it not a fact that every dollar you spend with them, by weakening your town, depreciates your own property?

In concluding this article, already too long, perhaps, The News once more announces its doctrine with reference to catalogue houses. It is simply this: Give home people the preference in all things that may be secured at home, the quality and price being anything like equal.

When you buy of the catalog house you pay spot cash. Try your home man this way and ten to one he'll duplicate the figures if you make a reasonable allowance for the freight.

Phone 41 when you have an item of local news.

Until Aug. First

FOR CASH ONLY

Beginning tomorrow, Saturday July 11, and continuing until the first day of August we are going to offer some unusual bargains in staple goods. Look at the following prices and be convinced:

Lawns and Batiste	Silks	Table Linens	Ladies' Shoes
All Lawns, Batiste, Organdies, Silks, etc., go in this sale.	50 and 60c silk tissues at . . . 39c	\$2.50 hem stitch table linens \$1.85	Queen Quality Oxfords in vici, patent and tans go in this sale.
8 1-3c Lawns and Batiste at .5c	60c Tokio silks at42 1-2c	\$3.50 hem stitch table linens \$2.35	\$2.50 Oxfords at \$1.85
10c " " " 8 1-3c	Guaranteed taffeta silks in black, blue, brown and gray, 30 and 34 inches wide, worth \$1.25 all go in this sale at95c	Linen Towels	3.00 " at 2.25
12c " " " 9c	50 and 60c wash silks in all colors at 39c	60c linen towels at 45c	3.50 " at 2.85
15c " " " 11c	75c novelty silk waistings at 50c	75c linen towels at 50c	Men's Shoes
20c " " " 15c	\$1 novelty silk waistings go at 60c	85c linen towels at 65c	In the Edwin Clapp Oxford you get something extra good. We have them in vici, patent and tans and the regular prices are \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$6.50. In this sale they go at \$5.00
25c " " " 20c	\$1.25 novelty dress silks at . . 90c	Calicoes, Gingham, Etc.	Genuine Panamas
Organdies	\$1.00 novelty dress silks at . . 75c	Calico 5c	For comfort, style and wear nothing equals the real Panama hat and in this sale we offer the—
40c silk organdies in blue with silver stripe 30c	Gloves for Ladies	Johnson's percales 10c	\$10.00 hat at \$7.50
30c organdy 22 1-2c	The new wash Chamois glove for ladies and misses—all sizes—	Red Seal gingham 12 1-2c	8.50 hat at 6.00
25c " 20c	Half length \$1.25	Zephyr 10c	6.50 hat at 4.50
20c " 15c	12 button 2 25	10c Panama shirtings 8 1-3c	
15c " 10c	16 button 2.50	8 1-3c Dandy plaids 6 1-4c	
White Waistings		Bleach Domestic	
25, 30, 35 and 40c white waistings all go in this sale at . . . 22 1-2c		Good bleach domestic, both plain and cambric finish, same quality as has been selling for 12 and 15c, at 10c per yard	

All of these goods are offered at prices far below what they bring in regular trade. Nowhere can you get them for less money than we propose to sell them for. It is your opportunity to make your "CASH TALK." Only the cash will be considered in this sale. Goods charged will be at old prices.

Phone 29

CANYON MERCANTILE COMPANY

Phone 29

Canyon City's Fourth.

This town celebrated the Nation's birthday principally by closing up its several places of business.

The band played on the square in the morning. The evening, as per announcement, was given to the baseball game. In this the High School team defeated the Band team by a score of 17 to 16. It was a close game and a very interesting one.

The night concert by the band was given to a crowded house. This portion of the program was a decided success, financially and otherwise.

Not a firework, so far as the knowledge of The News goes, was exploded in Canyon City during the entire day.

Some of our people went to the celebration at Amarillo, some to the Hoffman picnic, others to Hereford, a few went to the canyon, but most of them took "the Fourth" at home.

The National colors, so far as The News representative could see, and he was all over town,

were displayed in but two places—a flag at Lusby's and a piece of bunting at The News office.

Reunion Preparations.

At a meeting of the executive committee Tuesday the following matters were disposed of:

Garrison, Harrison & Co. were given exclusive charge of the field, fruit and garden exhibits on the Reunion grounds, the committee agreeing to furnish a room therefor to be not less than 16x16 feet and they, said Garrison, Harrison & Co., agreeing to provide for said exhibits a sum in premiums not less than \$100.

The Reunion ground privileges were sold to J. E. Rogers at \$400.

C. P. Hutchings was added to the expense fund soliciting committee.

It is expected that a list of the premiums to be offered in all lines will be ready for publication next week.

Good quality calling cards—100 25 cents.

Junior Epworth League.

Program for Sunday, July 12.

Leader, Wade Holman.

Subject, Patriotism. Heb. xi, 24-25.

Prayer and song.

Patriotism is the love of country because our country has a calling of God—John A. Wallace. Song.

The Text—Miriam Wilson.

Story—Hazel Park. Song.

One who left his native land for righteousness sake—Gen. xii, 1-4—Zera McReynolds.

A patriot's prayer for his people—Ex. xxxii, 30-32—Jeffie Wallace.

The last service of a great patriot—Josh. xxiv, 1, 14, 15—Mabel Rogers.

A patriot's self renunciation—Judges viii, 22, 23—Jessie Smith.

A rule unworthy of reverence or obedience—1 Kings, xvii, 16, 17—Charlotte Ingham.

A patriot prophet—1 Kings, viii, 36-40—Vernon Shelnutt. Song.

Talk by Bro. Hawkins.

S. V. Wirt is preparing to move his drug business back to his old stand on the "North Side."

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JOE FOSTER (re-election)
- For County Commissioner and Jus-
tice of the Peace Prec. No. 1,
JOHN ROWAN
W. J. REDFEARN
JOHN A. WALLACE
- For County Commissioner Precinct
No. 2,
E. W. NEECE

LATEST FROM DENVER.

Our fellow townsman, L. E. Cowling, thru the influence of his friend, Senator Davis, has been appointed assistant sergeant-at-arms in the Democratic National convention, which, of course, gives his wife and daughter seats on the main platform with the "big folks."

Yesterday morning it was admitted by all that Bryan would be nominated, that he would also name his running mate and have his wish as to what the platform would contain.

IT'S BRYAN

William Jennings Bryan is the Democratic nominee for President. Such was the wire from Denver early this morning.

The choice for vice-president will hardly be known until tonight and perhaps not until tomorrow.

W. T. Moreland of Plainview, was in town yesterday. He has bought an interest in the "Supply Co." again and intends moving back to Canyon City about August 1. Everybody likes Moreland and all will be glad to welcome his return.

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FULL RENDITION.

In the Dallas News of July 5, County Judge Lively, of Dallas county, speaking of the work and findings of the Board of Equalization, said:

We have taken the testimony of about 100 of our citizens living in different portions of the county relative to the reasonable cash market value of farm lands on or about Jan. 1, 1908; a summary of this testimony shows first class improved farm lands to be worth from \$30 to \$40 per acre, the second class lands from \$20 to \$30 per acre, our third class lands from \$15 per acre down. It is our purpose to place all lands in the county on the rolls at their reasonable cash market value on or about the first day of January this year, as well as all city property on the rolls at its reasonable cash market value on or about January 1 this year. So far my observation is that it will raise our assessment valuation to between \$90,000,000 and \$100,000,000, which will not be double our last year's assessment.

The News was of the opinion that first-class improved farm lands in Dallas county were worth much more than \$30 to \$40 per acre, but in this, from the sworn testimony of many citizens of that county, it finds it badly mistaken. Another thing is also clear from this testimony—those people down there who have been selling lands have been simply robbing the buyers.

STILL BUILDING RAILROADS.

South Plains towns are still building railroads—on paper.

Silverton has raised a bonus of \$50,000 on Major Gordon's latest move—a railroad from Altus, Oklahoma, crossing the Denver about Memphis and thence via Silverton, Plainview, etc., to Roswell—and Plainview was to hold a meeting on the same proposition Wednesday.

Hereford is also progressing nicely with her C. H. & G. Ry. The Brand says that its vice-president is in New York "placing orders for ties and steel" and that on the 15th—a "definite date will be announced for the grading to begin."

There are many other railroads talked of, but these two are the ones which at this particular time are coming in for the greater attention.

The firm of Foster & Cummings is this day dissolved by mutual agreement and all indebtedness due to the firm will be collected by Jim Foster, the successor, and accounts against said firm will be paid by him.

JIM FOSTER,
J. W. CUMMINGS.

I wish to thank the people for their past patronage and state that I shall continue to keep the very best meats obtainable in order that a continuance of same may be deserved.

JIM FOSTER.

Walter Lill, a young man of Panhandle, has been a visitor with his relative, M. S. Lusby, for some eight days, returning home today.

HAPPY ITEMS.

Mrs. Oscar Edwards and children arrived in Happy Saturday on a visit to her husband, who is connected with the Happy Mercantile and Banking Co.

James Durrett, cashier at Happy Mercantile and Banking Co., left Wednesday for East Texas on a visit.

Miss Mae Cook was in Canyon Monday.

W. A. Turner, formerly of this place, arrived on a visit after several months' absence.

Mr. Whittier went to Tulia on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelley went to Texico Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Tonemaker spent the Fourth in Amarillo, returning Sunday.

Services in Happy church Sunday, July 12.

Rev. Henderson of Oklahoma, who is on a visit in Amarillo, preached two sermons here Sunday, July 5.

The new elevator is nearing completion.

Messrs. O. Malcom and J. Oldham on account of threshing, etc. were unable to begin the livery stable but expect to build as soon as possible.

Mr. Sterling left Thursday for Colorado, Idaho and points East on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochram are in Happy from Canyon, arriving on Monday.

July 7, '08. **HAPPY.**

H. E. Wesley of Ceta, in town yesterday, said that about all the wheat was cut in his vicinity, that some of it was threshed and that, in his opinion it would average about 12 bushels per acre.

BUSINESS LOCALS

This paper and the Dallas News \$1.50.

The latest up-to-date sheet music at the Racket Store for 25c.

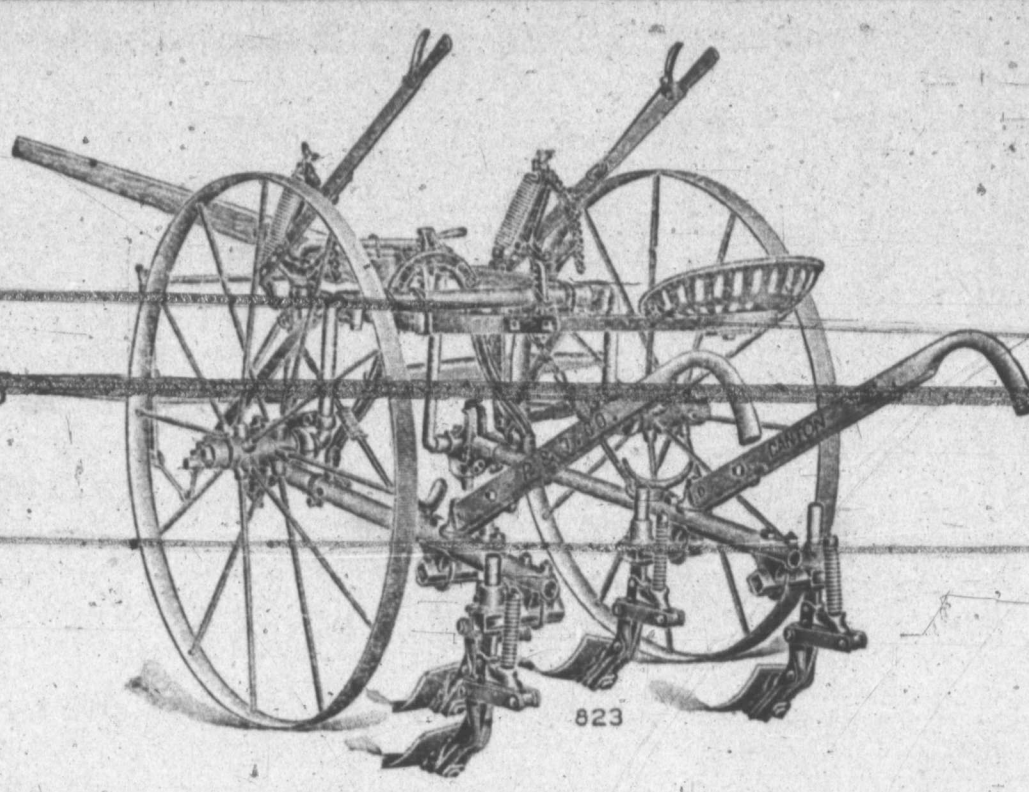
Don't order your sheet music when you can buy the most popular songs and instrumental pieces of the day at the Racket Store for 25c. 15-2.

Boarders Wanted—Four boarders at \$4 per week, four blocks from square on Houston St. Good room, electric light, good beds. See John Hibdon at News office or call at residence south of the Methodist parsonage.

Low Rate to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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No. 7961.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE CANYON NATIONAL BANK,

As Made to the Comptroller at the Close of Business May 14, 1908.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 88,178.54	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	52,653.47	Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures	7,170.40	Undivided Profits	6,306.38
Redemption Fund	2,500.00	Circulation	50,000.00
Cash and Exchange	68,129.72	Deposits	101,727.84
Total	\$218,034.22	Total	\$218,034.22

The above is a correct statement.

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TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

This is excursion week again. The Baptist protracted meeting is announced to begin Sunday.

Brent C. Taylor has been drumming in his old home state, Kentucky, for homeseekers.

J. W. Cummings has sold his interest in the butcher business to his partner, Jim Foster.

Waltz Songs, Rustic Ballads, Coon Songs, Love Ballads, Two-steps, Operatic Songs, for sale at the Racket Store. 15-2

Mr. and Mrs. John Guthrie left last week on about a month's visit to relatives about Stephenville.

Rev. J. S. Allen, a Baptist minister from Bethany, Mo., was in town Friday on his way to answer a call from Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rusk took advantage of convention rates on the third, going to Denver to see the sights and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield arrived last week to spend their usual summer vacation with their daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Bayles E. Cobb.

"Uncle" Tom Foster is still not able to get around very much. His brother, Mark Foster, is said to be improving. General debility from advanced age is about what's the matter.

G. S. Ballard has moved to his new home, the Frank Ames house. Mrs. Frank Ames and the children left for Cordell, Oklahoma, Tuesday. "Grandpa" Ames says he will be here several days yet.

Invitations have been issued by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Cartwright for the wedding of their daughter, Jonnie, to Mr. William James Baker, at the First Methodist church, Wednesday evening, July 15.—Daily Panhandle.

Don't overlook the fact that today, Friday, July 10, is "clean-up" day. The mayor evidently announced this to celebrate the nomination of Bryan for President and to give some slight idea of the way he would clean up the "Rads" in November.

John Eaton, an old Palo Pinto friend of Judge Henson's, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Eaton has sold out in Palo Pinto county and invested in Cochran and intends moving to the Plains. He will make his future home, he says, either at Plainview or Lubbock.

L. E. Cowling, wife and daughter, started Saturday night for Denver. They have tickets for seats in the Democratic national convention and on its adjournment will visit Colorado City, Pike's Peak and other points of interest out there before returning home.

The Christian revival meeting, held at Amarillo under the leadership of Elder Fife and son, closed Wednesday of last week with 128 conversions and additions to the church. The Christian church at Amarillo is now said to have over 400 members. Greatest meeting ever held in the town, says the Daily Panhandle.

Work on the new courthouse is progressing.

Mrs. Oscar Hunt visited in Amarillo the first of the week.

Dr. Dice and — Howard of Henrietta, were visitors in town Tuesday.

Fred Luke is expected to return tomorrow from his visit to relatives and friends in Iowa.

C. P. Hutchings has sold his interest in the Canyon City Supply Co., thirty shares, to R. W. O'Keefe and is now out of a job.

Mrs. S. L. Ingham and children expect to leave Monday on a visit of a month or more to relatives at Wapelo and Hampton, Iowa.

W. O. Bennet is "out mit his farm" again this week and Judge Lair says that he too has been making a full field hand for several days past.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter of Abilene, visited R. G. Oldham's family Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Hunter is a sister of Mrs. Oldham.

The warehouse portion of the old Supply corner building directly over the cellar, has been purchased by Sheriff Slover for a barn and will be moved to his farm.

Miss Pearl Dorsey, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. U. S. Gober, for several weeks returned to her home in Plainview Wednesday accompanied by Miss Frankie Gober.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heller left Thursday for Columbus, Ohio, where they will attend an oratorical contest and a prohibition convention. They will also visit relatives in Missouri before returning about two weeks hence.

J. C. Hunt returned Monday from his Clarendon trip and on Tuesday went to Farwell intending to visit Hereford on his return home. Bowman is still in the race for representative and Judge Hunt is going to make it warm for him, he says.

John Burkhalter of Ceta, was in town Monday after a wheel for his header, having broken one. He informed a News reporter that small grain crops in his vicinity were "pretty well gathering in." Grass green, crops growing nicely and, in a general way, all doing well at Ceta. Such, in substance, is the tale Mr. Burkhalter had to tell Monday.

L. T. Lester, wife, daughter, Miss Blanche, and son, Rector, returned Sunday from their auto trip to South Plains towns. Fine rains and bountiful crops all over that country. Mr. Lester says. A big rain and gale visited Floydada the night they were there Wednesday; all the lakes were filled, several houses moved from their foundation blocks, some windmills demolished and other minor damage done.

Rev. D. M. Hawthorne attended an adjourned meeting of Presbytery in Amarillo last Wednesday evening. Rev. T. B. Southall was received from the Presbytery of Spokane (Northern Presbyterian church) and was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church, South, in Amarillo. Rev. J. N. Ivy presided, preached the sermon and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. W. P. Dickey delivered the charge to the pastor, Rev. D. M. Hawthorne the charge to the congregation.

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Masonic Instruction School

Amarillo Chapter R. A. M. has arranged for an instruction school to begin July 16 and continue for ten days. W. A. Dallas, of the committee on work of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council will conduct the school. All Masons in good standing in these degrees are invited to attend and chapters of neighboring towns are especially urged to select representatives and send them there.

It's the little things of life and not the big ones that have interest for the great majority of people.

Rev. J. S. Groves and family moved into their new home, the Presbyterian parsonage, this week.

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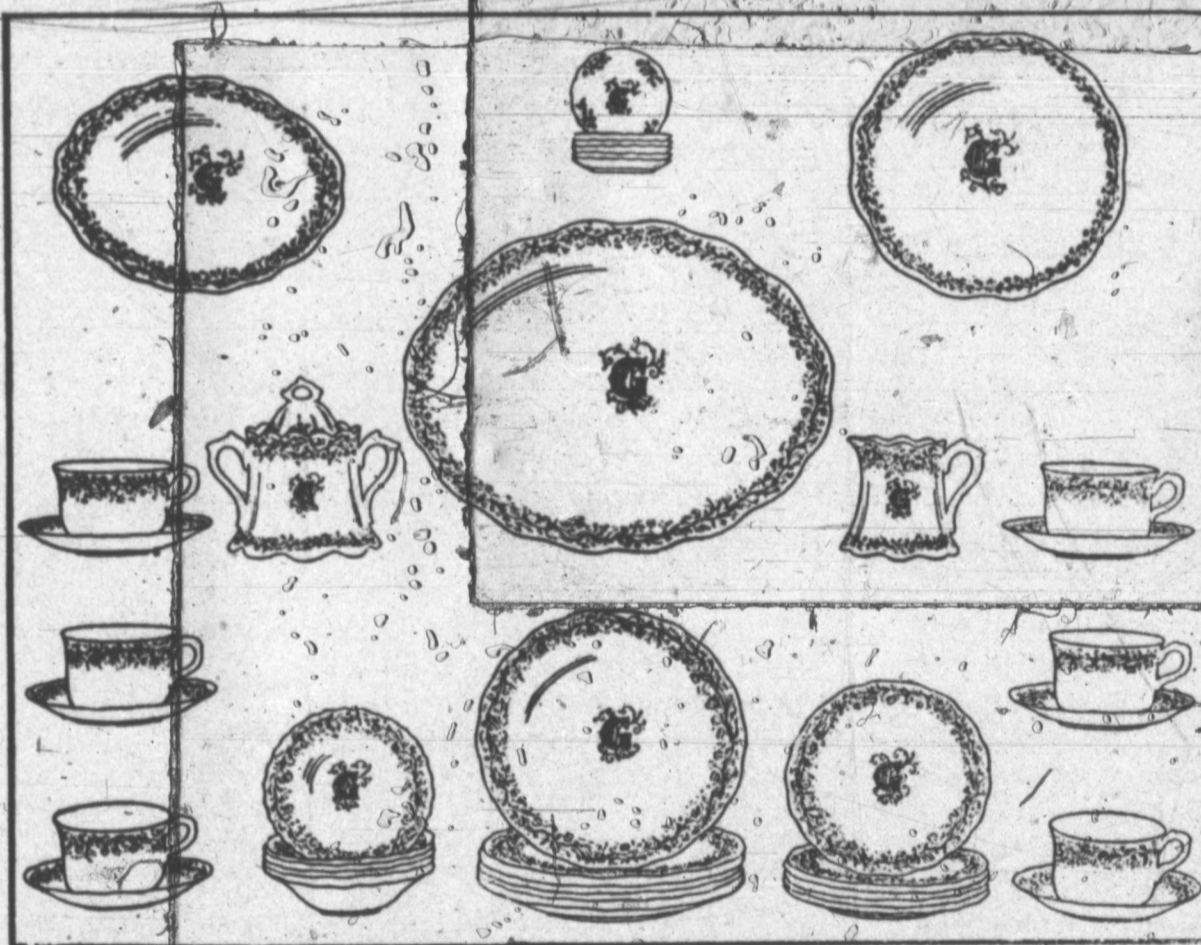
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