

# THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

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## OIL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

Quite an enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of the town met Monday night at the W. O. W. building to discuss ways and means of developing oil in this territory.

F. S. Board presided over the meeting, he being made permanent chairman, and Geo. Pryor being elected secretary. The prospects for oil in all its various phases were discussed. The meeting was unanimous in instructing the committee created for the purpose of securing an authority an oil prospect here, to have the state Geologist to visit us, which he offers to do for \$25.00 per day and his expenses. The chair appointed a committee of three to solicit donations for the purpose of defraying this expense.

The State Geologist can tell us whether we have any chance for oil or not. Most of our citizens think we have fine prospects. What we want with the geologist is to get the truth. If there are good chances for oil the citizens here most assuredly want to know it: if there is no good chance for oil, it is much better that we have it settled, once for all by good authority, and be done with it.

There will be another meeting next Monday night. Come out and see what has been done.

## A FINE RAIN SUNDAY

Something like a 3-4 of an inch of rain fell here Sunday. While the amount could have been greater with no harm to the country, yet the soil got full advantage of all the water that fell. Thus much on the road to a great crop for 1913.

## TAKE NO CHANCES

Buy garden seed of us and get fresh seed.

The Racket Store.

Mrs. Willie Stewart was agreeably surprised last Thursday night, when sixteen members of the Christian Bible School appeared at her home with such presents as to make ones heart appreciate such a visit.

After singing a few songs and drilling the class in their work, we were dismissed with a prayer by I. M. Ussery and all felt good, that they were engaged in a christian work.

Friend.

## A Wise Non-Advertiser

There was a man in our town  
And he was wondrous wise;  
He opened many places, yet  
He wouldn't advertise.  
He thought it foolish to announce  
His business as some think  
They ought to do, and said he had  
No need of printer's ink.  
Promotion of publicity  
He said, was something which  
The more he had of, that much less  
His chance of getting rich.  
He said he'd studied it and knew  
That advertising would,  
Beyond the shadow of a doubt,  
Do more harm than good.  
Indeed this man in our town  
Was truly wondrous wise;  
He was a burglar, which is why  
He didn't advertise.  
Judge.

## A Good New Year Resolution

H. W. KUTEMAN,  
Pres.

J. E. SPENCER,  
V. Pres

VIRGIL HART, Cashier C. C. NEEB, Asst. Cashier

## The Bank of Cross Plains

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Responsibility \$1,000,000

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

Resolve that I will start the New Year right; and Bank with a good strong Bank--- The Bank of Cross Plains. They can accommodate me at all seasons of the year.

## AGRICULTURE IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

The federal Census Department at Washington has just completed its report showing detailed agricultural statistics of Texas by counties and the final report is in the hands of the Government Printer. The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has been furnished with a press proof of the report and from it has compiled some interesting data regarding the agricultural industry of Callahan County. The figures comprising the data following were compiled in the spring of 1910 and cover the calendar year of 1909. Callahan County makes an excellent showing as an agricultural center as shown by the following facts.

Total number of farms.....1,837  
Total number operated by owners.....1,039  
Total number operated by tenants.....798  
Number white farm operators 1,836  
Number colored farm operators . . . 1  
Land area (acres) .....546,560  
Land in farms (acres) ....466,482  
Improved land in farms (acres) .....120,290  
Per cent of farm land improved .....25.8  
Average acres per farm.....253.9  
Average improved acres per farm .....65.5  
Total value of all farm property .....\$9,897,500  
Value of land .....\$7,241,213  
Value of buildings .....973,220  
Value of implements .... \$266,266  
Value of domestic animals, poultry and bees .....\$1,416,801  
Average value per farm ... \$5,388  
Number of farms operated by owners and free from mortgaged debt.....474  
Value of poultry and eggs produced .....\$63,494  
Value of all farm crops \$1,416,002  
Number of farms reporting domestic animals.....1,772  
Horses number 67,994, value \$456,384  
Mules number 3,105, value \$317,815  
Cattle No. 27,526, value \$564,159  
Swine No. 5,382, value \$35,116  
Sheep No. 156, value \$156.

## RAINFALL IN WEST TEXAS

O. D. McElroy, of Taylor Co. who keeps a government rain gauge is quoted as follows in a recent issue of the Abilene Reporter; As it might interest some of your readers how much old Jupiter Pluvius has thought of us down here in these diggins, I submit the following:

Rainfall as measured by my government standard rain gauge for 1912:

January .00 inches, February 1.56 inches, March 2.55, April 1.55 May 1.56, June 3.12, July 1.37, August 2'38, Sept. .62, Oct. 1.20, Nov. .33, Dec. 1.38. Total 17.71 inches.

I have been keeping a record of the rainfall here for the past ten years as follows:

1903 24.57 inches, 1904 15.61, 1905 30.30, 1906 30.91, 1907 22.40 1908 34.44, 1909 16.75, 1910 14.29 1911 26.53, 1912 17.71. Making a ten years average of 23.35 inches

Just one-half of these years have gone above the average and one half below. The last four years, excepting one have fallen far short, and that one just above.

From a residence in the west for thirty years my observation has been that the wet and dry years, as a rule, travel in cycles. Taking my record for ten years the first six years, excepting one, shows a cycle of wet years, or those above the average, while the last four, excepting one, shows a dry cycle, or under the average. Applying this rule it is safe to predict the beginning of a wet cycle this year.

I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I think it is getting about time for a change, any way. Therefore, let us trust in God and keep on plowing and hoping for the better.

I have farmed in Taylor county for the past fifteen years and have made but one signal failure by reason of dry weather that was 1910. There was not enough moisture that year to wet a duck's back.

Another peculiar thing about the rainfall I have noticed in this county and that is its partiality. Last fall after cotton had opened well there came a light rain of .15 inch on my place, while at Hamby, just a mile, as the crow flies, a good rain fell of over one inch.

J. W. Baker and son of Sabanno were here Saturday. Mr. Baker is interested in trying to get oil people to prospect in his part of the world. He says he has had several who knew more or less about the subject to assert that he had fine prospects on his place.

The Official Industrial and Freight Shippers Directory of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company is now ready for distribution, through the Industrial Department of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, Dallas Texas.

This book, which has just been issued is probably the most comprehensive ever issued by any Railway as it contains carefully compiled data regarding resources of Texas and other states traversed by the M. K. & T. Railway, a complete list of all the business institutions in the various towns; also the population, names of Railroads, Banks, Hotels, Schools, Churches, News papers and Industrial opportunities.

The book is handsomely illustrated containing many manufactural and agricultural views, and scenes of interest.

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AND  
SURPLUS  
\$30,000.00



EIGHT  
YEARS  
STEADY  
GROWTH

Cotton checks are being deposited by the Farmers this Fall, more than ever before. This shows that they are fast learning the advantages of a good accommodating Bank. We are glad to see this. We want every man in our territory to have a Bank account with us, and pay his obligations by check, which comes back to him as receipt for the account paid.

## The FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

T. E. POWELL, Pres. T. B. VESTAL, V. Pres. T. BOND, Asst. Cashier  
J. A. BARR, V. Pres. S. F. BOND, Cash. R. G. POWELL, Asst. Cash.

## GIVE YOUR NICKLES AND DIMES

A chance to make good  
The Racket Store.

G S Mitchell who has just returned from Port Lavaca, says that the family of L. D Slaughter is badly dissatisfied with their new home, and that Lee himself says he will stay there but one year. S. F. Knight, our ex-livery stable man, spent some considerable time in the coast country, and has returned to Callahan to stay. So J. A. Atwood, has had the same experience. We have always asserted that those that have the south Texas fever could all the snoyanance and attendant expenses of moving both ways. Those that are acclimated here cannot easily be satisfied in the coast country. The facts given in the foregoing bear us out, and need but little comment. If you are in Callahan County, stay if you are not, we invite you home.

Wallace Owen returned from the Star Monday. He reports a nice jewelry business at that place.

Joe Shock made a trip to Baird Sunday returning Monday.

## Odom

Mrs. Katie Ann Odom (nee Edwards) was born in Tennessee January 27th, 1862, and with her parents, removed to Arkansas, near Searcy, where she spent several years of her childhood. Thence with her parents, she came to Johnson County, Texas, where she grew to womanhood and on June 12th, 1878 she was married to R. P. Odom, now one of our efficient and consecrated local preachers.

To this union were born ten children; three daughters and six sons survive to mourn the loss of a saintly mother. Sister Odom was converted at Cottonwood Texas in 1886 and united with the M. E. Church South, in which communion she was ever a loyal and consecrated member until God called her to her reward on the morning of January 18th, 1913.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Cross Plains cemetery to await the final resurrection of the just, when soul and body will be reunited and thus forever remain with the Lord whom she so trustfully and faithfully served while here on earth.

We weep, not as those who have no hope, but as those who suffer loss for Heaven's gain. The children can no more claim her wise mot-

herly and saintly counsels, or her husband share with her his hopes, fears, sorrows or joys, yet all may so live that after these days of blinding tears and breaking hearts, there will be a blessed and glorious re-union of the whole family in the mansion beyond the skies. So may it be!

Her Pastor

Rev. R. C. Pender, the Special State Evangelist, will begin a series meeting with the Missenarh Baptist church of Pioneer on the 4th Sunday in February embracing the 1st Sunday in March. Special invitation to all.

Highest market price paid for your chickens, eggs, butter, hides and furs. Give us a chance and be convinced.

Neeb & Sipes.

Don't fail to call and see my new line of spring and summer samples before buying your suit; we can give you money.

T. W. Tart, Tailor.

We appreciate your account.

Garter & Kenady.

WHEN you are in Cross Plains we want you to call on us whether you want anything in our line or not. If you are a regular customer we will be glad to see you, if you are not we want you to become one and will be glad to see you anyway. We want you to feel free to call on us at all times. Remember that we are here to accommodate you, kindly command us.

THE CITY DRUG STORE



# -TO OUR TRADE-

Our buyer leaves next week for St Louis and other eastern markets to purchase our Spring stock of Dry goods. Mr. Alvis is better prepared to buy for this territory this year than last, because of the fact, that he has familiarized himself with every want of our trade, which places him in position to buy more intelligently in the future than the past, and we assure our trade that they will not only find the quality the best, but will find that everything will be up-to-date in every respect. Mr. Alvis will stay in the largest cities of the east for several days before purchasing goods in order that he may be prepared to know the new things, and the ones that are going to be good. In fact we are sure that this store will have the best selected stock of Dry Goods that has ever been shown in this section of the of the country.

We would also call your attention to the improvement that has been going on in our store in the way of enlarging our floor space for Groceries, which will enable us to buy in car load lots, thus saving local freight, which will place us in position to handle this part of the business to the advantage of our trade.

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**--W. E. MELTON'S--**

### LOCAL DOINGS

Jap-a-lac at the furniture Store.

W. S. Melton of Cottonwood was a caller here Monday.

We share profits in Premiums.

Carter & Kenady.

Ben and Hardy Strickland of the Burkett country were here Monday.

Let us make your old furniture look new. Cross Plains Fur Store.

Get our prices before buying your Groceries.

Jones & Westerman.

On the 23 inst. a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Newton of Cross Cut.

See our line of furniture before buying elsewhere. Cross Plains Furniture Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harlow are the proud parents of a boy that came to them on the 26th.

Turkeys 10¢ per lb. at Neeb and Sipes.

I am prepared to do all kinds of shoe and harness work. See me in rear of the Racket Store. W. A. Petterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam DeBusk are the possessors of a boy which was brought to them on the 26th inst.

New furniture exchanged for old, also repair old furniture and buy second hand goods. Cross Plains Furniture Store.

#### NOTICE.

I am in a position to handle a few thousand dollars worth of good vendor's lien notes.

Virgil Hart.

### AN EASY WAY

To cut down expenses is to buy your goods of us. One trial will convince you that buying of us will mean a big saving in a little while; we have hundreds of articles you need.

The Racket Store.

Do you read the Dallas Farm News, The Semi-Weekly Record? If you do not, don't you want to read them? The Cross Plains Review in connection with any other \$1.00 paper or periodical for \$1.75 Supply your home with good reading matter.

Save money by coming to Cross Plains to buy furniture. Cross Plains Furniture Store.

There were a number of agents for Autos here last week, and it seems that several of our citizens have taken the "fever." Here's hoping they all are soon relieved by sporting brand new "joy wagons." Of course, one who is unfortunate enough to be running a newspaper has forsworn for aye all such luxuries, but he can still rejoice in his neighbor's fortune.

I have for sale good seed oats, clear of Johnson grass, that I will sell in bulk at 40¢ per bushel at the granary.

Tom Audas, Burkett, Texas.

Neeb Bros. and Sam Sipes have opened up a produce house in the present location of the Neeb Bros. Ice & Bottling business. They represent some of the best produce people in this part of the State, and will no doubt do a good business. They all have a wide acquaintance which will materially help them in their business.

A free school bag with each pair of school shoes sold.

Carter & Kenady.

Spring Slippers have arrived.

Carter & Kenady.

### Burkett Babblings

Just watch the grain smile since the rain.

The people here were greatly disturbed by a report from a stick of dynamite Saturday night. Dynamite was buried in an ash pile near the barber shop. The explosion took place about nine o'clock Saturday night. Just who planted the dynamite is not known.

The infant of Josie Eadington was buried here Friday.

W. W. Head and son made a trip to Coleman Friday.

Gus Burkett and mother made a business trip to Coleman last Saturday.

Since last week our scientific farming has been most nearly blocked by Slim Jim and wet weather but just as soon as the ground begins to dry up and the grain wither. We suppose that Slim Jim will come hat in hand ask for a few ways of the latest idea in scientific farming. Come on Slim, get your share, we hate to disappoint anyone.

W. W. Head and Walter Harris were Plains callers Tuesday.

No matter what you need. See us.

Carter & Kenady.

E. F. Sandall and W. R. McElroy of Buffalo Gap were here first of the work selling the Buick auto.

We buy and sell Every thing.

Carter & Kenady.

E. D. McElroy, representing Climax Refining Co. of Waco and Corsicana was here selling stock in his company Thursday.

Have you seen the latest Premiums?

Carter & Kenady.

### Gaddo Peak

Mrs. Mattie Fulch is still sick improving.

Mr. Burkett has been employed to teach the school since Mr. Benn's death.

Two of Mr. Howell's children have the chicken pox.

Two of Mr. E. P. Beeler's children has been slightly ill. Mr. Fry is batching on Mr. Beeler place.

Married, Mr. Willie Wilson and Miss Cora Pippin, on the night the 18th inst. We wish them happy and useful life.

Prevailing Westerly tells us that it is going to prevail upon us from another direction soon, I think it had better as he is not doing much from the direction he is coming now.

B. F. Lin says that idea of scientific farming has been handed down to me from some higher mind. I admit it has, so likewise I am handing it on down the line. He also says that it was a little old. And it is a little old at some places, but he had to realize that we are a whole decade behind on farming now.

folks would grasp it, it would seem to be a new fact here but an established custom. Are we going to turn this good road proposition down and content with our old rut and not reach a higher degree, or vote good roads and start our country on a road to such prosperity as we have

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**I SHIP YOUR CREAM**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Thate  
on the 27th a fine girl.

Tom Murdock of Cottonwood  
was a caller here Monday.

Ben Clapp, agent at Rising Star  
or the railroad came over Sunday.

**We make correct prices**  
**Carter & Kenady.**

Earl Shell, druggist of Sabanno,  
was in town Monday night.

A. J. Nations of Burkett and his  
son in law Jodie Eddington were  
here Monday.

Mrs. C. T. Carter of Morgan is  
visiting her friends here, of whom  
she has a great number.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs.  
Jodie Eddington died Thursday  
of last week and was buried Fri-  
day at the Burkett cemetery.

I am prepared to do your tailor-  
ing work at any and all times of  
week. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
T. W. Tart.

**SOME EXTRA SPECIAL**  
Bargains to sell at five and ten  
cents just received.

The Racket Store.

**Dead.**

On Friday evening of last week  
occurred the death of Mrs. A. G.  
Foster at their home in Carbon.

Andy Foster, her son, went Fri-  
day night to Carbon to attend the  
funeral. We extend sympathy to  
the bereaved family.

**Learn While You Earn.**

Abraham Lincoln would split  
rails all day in the forest and then  
after his day's work was finished,  
would walk five miles to get a book  
to study and improve himself. It  
is said of George Washington that  
in answer to a question of his moth-  
er as to why he studied so late at night  
replied that he was working out the  
destiny of his country.

There are hundreds of young people  
today who are desirous of gaining a  
practical education, but for one rea-  
son or another they cannot leave  
home to secure it, so they drag a  
long from one year to the next in  
the same old rut. There are hundred  
of others that are availing themself  
of the opportunity offered by the  
correspondence department of our  
college saving their leisure mom-  
ents and investing them in an edu-  
cation that will mean thousands of  
dollars to them in the coming years.

You may say that you are not  
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**Lodge Directory**

**Masonic Lodge No 627**



of Cross Plains,  
meets on or before  
full moon in each  
month at Masonic

over Bank of Cross Plains.



Meets on Satur-  
day night before 2  
& 4 Sun. at I. O. O.  
F. Hall, Cross

Plains, Tex.

M. C. Baum, Clerk.

**W. O. W. Camp No. 778.**



Meets every Sat-  
urday night before  
the first and third  
Sundays, at W. O. W. Hall, south  
Cross Plains, Tex.

E. T. Bond, Clerk.

**I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 171.**



Meets every Fri-  
day night at 8:30  
at the I. O. O. F. Hall.  
C. W. Barr, Sec.

**M. E. Church, South.**

Preaching each First and Third  
Sundays at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.  
Sunday School each Sunday at  
10 A. M. Geo. Carter Supt.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday  
at 7:30 P. M.

Women's Home Mission Society  
meets in church each Thursday 3:30  
P. M. after first and third Sunday.

You are cordially invited to at-  
end any and all the church services.  
A. Lee Boyd, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church.**

Presbyterian church, preaching on  
2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11 a.m and  
8 p. m.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Regu-  
lar session meeting, Friday, 3 p. m.  
George A. Crane, Pastor.

**Baptist Church.**

Preaching every 2 & 4 Sunday at  
11 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p.  
m. and the Saturday before at 11 a.  
m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting  
Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

**Preaching**

At the Christian Church the first  
Sunday in each month at 11  
o'clock and Saturday night before.  
Sunday School every Sunday at  
10 o'clock and a Bible school every  
Wednesday night at 7:15. All are  
invited to attend.

I. M. Ussery.

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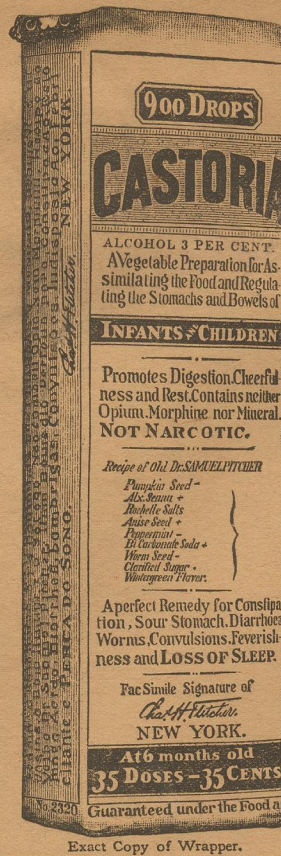
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y more. We want you to see our display of other Toilet articles and also re-  
in getting it for you.

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