

The Hereford Brand

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No. 48

All Support the City Government and Watch Us Grow

TO HOMESEEEKERS

B. W. Miller & Sons have many thousand acres of Land in Deaf Smith and adjoining counties for sale in tracts of 160 acres up to 30,000. We guarantee to sell land as cheap and on as good terms as any of our competitors. Have been in the land business in Hereford over four years and while others go and come we are here to stay. Have never had a dissatisfied customer. Have sold land to parties who have never seen it, who can sell for three times as much as they gave for it. We have our own teams and automobile and can show you whether you are from Missouri or any other place. Write for descriptive literature and prices. :: :: ::

B. W. MILLER & SONS
HEREFORD, TEXAS

WORK PROGRESSES SLOWLY.

Railroad Committee Handicapped So far as Immediate Action Is Concerned.

The local railroad committee met with J. R. Ransom at the office of Murchison, Thompson & Co. the first of the week to ascertain what could be done in the way of closing the contract for the right-of-way and the cash bonus of \$15,000. It was learned that Mr. Ransom will want about 70 acres of land belonging to the Western Union Land Company and situated east of the Pecos Valley depot, besides the right-of-way to the western extremity of the town. We are told all this land will be required for the accommodation of the machine shops, general offices, etc., but in view of the fact that no definite reply had been received from the Western Union as to the probable cost of their lands in question the committee deemed it unwise to guarantee the right-of-way over these lands till further information could be received about them.

After having waited on us for several months, Mr. Ransom gave us to understand that something definite must be done at an early

date as he has some very tempting offers to go elsewhere with his road, where the right-of-way, bonus and grounds are awaiting him. Mr. Ransom has been very patient with Hereford and has favored her in every instance; but there is a limit, even to patience, and judging from his tone and general deportment, we are inclined to believe that this is the case with Mr. Ransom. However, he has consented to delay the matter of opening negotiations elsewhere till we can arrange with the Western Union Land Co. for the necessary grounds. In the meantime, there is work for every intelligent citizen of Hereford to do. We must have more money than has been subscribed in order to meet the exigencies of the enterprise. There are yet some business men who have given nothing. The committee hesitates to approach these again because they feel that such ones are not interested in the future of Hereford, but rather they are here for what they can get out of the town. The situation is simply this: \$5,000 is yet needed with which to meet the requirements of the promoters and nothing can be done till this is raised. Small contributions continue to come in, but the process is entirely too slow for railroad promoters.

At this juncture the BRAND wishes to make a statement, which every citizen will see come true. It is this: The Panhandle Short Line Road is going to be built. It will make or ruin Hereford. Mr. Ransom and associates will build the road and they will favor Hereford till we drive them away with our utter indifference. We make these broad and emphatic statements without fear of having to retrace them. For a while at first we

were in doubt about the enterprise, but we have been shown enough to thoroughly convince us that the enterprise is backed by sufficient intelligence and capital to carry it to a successful completion. The only question which can be raised is: "Is Hereford willing to make the sacrifice?"

Notice To Creditors.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to the Kemp Lumber Co. will please call and make settlement without delay.
J. W. BURKS, Mgr.

Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., Junior League 3:30 p. m., Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

THOS. S. BARCUS.

I Tell You They're Slashed. I mean prices on dress goods and underwear and I'LL SELL ALL I'VE GOT TOO. Better come now and get your part.
RALPH BARNETT.

Special Notice.

All members holding beneficiary certificates in W. O. W. No. 990 in Hereford, Texas, are urgently requested to be present at the next regular meeting, December 8, 1906. It is very important to all members.
C. L. SULLIVAN, Clerk.

Second-hand furniture bought and sold. Also cash price paid for hides by experts, next door to J. W. Eng...

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

Plans for Systematic Work Carefully Arranged—Street Improvement Leading Issue.

The first regular meeting of the city council was held at Judge Gough's office Tuesday night at which a quorum for the transaction of business was present. This being the first regular meeting, considerable routine work had to be dispatched before future action could be considered. A matter which was arranged was the bond of Marshal Hubbert which was placed at \$1,000. With reference to the work to be pursued first, Mayor Gough advised that only such lines of improvement be taken up as are absolutely necessary, as there will be as much of this kind to present itself as can be attended to. In this the members of the council concurred. It was the decision of all that as few ordinances as possible should be passed. The first action of the board will be a crusade for street improvement and the construction of sidewalks. Nor will they take arbitrary steps in this matter, but rather they will first construct sidewalks along their own property and, every instance in which the property owner will construct his sidewalk, the city will put in substantial street crossings. This work is to be taken up on the advisory plan, however, rather than arbitrary. With this understanding, a number of citizens have perfected arrangements for the construction of their walks. The standard width of all sidewalks is three and a half feet and to be constructed of either wood, concrete or gravel and white rock as the property owner sees fit. The franchise question was dis-

cussed at some length, but nothing definite was decided with reference to letting franchises. Another meeting will be on Tuesday night of next week when "sanitation" and other important measures will be taken up.

Residence For Sale.

A good five-room residence, with hall, together with 2 acres of ground one acre front, good barn and out-houses, well and windmill, located in Hereford, can be purchased for \$3,500 if taken within the next few days.
MAX ROBERTS,

At E. Connell Land Co's. office.

FOUND--One red Poll cow, branded S P left hip, tag in right ear, has on it, "H. C. Grantley, Princeton, Mo." Sam. F. Dunn.

RIGHT PLACE

Ours is the right place to find what you want in Fine Hand-made Boots, Harness, Saddles, Blankets, Robes, Etc. Prices Always Correct.

J. A. Canterbury

STROUD & WILSON
AGENTS FOR
The Royal Insurance Co.
The Best Fire Insurance Company on Earth. See Us for Rates.
OFFICE WITH
Johnson, Gary & W Co.

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

WILL BE A PREMIUM SALE

We propose to make this sale the most unique and attractive, as well as the most profitable, of any previous effort. Our house was never so full of GOOD and real bargains as at present and our stock is double its usual size in all departments.

50.⁰⁰-FIFTY DOLLARS-50.⁰⁰

In Gold Prizes will be given away this month in three prizes. First prize \$25.00 in Gold, second prize \$15.00 in Gold, third prize will be \$10.00. The drawing will be conducted in the usual manner. We propose in this sale to give to the trade the very BEST goods possible for the LEAST money. In fact we will give you your money's worth--HEAPED UP, SHAKEN DOWN and RUNNING OVER.

Our harvest premium sale, which was closed Nov. 30, was 25 per cent better than was anticipated. We give the good people of our town and country credit for this. You have never yet disappointed us, for which we thank you most cordially. We will make a broad sweep and include every article in our big store in this GREAT sale of all sales for 1906. We have a determined will to cut our stock HALF IN TWO by January 1st, which time is our usual inventory occasion. It is a much easier task to count dollars in the till than goods on the shelf, so come now and do your buying and we both will be mutually benefitted.

THE GREAT HOLIDAY SALE OPENS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AND CONTINUES TILL MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

at which time the prize drawing comes off. In addition to the GOLD prizes given away in this sale we propose to give to each of our customers buying as much as \$50 during this month a real nice prize and to a customer buying as much as \$100 we will give a more valuable prize, etc. All prizes to be awarded on Dec. 31. We have on hand a car of Folding Beds; a car of Iron Beds; a car of Bedroom Suites; a car of Carpets, Art Rugs, Linoleum, Straw Matting, etc; a car of Roll Top and Flat Desks, Book Cases, Ladies Desks, etc; a car of Sideboards, Buffets, China Closets, etc; a car of Dining Tables, Library Tables, Parlor Tables and Center Tables; a car of Parlor Furniture, Davenports, Couches, Lounges, etc; a car of the best Rockers and Dining Chairs ever brought to Hereford; a car of Mattresses and Springs; a car of Sewing Machines, Window Shades, Pictures, Picture Frames, Moulding, Wall Paper, Trunks, Suit Cases, China Glass and Queensware, Parlor Lamps, etc. Don't you think we ought to be able to please you in your bill of Furniture? Try us and see.

YOURS FOR A FAIR DEAL

E. B. BLACK

FURNITURE DEALER AND UNDERTAKER

GARRISON BROS.

ARE NOW PREPARED TO SHOW YOU A VERY COMPLETE LINE OF HEATERS, COOK STOVES AND RANGES, COMPRISING THE CHOICE STYLES OF THE "CHARTER OAK" AND "GARLAND" LINES OUR STOCK OF SHELF HARDWARE IS VERY COMPLETE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE A COMPLETE STOCK OF JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS AND GRAIN DRILLS.

Come and See Us Before You Buy

PANHANDLE OPPORTUNITIES.

Editor of Shelbina (Mo.) Democrat
Sees for Ever Man a
Home Here.

Last week this editor visited Hereford in the Texas Panhandle. He saw big snow drifts and mud holes in that arid country. He also saw the liveliest business in the Panhandle ever seen outside of a recently discovered oil region. Everywhere that touches a land deal gets a crowd. People buy not by the acre but by the section. Men talk of sections of six, ten and twenty sections. Prices jump so fast one can hardly keep track of them. Ever since white people went to the plains, the Panhandle has been the favorite ground for the cowboys. At first they fattened on the rich grasses; and the stock men discouraged every attempt to farm any part of this land which spreads out in boundless plains. It is stated that a furrow was recently plowed thirty-seven miles in length, and a plow had to be taken out of the ground but once, that was in crossing a river. An engine drew the

Six or eight years ago a few farmers broke into the cattle ranches and demonstrated that all kinds of crops would flourish. Since then they have been coming by thousands, and the plains are dotted with farm houses and thousand of miles of wire fence have been built. This land is soon to become one of the great farming regions of the country. Stock of all kinds flourish and wheat, oats, corn and forage are abundant.

The cowboy is a disappearing quantity. He has been driven from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and the Panhandle, and even among the mountains he is being crowded to the wall. The millions of men who want land to plow are fast turning all the great pastures into grain fields; and cities and villages are springing up where erstwhile the cattle king was supreme. Amarillo is a city of six to eight thousand people, and Hereford claims three thousand and houses are going up in every direction. They are not shanties either, but beautiful, commodious dwellings such as would be a credit to any town, even in Missouri.

We met many Missourians who

are thronging to that region from all parts of the state. Our own Shelby boy, Geo. Parker, was a pioneer and stands at the head. He has been in the Panhandle eighteen years, and now controls ranches and banks. His mother, well known in this vicinity, is now with him. George rents some of his land for cotton, taking one-fourth of the crop and the rent amounts to 6 or 7 dollars per acre. frequently the crop grown in a year, whether wheat, oats, corn, kaffir corn, cotton or alfalfa is worth more than the price of the land on which it grows. With such opportunities there is no need of any man being without a farm of his own.

Attention Farmers.

I wish to secure a fine selection of Panhandle-grown Indian Corn and with this in view, I will pay \$10 for the best ten ears of corn brought to my office. Leave samples at the Ritchey Hotel. 39f J. E. HOWARD.

Enterprise Started.

A movement was inaugurated this week which we trust will find its way to the extreme limits of our city, as a pebble dropped in the mighty deep will send its waves from shore to shore. This enterprise referred to is the building of sidewalks which has been commenced by our mayor, L. Gough, who tells us that he is now having constructed 277 feet of modern and substantial sidewalk at his residence in West Hereford.

We also understand that Geo. A. Stambaugh and others have about completed arrangements by which their portion of the city will be connected with the business district by substantial sidewalks. This is a move in the proper direction and should be an incentive to prompt every good citizen to follow the example. We understand the city authorities will construct street crossings for all who will build sidewalks along their property and that an ordinance to this effect will likely be issued at an early date.

Parties wishing to sell their city property, will get results by placing a list with Murchison, Thompson & Co. 31tf

Phone Plant Sold.

After negotiations, covering a period of more than three months, the Hereford Telephone Plant has been sold to Claude J. Bain and associates of Trenton, Missouri. Mr. Bain is a prominent attorney of Trenton and is president of the telephone plant of that city, an institution which is valued at \$150,000. Mr. Bain informs us that cables will be placed in all parts of the city so that wind and snow-storms will not interfere in the least with the service of phones.

The change goes into effect December 1st, and the new manager, R. H. Hemley, of Trenton will arrive with his family in a few days to take charge. Mr. Hemley is an experienced telephone man and from what information we are able to gather, he will make Hereford a valuable citizen.

We are not yet able to state what Mr. Ross' plans for the future are, but we feel perfectly safe in stating that he will still be connected with the affairs of Hereford in such a way as that he will continue one of our most valued citizens.

Send the BRAND "back yonder."

TO EVERYBODY--EVERYWHERE

PRETTY ARTISTIC CHRISTMAS PRESENTS--In hand painted China, Imported china dinner sets complete, the celebrated Jordon carving sets, Grand Majestic Ranges, Bucks unequalled cook stoves, Lisk imperial enameled roasters--that roast your turkey like grandmother used to roast them. We have an elegant assortment of Rogers "1847" silverware, table and pocket cutlery at prices to suit everybody. In winter lap-ropes we offer you fine fur, elegant plush and servicable rubber lined felt robes.

We are still Headquarters for the **ECLIPSE WINDMILLS--**The old reliable mill that is a friend in time of need. Just received this week two cars of the Baker perfect-barbed wire, hog wire and nails. We have a full line of sod plows, disc plows, and the farmers' money saving friend--The P. & O. Success Sulky Plows. In conclusion will say that we have a full line of everything carried in an up-to-date, first-class Hardware Store and that the pleasing and satisfying of all customers is our pleasing and untiring efforts and constant study

Johnson, Gary Hardware Co.

Successors to STRINGFELLOW-HUME HARDWARE COMPANY

The Brand

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APPEAL TO PRIDE.

The BRAND has been the champion of every move for the betterment of our community since its first issue and there yet remain some measures which it intends to espouse until its cry is heard and heeded by every citizen of Hereford. Chief among these important measures is the inspiring the public school patrons with a greater degree of love for civic beauty; for it would seem that such is needed from the appearance of the grounds at the public school buildings the past two weeks. With no fence around the property, no walks, no nothing but the deepest of adhesive mud, there was no other alternative for the teachers and pupils than to sigh a deep sigh and wade through. In the absence of a fence, the public has made wagon roads across the grounds which serves to make the situation less endurable during a rainy spell. What the BRAND would like to see is a substantial fence placed around the entire property, with suitable walks leading from each entrance to the building. This would make the planting of trees possible, and give both teachers and pupils an altogether different impression of school life. It would also serve the further useful purpose of demonstrating the fact that our people belong to that class who look upon our public schools as among the most potent factors in the advancement of our civilization. The BRAND feels that this line of improvement should and must be done.

Dress Goods Slashed.

Prices slashed on every piece of dress goods in stock. Come now if you want BARGAINS. Ralph Barnett.

INSURE Your Stock

I now represent the International Live-Stock Insurance Co. of Dallas, Texas, and would like to insure any and all of your live-stock
Terms Reasonable

H. V. HENNON

MONUMENTS

The Ft. Worth Marble Works has the best and latest designs in all kinds of Monuments, Granite Goods and Iron Fencing. Let me figure with you.

S. B. FEEMSTER
 Local Agent

HEREFORD, TEXAS

Railroads Helpless.

Car shortage continues to interfere with the movement of grain, coal, cotton, lumber, wood and cattle, and there seems to be no remedy in sight, at least the strained conditions do not give promise of being materially relieved until far into next spring, at the close of the cotton season.

A well known Fort Worth railroad man, thoroughly familiar with the situation, said yesterday: "The car shortage problem is the problem of all problems. One matter that should be set aright, however, is the fact, strangely overlooked by those who have use for cars, that the railroads are not wholly to blame for the present serious condition. When I tell you that every car manufactory in America is two years behind with its orders, you will get some idea of one plausible reason, at least, why the railroads are not in a position at present to accommodate the unprecedentedly large demand made upon them for cars. For some time it has been necessary to place orders for two years ahead, and unless the railroad managers would have been mighty good prophets they could not have foreseen the large demand now prevailing for cars and been prepared for such a tremendous business. The railroads are most certainly not to blame because they cannot get the cars now, and in justice to the railroads I think you should bring out these facts.

"To my mind, there is no relief in sight until the end of the cotton season, which will not be until far into the next spring."—Ft. Worth Record.

Change In The Brand.

A change was made in the ownership of the BRAND this week by which C. E. Edwards becomes financially interested in the paper. For some months such a change has been under advisement as the volume of work necessary to publishing a good local paper and looking after all the affiliated interests is entirely too great for one man to undertake. No one man can look after office business and his interests on the street at the same time; hence our motive in securing Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards for the present, will have charge of the outside work in which we trust he will have the hearty cooperation of the the entire public. If you know an item of local interest, don't fail to tell him about it and thus aid us in giving Hereford the grade of local paper she so well deserves. The policy of the BRAND will in no wise be changed and the publication will continue under the firm name of J. Ray & Co.

A fight is being waged by some of the leading news-papers of the state against the bucket-shops which have been in operation in all portions of Texas for years and which have been the means of robbing many an innocent person of his hard-earned living. The writer has had a limited experience with this evil, he is sorry to state, and nothing would afford us more pleasure than to see them driven from our confines.

THE Enterprise, published at Lubbock, has made its appearance and is proving to be a good local newspaper. It is published by Jno. W. Dale & Sons of that city. Lubbock is a good town, surrounded by fine country, and, with his experience in the journalistic work, Mr. Dale will doubtless prove a valuable factor in the development of his community.

Notice to Telephone Subscribers.

We are requested to state that until the new manager of the Hereford Telephone System arrives, any irregularities in the telephone service should be reported to Joe L. Carter, who is a heavy stockholder in the new company and who will look after the company's interests till the new manager arrives.

Prompt Settlement.

Herman G. Gartner, special agent for the St. Paul Fire Insurance Co., was in the city this week to adjust the loss sustained by T. E. Shirley in the recent fire. The loss was adjusted through the office of B. H. Smith of this city and shows that his company is very prompt in the settlement of all their losses.

Strayed or Stolen.

Four two-month-old pigs, black with white spots. Either strayed or was stolen about a week ago. Will pay reward for their recovery.
 S. L. BOONE
 Hereford, Texas.

J. L. FUQUA, President

C. W. DODSON, Cashier

The First National Bank

HEREFORD, TEXAS

CAPITAL	\$ 50,000.00
SURPLUS AND PROFITS	18,000.00
SHAREHOLDERS LIABILITY	50,000.00
TOTAL	\$113,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	500,000.00

DIRECTORS: L. GOUGH, J. L. FUQUA, C. W. DODSON, R. J. KIBBE, W. H. FUQUA

This Bank is well equipped to handle all business entrusted to its care and respectfully solicits your account

Let Us Save You Money On BINDER TWINE

We will sell you the best SISAL Twine at 11 1-4c per pound and guarantee it to be as good as twine sold by our competitors at 12 1-2c per pound. Remember that we will stand by this. We handle the only kaffir corn header on the market that will do the work satisfactorily, to-wit: Eagle Mfg. Co. All sizes of Hoosier Grain Drills with preaser wheels and anything from 8 to 12 hoe. Prices right. Our General Hardware line is now complete. Please call and examine our prices on general stock.

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Hereford Hardware Company

TREES—TREES—TREES

THE HEREFORD NURSERY has a complete line of FRUIT, SHADE, FOREST and ORNAMENTAL TREES. We enjoy pleasing you. Ask your banker or merchant about our success in growing fruit, etc., here.

THE HEREFORD NURSERY

L. P. LANDRUM, Proprietor

Endeavor Program.

Lessons of the "Seven Words From the Cross"—Jno. 19:35-30; Luke 23:34-45.

Leader—Maxie May Mason.
 Song.
 Prayer.

Scripture Reading.
 Roll Call—Reading of Minutes.
 Message on Topic—Irma Gough.
 Song.

Voluntary Parts.
 The Seven Words in our Lesson—S. Bratton.

Song.
 Pastor's Five Minutes Talk.
 Mizpah.

Best Bargain in Hereford.

New five room house with hall. Well finished. Well and windmill. Two acres of land. Fuel to last a year. Household and kitchen furniture. Everything is right new. Will sell with or without the furniture. I will sell this cheaper than you can build or buy.
 38tf
 C. M. HUNT.

For Sale—A Kary safe in good condition. Can be had at a bargain. Apply to A. P. Murchison for terms.
 30tf

LLANO ESTACADO NURSERY

S. L. BOONE, PROPRIETOR

Is now offering all the leading varieties of both shade and fruit trees to the trade at reasonable prices. All home-grown trees. Let us fill your orders

Nurseries at Hereford and Lockney

Tierra Blanco Herefords

L. R. BRADLY

...BREEDER OF

Registered Hereford Cattle

Hard Headed by Chorister, No. 93983
 Amsted by Dawn, No. 122944

Will sell a quantity of young stock either singly or in car load Lots

Write me or call at my ranch, situated five miles east of Hereford, on the Tierra Blanca river.

The Western National Bank of Hereford

CAPITAL - - - \$ 50,000.00
 SURPLUS - - - 22,000.00
 DEPOSITS - - - 327,692.15

We have built up our business upon SECURITY. Good security is given to depositors. Good security is always taken from borrowers. The best of bank safes to protect from burglars. Our rule that **NO OFFICER OF THE BANK SHALL EVER BORROW FROM THE BANK IS OUR GREATEST SECURITY.** We have never made a bad loan.—Never foreclosed upon the security to collect a loan.

THE RESULT

THIS BANK OPENED FOR BUSINESS JULY 1ST, 1903

Deposits at the end of six months	\$51,300.62	Deposits at the end of two years	\$104,628.68
Deposits at the end of one year	55,959.21	Deposits at the end of 2 1-2 years	220,466.42
Deposits at the end of eighteen months	90,016.08	Deposits at the end of three years	263,146.89
Deposits September 4th, 1906			\$327,692.15

G. A. F. PARKER, President
 F. B. FULLER, Cashier

J. L. SMITH, Vice-President
 F. W. WILSON, Assistant Cashier

Fifty Years the Standard

DR. PRICES
CREAM BAKING POWDER
 A Cream of Tartar Powder Made from Grapes
NO ALUM

White and graham bread at City Bakery. 32tf

A new line of men's and ladies' high top overshoes at Geo. A. Stambaugh's. 43tf

Have your old clothes made new. Cannon & Magill. It

Clifford Slayton left Thursday for San Antonio where he goes to investigate some property interests.

Vannoy and Ray now have on display one of the largest stocks of jewelry, cut glass, diamonds, etc., in West Texas. 43-2t

FOR SALE:—175 head of high grade cows in numbers to suit purchaser. For terms see Higgins & Rice, Hereford, Texas. 40tf.

Geo. P. Garrison of Nicaragua, Central America, is in the city this week, the guest of his brother, C. S. Garrison. Mr. Garrison is engaged in banana growing in Central America.

In the prize contest which was pulled off at E. B. Black's store on the 30th of November, numbers 2, 662, 473, 5,072 drew the first, second and third prizes, respectively, Mrs. G. H. Guinn winning the first.

Dr. L. F. Taylor, a large land holder of Bailey County and brother of Dr. A. L. Taylor, was a business caller in the city this week. Dr. Taylor has purchased the C. E. Edwards residence in East Hereford and will move here next week.

New plaid silk waistings at Geo. A. Stambaugh's. 43tf

New Line of novels just in. Cannon and Magill.

Watches, jewelry, diamonds, cut glass, and everything suitable for Christmas presents at Vannoy & Ray's. 43-2t

The bright sunny days of this week have made much of the mud and water disappear from our streets.

W. B. Arnold returned this week from Kentucky and Missouri where he had been to visit his wife and other relatives.

FOR SALE—A surry and double harness. Also a pair of single harness for sale, cheap for cash. Apply to W. T. Smith. 39tf

We solicit your inspection of our complete line of clothing samples, made to your order. Cannon & Magill. It

C. Daughtry, the well known piano man, leaves this week for New York City where he goes to seek bargains in musical instruments for his customers.

C. E. Edwards has disposed of his residence in North Hereford and now has mechanics at work erecting a neat three room cottage on an adjoining block.

M. F. Veemer has moved his family here from Compton, Ill. Mr. Veemer is a BRAND reader of long standing and we take pleasure in changing his address to this city.

Mrs. J. E. Gyles received a message from her former home in Missouri on Thursday of this week announcing the death of her mother. The BRAND joins other friends in extending sympathy.

If there are capitalists in Hereford who have idle money, they would find a safe investment in a number of good rent houses. From 25 to 50 houses could be rented at a large rental within a weeks time.

D. P. Bell, a prominent citizen of Peculiar, Missouri, is in the city looking into Panhandle possibilities. Mr. Bell is favorably impressed with the Hereford country and will likely become financially interested with us. He orders the BRAND to go to his Missouri address.

Park & Bourn want to sell that place of yours. 39tf.

Fresh bread, pies and cakes at the City Bakery at all times. 32tf

See Mrs. McMahon, dressmaker, at Mrs. Hodge's residence. 40tf.

Agents for high class tailoring. Cannon & Magill.

Just opened up a new line of men's heavy wool underwear at Geo. A. Stambaugh's. 43tf

Mrs. Maple Daniel of Elk City, O. T., is the guest of relatives and friends in the city.

FOR SALE:—7 brood mares at a bargain for cash or will trade for cattle. W. O'Brien. 37tf.

I now have two good teams and can do your transfer work on short notice. W. T. Smith. 34tf.

We have a great many inquiries for city property. What have you to sell? Park & Bourn. 39tf.

If you wish to sell that house and lot or vacant lot just tell Murchison, Thompson & Co. about it. 31tf

Homeseekers are rather numerous in Hereford today, and we understand trading will be heavy the next few days.

We have the most complete line of up-to-date woollens in town. Cannon & Magill. It

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cash are in South Texas on an extended visit to relatives and friends. Their first stop will be at Houston.

STRAYED—A red heifer, unbranded, marked underslope in each ear. Any information about same should be reported to C. L. Davis. 41tf

Rags Wanted. The BRAND will pay three cents per pound for large, clean cotton rags. Bring them at once.

Dr. Rigdon Coming. Dr. P. M. Rigdon, the eye specialist of El Paso, will be at Coulson's Drug Store Dec. 9 and 10 and fit glasses for those needing "his services. Dr. Rigdon is well known in this community, having done a successful practice here the past two years.

Read His Ad. We call special attention to the advertisement of the big furniture store of E. B. Black, found on the second page of this issue. Mr. Black has a large and well selected stock of furniture and is spending some money telling the people about it.

DRUGS

BE SURE

you are getting what your doctor orders. You will be if you buy all your Medicines here. Our Drug and Prescription Departments are managed by expert pharmacists.

Toilet Articles

of all kinds may be found here at tempting prices. Sponges, Brushes. All Sick Room Requisites, etc..

PRICES THAT ARE ALWAYS RIGHT

Herbert O. Park
 DRUGGIST

Hereford - - - Texas

NOTICE IMPORTANT!

We want the public to know that we have the best well drilling outfit ever operated on the plains. Our machinery is all new and drawn by steam power. No well is too deep or too shallow to receive our careful attention. Our long experience enables us to do your work so that it will not have to be done over. All work fully guaranteed. If interested, see us before you let you contract.

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 BOOM, TEXAS

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Educational Column.

"He who loves not books before he comes to thirty years of age will hardly love them enough afterward to understand them."

Lyle Martin a member of the 8th grade left with his parents this week for their new home near Big Springs.

New pupils in the 5th grade since our last report are Cotta Sisk and Leslie Ward.

Such a superstition prevails in England, and to some extent in New England, that bees will either fly away or die on the occasion of a death in the family, unless someone knocks at the hive and tells them of it. In some places the hives were put in mourning. The custom was universal during colonial days, but has largely passed away at the present time. Whittier's poem, "Telling the Bees," is well worth reading.

We have now completed the first week of the fourth month of the school, and the enrollment has

about reached the four-hundred-fiftieth mark.

New 4th grade students the past few days are Wilburn Renfro and Winfred McMillin.

It may be of interest to many of the readers of this column to know how our chief executive on his recent visit to the Isthmus of Panama was received, and how he departed himself while there. In a report from the Isthmus dated November 17th, by a gentleman known to the writer of this column, says that on the morning of November 15 the president landed at Colon. It was expected that he would come ashore on a steam yacht that had been properly decorated for the occasion. When this yacht went out to meet the Louisiana, the President was gone. A search found him on the deck where he was talking to the workmen about their work, wages and conditions of living.

At one place as he was traveling along on a train, he motioned for it to stop in front of a school house, where the black children lined up

with flags in their hands, singing a song, and giving three cheers for "Our President". The President went from Colon to Habaco to inspect the Pacific terminus of the canal. At 11 a. m. it was planned to have lunch in the new \$750,000 hotel at Tivoli Hill near Panama. On hearing this, the President asked if there was not a government mess house in the place. When told there was he said, "We will all stop and take our meal there." These meals cost thirty cents each and are hardly up to the required standing of excellence.

At Pedro Megull, the President climbed upon a steam shovel and remained until a train of dirt was loaded. On leaving the shovel, he waded through soft mud where those accompanying him hated to follow. The report further stated that the weather is very bad as the rainy season is on; and although the President's white duck suit was bespattered with mud and soiled with grease and cinders until it was anything but white, yet he established himself as a hero among the canal employees.

As an other evidence of progress in our grand civilization, an automobile containing four persons is making a trip from Boston Mass. to old Mexico. The Automobile is so adjusted that it runs on the railways as do our steam cars.

One of the most ludicrous, as well as pathetic, sights that Hereford ever beheld, has been before her in panoramic view for the past ten days. Oh, that my muse were active, and would give me words to describe the school ma'am and her bevy of urchins as they tolled through the mud to the place where the "young idea is taught to shoot." There is no doubt but that in the near future thousands of pictures will be developed from kodak shots taken at inopportune times when a desperate effort was being made to extricate a foot from a depth of twelve inches of mud, or to uplift the hanging skirt in such a pretty manner as to impress the looker-on with the gracefulness of its wearer.

The other day when one of the young-lady teachers pale and entirely exhausted dropped into her chair the pupils became frightened. Rushing up to their teacher with tears in their eyes to see what they could do for her, and to inquire what the trouble was, the teacher assured them that she would be better soon as it was a weakness in her back caused by carrying so much mud on the bottom of her dress.

Flavius Josephus was the greatest of Jewish historians, and is regarded as an authority. His works are secular, though they frequently deal with religious matters. He was born A. D. 37.

The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes, June 14, 1777. This date is observed as a holiday in many of the states. In New York it has been especially celebrated by the school children since 1889. At nine o'clock every school has a flag-raising ceremony, followed by a lecture on the origin, history and significance of the flag.

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THANKSGIVING SERMON.

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proving to be the most effective temperance organizations ever formed. The legitimate commerce of our day is proving a powerful ally for every cause which makes directly for righteousness.

Other signs it is fitting merely to suggest: A spirit of fairness, a desire for the universal "square deal," is seen in industrial arbitration. In many and extended localities there is observable bettering of attitude toward the Bible in public schools. And to our too material vision, not the least noticeable and hopeful indication of this upward tendency is the consecration of wealth, as opposed to its mere acquisition.

In our domestic industries an unprecedented prosperity prevails. A bountiful sowing has been followed by an eminently bountiful reaping. The genius of inventive man has continued to multiply the devices for ease in toil, safety in travel and abundant comfort at home. Viewing all our many causes for profoundest thanksgiving we are tempted to self-gratulation, and are led in reverence to gratefully acknowledge God's goodness and to humbly implore His Divine favor and grace that we may be indeed "a people whose God is the Lord." for truly "He hath not dealt so with any people."

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Building Material of the Future And Its Advantages.

The advantage of concrete on the mechanical side are these: It is proof against fire, wind and water, rats, insects and dry rot and the danger of electricity. It needs no painting or repair. Fire or water overflow inside can do only local damage to the contents of a room and no more.

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An Oversight.

In giving the list of the officers who qualified at the session of Commissioners Court last week, the name of Chas. E. Smith was from some cause overlooked. Mr. Smith is to be our county treasurer for the coming two years. We not only make glad apologies for the omission, but will add that no Panhandle county will have a better treasurer than Deaf Smith.

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TEST OF HEPBURN BILL.

The Topeka State Capital Discusses Merits of Law With Final Results.

"Since the Monon road announced its intention of maintaining what it claims to be its constitutional right of contract by continuing to issue transportation in exchange for advertising, it is reported that there is more behind the move than appears on the surface. The real object is to secure from the supreme court a decision declaring the Hepburn act, in its fundamental principles, unconstitutional.

Since the act has gone into effect, and there has been time to judge of its results, a number of small roads are reported to see in it a menace to their existence. The Hepburn act is professedly a blow at monopoly. In its practical workings, it is asserted, it is the most certain upbuilder of monopoly that could be devised.

In their competition with the larger systems for their share of traffic, the smaller roads have no recourse but lower rates. It is simply an impossibility for them to compete on equal terms, except under exceptional circumstances, such as now obtain, when there is more traffic than big and little roads together can move with anything like dispatch.

When lean times return, as it is said, they are certain to do sooner or later, under the law as it stands today the little roads simply will starve. They can no longer make rates secretly as they have done in the past. If they attempt to do so ruinous fines and imprisonment await them, and if they fail to make such rates, bankruptcy stares them in the face.

The final result will be that they all will be gobbled up by one or another of the big systems, and the entire railroad plant of the country finally will be arranged into three or four big groups which will work in entire harmony.

It is alleged that the Hepburn act strikes at the root of the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence. It interferes with the inalienable right of the purchaser of transportation to purchase his wares in the cheapest market, and declares that he shall buy only at a rate fixed by statute.

It deprives him of his inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness by saying that he may not indulge his love of travel by accepting free transportation except under the pains and penalties of the act, and this without conferring upon the shipper or the traveler any rights or privileges in return.

The roads may be prohibited from making certain rates because of the rights of eminent domain with which the law clothes them, but no such rights are conferred upon the shipper or the tourist. In fact it is said that the law is as full of constitutional errors as an egg is full of meat, and has no chance of standing judicial scrutiny.

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prevails, but a blizzard at this time would result in no less than a calamity to the town. The fault does not lie with the local dealers for they have had car load after car load shipped, but have been unable to hear from them. If the situation is not relieved in a few days the city will be compelled to look in some other direction for a supply of fuel.

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THANKSGIVING SERMON.

Discourse, in Part, Presented by Rev. William G. Keiry at Baptist Church Sunday.

Psalm 68:19.—Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our Salvation. A "thank you" is easily said. It may mean something, or nothing. It presupposes a favor—a kindness shown by word or deed, to the one who utters it. "Thanks" is the expression of gratitude. As "the gift without the giver is bare," so also is the "thanks" without the gratitude—a mere farce.

Gratitude does not spring up spontaneously, but is provoked, elicited, inspired by some benevolence or gratuity. Gratitude displayed apart from all gratuity would be as foolish as it is impossible! While gratuity without the accompanying gratitude, marks the receipt a boor. Gratitude is beautiful. Ingratitude is base.

Nothing so benefits the constant gratitudes of God to us as a proper sense of gratitude to Him. Hence, the text suggests our theme: "Gratitude Gracing Gratitude." God's loads of benefits impose on us a load of obligations. That the benefits are daily, and therefore considered common, does not lessen one whit the weight of the obligation.

Indeed, this fact only increases it; for events which we would consider wonderful if they occurred but once in a life-time, are really no less wonderful that they occur every day of the year and every year of our lives. Indeed, herein consists the greatest wonder. The truly great things of Divine Goodness are not to be sought in the affairs of empires, nor yet in the extraordinary events of our own lives, but in those manifold arrangements which are essential to our daily existence, and which, because of their constancy, are too commonly left out of our enumeration. Far too seldom do we give a thought to all those things which must conspire for our contentment! The comfort of our bodies and minds depends upon things working together harmoniously not only for an instant, but constantly.

Misfortunes and afflictions are not to be pronounced useless even though they do nothing more than remind us that they are exceptions to the common course of Providence to which we would become insensible but for an occasional interruption. How strange it is that we should so soon weary of and lament our own little load of toil and misery, and apparently feel it more the longer it continues; while the larger load—the load of God's benefits—is at first unrequited, and then, with continuance, seems quite unremembered!

Before we glance around the world to view any possible uncommon blessings (as today we are so prone to do), let us name a few of those daily benefits which, at least, adorn, if they do not indeed compose, our daily personal lives:

Did we consider this morning when we awoke, how invaluable was the blessing of refreshing rest; or how great and inestimable a benefit is beautiful sleep? The inspired Psalmist, surrounded by the plenty of a kingly court, thought this a benefit of sufficient importance for mention and says: "I laid me down and slept; I awoke; for the Lord sustained me." Do you know that sleep is one of God's benefits to man, and think it a matter of your own control? Then be thankful that wakeful nights have not been yours, and that the tolling of the clock has not measured your unwilling vigilance. Attempt to court sleep during bodily pain or mental agitation and your suit is scorned. Strive to overtake it, and it flees from you. It is the gift of a beneficent Providence. He draws the curtain down; He turns down the flame of the sun; He quiets the noise of the world; He recruits your wasted energy. Every day He brings an end to toil, and gives an appetite for sleep. As Bunyan's "Pilgrim" in the large chamber which looked to the sunrise, awoke and sung, so let us leave not our chambers without an ascription of gratitude to the world's great Watchman for the gift of sound and refreshing sleep.

Thousands on thousands have in the course of the world, died from starvation, while but few of us have ever known hunger or extremest want. We have enough and usually a little to spare, and that sufficiency has been of no common kind. We have not been restricted to the products of our own door yard, but all the world has gladly contributed to our support.

Every continent and island group makes frequent and palatable concessions to our whims. It was not ever thus, nor were our annual Thanksgivings born amid such luxury of food and drink as we enjoy.

The first Thanksgiving feast given on our New England shore was more a feast of thanks, than of anything but corn; while now the world itself provides our meals for us and serves them in our very lap. Refreshed by rest and food, God's daily

load of benefits is not exhausted yet. We invest our bodies with most suitable and comfortable dress. Every article we wear bears with it a lesson of an advancing civilization—to that of Him who "so clothes the grass of the field." The commonest pin reminds us we have conveniences which once were not at the command of kings and queens—dependent on the thorn-bush for such necessities. In spite of the little absurdities of fickle fashion we may now dress in such becoming style that often savages mistake the garb of civil man for a part of the man himself! The fleece of the flock and the boll of the cotton, wrought by the nimble fingers of steam and machinery afford a variety of finest fabrics, while a little worm, weaving a burial-casket for itself, bequeaths to us the richest of our silks. But blessings of rest and food and raiment are only a beginning of the benefits which are daily bestowed. It is said painters have studied long and hard to reproduce the expression which they conceive to have overspread the face of blind Bartimeus at the moment when sight was restored to him by the touch of Christ: First wonder, then confusion, men and trees mingled promiscuously and then a bright ecstatic flash when he saw clearly. But which is the greater mercy—to be restored to sight after a long blindness, or to have never been deprived of sight at all?

Just so with all our senses. The body is not a mausoleum, nor is it a prison house of the soul. Sensible avenues of egress and ingress are constantly open—and how greatly they add to the charms of life. The skill which patterned man made him with rare susceptibilities of pleasure, and in the exercise of these susceptibilities what cause we find for gratitude!

Does one complain that for things so common and insignificant it is ridiculous to offer thanks? Such a one has never been without his full proportion of senses, or they would be valued more.

These few specific benefits do not begin to exhaust the catalogue. They are only a few of the most patent personal ones, which by reason of their commonness are often overlooked. But we do not live and enjoy as individuals alone; we are parts of a social order; for God "setteth the solitary in families." And no small part of our comfort arises from our social relations. Father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, friend; these are no empty names. They stand for those who know, and love, and trust. For those who have in a large part made us what we are—whose interests are bound up in the same bundle with ours, and whose very lives seem to be interwoven with our own. They understand us when others fail; they sympathize and confide in us when others only disturb and distrust. They are the constituents of home—that word that warms our hearts and makes us think kinder of the homeless ones. Without these kind companionships to give feeling and shape magnitude to our lives, what harsh, misshapen dwarfs we must have been! They give us courage, that no matter what defeat the yesterday has brought, today begins anew with banished gloom and hope glistening—burnished with the fragments of a former despair.

But who can worthily portray the subtle joys and influences of the home with its countless tender attachments? It is a realm too sacred to be thoughtlessly invaded. Its influences are like the light and air of heaven—so constantly on hand that we dare to forget them as being daily benefits from God.

"Home" seems to be the summary, or at least the culmination of all personal daily benefits. Among the many associations connected with Thanksgiving day none are more vivid or full of delight than those who mark it as a time not alone of ingathering of the fruits of the year, but also of home-gathering of the scattered families.

Hearts which may have begun to grow asunder through long separation and diversity of interest are tethered together again. The

chill of the frosty world, which has gradually encroached upon the warm affections of the heart, is repelled by the heatwaves of a counteracting love. Such occasions exert a most beneficent effect upon the character. Only an endless hereafter shall be able to compute the far-reaching results of our festive Thanksgiving.

Beyond the circle of personal and family benefits, with which we are daily endowed, and to which we might now with profit, devote hours instead of minutes; beyond these mercies seemingly insignificant and commonplace, and yet so essential to our life and happiness, lies a sphere of larger—not intenser—interest to everyone who accepts this grateful day in the spirit of its institution and perpetuity.

They indeed builded well who gave to us this day. Tho' once of local observance and then for many years subject to the discretion of the general states, it has come to hold a permanent place in the national calendar and a place almost sacred in the nation's heart.

On this day we most fittingly think of our national benefits, and the hearts of our citizens do measureably respond to our national obligations of gratitude. By this day we remind ourselves that the foundations of our republic rest upon a basis of righteousness. To the remainder of the world, this day, which is peculiar to us as a nation, stands as a fitting symbol of our national creed, declaring that the Lord God is a God of nations, that ours is a nation with a religious birth; a providential history and a Divine mission.

Many times heretofore have we been strangely conscious of God's favor. In our peaceful pursuits He has abundantly prospered us. When reluctantly we have gone to war with other people, He has signally blessed and given us the victory. He has so quickened our national conscience and so deeply impressed us with a sense of national obligation, so that we are willing at the dictation of duty to depart from the honored traditions of our fathers, and assume responsibilities on behalf of alien people who may be weak or unwilling to be properly responsible for themselves. And he has given us such standing among the nations of the earth, that when we do assume responsibilities for others, we find no foe impugning the integrity of our motives or besmirching the honor of our flag.

American patriotism has never been discounted, and yet, today, let us thank God for the evidences of a reviving American patriotism and a growing conviction that patriotism is something more than partisanism and that loyalty is much more than mere pageantry and a boasting of arms.

We are daily coming to a better realization and a truer exemplification of Christian patriotism. The term "good citizenship" no longer signifies a passive submission to law, whether good or bad; but it now means an active interest in all wise legislation and the fearless enforcement of law. The citizen who once shunned the political arena, lest his religious professions should be called into question, now finds that he must enter that arena when the public welfare demands or risk being called not only "hypocrite" but "traitor"! Never before in our history has there been such active participation of Christian men in public affairs; and today, regardless of all political affiliations, we may well thank God for a heroic president, who has proven, in the face of many doubters, that the highest political success is wholly consonant with an unsullied conscience and a consistent Christian life.

While we may not yet be verging upon the millennium, the determined tendency of our times is assuredly upward. Of this there are many indications:

Evils which moral suasion has not overcome and with which the law has too often seemed powerless to cope, are being righted by an enlightened public sentiment and economic commercial necessity. Some of our gigantic railroad corporations are

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A. J. Thompson has purchased
the residence, recently vacated by
L. W. Vaughan, and will move his
family here from the ranch as soon
as he gets possession. The BRAND is
glad to welcome Mr. Thompson and
family to our city and we congrat-
ulate them upon coming into possession
of this splendid home.

W. T. Smith the transfer man.
List your property with Park &
Bourn. 39tf

See the City Bakery for all kinds
of pies. 32tf

If you want a bargain see Park &
Bourn. 39tf

Emmett Cardwell was a business
caller in Amarillo this week.

See W. M. Cogdell for marble to
mark graves of your beloved
dead. 38tf

D. C. Laird of the O Y O spent a
few days in Hereford this week on
business.

For Sale.—Shumach cane seed at
30 cents per bushel. Apply to
Henry Farmer. 22-tf

B. T. Bell was in the city Satur-
day visiting relatives and looking
after business matters.

FOR SALE:—1,750 head good
stock sheep. Will sell in small
bunches. J. T. Rutherford. 42tf

We deliver meat on Sunday at the
usual hours and at any hour during
the week. J. H. Williams. 39tf

W. B. Beach is in Grayson County
this week, visiting relatives and
friends and taking his first recre-
ation for several months.

Don't forget the big display of
Mexican and Indian goods at Ralph
Barnett's store next week. The
very thing for Xmas presents. 1t

STRAYED:—One roan dehorned
cow, branded 7777 on left side. Any
information should be reported to J.
E. Calwell at Hereford Grain Co's
store. 43tf

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Vanderburgh
returned to their home in McLean
this week after a brief visit with
their parents and other relatives in
this city.

The new officers are now in line
with their new duties and everything
seems to be running smoothly. But
little change has been made in the
clerical forces.

Mr. Ashbrook, who recently mov-
ed here from Missouri, has purchased
lots north of the Presbyterian Church
and will begin the erection of a
commodious cottage as soon as the
contract can be let.

F. T. Terrell of Streetsburg, Ken-
tucky, was in the city this week
seeking a Panhandle home. He
purchased the G. E. Burns section
north of town, to which he will move
his family within the next thirty
days.

E. F. Scruggs and family arrived
from East Texas Monday and are
stopping temporarily with the for-
mer's brother at the Ward place. Mr.
Scruggs brings his household effects
and will farm somewhere near
Hereford.

Robt. Brazil has let the contract
for the construction of a five or six
room residence a block north of the
Presbyterian church. Work has al-
ready commenced and soon another
pretty cottage home will be added to
that portion of town.

A. J. Thompson this week pur-
chased the lot and building, now oc-
cupied by the First National Bank.
This is a choice piece of property
and will make a fine business lo-
cation when a stately two-story
brick adorns the spot.

J. D. Thompson has purchased
the Ross Davis building, now oc-
cupied by Murchison, Thompson &
Co., the transfer having been made
this week. It is Mr. Thompson's
intention to erect a brick house on
this lot sometime in the near future.

T. E. Shirley has purchased the
S. T. Howard residence in West
Hereford and will move his family
there at an early date. This place,
besides the commodious building,
consist of five acres of land with
orchard etc. already growing. The
fact that this joins Mr. Shirley's
other property makes it doubly
valuable to him.

Scott Stringfellow left this week
for Douglas, Arizona, where he has
accepted a position with a large hard-
ware establishment. Scott has been
in the employ of Stringfellow-Hume
Co. (now Johnson, Gary Hardware
Co.) of this place for a number of
years and has evinced his business
ability by the esteem in which he
has placed himself with his employ-
ers. Scott has a host of friends
here who will join the BRAND editor
in wishing him success and hap-
piness in his new home.

See me for genuine bargains in
wall-paper. J. W. English. 27tf

W. A. Hubbard is visiting his
daughter in Vernon this week.

Fine Missouri apples at J. M.
Garner's. Only \$1.25 per bushel.

Byrle Elliston was in Amarillo
a few days this week on business.

Fresh fish and oysters at the City
Meat Market. J. H. Williams, pro-
prietor. 39tf

Ollie Davidson of Estellene is
the guest of relatives in the city
this week.

Give me your meat trade and thus
help give Hereford a good market.
J. H. Williams. 39tf

Wanted.—A list of your city
property—to sell. Murchison,
Thompson & Co.

Judge C. G. Witherspoon is spend-
ing this week looking after his ranch
interests near Pecos City.

FOR SALE—My residence in East
Hereford. See me or DeAtley, Mos-
ses & Co. Dr. W. C. Moughon. 43tf

FOR SALE—Three head of good
work horses, wagon and harness at
a bargain. See E. P. Whitson. 34tf

Handkerchiefs—Ladies' and Gen-
tlemen's. Prices, 24c to \$1.50 at
Barnett's, will make nice presents
for Xmas. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Dale leave
this week for Corpus Christi, where
they will spend two or three months
in recreation.

Barnett's line of handkerchiefs
and mufflers are the largest ever
shown in Hereford. Call now and
select your Christmas presents. 1t

Miss Lula Morton of Running
Water arrived today from an ex-
tended visit with relatives in Waco.
While in the city, she is the guest
of Mrs. C. E. Edwards.

J. M. Syfert is off on a visit with
relatives in Bell County this week.
Mr. Syfert served notice on us that
he will return to the plains at the
earliest possible moment.

STRAYED—A black, bald-faced
heifer, unbranded, marked split in
right ear, large knot on inside right
hind leg, either fresh or will be
soon. E. A. Winterrowd. 43-2t

WANTED—A car load of second
hand furniture at once. Highest
price paid. Also I am in the mar-
ket for all kinds of hides. It will
pay you to see me if you have any-
thing in either of the above lines to
sell. Buck Roberts, next door to J.
W. English. 43tf

The Correct System.
On the first page of this issue
will be found the half-page ad of
B. W. Miller & Sons in which they
offer inducements to homeseekers to
buy land from them. These gen-
tlemen have been in the land busi-
ness in this city for years and have
the reputation of dealing fairly with
their customers. Messrs. Miller &
Sons have contracted for a large
number of copies of each issue of
the BRAND which will be placed
in the hands of those seeking homes
in this excellent farming section.
The firm's new automobile will
arrive in a few days when they will
be prepared to handle their cus-
tomers in the best of style. See
what they have to say from week
to week.

Building Crossings.
All local citizens were made to
smile with joy this week when
mechanics were put to work build-
ing crossings at the principal cor-
ners of Dewey Avenue. These
crossings are being constructed of
heavy timbers, and it was learned
after considerable inquiry that the
work was being executed under the
direction of the city. This is the
beginning of a move in our city
which will redound to the comfort
and convenience of every man,
woman and child in Hereford as
well as the traveling public.

Town Lots for Sale.
We are now placing on the mar-
ket ten acres of valuable town lots
adjoining the college Campus on the
west and can please the most exact-
ing when it comes to a question of
selection a location for a home.
Can sell a single lot of any size
block desired.
37tf E. F. CONNELL LAND CO.

Cheap for Cash.
A lot of Furniture and racket shop
goods for sale at Buck Roberts' place,
next door to J. W. English. 34tf

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J. H. Williams

