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HAVE YOU GOT YOUR POLL TAX RECEIPT? NO RECEIPT—NO VOTE

Farmers Meet.

Questions of Importance Discussed With Earnestness and Enthusiasm. Cotton and Wheat the Principal Subjects to Receive Their Consideration.

On Saturday afternoon, according to previous announcement, the farmers of Deaf Smith and Castro counties met at the court house to discuss the farming interests of this section, with W. H. Rayzor in the chair.

The reports of the various committees were had in their order, after which, interesting and enthusiastic talks were made by many of the leading citizens of both counties as well as different ones of Hereford. Among those who addressed the convention were, J. M. Acheson, S. T. Howard, C. R. Moreman, Postmaster Roberson of Arney, J. M. Spert, G. C. Majors, B. H. Bounds, W. H. Rayzor, G. A. Hughes, W. S. Dixon, E. B. Orr, O. M. Daniel, Randolph Clark and J. B. Storm.

The question which stood paramount in importance was that of securing cotton seed for planting this spring. The committee had made considerable investigation and reported different sections from which seed, suitable to this climate, could be secured. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that responsible gin men should be looked to, to furnish seed for our section, rather than the wholesale houses which are likely to have an inferior grade of the product.

J. A. Hughes, B. F. Stanley and R. J. Kibbe were appointed to act in conjunction with the old committee in perfecting definite arrangements whereby cotton seed and spring wheat can be secured, so that the farmers may place their orders at the next meeting.

In response to a call from the chairman as to those interested in the sowing of spring wheat, a number indicated their intention of giving this product a trial.

The committee on permanent organization had not completed its work, hence it was decided to carry that feature of the program over until the next meeting. The convention asked S. T. Howard to use his influence in securing aid from the A. & M. College at some subsequent meeting.

All and all the meeting was a most excellent one. Between eighty and one hundred men were present and all seemed to be fully convinced that the only things necessary to do to grow cotton on the plains are planting and cultivation.

The time of adjournment came too quickly, leaving much unfinished business before the house. By unanimous vote it was decided to meet again Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, January 30th, when arrangements in detail will be made for the shipment of seed.

Best in Southwest.

Dimmit, January 21, 1904.

Gentlemen:—As we are now getting our mill three times per week at Hart's would be glad if you would change my paper from Dimmit to Hart as this will make it more convenient for me. With best wishes for the FRANK and its success, I still think it the best county news paper published in the southwest.

Yours truly,

J. S. McCLURE.

STOVES! STOVES!!

We carry a complete line of stoves and can save you money on same. See our line before purchasing. Come around and let us tell you how you can get along this winter with twenty-five per cent less coal than you used last winter

SHELF HARDWARE

In shelf hardware our stock is complete and we can supply your wants at a saving to you. Call for what you want in this line—we have it. We can't enumerate the whole list, but in queensware, glassware, cutlery, etc., we are setting the pace for the great Hereford country, especially in price and quality. In our store "How Good" comes first with "How Cheap" a close second. What you need to do is to come into our place and let us convince you. You ought to "put your home in order" for cold weather. Also let us sell you a good heater. Ours are the much-heat-little-fuel kind.

WINDMILLS

We do not have to make any claims for the Eclipse Windmills. Manufacturers of other makes of windmills, in advertising their wares, make the claim that theirs is "as good as the Eclipse," but none claim to make any better mill than the Eclipse. This claim is the Eclipse's best advertisement, unless it be the testimony of those now using the Eclipse and have given it a thorough test. Among the owners of Eclipse mills we refer you to Ira Aten, Judge L. Gough and T. A. Cox. Remember we are sole agents for these windmills and would be pleased to show to you their good points.

We have just received a car load of farm implements, consisting of plows of all kinds, cultivators, listers, drills, etc. When in town call at our store and get prices

STRINGFELLOW-HUME HARDWARE CO.

HEREFORD, TEXAS

A Successful Enterprise.

J. N. Askren, Earnest Brown, Robert Martin and W. L. Ford returned Tuesday from Las Vegas, N. M., where they had been to dispose of a consignment of 200 dozen brooms, the product of the factory owned by Mr. Askren east of town. It is 200 miles from Hereford across the country to Las Vegas and the freight rates were so high that it was not practicable to ship by rail, so three wagons were loaded and taken to Las Vegas where a ready sale was found for the entire lot. 2400 brooms at six twenty cents each is \$480; and this is only one of the many shipments which Mr. Askren makes during the year. Of course it requires skill and industry to do this and Deaf Smith

county is to be congratulated on having just such a man within her borders. From such a man you hear no cry of hard times; no pessimistic view of his country.

A Call.

The members of the Board of Directors of Add-Ran College are respectfully requested and urged to meet at the Girl's Home on Monday, February 10th at 3 o'clock p. m. I hope to have a full attendance at this very important business meeting.

New Market.

Stanley & Arthur have again opened up a new market, this time in the C. W. Dalton building owned by G. W. Eagle.

Telephone Connections.

The following is a list of the towns with which the Hereford Telephone Exchange makes connections: Amarillo, Canyon City, Childress, Estelline, Elberton, Memphis, Newlin, Panhandle, Rawl, Lubbock, Washburn, Holt, Leake, O. T. Mangum, O. T. Matlock, Paducah, Meador, Spenon, Coydale, Dickens City, Benjamin and El Garado, Okla.

Grocery Department.

The new grocery department in the C. W. Dalton Mercantile Company about February 1st, and will keep on hand a complete stock of meat and ready groceries. Call on us if you need anything in

New Bricks for Hereford.

For sometime there has been floating about in the atmosphere the building of several brick stores in Hereford, but now this has thrown off the guise of a rumor and assumed the form of a reality.

W. B. Dameron has let the contract for the erection of a two-story brick on his corner lot adjoining the F. Herron building on the south, while T. J. Graves has purchased the three lots adjoining it on the north and will begin the erection of three bricks at once, the plans and specifications already having been made. The contract has not yet been let, but Mr. Graves authorizes us to say that they will be built, also J. M. Garner authorizes us to state that J. W. Martin, G. R. Hay and himself have purchased the corner lot just south of the Hereford Mercantile Company and will early in the spring erect a splendid structure there, making in all five additional bricks which will give Hereford a more substantial appearance and affords ample accommodations for every line of business for which there is a demand.

Let the good work go on.

February Special Sale.

The Galbreath & Fox Trading Company, formerly known as the Galbreath, Fox & Company, have perfected their organization and instituted their February special sale, an account of which will be given in their half price

There will be a school house next Sunday morning and night. Come and worship with us.

ALEXANDER W. CRAWFORD.

SHOES AND HOSIERY

is an important topic for us to discuss. Let's think a minute, then examine the goods and if they "toe the mark," buy. What about shoes anyway? Have you been buying "Giesbeck's"? If so you certainly are pleased, for as you remember we asked to hear from you, if they were not satisfactory. If you haven't been buying them are you pleased with the ones you bought? If so go back to the same price to buy again. If you are not pleased come here and we'll try our hand at suiting you. Here, well yes, "Topsy." That means that they are fast black, color won't change. It also means that they wear well. More people wear "Topsy's" than any other line of shoes, that's because they are good.

E. W. Harrison
Who Sells "Topsy"

GALBREATH & FOX TRADING CO.

HEREFORD, TEXAS

The Following are a Few of our Specials for February
 We have not had much to say to the people for the past few weeks in regard to our store, but we have not been idle in looking out for the best interests of our customers, as will be evidenced by a perusal of the following and a visit to our store, not only during this sale but at all times

<p>Blankets and Comforts The winding up of the winter season finds us with too many woolen goods on hand, especially in heavy wool blankets. Below we quote you a few prices which will mean a big saving to the general public. All wool 10-4 blankets, either gray or white, former price \$4.00 closing out price \$3.00 An all wool 10-4 blanket, in red white or gray, former price \$5.00, closing out price \$3.50 An all wool 11-4 blanket, silk stitched, very heavy, former price \$7.50, closing out price \$4.50</p>	<p>10-4 cotton blanket, former price 75c, closing out price 55c 10-4 cotton blanket, extra heavy, gray or white, former price \$1.00 and \$1.25, closing out price 75c An extra heavy comfort, former price \$1.25, closing out price \$1.00 A good silkoline comfort, former price \$1.75, closing out price \$1.25 Insertions and Laces Just received from St. Gaul, Switzerland, over 50,000 yards of embroideries, edgings, laces and all overs, beginning next Monday, February 1st, we will start our opening sale on embroideries, insertions and laces.</p>	<p>These goods were bought last spring before the rise in cotton, therefore we know the price is absolutely correct. We will place embroideries, laces and insertions on sale for one week only at 15 per cent discount. Now we would be glad to have the ladies call and inspect these goods, whether or not you intend to buy. We have one lot of torchon and linen laces consisting of 10,000 yards, running from 2 1-2 to 8 inches wide, that we will place on sale at 7 1-2c per yard for one week only. Spring Gingham In this line we have 100 bolts of Toile</p>	<p>du Nord Gingham, sold elsewhere at 15c per yard, which we will place in this sale for one week only at 11 cents per yard. Lace Curtains 2 1/2 yard lengths at 50c 2 1/4 yard lengths at 75c 3 yard lengths at \$1.25 Acru lace curtains, always sold at \$2.00 at \$1.50 An extra fine 3 7-8 yards long and 52 inches wide at \$2.50 Two cases of India Lawns and India Linens just received, which we will guarantee to save you 25 per cent on. Ask to see them.</p>
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THE ABOVE PRICES ARE SPOT CASH--NO GOODS WILL BE CHARGED TO ANYONE

GALBREATH & FOX TRADING CO.

HEREFORD, TEXAS

B. B. Pierce was in Saturday from his ranch east of town.
 Witherspoon & Gough represent nine old-line fire insurance companies.
 J. A. St. Gall, a representative citizen of Hart, was up on business Wednesday.
 C. V. Taylor was in from his ranch northeast of town Saturday transacting business.
 Charles Sanders was up from his Castro county ranch Saturday and attended the farmers' meeting.
 Call and see my line of saddles, harness, quirts, bits, spurs—in fact, anything in my line. Prices will be made to suit your pocketbook. J. A. Canterbury.

J. W. Dalton of Castro county was in town on business Wednesday.
 We want some frying chickens, also butter for shipping. Garner & Martin.
 William Atkins and family of Amarillo visited in Hereford several days this week.
 Jack Killough was in from his ranch thirty miles south of town Tuesday after supplies.
 A. Laird passed through Hereford Monday on his return home from a business trip to Vernon.
 A well selected line of ladies' and children's "Topsy" hose, the kind worn in Arkansas, at Esca Harrison's.
 E. L. Mangum, a substantial citizen of the North, Draw, was transacting business in Hereford Wednesday.
 Mrs. J. N. English of Austin arrived in Hereford Monday, the guest of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Black.
 Misses Millicent Griffith and Pearl Turrentine of the Hereford public school will attend the Castro County Institute at Dimmitt tomorrow.
 We will trade with you on anything in our line, whether you have cash, cattle, feed or any other marketable product. Reagan & Dyer.
 J. D. Thompson was in from his ranch 12 miles northwest of town Saturday and was an attentive listener to the farmers' discussion at the court house.
 G. W. and E. W. Orr of Boom came up Saturday and took an active part in the discussion of the questions which are just now puzzling the farmers of the Panhandle.

Pants—50c a button, \$1 a rip, at E. W. Harrison's.
 Sam Hand went to Amarillo Tuesday afternoon on business.
 Just received a nice line of cabbage at the Hereford Grocery Co.
 Earnest Blessing of Mansfield, Tex., visited in Hereford Saturday.
 Hereford Fuel Oil Co., for the genuine McAlister coal. Phone 76.
 H. N. Jackson, living north of town, was a visitor to Hereford Saturday.
 Mrs. J. H. Garrison of Canyon City visited in Hereford the latter part of last week.
 Get our prices on anything in the tinning or plumbing line. They are right. Reagan & Dyer.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hopson returned Monday from several days' visit with relatives in Amarillo.
 Witherspoon & Gough write farm property in the Aetna of Hartford and Hartford Fire Insurance Companies.
 Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Pylant were shopping in Hereford Monday and the former was a pleasant caller at this office.
 W. S. Dixon, our popular correspondent from the Cleo community, was up Saturday to attend the farmers' meeting at the court house.
 If you want your sod land plowed deep investigate the merits of the Moline disc plow, for sale by the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co.
 J. F. Saddler, one of Amarillo's representative lawyers and citizens, transacted legal business in Hereford Monday and was a welcomed visitor to THE BRAND office.

A few fine pigs cheap: Troy Womble.
 J. B. Storm of Arney had business in Hereford Saturday.
 "Topsy" hose give satisfaction. For sale by E. W. Harrison.
 W. J. Sanders of Castro county had business in the city Saturday.
 Right up to now—Canterbury's line of harness, saddles and sundries.
 C. V. Walker came in from his ranch east of town Tuesday on business.
 A good drinking tub is a profitable investment. We make 'em. Reagan & Dyer.
 G. C. Majors represented his community at the farmers' meeting Saturday.
 D. W. Hawkins came in on business Saturday and showed up at the farmers' meeting.
 If you are in the least particular about wearing a new hat go to Esca Harrison's and get one.
 W. M. Curfman, one of Castro's substantial ranchmen, transacted business in Hereford Saturday.
 Lost—Lady's gold watch with L. J. engraved on case. Finder return to this office and receive reward.
 J. M. Atcheson was in on business Saturday and made an interesting talk before the farmers' convention.
 Parties having property for sale will subserve their own interests by listing with us. B. H. Bounds & Sons.
 J. B. Collins, of the Collins Bros' ranch near Dimmitt, had business with our doctors Wednesday and while in town, made arrangements whereby he becomes a permanent reader of the BRAND.

Human collars at E. W. Harrison's.
 J. F. Ward was in from his ranch Saturday on business.
 One good work horse for sale. See Hereford Mercantile Co.
 L. R. Brady was transacting business in Hereford Saturday.
 Do your cattle need dipping? We make the vats. Reagan & Dyer.
 R. C. Bridges was in from his place east of town Saturday to attend the farmers' meeting.

The Hereford Laundry
 is open again and prepared to do first class work. We use pure water and guarantee satisfaction. Give us a trial. Phone No. 91 and we will call for your bundle.
W. W. JONES
 Proprietor

Bell Bros
 The practical tanners and manufacturers want your orders for anything in their line. We make what you want subject to your order. Come and see us.
 We Furnish Steel Tanks, Dipping Vats, Drinking Tubs and Any Kind of Fitting for Water Works of Any Description at the Lowest Prices.
 We can repair your wind mill, stop sand from flowing from your well and plumbing. We will call for your bundle.
W. W. JONES
 Proprietor

Cheap Texas Lands
AND
Free Oklahoma Homesteads

4 school sections, unimproved at \$400 each
1 school section, improved, including \$100 worth of feed, at \$550
3 section claim in solid body, \$1000 plus improvements, total \$2500. This is the best claim in Dallam County
4 section improved school claim \$2560
Patented land at \$1.57 to \$2.50 per acre, merchandise, store houses, etc., on some of which I will take cattle in part payment.
I will locate you on a free homestead claim of 160 acres in Beaver county, Oklahoma, 11 miles of this place for \$10 or I will locate you on a shallow water claim convenient to coal and copper mines and timber for \$25.00. U. S. government fees \$16.00 additional. Sub irrigated alfalfa lands very cheap!

SEND FOR LIST OF BARGAINS

Wm. F. Beck,
Stratford, Texas

Mrs. E. J. Tuttle

Dealer In

High-Class Parlor Millinery

To be in the brick store just north of the Racket Store, Hereford, Texas.

NOTICE!

I am now using my new house as an annex to my boarding house, therefore can board cheaper than I have heretofore. For nice rooms and best meals in town try the Bon Ton at \$16 per month.

MRS. ELLA BUSTER, Proprietor.

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Hereford Transfer

W. T. SMITH, Prop.

All kinds of light hauling done on short notice and in a satisfactory manner. Phone No. 100

Baggage Delivered to all parts of the city

Panhandle Marble Works

AMARILLO, TEXAS

MARBLE AND GRANITE

Monuments and Statuary

Iron Fences, etc.

S. Sweet, Agent

Hereford, Texas

The following will be sold at public auction on the 23rd of Hereford, Saturday, Jan. 23:

1 Home Comfort range stove, cost \$84.

1 heating stove, as new, cost \$12.

week at Hart & Martin's good as would change my paper to Hart & Martin's COMB.

wishes for the BRAND I still think it the best paper published in the should examine Yours truly J. S. M. ROS.

INTERESTING MEETING.

Local Option Club of Hereford Transacts Important Business.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of the Hereford branch of the Local Option Association met at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, announcement of which had been made at the different churches on Sunday. The meeting opened with a song by the choir, followed by a prayer by Rev. Kilbourn, President Lee Clark presiding, and who stated the object, purposes and character of the meeting. Rev. Kilbourn then stated what was wished to be accomplished through these organizations and that the first point to be gained was the passage of the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill, now pending in the National Congress, and by what means this was to be done, i. e., sending telegrams and signed petitions and writing personal letters to our representatives at Washington. After securing the passage of this bill, which forbids the shipping of intoxicants from a licensed state into a prohibition state, the next step to be taken was the passage, in our state legislature, of laws prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquors into prohibition counties. To do this the citizens of each legislative district should see that only men who will favor such a law be elected to our state legislature. Bro. Kilbourn then moved that the following petition be adopted and signed and sent to our representatives at Washington, which was unanimously carried:

We, the undersigned citizens of Hereford, Texas, realizing that the shipment of intoxicating liquors into prohibition territory in original packages defeats the will of the people and reduces liberty to a mere name, respectfully ask and insist that you use your utmost endeavors to secure the passage of the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill.

Signed by over 100 citizens.

Randolph Clark made a short address confirming Rev. Kilbourn's remarks and stated that he always took the stand for morality, purity and cleanness of character.

Rev. Bounds then stated that we should all go into the manufacturing business and stay in it for all time to come—the product to be a sentiment against the liquor traffic—and to appoint ourselves as teachers to educate the growing youth in the practical end of this great "sentiment factory."

A communication was then read which had been received by Sheriff Inmon from Congressman John H. Stephens, stating that he would use his influence for and vote to adopt the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill whenever it comes for passage.

A collection was then taken to defray expenses of telegraphing to our representatives.

Judge L. Gough then took the floor and heartily endorsed that which had been said and done, but stated that one thing had been overlooked and called attention to the fact that the sentiment against the pool hall had been allowed to abate somewhat. He strongly condemned the institution and advanced the idea of keeping up a strong sentiment against the operation of such places of business.

A point was then raised as to the inefficiency of any movement calculated to drive from our borders such institutions unless a counteracting influence was created in the form of a Y. M. C. A. hall or other similar institution.

A vote of thanks was extended to the members of the Cumberland Presbyterian society for the use of their church house on this occasion. Also a vote of appreciation to Congressman Stephens for his stand on the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill.

A large number of new members were added to the association, which will hold regular meetings on the

last Tuesday evening of each month, the next meeting to be held in the C. P. church.

A committee was appointed to arrange a suitable program for the next meeting, the committee consisting of Mesdames G. G. Witherspoon and F. L. Vanderburgh and Messrs. Inmon, Kilbourn, Witherspoon and Vanderburgh.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same was dismissed by Bro. Means, preceded by a closing song.

Good Will for Hereford.

In referring to a recent visit to Hereford, Editor Brandon of the Canyon City News has the following to say about this town:

The writer was in Hereford for a short time Monday evening and found the town in the same thrifty onward stride toward advancement that has ever and anon been commented upon by outsiders ever since the beginning of the place. Vanderburgh & Ray, the worthy proprietors of THE BRAND, assured the News that building would be resumed there again in the spring and that five brick buildings were already in contemplative construction. Canyon City citizens are glad to see our sister town grow, for, barring the friendly contention about the water problem as being differential of value between the two towns, our interests are mutual. We haven't anything else in our hearts but good will toward the Hereford people.

Notice.

This is to notify all whom it may concern that the firm of Loveless & Black composed of S. Loveless and E. B. Black, furniture dealers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, S. Loveless retiring and E. B. Black continuing the business. The said E. B. Black assumes all indebtedness due by said firm, and all notes and accounts due said firm are payable to him.

S. LOVELESS,

E. B. BLACK.

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Gold Near Tucumcari, N. M.

Numerous reports from Tucumcari are to the effect that the people of that town are wild with excitement over recent discoveries of gold about 15 miles east of that town. The report is that the formation is black sand, and nuggets are found everywhere as big as wheat grains. A mining company has been organized at Tucumcari to take charge of the situation.

Notice.

We have bought the entire coal, grain, hay and post business of Higgins & Rice and also their accounts. Anyone wishing to pay their account or buy anything we have to sell, we are ever ready to wait on them.

Yours for business,

W. L. FALLWELL & SONS.

For Sale.

Fullblood White Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Eggs—13 for \$1.

J. A. STEGALL,

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Dimmitt, Texas.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

All persons indebted to E. W. Dyer & Sons will please call at once and settle, either by cash or note. 43

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against hunting or otherwise trespassing on the Escarbaña division of the XIT ranch. IRA ATEN, 37tf Division Manager.

For Sale Cheap.

One good work horse, 8 years old. One good milch cow, one half Durham, five years old.

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W. T. SMITH,

at Garner & Martin.

For Sale, Lease or Trade

3 sections of improved land near Hereford. For price address Lock Box 193, Pilot Point, Texas. 47

FOR THE FIRST WEEK

In February we will offer you a "jubilee" time at our big store.

For This Week at January Special Prices

Our entire line of Floor Coverings. Our entire stock of Folding Beds. Our mammoth line of Dining and Center Tables. All Rockers and Dining Chairs and to make things lively, all Chamber Suits, Iron Beds, Sideboards and Sewing Machines will go in this sale

Picture framing, Wall Paper Honest goods at LOW Prices

Our January specials were a grand success, but having quite a complete line left in all departments. We have decided to give you who were not ready to buy a good chance during our other sales.

E. B. BLACK, FURNITURE DEALER AND UNDERTAKER

Panama's Right to Cede from Columbia

is now being discussed among the politicians of the country, but no husband questions the right of the thrifty wife in purchasing her Groceries and Provisions at a store where the prices are right and qualities always the best, to say nothing of the excellent assortment. These three essentials cause so many of the thrifty wives of Hereford to trade always with

John A. Johnson
.: Groceryman .:

J. W. Hough, CONTRACTOR

Contractor of Brick, Stone, Iron or Wood Buildings

NO JOB TOO LARGE

NONE TOO SMALL

To Receive My Personal Attention

A PANHANDLE BOOK

The Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas has printed a little book descriptive of the Panhandle of Texas and setting forth its advantages to the homeseeker. This book is intended to be used in the work of developing and settling the country and we are pleased to offer it to our friends for this purpose. Anyone interested is requested to send us names and addresses of friends in other states to whom they would like this book sent. We shall be pleased also to send out these books to lists of prospective patrons sent us by real-estate agents in the Panhandle. If you want a copy send me your name and address.

DON A. SWEET, Traffic Manager
Amarillo, Texas

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1904

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.

The following opinion from the Attorney General to Associate Justice Brown of the Supreme Court is of importance to all citizens over sixty years of age who expect to vote in the coming elections:

"This department is in receipt of your favor of this date, with reference to the necessity for your personal appearance before the tax collector of Grayson county for the purpose of obtaining your certificate of exemption from the payment of poll taxes. The substance of your inquiry is, if such is necessary.

"In reply thereto we call your attention to the latter part of Sec. 25 of the Trefell election law, which requires the tax collector to deliver the certificate of exemption to the citizen in person. We think this sufficient to require the personal presence of the exempt person in obtaining his certificate of exemption.

"Another reason also seems apparent from other provisions of said section. The exemption certificate is required to state the facts therein mentioned on oath. No provision is made in the election law as to before what officer the oath might be taken other than the collector. Even as to the collector's authority to administer the oath, it appears only in the form of the exemption certificate. According to this form the collector must certify that personally appeared before me and being sworn says, etc. From this it appears that the collector is the only officer before whom such oaths may be made, so it would seem that the personal presence of the exempt person is necessary for the purpose of making the oath, as well as for the delivery of the certificate to him in person.

"Section 30, wherein it requires the collector to require proof of the statements if he has reason to believe that a person has sworn falsely, and also to report to the foreman of the grand jury is highly persuasive of this view.

"You are, therefore, advised that it is the opinion of this department that you will have to appear in person before the collector of Grayson county for the purpose of securing

your certificate of exemption. T. S. JOHNSON, Office Assistant Attorney General. It will be seen from the above that it is absolutely necessary for all citizens too old to pay poll tax to secure a certificate of exemption from the tax collector before they can vote. And since all other rules, applicable to the tax payer, are also applicable to the non-tax payer as shown above, it is evident that such certificate must be secured before February 1st.

If you wish to exercise your right as an American citizen, you will have to be on the alert.

WE wish to urge upon all the importance of attending the farmers' meeting at the court house tomorrow afternoon, at which time it will be decided where the cottonseed for this section will be procured and the amount each farmer wants. The last meeting was well attended and good interest manifested, but on account of nothing definite being done by the various committees it was decided to meet tomorrow, when the largest attendance of the season is expected and the convention will get down to business in earnest. Come out and watch the enthusiasm and interest grow.

OUR esteemed neighbor, "THE BRAND," has seen fit to change its heading and form. Instead of a "spank up" four column, under its old familiar head it comes to us this week as a five column under a plain heading as "THE HEREFORD BRAND." The insertion of the word "Hereford" is all right but the old form suited our eye the best. Of course, everything else being equal, it's only a matter of taste.—Canyon City News.

THE Quanah Observer has been leased to Messrs. Edmund Le Cleve and A. S. Whitehead who will have the management of the paper after February 1st. The retiring proprietor, Mr. Goodlett, has built the paper up to a high standard and the new proprietors will have much to do to maintain this standard.

GOOD rains and snows have been reported over the greater portion of North and Central Texas which will be of inestimable benefit to the wheat crop as well as to enable the farmers to begin making preparation for oat sowing.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found the report of the Western National Bank at the close of business January 22, which indicates that institution to be in a most prosperous condition.

THE HEREFORD BRAND has enlarged and improved. All honor to a town which will "rally round its rag" and thus make improvement both easy and necessary.—Banner-Stockman.

WE call the attention of our readers to the statement of the Hereford National Bank found on page 7 of this issue, which shows a sound and prosperous condition of that institution.

THE HEREFORD BRAND comes to us this week enlarged to an eight page, five column all home print, and otherwise very much improved. Quanah Observer.

Card of Thanks.

Hereford, January 22, 1904.

EDITORS OF THE BRAND:—Please allow us through the columns of your paper to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors who so kindly and tenderly assisted us in nursing our darling Gracie Lee during her last illness. May the Giver of every good and perfect gift reward them all abundantly in our prayer.

MR. AND MRS. J. D. CURTSINGER.

Jay Gould Once Said:

"TAKE CARE OF THE DIMES

THE DOLLARS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES."

This piece of advice coming from such a high authority should not be regarded lightly. It is just as true for today as for the time it was made. We offer every encouragement to those who wish to save.

The Hereford National Bank

Hereford, Texas

SAT ON THE DEPOT FLOOR.

It is Estimated that 6,000 Homeseekers Passed Through the City Yesterday.

The last of the big crowd of homeseekers went out on the late trains last night. All day long, and up to 10 o'clock last night, the old Union depot was crowded with travelers. There were not seats for one-third of them. They sat on the steps, and upstairs where the floor was cleaner they sat on the floor. The eating houses and saloons on Union avenue were resting places for hundreds.

Every train that went to Oklahoma, the Indian Territory, Texas and New Mexico was heavily loaded with homeseekers. During the day twenty-five extra coaches were attached to regular trains. These were all filled. The Santa Fe express from Chicago, which is due to arrive at 8:40 o'clock in the morning, had fifteen coaches in the train. It reached from the depot into the gooseneck. During the day this road had fifteen extra coaches for the South. The Rock Island had six. The Frisco had four. The M., K. & T. had no extra coaches on, but its trains were loaded to the guards. A conservative estimate of the number of homeseekers who passed through Kansas City is 6,000.—Kansas City World.

Constitutional Amendments.

At the ensuing November election the voters of Texas will be given an opportunity to vote on three amendments to the State constitution.

The one in which the most interest will likely be taken is that which authorizes the appropriation for pensions to ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors and the establishment of a home for the maintenance of old, crippled and indigent ex-Confederate soldiers not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars. This amendment was passed by the last legislature by a vote of yeas 142, nays 3.

Another amendment provides for the incorporation of state banks with banking and discounting privileges. This amendment was passed by a vote of 95 yeas, 6 nays.

The remaining amendment authorizes legislation, now prohibited by the constitution, in aid of certain internal improvements, to-wit: The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflow; the construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, rivers, dams, canals and waterways; construction of turnpikes, roads, and providing for the issuance of bonds by municipalities and counties to make such improvements. This amendment was passed by a vote of 93 yeas, 2 nays.

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Hereford, Texas

The most essential principles in the successful conduct of a Bank are Fidelity, Conservatism and Integrity.

On these as a firm foundation, Safety and Soundness are built. The employment of these methods by this Bank has resulted in its uninterrupted prosperity for the past three years.

Do you think a bank of this character is the best institution with which to do business?

JNO. E. FERGUSON, President.
C. W. DODSON, Cashier.

J. P. HARDING, Druggist

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40,000 Cypress Fence Stays at \$15.00 per 1000.

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Dealers in

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AND FIELD SEED

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The Hereford Grocery Company

At D. R. Gass & Sons Corner

Will keep a complete line of Staple Fancy groceries at rock bottom We handle the celebrated White flour. Terms strictly cash. Fair deal

WICKER'S ANTISEPTIC FOOT RELIEF

Positively cures feet from sweating and destroys all offensive odors. Prevents itching, scalding and tired feet. Sold under a guarantee and money refunded if not as represented. PRICE 25 CTS.

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Before retiring, wash the feet with warm water, using soap. Rinse well and dry with towel. Then apply powder by brisk rubbing. In the morning put on clean hose, dusting a little of the powder in them. If the feet sweat that day repeat as before, using clean hose each morning. The second application will usually produce a cure. But in some cases it will require several applications. Manufactured by T. M. COULSON & CO. HEREFORD, TEXAS

POST OFFICE HOURS

General delivery open from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Office open Sunday for an hour after morning church services and arrival of train.

W. J. Walters, P. M.

P. V. & N. T. TIME TABLE

Pass. Train Leaves
201, south-bound, 10:59 a. m.
202, north-bound, 5:20 p. m.

STAGE TO DIMMITT.

Lv. Hereford at 1:30 p. m. daily ex. Sunday
Ar. Dimmitt at 6:00 p. m.
Lv. Dimmitt at 7:30 a. m.
Ar. Hereford at 12:30 m.

STAGE TO ARNEY

Lv. Hereford Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p. m.
Lv. Arney same days at 6:30 a. m.

SHORT LOCALS

News of Interest Boiled Down for Rapid Reading—Facts Concerning People You Know.

For fine pigs at reasonable prices see Troy Womble. 50-1f

H. Trow went to Vernon Wednesday afternoon on business.

A good, nice house for rent cheap. Call at once. Troy Womble. 46tf

G. R. Jowell was in from his ranch Wednesday after supplies.

"Topsy" hose cover a multitude of corns. Sold by Esca Harrison.

G. T. Higgins went down to Vernon Wednesday afternoon on business.

We want some frying chickens, also butter for shipping. Garner & Martin. 49

Frank Chestnut of Arney was in Hereford Wednesday and Thursday on business.

WANTED—Roomers and boarders. Mrs. C. G. Burns, one block north of the court house square. 50

Geo. L. Muse, commissioner of precinct No. 4, was in Hereford Wednesday after supplies.

LOST—A pair of gentlemen's kid gloves. Finder please return to BRAND office and receive reward.

J. M. Gollehon of Dimmitt had business in Hereford Saturday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

J. R. T. Bassett, one of North Draw's progressive ranchmen, was transacting business in Hereford Wednesday.

J. W. Williams, father-in-law to J. W. Martin returned to his home in Arkansas Wednesday after spending several days in Hereford.

It makes no difference which way the wind blows, Esca Harrison is always well prepared on men's gloves, hats, pants, shoes, hosiery, underwear, neckwear and time in which to display the merits of same. To look don't compel you to buy; it only serves to prepare you for buying. 50

Bank Statement.

Report of the Condition of The Western National Bank, at Hereford, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, January 22, 1904:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 77,252.52
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,101.39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	703.12
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,351.84
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	473.33
Due from State Banks and Bankers	52.35
Due from approved reserve agents	15,252.71
Checks and other cash items	83.37
Notes of other National Banks	1,000.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	49.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$7,110.30
Legal-tender notes	1,279.00
	8,389.30
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$124,833.93
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,418.12
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	None
Due to State Banks and Bankers	None
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	None
Due to approved reserve agents	None
Dividends unpaid	None
Individual deposits subject to check	47,765.81
Time certificates of deposit	10,650.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$124,833.93
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH:	
I, F. B. FULLER, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
F. B. FULLER, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January, 1904.	
T. J. GRAVES, Notary Public.	
G. A. F. PARKER, JNO. F. SLATON, ROSS W. DAVIS,	Directors.

Hawkes eye glasses—good and cheap at Burns & Smith. 46tf

W. A. Higgins was in from his ranch Wednesday on business.

Geo. Cloyd left Wednesday afternoon for Matador where he had business.

Miss Lenna Greer of Castro county was shopping in Hereford Wednesday.

A. H. Morris came in from his ranch on the North Draw Wednesday after supplies.

It is not fancy plumbing that keeps your mindmills running. If they are out of order have them fixed right by Reagan & Dyer. 49

J. C. Coker was in town on business Thursday.

G. R. Ward of Arney was transacting business in Hereford Wednesday.

B. B. Pearce was in from his ranch east of town Thursday on business.

J. C. Johnson came in from his ranch west of town Thursday after supplies.

A. O. Thompson was a business visitor to the city Wednesday from the South Draw.

J. S. Whitsett, a North Draw ranchman, was a business visitor to Hereford Thursday.

J. H. Holland was in Hereford Wednesday from his Castro county ranch after supplies.

H. M. Jackson was in from his ranch 20 miles west of town Wednesday after supplies.

Robert Keesee, one of Castro's progressive stock farmers, was transacting business in Hereford Wednesday.

M. V. Robertson of the North Draw was in Hereford Thursday and paid the BRAND office an appreciated visit.

Go to Herron & Costner for your cotton seed to plant, they have a car of seed from Young county, away from the boll weevil district. 50tf

J. G. Callens has just received a fresh lot of nice candies and cakes, also bananas, apples, figs, nuts and etc. at J. A. Johnson's old stand. Call and see him. 2t

G. T. Abbott of Dimmitt was a business visitor to Hereford Thursday and was a welcome caller at this office. Mr. Abbott orders THE BRAND sent to his father at Weatherford.

If you have any land to break you should see the Moline disc plow at Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co's. These are the plows which are being used by Walter Fewell, with traction engine. 47

T. J. Graves received this week a valuable present from his brother in East Texas in the form of a 10 gallon keg of genuine ribbon cane syrup and extends a special invitation to all his friends to call and help him "sop."

Messrs. W. B. Beach, O. F. Smith, Misses Maggie Harris and Essie Beach went to Canyon City Wednesday afternoon to attend the mid-winter session of the B. Y. P. U. of the Panhandle, which was held at that place Thursday and Thursday night.

Advertised Letters.
Remaining in the postoffice at Hereford for the week ending Jan. 29, 1904:
H. P. Anderson, Bob Bouldin, S. M. Davis (2), Mrs. Dora Davis, Frank Deren, L. K. Eggerton, W. F. Falliard, H. Flores, Birgid Gathers, Frank Ham, C. M. Houser, Mrs. Charlie Lee, Mrs. Bushie Miller (2), Ellis Morrow (2), Mrs. D. A. Shelton, Will Wilams.
When calling for the above please say "advertised." One cent will be charged for advertising.

W. J. WALTERS.

Notice.
Mrs. J. L. Underwood, who lives in the south part of town, requests us to announce that she is prepared to take washing and asks the public to give her a trial. 4t

Canterbury Has 'Em.
What? Why everything in the saddlery line. Call and inspect goods and get prices.

GOOD ADVICE

Now Is The Time To Economize

This is the season of the year when your necessary expenses are highest. He is a wise man who figures carefully how and where he spends his money.

Did you ever figure on how much you could save by buying your groceries in quantities of \$10 and up? If not come in and we will show you.

We sell at wholesale as well as retail, and we can make you better prices on a months supply or more than can any retailer for like goods in 50c and \$1 amounts. The larger the purchase the greater the reduction.

This is the reason we are enabled to sell goods so cheaply. We contract and buy in large quantities, mainly in car lot shipments, which gives us a decided advantage over our smaller competitors in making prices. Think this over and sit down and make up a list of what you will need for the next month or so and bring it to us and we will show you where the saving comes in. We want your business whether you buy little or much and with our large and complete stock and special prices, we only ask you to come in and let us help you to economize by cutting down your grocery expenses. Very Respectfully

Garner & Martin

At the Norman & Mabry Stand

Garrison Bros.

...Dealers In...

Stoves, Builders Hardware, Saddles and Harness, Farm Implements, Wire and Windmills.

The Samson Windmill has gained a popularity that places it in the lead. This is due to its strength of construction, and self-governing qualities. In implements, we make it a point to handle the makes best adapted to the soil in this country. Our efforts in this line have met with much success, especially with our Hancock Rotary Disc Plow. Our trade on this plow for the past year has been an unparalleled success in this Disc Plow trade of Hereford. If you contemplate buying a Disc Plow, don't fail to learn the merits of the Hancock before you purchase. We have just received a car of Pipe and Casing and will be glad to figure with you on any size well outfit.

Garrison Bros.

Hardware and Implements.

C. L. Davis W. H. Howard
Davis & Howard
REAL ESTATE AGENTS
Bargains in Ranches, Farm Lands and City Property. If you wish to sell your property we can find a buyer or if you wish to purchase property, we can suit you.
LET US KNOW YOUR WANTS

HEREFORD FUEL OIL CO.

DEALERS IN

Beaumont Crude Oil, Manufactured Ice and the Genuine Primrose "Nigger Head" Coal

"Once you try it, you'll always buy it"

Your patronage will be appreciated and given prompt attention
PHONE 76

TROY WOMBLE, Manager

Tierra Blanca Herefords

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Herd Headed by Climax
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Will sell a quantity of young stock either singly or in car load Lots

Write me or see my ranch, situated east of Hereford, on the Tierra Blanca river.

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THE BRAND

On the Wing.

Our friend, J. F. Lockney, editor of the Amarillo Advocate, in referring to a recent trip down the Pecos Valley road, has the following to say about Hereford and Bovina:

Next was Hereford. Here we met at the depot Bro. T. F. Robeson, who said he was moving to Canyon. We saw Rev. Bandy and raised our hat to him, not on account of his calling, but as a sign of recognition. And Prof. Ray, who is now spinning wind for THE BRAND, we shook his hand and assured him of our sympathy, love and affection, and told him the sphinx would provide for him if he hustled. He said THE BRAND was IT, and we never argue with a man about his own baby. Dr. Randolph Clark was also a passenger from Amarillo to Hereford. He said they had moved into their new college building and the school was doing nicely; the fame of it is spreading far and wide. Hereford is a beautiful town, and is in the center of good land for two days' travel every way, and when this land is settled by sons of toil instead of sons of bonus the town will be a city. So will the other towns on this great plains country—the garden spot of God, and He's coming back to His own some day, and then we'll be in it. Bovina next. She's a "beaut." Oodles of room to grow a city, but it's hardly sprouted now. Too much Syndicate land. Large ranches are a blight to cities. They are the deadly Upas tree to towns. But these lands are being placed on the market at a fair price, and it will not be long until the fellow who had rather sweat than wait for a sucker will buy them and tear up the dirt and work and grow something.

Trespass Notice.

I will prosecute any person or persons guilty of hunting on my ranch in Castro county.
47-5t S. S. EVANTS.

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LEDBETTER—RHEA.

John W. Rhea of Bovina Wedded to Miss Winfield Lucelia Ledbetter of Coleman, Texas.

The following clipping from the Coleman Democrat will be interesting to the many friends of John W. Rhea, one of the most popular and progressive young cattlemen of this section of the country, and who will join THE BRAND in extending to the newly wedded pair the heartiest of congratulations:

The Presbyterian church was the scene Wednesday afternoon of a beautiful wedding when Miss Winfield Lucelia Ledbetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ledbetter, became the wife of John William Rhea of Bovina, Texas. The church was tastefully decorated with palms and potted plants, and the guests were favored with a flute solo by Mrs. Lelia Johnson before the arrival of the bridal party. The front pews were occupied by relatives and the members of the Self-Culture Club, of which the bride was a member.

Promptly at the appointed hour—four-thirty—the bridal party entered the church to the music of a wedding march composed by Prof. C. E. Dancy of New York, cousin of the bride, Miss Nannie Grinnan of Brownwood acting as organist. The groom and his best man, Presley McCord, entered from the side with the clergyman and at the altar met the bride, who entered on the arm of her father, preceded by Mrs. Dancy Ledbetter as matron of honor and Miss Olivia Ledbetter as maid of honor, the ushers, Dancy Ledbetter and O. E. Talley, leading the procession and taking their places on either side.

The full Episcopal ceremony was used, the bride being a communicant of that church, the Rev. George S. Gibbs of Dallas officiating.

The bride wore a traveling gown of brown cloth handsomely trimmed with panne velvet and hand embroidered medallions and artistic touches of red. Her hat was of brown plush with roses in soft red tones. Miss Olivia Ledbetter wore a dainty white muslin gown trimmed with lace and ribbons, and a black and white picture hat. Mrs. Dancy Ledbetter wore an elegant gown of gray voile over silk and a hat of blue panne velvet.

The bridal couple left on the six o'clock train for Waco amid a shower of rice and good wishes, and after a tour of three months will be at home at Roswell, N. M.

The groom is one of the firm of Rhea Brothers, dealing extensively in cattle and having large ranch interests in Texas and New Mexico.

The bride is one of Coleman's highly accomplished young ladies, and was the recipient of many valuable bridal presents from her many friends, both from those at home and abroad. In her business relations as insurance agent she has made many friends.

Bank President Arrested.

S. B. Allen, president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Cleburne, was arrested Saturday night on a charge of embezzling \$29,000 of the bank's money. Mr. Allen was taken before the United States authorities of Dallas where he gave bond in the sum of \$7,500.

Notice.

On account of the disagreeable weather and the attending hardship on our deliverymen to run our wagons until late in the night, we, the undersigned grocerymen of Hereford, wish to announce to the public that after February 1st and during the months of February, March and April we will make no deliveries after 6 o'clock p. m., and we respectfully request our patrons to get their orders in before that time.
GARNER & MARTIN,
JOHN A. JOHNSON,
HEREFORD GROCERY CO.

Windmill Repairing.

This is the time of the year when your windmill needs attention most. We have special facilities for keeping them in running order. Good plumbing will prevent freezing. If out of order call on Bell Bros. or ring up No. 24.

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THE CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Having eliminated the stock of Groceries we are now prepared to furnish you at prices lower than ever anything you need in the following lines

Dry Goods, Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes and Millinery

Our aim is to sell for cash at a small profit. We carry a complete line of everything in our line. Call on us and let us show you goods

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HEREFORD, TEXAS

We will be ready about December 10th to receive fat hogs—dressed or alive—for packing purposes, as we propose to have established in Hereford an up-to-date packing plant by that date. We will pay the highest market price for fat hogs and respectfully request that you bring your hogs to this point, for which cash will be paid. ROBT. HUMPHREY, Mgr.

THE FAMOUS Will Handle GROCERIES About Feb. 1st, 1904

Don't Ask For Credit

From now on we will be called to run our business on a cash basis. We dislike to do it but it is necessary in order that we may meet our obligations.

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HEREFORD, TEXAS.

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Residence phone No. 138

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specialist, will be at the Hereford
Dental Parlors on the 1st of each
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of Hereford and vicinity in his line.
Dr. Raschbaum is also a scientific
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SHORT LOCALS

News of Interest Boiled Down for
Rapid Reading—Facts Con-
cerning People You Know.

Wall Paper—E. B. Black. 44

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bell visited
in Hereford a few days this week.

A well selected assortment of high
grade shirts, at E. W. Harrison's.

O. M. Daniel was an interested
member of the cotton convention
Saturday.

FOUND—A lady's purse containing
some money. Call at the Western
National Bank.

Jarret Janes, of the Janes Bros.
ranch near Bovina, came up Tues-
day afternoon on business.

Claude Moreman came in from
his ranch northeast of town Saturday
and spent Sunday with home folks.

Children, get your tablets, pen-
cils, school books and all school
supplies at J. P. Harding's drug
store. 47

J. W. Hough came up Saturday
from Bovina, where he is building a
store house, to spend Sunday with
home folks.

Mrs. J. P. Harding returned
Wednesday from several weeks'
visit with relatives at Howe and
other points in Grayson county.

Now is the time to order a new
pair of Canterbury's hand-made
boots—the kind that fit and wear
well—or have your old ones repaired.

W. H. Russell and Miss Nora
Daniel returned home with Mr. and
Mrs. Allan Bell, Wednesday, with
whom they will visit several days.

NO. 5004

Bank Statement.

Report of the Condition of The
Hereford National Bank, at Here-
ford, in the State of Texas, at
the close of business, January
22, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$140,973.31
Overdrafts, secured and unse- cured	5,874.44
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	250.00
Banking house, furniture and fix- tures	4,097.14
Other real estate owned	5,016.30
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	246.78
Due from approved reserve agents	13,568.37
Live Stock Account	2,337.48
Checks and other cash items	1,479.67
Notes of other National Banks	635.00
Fractional paper currency, nick- els, and cents	120.33
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$7,271.70
Legal-tender notes	3,700.00
	10,971.70
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of cir- culation)	312.50
Total	\$192,133.02
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	9,584.09
National Bank notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	35,010.08
Due to approved reserve agents	1,931.23
Individual deposits subject to check	93,580.62
Time certificates of deposit	3,510.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	3.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	13,264.00
Total	\$192,133.02

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH, ss.
I, C. W. Dodson, Cashier of the
above-named bank, do solemnly swear that
the above statement is true to the best of
my knowledge and belief.

C. W. DODSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
26th day of January, 1904.
(SEAL) C. G. WITHERSPOON,
Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
JNO. E. FERGUSON,
L. GOUGH,
R. J. KIBBE, Directors.

You can get suited in gloves at
E. W. Harrison's. 50

T. J. Randle of Rock Lake was
transacting business in Hereford
Tuesday.

A. J. Lipscomb returned Tuesday
from several days visit with relatives
at Stratford.

W. E. Hicks of Umbarger was
transacting business in the county
capital Tuesday.

Jno. E. Ferguson went to Amarillo
Tuesday afternoon where he had
business for a day or two this week

R. A. Hough, a relative of Ster-
ling Coffey, was up from Hereford
Saturday and Sunday.—Canyon City
News.

W. A. Keithley of Castro county
was transacting business in Here-
ford Saturday and attended the far-
mers' meeting.

Pianos, organs, sheet-music.
Everything in the music line.
Thos. Goggan & Bro., Galveston,
Dallas, San Antonio. 10-1f

McIntosh Bros. came in from their
ranch on the North Draw Saturday
and J. A. came around and moved
his subscription to THE BRAND up
two years.

T. L. Higginbotham, a prominent
business man of Dublin, was in
Hereford Monday on his way to the
South Plains country where he has
large landed interests.

It has been demonstrated that
deep plowing is more essential than
irrigation for the successful raising
of crops. The Molige disc plow
solves the problem. See the String-
fellow-Hume Hardware Co. 371f

Fresh line of fine candies just re-
ceived at J. P. Harding's drug
store. 381f

J. S. Wyche, our tax assessor,
went down the Pecos Valley Tues-
day on business.

E. B. Kitching, a substantial
ranchman of Oldham county, was in
Hereford Wednesday after supplies.

J. L. Crum of Castro county had
business in Hereford Monday and
paid THE BRAND office a business
call.

We are here to do business on
business principles and solicit a
share of your trade. Reagan &
Dyer. 49

J. B. Farley, a prominent ranch-
man living fourteen miles north of
town, came in Tuesday after sup-
plies.

J. D. Curtsinger was in from his
Castro county ranch Saturday and
was an appreciated caller at THE
BRAND office.

Prof. Eddleman, principal of the
Boom school, was in Hereford Sat-
urday in attendance upon the far-
mers' meeting.

W. D. Robertson, Arney's post-
master, came in Saturday to hear
the cotton proposition discussed at
the court house.

S. B. Harbison of Locust Grove
ranch was in town on business Sat-
urday and was a welcome visitor at
THE BRAND office.

W. L. Gibson, a substantial
ranchman of Endee, N. M., was in
Hereford Tuesday after supplies
and incidently moved his subscrip-
tion to the BRAND up a year.

Have you a phone at your resi-
dence? If not, see W. G. Ross,
manager of the local system. It
will save you time; it will save you
steps; it will not only save, but
make you money. 331f

Rev. W. C. Grant, pastor of the
Baptist church at Elida, N. M.,
came up Monday afternoon and pur-
chased the former Searchlight plant
and will establish a paper at that
place, to be known as the Elida
News. Mr. Grant is a high-toned
gentlemen and we wish him much
success in his new enterprise.

C. L. Davis, our popular county
treasurer, and W. H. Howard have
formed a partnership and engaged in
the real estate business in Here-
ford. These gentlemen are both
well known in the surrounding
counties as well as in Hereford and
we bespeak for them a successful
career in their field of labor. We
call the attention of our readers to
their display ad found elsewhere in
this issue of the BRAND.

C. LeNeveu, a prominent ranch-
man of Oldham county, was in Here-
ford Wednesday after supplies.
Mr. LeNeveu had never been to
Hereford before but had been doing
his trading at Amarillo. This first
trip convinced him that Hereford is
a good town and that her merchants
are awake to the interests of the
farmers and ranchmen in that they
are selling good goods at low prices,
and he went away well pleased with
his trip.

J. C. Mauk called around to THE
BRAND office Tuesday morning and
forced THE BRAND proprietors to
accept a dollar to advance his sub-
scription. Mr. Mauk was just pre-
paring to go out to his ranch in the
northwest part of the county where
he has plenty of grass and fat cattle.

As yet his cattle have not been pa-
on feed and they are all fat enough
for beef, even to the cows. Mr.
Mauk is numbered among those men
who have implicit confidence in
this country.

**Directors Report
To Stockholders**

Hereford, Texas, December 31, 1903.
A meeting of the Board of Directors was
held this day in the banking room of The
Western National Bank.

After a careful examination of each and
every loan held by the bank, and a general dis-
cussion of the bank's affairs, the following report
to the stockholders was adopted:

We, The Board of Directors of The Western
National Bank of Hereford, beg to report to
the stockholders that for the six months' business
since the organization of the bank we have made
a net profit of \$3366.99 upon our capital of
\$50,000.00, being at the rate of 134 per cent per
annum.

We have made no bad loans.
We have had no law suits.
We have never forced any customer to sacri-
fice his property to pay us.

We have never rediscounted any of our
paper.
We owe no bank anything.

Never having used our credit, we have this
in reserve to assist our customers, should such
assistance become necessary.

Our policy of making small loans, has made
us the POOR MAN'S BANK, and we have always
been able to make such loans though we have
often been forced to refuse large loans.

It is believed with the business now established,
a much better showing can be made six months
hence.

As our money can be well used in our busi-
ness, we have thought best to declare no divi-
dend at this time.

We have passed five hundred dollars to the
surplus fund.
We have elected Ross W. Davis, assistant
cashier.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. P. SLATON,
J. P. CONNELL,
W. S. HIGGINS,
L. R. BRADLY,
ROSS W. DAVIS,
F. B. FULLER,
G. A. F. PARKER

G. A. F. PARKER J. P. CONNELL F. B. FULLER
President Vice-President Cashier

The Western National Bank
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Panhandle News

Wichita Falls reports a two-inch rain and a four-inch snow on Wednesday of last week.

Chillicothe is putting forth her efforts toward securing an experiment farm for cotton only.

It is reported that Amarillo now has nine saloons, with two or three under contemplation.

J. H. Hamner, editor the Claude News and a substantial citizen of Armstrong county, has announced for the office of county treasurer of his county.

The First National Bank of Miami has been organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, with Thomas B. Lee of Kansas City, George T. Hall, O. H. Jones, J. C. Smint and John P. Strode as incorporators.

The farmers of Randall county held a meeting at Canyon City Saturday to discuss cotton growing on the plains and the advisability of planting the staple this year.

The Stockman Publishing Company of Ft. Worth has been organized with a capital stock of \$30,000. Purpose to publish a newspaper at Ft. Worth. Directors, Hec A. McEachan, W. F. Brittingham, C. D. Reimers, Charles M. Adams of Ft. Worth; E. G. Senter of Dallas.

Mr. Dolan, general superintendent of the "Denver", was in the city Tuesday and drove the stake where the new well will be located. A contract has been let for a well 3000 feet and if artesian water is not reached at that distance, will drill until artesian water is reached.

A new regulation by the state health officer requires every child attending public schools in the state to provide themselves with a separate drinking cup. This rule will be put in force in Memphis as soon as practicable. This is a new regulation just out ten days ago, and will be an innovation in Texas. Every child will be required to carry a cup, the same as a spelling book.—Hall County Herald.

A big ranch deal has just been consummated, whereby the large ranch and cattle interests belonging to the estate of the late Charles Coppinger and managed by Mrs. Coppinger since the death of her husband, located in Scurry county, have been sold to W. P. Fuller of Memphis, Tenn., for \$70,000. It is reported that Mr. Fuller will at once move to the ranch with his family and make his home there permanently.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

On Monday of last week a report came to Silverton, in Briscoe county, to the effect that a herd of 20 or 30 buffaloes had been seen at a tank about four miles west of that town. The memories of gone-by days were instantly recalled and a number of the leading citizens put spur to their horses and were soon at the scene of the fun. Thinking that they were in possession of a herd of wild buffaloes, they opened open fire, killing four of them. Just as all were rejoicing over their good fortune, the sheriff appeared on the scene and took the crowd into custody on a charge of killing domesticated animals without the consent of the owner, Col. Goodnight, who, it is reported, has sued for \$1000 damages.

Meat! Meat!

We have opened a meat market in the old Searchlight building and are prepared to furnish you fresh meats at reasonable prices. Call and get a steak for supper, and a roast for tomorrow.

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At \$3 to \$4 per acre and up

ON ACCOUNT OF THE CAPITOL SYNDICATE COMPANY'S (better known as the XIT's) intention to discontinue their cattle business their large ranch, consisting of over 3,000,000 acres and situated in the best part of the Texas Panhandle, will be sold in any size tract—to suit the purchaser.

This land is all fenced and has numerous wells and windmills, and other similar improvements which make it the best in the Panhandle. Improvements on land purchased will be sold to the purchaser at the actual cost to the Company.

Nearly 2,000,000 acres of this great ranch has been sold and it will be only a few months until the stock farmer of one or two sections

will have the one million acres left in beautiful homes and farms.

It has been demonstrated that the small stock farmer can make more money compared to his investment, than can the large ranch owner, and the splitting-up of this large ranch—(until recently the largest ranch in the world) will be a great boon to this class of farmers.

The Pecos Valley railroad (a branch of the Santa Fe System), the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroads are now intersecting this great ranch and the Choctaw road is now building from Amarillo to Tucumcari, N. M., and will traverse the entire Deaf

Smith county portion of the ranch. It is also expected that the Santa Fe branch, running to Albuquerque, N. M., will be built from Bovina in the near future.

This land, being situated in the western part of the Panhandle, lies close to the mountains of New Mexico and therefore is more susceptible to good rains than is land farther east.

This section of the Panhandle is noted for its mildness and even temperature—both in winter's cold and summer's heat—and has the right altitude for an invigorating and dry atmosphere. The nights are always cool, insuring sound and refreshing sleep.

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Endeavor Program. Hotel Sold.

Following is the Christian Endeavor program for Sunday, January 31st, 1904:

Subject—Every christian called to be a missionary.—Luke 24:44-49.
Leader—Miss Kathryn Nunley.
Song.
Prayer.
References:—Withholding the truth—Jonah 1:1-3. Constrained by love—2 Cor. 5:13-21. Weakness no excuse—1 Cor. 2:1-5. Liberal Giving—Mark 12:41-44. Inviting others—Ps. 34:1-3. Praying for others—Col. 4:2-4.
Song.
Reading—Miss Wright.
Paper—Mrs. C. E. Spath.

Entertainment.
The ladies of the Christian church will give a representation of "Friday Evening in a District School" at their church house on Tuesday evening, February 9th.

Asa Martin this week sold his interest in the Hereford House to Robert Humphrey who in turn sold it to B. B. Pearce, living east of town. We understand that Mr. Martin will retire from the business, and as yet it is not known who will take charge of the hotel. B. B. Pearce has sold his two sections on the creek to Mr. Humphrey.

Notice to Tax Payers.
Your attention is called to Art. 5173, R. S., which provides that a penalty of ten per cent shall accrue on all taxes unpaid on the 31st day of January, and you are instructed to collect the penalty on all taxes collected after this date.
J. W. STEPHENS, Comptroller.
To J. T. INGRAM, Tax Collector.

Condition of Banks.
The controller of the currency on Monday issued a call for the condition of National banks at the close of business January 22nd.

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