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## EIGHTY NORTHERN PROSPECTORS VISITED HEREFORD THIS WEEK

### AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

#### Farmers Meet and Effect Permanent Organization—Officers Elected and Committees Report.

On last Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock the Farmers' Institute was called to order by the chairman, W. H. Rayzor, after which commenced one of the most interesting meetings yet held. There was a large number of both farmers and business men present and the discussions which followed were filled with the greatest enthusiasm.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to effect a permanent organization by adopting constitution and by-laws and electing officers. The committee on permanent organization recommended through its chairman, Judge C. G. Witherspoon, that the constitution and by-laws as used in the regular state institutes be adopted, with the additional recommendation that the following officers be elected: S. T. Howard, president; O. M. Daniel, vice-president; W. B. Beach, librarian; F. L. Vanderburgh, secretary. After considerable discussion the convention voted to adopt the committee's report by a small majority which was afterwards made unanimous.

B. H. Bounds reported the receipt of a letter from the German Nursery at Beatrice, Neb., quoting prices on forest tree seedlings.

It was moved and carried that a finance committee be appointed by the chair to report at the next regular meeting the amount necessary to assess each member in order to pay the current expenses of the institute. The following were appointed: J. D. Thompson, G. R. Jowell and F. L. Vanderburgh.

The report of the committee on cotton seed was received and committee discharged.

It was moved and carried that all those wishing cotton seed or should call at the Western National Bank and leave their orders. It was moved and carried that the chair

### We Make a Specialty of Windmill Repairing

## PLUMBING and TIN WORK

We have opened our shop in the building in the rear of Black's furniture store and now prepared to do any kind of work in the plumbing and tinning line, including the manufacturing of Dipping Vats, Drinking Tubs, Water and Oil Tanks, Galvanized Pipes, Sinks and Guttering, Wash Buckets, Churns, Milk Cans, Stove Pipe and Chimney Stoves, Etc. Etc.

We have secured the services of Boyd, an expert in repairing Bicycles, Guns, Locks,

## Reagan & Dyer PLUMBERS AND TINNERS

# 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

### 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 goodpoints.

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

appoint a committee to entertain the A. & M. College lecturers. The following were appointed: S. T. Howard, G. A. F. Parker and Robert Humphrey.

The meeting adjourned to meet today at 1 o'clock p. m.

F. L. VANDERBURGH, Secretary.

### Panhandle Cotton.

The following communications will be of interest to many of our readers:

Waxahachie, Tex., Feb. 9th.  
H. A. Pierce,  
Waxahachie, Texas.

Dear Sir: We received your bale of cotton from your Hookley Co., Texas, ranch at our mill, and have manufactured it into towels and ten-ounce duck, as per your instructions. Have sent the manufactured goods

to your "South Side" residence, Waxahachie. Herein find bill for our work which we hope you will find correct.

On opening your bale of cotton we found it to be of excellent quality. We also found a sealed letter in the middle of the bale, from Mr. Peeler, the man you say raised this cotton. We quote his letter as follows:

Lubbock Post Office,  
Lubbock, Tex., Nov. 14, '03.  
To whom it may concern:—The bale of cotton that this letter is in, is the sixth bale of cotton that I have gathered this year on ten acres of land in the east side of Hockley county, Texas, and there is still at least one-half bale cotton in the patch. The land was broken in December and January, the cotton

was planted about the 15th of May, and only came up to a one-half stand when cotton was up fourteen days. It was harrowed once ten days later; one furrow run through the middle of rows with sixteen-inch sweep. Then the cotton was chopped with hoe; then in about fifteen days the same plow was run through the middle of rows; that completed the cultivation of the cotton. The rows are thirty-inches apart. The rain fall was very deficient to date. The cotton is now in the stage of maturity. The cotton considered the best I have ever raised. The cotton to shed the seed and the Big Springs, Texas. The cotton is considered the staple of the county. The cotton is fine, and paid me 10 cents per bushel.

The cotton and seed will pay me about \$43.00 per acre. Sold the seed at 50 cents per bushel.

To finder of this letter please answer same and send me a sample of the cloth manufactured of this cotton.

Respectfully,  
(signed) J. W. PEELER,  
Lubbock Post Office,  
Lubbock County, Texas.

We shall look forward with great interest to the development of your section of the plains as a cotton field, seeing a possible solution to the "boll weevil" question that is threatening the destruction of cotton culture in lower altitudes.

The "boll weevil" is an all absorbing question in this section, in fact the whole cotton and commercial world.

Respectfully,  
(signed) Waxahachie Cotton Mills,  
per E. A. DuBOISE, Sec'y-Mgr.

Referring to the above we have a number of towels on exhibition to inspect.

### The Best in the Panhandle.

Dr. W. E. Robertson, Hereford's mechanical dentist, has recently installed in his dental parlors in the second story of the G. R. Hay brick building, a fine lot of new dental appliances, consisting of a dental cabinet (which has to be seen to be appreciated), the new crown and bridge system, a dentist's "engine," a vulcanizer, a gas administering apparatus and other additions to his equipment, too numerous to mention. It is safe to say that Dr. Robertson has the most home-like and best equipped dental parlors of any dentist in the Panhandle.

# SPRING SUITS

\$8.50 UP

This will soon be a topic for earnest thought, and a correct decision depends upon the proper investigation. An inspection of the pattern and quality of our samples will aid you in doing the proper thing. The great number of samples enables one to procure a select choice. We respectfully ask you to ascertain from our large number of last season's customers; the satisfaction suits made by us give to wearers. Satisfaction is a living issue with us. We have the ability and experience to correctly measure and the tailoring house does the rest. Prices to suit from \$8.50 up for a tailor made suit. You are respectfully asked to call in and see our samples and get prices. Yours for a guaranteed suit

E. W. Harrison  
Furnisher to Men

J. B. Roberson was in from Boom Tuesday on business.

J. A. Williams has plenty of black land to trade for plains land.

Clifford Slaton was in Hereford Tuesday mingling with friends.

We can save you money on dipping vats or steel tanks. Bell Bros.

E. L. Ellis went down to Claude Monday afternoon to look after business matters.

Orders taken for ladies' man-tailored skirts made by Royal Tailor, at E. W. Harrison's.

W. M. Curfman, a substantial ranchman living east of town was among our visitors Saturday.

Children, get your tablets, pencils, school books and all school supplies at J. P. Harding's drug store.

James Sullivan came in Monday from Pilot Point and will spend the remainder of the year in Add-Ran College.

G. C. Majors came in Saturday from his ranch south of town and was a welcomed visitor to the BRAND office. Also attended the Farmers' Institute.

Are your toes snugly wrapped up in a pair of "Topsys" or have you only a pair of tops of some make said to be "just as good"? E. W. Harrison.

J. L. Park, a substantial stock farmer living eleven miles northeast of town, was a business visitor to Hereford Saturday and became a permanent subscriber to the BRAND.

In these later days people are judged by their clothes. Does that suit do you justice? If not Esca Harrison can take your measure for a tailor made suit that will flatter you.

Have you a 'phone at your residence? 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.

A. G. Stanley, bookkeeper for Nobles Bros. Grocery Company of Amarillo, spent several days this week visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stanley, returning to Amarillo Tuesday afternoon.

We have been in the building business for over 20 years and know good lumber; when we see it. Having had this experience we are buying nothing but the best grades, for we know that it does not pay to use low grade lumber at any price. Our stock will be here soon and we invite a careful inspection of the same upon its arrival. Snyder & Lacey.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**Statement of the Condition of the County's Finances.**

STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF DEAF SMITH.  
Before me, W. B. Beach, Clerk County Court, in and for said county and state, on this day personally appeared, W. B. Boyd, County Judge; L. R. Bradly, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; R. N. Mounts, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; J. R. Armstrong, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; and Geo. L. Muse, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say:

That the requirements of Article 867, as amended by Acts of 1897, page 27, have been in all things fully complied with by them at the February term of said Commissioners Court, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the said County Treasurer's quarterly report made by said Treasurer to said court and held by him for the county have been fully inspected and counted by them:

BALANCES FEBRUARY 1, 1904.

	DR.	CR.
Jury fund, first class	\$ 66.80	
Road and bridge fund, second class	1,010.62	
General fund, third class	536.43	
Court house and jail fund, fourth class	4,194.81	
School fund, fifth class	516.74	
Estray fund, sixth class	104.33	
Total on hand	\$ 6429.73	

W. B. BOYD, County Judge.  
L. R. BRADLY, Com'r Prec. No. 1.  
R. N. MOUNTS, Com'r Prec. No. 2.  
J. R. ARMSTRONG, Com'r Prec. No. 3.  
GEO. L. MUSE, Com'r Prec. No. 4.  
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 12th day of February, A. D., 1904.  
W. B. BEACH, County Clerk.

R. C. Phanstel came in from his ranch Tuesday after supplies.

If you have cattle or sheep for sale or trade, list with J. A. Williams.

A. S. Gracey was in from his ranch Saturday to attend the farmers' meeting.

W. B. Green was in Hereford Monday from his Castro county ranch on business.

J. R. Higgins, living ten miles northwest of town, was in Monday patronizing our mechanics.

W. A. Hubbard, one of Castro county's largest land owners, was seen on our streets Monday.

Have you heard all the racket and noise at Reagan & Dyer's new tin shop? Must be "something doing."

L. E. Cobb, one of Castro county's progressive ranchmen, was in Hereford Saturday and became a permanent member of the Farmers' Institute.

We will trade with you on anything in our line, whether you have cash, cattle, feed or any other marketable product. Reagan & Dyer.

Joe Johnson and family of South Dakota spend several days in Hereford this week, leaving Tuesday for Roswell and other New Mexico points. Mr. Johnson, we understand, is looking for a health resort for his wife.

J. B. Glaze, a prominent citizen of Olton, Lamb county, was in Hereford this week and while in conversation with a BRAND reporter, stated that by experiment this year they grew about one fourth bale of cotton per acre and as a result there would be a large acreage planted this year. Mr. Glaze availed himself of the low prices which our grocery merchants are offering and took back a large wagon-load of supplies.

Our motto "good work and small profit." Bell Bros.

H. H. Stanley represented his community at the Institute Saturday.

E. H. Fulwood of Endee, N. M., was among our business visitors Monday.

Mrs. E. B. Black and children went up to Amarillo Saturday to visit relatives.

J. L. Crum of Arney was in Hereford Monday and paid this office a business call.

W. A. Higgins, the pioneer ranchman living northwest of town, was seen on our streets Monday.

Witherspoon & Gough write farm property in the Aetna of Hartford and Hartford Fire Insurance Companies.

The Hereford Grocery Company handles the Alamo and Panther brands of coffee which is roasted by the latest and most improved processes and cannot be surpassed for purity and flavor.

**Why Not Randall?**

We learn from the BRAND that the farmers of Deaf Smith and Castro counties have organized a Farmers' Institute which will hold its first meeting as such on February 20, at Hereford. Morning and evening sessions are to be held and addresses will be delivered by Hon. J. W. Carson, who has charge of State Institute work, and by Prof. John A. Craig of the A. & M. College. Mr. Carson's subject will be "Cotton, varieties and culture;" that of Prof. Craig's will be on some animal industry subject. So Deaf Smith has a Farmers' Institute and has already secured the co-operation of the State department of agriculture and is going right ahead on progressive lines.

Why not organize one for Randall county?—Canyon City News.

**Trespass Notice.**

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

**Notice.**

A fine span of mules for sale. \$200.00 gets them. F. H. BRITAIN, Hereford, Texas.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION.**

**The State of Texas**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Deaf Smith County Greeting:  
Oath having been made as required by law, you are hereby commanded to summon C. G. Orr by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 47th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 47th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Deaf Smith County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Hereford, on the 1st Monday in March, A. D., 1904, the same being the 7th day of March A. D., 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of November A. D. 1903, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 55, wherein Nobles Bros. Grocer Co., a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas is Plaintiff, and J. H. Beach and C. G. Orr, comprising the firm of Beach & Orr, are Defendants, and said petition alleging in substance, that on the 27th day of June, 1903, Defendants, for a valuable consideration, made, executed and delivered to Plaintiff their certain promissory note in writing, bearing date June 27th, 1903, signed by said firm of Beach & Orr, for the sum of \$199.14, due September 1st, 1903, bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from its date and providing for 10 per cent attorneys fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or in case of legal proceedings thereon. That said note remains wholly unpaid, and Plaintiff prays judgment for said debt, principal, interest, attorneys fees, and costs of suit.  
Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Witness, W. B. Beach, Clerk of the County Court of Deaf Smith County.  
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Hereford, Texas, this 30th day of January, A. D., 1904.  
W. B. BEACH, Clerk, County Court, Deaf Smith County.

**Keep Property From Burning**

By taking insurance in the Hartford, Orient, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Scottish Union and National, Fire Association of Philadelphia, The United States, St. Paul and Aetna of Hartford.

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Dealers in

**Coal, Grain, Hay, Salt AND FIELD SEED**

Bois d'Arc Posts Cash for Hides Wagon Yard Connected International Stock and Poultry Food

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**Burton-Lingo Co.'s**

**SPECIAL**

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

We also keep constantly on hand a well assorted stock of BUILDING MATERIALS of all descriptions.

**Burton-Lingo Co. I. JENNINGS, Local Manager**

The place where your business is appreciated and where fair treatment is accorded to all. "No trouble to Figure Bills."

**Brand Advs Will Bring Business**

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**The Hereford Grocery Company At D. R. Gass & Sons Corner**

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

**YOU'RE NEXT**

For a Shave, Haircut or a bath at the

**City Barber Shop**

George W. Dale, Proprietor

THREE CHAIRS TWO BATH ROOMS

In the new brick building on South Dewey Avenue

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS THE BEST IN HEREF

**THE PECOS VALLEY HOTEL PURCELL BROS., Proprietors**

NEAR THE DEPOT

HEREFORD

**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**

## 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

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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.

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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

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AMARILLO, TEXAS  
MARBLE AND GRANITE

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Iron Fences, Floor Tiling, etc.

S. B. Feemster  
LOCAL AGENT

Hereford, Texas

## Summer Normal at Clarendon.

All the public school teachers went to the teachers' meeting at Amarillo yesterday, except Prof. Black and Miss Stout. Prof. Silvey returned last night, having landed the next Summer Normal for Clarendon. The vote stood Clarendon 26, Hereford 16 and Canyon 4. Prof. Silvey says the meeting was well attended and good work was being done. Lefevre was endorsed for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Prof. Silvey also says he feels confident of being appointed on the State board of examiners. The next meeting of the Panhandle Teacher's Association will be in Memphis in April. — Clarendon Chronicle

## For Sale.

About 75 tons of kafir corn and sorghum or will take cattle to feed. See or write

J. F. HOOD,  
Umbarger, Texas

51-4tp  
Subscribe for THE BRAND.

## OIL CURES CONSUMPTION.

### Gainesville Man Reports Cures Coming Under His Observation.

Will cotton seed oil cure consumption? Whether it will or not remains to be seen, but the reports coming in of the wonderful results obtained by its use have led many to believe that it will.

E. P. Bomar, manager of the Gainesville oil mill, now has a number of patients, to whom he furnishes the oil free of charge, and in every instance much good has resulted. A few months ago he noticed a little girl about 9 or 10 years old. She came to the mill and asked for a bottle of oil to be taken as medicine. She was wasted to a mere skeleton, her cheeks bore the hectic flush which always indicate disease and she had a racking cough. Her bottle was filled and she came again and again. Today she is as strong and healthy and robust as a child of her years ought to be, no trace of disease remaining.

Over in East Gainesville an old lady was apparently in the last stages of consumption. In fact, she was bed-ridden and friends had said there was no hope. She began using cotton seed oil, fresh from the mill, and a few days ago she was seen walking up California street.

Another case was that of a negro employed in the mill. He had consumption, a very bad case of it. He formed the habit of drinking the oil hot from the press and was cured.

This is no patent medicine write-up. Nothing but facts that Mr. Bomar will vouch for. And he says, further, that he will furnish any consumptive in Cooke county all the oil he or she may need and it will not cost him a cent. He does not contemplate establishing a hospital or sanitarium, neither does he want his picture to grace a bottle of "Sure Cure for Consumption" but he is willing to aid the afflicted.

Last week Mr. Bomar attended a meeting of oil mill men at Sherman. There were twenty-seven in attendance, and every one of them reported from one to three instances of cure of consumption by the use of cotton seed oil. — Gainesville Hesperian.

## GOVERNMENT BULLETIN:

### How to Cultivate a Forest Plantation on the Plains.

The planting and tillage of timber lots on the arid plains is a problem that requires the best thought and the most careful methods on the part of the tree planter.

Where the rainfall is scanty and the subsoil dense and impervious, it has been found that subsoiling the land 12 or 15 inches deep adds greatly to its receptiveness and retentiveness of moisture. The subsoiling should be done at least a year before planting; in order to allow time for the accumulation of a plentiful supply of moisture in the soil. The land prior to the planting should be given frequent surface tillage in order to retard evaporation. When the time for planting arrives the ground should be furrowed out, as in planting corn with a "listor." The trees should then be set in holes or slits made in the bottom of the furrow with a spade, and after planting, the surface of the ground should be made almost level by filling the furrows with a cultivator, taking care to leave slight depressions around the trees.

Mr. T. C. Jackson of Purdum, Nebraska, sets his fruit trees in holes 8 or 10 inches deep. These holes are gradually filled up by the cultivator during the 2 or 3 years immediately following the planting. Mr. Jackson has been very successful in starting an orchard in the sand

hills, where it has been thought that fruit trees could not be grown. Methods that will succeed with fruit trees may generally be relied upon as applicable in forest planting if not prohibited by their cost.

The tillage of a grove should be so frequent and thorough that grasses cannot gain a foothold. This kind of tillage is required to produce good results on the prairies of the West. An excellent implement for cultivating between trees is a five-tooth, one-horse cultivator. The implement used should stir 2 or 3 inches of the surface soil without ridging the ground. This will keep a dust "mulch" or "blanket" on the surface which will very much retard evaporation. The tillage should follow each rain before the surface of the ground becomes encrusted. It is imperative that it be done at the right time. Cultivation should continue as long as it is possible for a single horse to pass between the rows. If the grove is neglected until the grasses gain a foothold under the trees, the subsequent care will be so difficult and expensive as to render the plantation practically worthless.

When planting on the arid prairies of the West, the farmer may frequently increase the moisture supply of his grove by running furrows along slopes lying above the plantation, for the collection of water during rains, which would otherwise run off and be lost. This method has been successfully tried by some of the most progressive western farmers.

### An Appreciated Visit.

Col. A. G. Boyce and W. P. Powell, both of Channing, were in Hereford Monday and drove out to the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch of which the former named gentleman is general manager. In the afternoon they, accompanied by Division Manager Ira Aten, were welcome visitors at this office. Mr. Powell came down to look at this section of the country with a view of locating and expressed himself as being highly pleased and informed us that he would probably move here later. Col. Boyce is well known to the most of our citizens as he also is to the majority of the people of the Panhandle and perhaps it is not putting it too strong to say that he is doing as much toward the development of the plains as any other one man. It was through his influence and untiring efforts that the little village of Channing was successful in securing the U. S. experimental station when Amarillo with all her influence was pulling for the enterprise and had reasons to believe she would secure it. Col. Boyce, in his pleasing manner, spoke words of encouragement to the BRAND force, which raised our drooping spirits and inspired us with new zeal and with a determination to raise the standard of the work in which we are engaged and endeavor to make the BRAND a model local paper.

### Monday Morning's Opening.

E. B. Black's furniture store was a scene of much activity early on last Monday morning, February 15. Mr. Black says it pays to advertise in the BRAND. Long before the hour of 8 o'clock, vehicles, filled with eager occupants, were lined up in front of this large establishment, and great was the rush when the doors were opened and all invited in. The plan of this giving away event was fully explained in last week's BRAND. There being so many present of an equal showing Mr. Black had to adopt a drawing plan, so a handful of different length straws were gathered up and the old style long and short straw drawing took place, the short straw to be the lucky one. Miss Maggie Watson drew the lucky straw, taking the prize.

# 4-BIG DAYS-4

TO SURPASS ALL PAST EVENTS

SATURDAY AND MONDAY

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 20TH TO 24TH

Floor Coverings for 144 rooms to be sold during these four days for cash, Brussels and Ingrain Carpets, Jap and China Matting, Coco and Jute Matting—Also nearly 100 druggists' Art Squares and Rugs go in this sale. See our exhibit in the two large show windows. This line should make you feel a personal pride in our big store. You who are not present at this sale will have a long time to regret it. 15 to 33 1-3 per cent discounts and special offers to early and first buyers each day. You will say "I never saw it this wise before." Nothing Ventured—Everything Gained

E. B. BLACK, FURNITURE DEALER  
AND UNDERTAKER

## The War Between Russia and Japan

Has nothing to do with the price of Groceries at our store, notwithstanding the fact that our next supply of rice may be advanced somewhat in price. Did you ever pause to consider the fact that the grocer, who sells a large amount of goods each month, can give you the best satisfaction when it comes to quality? Such a grocer has no stale goods on hand and therefore fills your order with fresh groceries at a no higher price than is charged by the man having limited sales. This is one of the reasons why our goods give satisfaction.

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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, FEBRUARY 19, 1904

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A uniform rate of \$10 will be required of each candidate announcing for public office, the announcement to be accompanied by the cash. This fee covers printing name on ticket.

**FOR SHERIFF AND COLLECTOR RAT JOWELL**

THE light snow which fell Wednesday night was a reminder that old Boreas has not yet loosened his grip and bade spring to come forth, clad in his garments of green.

ESPECIAL mention should be made of the new seats which were placed in the ladies' waiting room at the depot this week. We are requested to announce that the ladies' waiting room will be in the south side of the depot after this.

In this week's issue Rat Jowell announces his candidacy for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Deaf Smith county. Mr. Jowell is too well known among the voters of this county to need any recommendation from the BRAND, having lived here for many years, and being a former sheriff of this county. That he will make a good officer, if elected, is evident to all.

Now, that Senator Hanna has passed from the stage of action and must be forever numbered with the dead, might we not pause for a moment and consider if we, in our enthusiasm for what we conceive to be the right, have not been too free to express our contempt and condemnation of the great Republican leader's action? The propensity of man is to look on one side of a question, and fail to give proper credence to the intentions and purposes of others. The truly great and broad-minded will at least give his fellowman the credit of being honest in his convictions until he has proved the contrary.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT will now have an open way to a victorious nomination on the part of the Republican party. It seems that Mr. Roosevelt is a creature of circumstances, or rather that fortune is determined to smile upon him.

THE HEREFORD BRAND is one of the newsiest and best edited weekly newspapers that comes to our exchange table. It is published by Vanderburgh & Ray, the latter being Professor J. Ray who was formerly principal of Marshall-Bean College. —Howe Herald.

EVERYONE should remember that the regular meeting of the Local Option Club of Hereford will be next Tuesday night at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. It is desired that those interested in the move will be present and take part in the great crusade against evil.

THIS afternoon and tomorrow will mark the beginning of a new era in the agricultural development of our county. Our institute is the first on the plains to receive aid from the state which indicates that our citizens are awake to their interests and ever ready to avail themselves of all opportunities for the betterment of their circumstances. In order that more commodious quarters may be had the Institute will convene at the College and it is earnestly hoped that everyone who is interested in the welfare of his country and fellow man will attend all these meetings. The ladies are cordially invited to attend, the result of whose attendance will be to lend interest and dignity to the occasion. Remember the time. This afternoon at 1 o'clock, tomorrow morning at 9:30 and tomorrow afternoon at 1:00.

WE wish to call the attention of our readers to an article headed "Government Bulletin," found elsewhere in this issue, relating to the planting and culture of trees. The time is now at hand when this all important question should agitate the mind of thinking men and women. The question of butifying one's home with trees should stand paramount, especially in a treeless country like this, aside from breaking the monotonous scenes and adding to the enjoyment of life, it is claimed by government authorities, who have made a careful study of the question, that as the country is set with forest trees there will be better seasons, and a corresponding high valuation of our lands: If everyone will do his duty in planting a few trees each season, 'twill only be a short while when the people of the plains will enjoy the luxuries of an eastern forest.

### Died.

W. M. Rogers, father of our townsman, Dr. W. J. Rogers, died at 2 o'clock a. m., February 18th, at his home near Grapevine, Texas. Mr. Rogers was over 88 years of age and had been down for some time with chronic troubles. When Dr. Rogers returned from Grapevine last week he informed us that his father could not last long, so the end was not unexpected.

The BRAND joins in extending sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family.

### Local Option Club Meeting.

On Tuesday evening next occurs the regular monthly meeting of the Local Option Club of Hereford at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. It is hoped that a large number will be present at this meeting, as the committee has prepared an entertaining and instructive program for the occasion.

Just try one bill of groceries at Weaver's and see how cheap they are. He pays cash for country produce too.

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## Panhandle News

A Farmers' Institute was organized at Dalhart on the 13th inst.

The office of mayor of Amarillo is a much coveted one. There are five candidates seeking it.

The Canyon City News, in its last week's issue, had eight announcements for county office.

On last Saturday Celina in Collin county voted to issue \$10,000 of school bonds by a vote of 104 to '11.

A new postoffice has been organized in the southern part of Oldham county to be known by the name of Vega.

Canyon City has sold 6000 of her school bonds, one half to Lamar county and one half to Randall county.

On Thursday night of last week, Al Lucas stabbed Lee Cannon with a pen knife in the latter's saloon at Dalhart. Cannon died soon afterward.

There is a united effort on the part of the railroads and land owners to induce renters to come from the boll weevil districts to the Panhandle.

The Hughes case came up for trial in Amarillo on Monday of last week but was postponed till Monday of this week on account of the absence of some of the attorneys.

It is reported that the erection of a joint depot at Amarillo has been agreed upon by the authorities of the Santa Fe and Denver roads and that work will commence soon.

H. Trow of Hereford purchased about 500 head of steers in this county this week. He paid \$7.50 to \$11 for calves, \$13 for yearling, and \$17 two-year olds. The stuff was shipped to Hereford. —Childress Index.

At the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, D. W. Twitchell, State Surveyor, and who recently finished the preliminary survey between Texas and New Mexico, will engage in resurveying the large block of school lands in various portions of the Panhandle.

On last week the citizens of Randall county presented a petition to the commissioners court of that county asking for a local option election which was refused on account of there not being a sufficient number of signers to compel the issuance of the order. The statute provides that a certain portion of the citizens must sign the petition, else it is optionary with the court as to whether they grant the election.

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The bank of Drake & Son at Memphis last week was reorganized and will afterwards be known as the Hall County Bank with a capital of \$25,000 and the following men as officers: J. P. Drake, president; J. A. Grundy, vice president, and Charles Drake, cashier.

At McGregor on Monday of last week the Citizens National Bank was taken in charge by J. M. Logan as receiver. The failure is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$30,000; capital stock \$25,000. John P. Cooper, cashier, and J. C. Kilgore, a livery stable man of McGregor, have been arrested and placed under arrest for the embezzlement of the funds.

Bell Bros. do all kinds of wind mill repairing in a workman-like manner. Give them a trial. tf

### Card of Thanks.

Dimmitt, February 16, 1904.  
Editors of The Hereford BRAND: Kindly 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 caring our dear husband and father during his late illness. May the Lord bless and reward them abundantly is our prayer.  
Mrs. E. L. SHIVE AND FAMILY.

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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. " "

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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.

Frank Oyler was up from Bovina this week on business.

Just received, a car of red rust-proof seed oats at C. C. Ferguson's grain store.

Harvey Cash and sisters went to Amarillo Tuesday afternoon, returning Wednesday.

Mrs. W. B. Roberson and daughter Celia, left Sunday for a business trip to Shawnee, Okla.

Ed Harwell left Tuesday afternoon for Hewitt, Tex., to spend several weeks visiting his parents.

If you have ranch or farm land to exchange for farm lands in Central Texas list it with J. A. Williams. tf

J. H. Head was up from Castro county Tuesday on business.

Judge Jno. E. Ferguson was a business visitor to Amarillo Wednesday.

W. J. Montgomery was in Wednesday from his ranch northwest of town on business.

Take your eggs, chickens, turkeys, butter and hides and get the cash for them at Weaver's, the new grocery man.

Before placing your spring order for fruit trees, see H. W. McClain at Bell Bros. He can save you money.

J. F. Ward returned Wednesday from Moore county where he had been looking after his ranch interests for several days.

Make your place ornamental and saleable by planting shade trees and shrubbery. McClain sells 'em at Bell Bros. Tin Shop.

W. H. Grounds of Archer City, Tex., arrived in Hereford this week and will spend the remainder of the year in Add-Ran College.

J. C. Cox this week sold to S. H. Mount his eight acres of land adjoining the town plot on the west, the deal having been consummated by the real estate firm of Davis & Howard. Consideration \$800 cash.

Miss Eula Leach, Galbreath-Fox's milliner, has been in the markets for six weeks and will arrive in Hereford about March 10th, with the most complete line of millinery goods that has ever been brought to Hereford. tf

Don A. Sweet was in Hereford Thursday.

B. C. Roberson of Boom had business in Hereford Wednesday.

Judge L. Gough went to Amarillo Wednesday afternoon on business.

M. B. Hill of Wise county is in Hereford this week on a prospecting trip.

E. Megert was in Wednesday from his ranch south of town on business.

W. W. Kerns of Harrison, Okla., arrived in Hereford Wednesday on a prospecting trip.

J. R. T. Bassett returned Wednesday from a business trip to points in the Indian Territory.

A. Laird came up from Bovina Tuesday afternoon and spent Wednesday in Hereford.

S. H. Mount this week orders the BRAND sent to his mother, Mrs. K. F. Mount, at Rhome, Texas.

G. A. Hughes and little son, G. A. Rice-Hughes, were pleasant visitors at this office Tuesday.

E. C. Burks of Arney was a business visitor to Hereford Thursday and subscribed for the BRAND.

S. S. Rittgers, father of Mrs. J. P. Snyder, arrived in Hereford Wednesday for several days visit.

Mgeks, the jeweler, now has a complete assortment of spectacles ranging in price from 40 cents per pair up.

Work was begun this week on the residences of T. S. Barnett and J. Ray, in the west part of town, under the supervision of J. W. Hough.

That awful noise and racket you hear in this part of town is Bell Bros. making those twelve foot drinking tins. Leave your order for one.

I want your trade and to get it I know I must treat you right. Just try me one time and I know I have a permanent customer, that's D. E. Weaver.

E. C. Burks of Arney was in Hereford Thursday and took back a load of groceries and other supplies. He bought his groceries from D. E. Weaver.

S. S. Evans this week sold to C. W. Dodson his section of land situated four miles south of town the deal having been consummated by Witherspoon & Gough.

WANTED—A good boot and shoe maker to work in saddler and harness shop. None but first class workmen need to apply. Address Box 175, Hereford, Tex.

Having secured the agency of the Lawrence Nursery I am prepared to sell you all kinds of fruit trees, shade trees, shrubbery and flowers. H. W. McClain at Bell Bros. Tin Shop.

W. W. Kern of Harrison, I. T., came in Wednesday on a prospecting trip. He has already purchased one of J. R. T. Bassett's sections, north of town, and stated that it was likely that he would buy more.

The fact of our being able to turn out the best tailor made suits for the money is not questioned. It is only a matter of do you desire to be dressed as well or a little better than your neighbor. E. W. Harrison.


The young men who disappeared two weeks ago with the mules and wagon belonging to J. L. Underwood were overtaken this week by a deputy sheriff of Grayson county at Pottsboro. Sheriff Inmon was wired to this effect and left immediately for that county, where he will take the boys in charge.

**Garrison Bros.**  
Will be better prepared to meet the demands for agricultural implements this season than ever before. Our warehouse has been enlarged to make room for our three cars of implements now in transit. We will show a complete line of John Deere and David Bradley Implements, Hoosier grain drills with high wheels or low down press wheels. The Hancock Disc Plow is still increasing in popularity. The simplicity of construction, durability and light draft are three of its most essential features. We invite your inspection of this plow, confident that you will be convinced that we have the plow you need. Don't fail to figure with us when in the market for Windmills, Casing, Pipe and Pipe Fittings and Cylinders. A car of Barbwire just received

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Have just received a car load of the Belle of Wichita Flour, with it 6000 lbs. of White Corn Chops, we want this to go. Come and learn our prices and it will save you money.

Need anything in the way of men's wearing apparel? The Furnishing House of Esca Harrison is the place.  
S. H. Mount has decided to make Hereford his home and is having plans and specifications made by Snyder & Lacey for a handsome residence to be erected on his eight-acre block in the west part of town. Mr. Mount is known in his home town as a man of enterprise and we predict that he will make a valuable addition to our citizenship.  
**AGENT TALMADGE**  
Brought Three Cars of Northern Prospectors Into Hereford Tuesday of This Week.  
The south-bound train yesterday switched off three cars, containing eighty prospectors from the north. Hereford presented the appearance of a city, since the major part of her citizenship had turned out to greet the crowd. Local Agents Witherspoon & Gough, in conjunction with numbers of our citizens who tendered their services and vehicles, took them in charge and showed them the country adjacent to Hereford. As yet we do not know how many have decided to locate.  
It is pleasing to note the harmony that exists among our entire people in the immigration, move that is just settling up and is soon to populate our country. Let the good work continue unimpeded and we shall all reap the benefits by and by.

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**ATTENTION FARMERS!**

It is with pleasure that we can announce that Profs. J. A. Craig and J. W. Carson, of the A. & M. College, will be in Hereford on

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19,**

and deliver a series of lectures on farming subjects of interest to stockmen and farmers at

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on Friday evening at 1:30, and Saturday morning at 9:00 and afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Hereford is to be congratulated on having these gentlemen for two days (other Panhandle towns having them for one day only) and we hope and earnestly urge that every farmer and stockman be present at each of these three sessions. These lecturers come here by a special act of the Legislature and at the expense of the State. If you fail to hear them you will be the loser.

The ladies are especially invited to attend these meetings also.

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Traffic Manager,  
Amarillo, Texas.

### PANHANDLE TEACHERS MEET.

Much Interest and Enthusiasm Shown Along Educational Lines.

The second meeting of the Panhandle Teachers' Association for the year 1903-04 convened at Amarillo Friday at 10:30 a. m., and adjourned Saturday at 4 p. m., February 13, to meet at Memphis April 15.

This was the most interesting meeting yet held by the association, there being sixty teachers in attendance.

The papers showed careful study of the subjects under consideration, and able discussions evinced a lively interest.

Special mention should be made of "The German Schools", by Dr. G. J. Nunn who spent some time in Germany and made a close study of the school system of that country.

Consolidation of all the schools of a township was another question which is now receiving the attention of southern educators. Mr. Genheimer, principal of Claude Public School, gave statistics showing the advantage Ohio and other states are already reaping from this plan.

Hon. Arthur Lefevre, our present State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was heartily endorsed by the association. It is believed by many that he has done much to raise the educational standard in our state and that he deserves the support of teachers in the campaign.

The Hereford teachers returned to their work with renewed energies and inspiration for better efforts; and it is believed that the humble school building of our town shelters at least as faithful workers as the educational field can show.

### Don't

Buy your lumber until our stock has arrived. We will handle the best line that was ever handled in Hereford and will sell it at reasonable prices. SNYDER & LACEY.

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### DIVERSIFICATION

Is What Brother Koch, Who Advises Farmers to Not Plant Wheat, Should Study.

It is to be devoutly hoped that Panhandle farmers will never go wild over wheat again, and they are not likely to either. We have noticed, even in those years when immense wheat crops were made, very little of the money received for it remained in the country. Most of it went north for twine and machinery. One big crop might perhaps pay for this machinery, but if the machines were not to be used again for two or three years, and the life of the machines, maltreated as they are by the average farmer, is not much longer, the manufacturer a one was the beneficiary of the big wheat crops. For a money crop give us cotton every time.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

The Tribune-Chief is usually on the right side of questions of public interest as is the duty of every paper to be to the best of its ability; but in our opinion the editor is shooting wide of the mark in the above advice to the people of the Panhandle. In this vast, undeveloped country there is no crop that can be looked to as being absolutely safe, one year with another. We believe it to be a fact that the majority of the Plains people look forward to the time when this will be the granary of Texas. If everyone should join in proclaiming this country not adapted to the production of the cereals simply because he has not experimented to that extent and studied agricultural methods sufficiently that he could cope with the natural conditions as they present themselves, our country would long remain in a dormant and worthless state. Cotton alone has never placed the highest valuation upon lands, neither has its exclusive production ever been conducive to the fullest development of civilization. In our opinion, it should only be grown to supplement the other leading crops which will, beyond a doubt, grow here. Past experience tells us that all countries are more or less subject to failures in any and all the crops and wise indeed is he who heeds the advice so long given by our leading periodicals and authorities on agricultural pursuits and turns his attention to the broader view of growing a variety of crops. Diversification is the policy upon which the success of all countries has been founded and it will be no less applicable to this country than it has been to others. Think of this vast plain in one mammoth cotton field. Would the old custom of working thirteen months in the year now be reinstated? And would the education of our boys and girls not be neglected to their detriment? As for us give us cotton but in a limited degree. Let it supplement corn, oats and wheat and then our country will "blossom like the rose and flourish like the green bay tree."

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**SHORT LOCALS**

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cerning People You Know.

Wall Paper—E. B. Black. 44

H. H. Hawkins had business in  
the city Saturday.

Good oak stove wood already cut  
at Hereford Fuel Oil Co. 51tf

J. M. Atcheson was transacting  
business in Hereford Saturday.

Suits and neck ties cleaned and  
pressed at the Hereford Laundry. 4

J. J. Portwood of Dawn was among  
Hereford's business visitors Satur-  
day.

More "Topsy's" worn than any  
other one brand of hose. E. W.  
Harrison. tf

T. S. Watts represented his com-  
munity at the Farmers' Institute  
Saturday.

List your cattle, horses and sheep  
with J. A. Williams. He can find  
sale or trade for you. tf

J. H. Butler, representing the  
Texas Disc Plow Company of Dallas,  
was in Hereford Tuesday.

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

Ed Wilkerson, a prominent real  
estate man of Itasca, arrived in  
Hereford Tuesday prospecting.

Examine the coat fronts that will  
not wrinkle, made by Royal Tailors.  
Represented by E. W. Harrison. tf

J. B. Park, a progressive ranch-  
man living north of town, was trans-  
acting business in Hereford Monday.

List your land or live stock with  
J. A. Williams. tf

J. C. Newman went to Bovina  
Tuesday on business.

Stove wood at reasonable prices  
at Hereford Fuel Oil Co. 51tf

O. M. Daniel came in Saturday to  
attend the Farmers' Institute.

Every can of the Alamo and  
Panther coffee is guaranteed. tf

Mrs. S. A. Lowe left Sunday on a  
visit with relatives in Central Texas.

Witherspoon & Gough represent  
nine old-line fire insurance compan-  
ies. 43

H. F. Shelton came in Saturday  
from his ranch west of town on busi-  
ness.

Fresh line of fine candies just re-  
ceived at J. P. Harding's drug  
store. 38tf

Robert Keesee came in Monday  
from his ranch south of town after  
supplies.

W. J. Walters spent a couple of  
days in Canyon City this week,  
visiting friends.

The Alamo and Panther brands of  
coffee are a combination of the finest  
Mocha and Java obtainable. tf

Henry Weems was in from his  
north draw ranch Monday and took  
out a large supply of groceries.

A. N. Edwards, a representative  
citizen of Itasca, arrived in Here-  
ford Tuesday on a prospecting trip.

Parties having property for sale  
will subserve their own interests by  
listing with us. B. H. Bounds &  
Sons. 46tf

J. B. Storm was in from his Castro  
county ranch Saturday and took part  
in the proceedings of the farmers'  
meeting.

C. J. Gardner of Arney was in  
Hereford Tuesday after supplies  
and became a permanent reader of  
the BRAND.

J. D. Thompson of the firm of  
Thompson & Murchison was in  
Saturday from his ranch west of  
town on business.

Why not be the first to don a new  
spring suit? Why not let Esca  
Harrison take the measure? That  
guarantees satisfaction. tf

C. H. Carl was in Hereford Satur-  
day and registered as a permanent  
member of the Deaf Smith and Sur-  
rounding Counties' Institute.

G. A. Sachse came in Friday  
from his ranch on the North Draw  
and is working at Galbreath-Fox's  
while Mr. Fox is at the markets.

The superiority of Royal Tailor  
coats is that the front will not break  
or wrinkle. A very important point.  
Measures taken by Esca Harrison.

W. D. Robinson, Arney's accom-  
modating postmaster, was in Here-  
ford Saturday and made some inter-  
esting talks at the farmers' meeting.

When you come to our yard for  
lumber you won't be forced to take  
what you can get for we will give  
you what you want. Snyder &  
Lacey. tf

S. B. Harbison of the Black  
Locust ranch was in attendance at  
the farmers' meeting Saturday and  
became a permanent member of that  
organization.

The celebrated Alamo and Pan-  
ther coffees can be had at the Here-  
ford Grocery Company who are ex-  
clusive agents for these celebrated  
brands in Hereford. tf

Dr. J. W. Rogers returned Friday  
from Grapevine where he had been  
to see his father who is dangerously  
ill. The doctor reported that his  
father was not expected to live long.

Ladies turn down collars. E. W.  
Harrison. tf

J. Ray went to Amarillo Monday  
afternoon on business.

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

G. S. Williams was transacting  
business in the city Tuesday.

Hereford Fuel Oil Co., for the  
genuine McAlister coal. Phone  
76. 50-tf

Mrs. E. R. Rice returned Monday  
from a visit with relatives in Central  
Texas.

J. D. Curtsinger was in town  
Saturday and had business at the  
BRAND office.

A. Fields and son J. L. Fields,  
living ten miles southeast of town  
were in on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Witherspoon  
of LaPlata were in Hereford Sat-  
urday visiting relatives and friends.

Call and see my new line of  
jewelry, watches and diamonds.  
W. W. Meeks, Jeweler and Opti-  
cian. tf

D. F. Bunch and son, W. J.  
Bunch, who are ranching eight miles  
east of town, were in Tuesday after  
supplies.

99 per cent of all marriages are  
failures, but if E. W. Harrison fails  
to suit in a tailor made suit, your  
money back. tf

Fred Collmer had business in  
Hereford Saturday and called around  
and moved his subscription to the  
BRAND up a year.

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

J. A. Fox left Friday afternoon  
for the northern and eastern markets  
where he will purchase his spring  
and summer stock of goods.

Mrs. Lou Walters and daughter,  
Miss Nora, went to Amarillo Sat-  
urday afternoon to spend several days  
visiting with relatives and friends.

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

B. A. Keithley, living five miles  
northeast, was in attendance at the  
farmers' meeting Saturday and  
while in town subscribed for the  
BRAND.

The Panther is a new blend com-  
bining strength and flavor of the  
most carefully selected fancy coffee.  
For sale at the Hereford Grocery  
Company. tf

W. L. Sain and son, living six  
miles south of Summerfield, came to  
town Tuesday after supplies and Mr.  
Sain handed a BRAND reporter the  
filthy lucre for the paper.

The following were in attendance  
at the farmers' meeting Saturday  
and became members of that organ-  
ization: B. H. Bounds, T. J. Graves,  
G. A. Hughes, R. W. Bounds, W.  
H. Rayzor, W. F. Simson, R. C.  
Bridges, T. S. Howard, Robert  
Humphrey, G. F. Pierce, D. B.  
Roberson, J. E. Rhodes, J. E. Mar-  
tin, J. S. Wyche, B. A. Keithley,  
L. M. Rice, A. J. Hughes, Lester  
Weaver, C. S. Cardwell, C. H. Carl,  
C. R. Moreman, J. H. Wilson, C.  
G. Witherspoon, J. Ray, J. M.  
Sypert, F. L. Vanderburgh, G. C.  
Majors, G. A. F. Parker, D. W.  
Hawkins, W. H. Russell, J. H.  
Head, J. H. Calloway, B. F. Stan-  
ley, S. J. Sanders, Ed Whitson, F.  
H. Britain, Frank Chestnut, J. H.  
Williams, Ben Bounds, E. V. Harbi-  
son, S. B. Feemster, G. R. Jowell,  
J. A. McCuistian, B. J. Park, J. T.  
Rutherford.

**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 13 1/2 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. BRADLEY,  
ROSS W. DAVIS,  
F. B. FULLER,  
G. A. F. PARKER.

G. A. F. PARKER President	J. P. CONNELL Vice-President	F. B. FULLER Cashier
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**The Western National Bank**  
Of Hereford, Texas  
**CAPITAL - - - \$50,000.00**

**DIRECTORS**  
G. A. F. Parker, J. P. Connell, F. B. Fuller, L. R. Bradley,  
W. S. Higgins, J. P. Slaton, Ross W. Davis

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- L. R. BASSHAM, Proprietor

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and sells them cheaper than ever sold in  
Hereford before. From 1c to 2 cts per  
pounds less than other markets regardless  
of their price

**R. H. Norton, Proprietor**

**A VALUABLE PROPERTY**

That of the Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Company.

The BRAND office this week received a friendly call from G. Frank Weaver of Denver, Colo., who is here on a visit to his brother, D. E. Weaver, the grocer. Mr. Weaver is president of the Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Company of Wyoming, whose property is situated in the Medicine Bow Range in Albany county, Wyoming, and while in this state (his native home) on business for his company took advantage of a short duration of spare time and came to Hereford to see his brother and family, whom he has not seen before in fifteen years.

As Mr. Weaver is acquainted with some of the senior's kin folks in Colorado, we passed a pleasant hour in inquiring after their welfare, etc., during which the conversation naturally drifted to the business and prospects of Mr. Weaver's company. From him we elicited the following information concerning their plan of working their mining property:

At present but little work is being done, outside of making the necessary preparations for commencing active work on their property as soon as the winter shall have broken up, in the way of gleaning the gold from its native heath, but, as will be seen from the following extracts from the company's prospectus, the mine is an old one and is known to have large quantities of paying dirt which as yet have not been washed:

**HISTORY**

In 1881 August Hurley, an old-time miner and prospector, located The Old Man's Delight Placer in Lincoln Gulch, in Albany county, Wyoming, about 45 miles southwest of Laramie City, on what is known as the Medicine Bow Range, and the same spring hauled in enough lumber and with a rope himself dragged it a distance of seven miles over mountains, rocks, creeks, gulches and fallen trees. With this lumber he built three sluice boxes. As the beavers interrupted his work he was obliged to stop and trap them. He made \$300 by so doing. He then renewed work on the placer, and that summer took out about \$1000. In prospecting the gulch he lost the bedrock, and afterwards found what proved to be an old river channel. He went into this old river channel and sunk a shaft to 22 feet deep. While down the shaft the quicksand caved in on him and he was obliged to flee for his life and the shaft filled to the top with this sand. Mr. Hurley says that while at the bottom of the shaft the placer dirt was the richest he ever saw, washing as much as 50 cents in gold to a pan. On the east side of this old river channel two men worked for ten days and together took out \$73 per day, making \$730 for the ten days' work.

Mr. Hurley worked this property for about 22 years and took out sums of money ranging from \$400 to \$1800 in a single season's work with the poorest of poor tools. With a small crude sluice box in 21 days, while working alone, Mr. Hurley took out \$1800.

At another time, the last work done by Mr. Hurley on this property at the end of the hydraulic season, in six days, he extracted \$72 with a small ground sluice. After Mr. Hurley had cleaned his bedrock, Mr. E. P. Collins cleaned the bedrock tailings, and got \$12 in four hours.

**OUR COMPANY**

The Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Co. has secured a good title to 160 acres of this valuable placer property, and has made arrangements to secure a good title to 255 acres more, which will be acquired as soon as the present owners can perfect their title. This will make 415 acres of the richest placer mining property in the west.

**MANAGEMENT**

This enterprise is in the hands of experienced and competent management. The names of the officers and trustees are a standing guarantee of conservatism and strict integrity, whereby each stockholder, however small, may feel assured of full protection for every dollar invested.

**PAY CERTIFICATES**

The property not only covers the river channel but a large amount of rich land on each side of the channel. There are two distinct pay streaks—the old river channel and one that crosses it diagonally. The river channel pay streak is about 300

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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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feet in width and the depth is known to be more than 22 feet, without striking bedrock, and is much the richer pay streak of the two and a recent test made by L. S. Pierce, 1653 Welton street, Denver, Colo., Patentee of the Pierce Gold Separator and Amalgamator, clearly proves a running of \$2.58 6-10 per cubic yard. The test was made in the presence of three disinterested prominent citizens of Denver. The dirt from which the test was made was taken from the top of quicksand, where a shovel handle sunk to its full length would not reach bedrock, and increases in value as depth is attained. The other pay streak is from 100 to 500 feet in width and the depth is from three to ten feet to bedrock. A prominent Denver expert tested this pay streak and reported that it would average over \$1.00 per cubic yard. This is unusually rich for a placer property, as a hydraulic placer mine can generally be worked profitably when it will run 30 cents per cubic yard.

**PLACER WORKING**

A placer mine differs from other kinds of mining in that it does not require deep shafts, tunnels, drifts, levels and other large and costly workings, which have to be timbered, nor does it require the costly shipping of ore. Returns are also quicker, for this reason it is known as a poor man's mine.

**FUEL AND WATER**

There is an unlimited quantity of the finest pine timber on the property, which is owned by the company. There is also an unlimited supply of water with which to work the mine.

**CERTIFICATE AND BOND**

The company is incorporated for the conservatively low sum of one million shares at \$1.00 per share, par value, full paid and non-assessable, and have made arrangements with the owner of the copyright to issue the new certificate and bond. This is not like the old stock proposition that other companies use that requires you to wait until they get ore before you get any money back. Under this new certificate and bond the company pays you five per cent interest per year for five years on your money. It is like a government bond. You simply cut off an interest-bearing coupon every six months and send it to the treasurer of the company, and by return mail get your interest. You also draw your dividends in full whenever the company declares dividends.

**A SAFE GUARANTEE**

The members of the board of trustees have made a free gift to the stockholders of the company of 50,000 shares. These shares are to be sold and all the money received from said sale is to be deposited in a gilt edged savings bank and is to be used for no other purpose than to pay the interest when it becomes due. Thus the interest is secured to all holders of certificates and will be paid promptly. This will bear

the closest inspection. Mr. Weaver informs us that only enough of the treasury stock will be sold to enable the company to buy additional machinery and equipment for the successful operation of the mine, and that when the necessary amount of shares have been sold to the public the stock will be taken off the market and no more stock can be purchased at the par value (\$1.00 per share), unless from individuals who obtain stock in the immediate future.

Mr. Weaver says that each stockholder will share alike (according to his holdings) in the profits of the company, no officer receiving a salary, his only remuneration being the dividends accruing from the sale of the products of the mine, and that every dollar received from the sale of stock will be devoted to developing the mine only.

Mr. Weaver says his company courts and desires the closest investigation of the merits of the property and management thereof and that he further desires that none of the BRAND's readers invest in the property unless they are thoroughly satisfied that the proposition is perfectly legitimate and have faith that the officers of the company will honestly and efficiently manage the property and funds thus placed in their care.

D. E. Weaver, the grocer, has been authorized to take subscriptions for the stock of this company and who will also be pleased to give any further information desired in regard to the company or its property.

Should any of our readers desire to subscribe for a few shares of this stock, cut and fill out the coupon below and send same to D. E. Weaver, Hereford, Texas, or to the address given below in the coupon: To The Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Company, Fort Collins, Colorado.

I hereby subscribe for shares of the capital stock of The Progressive Gold Mining and Milling Company, full paid and non-assessable, at \$1.00 per share, and enclose you herewith \$ in full payment of same. You are authorized to receipt for my certificate. Kindly forward stock to me at my address below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Make all remittances by draft or money order payable to G. Frank Weaver, care Central Savings Bank, Denver, Colo.

**Valentine Party**

On Saturday night last the young ladies of Add-Ran College gave a party to a number of their town friends. The evening was pleasantly passed in writing valentines, interspersed with games and music. All present report having enjoyed a most entertaining evening.

**A BOOM**  
does not, ultimately, bring about the best results to a community.

**THE PANHANDLE**  
is NOT on a boom, but is enjoying the most rapid growth of any section of Texas.

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Because only recently have the public at large realized the opportunities which this northwest section of Texas offers. The large ranches are being divided into

**SMALL STOCK FARMS.**  
Wheat, corn, cotton, melons, and all kinds of feed stuffs are being raised in abundance, surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine. A country abounding in such resources (tried and proven), together with the

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**ITEMS FROM BOOM.**

**Interesting Budget from Our Regular Correspondent.**

Jake Anderson is still on the sick list.

Our Sunday school is still flourishing.

R. M. Hardister and family were pleasant visitors at J. B. Roberson's Tuesday. They also called on Grandpa Roberson.

Stock is doing well. There is scarcely any one feeding much yet. It is to be hoped that we won't have to feed much as feed is very scarce in this community.

Robert Mounts and family and Mr. Carr and family, who live northwest of here, were among the many who were disappointed on the First Sunday by Rev. Burnette not filling his regular appointment on account of his wife's sickness. (Come again, you are always welcome.

Little Otis McMinn who, has been quite ill with muscular rheumatism, is improving nicely.

Bob Billingsly, who is running Judge Witherspoon's ranch near old LaPlata, was visiting his mother, Grandpa Billingsly and his sister, Mrs. N. A. Laughlin last week. Mr. Billingsly reports everything doing well on the ranch.

This neighborhood was glad to participate in the moving of Rev. H. K. Monroe's house from Hereford to his ranch in this neighborhood. While the house was exceedingly heavy yet it was landed on the desired spot without the slightest damage. Bro. Monroe and family received a hearty welcome to our midst again. We are much gratified to know he expects to preach regularly on the 4th Sunday of each month.

D. E. Weaver has the nicest and freshest stock of groceries in Hereford. He sells cheap too.