

Watch This Space

-NEXT WEEK-

Kendrick Furn. Co.

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Eat dinner at the Star Restaurant.

R. E. Stoker, editor of the Estelline Herald, was a pleasant visitor at this office Saturday.

If you want the best of soft drinks and the best ice cream phone No. 12. Prompt deliveries made.

F. L. and A. M. Willingham of Eli were pleasant callers at this office yesterday. They are working hard for the success of the W. O. W. picnic to be held at Eli on the 18th.

Anything contracted by me in the house painting or paper hanging list will receive my personal attention, which is a guarantee of good work. Phone V. L. Shaw No. 8.

R. D. Lay, one of the pioneer settlers of the county residing in the Tell neighborhood, was a business visitor in the city Monday and had his name enrolled on our list of subscribers.

J. P. Sewell, accompanied by Sterling P. Strong, chairman of the Prohibition Submission Committee of Texas, spoke to an appreciative audience in the court house last night against state wide prohibition. As the editor of the Democrat was so busy trying to get his paper in shape to print on the Banner-Stockman's press at Clarendon the next day, we were forced, much to our regret, to refrain from being present, but we can assure the supporters thereof that our sympathies and vote is with the cause at all times.

Everything cooked properly at the Star Restaurant.

Fresh bread, cakes, cookies and pies at the City Bakery.

J. M. Smith of Wichita Falls spent over Sunday in the city, the guest of N. C. Herod and family.

Lee Henderson and Luther Ferzelle left Friday for Denver, where they will take in the Democratic convention.

M. H. Hughes of Lesley, who recently returned from the big Confederate re-union held at Birmingham, was the guest of the 4th and told many interesting incidents of that event.

Dr. J. W. Greenwood left Wednesday night for a ten days' visit with home folks at Honey Grove. While absent he will do some good missionary work for the upbuilding of the Memphis country.

Mrs. R. M. Hardwick left on Wednesday night's train for a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Boykin, of Hillsboro. She requested that the Democrat be sent her during her absence that she might keep up with the events of Memphis.

Contractor J. F. Adams is erecting for the Kendrick Furniture Company a 20x40 frame warehouse in the rear of their store building on the west side of the square. When completed it will enable them to alleviate the crowded condition of their store and give them an opportunity to better display their goods.

A Twentieth Century Provident Policy

BEST IN THE WORLD

What the man of the Twentieth Century wants is Twentieth Century, up-to-date Protection that PROTECTS—that pays benefits when he is DISABLED, whether by disease or accident. HERE IT IS in its best form, including IMMEDIATE DOUBLE BENEFITS if injured while traveling in railroad or street cars, or other passenger conveyance, as shown in the Policy.

Sample of Policy Cost

As an illustration of the benefits and cost of one of these contracts a \$5000 policy in Class A is taken, which costs \$4.75 per month and pays the following benefits: Accidental death or loss of any two limbs or eyes, \$5000; accidental loss of hand or foot, \$2500; accidental loss of one eye, \$1250; monthly accident indemnity, \$100; monthly sickness indemnity, \$100.

For further information in regard to this policy, see or write

JAMES T. MELTON
GENERAL AGENT
Memphis - Texas

N. B.—A good producing agent is wanted in every town in the Panhandle. Write for terms to agents

You will be satisfied if you eat at the Star Restaurant.

W. E. Sloan came in last Wednesday from Hot Springs, Ark., and is the guest of his two brothers, E. O. and C. L., for a few weeks. This is his first visit to this country and he is so impressed that he is contemplating the real estate property

Miss Zudie [redacted] of Baldwin & Co. [redacted] night for her home

Ky., where she will spend the summer vacation. During her stay here she made many friends, both in a social and business way, who will be pleased to see her return in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, who reside in the Hulver neighborhood near Estelline, the former of whom is the county chairman of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of America, are rejoicing over the advent of a fine baby boy, which came last Saturday to gladden their home. All parties concerned are said to be progressing nicely.

Dunbar Bros.
Fire Insurance and Abstract
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BROWN'S BARGAIN STORE
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Flues, Rainproofs, Stove Pipe, Ventilators, Valley Tin, Tin Shingles, Casing, Tanks, Buckets, Guttering, Cisterns, Barrels
Also agent for the

CINCH WIRE FENCE STAY

Short orders at all hours at the Star Restaurant.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clack, on July 4th, a son. Both mother and child are progressing nicely.

J. T. Journey of Clarendon attended the celebration here Saturday and visited old time friends.

T. C. Hunchins, one of the Indian Creek tillers of the soil, was a pleasant visitor in our city Wednesday.

Prof. Taggart on Monday commenced a summer school in the Memphis High School building, having an attendance of 32 pupils.

George that William Henry Alexander, son of S. G. Alexander of this city, had passed to his reward at Hot Springs, Ark., at 9 a. m. that day. The immediate cause of his demise was Bright's disease which he had contracted about fourteen months ago and for which he had stayed at Hot Springs for some time in the hopes that the famous mineral waters of that place would effect a permanent cure, and for a time it was thought that he was gaining in health, but about a week ago he was confined to the bed, from which he did not arise. His brother, Gordon, was the only member of his family at his bedside when the Death Angel called, and who has been with him constantly since going to the Arkansas resort.

The deceased was born in Tarrant county, near Mansfield, January 1, 1855, but had been a resident of Memphis for the past seventeen years, during which time he had, by his sterling character and upright life, won the respect of everyone with whom he came in contact. At an early age he became converted to the Christian faith and was a member of the M. E. church at this place at the time of his demise. He was also an honored member of the Woodmen of the World and of the Modern Order of Praetorians of this place, both lodges attending the funeral in a body, which was held at the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. R. B. Bonner, his beloved pastor, officiating. Interment took place at Fairview cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of friends. Many beautiful floral offerings bespoke of the esteem in which he was held by the people of this city.

Besides his father, he leaves six sisters, Misses Emma, Allie, Bess, Fanny and Tessie of this city and Mrs. Kate Berry of Deming, N. M., and six brothers, Messrs. J. S., J. H., R. G., M. R. and J. W. of Memphis and D. H. of McLean, all of whom, save the faraway sister, were present to administer the last sad rites.

The sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this their hour of sadness.

A Beautiful Store.

The Democrat editor had expected to see something pretty nice in the way of a drug store when he was informed that Messrs. Conner & Wright, the latter of whom was an acquaintance of ours in Gray county, were erecting a brick building adjoining the Democrat office for the housing of another business of this nature in Memphis, but he had hardly expected to see such expensive furnishings, even in a town the size of Memphis where two other finely equipped drug stores are well established. The cases and shelving are of polished golden oak with glass fronts throughout, while the display of drugs and sundries would lead one to readily believe their statement that "if it's to be found in a drug store, we have

stated, it will be a beauty and compare favorably with those of the largest cities.

In the northwest corner of the store is also installed the fixtures and furnishings of Panhandle Jewelry Store, which corresponds with those of drug store in style and fit. Mr. Trulove, the genial proprietor, showed his enterprising spirit on the 4th, when he displayed in his show window one of the most tastily arranged exhibits of jewelry of all kinds and prices ever seen in the Panhandle, which attracted no little attention and caused a great deal of comment on account of the magnificence and evidence of intrinsic value.

The Democrat bespeaks for this store a lucrative business, both in the drug and jewelry line.

Annual Holiness Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of the Holiness church organization will be held in Memphis from September 8th to the 20th. Good speakers and singers have been secured for the event and a well attended, interesting series of sermons assured. Let all commence to prepare for this greatest gathering.

A. L. THRASHER
General Blacksmithing and Woodworking

I am the pioneer blacksmith of Hall county, having been here for the past nineteen years, which is an evidence that my work suits my patrons, many of whom I have served continuously during this time.

Horseshoeing a Specialty

My machinery is operated by power, which enables me to turn out work in a hurry.

Shop on Main Street West From Square
Memphis

Keep Us In Mind

We realize that at this time of the year there is little trading in our line, but what you need can be most profitably purchased at our store

We Have Just Received

the papers from Austin authorizing us to do business as an incorporation under the name of

Thompson Bros. Co. Hardware

which gives us a standing in the mercantile world unobtainable as a private firm, and further advertises Memphis as a place of enough importance to warrant the incorporation of a hardware business

If It's Anything in the Hardware Line You Need, We Have It

THOMPSON BROS. CO. HARDWARE

Northeast Corner from Square Phone 21 Memphis, Texas

July 8, 1908
Watch This Column Next Week and Every Week Thereafter
N. C. HEROD

V. & D. C. TIME TABLE

Northbound	8:15 p. m.
Southbound	8:52 a. m.
Northbound	5:45 a. m.
Southbound	8:15 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On account of the few issues of the Democrat before the primaries no charges whatever are made for the following announcements, which include only county and precinct office candidates and were furnished by County Chairman H. E. Deaver:

- For County Judge—
T. R. PHILLIPS (re-election)
D. H. ARNOLD
W. P. CAGLE
- For County Treasurer—
F. A. HUDGINS
- For District and County Clerk—
S. G. ALEXANDER (re-election)
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector—
R. R. EDDLEMAN (re-election)
LON BURSON
J. L. BAIN
- For Tax Assessor—
ERNEST JACKSON (re-election)
R. N. GILLIS
CHARLIE WEBSTER
G. C. DANIELS
- For County Attorney—
TCM J. RICH
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1—
D. BROWDER (re-election)
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2—
J. W. WILKINS
T. N. BAKER
C. L. MOORE
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 3—
J. A. MCINTIRE
J. T. AUBURG
W. B. DUNCAN
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—
S. H. LACY (re-election)
J. A. MERRICK
- For Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 1—
B. W. HANCOCK
- For Public Welfare, Precinct No. 3—
J. S. BAILEY
J. H. GIBSON
B. F. GUMBLEY
- For Constable Precinct No. 1—
G. R. DICKSON

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1908

SALUTATORY.

With this issue the Memphis Democrat makes its appearance among the Panhandle publications.

In entering the Memphis field we do so with the full knowledge that the weekly field is well covered by our esteemed contemporary, the Hall County Herald. We feel, however, after the encouragement that we have received from the business men and reading public of the Memphis country that the town has outgrown the once-a-week publication and demands a twice-a-week issue, and it is to supply this need that the Democrat is launched. To this end, and inasmuch as the Herald is published every Saturday, the Democrat will be issued every Wednesday, thus giving the business men the opportunity of advertising their wares to the buying public twice each week instead of once, and has been the case in the past.

Arrangement also is benevolent to the reading public, as it enables them to obtain the news of the town and county at least three days earlier than formerly. Thus we feel that the second publication in Memphis will not only prove not burdensome to the newspaper patronizing public, but will prove to be of great benefit to all parties concerned.

True to its name, the Democrat will be democratic in all things, the editors having been life long Democrats according to the principles enunciated by Thomas Jefferson and maintained by all true

members of the Democratic party.

As has been the case with all of the editor's former publications, this paper will at all times be found boosting for not only the town in which it is domiciled, but for the country tributary thereto, believing that in the development of the farming and stock raising industry lies the town's only hope for advancement, and we are gratified to be able to state up to the present time, at least, the country has constantly and steadily forged ahead of the town, which is as it should be, for a town without a country development to support it, must of its own weight eventually decline—since no town can remain at a standstill, it being necessary to advance or decrease, both in population and property values. While the editors will devote all the time and labor possible to accomplish this country development, at the same time, in order to make their efforts more effective, we must needs have the co-operation of the people who are interested in accomplishing this development—and every resident of the town and country should be included in this class. To this end we wish to have a weekly letter from each and every community whose people do their trading wholly or in part at Memphis, and inasmuch as we are as yet unacquainted with the people of these communities we would very much appreciate voluntary contributions from such neighborhoods, and to those who will undertake this duty we will make liberal concessions. To such contributors we wish to emphasize the fact that not only will the local happenings be appreciated, but you

and all communications calculated to upbuild or improve the conditions of the town or county, or news items of interest to the general public will be thankfully received. And especially do we request that these latter contributions be sent in, since we are not acquainted with many of the people and cannot catch these items as readily or as easily as will be the case later on when we learn your names and faces.

After a perusal of this and subsequent issues of the Democrat, if its subject matter impresses you with the idea that its circulation, among people who are as yet unacquainted with the advantages and resources of this section of the country as a place of residence, will have a tendency to cause them to wish to at least investigate this country, we will appreciate it if you will hand or send in the names and addresses of your friends and acquaintances "back yonder" that we may send them a sample copy, or, better yet, place their names on our subscription list as regular readers.

We wish to farther state that the Democrat is not a charitable institution in any sense of the word and expects to obtain its business solely on the merits of its products in both the newspaper or job printing line and give adequate value for every dollar received. In this regard we wish to state that we have only up-to-date type and presses and the best of stock, together with competent printers, and feel that we are prepared to give you satisfactory service in every respect. A trial is all that we ask. No job too large or too small to receive our best attention.

Thanking our many newly made acquaintances for their hearty support and words of encouragement—this before we

have had an opportunity to demonstrate the merits of our product—and trusting that we will merit a continuance of the same, we remain,

Respectfully yours,
VANDERBURGH & BRUMLEY,
Publishers.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

The man who will lead the Democratic host in the striving for the White House this fall is not the man whose peroration at Chicago, in 1896, carried the delegates off their feet in wild enthusiasm and made him the national standard bearer.

The Bryan of that time was youthful—only 36—and the pictures of him then bear little resemblance to the Bryan of today.

The 12 years intervening, with the worries inseparable from exalted public life, have told on this extraordinary man.

He looked his years in his first campaign for the Presidency.

Now he appears like the man of 60. He is stout, the furrows have come and the countenance is grave. To sustain interest in his personality sufficient to make him the candidate of a great party has been a herculean task.

The public soon forgets a man who does not compel it to think of him. Knowing this, Bryan has kept the stage for 12 years as no other man in unofficial life in our country has done.

His rounded equipment enabled him to achieve this.

He is a born orator.

His thought is father to the thought.

Papers like the Sun may rail to their hearts' content against Mr. Gompers and against the movement of the workingmen of the country towards representation at Washington and a truce to legislation designed to further and protect monopolies; the movement is not likely to go unheeded at Denver, and the presidential candidate who stands as its exponent is not unlikely to sweep the country.

He is never more happy speaking to the multitude.

His sympathies are close to men's hearts. His living is simple, he conserves his strength and leads the exemplary life.

No minister is more circumspect in his conduct than is this son of Nebraska. Physically he is robustness itself. Unless he were, the strain of leadership in his party would have broken him down long ago. His strength has been a superb asset. One Presidential campaign and its resultant disappointment killed Horace Greeley a month after election. Yet he was a public man, the greatest editor America has given birth to, and a speaker as well. But here is Bryan engaged in his third try for the office within 12 years.

Whether elected or defeated at the polls this year Bryan has won an imperishable place in the political life of the nation.

PREPOSTEROUS.

It is not the province of a Democratic newspaper to tell Republicans what to do; but the preposterous performance of the platform-makers at Chicago is such, in one case at least, that we feel sure Republicans and Democrats alike will feel like hanging their heads in shame for their countrymen.

Republicans will ask: "Why adopt an 'anti-injunction' plank at all except with honest reform in view?" Why, indeed; why but to get votes by the gold-brick process. Why not meet the labor problem openly and above-board?

The Democratic party wants foemen worthy of its steel, not truckling knaves who cower beneath a pretense. The least informed must fail to find, on close examination of this adroitly-worded "plank," a single indication of integrity of purpose. The "plank" is sham and shoddy from beginning to end. So far

as any process towards anti-injunction is concerned it is absolutely meaningless. The law already provides that no injunction may be issued except irreparable injury is shown to be inevitable in the other case.

Yet the tautology of this amazing bombast is such as to inspire in the unthinking, perhaps, the belief that it really means something. May the intelligent workmen of America be thus deceived?

CONVENTION SHOULD ACT.

Indications are strong that the appeal of the workingmen of the country is to be carried to Denver. The New York Sun, a radical union-hater, and which loses no opportunity to disparage labor organizations and their leaders, turns off with a quip and a sneer Samuel Gompers's observation, made since the Chicago convention, that "property rights must be maintained, but prior to this and far beyond the rights of property must come the rights of men."

This declaration of Mr. Gompers's will strike right-minded men as no violation of the salient principles of democracy, but rather as a sage interpretation of them. Either our government is of the people and for the people, or it is of the moneyed interests. Thus when Mr. Gompers says: "The moment has arrived for a total change of government policy toward the workers," he speaks the truth.

His demand is not for a change of government, but for a change of the government of the people. The movement of the workingmen of the country towards representation at Washington and a truce to legislation designed to further and protect monopolies; the movement is not likely to go unheeded at Denver, and the presidential candidate who stands as its exponent is not unlikely to sweep the country.

MEMPHIS' DIRE NEED.

A Sewerage System for the City of Memphis in All Its Streets Should Be Installed Without a Citizen's Adverse Vote.

Memphis' greatest need, in the Democrat's estimation, is an adequate sewerage system, and it is a need that can be easily supplied without the attendant excessive cost that most towns have to contend with, on account of the natural drain and the most excellent of water systems.

A town with as large a population as Memphis cannot possibly be kept in as clean, healthy condition, without a system of sewerage as with it. As to the cost, we will venture the assertion that the cost to the individual tax payer would not amount to nearly as much as would one case of fever, to say nothing of the possible serious results therefrom.

While we are aware of the fact that the citizens of Memphis have had this important matter up for discussion here this and have even taken a popular vote on it with an adverse result, yet we have been informed that many cast their vote under the impression that the city intended to provide sewerage for the business district only, which caused them to vote "against," they

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rightly taking the view that if a sewerage system was installed in the business district it was equally so to the resident.

We do not believe there is a reputable physician in the county but what we say that with a satisfactory sewerage system the sickness of the townspeople would be reduced many fold, so we feel that the expenditure would be well worth the money from that standpoint alone.

With such a system installed would come an enhancement to the beauty and property values of the city that could be obtained in no other way, not at such little cost to the owner.

With a water works system having such an enormous pressure as has the Memphis system the usual difficulty of flushing the sewer is at once overcome and there would be absolutely no excuse for sickness to arise as the result of filled up sewers.

In fact, the people of Memphis have only one problem to solve in order to have one of the most up-to-date sewerage systems to be found anywhere—that being the ability to obtain the consent of the voters of the city to the project, and we believe that that would be an easy matter by simply placing before them the advantages to be derived therefrom, as well as the cost thereto.

As we are not conversant with the expense of installing such a system, we would be pleased to have communications from any of our readers who are in a position to furnish our people with this information, and which we will give due publicity.

We would also be pleased to have the views of our city readers on this subject, whether they be for or against.

A New Bottling Works.

Among Memphis' new enterprises is a soft drink bottling

For the Convenience of Our CUSTOMERS

FOR THE CONVENIENCE of our Customers we have a place in the Bank for private conversations, letter writing or other business matters. This room is at your service.

Our Modern Safe Deposit Boxes in our Fire-Proof Vaults rent for \$1.00 per year. A safe place for your valuable papers.

Hall Co. National Bank

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Cold drinks at the City Bakery. P. B. Yount of Lodge celebrated the 4th at this place.

J. H. Clark was in Wednesday from his well drilling operations at Eli.

This is the cold drink season. We can supply your needs. Phone No. 12.

G. H. Davenport, one of the Lakeview merchants, had occasion to visit our city Wednesday.

Frank Finch, one of the prominent Indian Creek ranchmen, had business dealings with our merchants Wednesday.

When in need of anything in the line of house painting or paper hanging it will pay you to figure with V. L. Shaw. Phone No. 85.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Montgomery came in Friday from Lakeview and spent the 4th as the guests of the former's brother C. M. Montgomery.

FOR SALE—A quantity of household goods at a bargain. Goods are located in a two-room house which can be rented. For further particulars call at Adair Bros.' harness shop.

Geo. Everly of Goldthwaite came in last week on a prospecting trip. As Mr. Everly is a merchant who is looking for a location in a farming country, he is satisfied that if he fully investigates the resources of the Memphis country that he will find one of us in the near future.

Bicycle and furniture repairing at E. O. Sloan's.

J. A. Britt, a prosperous Eli farmer, was in the city Wednesday on business.

See Hall County Land Co. for fire insurance. They will appreciate a share of your business. 4t

R. P. Clark was among the Eli farmers to visit the city Wednesday and subscribe for the Democrat.

We are making the goods and want to deliver them. Phone No. 12 for anything in the soft drink or ice cream line.

Grayson Bell and George Karr, representing the Hereford Gun Club, took part in trap shooting contests at this place on the 4th.

S. Grundy, formerly one of Memphis liverymen, but now a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Dr. A. L. Johnson of Newlin is a pleasant caller at this office and allowed himself to be escorted to act as the Democrat's reporter at that point.

W. Stewart of the Clifford neighborhood in Collingsworth county, was in the city Friday on business and ordered the Democrat sent to his address each week.

FOUND.—On streets of Memphis a folding pocket book containing some papers. Owner may recover same by calling at this office, identifying property and paying for this notice.

Memphis BOTTLING WORKS

Lock Bros. Proprietors

We have opened up a soft drink Bottling Works in Memphis and are prepared to give you the best of service in this line—both as to quality and prompt delivery.

We make all the popular flavors and can fill any sized order wanted on short notice.

We make and sell the best ice cream in the Panhandle.

Give us a trial at your next order.

PHONE NO. 12

Bring your cleaning, pressing and repairing to the O. K. Tailor.

H. R. Mullis of Lakeview was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

P. P. Hughes of the Leslie community was among those to visit our city during the 4th festivities.

Mrs. W. M. Harrell and son of Amarillo arrived on Wednesday night's train, becoming the guests of Mrs. J. D. Browder.

Mrs. Willie Dutton and Miss Grace Stone of Waco will be the guests of Capt. and Mrs. G. J. Adkisson for the next few weeks, and enjoy the delightful Panhandle climate.

Mrs. W. M. Welch and children left Wednesday night for a two months' visit with friends and relatives at Alexander City, Ala. In the meantime Mr. Welch is like a ship without a rudder.

WHO'S YOUR TAILOR?

If your tailoring is placed in our charge you are assured of having at all times neat fitting, well made clothing of the best quality, as we represent only the

Best Custom Tailors

We also make a specialty of

Cleaning, Repairing, Pressing

Agents for the

Panhandle Steam Laundry

Basket leaves Mondays and Tuesdays, returning Thursdays and Fridays. Laundry called for and delivered.

STALLINGS BROTHERS

Phone 262

If not, we make it right

Fruit and candies at the City Bakery.

W. G. Heath was among the Eli visitors in the city on the 4th.

P. P. Hughes of the Leslie neighborhood was a business visitor in the city Friday.

A. L. Thrasher has purchased a new 4 h. p. Advance gasoline engine to operate his blacksmithing machinery. A. L. believes in having everything up-to-date.

Prof. J. W. Stewart, formerly a resident of this county, but now a citizen of the State of Texas, greeted his many friends on Saturday. He is the only one to keep up with the times in the meantime. He is now in the city on business.

Messrs. Henry and John Valance, S. H. and Bert Boon, J. M. Dixon and Melton Orr were engaged the latter part of last week in freighting the machinery for the new gin at Lodge to that point.

W. X. Hazard, a prosperous farmer residing in the Gammage school neighborhood, seven miles from town, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

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Picture frames of all grades and sizes at E. O. Sloan's.

Jim Caviness of Eldorado came in Friday to be in attendance to the celebration here on the 4th.

T. M. Cox and E. M. Dennis, of Eli, were in the city Monday and paid the Democrat a business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. King, left last night for their home at Rockwall.

Mrs. T. C. Delaney and children of Estelline were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Arnold, during the latter part of last week. They remained here until after the 4th, before they left for their home at Estelline.

ANNOUNCEMENT...

We take pleasure in announcing to the drug buying public of the Memphis County that we have opened a new store for the sale of

Drugs and Drug Sundries

in our new brick building on the east side of the Memphis Court House Square, and are prepared to see you with the

Freshest of Pure Drugs...

and the latest in everything comprising a Drug Sundry stock.

Our \$2,500 Soda Fountain

will be installed in a few days and we cordially invite your presence when in quest of cool refreshments.

Phone No. 134
Memphis - Texas

Prescription Department....

We wish to call your special attention to this department of our store, in which nothing but PURE, FRESH DRUGS and MEDICINES will be used, compounded by a registered pharmacist of many years of experience, who will fill your prescriptions with ABSOLUTE ACCURACY. Anything in this line needed after business hours can be obtained by calling Mr. Conner, who resides up stairs over the store.

Come in and Let Us Get Acquainted.....

Conner & Wright

MEMPHIS CELEBRATES.

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for Capt. Midkiff's remarks were more than worthy of publication and would have proved to have been more than interesting to our many readers who were not fortunate enough to listen to them, and those who did would have been elated to have had a verbatim copy for preservation.

Soon after the arrival of the northbound train, which brought in the base ball team from the Fort Worth and Denver City railroad general offices at Ft. Worth, as well as a train load of visitors, among whom were about forty admirers of the railroad office ball team, and who, through the courtesy of the "Denver" officials, were permitted to come in their private car, which remained here until the arrival of the southbound that night, those who had the big barbecued dinner in charge let down the ropes which had, up until this time, kept the vast crowd away from the eatables arrayed temptingly upon the tables provided for that purpose under the many trees in the court house yard.

That there was an ample sufficiency of barbecued beef, which was said by many to be the best they had ever eaten at a gathering of this kind, as well as other good things, was evidenced by the fact that after everyone had had an opportunity to fill their yawning maw, there was yet enough remaining to feed many more hungry visitors, had they been present, and great credit is due the committee having this matter in charge, as well as to the patient crowd, many of whom had partaken of an early breakfast, for the orderly manner in which they refrained from encroaching on "forbidden" territory which opened the way to the well filled tables.

After all had eaten to their appetites' content, the main street was cleared from the throngs, and the Memphis protectors from the devastations of conflagrations demonstrated their skill in getting themselves and their fire-fighting apparatus into action, the fire rained from the time the signal was given until water was pouring forth from the nozzle being 62 seconds. And the stream that burst forth was a surprise and an inspiration to many of the visitors for its volume and evidence of pressure—the boys having no trouble in throwing water far above the highest spire in the city, and this without the aid of any auxiliary pressure such as are used in most cities of the United States and by probably every city in Texas that claims to have a water works system of sufficient magnitude for effectual fire fighting purposes.

At this point it might be well to state for the benefit of those readers who are as yet unacquainted with the facts as to Memphis' water supply, that this one Panhandle public utility, that necessity is obtained in entering about six miles we do in town, which is piped at a fall of two hundred and sixty feet and affords a pressure of one hundred and twenty-five pounds to the square inch—a natural pressure secured by few systems and by none by artificial means. This system was built and is owned by one of our energetic citizens, Col. D. Browder, president of the First National Bank of Memphis, and a stockman of no little prominence among those of the southwest.

For the benefit of those who would like to live in a live town having a water works system which furnishes the purest of water and that in an amount sufficient for domestic and fire-fighting purposes, together with an enthusiastic and efficient bunch of trained flame quenchers, having the necessary equipment therefor, we can honestly recommend Memphis first, last and always, though these are not the only inducements that Memphis offers, as will be seen from a perusal of these columns from week to week.

But we are digressing. We started out to write an account of the Fourth of July celebration at Memphis, and here we are turning it into a "boosting" article for Memphis, but we couldn't help it, for our principal "weakness" will always creep into any article we attempt to write.

The next feature of the day's program was a baseball game between the before-mentioned nine from Fort Worth and the first of Memphis.

Arriving at the grounds the boys were both surprised and glad to note that again Memphis not do things by seven, having provided a roomy

screened grand stand from which the game could be watched with comfort from the burning rays of the sun and with safety from batted or thrown balls.

Promptly at 3:30 p. m. Umpire Watkins called "batter up" and one of the most exciting contests took place in the history of holiday games, the visitors winning the game, as will be seen from a perusal of the following score, the principal features of which was the star catching of Ft. Worth's receiver and the home run by Slinger of the home aggregation:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ft. Worth	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	x-8
Memphis	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0-6

Batteries—Ward and Eargle; King and Randall.

Summary—Bases on balls, off King, 1; hit by pitched ball, by King 2, by Ward 3; struck out, by King 5, by Ward 5; hits by Ft. Worth 10, by Memphis 11; stolen bases, Moore, McGowan, McCullom and King; errors, Ft. Worth 1, Memphis 5; time of game, 1 hour and fifty minutes. Ft. Worth made two hits that would have proved home runs but for the calling out of one for cutting bases and the forced stop at third on account of the ball getting under a team of fractious horses, thus forcing the fielder to await the removal of the team, though there is little doubt but that the runner would have scored a home run had not this happened. Ft. Worth did not bat their half of the ninth on account of having two scores in the lead.

On behalf of the citizens of Memphis we wish to commend the visiting team and their friends for their gentlemanly conduct, both before, during and after the game, and to their credit it may be said that not one of their number is addicted to the use of intoxicants in any way, shape or form, and we cordially invite them to visit our city on any future occasion that their duties will permit. That our boys were not the least dishonored from a baseball standpoint by Saturday's defeat will be understood when it is learned that out of six ten games played this season by their opponents, but two were lost.

One of the pleasantest features of the day, for those who enjoyed that sort of entertainment, were the trap shooting contests, in which there were twenty-nine entries, and all shooters expressed themselves as well pleased with the manner in which their sport was carried on. The weather was most favorable for trap shooting, with a clear sky and just enough breeze to keep comfortable without interfering with the shooting. A good sized crowd of shooting experts came down from Clarendon, where a two days' contest had just closed, and as they had been worked hard during these two days that fact probably accounts for the comparatively low scores made at this place, both by the amateurs and the two professional present, Messrs. E. F. Forsgard, of Waco, representing the Gardner Repeating Arms Co., Winchester, and J. S. Lott, representing the United States Metallic Com-

pany. The total highest scores made by the professionals and amateurs were as follows:

- E. F. Forsgard, 136; J. S. Lott, 124; Mr. Kennedy, 131; Geo. Secor, 122; J. C. Clauch, 128; W. A. Ish, 130; C. S. McCulloch, 110; J. S. Thompson, 123; R. A. Kelly, 124; B. Houssels, 132; A. V. Cooke, 107; J. C. Clauch, 128; Sid J. Jones, 114; J. P. Brown, 92; Geo. Karr, 119; Grayson Bell, 129; Mr. Allen, 125; R. B. House, 116; J. D. VanSickle, 134; all of whom had 150 shots. The following shot a lesser number of times, the first number being the number of shots and the latter the number of birds broken: F. Burger, 130-108; R. A. Boston, 110-86; S. D. Vaughn, 119-81; Tom Parker, 50-46; E. J. Love, 40-25; Mr. Kilpatrick, 120-81; E. P. Thompson, 100-76; R. L. Slaton, 20-13.

Much interest was manifested in Mr. Forsgard's work, as his reputation with a shot gun had preceded him, he now holding the following trophies: That of the Sunny South, the Houston Chronicle, the Dupont, and two of the Balistite trophies. Before taking a position with the gun companies he held every medal and every cup offered in Texas. At Del Rio, on June 27th, he broke the world's record by breaking a total of 297 birds in succession.

Mr. Lott is not so well known, having but lately entered the professional list of trap shooters, but from the way that he has been working of late, especially in the other shoots in the Panhandle previous to his coming

here, we feel sure that it will be only a short time when he will rank with the top shots of the south. Both are gentlemen and good fellows and we hope to see them here again in future contests.

Perhaps the greatest interest was taken in the work of Sam, the 9-year-old son of Mr. Forsgard, on account of his age and marvelous shooting with both the rifle and shot gun. This prodigy gave an exhibition at the grounds Saturday before a large number of spectators, and the way that he handled a rifle was a cause of wonderment, even to those who consider themselves "some shot" with a rifle. At the trap he broke 9 out of 10—the only time he faced the trap. This young gentleman created quite a sensation at the age six years, when with a shot gun he broke ninety-six birds out of a hundred, shooting at a range of 25 feet. If he keeps on he will keep the trophies won by his father in the family, and probably outdo his father in making records for "crack" shooting. He will be in Childress on the 17th and 18th of this month, where he will give another exhibition of his skill before the large crowds expected there on those dates.

Before closing this article we wish to heartily commend the different business men for their enterprise in providing numerous tanks of ice water at convenient places for those who thirsted. They proved a boon to many, especially among the women and children.

The different committees in charge of the celebration deserve great credit for the manner in which the crowd was cared for and entertained. The advertising committee, composed of W. A. Johnson—at least we believe that he was the main "working" member—deserves special mention for assembling so large a crowd on so short a notice. We mention Mr. Johnson especially, since we know that he is too modest to give said committee due credit in his paper, the Hall County Herald.

If there were any here who did not have a good time and who did not get the worth of their money, we are authorized to state that the finance committee has been empowered to return their admission fee. Now don't all flock in at once.

County is Ahead of Town.

That the population of the country surrounding Memphis is increasing more rapidly than is the principal town in the county, is pretty well evidenced by the following report of the scholastic census of the county recently completed:

The scholastic census of Hall county in 1907 was 1248, while that of 1908 showed a total of 1909, an increase of 53 per cent. Memphis' scholastic census in 1907 was 401, and in 1908 it is 528, an increase of 30 per cent. It will thus be seen that the county has outgrown the town by 23 per cent.

We doubt if there is another county in the Panhandle whose country population will show such a decided increase over that of its principal town, which further demonstrates the fact that the Democrat is within the bounds of truth in its statement, across the head of the front page, that "Of Panhandle Towns Memphis has the Best Country Backing Her."

This showing is in nowise detrimental to the city of Memphis, as its increase will compare favorably with that of the other Panhandle towns, but on the contrary, it should be an incentive for the man who wishes to enter the list of town residents for the purpose of making a livelihood therein to thoroughly investigate the resources of Memphis as a town before locating elsewhere. If he does this, we have no fears but that such a man will quickly decide that he has better chances for ultimate success here than in a town which is already ahead of its trade territory and gives pretty good evidence that it is destined to remain that way.

Special Notice.

The Rev. Geo. McCullough, presiding elder of the Free Methodist Church of the Dallas district, will hold a series of meetings in the Christian church house, commencing Friday night next (July 10th) and continuing until Tuesday night. Rev. McCullough is an earnest and powerful speaker and everybody is cordially invited to be present at these services.

LODGE PEOPLE ENTERTAIN.

The Citizens of Lodge Get Together and With a Number of Neighboring Friends Have a Pleasant Social Time of It.

The publishers of the Democrat took advantage of the picnic advertised to be held at Lodge—or, perhaps more properly speaking, at Boon—on Saturday, June 27.

As this was the writer's first trip to the rural districts of Memphis he was somewhat awed by the numerous farms, with their thrifty looking growing crops, many of which are on land that was plowed this year for the first time in its history, which, together with the numerous new residences—all of which seem to be substantially built—is ample evidence that the Memphis country is rapidly gaining in agricultural population.

That the Lodge neighborhood is becoming thickly settled is evidenced by the fact that a new general merchandise store has been installed there by J. A. [Name], who seemed to be doing a big business. He also will be a regular reader of the Democrat. These progressive people are also erecting a gin for the convenience of their many cotton raising farmers.

Arriving at the Boon school house we met many of the residents of that neighborhood, all of whom ordered their names enrolled on the Democrat's subscription list, though we did not see nearly as many of the residents of this section of the county as we had anticipated, the most of them being too busy with their field work to attend picnics, though for the most part the young people of the neighborhood were present, as well as a representation of the candidates for county and precinct offices.

As one of the men whom we wished to meet was not present, we drove to his residence, arriving there a few minutes before the dinner hour. We refer to Sam H. Boon, from whom the name of the neighborhood is taken. As is the usual case of a visitor arriving at a Panhandle home at or near the meal hour, Mrs. Boon insisted that we remain and partake of their noon-day repast, and we must confess that if we missed anything by not being present when the viands were served at the picnic grounds, we were amply repaid as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boon, whose table was graced with as sumptuous a repast as could be imagined, the chief attraction of which was tender fried "yellow legs."

After dinner we repaired to the spacious front gallery, where we listened to the experience of these excellent people as pioneers in the "great American desert" now famous for its extraordinary crop yields, and of which we collected some valuable data for an article for a subsequent issue.

On our way back to the picnic grounds we passed several fine farms, on one of which the sod cotton crop looked particularly thrifty, and which Mr. Brumley informed us was the farm belonging to Capt. Murray, who recently purchased the Crozier residence on Main street.

Arriving at the picnic grounds we watched for a time a baseball game which was in progress, the contestants being chosen from among the young men present, after which we drove to Eli, where we found a large number of people—perhaps more than were at the picnic grounds—arriving there in time to see the finish of a ball game between the Eli and Lakeview teams, in which the former won by a score of 9 to 14.

Before arriving at Eli, however, we stopped at the Robert Jones farm, which carries with the town of 1908, where we found that gentlemen enjoying the evening in an easy chair on his east gallery. After spending a few

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minutes in his gentleman's company, during which he favored us with the subscriptions to the Democrat, as well as to a number of delicious peaches just picked from the tree, we noted that Mr. Jones has a large being orchard which we expect to have a more extended write-up in a future issue.

Visiting Frank Gist, we found the gentleman and his assistants busily engaged waiting on a numerous customer, though the former took time enough to subscribe for the Democrat. We also found the Eli blacksmith shop a busy place, but here also the proprietors, Messrs. Phillips & Weber, spent time enough to listen to our proposition and subscribed for the new paper.

As the hour was becoming late we wended our way homeward feeling that the day had been most profitably and pleasantly spent, adding to our subscription list nearly fifty subscribers.

A Steady Business Puller.

John Wanamaker says: "There is one enterprise on earth that a 'quitter' should leave severely alone, it is advertising. To make a success of advertising one must be prepared to stick like a barnacle on a ship's bottom. He should know before he begins it that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody must tell him also that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game. Advertising doesn't jerk it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible power."

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Next President's Great Power.

The next President of the United States in all probability will have an opportunity to reorganize the Supreme Court of the United States. Three justices already have passed the retiring age, and a fourth will do so next November. These are Melville W. Fuller, chief justice, who is 75; John W. Harlan, associate justice, who also is 75; David J. Brewer, associate justice, who will be 71 on June 20 next, and Rufus W. Peckham, associate justice, who will be 70 in November.

There is no power to force the retirement of any of these justices. They are permitted voluntarily to leave the bench after arriving at the age of 70. No disposition has been manifested by any of them, with the possible exception of Mr. Harlan, to give up the office he holds. Rumors have been current that Mr. Harlan intended to retire, but he has indicated that he will not do so at the present time.

It is apparent, however, that the next administration will witness the appearance from public life of not all of these eminent publicists. A great power will be vested in the hands of the next President.

HALL COUNTY FOR FARMING
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ter opportunities for a man of his ability in the west—as Texas was then called—he left his native state in 1866, locating in Fayette county, near LaGrange, where he engaged in farming, as well as himself to Miss Biffie Moore of Fayette county, whom he married in 1868, and by whom his six children—three boys and three girls—were borne, all of whom live at the paternal homestead, save his eldest son, who is a civil engineer in the oil region near Stratoga. After a residence there covering a period of twenty years, during which time he represented his district in the 15th Tex. Legislature and was a member of the committee whose duty it was to map out and name the different counties of the Panhandle which was then attached to Palo Pinto county as a whole for judicial purposes, he moved to McLennan county, where he engaged in farming for another twenty year period. Selling his McLennan county farm in 1904, and having been told of the wonderful possibilities of the Hall county soil, he decided to investigate, with the result that he purchased in December, 1904, 640 acres of unimproved land situated 12 miles southwest from Memphis, paying therefor the sum of \$2800 bonus, assuming the payment of the \$624 due the state.

That Capt. Adkisson is popular among his fellow farmers is evidenced by the fact that he holds the position of vice-president of his local branch of the Farmer's Educational and Co-Operative Union of America, an organization which is becoming a power among the farming fraternity throughout the country.

As to Capt. Adkisson's achievements as a Hall county farmer, we will give you his own written statement, which is as follows:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT:

You have requested me to give you for publication in the first issue of your paper some data in regard to what can be made farming in Hall county. Knowing that you want nothing but a correct statement of facts, I will give you only my experience of three crops, those of 1905, 1906 and 1907.

My 1905 crop was all produced on sod land and returned a yield of one-half a bale of cotton per acre. No correct account of the grain crop yield was kept, but I would consider it a fair entering the country.

The cotton and the wheat as in 1905, was on second year yielding sixty feet per acre—no crop being sown. The crop was ruined by heavy rains.

I consider my 1907 crop little short of phenomenal, having an area of 500 acres in cultivation, which was divided as follows:

I gathered from 285 acres a yield of 203 bales of cotton, from which I received \$11,672 for the lint and \$2370 for the seed; 11 acres of Indian corn yielded 165 bushels, for which I received 40 cents per bushel, or \$66; 21 acres of June corn produced 25 bushels per acre, adding \$212.50 to my credit; 40 acres of milo maize returned a yield of sixty tons of seed heads, for which I received \$937; 143 acres planted to kafir corn yielded 14 tons of seed heads per acre, which sold at \$14 per ton, or a total of \$2506, thus making a grand total of \$17,768.50 received from the 500 cultivated acres, which does not include the value of the fodder from the maize and kafir, the four acres planted to sorghum, nor the acreage planted to melons, garden truck, etc.

In giving you this statement I do not claim to have any better crops than any of my neighbors,

some of whom have had far better yields than I. For instance, Mr. O. B. Burnett, in the year 1904, gathered 82 bales from 72 acres, while Mr. Jack Jones gathered 56 bales of cotton from 44 acres in 1907, and Mrs. N. J. Walker received in 1904, 22 bales of cotton from 19 acres.

I have made forty-three crops in Texas and know that my 1907 crop excelled any crop for yield per acre and value that I have ever raised, notwithstanding the fact that my farming, previous to coming to Hall county, was down in the recognized cotton belt of Texas—on the lower Colorado river in Fayette county, and in McLennan county. I will say further that for crop raising purposes I would not trade my Hall county farm, acre for acre, for any land in the black land belt of Texas—a soil that has been noted for many years for its crop producing qualities.

As for the healthfulness of the climate I do not know of a place to be found anywhere where the inhabitants enjoy better health generally than the residents of Hall county.

I will state further that my land is not for sale, nor have I any interest whatever in any land that is for sale in this country, though the cutting up of some of the large ranches have opened the way for the actual farmer and there are countless opportunities for the farmer with small means to obtain a suitable tract of fine farming land on such terms that will practically enable him to pay for his land out of the crop raised each year after he has made his first payment.

Hoping that I have given you the information for your paper that you desired, I remain

Very truly yours,
G. J. ADKISSON.
Postoffice, Memphis, Texas.

The Farmer's Independence.

Every time there is a financial panic, with its resultant industrial depression and the discharging of many thousand employes, the advantageous position of the farmer is clearly shown. He has to contend, of course, with difficulties in "hard times" like every one else. Prices of cattle and farm produce fall and money often is hard to borrow for needed improvements, except at ruinous rates of interest. But the farm is his—he has an abiding place, a roof over his head, food that is yielded from the soil, and work ready to his hand.

By contrast the lot of the man who is dependent upon the will of his employer as to whether he shall make a day's wage or not, and who is often thrown out upon the world just when it is hardest to get other work, seems not nearly so safe or attractive. To a man with a family, this merely temporary idleness often means heartrending suffering.

It is a wonder that more men living in cramped quarters and unsanitary surroundings in the cities do not try to get hold of small farms in the west and south, where plenty of unoccupied land awaits cultivation, which can often be had on easy terms. Between the drudgery of the office and the workshop, with the struggle to maintain a family on a pittance, and the open air and healthful life of those who have taken up or bought farms in the southwest, for instance, there seems to be little room for choice.

Of course, something is to be said on the other side. Farming means long hours of toil; crops sometimes fail; prices fall and it becomes hard to make ends meet and avoid a mortgage. Man is a gregarious animal, and thousands of men and women would rather herd closely in a city than endure the isolation and loneliness that farming often means.

Nevertheless, many men who are hunting for work today would be comparatively well off if they had chosen farming as a vocation instead of drudging away in some factory or office, only to be thrown out of it when times grow hard.—Ex.

AN ENJOYABLE PICNIC.

Lakeview Citizens Demonstrated Both Their Hospitality and Prosperity in a Sumptuous Manner on Thursday Last.

Did you attend the picnic at Lakeview last Thursday? If not, you missed the time of your life, as well as one of the best dinners that mortal man ever devoured.

The Democrat publishers were there in full force (you may depend on newspaper men being present where there is anything good to eat, if they can possibly get there).

Before going into the details of the Lakeview festivities, however, we want to say a word about the country surrounding this lively community. The Lakeview country seems to be a continuation of the fine farming lands of Eli and Lodge neighborhoods, a description of which is given elsewhere in this issue, but seems to have a much larger scope of country tributary thereto than have the beforementioned hamlets, which are cut off in territory by each other, as well as by Memphis on the one side and Lakeview on the other, though not to such an extent that both have not ample farming territory to make them prosperous.

We are informed that this wonderful stretch of fine farming lands extends for many miles in each direction from Lakeview, with the result that the voters therein are of sufficient strength to cut quite a figure in the county elections, should they decide to vote as a unit. Here, as in the Eli and Lodge neighborhoods, we found field after field of thrifty growing crops of all kinds, cotton, perhaps, predominating. And that the owners thereof are there to stay with a view of making permanent homes is evidenced by the substantial buildings, with their fruit and shade trees giving them an appearance of home builders. Not being familiar with the names of the owners we will have to forego any personal mention of the farms seen until some future issues, when we will have had an opportunity of making special trips for that purpose, and which we intend to do in the near future.

Arriving at Lakeview we were more than surprised to find that what we had supposed was a mere one-store hamlet was in reality a young town, and worthy the name in every respect. For here we found an imposing two-story school building and W. O. W. Hall, two up-to-date general merchandise stores, operated by Messrs. D. H. Davenport and J. H. Davis, respectively, the former of whom is the postmaster; a busy blacksmith shop under the management of a first-class smith in the person of J. V. Mauldin; a cotton gin of a sufficient capacity to handle the business of last year, but which will have to be enlarged to handle the 1908 crop unless the second gin is installed, which proposition T. M. Aaron, a gin man of Quail, now has under advisement, and which is under the able management of W. C. Watkins, who informed us that there were something over 9,000 acres planted in cotton in the Lakeview neighborhood, from which they expect a yield of over 6,000 bales of cotton, and last, but not least, something that is not usually found in rural communities—a well stocked drug store, conducted by J. E. Montgomery, a brother of our townsman, C. M. Montgomery. There are also numerous residences in the town proper, thus giving it a further town-like appearance.

After shaking heads with many whom we will have a hard time to recall on a second meeting—on account of their numbers

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and all being strangers—it was announced that dinner was awaiting the crowd near the stand at the school house, so we repaired thereto and partook of the eatables, the quality and variety of which everyone is aware who has ever had the pleasure of attending a Panhandle picnic. And we want to say right here that the ancients, with their now "lost arts", might have excelled the good women of the Panhandle in the art of cooking, but if they did we feel sorry for the men of those days, for more palatable food we cannot conceive, and we are not going to try to enumerate the many good things that were there for the asking. Suffice to say that if anyone came away from those laden tables hungry, the fault was all their own.

As soon as all had had opportunity to appease the inner man, those who wished entered the covered auditorium provided for the purpose and listened to the claims of the different candidates for the preference at the primaries to be held on the 25th of this month, the two principal speakers being Hon. R. E. Carswell of Wise county, who aspires to the position of associate justice of the court of civil appeals, and Harry Mason of Vernon, who is again the candidate for re-election to the office of district attorney, and who also gave an excellent address on Woodcraft and fraternal orders in general, after which opportunity was given the county and precinct candidates to "electioneer."

After the candidates had had their say different members of the audience were called upon to say a few words of encouragement and recall some of the stirring incidents of former days, and among those who responded were T. J. Hays of Leslie, a veteran of the Civil War, who told of some of the incidents during that time while a member of General Jackson's command, and D.

B. Koen of Lakeview, who took advantage of the occasion to deliver an able and instructive address on man's duty to his fellow man from the Christian standpoint, both of which were well received. Capt. G. J. Adkisson, who acted as toastmaster, proved to be the right man in the right place, and his witticisms in introducing the different speakers provoked much laughter. He also gave a few incidents of his life as soldier in the gray, which proved to be more than interesting.

As a ball game had been announced to take place at 3 p. m. between the second nine of Memphis and Lakeview, we naturally followed the crowd and there witnessed a very interesting game throughout, with the exception of one inning, in which the Memphis boys got their opponents rattled to such an extent that something like twelve scores were added to their credit, the score at the end standing 14-2 in favor of the visitors. Lakeview's battery was Geo. Hancock, Bud Hudgins and Geo. White, while J. W. Brumley twirled and T. E. Randall received for Memphis.

This game being over it was announced that the respective nines of Eli and Deep Lake would cross bats, but as the hour was getting late and we had a long way to drive, we were forced to forego seeing this contest, much to our regret, as these teams have established quite a local reputation for snappy playing, and if there is any contest that we enjoy witnessing it is an evenly matched baseball game. Before leaving, however, we learned that Eli's battery would be Doc Anderson and E. G. Warlick, while their opponent's would be C. Ford and C. Stevens, which practically assured a good game.

We learned later that the undefeated Eli team won by a score of 7-4 in one of the hardest con-

tested games ever played in the neighborhood.

Before leaving the Lakeview part of this writup we wish to say a few words concerning fraternalism in the Lakeview neighborhood. Nearly every man we met had the insignia of the W. O. W. on his person, while many had the badges of other orders, which is an evidence that those good people have not only the welfare of their brother man at heart but that of their wives and children also. Of course undesirable men get into every human organization, but if a man is a member of one or more fraternal orders it is pretty safe to give him credit for being a good man until he proves himself otherwise. At least that has been our experience.

On our way homeward again renewed Robt. Jones' acquaintance, as well as made acquaintance of his estimable wife, and again had the pleasure of partaking of their delicious peaches, of which Mrs. Jones placed within our reach a large fruit dish full.

As an evidence that our work was not without profit, as well as pleasure, we were enabled to add nearly a hundred names to our subscription list, and we would add that not a man who we spoke of who lived in the country or had any interest in the "Democrat's" trial, which was all we asked.

We might also add that we secured an able weekly chronicler of the Lakeview happenings in the person of Mrs. J. E. Montgomery, and to whom we truly thank, since it is our desire to not only give the local events of Memphis, but those of the surrounding localities.

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