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To satisfy our Customers. We carry a complete stock of
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and undertake to see that each of our customers gets the worth of his money--do we base our claim on your trade. We invite you to compare our prices with any in town. We insist on the most critical examination as to quality of goods we sell. We are offering now some special values in both Dry Goods and Groceries, and ask you to investigate. Also, we would be glad to explain to you our great Premium plan. Great success is crowning our efforts along this line; our premiums are every one useful articles, and remember they

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COME AND VISIT OUR STORE

HALL COUNTY FOR BUSINESS.

W. M. Fore, After a Continuous Residence in Memphis for Seventeen Years, Gives His Experience as a Merchant.

cantile business and had business dealings with the farmers of this section during the past seventeen years. His statements will prove interesting to the outsider, since they demonstrate the character and ability of his farmer-customers, as well as their prosperity, since ne'er-dowells are seldom prompt with their obligations.

William M. Fore was born near Somerset, Ky., on November 28,

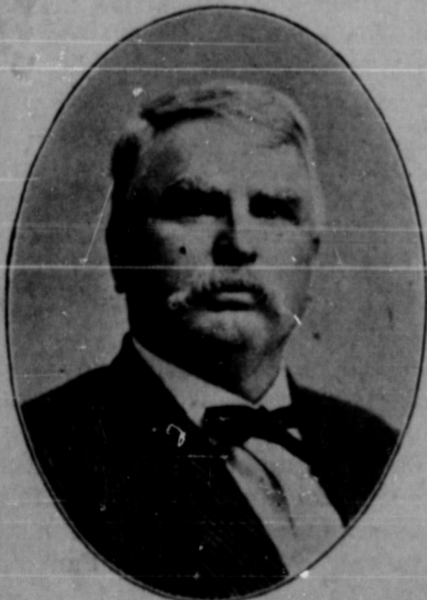


Photo by Ott. WILLIAM M. FORE.

1858, coming to Texas in 1869 with his parents, who located in Parker county, where he grew to manhood.

In 1874 he left the paternal homestead and located in Young county, where he prospered to such an extent that he felt he could afford the luxury of a wife and on January 16, 1881, at Weatherford, was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss

Nannie A. Eddleman, a sister of Hall county's present sheriff. Of this union three sons and one daughter came to bless, all of whom reside in this city. He remained in Young county until 1883, when he commenced to gradually drift westward and made Throckmorton county his home for a period of five years. Believing that the "grazing" was better further on he migrated to Wichita Falls in 1888, where he resided until 1891, when he heard of the prosperity of the Hall county farmers and the opportunity their principal town offered to an energetic general merchandise dealer. Upon investigating he decided that Memphis was his Eldorado and the proper place in which to rear his

young hopefuls. With his family Mr. Fore arrived in Memphis on August 10, 1891, at once establishing a mercantile business, which he conducted successfully as an individual until February, 1907, when he helped to organize the Pioneer Mercantile Company, the result of a consolidation of three of the city's oldest merchandise establishments--that of his own, J. A. Bradford's and Denny, Bird & Powell. That Mr. Fore's mercantile career in Memphis has not been wholly strewn with roses is evidenced by his experience in 1893, which was probably the most discouraging one to the residents of the Panhandle as a whole in its history. At that time, and prior

thereto, according to the statements of the subject of our sketch and the other old residents, the principal crop raised, or attempted, was small grain--wheat and oats--with little or no attention being paid to any of the products which have since made the Upper Red River Valley famous. As has been the case all over the world where diversification was not practiced, the inevitable crop failure was experienced, caused by the preceding dry winter. Inasmuch as the Panhandle already had a reputation for being susceptible to "drouths"--given it by the holders of large cattle interests who vainly endeavored to prevent the settling of the country by the "nesters", as the farmers were then called--the 1893 manifestation caused many to leave the country, selling for a mere pittance or utterly abandoning farms that could not be purchased from their present owners at a less price than from \$20 to \$40 per acre, if they could be purchased at all.

This failure, said Mr. Fore, was a blessing in disguise, since it taught the remaining farmers the folly of placing all their eggs in one basket. Diversification has been practiced continuously since that time with the result that a repetition of the 1893 disaster has not occurred, nor would it have occurred that year had the farmers been raising the same crops then as they do now. In fact, said Mr. Fore, this is the best farming country I ever saw for the diversifier, as well as the natural habitat of hogs, cattle or other domestic livestock. I have known of no year in the history of the Memphis country when the diversifying farmer did not make a sufficient amount of

money from the sale of his crops with which to meet his obligations, and as a merchant of many years' experience in Memphis I can state that I have had no difficulty in collecting accounts contracted by farmers. I always make a practice of advising my friends, wherever located, to come to this section of the country for the purpose of making a livelihood and a competence for the inevitable "rainy day", as well as for its healthfulness, and have been influential in locating many of them here, none of whom have ever regretted the move. My slogan has ever been: "For Health, Wealth and Happiness, come to the justly famous Upper Red River Valley of the Panhandle of Texas," and ever will be so long as climatic conditions remain the same as they

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The First National Bank

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Herod still sells the famous Selby Shoe the "world beater" style, snap, etc. You buy them cheaper than ever before

Everything in ladies' neckwear at Herod's. Striped, checked and plain. Standing collars with bows to match. Jabots, ties and lingerie collars, all the very best styles

All styles of belts at Herod's, selling very cheap. Mens' and children's

Boys, if you want a nice suit go to Herod's. If you want a nice pair of shoes, tie, hat or suspenders go to Herod

Herod handles the Henderson Corset, the best around corset made. They are made to suit all figures and are perfectly comfortable. Prices ranging from 50 cents to \$3. A new shipment has just arrived. Call and look at the various styles of this elegant garment and you are sure to be pleased

Herod has more lace curtains than he wants. Call and get some of them

We are making a Big Drive on men's and boys' pants. Now is your time to buy

High grade worsted pants, peg top and regular top pants cheaper than was ever heard of in Memphis

Light weight summer coats in black and fancy vests

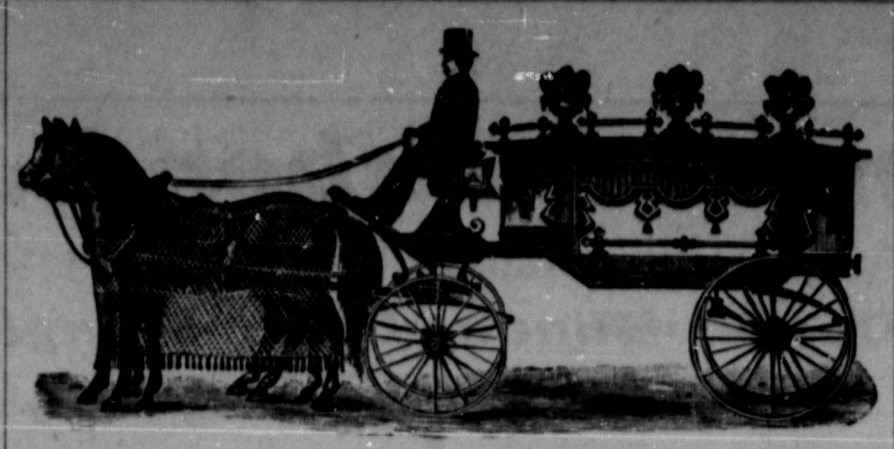
A lot of men's and boys' hats just received last week. Brand new and very stylish

Ladies' skirts just received, in all the latest styles and colors and they are going at very low figures

We will sell the remainder of our ladies' waists at mid-summer Sale prices. Ladies, see them at once.

We have a few Ecrú Waists left, going at a bargain

Gloves at \$1.59. \$2.00



Make Room Sale...

In order to make room for three carloads of Furniture which we receive during the month of August we have cut our prices 10 per cent. Now is the opportunity time for you to supply your home.

Kendrick Furniture Co.

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

The Memphis Land Co. has some special bargains. 2 tf

Miss Lee Rector of Wellington is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson.

For low taxes and economical government, D.H. Arnold, County Judge. 1t

Rev. Geo. S. Slover, president of the Clarendon College, was a visitor in the city Monday.

If you want the best of soft drinks and the best ice cream phone No. 12. Prompt deliveries made. 1tf

W. C. Heath of Eli paid this office a visit Saturday and subscribed for the Democrat for a friend at Alvarado.

We have the finest homegrown alfalfa hay to be found anywhere. Phone 53, or call at our store, next to Orr's studio. Pierce & West. 3 tf

Go to Culter's wagon yard, southwest of the square and south of Wood's livery stable. Plenty of good water and two nice camp rooms. 1t

W. A. Thompson had the misfortune to catch a baseball in the ribs during the game between the band and the firemen, last Tuesday, and as a result is suffering much this week.

Mrs. R. L. Thompson and two children of Dallas, who have been for the past two weeks the guests of W. T. and G. M. Thompson, left Monday for Amarillo, where they will visit at the home of L. O. Thompson.

W. G. Long is on a pleasure trip in the Paloduro canyon.

For County Judge T. R. Phillips, for the welfare of the people.

Eyes tested and fitted by a reliable optician at the Panhandle Jewelry Store. 2tf

Dixon Day, who has been the guest of relatives in this city left yesterday morning for Carmet, Okla.

Cutler will treat you right at his wagon yard, southwest from the square and south of wood's livery stable. 1t

C. M. Hoge of Lakeview was in Monday after fence material and improved the opportunity by subscribing for the Democrat.

C. M. Montgomery and E. L. Jones, with their families, are at Lelia Lake this week enjoying the sport of catching the finny tribe.

When in town leave your team at Cutler's wagon yard. Plenty of good water and nice camp rooms for those who wish to use them. 1t

Kendrick Furniture Co. just received a large assortment of fine rugs and art squares. We extend a special invitation to everybody to come and see our up-to-date new patterns.

J. S. Penelton and family, who were traveling overland on a prospecting trip, became so well impressed with the land in the Eli country that they purchased 80 acres for a home through the Memphis Land Co., the deal being closed Monday.

Remember T. R. Phillips is in favor of better roads.

Dr. Bisen of Turkey was a business caller in the city Monday.

Vote for W. P. Cagle for good schools and welfare for the rising generation. 1t

Lon Burson of Lakeview was in the city this week building up his political fences in his race for sheriff.

J. R. Rogers and son and D. L. Crider and brother of Denton are prospecting in the Memphis country.

Remember that the Panhandle Jewelry Store makes a specialty of setting diamonds and other precious stones. 2tf

The Woman's Culture Club will hold a call meeting at the home of Mrs. Wallace next Wednesday, July 29th, at 4 p. m.

G. B. Adkisson and family of Lodge were in the city the first of the week, the guest of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. G. J. Adkisson.

See our \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00 art squares. Former price \$15.00, \$18.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00. See the point? Kendrick Furniture Co. 3 t-f

H. B. Gerke, a well known Panhandle piano tuner, is in the city putting the various pianos in tune. He has had a large experience and does good work.

The Wm. Cameron Lumber Co. have moved their office to their new location, near the jail, where they are better prepared than ever to serve their patrons.

Anything contracted by me in the house painting or paper hanging line will receive my personal attention, which is a guarantee of good work. Phone V. L. Shaw No. 85. 1tf

Elder L. H. Humphries, accompanied by W. M. Fore, preached to the people at the Finger school house Tuesday. The following day he delivered an address to the people of Lakeview.

F. L. Kelley of McLennan county, who has been visiting relatives at Wellington, came back yesterday from that place and is looking over the Memphis country with a view of locating therein.

B. F. Pierce and Z. E. West formed a co-partnership for the carrying on of a general grain and feed store business, installing their commodities in the building formerly occupied by the Majestic theatre, next door to Orr's studio on West Main street. They are both well known to the trade and we predict for them a prosperous business.

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Remember T. R. Phillips the farmers friend for County Judge.

J. S. Stidham, M.D., for drugs, medicines, toilet articles, etc., at Hedley, Texas. 2-4t

Bert Airheart of the Shoobar ranch was in the city Monday and Tuesday on business.

Miss Vester Wright, who has been spending a few weeks with friends at Comanche, returned home last night.

Vote for the man who has the experience. T. R. Phillips is a strictly sober man and no man is better qualified to fill the office.

T. P. Drake left last night for Amarillo, where he will meet his mother, who is returning from a visit among friends at divers North Missouri points.

Dr. W. R. Orr of McLean is the guest of friends and relatives in the city. He is an old friend of the editor and made this office a pleasant call Monday.

Editor R. H. Templeton of the Wellington Times was in the city the first of the week on business and in the interest of his candidacy for the district attorneyship.

T. B. Butler of Eli will on Friday leave for Lulu, La., where he will visit his mother. That he might not lose sight of events in this section he ordered the Democrat sent to him at that place.

Henry Vallance of Lodge came in Tuesday after lumber with which to make some needed improvements on his 640-acre farm. Mr. Vallance has 450 acres under cultivation and reports that he never saw crops of all kinds in a more prosperous condition.

Miss Annie Ruth Ragland is in the city, the guest of Mrs. T. B. Norwood. She comes from San Angelo, where she has been teaching for the past four years. She will open a class in music about August 1st. She comes highly recommended as being a graduate and a thorough up-to-date teacher.

If the Supreme Ruler of the Universe should see fit in His infinite wisdom to remove from your midst one of your loved ones, phone No. 158, day; 145, night, and W. M. Welch (manager of Kendrick Furniture Co.) will come to your rescue with a nice burial outfit, at a reasonable price, and will give his personal attention to all funerals in city and country. Remember our new, up-to-date hearse goes out with every funeral. Our embalmer has twenty years experience—consequently we guarantee every body we embalm. Kendrick Furniture Co. 1t

The Misses Winnie Fisher and Amy Woodward of Clarendon were the guests of Mrs. A. J. Conner Friday and Saturday.

Ernest Jones and W. B. Tate from the Rolla neighborhood while in the city Saturday called around and got acquainted with the Democrat.

A. J. Conner returned Thursday from Sayre, Okla., where he had been called on account of the serious illness of his mother, whom we are pleased to report is much improved.

George R. Craft of Oakville, came in Saturday on a visit to his cousin, Russell Craft, as well as to look over the country with a view of locating hereabouts. He paid this office a pleasant visit Monday.

I have been here five years and for the first time ask for a county office, believing that I can do my people more good as County Judge than as a private citizen—and ask that on the 25th of July you cast your vote for me for this most important office. W. P. Cagle. 1t

T. M. Latham of Turnersville looked over the Memphis country with a view of locating. He expressed himself as being well pleased with our country, subscribed for the Democrat and stated that he would be here to stay as soon as he could make arrangements.

J. C. Hurlock of West, was in the city last week visiting at the home of A. P. Holcomb. He is much pleased with the Memphis country and says he is going back home and accept an offer of \$105 per acre for his farm in McLennan county and move to Hall where he can obtain just as productive land at \$20 or less—as much or little as he wants.

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What Riding Comfort Is?

You don't unless you have ridden in a Staver carriage—at least you don't know what the best of such comfort is. We have searched the American markets for the best vehicle we could buy and we offer it to you now at prices surprisingly low. See them today. . . .

We have a few of the Jersey Ice Cream Freezers. We are closing them out at very low prices. Come today and see them before all are gone

If you want a nice Lawn Swing or a Gliding Settee, we have the only one in town at a reasonable price. You would be pleased with either of these

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

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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. EDDELMAN (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—
TOM 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. F. KING (re-election)
- For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1—
WALTER CRUMP
- For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 3—
J. S. BAILEY
J. H. GIBSON
B. F. GRIMSLEY
- For Constable, Precinct No. 1—
G. R. DICKSON

For President
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

For Vice-President
JOHN W. KERN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1908

Hunt up your poll tax—you'll need it next Saturday.

Every man's vote is influenced by principle or greed of gain. Which way is your vote influenced?

Don't overlook Memphis' need for an adequate sewerage system in your ponderings over the political situation.

If you are a democrat, vote like a democrat, and give the people of Texas and opportunity to say whether or not they want state-wide prohibition.

Don't allow the saloon element to "befuddle" you. Vote for submission and prove yourself to be not only a true democrat, but a man who is intelligent enough to do his own thinking.

If you cast your vote next Saturday from a standpoint of principle, you will vote for submission; but if your vote is influenced by selfish desires or greed of gain, you will vote, perhaps, against submission.

A visit to a few of our back alleys should convince the most stubborn that Memphis needs, should have and can have a sewerage system commensurate with her needs especially if his sense of smell has not been destroyed.

Phone No. 72

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Nigger Head Coal

Remember that the primary election does not decide the question of state-wide prohibition, it merely gives or does not give the people a chance to state whether or not they want it, which is eminently democratic.

Scratch everything in the amendment line on the ticket next Saturday except that for submission, and give the people of Texas an opportunity for saying whether or not they want state-wide prohibition.

If you have a son or daughter, or ever hope to have one, or have a friend who has one such, how can you fail to do all in your power to assist in throwing all the safe-guards possible around that loved one? Especially, since a vote for submission merely gives those who have loved ones to protect an opportunity to protect them.

You will always find the Democrat lined up on one side or the other—never on the fence—on any question which affects the welfare of its constituents. The editor's judgment may be wrong, at times, but he will favor the right at all times as he views the question, and when it is shown to him that he is in the wrong he will gladly "get right." But he will have to be "shown," when he has once taken a stand.

Don't vote for local option next Saturday, unless you are in sympathy with the saloon element. They are as opposed to local option as they are to any other law regulating their traffic, but they succeeded in getting a local option proposition onto the ticket merely for the purpose of misleading the voters and preventing them, if possible, from getting an opportunity to vote on state-wide prohibition.

A visit to the various farms in the Memphis country will demonstrate to the satisfaction of the most exacting that crop conditions could not possibly be better. We have heard many prospectors, who had visited other portions of the state, say that the crops, generally, in this section were the most promising of any they had seen. But it was ever thus, and we mention it merely for the benefit of those who do not know or have not had an opportunity to investigate.

Let us all get together and put Hall county into the list of those Texas counties whose voters are truly democratic and who vote at all times in favor of giving the people a chance to rule, rather than a few intoxicating-liquor traffickers, who toil not, neither do they spin, but who wax fat on the ruined lives of their deluded and brain-befuddled patrons. Do you desire to let such an element continue to do not only your thinking and voting, but continue to ruin the lives of your loved ones? We hardly think so.

If you want to buy a farm, buy one in a country where you can see the actual crops growing—not where "we can grow so much of such and such crops." And buy it at the owner's price. All Memphis real estate dealers sell land at the owner's price, from which they receive a 5 per cent commission for their services in the way of advertising, maintaining offices and showing the land to the would-be purchaser. As a result, the speculators have not gained a foot-hold in the famous Upper Red River Valley and lands have increased in value only through development. Memphis is the principal town of this justly celebrated crop-producing valley, and the point to which you should purchase your ticket.

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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

If you are in sympathy with the saloon element scratch everything in the way of amendments except that which reads "Against the submission," etc. Vote squarely, one way or the other.

If the editor of the Democrat was opposed to state-wide prohibition (which he is not) he would vote for submission first, last and always, believing that he could not be a true democrat and vote otherwise. A true democrat (if we understand the meaning of the term) is one who is willing at all times to give the people an opportunity to say by their votes whether or not they desire certain laws enacted. This is all that the prohibition element of the democratic party of Texas wishes—that the people be given an opportunity to express themselves on the statewide prohibition question. Be a true democrat and vote for submission next Saturday at the primaries.

Prospectors are commencing to flock in, having laid by their crops "back yonder," and are viewing, many of them for the first time, the best crop producing and most healthful district in the Southwest. As a result Hall and the balance of the Panhandle counties will greatly increase their populations, as well as their "country development." And this latter is the most important part of all, since with few exceptions Hall county being one of them—the Panhandle counties already have more population than their actual country development will warrant, many of the residents thereof depending for the most part on the "yankee" speculators for a sustenance.

The fallacy of the saloon element's seemingly ardent desire for the "system of local option and appropriate legislative enactment for the perfection of our laws, so as to prevent the barter, sale or exchange of intoxicating beverages or liquors in local option districts," is emphasized in the manner in which the element "bowed" to the people of Amarillo and other county, who six months ago had that county into the list of local option counties, but who six

months after, were thwarted by the whiskey element in one way and another, and only gave up the fight when they had exhausted every means their high-priced lawyers could devise for the defeating of the will of the people. And Amarillo is but one of the many cases that might be cited in this connection. Oh, yes, the saloon element is a "great admirer" of the local option system when it is threatened with a state-wide prohibitory law.

A COUNTRY COMPARISON.

Childress county has a school population of 1975. The city has \$60, leaving 1,115 in the country districts. This is a straw that shows how the county is growing.

Hall county has a school population of 2.21 children to the square mile while Childress county has 3. This shows that Childress county is more thickly settled than Hall. Hall county and Childress average the same on bales of cotton raised per section. Childress and Hall are in the lower Panhandle and are recognized as the best counties in the Panhandle or Northwest Texas. Let us grow.—Childress Index.

Since the Index is pleased to compare Childress county's school population with that of Hall, and remarks that "this shows that Childress County is more thickly settled than Hall," let us draw the comparison a little further. Elsewhere in its last week's issue the Index states that "Childress (meaning the town, we suppose) has a dinner bucket brigade of 1000 men and boys," most all of whom, if not quite, are probably employed in the railroad shops, which enterprise is without doubt the sustenance of fully 5000 of its city population (assuming that the city's population is near the 7000 mark, as is stated in the Index). Memphis does not claim over 3500, if indeed it has that many, but everyone of them depends wholly on the farming industry of the country for a livelihood, not having any railroad shops or similar outside enterprises to swell the money-earning power of the townspeople. We want to state here, also, that we are glad that Childress possesses the railroad enterprises, for she needs them worse than does Memphis, which has a COUNTRY SCHOOL population of 1381, as against 1115 in the country districts around Childress, and which also shows that Hall county is by far more thickly settled than is Childress, eliminating the population of their two respective principal towns. We will not dispute the Index's statement that the yield of cotton per acre in one county is the same as in the other, yet we would call its attention to the fact that the government report shows that Childress county in 1907 ginned 12,945 bales, while Hall ginned 18,061 bales—another good evidence that there are far more COUNTRY settlers in Hall than in Childress county.

We have absolutely no fight to make on Childress—city or county—but make the above remarks "just to keep the record straight." There is an abundance of room for growth and development in both and neither can do good for itself by "knocking" the other.

Notice.

Any one in adjoining districts wishing to transfer into the Lakeview School District for the coming term for school purposes, should do so at once as the time is nearly up.

F. T. Wallace,
B. W. Diggs,
D. H. Davenport.

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We guarantee all our work to be satisfactory or no pay required. All we ask is a trial

Horseshoeing and Carriage Repairing
Specialty

THE PANHANDLE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Has a Membership of Home People
Keeps its Money in the Home Banks
Has no Officers who Receive Pay and Furnishes

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST

to Its Members. You Should Join

W. C. NORWOOD, Sec'y

Memphis Land Co.

Can sell you

Farms, Ranches
or City Property

On Easy Terms

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

BRUMLEY BROTHERS, MANAGERS

THE DEMOCRAT DO YOUR JOB

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Cold drinks at the City Bakery. _____

Harvey Thomas of Eli was in the city Monday trading. _____

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

F. A. Finch was in Monday from his ranch on Indian creek. _____

List your property with the Memphis Land Co. if you want it sold. _____ 2 tf

W. H. Veazey of Lakeview had business to transact in the city Monday. _____

Vote for D. H. Arnold, County Judge, for better roads to all parts of Hall County. _____ 1t

J. P. Woodall, C. C. Brown and W. B. Barbee of Lakeview were visitors in the city Monday. _____

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

O. B. Burnett of the Indian creek neighborhood shook hands with friends in the city Monday. _____

We have just received a car of bright prairie hay—the finest on the market. Pierce & West. 3 tf

Chas. Evans, who resides on the W. P. Dial place near Newlin, was in the city Monday on business. _____

No bridges across Red river unless by vote of all the people as the law provides. D. H. Arnold, County Judge. _____ 1t

Born—On Thursday last, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Craig, who reside near Eli, a ten-pound boy. All are progressing nicely. _____

For County Judge, D. H. Arnold. _____ 1t

R. P. Clark of Eli traded with our city merchants Monday. _____

For better Public schools vote for D. H. Arnold, County Judge. _____

T. N. Baker of Lakeview was a pleasant visitor in the city Monday. _____

Phone 53, Pierce & West's new feed store, for all kinds of stock feed. _____ 3 tf

Z. T. Jones of the Indian creek neighborhood had business in the city Monday. _____

If it's to be found in a feed store, we have it. Pierce & West, phone 53. _____ 3 tf

T. M. McMurray of the Lodge neighborhood was in the city Monday on business. _____

Vote for W. P. Cagle for good roads throughout the county, as they are needed everywhere. _____ 1t

J. W. Martindale and family left Friday evening for a few days visit among friends at Childress. _____

J. B. Adams of the Omen neighborhood was among the county seat visitors Monday and Tuesday. _____

We are making the goods and want to deliver them. Phone No. 12 for anything in the soft drink or ice cream line. _____ 1tf

As I came out on my ticket first for low taxes I remain the same and request that you favor me with your vote. W. P. Cagle, candidate for County Judge. _____ 1t

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

Cigars and tobaccos at the City Bakery. _____

Don't fail to vote for the qualified man—W. P. Cagle. _____ 1t

P. L. Stewart left Monday for a business trip to Ft. Worth. _____

This is the cold drink season. We can supply your needs. Phone No. 12. _____ 1tf

Henry Dunbar is now manager of the Panhandle Restaurant—Wilson's old stand. _____

What you don't see in the window you can find inside. Panhandle Jewelry Store. _____ 2tf

Cross Randle of Estelline is doing jury service at the county court session this week. _____

Master Alvah and Miss Irah Conner left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Sayre, Okla. _____

Bicycle and furniture repairing at E. O. Sloan's. _____ 1tf

Equal rights to all and special privileges to none. W. P. Cagle. _____

Prof. M. O. Goodpasture of Qual was in the city Monday on business. _____

For fresh fruit and vegetables every day see J. R. Killingsworth or phone 107. _____ 2-4tp

A. R. Letts, a prominent cattleman of Donley county, was in the city Monday. _____

Don't forget E. O. Sloan's furniture store when in need of furniture, carpets, linoleums or matting. _____ 1tf

J. P. Pritchett of Boswell, Ark., is in the city with the view of installing a marble works at this place. _____

No bridge across Red River unless the same is demanded by a vote of the people of the county. W. P. Cagle. _____ 1t

If you want to buy a farm, ranch or some city property on easy terms, see or write the Memphis Land Co. _____ 2 tf

L. N. Hull was among the Lakeview citizens in the city Monday and liked the Democrat so well that he subscribed therefor. _____

Vote for the man who is qualified and who has helped to make Hall County history for twenty years. D. H. Arnold, County Judge. _____ 1t

A. C. J. Anderson of the Lakeview country was in the city Monday on business and ordered his name enrolled on the Democrat's subscription list. _____

FOR SALE—A complete first class housekeeping outfit at a bargain. Goods are located in a two-room house which can be rented. For further particulars call at Adair Bros.' harness shop. _____

If you get your suit from us it's right

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. _____

J. S. Stidham, M.D., for drugs, medicines, toilet articles, etc., at Hedley, Texas. _____ 2-4t

A. J. Rushing, Newlin's popular postmaster, was a visitor in the county seat Monday. _____

Landø Edgerton, a popular young Childress merchant, was the guest of friends in the city over Sunday. _____

J. J. Reed of near Lesley was in the city Monday and reports crops to be in fine condition in his neighborhood. _____

J. M. Lane of Eli had business in the city Monday. He was accompanied by Miss Claud Barnett of Los Angeles, Cal., who is the guest of her uncle, P. P. Stephens, of near Eli. _____

Picture frames of all grades and sizes at E. O. Sloan's. _____ 1tf

Watch and jewelry repairing at the Panhandle Jewelry Store. _____

Mrs. Wands and daughter, Miss Mayme, returned Saturday from two weeks' pleasant visit at Boulder, Colo. _____

Clifford Braley of Ft. Worth, an attorney for the Ft. Worth & Denver railroad, was in the city Monday on legal business. _____

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 85. _____ 1tf

Cal Whitt and family returned home Sunday morning from a trip to the western part of Arkansas, and report having had a most enjoyable trip. _____

ANNOUNCEMENT...

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

Drugs and Drug Syndries

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

Freshest of Pure Drugs...

and the latest in everything comprising a Drug Sundry stock.

Our \$2,500 Soda Fountain

Has been put in its place and we most 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

ELGIN WATCHES

The Panhandle Jewelry Store

Is now located in its new quarters at the old stand. We are prepared to supply you with the latest designs in WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY

We will also furnish you with the correct time without charge. Come and get it

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

R. C. Walker went down to Newlin today on business.

Dr. A. L. Johnson of Newlin was in the city Monday on business.

J. E. Montgomery, the Lakeview druggist, is in the city today on business.

25 per cent reduction on refrigerators. Only a few left. Kendrick Furniture Co.

Z. H. Shepard of Clarendon came in Monday night on a visit to his brother, B. F. Shepard.

Mrs. Alva Robs, of Quanah, came in today to see her father, King Anderson who is quite ill.

LOST—A pair of gold framed double lense spectacles. Finder please return to E. O. Sloan's furniture store.

Miss Flora Coburn, of Boyd, arrived in the city today and will spend a few days is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Wheat.

Marvin Ross of Lesley is in the city today on business. He reports crops to be in a flourishing condition in his neighborhood.

Miss Bertha Howell returned home from Childress the first of the week where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Thomas.

Mrs. J. S. Creager returned home Monday from a visit at Quanah. She was accompanied on her return by her mother, Mrs. W. F. Buckhanan.

Clarence Powell this week sold his residence property to Judge J. A. Bradford; consideration \$1600. Mr. Powell also purchased \$2000 stock in the Pioneer Mercantile Co.

W. T. Ditto of Lodge is attending court in the city this week and ordered his own name, as well as that of a friend at China Springs placed on the Democrat's list of subscribers.

5 and 10 Cent Store

Headquarters for ALL HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES

No. 11 Rollman Food Choppers at each	75c
Brace and Bit	50c
A good Saw for	60c
Key-Hole Saws	25c
Curry Combs	10c
Horse Brushes	15c
A good Hammer for	25c
A good Hatchet for	15c
Lemon Squeezers	10 and 15c
White Wash Brushes	10c
Patent Wire Fly Killers	15c
Hat Bricks	15c
Lightning Rat Traps	15c
Black and Tan Shoe Polish	10c
Flue Stops	10c
Clothes Pins 2 1-2 dozen	5c
Ice Pick	10c
Dusters	20 and 25c
Padded Sleeve Ironing Boards	35c
Scrub Brushes	10c
Webster's Unabridged Indexed Dictionary	\$2.50
12 Bars Good Bath Soap	15c

5 AND 10 CENT STORE

One Price. Strictly Cash to All

J. S. Stidham, M. D., for drugs, medicines, toilet articles, etc., at Hedley, Texas. 2-4t

Mrs. Alfred Bailey of Ft. Worth came in today and is the guest of Mrs. A. J. Kinard.

Wanted—Room and board in private family. References given. Address P. O. Box 56.

E. E. Wright was up yesterday from Estelline and has the same report that all are making—crops never better.

Miss Mattiebell Montgomery returned from Childress Tuesday after spending several days as the guest of Miss Mable Dunn.

W. H. Durham of Lakeview spent Friday in the city as the guest of W. F. Reese, leaving that night for a visit with friends at Childress.

S. O. and G. B. Sloss of Bonito came in Thursday on a prospecting trip. They are well pleased with the country and say they will locate here in the fall.

Joe Lemmons, son-in-law of W. H. Melton, returned Saturday from Stratford and will make this place his home, having accepted a position with Willingham Bros., of Eli.

J. H. Davis, one of the enterprising Lakeview merchants, was an appreciated caller at this office Friday and paid us to send the Democrat to a Mississippi friend, that he might learn what a fine country this is.

W. H. Youngblood of near Lakeview was in the city Monday and ordered the Democrat sent to a friend at Italy, whom he is anxious to have locate in this country, believing that the Democrat's articles from week to week will have the desired effect.

The Home Talent have decided to give their entertainment as a matinee next Friday afternoon in the opera house, instead of Thursday, instead of Friday evening, as stated in last week's paper. This decision was made on account of the meetings going on at the Methodist church.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish two advertisements for the First National Bank which should have appeared in their regular spaces on the first page of this issue, but through an oversight on our part the change was not made until after the first page had been printed. If the bank officials will forgive us for this mistake we will try and not make another.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cobb and two guests, Misses Opai Hall and Opal Spurling, returned Monday night from their recent visit to Dallas and Lewisville. Mr. Cobb said it seemed good to get back to the cool breezes of the Panhandle and again see some promising crops, since those in the sections he had just visited did not strike him very favorably for a good yield.

J. E. Caldwell of Alvord and J. L. Holman of Bowie came in Tuesday on a prospecting tour of this section of the Panhandle. They were met by M. O. Goodpasture of Quail, who had come in Saturday with seven fat hogs which he readily disposed of to Craver & Crump, and went out at once to see what the Quail section had to offer. We trust that they will find land to suit their needs and that they will soon be numbered as residents of this country.

Remember the Kendrick Furniture Co. carries everything that is kept in a first-class furniture store—all kinds of furniture, coffins, caskets, robes. Our new funeral car goes out with every funeral; our experienced undertaker will attend all funerals. We demand the cash. Our terms and prices are liberal. We are better equipped for the business than any other undertaker in Hall county, having our lowering device and other fixtures for the purpose. Kendrick Furniture Co. 1t.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

C. F. Wilson, M. D. N. H. Bowman, M. D.
Res. Phone 20 Res. Phone 143

DRS. WILSON & BOWMAN
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Office West Side of Public Square
Office Phone No. 16

MEMPHIS - - - TEXAS

DR. J. M. BALLEW
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Residence Phone 62
Office Phone 124

OFFICE NORTH SIDE OF PUBLIC SQUARE
Memphis - Texas

DR. J. Q. DURHAM
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office on West Side of Square
Phone 76

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

J. W. Greenwood, M. D. W. C. Dickey, M. D.
Res. Phone 9 Res. Phone 246
Office Phone 130

DRS. GREENWOOD & DICKEY
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Office: Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Second Floor of
First National Bank Building

MEMPHIS - - - - - TEXAS

DR. J. W. MICKLE
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office northeast corner public square
Phones: Office 137, Residence 129

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

TOM J. RICH, LL. B.
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Will practice in all courts. Office
over Citizens State Bank

Memphis - - - Texas

STOVALL JOHNSON
LAWYER

Will practice in all the Courts. Now
located permanently. Office in Court-
house

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

J. M. ELLIOTT
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Does a general legal and conveyancing
business. Notary in office

Up stairs in First Nat. Bank Building

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

ROBERT J. THORNE
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office in Harle Building Phone 201

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

DRS. TOMLINSON & McNEELEY
DENTISTS

Office over Citizens State Bank
Phone No. 226

Memphis - - - Texas

J. B. Turman and family left Friday night for a few days, visit with friends at Shamrock.

All notices pertaining to candidates for office are advertisements and are paid for as such, although some are not marked as such.

Mesdames Belle Adams Grundy and E. L. Houghton and C. D. Dunbar went to Childress last night, where they attended a meeting of the Eastern Star.

John E. York, representing the Remington Typewriter Co., was a pleasant visitor at this office today and closed a deal with us for one of his superior machines.

Harry Mason left Monday night for his home, after having assured himself that he had left no serious places to be repaired in his district attorneyship fences in this county.

I. W. Thomason and sister-in-law, Miss Dovie George, were in the city Monday shopping. The latter paid our office a pleasant visit and subscribed for the Democrat—said they could not get along without it after having read a couple of copies.

T. A. Painter of Osage was in the city last week prospecting. That he has become interested in the country is evidenced by the fact that he made arrangements to have the Democrat sent to him weekly, and by his statement that he was "going home and come here to locate."

Don't overlook the fact that the Democrat is prepared to give you satisfactory service in the job printing line.

W. F. Robinson visited our office yesterday and favored a friend at Shannon with a trial subscription to the Democrat.

L. D. Hawkins of near Wellington was in the city Tuesday after supplies. Mr. Hawkins was a former Gray county farmer whom we knew while a resident of McLean.

Jessie E. Freeman and wife and neice, Miss Mattie Heath, who have been visiting the family of W. G. Heath at Eli, took the train here Saturday for Amarillo, Canyon City and Plainview, before returning to their home near Cleburne.

Mrs. Leon Cole who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Spencer, left Monday night for her home at Careneiga Okla. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Jessie Eels, who will spend some time visiting at that place.

Lawrence & Bowerman Friday closed a trade whereby W. L. English of Newark purchased 160 acres out of the Pope ranch, consideration \$2500. Mr. English is going to make improvements immediately, and the place will be occupied by his father.

John N. Davidson, from South west Missouri, who was at one time a partner with L. T. Jones, our old sheriff, in the hardware and implement business at Buffalo, Mo., accompanied by his wife and granddaughter, arrived in Memphis on Saturday and will spend some time visiting old friends here.

D. H. Arnold returned Thursday from a business trip to Estelline and reports that Mr. and Mrs. Manley Beard of that place had the misfortune that morning to lose one of their twin babies by death. Mr. Arnold also states the Methodists at that place are holding a big revival meeting and securing excellent results therefrom.

J. A. Stidham of McLoud, Okla., who has been the guest of his brother, I. D. Stidham at his home in Lakeview, is in the city today en route for home. He reports that crops in his section are not looking as well as they are in this country and that it is his intention to locate here in the near future. He will read the Democrat, so as to keep posted.

W. J. Leach of Alvord came in Saturday en route to the home of his son, J. A., who resides near Wellington, and whom he accompanied to Mineral Wells Monday night in the hopes that the waters that have made that town famous would give his son relief from rheumatic troubles—he being so afflicted now that he had to be carried on a stretcher. We hope to soon learn of his complete recovery.

J. I. Kendrick, one of the editor's former business associates while at Amarillo, was in the city the first of the week looking after his business here—the Kendrick Furniture Co., of which W. M. Welch is the popular and efficient manager. Mr. Kendrick paid this office an appreciated visit Monday, and besides renewing old acquaintances, both with the editor and our foreman, R. B. Walker, he complimented the appearance and subject matter of our paper and wished us all manner of success.

W. D. ORR

Photographer

Group pictures and outdoor views a specialty

Studio on Main street, west of the square

MEMPHIS - - TEXAS

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Genuine Niggerhead Maitland

For Sale at

DIAL'S

Phone 125

Wm. Cameron & Co. Inc.

Headquarters for

LUMBER

Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement, Brick, Posts, Paints and Builder's Hardware

Let us figure your bill

Wm. Cameron & Co. Inc.
Memphis, Texas

COBB & NELSON

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

We are especially prepared to handle your business in this line, having a large force of competent workmen, which insures prompt and satisfactory work

BRICK WORK A SPECIALTY

It will pay you to figure with us before awarding your contract

OFFICE IN COBB HOTEL, MEMPHIS

The Heart of a Friend.

Broken friendship, like china, may be repaired, but the break will always show. And it is a bit of real truth and wisdom. Friendship is a precious thing—too precious a treasure to be carelessly broken and thrown away. The world handles the word "friend" lightly; its real, true, deeper meaning is forgotten, and the acquaintance of an hour or the chance comer is designated by the term, which in itself bears a wealth of meaning.

Your friend is one who appreciates you—your faults as well as your virtues—who understands and sympathizes with your defeats and victories, your aims and ideals, your joys and temptations, your hopes and disappointments as no one else can. It is your friend to whom you turn for counsel, for comfort, for praise. He may not be as learned as some or as wise as others but it suffices that he understands you; and even his quiet listening gives strength and renewed courage.

Blessed is the man or woman into whose life has come the beauty and power of such a friendship. Prize it well. Do all in your power to keep such a friendship unbroken. Avoid the break, for when it comes it cannot be amended, and the jarring note mars the harmony of the whole glorious symphony. It is not alone a question of forgiveness; that may be full and complete. It is the hurt in the heart that will not readily heal and the confidence that will not fully come back.

sights during his stay there that he would hardly have believed could have been possible, had he not been an eye witness. Their many friends are pleased to have them home once more and hope that the benefits derived from their vacation will prove lasting.

The Memphis Land Co. Busy.

The Memphis Land Co. have made the following deals since June 20th.

H. E. Deavers to J. W. Greenwood, 28 lots in Deaver's addition, \$1,800; C. A. Crozier to Captain McMurry, the C. A. Crozier home near the Methodist Church, \$2,500; J. S. Cobb to Joe J. Mickle, brick building, \$9,000; W. H. Neeley to T. L. Moreman, Memphis property including the meat market, \$8,000; Joe J. Mickle to J. S. Cobb, town property \$4,500; T. L. Moreman to W. H. Neeley 2400 acres of land on Buck's Creek, \$12,000; R. L. Madden to E. Walters, 266 acres of improved land, \$8,500; Shoebart land, 80 acres, to S. P. Penelton, of New Mexico, at \$20 per acre, unimproved.

Hamburger Steaks

For a nice, clean lunch stop on the north side and get a Hamburger.....

Save the wife and fuel by taking.... some Hamburgers home for supper

J. J. Rollins

General Contractor

.....and Builder

Plans and Specifications cheerfully furnished prospective builders free of cost, where the contract is awarded in which case I guarantee satisfactory work in every way, shape or manner. My recommendation

Defend Governor Campbell.
DEMOCRAT:
There seems to be a disposition on the part of some to criticize or find fault with Governor Campbell for recent laws passed by the 30th legislature and approved, not only by him, but by a large majority of the people of Texas, I feel that we, as citizens of Texas, should be proud of Gov. Campbell and the 30th legislature, for they proved true servants, and not dictators.

Two years ago the democratic party met in a convention for the purpose of nominating state officers and demanding the enactment of such laws as were thought should be on the statute books of Texas. The platform was adopted. Campbell was nominated and his pledge given then and afterwards, as we all know, that if he was elected he would endeavor to carry out the demands of the platform, which were the wishes of the people.

It might be asked, why were these laws demanded? We know that the weak must be protected from the strong and the meek from the vicious, encourage honesty and frown on rascality. Well, says one, why condemn our fearless governor when he has proven to be a faithful servant? I answer: The masses love Gov. Campbell for the enemies he has made. Why this criticism-fault finding? That's easily explained. In all political conventions the demagogue is always present and often overshadows statesmen and patriots and engraft into platforms catch planks that they do not intend to have carried into effect. But on this occasion they reckoned without a host, for they demanded that all property should be rendered at a fair valuation—or, in other words, the rich should contribute their share for the support of the government. They were sure that the legislature would treat the matter as a huge joke as on former occasions, and pass and pass it by in silence and contempt. But Gov. Campbell, not being a politician and honest and sincere, supposed that others were equally so, and knowing the demands were equitable and just, determined to carry them out. All went well until the big shirks saw that Gov. Campbell was determined to have the law executed and then we heard a rumbling. It was New York in travail. She began emitting smoke and throwing her lava, some of which hit the big state tax dodgers square in the face, whose howl scared the little tax dodgers into hysterical shrieks until one would think that Gov. Campbell had commissioned Bill McDonald to catch all culprits.

Well, says one, it will not reduce the tax of the smaller tax payers. Suppose there were \$100 to be raised and there were ten men to raise that amount and one was worth much more than the other nine. Under the present law the one would pay nine-tenths of the amount, whereas heretofore the nine would pay nine-tenths and the one one-tenth or less, owing to the pull that he had with the board of equalization or the assessor.

Then, again, full rendition is no new law, but an old one enforced. It is an admitted fact

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The First National Bank

Memphis, Texas

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$157,196.43
Overdrafts	3,214.22
U. S. Bonds	52,203.13
Household	12,000.00
Cash	65,719.85
Total	\$290,333.63
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$55,000.00
Surplus	37,500.00
Reserves	1,368.52
Deposits	50,000.00
Other	146,465.11
Total	\$290,333.63

that we have to have laws for the protection of life, property, etc., and it seems unjust for one man to ask another less fortunate to contribute to his protection. Oh, Shylock, when will your greed be satisfied? Is not the pound of flesh sufficient? Must you take the life's current also?

Now, there is another law that the parasites of the agricultural industry are determined to destroy, if possible, and that is the anti-robber, anti-stealer, anti-confiscator bill, better known as the Bucket Shop Bill. The farmers are the ones who are the most interested and affected by that law, but merchants and interior banks are more or less so, for the more the farmer realizes from his products the more goods the merchants dispose of and the more money there is in circulation the larger are the bank deposits, and as money is the life's current of industry, the more it circulates the more healthful the body becomes, the more active the brain and limbs, hope revives and energy springs from every fibre and nerve. That such is the fact no one will deny. Then why destroy Governor Campbell, the enforcer of these laws which is the life of industry and hope of the toiling masses of our beloved Texas?

There are some who have raised the cry of "fewer laws and better" or "turn Texas loose." Anyone with half a thought can see the deceit and craftiness of the utterance—the fewer laws that they desire is to keep anyone from interfering with their trick on the public and the desire to be themselves turned loose instead of Texas. We know that Hamilton and Jefferson represented the two theories of government, the former being a foreigner by birth had imperialistic ideas, while the latter was a native and advocated individual and local self government. We will admit that we are governed too much and that the tendency is to paternalism; we are making rapid strides in that direction and seem to stand with extended arms to catch any old worn-out garment that the North, in their aggressive greed, may cast our way. Of course we could do on fewer laws if men would cast aside their selfish greed and look a little more to their neighbors' welfare—and I will more than meet them half way. Let us take the ten commandments; our Maker knew what was best. He has His laws and penalties. Thou shalt not steal is a command and all men know it is good; thou shalt not covet (equally as bad and more often violated) is another. God will punish the thought, so let us make laws to punish the men who put it into execution by restoring to the victim fourfold—all the while whispering in his ear the teachings of the lowly Nazarene. "Seek not thine own, but another's wealth."

H. H. SMITH.

Defends Wife's Honor.

C. A. Crow, who resides about four miles north from Memphis, was a caller at this office Monday and reported that his brother, E. P. Crow, who resides near Alamogordo, N. M., had on the previous Monday been compelled to kill one of his fellowmen in honor of his wife. The circumstances which led up to the tragedy related by Mr. Crow, who had just returned from Alamogordo, are as follows:

It seems that the victim of the tragedy, whose name Mr. Crow had forgotten, had on the Saturday previous to the shooting, called at the Crow home during the absence of the head thereof, and tried to persuade Mrs. Crow to elope with him, telling her that he loved her, in answer to which Mrs. Crow ordered him from the premises and stated that she was going to inform her husband of his actions. He then threatened to kill Mr. Crow if she told him and finally through threats made her promise to keep silent, which she did until the following Monday,

when he again called and renewed his suit and carried it to the extreme of catching her and hugging her to his breast. As soon as Mrs. Crow could release herself from his grasp, she hastened to her husband and related the circumstances, together with what had happened on the Saturday previous. Mr. Crow promptly got his gun and with a friend went to the tent where the would-be home-despoiler was located and called him to account. The victim made a quick leap and managed to get hold of Mr. Crow's gun, and a struggle followed, during which the gun was discharged by Mr. Crow, the contents entering the stomach of his adversary. Only one shot was fired.

It might also be stated that the home despoiler saw Mr. Crow approaching the tent and immediately loaded his shot gun, which he stood up on the outside of the tent and coolly waited Mr. Crow's approach, but on account of Mr. Crow not offering to take his gun from his shoulder had no excuse for getting his own gun which was within easy reach; perhaps, also knowing that Mr. Crow could get his gun into action before he could in any event, so depended upon his ability to wrest the weapon carried by Mr. Crow.

As soon as the shooting had occurred medical assistance was called but to no avail, life departing about five hours afterward. Though knowing that his life was of short duration, he would neither deny his own guilt nor exonerate Mr. Crow, though there is little doubt but that at the trial Mr. Crow will be acquitted of any criminal offense.

The victim of the tragedy is a married man, and it is stated that Mrs. Crow is not his first would-be victim, and to his further discredit it might be said that his father-in-law, when told of the circumstances would neither go to see him nor bear his funeral expenses, though he is a wealthy man, but allowed the husband of his daughter to be buried at the expense of the county.

Mr. Crow was for over sixteen years a resident of this place and is well and favorably known as a man who attends strictly to his own affairs and expects others to do likewise, especially when it comes to the sanctity of homes, having been instilled with those characteristics in his rearing.

His wife, whom he married in May, 1907, is the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Alley, who reside at Giles, and is held in high esteem by all who have the honor of her acquaintance.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Crow have a host of friends in this section of the country who will sincerely regret that circumstances over which they had no control has plunged them into this difficulty, and all will rejoice with them when the courts have formally adjudged them guiltless of any wrong for the steps that were finally taken.

After Rural Delivery.

The citizens of the Indian Creek-Lodge neighborhood and those of the Lakeview country have applied to the postoffice authorities for the establishing of rural free deliveries in their respective communities.

Both routes would be extensively patronized, being thickly settled, and would prove to be of inestimable benefit to the residents thereof, and the chances are good for their establishment, in which event the Lodge postoffice will no doubt be done away with and give these people daily mail service, instead of three times a week, as at present.

It is not thought that the Lakeview postoffice will be discontinued, inasmuch as there are so many people in that country who would not be on the line of the proposed route.

Send the Memphis Democrat to a friend back yonder.

LAKEVIEW LEAKLETS

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Roberts of Clarendon came down the first of the week on a visit to Z. O. Batson and family, Mr. Roberts returning after a day or two while Mrs. Roberts will remain for a longer visit.

D. A. Grundy brought out this week Messrs. Jones and Russ of Johnson county on a prospecting trip.

J. W. Ruse of Cook county paid a visit this week to J. C. Beavers. While here he bought 160 acres of land of Geo. Bugsby, southeast corner of Sec. 6, paying \$25 per acre for same.

J. A. Grundy was out prospecting this week with Messrs. Painter and Latham of Coryell county.

All day Saturday a slow rain fell, ending with a heavy rain Sunday morning, which the farmers claim to be fine on feed but not so good on cotton.

Feed stuff is looking fine; the crops are clean and these hot days are bringing the cotton right along.

W. P. Cagle was out from Memphis looking after his interests in the Lakeview district the past week.

Grandpa Roberts paid the reporter a pleasant call this week, leaving a fine specimen of his July peaches. Also, Mr. Almond Hightower brought in a fine sample of peaches, which were much appreciated.

While writing the items the report is brought in that Young Byers had been hit in the neck and seriously hurt in a ball game being played this (Monday) morning at Lakeview.

Lake Watson on last Monday and Thursday cut his crop of Johnson grass, which he says is fine and turned out better than he expected. Reporter.

HEDLEY ITEMS

The people of the Hedley community experienced the warmest weather Friday that we have had this summer. But there came a shower late in the afternoon which lowered the temperature somewhat. It also showered some Saturday.

Charles Kinslow returned from Dallas Thursday.

J. L. Ohair and brother of Ring were doing business in Hedley Saturday. Also George Young of Quail.

Mrs. McCarroll, who has been visiting here for several days, returned home Saturday.

H. M. McCaskill has sold his crop and expects to return to East Texas.

J. S. Stidham, M. D., is preparing to keep cold drinks during the summer season.

W. C. Brinson's son, who lives in Windy Valley, is reported on the sick list.

We understand that the Hedley school trustees have employed a strong corps of teachers for the fall term.

J. C. Hickerson and J. R. Kirkpatrick of Bray were in Hedley on business last week.

Quite a number of the people in and around Hedley are expecting to attend the Naylor picnic Thursday, July 23.

C. S. Marshall and family of Memphis were visiting in Hedley Sunday.

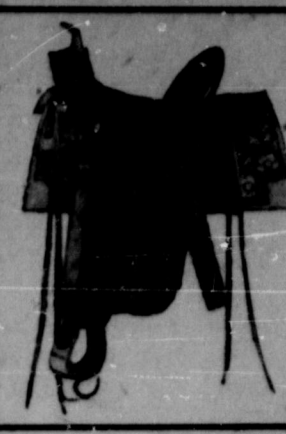
Miss Jackson of Lelia spent Saturday with the Misses Waldron.

A Great Revival

A large tabernacle has been erected in the Methodist church yard and on Sunday morning a regular old fashioned revival was begun under the auspices of that organization, assisted by the other denominations of the city. Rev. D. L. Coole, of Mansfield, one of the most forceful of Gospel expounders, is assisting Bro. Bonner in these services.

We are pleased to report that a large attendance is being had and that prospects are bright for some excellent results.

If you have not attended any of these meetings, do so. They will do you good whether you be a follower of the Christ or not. Bro. Bonner makes everybody feel at home and all are not only welcome, but are cordially and urgently requested to attend.



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Last Word of Greeting.

I want to extend this last word of greeting just before the Primaries, which will be held on Saturday, July 25th.

I wish to thank one and all for the friendly and uniform courtesy which each and every one has extended to me in this campaign. I thank you for the hearty and earnest support so many of you have given me, the confidence in my ability to fill the office, together with the trust in my honor and energy has been very cheering to me. There are some few that I have not been able to see, to those I would say that some of you were not at home when I was at your place and others have been so busy that I thought it almost an imposition to bother you while at work. I trust no one will think or feel that I would intentionally slight or pass them by. My record in the past twenty years in Hall county is well known and I do not think that I have ever been charged with having the "big head." My platform will be low taxes, economical government and better public schools. I have no enemy to spite or friend to flatter in this race. Thanking you one and all for your support and for your vote I am,

Very respectfully,
D. H. ARNOLD,
Candidate for County Judge.

Were Rained Out.

Last Saturday a large number of people from this and other points gathered at Eli for the purpose of assisting the W. O. W. boys of that place in their celebration.

The boys had arranged an elaborate program, which was not carried out on account of the rain which came up at the noon hour, just as all present had commenced to enjoy the contents of the numerous baskets brought in by the good people of that neighborhood.

The editor of the Democrat accompanied Capt. G. J. Adkisson to the picnic and from a part of his conversation while en route, decided that the captain knew a thing or two about "whose table to get to" when the dinner part of the program came off, and further decided to keep an eye on him at about that time. But when the viands were spread we soon found that—turn where you would—there was a sufficiency and a variety of good things to eat which would satisfy the most fastidious tastes, so we forgot all about watching our escort and quickly responded to the general invitation to "help yourselves."

After the dinner was over, a ball game between the Memphis and Eli's "undefeated" was scheduled, but at the beginning of the last half of the second inning, with the score 3 to 1 in favor of Eli, and with three Memphis men on bases with no outs, the game was called by Umpire Tom Conway on account of rain, and what promised to be an interesting game was suddenly cut short.

By this time there was a steady

down-pour, which promised to continue the rest of the evening, so further festivities of the day were called off and those who had covered carriages commenced to wend their way homeward.

Woman's Character.

The following would not be out of place in any man's hat and some women's too—as a reminder of their duty when they are inclined to speak ill of any woman's character. Remember this my fellow, be careful what you say of woman's character. Think how many years she has been building it, of toil and privations endured, of wounds received and let no suspicion follow her actions. The purity of woman is the salvation of the race, the hope of future greatness and the redemption of man. Without her purity man sinks beneath the wave of despair with not a star to guide his life into a channel of safety. Think before you speak and remember that the commonest swine can root up the fairest flower that ever grew. —Chillicothe Hornet.

Electric Light Material Received.

The many would-be patrons of the Memphis electric light plant will be pleased to learn that the material for the installation of the incandescence system in this city has arrived, and that the work of installing the same is being rapidly pushed.

Electrician A. Carter, who has charge of the work, stated that the main or street lines would be first laid throughout the city, after which the houses would be provided with lights and fans as rapidly as possible.

Junior League Program.

Topic: Neh. 47:23.
Song.
Key Text, Orville Hedrick.
Central Truth, Harry Alexander.
Truth to Applied, Pattie Brumley.
Prayer.
Story, Kate Arnold.
Bible Questions, Ruth Arnold.
Bible Story, Kathleen French.
Song.
Benediction.
Leader, Versie Brumley.

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OUR TRIP TO CLARENDON.

Impressions Made Upon the Democrat Editors During Their Trip to and From Clarendon, "the City Beautiful."

As stated in last week's issue of the Democrat, we will this week endeavor to give a slight description of the towns and country through which we passed on our overland trip to and from Clarendon, where we went to print the first issue of the Democrat, our own press not having arrived.

As a good part of our journey in going was during the night we will commence at Clarendon and write up what we saw on our homeward trip. A few words about Clarendon itself will not be out of place, so here goes:

This city is one of the oldest towns in the Panhandle, first gaining prominence as the home of the Ft. Worth & Denver railroad shops, which were moved to Childress about seven or eight years ago. For a time Clarendon was on the wane, seemingly, but before the shops had been removed her citizens had caused the establishment of the Clarendon Methodist College at that place, which, upon the losing of the shops, they commenced to boost as never before, and today this is recognized as one of the leading educational institutions of the state. The removal of the shops also caused them to increase their agricultural interests, which they have done to such an extent that the country surrounding Clarendon is producing a large amount of as fine

crops of all kinds as can be grown anywhere. With the increase in her country population and partly because of her educational facilities, coupled with that of an excellent citizenship and as fine water as can be found anywhere, the town naturally grew to its present population of something over 3000—much larger than it was previous to the removal of the shops—which shows what an enterprising citizenship can do in the face of seeming adversity. Having a class of citizens who took a pardonable pride in the city's beauty, Clarendon is now rightly named the "City Beautiful" on account of its large number of magnificent shade trees, its well kept and handsome residence properties, and its clean graded streets. We can honestly say that Clarendon is one of the most beautiful towns we ever visited—and we have traveled over a good portion of these United States and seen many of its cities and towns. It is a town that strikes one at once as a place in which he wished he owned a home and had a sufficient income to live easy during the remainder of his days. We met many of its townspeople and found them, everyone, congenial and hospitable.

Having loaded our papers and type, on our homeward journey, after leaving the limits of the city, we passed many prosperous looking farms, all of which had the inevitable fine orchard and shade trees about the dwelling, which state of affairs, we might state, is continuous from Clarendon to Memphis—how much further it extends we do not know, never having driven beyond the city limits of Memphis toward Newlin and Estelline, but we are told that there is no difference which way you travel from Memphis (except possibly for a small stretch of country east of Memphis), it being one

continual string of fine farms.

The first place out of Clarendon coming toward Memphis is Lelia Lake, a small village with a couple of general stores, but which has its chief attraction in a large and beautiful lake, which is said to be one of the finest fishing grounds in the Panhandle, though whether it is private or public property we do not know, so we would advise anyone contemplating a fishing excursion to this resort to investigate this phase of the question before going to the trouble of getting there.

Leaving Lelia Lake the next town met is Rowe, which seems to be on the decline on account of the building of a new town called Hedley a couple of miles distant down the track.

At Hedley we were surprised to see the many evidences of a substantial town—it being something less than two years old, we were informed.

Arriving at the Hotel Hedley, conducted by J. E. M. Hedley, and in honor of whom the town was named, we alighted and partook of this hostelry's hospitality for the night, and we can conscientiously state that if all the hotels in the Panhandle were conducted in as clean a manner, and provided as wholesome food as this, the Panhandle would be, indeed, a drummer's paradise, and everyone of them would be clamoring for "Panhandle territory."

After partaking of an excellent breakfast we sallied out to get acquainted with a few of the residents of the town, and after introducing ourselves and stating our business we met with more encouragement, both in a moral and a more substantial way, adding several new subscribers to our list, as well as receiving a goodly number of advertisements for our paper from the enterprising business men of that

hustling town, as will be seen from a perusal of page eight of this issue.

Hedley is a town of some 600 or 700 inhabitants, all of whom seem to have the proper town-building spirit, there being many really nice and home-like residences therein, as well as a number of substantial business houses, the latter of which are occupied by one of the strongest State banks in the Panhandle, of which W. E. Reeves is president and Geo. A. Wimberly is cashier, to the latter of whom we are under many obligations for favors extended during our stay there, and whose better nine-eighths we induced to look after Hedley's interests through the columns of this paper from week to week; an up-to-date and well stocked hardware and furniture store by the Johnston Hardware Co.; two large general merchandising stores under the management of Messrs. Jones & Portwood and Bond W. Johnson, respectively; a well stocked dry goods store, the proprietor of which was away on business and whose name we fail to recall; an up-to-date drug store under the charge of Dr. J. S. Stidman; a neat restaurant; a couple of large lumber yards, owned by the Cicero Smith Lumber Co. and J. G. Woolbridge, respectively; a nice hall, built and owned by the local camp of the Woodmen of the World; a fine school building, and a number of live real estate agents, the names of whom we cannot remember, besides other business enterprises necessary to a town's welfare, such as blacksmith shops, wagon yards, etc.

We predict for Hedley a prosperous future, it being situated on about the half-way ground between Memphis and Clarendon and not too close to either to be hurt thereby for country trade. The town is also surrounded by a most fertile soil and extensive scope of farming country, judging from the many farms along the road and to be seen in the distance. Their greatest need at the present time is depot facilities and the consequent recognition of Hedley as a town by the railroad company, the Ft. Worth and Denver having not seen fit as yet to grant to this thriving town any concessions whatever, the people being forced to haul their freight from Rowe, as well as to go to that place for boarding the passenger trains. Why the railroad commission of Texas has not seen fit to take care of these enterprising people is beyond our comprehension, unless the influence of a few railroad officials is stronger than that of several hundred of their constituents—men who by their votes placed them in their present position, the duties of which are to take care of the needs of the people, even though it is against the wishes of the owners of the railroad, who are, after all, but public servants, though well paid ones. There is something radically wrong when a town, which has arrived at the prominence that Hedley has, cannot secure from the railroad company along whose line it is built needed freight and passenger facilities, even though it does maintain a station a couple of miles away at a place which is all but dead, as far as ever making a town is concerned. We do not make this statement from a prejudiced standpoint in favor of Hedley, but from the true facts of the case in which even not a Rowe town sympathizer can dispute. We know nothing of the troubles which led to the building of a new town from the remains of Rowe, nor of which do we care. The fact remains that Hedley has far outstripped its much older neighbor and has built with a determination for permanency, and therefore should be granted needed freight and passenger facilities, and the Democrat will continue to espouse this town's cause until it has secured what it deserves or gets a newspaper located

herein which will take up its burdens and fight for the amelioration thereof.

Our next stop was at Giles, famous for its fine stockfarming country surrounding and the excellence of its water. Memphis receiving her supply of city water from springs near there. Here we found several cozy residences, a nice church and school house, a blacksmith shop and two general merchandise stores, all of which seemed to be in a prosperous condition. Before entering and for sometime after leaving Giles we noticed large numbers of high-grade fat cattle, the shady ravines and numerous springs and running streams

surrounding that place making it an ideal place for this industry. It is near this place, too, that the picnic parties from Memphis like to be in quest of shaded places for the passing of a summer season and a more ideal spot for this purpose could not be imagined. We arrived home at about noon and found the Memphis people eagerly awaiting the first issue of the Memphis Democrat, after having had a most enjoyable trip both going and coming—and breathed a sigh of relief when we had once more placed our type forms on the stones still intact.

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