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The Normal Bonus

To all Business Men, McLean, Texas.

Gentlemen: It has been brought to our attention that in this matter McLean has so far failed both in her moral obligations and to live up to her educational privileges. If the matter goes this way the result must be injustice to parties who deserve better treatment and in the end disadvantage to this town. Believing that the cause of all this is lack of knowledge of the essential facts in the case, we herein present them as briefly as possible.

When in January last, it became known that it was possible for some town in this vicinity to secure the normal for a large section of the Panhandle the manifest advantages thereof to a town caused a number of our best and most public spirited citizens to become very enthusiastic in the matter. Meetings were held, and committees were appointed to make ample room and an attractive board rate for teachers, and a bonus sufficient to advertise extensively the normal (and in this way the normal also, educationally and otherwise) and to pay the expenses of the normal; so that the able instructors of the normal would not have to take such expense money out of their earnings, which at best are always meager in so sparsely settled a region as this.

These committees went to work with a will. Ample and pleasant quarters were secured, houses were thrown open, the women of McLean did their part and did it well. But this was only a part of the necessary preparation. Another town had offered a bonus of \$200 to advertise and pay the expenses of the normal; and this McLean must meet with at least an equal amount in order to compete for the normal at all. Our committee worked well; and on the eve of departure of our representatives to meet with the rest of the location committee at Amarillo the leading member of the bonus committee here reported that it was going to be "no difficulty" to raise the \$200, that about \$120 was already subscribed, and others would readily subscribe; that a sufficient number had promised if necessary to double their subscription to insure the full amount; that your representatives need not fear or hesitate to promise a \$200 bonus to meet that of any other town. (Note that without this amount no town could afford to meet all these expenses.) This \$200 your representatives pledged for McLean. They did not wait to get the matter in legally binding shape; nor did they hesitate to promise it without doubt or mental reservation. To have done so would have been an insult to the good name and good faith and progressive spirit of McLean, especially of the good citizens who insisted on our getting the normal for McLean—"get the normal" was the instructions given. Its value created a general enthusiasm, that could not well be resisted. This \$200 bonus was promised to the committee on location at Amarillo, positively, emphatically, as it was assured to your representatives before leaving home. It was made strong in every way but legally. This was deemed unnecessary. On the strength and faith of this series of positive assurances, we were given the normal. Only by this could we have secured it. Your conductor-elect gave up his summer study and went ahead to make the normal a success for McLean and for all connected with the normal. It was done. A large and successful normal was given to the town. It took untold labor and it took money. \$175.20 of the expected bonus was expended, judiciously as possible. The bills were made, and they

were paid from the faculty's common fund, each by a check, the endorsement constituting a voucher, often in addition a receipted bill, all are at the bank, open to the inspection of any one. Of course it was expected that the bonus money would promptly reimburse the faculty for their outlay, but it was slow coming in. Not all the actual subscriptions have yet been paid, oversight probably, but up to date (July 22nd) only \$84 of the \$200 has actually been paid.

Below is a brief account of receipts and expenditures of the normal. It will be seen from this, that if the town pays every cent it should pay, and every cent of tuition money goes (as all along understood) to the faculty, each instructor will get just \$86—this for seven weeks of hard work—one worked just twelve weeks, and this one is he who was made the vehicle of the town's promise of \$200 to defray the expenses of the normal. This one received and gave to that trusting faculty the town's assurance. To him all will look to make good that assurance—

out of his own private purse, to the amount of \$91.20 at this time—which more than cancels any small salary he might otherwise have gotten for the twelve weeks of work. This work was done for McLean's sake chiefly. She can of course accept the service and let the servant pocket the loss of time and money. Will she? The honor of the town as well as her higher interests is bound up in this question. Surely it will be answered right.

Below are facts and figures in some detail, duly audited;

Normal tuition collected	\$344
Due each instructor	86
Paid to	
J. C. Warren	\$80
H. H. Tate	75
R. L. Patterson	80
W. E. Boyd	50
Faculty	\$285
Bonus promised	\$200.00
Expense incurred	175.20
Bonus paid in	94.00
Due on Bonus	\$116.00
Due on expense	91.20

Audited and found correct. All papers can be found at the bank. They are not published here on

account of the necessary length of this article and lateness. As to financial statement.

Respectfully submitted,
C. E. DONNELL } Normal
J. L. CRABTREE } Exp'diture
W. E. BOYD } Committee

Assisted by
T. M. WOLFE } Assistant
A. L. RIPPY } Auditors

I am responsible for wording of the above article as a whole. The figures have been carefully audited by those whose names are signed thereto. All papers can be seen at the bank at any time by any one. Respectfully,
W. E. BOYD, Conductor.

Back School House.

The farmers are all smiles—a fine rain Monday.

Mrs. Mary Anderson of Westminster, Texas, in Collin county, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy Howell.

Mrs. Alice Saddler of Collin county is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. John Back.

Mrs. Ella Thrower of Oklahoma is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sanders, and her sisters, Mesdames Joe Back and Lydia Overby.

Mrs. Ella Anderson of Westminster, Texas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gibbs Watson.

Mrs. Mary Perry of Goldthwaite, Texas, is visiting her mother and family, Mrs. E. J. Watson and Will, Milt and Gibbs Watson and Mrs. Cora Back.

Mrs. John Back has been quite sick but is better at present.

Mrs. Bud Back is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Howell and children visited with Aunt Tab Bailey Sunday.

Miss Jennie Carpenter visited with Mrs. Bud Back one day last week.

UNCLE REMUS HAYSEED.

I am mailing a statement to everyone that is indebted to me while I was in the drug business and I insist that each one will call and settle at once or I will be forced to take legal procedure. Very respectfully, Will H. Langley.

Amarillo's Show

The News man had the pleasure of attending the first days events of the big auto show at Amarillo Tuesday. The show opened with a magnificent auto parade in which something over a hundred decorated machines participated, some of which were the most gorgeous we have ever seen. All the races and other events at the fair grounds were pulled off according to schedule and were witnessed by the biggest and most enthusiastic crowd that ever gathered in that city. The enterprising spirit behind that show is to be commended for the thoroughness of the preliminary work and the approved manner in which the program was carried out.

Northfork Notes.

Everybody is all smiles since nice rain. Our corn would have been better had it rained earlier, but there will be plenty made to do the country. Feed and hay crops will be fine.

Mrs. R. L. Eshleman of Dallas is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Langley.

Bob Sanders and wife and baby visited home folks a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mars made a visit to their ranch the first of the week.

Miss Virgie Sheffey returned the latter part of last week from a visit with friends in and around McLean.

Dr. Langley and son, W. H., returned Monday from a three weeks automobile tour. We learn they visited points in New Mexico and on the south plains while they were gone and report that part of the country suffering from the drouth.

Miss Ruth Hawkins attended the all-day services at the Zion church last Sunday and reports a nice time. A good live Sunday school with good attendance.

Don't ask Tom Halcombe why he didn't come home until Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cubine of Oklahoma are visiting J. S. Morse and family.

Jim Back made a trip to McLean and back in five hours Tuesday, taking in a load of hogs for Mr. Gething.

AUNT SAMANTHA.

Teachers' Elections.

Prof. R. L. Patterson, well known as one of the instructors in the normal here, has been elected to the superintendency at Baird, Texas. This is a very excellent position and we congratulate Baird on their good judgment in securing Prof. Patterson.

Prof. J. C. Warren, one of the Normal instructors, has accepted the White Deer school. Prof. Warren had this school last year and gave entire satisfaction.

Prof. H. H. Tate, another of the Normal instructors, is to serve Shamrock again in his old position as Superintendent of city schools.

Prof. W. E. Boyd, principal of McLean high school last year and conductor of the McLean summer normal, goes to Amarillo as principal of the high school. We feel sure that the Amarillo trustees have made a wise choice in electing Prof. Boyd to this important position. The News wishes him unbounded success.

Mrs. Eva Burrow (nee Miss Payne) after teaching here for two years, during which time she taught a summer school at Conway, goes to Erick, Okla., for the ensuing term. McLean will miss Miss Payne.

Prof. J. O. Loftin, in charge of mathematics and history in the McLean high school last year, goes to Floydada as superintendent of schools at that place.

TO THE Business Community

We Extend the Accommodations of a Strong and Well Equipped Bank,

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Dr. W. E. Ballard, Judge T. M. Wolfe, Dr. J. A. Green,
H. R. Mullis, J. T. Glass, A. L. Rippey,
Mrs. A. A. Christian, Wm. Abernathy

OFFICERS

D. N. Massay, Pres. J. L. Crabtree, Vice Pres.
Wm. Abernathy, Cashier A. L. Rippey, Asst. Cashier

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Western Lumber Company

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

Nice rain we had.

Everything in groceries at the McLean Mercantile Co.

Born—to Henry Biggers and wife, on the 27th instant, a girl.

Born—to J. W. Waters and wife, on the 28th instant, a boy.

Dr. Langley of Northfork was a business visitor on our streets Tuesday.

Visit the Rock Island Cafe. Everything in season served to your taste.

Miss Woodley of Shamrock was here this week the guest of her friend, Miss Crisp.

The new shipment of mineral water is on sale at the Palace Drug store.

LeRoy Freeman and wife from the Cash ranch were shopping in the city Wednesday.

Call at the Palace Drug store for mineral water. A new shipment just in.

Jim Scarbrough returned Monday from a business trip to Plainview and Lubbock.

We've had years of experience preparing special dishes. Come to see us. Rock Island Cafe.

R. L. Harlan has his subscription marked up another year. He also had the paper sent to Chas. Pery at Elmo, Mo.

J. T. Simpson of Matador, Texas, is here for a few days visit with his niece, Mrs. A. A. Christian.

The Ramsdell base ball boys crossed bats with the local second nine at this place Tuesday afternoon and a most interesting game was played which resulted in a score of five to four in favor of the latter.

A new shipment of fresh mineral water just in at the Palace Drug store.

S. B. Fast made the News a call Tuesday and had us send the paper to his brother, Adolphus Fast, Vermontville, Mich.

We serve a regular dinner you will like. Don't walk home in the hot sun for dinner—25 cents at the Rock Island Cafe.

Mr. Chisholm took advantage of our Two-For-One offer this week and had the News sent to J. J. McCaskill, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

We are selling the best grade of canned Corn at \$2.15 per can. You can't beat these prices. Foster & Son.

R. S. Thompson gave us a dollar this week to pay him up another year and send the paper to J. F. Thompson, Marlow, Okla.

We have a few pair of shoes that are made of real leather. Won't cost you anything to look and very little to buy. Let us fit your feet. McLean Mercantile Co.

Oscar Mathis has our thanks for a subscription to A. H. Mathis, Mineral Wells and his mother Mrs. L. A. Mathis, Weatherford, Texas.

If you want your horse to get fat and sleek feed him Milo Falo. The best feed that can be purchased in the panhandle. Sold at the feed store of Henry & Son.

Elder E. H. Rodgers will hold a protracted meeting in McLean beginning Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September at the Christian church.

Best Louisiana Cane Sugar at \$5.75 per hundred. Foster & Son.

SUITS STILL GOING

We are not yet through sacrificing our men's and boy's Suits. If you want a real bargain it will pay you to investigate what we are offering. When we say we are selling at a

TEN PER CENT DISCOUNT

You may know we are cutting dangerously near the cost-mark. We are also overloaded on shoes for all ages and conditions of people and we are going to make the prices move them. Now would be a good time to lay up a winter supply before fall prices begin to prevail. When you come to town come in to see us whether you wish to buy or not. You are always welcome at our store.

C. A. CASH & SON

We have just received a fresh shipment of Uvalde Comb Honey the best on the market. Foster & Son.

Phone us your grocery order. We make prompt delivery and have fresh, wholesome goods. McLean Mercantile Co.

If you want your cows to give lots of good rich milk get a sack of Jersey Cream Dairy Food at Henry & Son's Feed Store.

J. W. Robinson was visiting with our merchants the first of the week. He says he has a good crop and the present outlook indicates almost a normal. Mr. Robinson will leave soon for Groom where he will engage in breaking sod for a few weeks.

Mrs. D. B. Almond of Hooker, Okla., arrived in the city Friday of last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sugg.

Try the Louis brand canned goods. The best you can buy any where. Foster & Son.

Rev. E. A. Wesson of Hobart, Okla., will begin a revival meeting at the Baptist Church Tuesday night August 3rd. At the close of Sunday School Sunday morning the church will hold a conference to call a pastor. Every member of the church is urged to be present at that time. By order of the Deacons.

YOU HAD BETTER GET BUSY

GROCERIES

Diamond C Flour.....	\$3.65
White Crest Flour.....	4.00
Cane Sugar.....	5.75
Arm and Hammer Soda, 4 packages.....	.25
Arbuckle's Coffee, 7 packages.....	1.00
Peaberry Coffee.....	.20
African Java.....	.20
Red Salmon.....	.15
Soap, Lenox and Clariette, 7 bars for.....	.25
Canned Sweet Potatoes.....	.10
Corn, best grade.....	8 1-3c
Tomatoes, Niggerhead.....	.10
Search Light Matches, 35c a gross, 3 for.....	.10
Rasins.....	7 1-2c
Prunes.....	7 1-2c
Peaches.....	.10
Appricots.....	.10
Ribbon Cane Syrup.....	.60
Royal and Tennessee Sorghum.....	.50
Star Tobacco.....	.45
Thick Plug Tinsley.....	.50
Union Standard.....	.25
Canned Appricots.....	.20
Peaches.....	.20
Best Apple Vinegar, worth 40c, per gal.....	.25
Meat from 10c to.....	.16
Jugs and all kinds of crockery.....	.10
Pickels, sweet and sour, per gallon.....	.50
Pickels, Keg.....	1.22
Condition Powder \$3.50 Barrel.....	2.25
\$1 Package.....	.75
.75 Package.....	.85

DRY GOODS

Trimmed Hats
Half-Price

Ladies' Waists
One-Third off

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One-Third Off

Dress Goods
All Reduced

MEN'S SUITS

\$22.50 Value	\$16.33
20.00 Value	14.24
18.00 Value	12.24
15.00 Value	10.98
10.00 Value	8.35
7.00 Value	6.25

CLOTHING

HOSE

Ladies' Silk Hose, \$3.00, now.....	\$2.48
Embroidered Lisle Hose, \$1.75, now.....	1.38
Colored Lisle Hose, 55c, now.....	.45

LADIES' GLOVES

Elbow Silk Gloves, were \$2.00, now.....	\$1.68
Elbow Silk Gloves, were \$1.75, now.....	1.42
Elbow Silk Gloves, were \$1.50, now.....	1.28

DRESS GOODS

\$2.00 per yard Chiffon Panama, now.....	\$1.68
\$1.50 per yard Messaline, now.....	1.18
\$1.50 per yard Taffeta, now.....	1.12

SHOES

\$5.50 Shoes.....	\$4.68
\$5.00 Shoes.....	4.32
\$4.50 Shoes.....	3.82
\$4.00 Shoes.....	3.38
\$3.50 Shoes.....	3.00
\$3.00 Shoes.....	2.48
\$2.50 Shoes.....	1.98

HATS

\$6.00 Stetson Hat.....	\$4.24
\$3.25 Hat.....	2.35
\$3.00 Hat.....	2.25
\$2.50 Hat.....	1.87
\$2.00 Hat.....	1.53
\$1.50 Hat.....	1.28

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For economy — a Buck's
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 For convenience — a Buck's
 For durability — a Buck's
 For you — a Buck's

S. O. Cook
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The Bad Man In The House

When Ma has mos dreadful cross, an' wants to whack me bak, Folks doesn't say to her (like me) "Now, don't be gettin' mad An' sulky, like the way you has." They says, "Oh dear, oh dear! We'd better call the doctor in. Ma's gettin' ill, we fear."

When sister Nell has got a grouch, an' sulks 'long for a week, An' every day gets madder mad, an' doesn't eat or speak, Folks doesn't say to her (like me). "Go hungry, then." To Nell They says, as sweet as honey pie, "Now ain't you feelin' well?"

When Pa he gets into a rage an' swears the air all blue, Folks doesn't say to him (like me), "I is ashamed of you, You wicked boy." Oh no, they is all meeker than a mouse. It seems to me that only I's the bad man in the house.
 —Margaret Erskine.

School Notice

All parties owing tuition please call and arrange same at once. Also all having out books of mine, please return them immediately; save me the trouble of seeing you all. Sincerely,
 W. E. Boyd.

Clarence Koons, who has been teaching school at Shamrock, was here to spend Saturday and Sunday with his parents and other relatives.

R. L. Boyd of Alexandria, La. has been spending a few days here the guest of his brother, Prof. Boyd. He was accompanied home by his little son who has been here for some time.

M. W. Maxwell, who has been here for some time in the interests of the Modern Woodmen, left Saturday afternoon for Amarillo, from which place he will go in a few days to his home in Floydada.

Our Two For One offer only lasts through August. We are anxious to add one thousand new names to our list. Remember \$1 sends the paper one year to TWO of your friends.

Mrs. W. K. Gayman of Guymon, Okla., arrived in the city Saturday to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Cash, who has been quite sick for the past several days.

twenty or thirty years, and everybody knows you, and you don't have to advertise what is food and raiment for the body, but it is deemed necessary to spend millions of dollars annually, to keep before the people where and how to obtain spiritual food and raiment. And you, Mr. Merchant, who don't need to adverties, because you are so well known, have you not often seen a new merchant come to town and inside of three years realize he was taking in dollars where you were dimes? But the new man who was able to do that was an advertiser, in every instance. The people of the county soon grew familiar with his name, then with his store and his stock; you in the meanwhile gradually faded from their memory, and are now only a moss grown reminiscence."
 —Athens (Tenn.) Post.

IT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS

"Hello old man, getting ready to retire from business life, eh?"
 "Why, no, I'm not. Why did you say that?"
 "I see you've stopped advertising."
 And, after thinking this reply over for an hour or two the merchant went around and renewed his contracts.

One of the most successful affairs of its kind held recently was the sock social given by the ladies of the Royal Neighbors fraternity at the home of Mrs. W. P. Cunningham Thursday evening. After a concert by the band all were served with cream and cake—not one dish but all they wanted. After the refreshments had been served the young people revived some of the games of our grand parents for amusement and an hour or two was spent in the real enjoyment of such good old games as snap, etc. On the whole the affair was very successful and a neat little sum was realized.

L. C. Tyson returned this week from an extended trip overland through the country, visiting several points in Oklahoma and as far east as Quanah. Mr. Tyson says that when you get as far as twenty miles from McLean crops begin to look shabby and in numbers of places saw nothing for people to live on. "I am better satisfied than ever with this country," said Mr. Tyson, "and it looks good, to me, especially after this fine rain."

Does This Apply to You?

"Yes, Mr. Merchant, you may have lived here, in this vicinity, for thirty years, and everybody(?) in the country may know you are in business here—what of it? For thousands of years a goodly share of the people of this world have claimed to know and feel that there is a better and more glorious world in the great beyond, but it has taken a heap of advertising to get them to point their tracks that way. "Not only the 'book of the all books,' but thousands of religious books and millions of papers are annually printed and put out among the people, showing the advantage of trading this earthly life for a far better one, and millions and billions have been spent to pay ministers, missionaries and exhorters, to go out and drum up converts to the good thing offered and advocated. There has been strong competition during these thousands of years. The devil has been a great advertiser, too. He has had millions of villainous books and papers printed, setting forth what he has to offer these poor mortals. He holds up sins of all kinds, dressed in gaudy and brilliant attire, often very pleasing to the eye. He erects gambling and drinking palaces, and his numerous dens of vice are hung in rich silks, satins and velvet; and like the dishonest merchant, who palms off goods pleasing to the eye but made of worthless fabric, he has endeavored to keep from his customers the fact that, 'the wages of sin is death.' So you Mr. Merchant have been here

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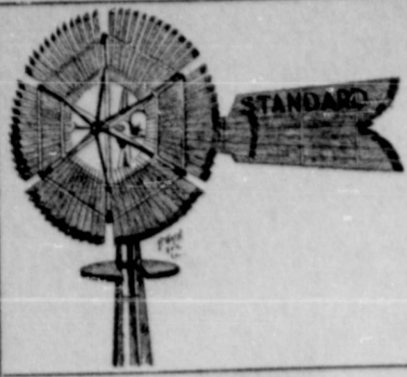
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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

F. M. Faulkner was on our streets Saturday.

Perry Koons was a Saturday visitor in McLean.

Wm. Henry made a short trip to Ramsdell Saturday.

U. S. Hawk was in after supplies Saturday.

John Carpenter was a visitor in the city Saturday afternoon.

R. L. Harlan was among the business callers in the city Saturday afternoon.

Frank Underwood was in from the Johnson ranch Saturday afternoon on business.

W. L. Guthrie returned Saturday from a two weeks stay at Amarillo and other plains cities.

Ed Trigg of Amarillo was in McLean the latter part of last week buying hogs.

Clem Davis of Pampa was visiting with friends and relatives in McLean the first of the week.

Mrs. Krc of Slavonia was a business caller in the city Saturday.

Miss Thompson returned Saturday from a visit with relatives and friends at Clinton, Okla.

Chas. Carpenter was jumping counters in the McLean Mercantile Company Saturday.

W. B. Smith of Waco was a business visitor in the city Friday of last week.

G. S. Loyd was in the city Saturday looking after business interests.

Rev. J. S. Hodges went down to Groom Saturday and stayed over Sunday to preach for the Presbyterians at that place.

C. D. Rogers of Vernon was in the city the latter part of last week looking after land interests in this vicinity.

Miss Graham returned Friday from Shamrock, where she had been for several days visiting with friends.

W. B. Brewster went up to Amarillo Saturday afternoon on business in connection with a real estate deal.

Miss Ollie Henry left Saturday for a visit with friends at Dallas. She will remain there several weeks.

E. E. Brown of Kansas City and S. D. Williams of St. Louis were registered at the Hotel Hindman the latter part of last week.

O. E. S. to Elect Officers

All members of the O. E. S. Chapter 239 are requested to be present, Thursday night, August 5th. This is the regular meeting for the election of officers for the next year and is therefore imperative. Any visiting sister or brother are most cordially invited to meet with us. Refreshments of cream and cake will be served. Essie Denson, Worthy Matron.

WANTED—A refined middle aged woman to keep house for a family of two. No washing or ironing. Good home. Apply Mrs. Thad U. Salmon, Hindman Hotel or address Box 153 McLean.

Last week we made a mistake in stating that Miss Faulkner had gone to Goodnight to attend school. We should have stated that the young lady went for the purpose of being maid of honor at the wedding of one of her friends.

We want nine dozen eggs from nine dozen people in the next nine days. Fetch them along. We are paying the highest market price. McLean Mercantile Co.

Go to T. W. Henry & Son's for feed of all kinds.

Mrs. Caleb Smith, H. W. Smock and two little daughters, Mr. Loter and Mr. Sapp, were in the city Friday from Slavonia.

Cowboys Victimized

We had all made the guess by the cut of his dress an' the tenderfoot style that he slung. An' the way that he spun tony language that run slick as grease from the p'int of his tongue, That he was a red-hotter from over the water, a juke or a markis, or wuss Than that in his rank, an' we thought we could bank on havin' some fun with the cuss.

He talked with a drawl till his words seemed to fall reluctant outen his mouth

An' the babish stare in his eyes you would swear showed a brain that was stunted by drouth.

An' the boys o' the range all regarded the strange sort o' cuss that had come there to board

For his health as a snob, an' we put up a job that'd lower the pride o' my lord.

He remarked that he could ride anything that wore hide; he hab rid with the 'ounds, don't ye know;

An' we told him we thought we'd be able to trot out a hoss that wa'n't fashioned for show—

One o' kittenish views—that'd serve to amuse of his highness, if he was inclined

Fur to try it a whirl, an' he smiled like a girl, an' would ride it if we didn't mind.

An' he went father with an offer to bet all the boodle that we could produce

That he'd ride anything we'd a notion to bring till he toned it down tame as a goose.

An' in manner quite rash our available cash was flashed fur to back up our views

That we'd find him a chunk of a quick action bronk that'd buck him plum outen his shoes.

We'd a mare in the herd that was reeoned a bird, just a bundle o' git-up-and-git;

Half devil, half hoss, which the same is a cross that's productive o' meanness an' grit;

She had downed every rider that dared get astride her, had crippled a dozen or so

Of the fellows who'd said that the hoss wasn't bred that could give 'm the wust of a go;

So we saddled ol' Satan, the tenderfoot waitin' with a grin on his innocent face,

An' we got him astraddle an' sot in the saddle an' seed everything was in place,

An' we bid him goodbye with a wink c' the eye at each other, an' an' an' an' stood

Holding onto the head o' the bronk till he said we might let er' go if we would.

If the heavens had fell all around that corral an' drowned us in clouds from the skies,

I can tell you, by gad, that we wouldn't a had any bigger a bunch o' surprise.

Fur he sot in his seat in the saddle as neat as if lollin' around in a chair,

An' that bronk a-thumpin' the earth an' a jumpin' in spasms right up in the air;

Lit a cigarette right in the heat o' the fight and grinned at the animals jumps,

Us guys standin' there with a paralyzed stare like a bunch o' halfidiot chumps.

An' I'm telling you, boss, that he stayed with that hoss until he got it as meek as a calf,

An' rid it around on the hoof-battered ground an' givin' us fellers the laugh.

Every devilish bloke in the gang had gone broke a-bakin' his honest belief

That the broncho we'd picked that had never been licked—'d sure bring the stranger to grief.

An' we beltered and swore till our lungs was plum sore when we learned that the schemin' young houn'

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—James Barton Adams

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J. H. Stanley was in the city Monday from Alanreed. While here he took advantage of our Two-For-One offer and had the News sent to A. C. Stanley and R. L. Purcell, Gainsville, besides renewing his own subscription. Mr. Stanley says crops are good in the Alanreed vicinity.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClelland were in the city Saturday shaking hands with friends and trading with local merchants. They also left an order for the News to be sent to their address, for which they have our thanks.

C. C. Cooper shipped two cars of cattle to Kansas City Saturday afternoon, going with them in person. Price buyers of Alanreed also shipped from the same train with

J. W. Sugg made us happy by handing us a dollar to have the News sent to Mrs. Kelly Major, Blacktower, New Mexico.

Jim Brooks, Dick Cooke and Clay Gardenhire went up to Groom Friday afternoon with their musical instruments, where they furnished music for a function.

SINCE the Painter's services cost more than the paint, you can't afford to save a dollar or two by getting a cheap paint, can you? Nor can you afford to pay the painter for putting on Water, Benzine, Gypsum or other worthless materials often found in Secret Mixed Paints.

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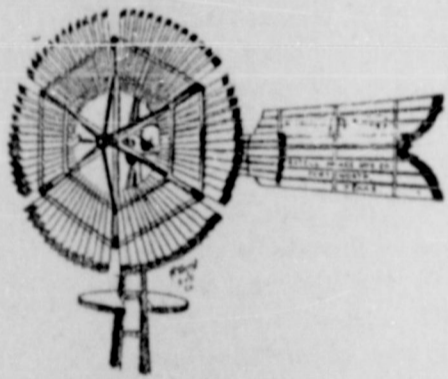
And it rained. The continued dry weather which has threatened the destruction of the corn crop was broken Sunday night and Monday by a copious downpour, which not only put life and vigor in the drooping crops, but put three foot smiles on the entire community. We gladly say to the world that the McLean country has just emerged from the most severe period of adverse conditions that has visited her in twenty years, and while she was a bit scorched she still flies the colors of prosperity. Corn will make thirty bushels to the acre, so say the farmers. Other crops such as kafir corn, sorghum, millet, sweet potatoes, water melons ect., are not at all hurt and will yield abundantly. There have been better years here but when we consider the general devastation of vegetation all over the southwest this season we feel that we have cause for rejoicing.

You, brother, who have seen your crop wither and die in the blasting drouth, who have seen your years work lost to the unrelenting rapacity of wind and sun, turn your attention to the McLean country where such conditions are unknown. Come to the land where farming is as sure as Government bonds—where you can realize as readily on your investment of tilling the soil as can the coupon clipper on his investment of money.

During the next twelve months this particular section will undergo the most radical changes it has ever known and thousands of acres that now lie idle will feel the touch of plow and hoe. Man will not always toil his life away in the rocks and stumps and drouths and pests when the hand of welcome is continually extended to him to cast his lot with the people of this favored portion of the great Southwest. You are invited to "come early and avoid the rush" for this land will not always be on the market at \$5 to \$15 per acre for the choice. Look into the matter and see if we are not correct.

What do you think of the proposition of issuing three or four thousand dollars school bonds? We were in error last week in regard to the bonds running forty years as bonds on wooden buildings cannot run but twenty years, but we hardly think we were mistaken in the need of the issue and would like to know what you think of the matter.

The election for incorporating the town has been ordered by the county judge and will be held Tuesday, August 3rd. Notices have been posted in several public places accompanied by blue prints showing the exact territory to be included in the corporation. This is another step in the right direction that should have the support of every loyal citizen, and it is generally conceded that there will be very little opposition to the move.



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Pampa, Gray County Texas

Slavonia News.

The recent excellent rains in this vicinity assures our farmers a bounteous harvest this fall.

Mrs. Krc is having some extensive improvements made on her pretty home in the way of painting, a new picket fence, etc. John Stehlik is overseeing the work.

Mr. Cage is engaged this week digging a well for John Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Loter visited with friends at Wheeler last Sunday.

Caleb Smith, in anticipation of the big harvest this fall is building some extensive additions to his barns and granaries.

We have preaching at this school house every Sunday in the Slav tongue—at eleven in the forenoon and four in the afternoon. Sunday school in English every Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

FOR SALE—Choice cane and millet seed, free of Johnson grass. Prices right. Early Grain & Hay Co., Amarillo, Texas.

Dr. C. E. Donnell returned Wednesday from Amarillo where he was in attendance upon the sessions of the Panhandle Medical society.

A. B. Gardenhire left Saturday afternoon for a business trip to Kansas City and other northern points. He will be away about ten days or two weeks.

Mrs. G. A. Heald and children returned Saturday from a visit to their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Cox of Amarillo. Mrs. Cox came home with Mrs. Heald and will be here until Sunday.

Christian Endeavor

Subject—Life lessons from the book of Acts. Scripture Lesson—Acts 27:18-44.

Prayer.
Song.
The need of the spirit, Acts 1:1-8—Miss Lizzie McMillian.
Turning to God, Acts 2:37-42—Miss Pearl Crabtree.
Song.
God is not mocked, Acts 5:1-11—Miss Nida Rippy.
Spread of the seed, Acts 8:1-8, 34-40—Miss Nannie Stockton.
A chosen vessel, Acts 9:10-19—Miss Annie Dalrymple.
An epoch-making speech, Acts 17:22-31—Miss Josephine McClain.
Song.
Leader—Miss Ruby Rice.

Mansfield Meeting.

The Mansfield meeting at the Back school house closed Sunday night. It was a success in every respect. The visible results were four confessions and baptisms and many good seed sown that we believe will germinate and bring forth fruit to the cause of Christ in this community.

Bro. Mansfield will return again in 1910 and begin services on Saturday night before the second Lord's day in July and embrace three Lord's days.

Services at the school house every Lord's day. "Come and let us reason together," saith the Lord.

Bro. Harry Mansfield will probably return in August and teach a class in singing at the school house.

Respt. and frat.,
W. A. FOWLER.

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McLean is situated in the southeast corner of Gray county, one of the four banner counties of the Panhandle (Collingsworth, Wheeler, Donley and Gray) and has a population of about 1000 people. The town is situated on the main line of the Rock Island from Treumcari, N. M., to Memphis, Tenn., connecting her with the large markets of the country by direct route.

Climate

The climate is as fine as could be desired, the average summer temperature being 73 degrees, while that of the winter season is 47 degrees, making the climate at no time during the year uncomfortable. The altitude is about 2600 feet. Another feature of the climate is the fact that at no time during the hottest summer weather are the nights oppressive, there always being a cool breeze which makes them delightful.

Schools

She has an independent school district with a special tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollar property valuation, which will provide abundant funds for the best school system in the state. The fact that there were over five hundred pupils enrolled during the last scholastic term shows the popularity of her educational advantages.

Society

The town has no saloons, pool halls, gambling houses nor other obnoxious institutions of any character. There are four church buildings of ample proportions to meet the demands and the necessity for a jail is absolutely unknown. In fact, the town offers every advantage to the man who is looking for a home where he can raise his children in a moral atmosphere, minus the many snares and vices that abound in the larger cities and towns of the country.

Available Land

This county is composed of nine hundred sections of land, making 576,000 acres, about eighty per cent of which is good tillable soil of a rich sandy loam, some dark and some light, all of which is as rich as can be found anywhere in the southwest, and for holding moisture it is unsurpassed in any section of the United States. There are at present about 500 men farming in this county, making an average of 1000 acres to the man, while 100 acres is all that can be properly cultivated. Figured on a basis of 200 acres to the family there is room in this county for 2,500 families. This land ranges in price from \$5 to \$15 an acre, with a reasonable valuation where there are improvements.

Rainfall

The average annual rainfall for the period covered by the government bureau at this place is about 26 inches, distributed in months as follows: January .63, February .13, March .47, April 2.18, May 1.14, June 5.87, July 3.91, August 5.99, September, 1.39, October 3.35, November .43, and December 1.32. These figures are taken from the official weather report and show that the main rainfall comes during the growing season, which is from

May to September, inclusive. This report is not compiled from the records so far in 1909 as the seasons have been backward and the rainfall very light, crops making only about one-half the usual yield. However it is authentically stated by honest men of the community who have farmed this land for the past twenty years that there has been but one failure in that time, a disaster that befalls every known section of the globe on occasion.

Crops

All crops adapted to the temperate zone thrive here, but the root crops probably are the most prolific, such as Irish and yam potatoes, peanuts, beets, onions, etc. Watermelons and cantaloupes grow as fine as they do in any part of the world and the flavor developed is absolutely unsurpassed. Corn is the staple crop, making an average yield, the county over, of about thirty bushels to the acre. Cotton is not advisable from the fact that there is too much rain during the growing season and the nights are too cool. Wheat, oats and millet are especially productive and kaffir corn, milo maize and sorghum never fail. All kinds of garden crops grow in profusion. It is said of this soil that it responds quicker and with more certainty to fertilizing than any in the state, making truck gardening not only profitable but sure.

Fruit

This section is the natural home of all temperate zone fruits and there has been but two fruit failures in the past twenty years. All varieties grow in profusion and a full grown orchard will clear at least \$100 per acre with less work than in any other portion of the state. There is an opportunity for vast fortunes in this section with fruit.

Markets

McLean has as a market Amarillo on the west (with 15,000 people and constantly growing) a distance of 72 miles, and Oklahoma City on the east (with 40,000 and growing faster than any other city in the world) a distance of 200 miles. This assures us a market for everything that can be grown in this section.

In Conclusion

Let us say that we are not connected with any real estate firm or immigration bureau, but are trying to honestly set forth what this country has to offer the man with the hoe who is looking for a home where the land is cheap and all other conditions are equitable—where farming can be indulged as a profitable business venture and where his family can have the advantages that he would desire them to have.

Mr. Homeseeker, we invite you to inspect this country of ours and form your own opinions. There are no excursion trains run into this county at the present and there are no eastern connections to draft "suckers." If you are thinking of a change of location, drop us a card or write to the bank at this place for any information you may desire. We have no land listed for sale, but if you should come to McLean prospecting look us up and we will gladly give you any information you may want in regard to values, etc.



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