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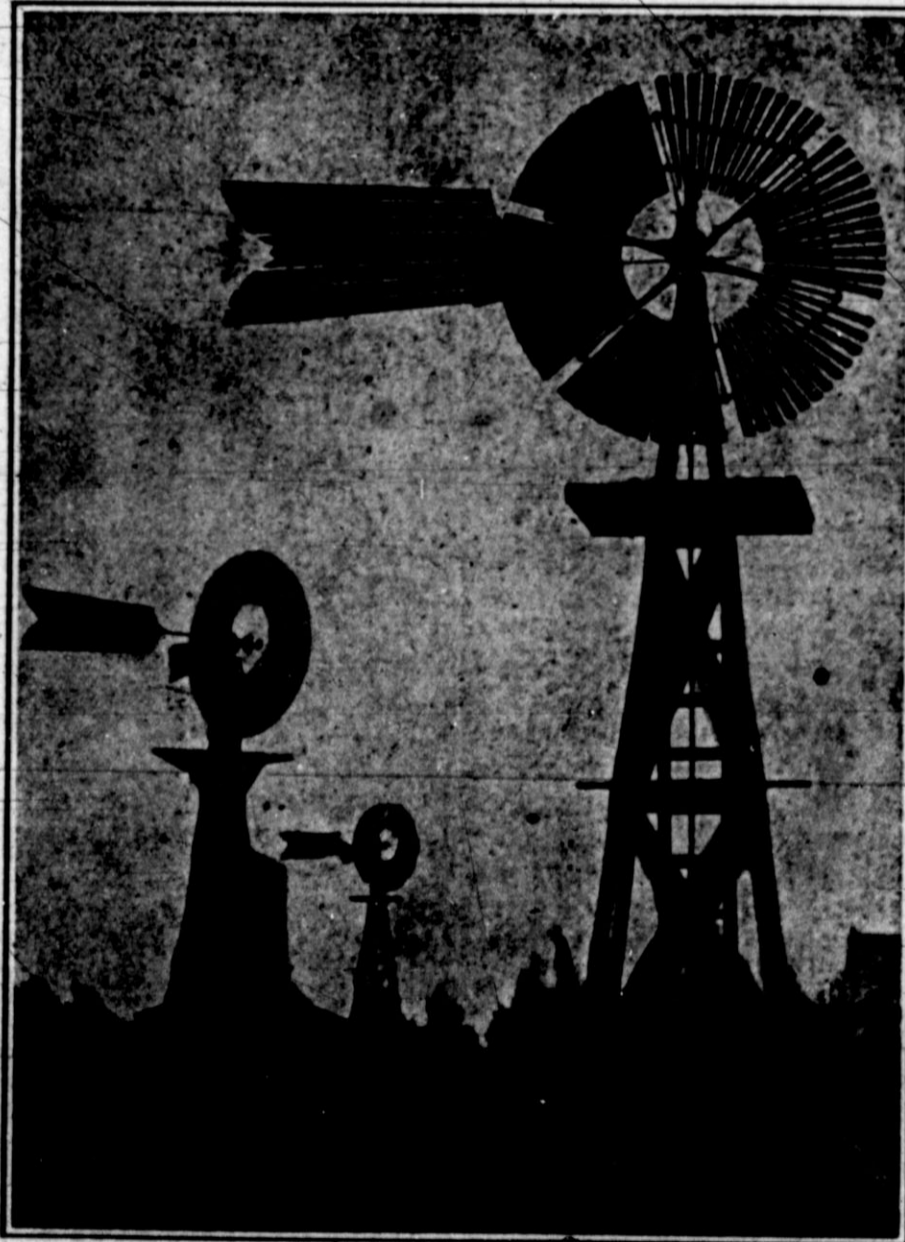
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HEREFORD, TEXAS

FROM TEXICO.

Interesting Items From the New Town on the Mexico Border.

Several of our townsmen started this mornnig on a camp hunt.

A large store building will be commenced next week with office rooms above and a Woodmen Hall.

Tom Miller and wife of Dallas, Texas, were visiting his brothers, Dr. Mayes Miller and Paul Miller, this week.

The ice cream man's smile is not so broad as is his wont owing to the norther blowing up and freezer full of cream on hand.

This country has been blessed with rains the past week that makes the farmers heart jump with unlimited satisfaction.

Lots of prospectors are here now with a view of locating themselves and several of their neighbors will come if reports are favorable.

Your reporter, J. P. Stone, J. D. Kerr and H. J. Farnham have been attending United States Court as jurors at Socorro the past week.

A kindergarten school "mam" struck this town Tuesday last and her persistent efforts to make up a class uddoubtedly deserves reward.

Jack Harwell and Haskell Morgan left on Monday's train for Hereford to play in the ball game against Canyon City Tuesday and Wednesday.

N. S. Jackson and family of Dalhart, Texas, have rented the Jenkins Hotel and are prepared to cater to the public in the very best style known to the art.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, late of Portales, have taken up their residence here. Mr. Robinson takes charge of the Blankinship & Woodcock mercantile house at this place.

A general rain struck this section of New Mexico last week and our settlers are looking forward to a "bumper" crop of farm produce. The rain has also caused many more claims to be filed on. If you want the finest home proposition in the territory you had best hurry, as soon there will be none left.

Everyone interested in the coming school should hasten to enroll their children's names that a full report of the scholastic census may be sent to our superintendant as soon as possible.

The majesty of the law has been firmly established here in Texico, and any silver-tongued follower of Blackstone who undertakes to defeat justice on a technical point will be cut off at the pockets.

Civilization and good government is the battle cry of Roosevelt county officials and the strict observance of the Sunday laws by every business man in the county show how willingly our people are lead to do the right thing.

Dr. Hillis is greatly grieved over the refusal of a certain chambermaid to make old Booker T. Washington's bed. I think the learned Doctor should be more liberal on the point of allowing even the chambermaids to choose the kind of perfumery that goes in their rooms.

F. L. Vanderburg, ye editor of THE BRAND was a pleasant visitor among us Saturday and Sunday and expressed himself as agreeably surprised to see so much improvement in our town and country since his last visit some time since.

Horse thieves, highwaymen and others of that ilk have just about as much showing to get away from justice in Eastern New Mexico as a snow ball has in a red hot pan. When such men as Ed Connell, Rat Jowell, Tom Reagan, Luke Blair, W. G. Ross and Ed Harwell, backed by other good and true citizens too numerous to mention, get on the trail of evil doers, a speedy capture—dead or alive—is the inevitable result.

Mr. Editor if you have any influence with the Pecos Valley officials the citizens of Texico would thank you to use it in our behalf and induce the said officials to establish a telegraph office at this place and build a suitable depot, that our baggage might not get wet through and through by every rainfall. Why Bovina, with no town at all, should have these accommodations and Texico, a hustling, growing young city of nearly 1000 inhabitants, should not, is beyond our comprehension.

A corps of railroad surveyors arrived here Sunday and commenced the next day running from this point toward Galveston, Texas. Rumor says it is an extension of the Santa Fe System to Texas Gulf points. In a conversation with the engineer in charge your reporter was informed that a line would be surveyed from Texico running southeast to Floydada, and while the chief was non-committal as to the initials the new road would write on her box cars, the general impression left with us was that the great country developer and business making Rock Island system was seeking an outlet for her coal fields just west of this place to all points south and east.

AARON.

[THE BRAND representative went to Texico, N. M., Saturday to investigate into the particulars of the capture of the horse thieves, and to see how that thriving little town was prospering. We found that the people there were busy cultivating their crops of feed, vegetables, etc., and happy in the anticipation of receiving large returns for their energy and enterprise. New and substantial houses are springing up all over the neighborhood, both in town and surrounding country. New business houses are being built for waiting occupants and all the town needs for a sure-enough and rapid growth is for the railroad company to establish a depot and telegraph station and commence work on the new cut-off in contemplation, which, the residents hope and believe, will be not later than fall.]

For Sale Cheap.

I will sell my land in Hereford cheap. 9 acres in the west part of town and house and lot I got from C. L. Davis. See me for a bargain. 11tf I. N. DILLARD.

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HEREFORD, TEXAS

From a Basket of Letters.

THE WORLD'S STARS.

It is with pleasure that we announce to our readers that we have made arrangements with one of Hereford's most accomplished and gifted writers to furnish THE BRAND with a series of letters, each one of which will be full of good food for thought. The following and first letter treats of the stars of the heavens and compares them with the stars of the earth—men and women:

Los Angeles, Cal., June 9, '03.
Miss Georgia d' Domering,
Hereford, Texas.

My dearest friend,—
In reading your last missive I could not help becoming thoughtful. Your sense of astrology is great; and while perusing your beautiful thoughts, so delicately clothed, my mind expanded and I dwelt in aetherial regions. I felt a victim to fancy and wonderment and my imagination saw upon the surface of our own beloved planet something like a solar system existing among her inhabitants.

Yes, as you said, this great earth is as some strange stately personage walking underneath this sparkling crown of gems that some mystic force continues to hold just above her majestic head, seemingly, ready to let it drop and crown her queen forever.

Your beautiful thought, Georgia,—making the stars a golden crown for this dull brown earth—leads me on, and I imagine a robe for this queenly personage. It is none other than one decked with living gems, which center and make their paths about the divine love of the Almighty using that as a solar guide just as the stars in heaven are guided by that one great motionless body—the sun.

In your letter you spoke of the fixed star, the twinkling star, the fallen star, the comet, and the star that does not shine at all or rather, cannot be seen.

The planets and fixed stars, we can see, are few and far apart. If we would look upward when day is gone and darkness brings forth the lights of night, we would see the whole heavens studded with little flickering laughing stars—only here and there you see one whose glow continues to be a bright steady one. So it is with this laughing mocking old world. Occasionally we find a true man or woman who always appears in the same cheering light. Probably such a one realized at the time he launched his boat upon the rugged billows that he was to live not altogether for self, but with self he must associate the confidence of his fellowman, the love of God, and the welfare of his country. He doubtless uses as his precept the words of Samuel Rowe:

"Learn to dissemble wrongs to smile at injuries,
And suffer crimes thou wans't the power to punish."

Such a star we hail as a blessing to mankind!

I hadn't aught to say against the twinkling class of people—indeed, I am glad we have them for they alone keep up the roundelay of merriment that gives variety to our lives. When we meet an extraordinary jovial person, who always seems to be merry no difference what comes or goes, we are confronted with the question, "What is his aim?" His occupation seems to be that of scattering mirth, but his aim in life he succeeds in keeping in a secret fold of a covering made of a laughable material. Whatever his aim, or whether or not he accomplishes it, we know not; but we do know that he, with his many light-hearted friends, succeeds in keeping this reeling old world from falling into listless solitude. The reflection of these flickering sparkling people may be seen in the twinkling little lights over head.

As we gaze at these stars, we are thrilled with a sensation of delight, but, while gazing, my admiration reaches its zenith when I behold the dazzling little comet. See it, Georgia, as it scatters shining lights while going from place to place leaving its pathway glowing with a sparkling radiance! Imagine it a woman, a pure, sweet, patient woman. What is there on earth that has done, does, or will, do more than she in scattering sunbeams? It is she, who through toils and cares, makes the home, that most sacred place on earth, what it is today; she, who with much love and thought, has trained and reared each great and noble man that our country has ever produced. Do you think it inconsistent of me to say that it was woman who laid the foundation for the building of the world—the better part of it? Her works and deeds are founded upon a generous soul. Her ambitious thoughts mingled with love and pity dictate her harmonious songs and prompt her to place her feet upon stable soil only.

"Her words are bonds, her oaths are oracles, her love sincere, her thoughts immaculate, her tears true messengers sent from the heart, her heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth."

These three classes of gems, if they could be seen as gems, are the jewels that help to adorn the robe that nature so artistically provides for our own planet.

I shall not write of the other two classes of stars—the fallen and imperceivable—for if I linger on this subject (and this part of it would indeed be dark) I'm sure my little Georgia's eyes would become tired and her sense of reading grow dull. So I will divide my letter and write you again soon. In the meantime, I shall expect to hear from you.
Lovingly, your friend,
ELMONA.

The prevailing high winds are thoroughly demonstrating what is claimed for the Samson Wind Mill. Sold and Warranted by Garrison Bros. 15tf

Road Notice to Non-Resident Land Owners.

STATE OF TEXAS, }
CASTRO COUNTY, } ss.

We the undersigned Jury of Freeholders, citizens of said Castro county, Texas, duly appointed by the Commissioners' Court of Castro county, Texas, at its May term 1903, to view and establish a 1st class road from Dimmitt to southeast corner of county and having been duly sworn as the law directs, hereby give notice that we will, on the 11th day of July 1903, assemble at Dimmitt, Texas, and thence proceed to survey, locate, view, mark out and establish said road, beginning at Dimmitt. Thence east on Dimmitt and Tulia road six miles to northeast corner of survey 339 block M6. Thence south on section lines between survey 302 and 339, 301 and 340 block M6, also between survey 51 and 62, 52 and 61 block 10T to southeast corner of said survey 61 block 10T; thence east between survey 52 and 53 block 10T to northeast corner of said survey 53 block 10T; thence south between survey 48 and 53, 47 and 54 block 10T to northeast corner of survey 55 block 10T.

And we do hereby notify owners, agents or attorneys and any and all persons owning lands through which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.

Witness our hands, this 9th day of June A. D. 1903.

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Woodmen Picnic Postponed.

On account of the inclement weather and the muddy condition of the city the Woodmen have decided to postpone their picnic, which was to have been held today, to some future date when the weather is more favorable for gatherings of this kind. Great preparations had been made to well entertain those in attendance and they want a large crowd from adjoining camps at this picnic when given, but could not hope for many to attend in rainy weather, hence their decision to postpone.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For liver, kidney, stomach and bowel troubles electric bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Gough & Davis, druggists.

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Conner Jowell went to Amarillo Tuesday on business.

B. S. Wright of Terry county came in Wednesday on business.

Horse shoe brand of mixed paint is the best made. Gough & Davis. 52tf

Press Burnam, the popular sheriff of Castro county, was in the city Wednesday.

I. N. Stephens of Calvert is visiting his brothers, T. J. and Charlie Stephens, for a few weeks.

We sell the famous Blue Ribbon and Porto Rico brands of cigars. Try one. Delmonico Restaurant. 17tf

It is with pleasure that we note that the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davis is improving from its illness.

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

For Sale—1 section 3 miles from town. \$700 improvements. Also pair of mules. For particulars inquire of Mrs. S. H. McCracken. 5tf

The great success of the Hancock Disc Plow will be vouched for by the dozens of well pleased customers who have bought them from Garrison Bros. 12tf

I now have nice light quarters in the D. R. Gass & Sons new store and cordially invite the public to call when in need of anything in my line. Lee S. Smith, jeweler and optician. 8tf

Charles Hannaford, proprietor of the Green Valley ranch, and daughter were in town yesterday on business, the latter having returned on Wednesday from a visit among Amarillo friends.

It is hardly necessary to call your attention to the large display ad of the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Company on the first page. If you need anything in their line it will pay you to investigate their stock and prices.

Rev. N. B. Bennett is now at Santa Anna, California, and is improving in health as rapidly as could be hoped for. We hope, in the near future, to be able to tell our readers of his entire restoration to health.—Childress Post.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society will hold an open meeting, Monday, June 15th, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mrs. S. T. Howard. All of the women of the church are invited to be present. Special program. Be there.

Rev. A. C. Aten, who has been the guest of his sons, Ira, C. G. and T. O. Aten, for the past few weeks, left Monday for his home at Round Rock. He is much pleased with Hereford and surrounding country and said he could boast of at least one town in which the local option law was enforced to the letter.

Nice room for rent. See Wither- spoon & Gough. 17tf

C. E. Spath & Co. have a change of adv in this issue.

For a good smoke try the Blue Ribbon cigar, for sale at the Delmonico Restaurant. 17tf

G. W. Stephens of Round Rock is the guest of his brothers, T. J. and Charlie Stephens, of this city.

Parties knowing themselves indebted will please call and settle either by cash or note. Hereford Lumber Company. 17tf

Lost—Between the court house and our residence, a gold stick pin with horse shoe ornament. Finder please return to this office.

Please the women and you please everybody. Use your influence to persuade them to wear the Drew-Selby shoe, sold by E. W. Harrison. 16tf

We are pleased to report that the condition of the youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs. L. Gough, who is suffering from an attack of whooping cough and pneumonia, is somewhat improved.

All Western Union Lands now on the market. For prices, see, Wither-spoon & Gough. Two creek sections, one and two miles from Hereford. Buy one and get a sub-irrigated alfalfa farm. 16tf

E. M. Vanderburgh left Tuesday for Denver and Loveland, Colo. While at the latter place he will visit his sister, whom he has not seen for 39 years. Ye editor accompanied him as far as Amarillo.

The Leader Wind Mill has won the reputation of being the best painted mills on the market. We never hear a complaint of the paint blistering as is the case with many wood mills. For Sale by Garrison Bros. 15tf

William Tyler returned last week from an extended visit among friends down in the piney woods. He reports having had a very pleasant time, but said that he was anxious to get back to the plains climate. He has our thanks for a subscription for THE BRAND to be sent to a friend at Ratcliff.

Dr. Lyman B. Raschbaum, the Amarillo ear, eye, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Hereford Dental Parlors on the 1st and 15th of each month, where he will be pleased to attend to the needs of the the citizens of Hereford and vicinity in his line. Dr. Raschbaum is also a scientific adjuster of eye glasses. 51tf

In the mention of the sale of the Dr. E. W. Tinsley property to Dr. C. P. Estes last week, we stated that the sale included the former's practice. This was an error, as Dr. Tinsley, while retiring from the practice of his profession, did not include his large practice in the sale, and in justice to both Drs. Tinsley and Estes we gladly make this correction. As for Dr. Tinsley's removal to Missouri, he stated that he had not fully decided yet where he would locate and probably would not make any move before fall.

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B. O. McWhorter of Hale county was a business caller in town Wednesday.

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When you want typewriting done you will find a competent stenographer and typewriter in our office. Charges reasonable. Hereford Land and Abstract Co. 13tf

Tax Assessor J. S. Wysche informs us that his books will be closed on June 15 and all property not rendered before that time will be placed on the delinquent tax list. Those who do not render their poll tax this year will be disfranchised for next year. Those owning property should render the same and save extra taxes.

B. W. Bryant, a prominent real estate and insurance agent of Whitesboro, was here this week, the guest of W. B. Beach. In a conversation with THE BRAND reporter, during which he became a subscriber of the paper, he expressed his admiration of Hereford and surrounding country and further said that Hereford was the most substantially built new town that he had ever seen.

John C. Johnston is in town today from his ranch.

Mrs. J. E. Davis of Milford is the guest of her brother C. L. Davis.

We now have everything in paints oil and glass. Gough & Davis. 52tf

W. A. Hubbard, a prominent Castro county cattlemen, is in town today on business.

Born—On Monday, June 8, to Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Estes, a girl. Both mother and child are progressing nicely.

Do you enjoy a good cigar? If so, call at the Delmonico Restaurant and ask for a Blue Ribbon or Porto Rico cigar. 17tf

For Sale—A fine registered Hereford bull, would take a good big, young-work horse in trade. Call at once. Try Womble. 12tf

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For Sale.
 Ten section ranch, 15 miles northwest of La Plata, 7 or 8 miles south of new railroad, special bargain if sold at once, good improvements and all new. 11tf
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MUSICAL NORMAL.

Fair Attendance and Excellent Work Being Done.

Prof. A. J. Showalter opened his Musical Normal at the Baptist church last Monday with a fair enrollment of students which has gradually increased, until a respectable sized chorus has been obtained. However, there are singers enough in this town to fill the church to overflowing, and we believe, should they attend one of these sessions, they would become interested enough to wish to continue, as Prof. Showalter is a thorough and conscientious instructor.

Prof. Showalter, on account of his well-earned reputation as a composer, singer and instructor, was earnestly solicited by a few of our citizens who felt that his presence and instructions would not only be of value to the individual, but would enliven the interest in the song services of our different church organizations, which, for some unknown reason, had become rather latent, and it was earnestly hoped by the solicitors that the obtaining of an instructor with a national reputation, such as Prof. Showalter has, would cause all singers to enroll and make the Normal a success in every way.

The editor of THE BRAND is interested in the welfare of our church organizations and honestly believes that nothing adds to the attendance of church services as does good singing and we earnestly request that Hereford's singers attend the sessions of the Normal, even if they do not enroll as members, and see the good work that is being done by Prof. Showalter, his assistant Prof. Walter E. Rush, and the students.

We believe it is a duty they owe themselves and the cause they represent, as members of the church. Come out, it will do you good. The morning session opens at 9 and lasts until 12; the afternoon sessions commence at 2 and closes at 5, and is for those studying harmony, while the night sessions hold from 8:30 to 10. Attend one of these sessions and if you love music you can not help but become interested.

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Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by Gough & Davis, druggists.

Received Payment.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson, wife of W. B. Robinson, deceased, has received \$2000, the amount due her from the Woodmen of the World, of which organization Mr. Robinson was a member. The following is a copy of the receipt given by Mrs. Robinson, which explains itself and shows how promptly the Woodmen pay all claims due the beneficiaries of brother members:

Received of Sam H. Morris, Clerk of Camp number 990, Woodmen of the World, Two Thousand Dollars in full settlement of policy No. 28650, issued by the Woodmen of the World to Wm. B. Robinson, payable to myself.

This June 12, A. D. 1903.

EMMA J. ROBINSON.

Two Petitions.

Two petitions, one from Dimmitt and the other from Hereford, were forwarded this week to the postoffice authorities at Washington requesting that the starting point of the Hereford-Dimmitt mail route be changed from Hereford to Dimmitt. This change is a good one, and should have been made long ago. At present mail for Dimmitt does not arrive at Dimmitt until the day following its arrival here, and mail from Dimmitt to the outside world does not leave Hereford until the following day after its arrival here. The change would also be beneficial to Hereford people patronizing the stage who have business at the Castro county seat, as at present the stage does not remain long enough at Dimmitt to permit of any business transaction in the meantime. Inasmuch as both Dimmitt and Hereford citizens favor the change we see no reason why it should not be made, in which event the stage would leave Dimmitt in the morning and Hereford in the afternoon.

Castro County Elections.

W. A. Tate, the popular Castro county commissioner and proprietor of Castro county's only hotel, was in town this week and informed us that his county went dry by a large majority in the local option election held June 2. In the special school tax election held June 6 the tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation was carried by the handsome majority of 24 to 9. Castro county citizens can be depended upon to vote right in an election calculated to upbuild their county, and THE BRAND congratulates them upon the results of their last two elections. Mr. Tate stated that the school tax election would have carried almost unanimously but for the fact that a few in some manner obtained the impression that the proposed tax would be 20 cents on the dollar.

Leg Broken.

The little son of Mrs. Straight of Shawnee, Okla., who are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Barber in Castro county, had the misfortune on Monday to fall from the surrey, in which they were riding, the rear wheel passing over the little fellow's left leg, breaking it below the knee. He was brought to Hereford, where Drs. Gough, through the use of the X-ray machine, located and reduced the fracture and made the patient as easy as possible. The accident was a most unfortunate one for the boy, aside from the suffering which will have to be endured, as he was anticipating a most pleasant vacation with his grandparents in the country, but, alas, his pleasure has been turned to pain.

Notice to Prospectors.

On Monday and Tuesday of each week I will be prepared to take parties out for inspection of the XIT lands, advertised for sale elsewhere in this paper.

IRA ATEN,
411f Manager

Baptist Conference Meeting.

The regular conference meeting of the Baptist church will be held next Sunday at 3 p. m., and all members of the church are urgently requested to be present.

General Stock News

J. D. Thompson last week purchased 202 head of two-year-old steers at private terms from F. G. Hendricks, which he will place on feed on his North Draw ranch.

We have heard of no sales so far this week, caused probably by the inability of the buyers to obtain cars for shipping purposes.

There are but three or four small bunches of cattle in the Hereford neighborhood that are on sale on the open market.

This country was treated to a continuous rain during the past week, which puts a fine season in the ground for our stock farmers. It has also relieved the stock water situation somewhat, as most of the lakes have more or less water in them. It is said, however that there is more water in the lakes around Dimmitt than those near Hereford. One hard rain now, however, would fill the lakes to overflowing and from present indications we are liable to get it at any time.

THE BRAND would thank our cattlemen friends to give us for publication any news which will be of interest to the stockmen of the country. We try to keep in touch with the different deals, but there are doubtless many transactions of interest that we hear nothing about and it is these items that we wish to publish.

Visiting cattlemen are invited to make THE BRAND office their headquarters while in town. We have the West Texas Stockman, Fort Worth Daily Live Stock Reporter and Weekly Citizen and other livestock papers on our exchange table, which you are welcome to peruse.

The Fort Worth Livestock market is doing a land office business now on account of the closing down of the Kansas City, St. Louis and other stock yards by reason of the severe floods.

The shipment of cattle from the Texas ranges to those in the northern part of this state has been very heavy during the past week and within the past few days between two and three hundred carloads of these range cattle have passed through this city on the Montana Central railroad from Texas bound for the Milk river ranges. Shipments of cattle to this state are constantly increasing and two train loads of over 2,000 head passed through here today.—Great Falls (Mont.) Leader.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentorville, Va., serves as an example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all lung and throat troubles, consumption, pneumonia and grip. Guaranteed by Gough & Davis druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c, and \$1.00.

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INCORPORATION DISSOLVED.

At the corporation annulment election held last Saturday the vote stood 84 for annulment and 41 against. There was some doubt expressed as to whether a majority or two-thirds vote was necessary to annul the incorporation, but Saturday's vote puts all questions of that nature in the shade. We have no comment to make on the result of the election and while being as strongly in favor of incorporation as ever, we feel that the majority of the citizens ought to rule, and we abide by their decision and will continue to work as hard as ever for the upbuilding of Hereford and surrounding country and trust that every other citizen of the town, whether favoring or opposing corporation, will do the same.

THE muddy condition of our streets forcibly calls attention to the great need of suitable side and cross walks on our streets, especially on the main thoroughfares.

OUR citizens should not lose sight of the fact that an addition to the Hereford High School is an absolute necessity and should be prepared to donate liberally when the building committee calls.

Now that the incorporation question is settled for the time being let unity in the upbuilding of the town once more prevail. Our citizens have the progressiveness, push and energy to accomplish anything undertaken, but without a unanimity of purpose on the part of our citizens the first three virtues are of no value. It requires an all-pull-together spirit to keep a town on the progressive list.

WE understand that the members of the Board of Trade held no meeting on Tuesday night on account of the inclement weather, at least we take it that that was the cause of the non-attendance. THE BRAND editor was out of town, but had he been here, would have attended, rain or shine. We would suggest that the president of the Board call a special meeting soon, as there are many things of importance to the town's growth which should be done, and as we have no incorporation now the existence and work of the

Board of Trade is now more necessary than ever. It is to this organization that the town will now have to look for its upbuilding and if every public spirited citizen of the town will become a member great good can be accomplished.

CRIMINALS CAPTURED.

Deputy Sheriff W. G. Ross Compelled to Kill One.

Last week Wednesday while prospecting for coal in New Mexico, T. A. Cox, Rat Jowell and J. W. Hanna were held up by Benton Howell and Claude Williams, who had been extended the hospitalities of the formers' camp during the previous night, and who claimed to reside at Carney, Okla., and Chanute, Kansas, respectively. On account of the meagerness of the reported holdup up to the time of going to press, we stated in last week's issue that Mr. Cox only had been held up, which was a mistake. After gathering up the armament of the camp and capturing two of Mr. Cox's horses, the desperados prepared to decamp, when a railroad contractor rode up on a fine roan horse. He was immediately held up with the rest of the boys and compelled to relinquish the possession of his horse, a valuable gold watch and one dollar in money, that being all the money he had with him, except a quarter, which the worthy pair generously gave back. Howell claimed that he had killed a man and that he had to have the horses in order to make his escape, and took Mr. Jowell's address, promising to notify him of the whereabouts of the horses after he and his companions were through with them.

They then took an easterly course and as soon as possible the victims of their desperation, notified nearby ranchmen, who organized a posse and started in pursuit. Upon reaching the Escarbada division of the XIT ranch, telephonic notification was sent to Sheriff Inmon, who at once deputized T. R. Reagan to accompany Deputy Sheriff Ross to enter in the chase for the criminals, who took the evening train for Bovina. Upon arriving there they could find no trace of the robbers and Mr. Reagan boarded a passing train and went to Texico, N. M., leaving Mr. Ross to follow across the country.

At Texico Mr. Reagan was informed that two horsemen had been seen traveling south toward the DZ ranch. He at once obtained horses and in company with L. B. Blair scoured that section of the country returning late Saturday evening.

Meanwhile Sheriff Ross had obtained a horse and buggy at Bovina

and drove to Texico, arriving there Friday morning. He had been there but a few minutes (less than half an hour) when he saw two horsemen, on the east side of the track, traveling toward the state line gate. Mr. Ross immediately started to intercept them and upon Howell's dismounting to open the gate called to them to hold up, he having recognized Mr. Cox's horse. Howell asked him what he wanted and Mr. Ross said, "I want you." "You can't get me," replied Howell, at the same time reaching for his rifle, or rather the rifle he had taken from Rat Jowell. Mr. Ross half turned and waved his hand to the Texico citizens, as much as to signal them that he had found the parties sought. He had no sooner turned than he felt a burning sensation in his thigh. Wheeling quickly he fired three shots with a 30-30 in rapid succession, Howell pitching forward at the third shot, but not until after he had made two more unsuccessful attempts to kill Sheriff Ross. His companion, being mounted, spurred his horse into a run as soon as the firing commenced, whereupon Ed Harwell, armed with a rifle, and A. Ragsdale, armed with a revolver, commenced raining bullets in a proximity too close for comfort, they not shooting to kill or maim him, as he had not attempted to do any shooting, their only object being to head him off and prevent his possible escape. As soon as Williams was out of range of the bullets he stopped his horse and threw up his hands, thereby indicating that he was willing to surrender. Upon examination it was found that the effective bullet had entered Howell's left arm, passing through his lungs, cutting the spine and lodged in his right shoulder, completely paralyzing his body. He was carried to the hotel, where Drs. Miller and Ferguson made him as easy as possible until death relieved him from suffering—about an hour after the shooting.

Mr. Ross' wound was slight and looked as if a hot iron had been applied sideways to his thigh, the bullet striking the ground and glanced up and passed through the store building of Blankinship & Woodcock, being found under the safe.

After Williams' death Ed Harwell was dispatched to Bovina to wire the sheriff and county attorney at Portales to come to Texico.

Upon their arrival on the evening train Justice of the Peace A. Ragsdale empanelled a jury of inquest, consisting of J. C. Dyer, Alex Shipley, John Boss, J. L. Quinn, H. R. Meyers and M. O. Meeks, who found that the deceased came to his death by a gun shot wound at the hands of Deputy Sheriff W. G. Ross of Hereford, Texas, while in the act of resisting arrest by an officer of the law, said jury completely exonerating Sheriff Ross from any blame in the matter, holding that he had bravely and conscientiously done his duty as an officer, giving the deceased every opportunity to surrender, not having fired or offered to fire until shot at and hit by the criminal resisting arrest. The dead man was buried in the Texico cemetery.

The following post mortem examination was made by Drs. Miller and Ferguson, after which the young

criminal who surrendered was taken to Portales to await the action of the courts:

Texico, N. M., June 5th, 1903.
Post mortem made this day at about 1:10 o'clock p. m., on the body of Benton Howell by Drs. Miller and Ferguson.

We find that the deceased came to his death by a gun-shot-wound, the bullet entering about the center of the deltoid muscle and outer aspect of left shoulder, ranging downward and forward, fracturing the left scapula, passing from there to the spine, fracturing the 5th cervical vertebra, also severing the front half of the spinal cord and lodging under right clavicle. The bullet also in its course pierced the apex of left lung. Hemorrhage, shock and paralysis was the immediate cause of death. Death took place at about 10:45 o'clock.

Signed J. M. FERGUSON, M. D.
MAYES MILLER, M. D.

Howell, who was a man of large stature, was about 30 years of age and claimed to have served three terms in the penitentiary and who has a sister living at Bayfield, Mo., and an aged father living at Carney, Okla., while Williams is about 17 years of age and claims Chanute, Kansas, as his home.

The horses, guns, watch, etc., which the desperados had forcibly taken from those who had previously befriended them, were left at Texico, subject to the order of their respective owners. Everything was recovered except Mr. Cox's revolver, which the robbers claimed to have lost in their flight to escape. The horses, however, are in bad shape from hard riding and wire cuts. Young Williams made the statement that at the outset he had endeavored to part company with Howell, but was immediately "covered" with a rifle and given to understand that he had got to remain with him (Howell) until their final escape, capture or death. Howell also informed him that he did not intend to be captured alive, as he had rather be dead than to return to a life of imprisonment. If this was Howell's determination it is evident that strategy alone would have to have been resorted to in order to effect his capture without bloodshed.

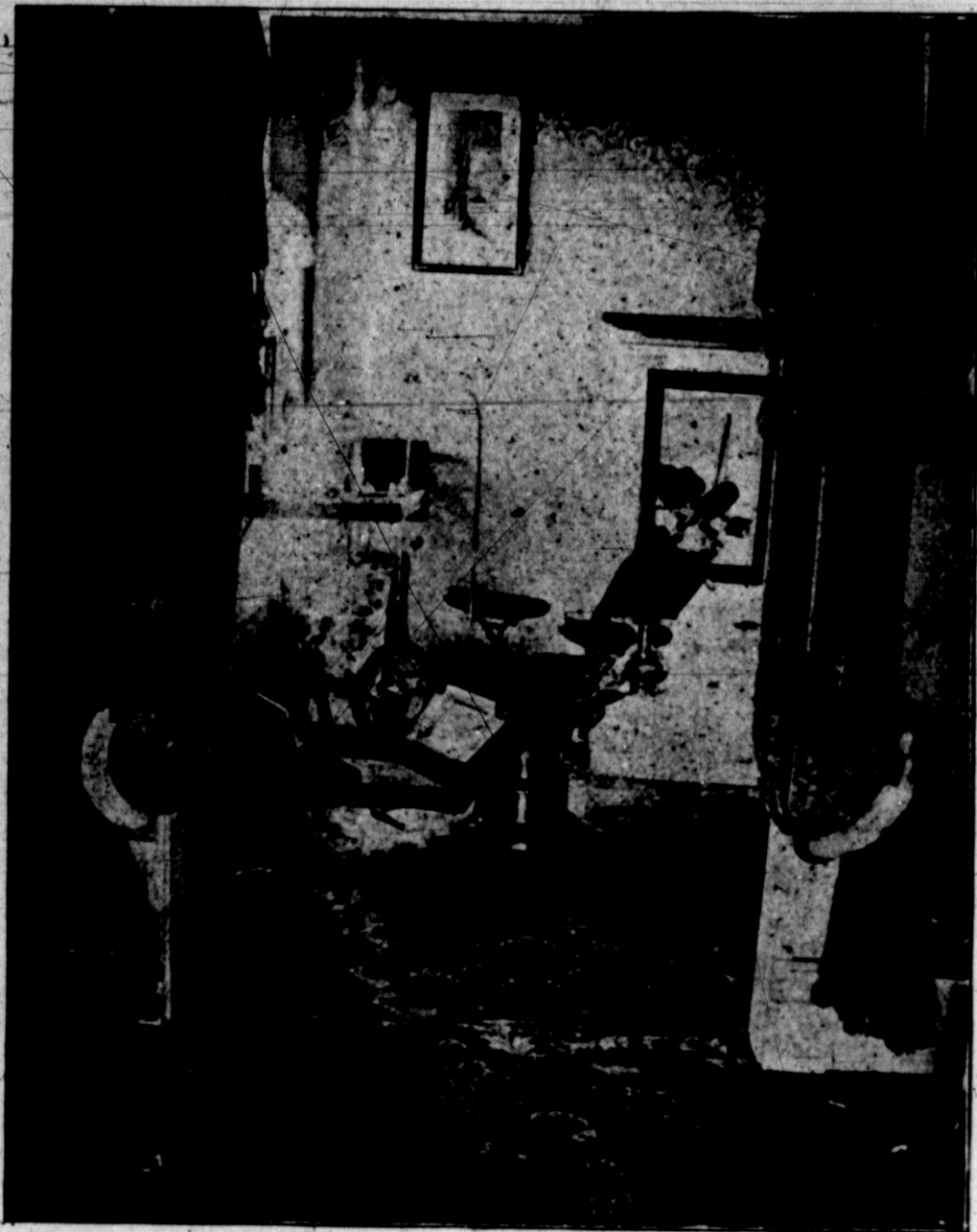
Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Deputy Sheriff Ross for his bravery and coolness in his efforts to capture the criminals without bloodshed, even going so far as to jeopardize his own life in order to give the thieves an opportunity to make a peaceable surrender, and it is with pleasure that we note that the railroad contractor had expressed his determination to pay a \$250 reward for the capture of the thieves and the recovery of his horse, which reward Mr. Ross will undoubtedly receive in due time. That none of the pursuers received serious injury at the hands of the desperados is also another matter of congratulation by all interested.

The Leader Wind Mill.

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Dr. E. F. Gough of Lockney Buys Interest in Drug Store.

Dr. E. F. Gough of Lockney, who has been here for some time, the guest of his brother, Dr. R. H. Gough, became so well pleased with Hereford that he decided to locate here and on Tuesday a deal was consummated whereby he purchased the interest of T. J. Davis in the Gough & Davis drug store. The new member of the firm is experienced in this business and being a successful practitioner of medicine and surgery will be doubly valuable to the senior member as a partner. During his stay here he has made many friends who will join THE BRAND in wishing him unstinted success in his Hereford business venture. Mr. Davis will remain as a business man of Hereford, having decided to engage in the confectionery trade. With his business capacity and popularity THE BRAND feels safe in predicting that he will have a lucrative trade.

At Actual Cost

Our entire line of Ladies' and Misses Hats. Sales beginning Monday, June 15th, and will continue through the season.

17tf HEREFORD MERCANTILE CO.

Trespass Notice.

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

Peaches and Plums.

W. F. Stimson, manager of the Hereford Nursery, paid this office a visit this week and presented us with delicious samples of his plums and peaches shipped from Austin, the trees of which he has for sale at the nursery, one-half mile east of the court house. The plums were of the Japan (Yellow Nagate and Red June) and Gonzales varieties, the former of which are said to be good bearers and especially adapted to the plains, while the latter variety has not as yet had a thorough test. The peaches were of the Victor, Sneed and Greensboro varieties. It is thought by Mr. Ramsey that the Victor is a better bearer than the Sneed (both being early ripeners), and that the Greensboro bears heavier than either of the other two, but ripens later in the season. Mr. Stimson informs us that he is taking many orders for fall delivery, having sold \$216 worth to one party—E. F. Connell, who will plant them on his ranch near Endee, N. M.

Driven to Desperation.

Living at an out of the way places remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, cuts, wounds, ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at Gough & Davis' Drug Store.

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 2. Because its foundation is in human lust.
 3. Because it cannot stand before the better instincts of manhood when they are once aroused.
 4. Because its presence is a bar to highest progress.

When?

1. When a united christian sentiment says "Go," to the saloon it will depart.
2. When men realize that they are their brothers' keepers.
3. When our religions become real enough to make us true humanitarians.
4. When the disciples get ready to obey all the commands of their master.

By Whom?

1. The dominant knightliness of manhood, when awaked, will put the saloon to a swift death.
2. The prayers of the common motherhood are hastening the destruction of this arch enemy of all sons.
3. The power of the highest will yet be displayed upon this chief instrument of Satan.
4. The voters who love their lord more than political party will be the saloon's executioner.—Forward.

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If sold at once, a 3-room cottage and lot. See H. B. McGee. 16tf

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Notice is hereby given that hunting or fishing on our premises (known as the Tannehill ranch) is strictly forbidden and trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

CALDWELL & HICKS.

Notice.

I will prosecute to the full extent of the law anyone found fishing on the section of land formerly known as the Henry Clary place. This is the section of land above the dam on which there are hackberry trees on the south side of the creek.

B. B. PEARCE.

Gone for His Reward.

W. J. Pittman, a railroad contractor from Ragtown, N. M., a camp on the new Choctaw railroad, now in the course of construction, was in town this week, but left for camp today in company with Deputy Sheriff W. G. Ross, who goes to receive the \$200 reward offered by Contractor J. H. Powell for the capture and recovery of his horse, forcibly taken from him last week, a full account of which is given elsewhere in this issue.

Annual Picnic.

At the home of B. T. Bell, three miles east of Dimmitt in Castro county, on Saturday, June 20th, will be given the annual picnic as has been the custom the past few years.

Everybody come with well filled baskets and enjoy a "day off" meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

Real Estate Transfers.

T. H. Collins Co. this week sold for clients survey 171, block M7, grantee B. S. & F., located in Castro county, to J. J. Anderson at private terms. Also survey 10, block O3, grantee E. L. & R. R. Co., in Castro county, to H. C. Overt of Kentucky; consideration \$2180.

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Three room cottage one block north of public school building, southeast corner.

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To pasture or on shares. Plenty of good water and grass and the best of attention given them. Address J. E. Bridges, Hereford, Texas. 4tf

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I have twelve high grade Hereford bulls, formerly from the C. C. Slaughter herd, for sale at the OYO ranch in Castro county.

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For Sale.

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For Sale.

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Meat Market Sold.

J. W. Gordon of Miami has purchased the City Meat Market from Lee Gilliland and will put an experienced man in charge. Mr. Gilliland will be employed in the market until the new manager has become conversant with the affairs of the business. May success attend his venture is the wish of THE BRAND for the new proprietor.

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About 115 head of stock cattle, good graded, native raised and no old cows, will sell any kind or any amount to suit purchaser. Will sell at a bargain. Apply to W. R. Reagan, 12 miles southeast of Dimmitt. 10-tf

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and we are going to give you the benefit of our low buying. We have bought the largest selections of all the dainties that you will find west of Fort Worth. We do not consider anything too good for your table and bought accordingly, and believe you will appreciate our selections and efforts to please you when you have seen our stock. We do not expect to do all of the grocery business, **BUT WE DO EXPECT** to do our share. You will always find our prices as low as the lowest, and our goods the best money will buy. Thanking you for your kind inquiries and asking you as a favor to you and to ourselves to inspect our stock and prices as soon as we open.

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H. F. Shelton of Itaska was prospecting here last week.

W. W. Gunn of Tulia was visiting friends here Sunday.

See our diamonds and solid gold jewelry. Gough & Davis. 52tf

A. Laird, of the Laird & Kelly ranch, near Bovina, was a business caller in town Saturday.

One or two sections of land to exchange for cattle. M. V. Robertson, Hereford, Texas. 12tf

W. O. Fox left Wednesday for a visit to friends and relatives at Dawson, Texas.

When the springtime comes, Gentle Annie, a pair of Drew-Selby slippers and two pair of fancy lace hose are in need. We have them. E. W. Harrison. 16tf

Finest line of cigars in town at Gough & Davis. 52tf

W. J. Chapman, one of the North Draw's prosperous stock farmers, was in town Monday on business.

Parties wishing clover, timothy or blue grass seed can get any amount at C. C. Ferguson's grain store. 12tf

R. H. Matthews of Leger, Okla., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coffey this week. He contemplates locating here.

Meeks, the jeweler and optician, invites his friends and customers to call and inspect his watches and jewelry before purchasing. 44tf

Geo. L. Muse came in from his South Draw ranch Monday evening. He reports copious rains in his neighborhood.

Garrison Bros. have just received a shipment of Quick Meal Oil Stoves. We would be pleased to show them. Ladies especially are invited to see them. 15tf

T. J. Coffey has our thanks for subscription favors this week, this time sending THE BRAND to a friend at Hubbard City.

If you want a pair of ladies shoes just a little more swell than your friend has, buy them of E. W. Harrison. 16tf

Dr. R. H. Gough was called to the ranch of J. P. Terry, near Dimmitt, Monday evening on professional business.

List your lands with Robert Humphrey. He will use every means in his power to find a buyer for your property. 12tf

J. U. Williams, who has a claim near Texico, was in town Tuesday. He says the fine rains insure good crops in his section.

Have you seen the line of hats, shoes, neckwear and underwear 1st door south of the post office? Emmett Cardwell will appreciate an opportunity to show them to you. 16tf

We have an extra fine line of toilet articles, perfumes, etc. Gough & Davis. 52tf

Ed Wilkinson, a prominent real estate dealer of Itaska, and who owns ranch property near Hereford, was here last week on business.

Agency for Acme Steam Laundry of Fort Worth at Dale's barber shop. Basket leaves each Monday, returning on the following Saturday. 14tf

A. O. Thompson came in Tuesday from his ranch northeast of town and reports that heavy rains have fallen in his neighborhood.

Neckwear? Well, yes; lovable, wearable and washable, at E. W. Harrison's. 16tf

Hon. John V. Farwell has just presented to the Channing Sunday School an appreciated gift for its library, consisting of twenty-five volumes of Moody's popular works and also one hundred emphasized gospels. The presentation was made through Col. A. G. Boyce.—Channing Courier.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Hereford Texas

Reports Fearful Mortality.

J. D. Earnest was in the city last week from the old MK ranch, of which he is now the owner. He reports much of the country north of Big Springs badly in need of rain. Mr. Earnest expressed himself as glad to get back to this country from the plains, on account of his wife's health, which was very bad while he lived in Deaf Smith county. Speaking of losses on the plains as a result of the February storm, Mr. Earnest gave it as his opinion that 500,000 head of cattle had died in the Panhandle country this spring. He said 100,000 hides had been shipped from the town of Hereford alone since the storm. He said further, that not many of the ranchmen of that section were making any effort to restock their pastures at this time.—West Texas Stockman.

Upon reading the above, to say we were surprised that a man should make such a gross mistatement, without any grounds whatever for a foundation, is putting it mild. We were also surprised to see such papers as the Dallas News and West Texas Stockman publish such an item of news (?) without first having investigated as to the truth of the statement, as the editors of these papers could not help but know that the circulation of such an article would give this section of the country a hard reputation to intending investors. THE BRAND editor interviewed Station Agent J. S.

Jones, who, at our request, went over the records of hide shipments since December 1, 1902, and found that there had been 34,165 pounds of hides shipped from Hereford. All were in bundles with the exception of 206 loose hides, which weighed 3000 pounds. This would give an average of about 14 pounds to the hide, but to give good measure we averaged the hides at 12 pounds each, which would show that there were but 2803 hides shipped from this point during the winter, as against Mr. Earnest's statement of 100,000. These 2803 hides were picked up in this and adjoining counties tributary to Hereford as a shipping point.

While it is true that many of the stockmen of the Panhandle country (including Mr. Earnest) lost heavily, it is also true that those who had native cattle (Mr. Earnest's cattle were brought here from the southern country and were in poor shape to go through a hard winter without feed, which he did not have) and who were prepared to feed them from their last year's forage crop, lost very few cattle, many of them not having lost an animal. As for restocking their pastures, there are none of our stock farmers but what have all the stock their pastures will carry, as their losses of cattle are no heavier than what they expect to lose each winter from one cause or another.

This is a true statement of affairs here and we trust that the News and Stockman will give the true facts as wide circulation as they did the gross mistatements.

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

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Panhandle News

Lockney will celebrate the glorious 4th with a barbecue and picnic.

The U. C. V. Reunion will be held at Canyon City on August 4, 5, 6 and 7th.

A. Davidson of Childress recently sold his residence at that place to M. G. Rosser for \$25,000.

Clarendon will have a regular old-time 4th of July celebration this year, in which they will be joined by the cowboys and Confederate veterans.

The case of Geo. Kornegay, who shot and killed Attorney Keith at Dalhart, has been transferred to Armstrong county, and will come up for trial during the July term.

The ten-year-old son of U. G. Dupuy of Swisher county recently fell from the tower of a wind mill, a distance of 25 feet, and was considerably mutilated and bruised up but not seriously injured.

During the rain Thursday night lightning struck the spire of the Methodist church and came near demolishing it. The building was struck in a second place near the ground, just to the left of the north door, and several feet of weather boarding were torn away. Several strands of the electric wires on the inside were cut loose. The disarrangement of the stove pipe shows that a current came down the pipe, but no other damage was done. It will cost several hundred dollars to repair the damage.—Amarillo Advocate.

Memphis will celebrate the fourth of July with a barbecue and picnic.

A terrific hail storm passed through the Giles neighborhood last Saturday about noon. Several persons we have talked with say that the hail came down in chunks and entirely destroyed growing crops and fruit.—Hall County News.

Capt. J. M. Bailey, of Coleman, Texas, has been up several days. He bought land about one year ago, west of here in Deaf Smith county. He says it has advanced in price just one-third in the past year. Pretty fair increase.—Amarillo Advocate.

The rain this week has pretty well saturated the soil, and thoroughly washed the wrinkles from the faces of our farmers. The rain was good and abundant in every direction as far as we have heard. June is starting in right for a wet month.—Plainview Herald.

We have received a letter from Geo. W. Curtis in which he stated that he made a tour of Mexico and is now back in old Texas satisfied to stay. He is now stopping at Hereford and sends his best wishes to his old friends in Stonewall.—Aspermont Star.

The following notice, dated June 1, 1903, and signed "A Committee," was published in last week's issue of the Amarillo Advocate: "You are requested to announce in your paper for 30 days that all negroes must be out of Amarillo, Texas, by July the first, 1903. See?"

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