

MARK TWAIN WAS ONCE ASKED:

"Of all your books, which do you consider the best?"

To which he promptly replied:

**"MY BANK BOOK"**

**How to Get One**

Earn Some, Spend Less, and Place the Balance to Your Credit at

**The Canyon National Bank**  
Canyon, Texas.

Who Will Furnish You with a Bank Book and Check Book Free of Charge.

**Canyon Lumber Company**

the place for first-class building material.

Announce that After May 15th their office will be at their new yards

North of the Square

where they will have the

Largest Stock of Good Building Material

ever carried in this city.

Let Them Figure Your Bill.

**Canyon Lumber Company**

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**

**BRENT C. TAYLOR & HENRY BAILEY** announce that they have purchased the City Meat Market and have moved it to the Lair Building on the west side of the square. They have fitted up their market in neat style and will handle only the best **MEATS** of all kinds, fresh beef and pork, cured meats, bologna and wienna sausage, and chickens, both dressed and alive. These men are experienced in business and know what the people want in the way of meats. They will deliver all orders at any time on short notice.

**The City Meat Market**

TAYLOR & BAILEY, Proprietors.

Lair Building

West Side Square

**OUR LEADER:**

THE FAMOUS

**Nigger Head Maitland Coal.**

Globe Cattle Dip

Cottonseed Products,  
Grain, Hay, Etc.

**Crowdus Bros. & Hume Co.**

**COMMITTEE FOR REUNION MEETS.**

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Decision of Date Deferred Until This Afternoon When Another Mass Meeting is Called.

What is the beginning of the work for the annual reunion which is held in this city each year, was begun last Saturday afternoon when the committee appointed by the citizen's meeting last December, met at the court house with a number of other citizens for the purpose of perfecting their organization for this year's work.

The committee having in charge the matter consists of L. E. Cowling, Travis Shaw, O. C. Davis, C. N. Harrison, A. N. Henson, George A. Brandon and R. A. Terrill. The first matter taken up was the selection of officers of the board, Judge A. N. Henson having been elected as chairman, R. A. Terrill as secretary and Travis Shaw the treasurer.

The next matter considered was the date of holding the reunion and fair. A motion was made that the reunion be held on September 28, 29 and 30 in order that more agricultural exhibits might be prepared for this year as it was generally understood that the celebration has been held a little too early each year heretofore. After much discussion the motion prevailed but later on in the meeting, several other citizens having come in, the motion was reconsidered and the matter deferred until Friday, May 21, at 3 o'clock when the committee will meet again and will hear what the citizens have to say about the matter.

By motion the chairman was instructed to appoint the various committees necessary for the work as soon as convenient for him to do so.

According to the comments heard upon the streets it appears that more interest than usual is to be manifested in the forthcoming fair and reunion on account of the varied interests of the county. It is the desire of the people that more farm exhibits be had and that poultry and livestock be given greater consideration. The people generally desire to give the ex-Confederates as good a time as it is possible and in addition have as great a show of the various products of the county as may be possible.

The meeting this afternoon is to be held at 3 o'clock and every one is invited to come forth with expressions as to the best time to hold this reunion as the general committee desire to do the very best thing under all circumstances for the advancement of the interest in the work.

**LOCAL SCHOOL AFFAIRS.**

New School Board Meets and Selected Officers—Four Teachers are now Selected.

The new school board has held a meeting and has elected their officers for the ensuing year and in addition have selected a part of their teachers. The officers of the board are, Dr. F. M. Wilson, President; Dr. J. M. Black, assessor and collector; and Judge Cyrus Eayman, Secretary and treasurer. At the meeting Tuesday afternoon quite a lot of routine business was transacted.

Prof. Redus was elected as superintendent and Miss Neal was re-elected as teacher in the primary department. Miss Bry-

son was also re-elected and Miss Haggard was selected to teach in the school. No grade has been assigned to Miss Haggard or Miss Bryson and none will be assigned until the full complement of teachers shall have been selected.

No definite date has been set for the next meeting of the board as adjournment was had subject to the call of the president. Nothing could be ascertained about the time at which the remainder of the teachers would be selected.

**GOOD TOWN IS GROWING RAPIDLY.**

TRIP TO HAPPY REVEALS MANY NEW AND MODERN IMPROVEMENTS OF LATE.

Commercial Club to be Organized—Other Public Improvements are to be Had.

The editor of the News hiked himself away to the town of Happy last Monday for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the people of that place and community. He got acquainted alright for he has never met a more hospitable people than those in that thriving and hustling town.

We use the words "thriving and hustling" advisedly for these words aptly express the conditions which he found. The merchants were busy as could be although it was nearly four o'clock in the afternoon when the News man arrived there. Good stocks of goods of all kinds except booze and furniture are kept and the News man saw people there trading which rightfully should have been trading at Tulsa, Hereford or Canyon City unless the people of Happy had especially low prices to offer which attracted them to Happy.

As to the thrift of the town there are no less than eighteen new residence building or just completed, not to say anything of the large lumber sheds of a lumber company, a new store house recently completed for a large mercantile firm, new business improvements of various kinds which are being made.

A catholic church building is to be started at once and a movement is on foot for the establishing of a furniture store which seems to be badly needed judging from the amount of furniture shipped into the town.

A meeting was to have been held on Wednesday night of this week for the organization of a commercial club for the advancement of the general interests of the town.

Among other things which are contemplated for the town at once is a telephone exchange, arrangements for which are now being made and when consummated the company is to build a two story business house using the top floor for the exchange and the lower floor for business purposes.

The town of Happy is not booming nor do the people of that place desire a boom but the material advancements which have been made within the past ten months at that place are the direct results of the very rapid improvement of the farming lands which surround the town. We doubt if there is another section of the entire Plains country which has been as rapidly and as well settled within the past two or three years as that which surrounds the town taking into consideration a scope of territory eight miles each way.

Furniture is Arriving.

Now that the new court house is nearing completion the furni-

ture which is to grace the various rooms is beginning to arrive. The first shipment came in this week and as soon as the rooms are finished on the inside this furniture will be installed. That which came this week consists of the steel furniture which is to be used and is mainly the filing cabinets and cases to be used in the various vaults. The contractors, Messrs. Gilcoat and Skinner think that they will be able to deliver the entire building within the next thirty days.

**VOTE ON SCHOOL MATTERS IS LIGHT.**

ELECTION HELD LAST MONDAY FINDS FEW PEOPLE INTERESTED IN MATTERS.

Small Opposition is Made to Proposition Submitted at the Election—Almost Unanimous.

There was exceedingly light interest taken in the election in this city held last Monday. In fact everyone seemed to be so sure that the matters submitted at the election would carry that the business people hardly took time to go up to the court house to vote.

There were two matters submitted for an expression from property tax paying voters of this independent school district. The first was the validation of the bonds which have heretofore been issued for the erection of the present school building and this measure carried by a vote of 57 to 1.

The other was the question of taxes and the rates. By the vote of 56 to 2 the present school board was authorized to levy and collect taxes to the amount of fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation for the maintenance fund and for the payment of interest and sinking fund on the bonds. The board is not of the opinion that so large an amount will be necessary but the matter provides that the board may assess and collect such an amount as they should see fit up to the fifty cents.

The people of Canyon City are more than pleased with the result as our town is essentially interested in its public schools and the amount of money collected last year was hardly sufficient for the full need of the board and the board was therefore compelled to be rather "skimpy" in their expenditures which feature the new board which has just been elected, will not have to consider. By this we mean that should it take an additional ten dollars per month to secure the right teacher for a certain grade, the board will feel at liberty to make the selection knowing that they shall be able to pay the amount if necessary.

Canyonites Rode the Goat.

Three men from Canyon City, Jesse Christian, C. T. DeGraftenreid and Joe Service offered their services at the riding of the big goat in the Knights Templars at Amarillo last Monday night and it is said that those present had a great time. Three of the grand officers of the lodge in the state were present to give the work. W. O. Bennett and H. A. Howell of this city who are members of the lodge at Amarillo went up to see the work well done.

J. C. Pipkin and R. G. Oldham of the Mercantile company spent last Tuesday at Happy where they are interested in mercantile lines.

**COMMISSIONERS ARE AGAIN AT WORK.**

COUNTY OFFICIALS LABOR LONG AND HARD OVER REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS.

Superintendent Ordered to Begin Work on the Private Sewerage System for New Court House.

To write a history of what the commissioners court of this county has been having do this week would give you an insight into several days of almost drudgery. The court has been busy every minute of the time since Monday although the actual minutes of the court does not show so much.

The greater portion of the time has been devoted to the checking up of the Treasurer's report and the auditing of the finance ledger and if you ever had anything to do with such matters you know that they have been busy.

The court has decided that they will install at once their own private system of sewerage for the court house and has ordered the superintendent of the construction to begin work at once. This system contemplates a septic tank on the court house lot and a line of sewerage pipe running from the court house down east First street to or near the creek.

The contract was also let for the tinting of the walls of the new court house, the Burnsed Paint and Paper Company securing the job at \$175.00.

The following are extracts from the minutes up to yesterday at noon:

The petition of C. W. Smith and others for an election to be held in school district No. 17 to determine whether or not a special school tax of forty cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property should be levied to supplement the state school apportionment was considered and granted, said election to be held at the residence of C. W. Smith on Saturday, June 26, and C. T. Hershberger was appointed presiding officer at said election.

The petition of George M. Eckert for an election to be held in Green Valley school district No. 15, for a special tax of twenty cents on the One Hundred dollars valuation of taxable property, was likewise granted and said election will be held on June 19th, George M. Eckert being appointed presiding officer with polls at his residence.

A. N. Henson was allowed a commission of five per cent upon amounts collected upon the sale of cemetery lots, and as his report shows \$170 collected on April 30, 1909, the clerk is ordered to draw a warrant in his favor against said fund for \$8.50.

The report of A. N. Henson, county judge, as to money collected for cemetery fund for quarter ending April 30, 1909, was examined and approved.

The quarterly report of R. H. Sanford, sheriff, of judgments, trial fees, jury fees and commissions for the quarter ending April 30th, 1909,—(No special action shown on record yesterday afternoon).

Certain claims against the county were allowed.

The court took into consideration and examination the treasurer's account.

The court reconsidered its action in deferring the work on the county's private sewerage system and the superintendent of the court house work is instructed to proceed with the work.

The court having examined the account of the collector of taxes on the rolls of 1908 and finding that there is a balance of \$190 due him on final settlement, it is ordered by the court that the clerk be instructed to draw a warrant on the sinking fund for the said amount in favor of the tax collector.