

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.

A STATE NORMAL FOR PLAINS COUNTRY

MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO SECURE STATE NORMAL FOR NEGLECTED PORTION OF STATE

Petition Being Circulated This Week and is Receiving Unanimous Endorsement.

R. A. Terrill, of Canyon, who was chosen as a member of the educational committee at the recent meeting of the Commercial Clubs and newspaper men in Lubbock, at which time the Federation of Commercial Clubs and Newspapers of the Panhandle, Plains and South Plains was organized is sending out the following petition to be signed by citizens of this section and presented to the Committee having in charge the location of the State Normal for Western Texas:

To the Honorable Thomas M. Campbell, Governor, A. B. Davidson, Lieutenant Governor, R. B. Cousins, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned citizens of—county Texas, hereby petition your committee, which has in charge the location of the West Texas State Normal School, provided for by the recent legislature, to locate said school at some town in what is known as the Plains of Texas.

Among many reasons why the school should be located on the Plains we especially call your attention to the following:

1. It is the healthiest portion of the State.
2. It is developing more rapidly than any other portion of the State.
3. Modern and up-to-date teachers are required more each year on the Plains, and the State Normal would give this section of the state better opportunity for the education of teachers needed in this district.

4. This section is far removed from any state school.

5. The great Plains country has not a state institution of any kind.

6. The Plains counties pay into the state school fund far more than they receive from the state.

7. The people of the Plains country are progressive and believe in patronizing good schools.

8. The climate is unexcelled, being uniform at all seasons of the year.

The petition was circulated here this week, and more than two hundred Lubbock citizens signed it, not a man to whom it was presented refusing to endorse it with his signature. Lubbock people believe that as a matter of simple justice and as a public necessity this school should be located on the Plains.—Lubbock Avalanche.

The large number of petitions sent out are now being returned to this city and the response that is being given the movement far exceeds the expectations of the sender. It clearly shows that the people of the Plains and south Plains country are a unit in the sentiment that the Plains should have and does deserve the location of the new state school.

Relative to the petition there can be no gainsaying of any one statement contained in the reasons set forth for the location of the school in this high altitude. Every reason set forth is valid and a just one, and when the many other good reasons for the location are brought to the attention of the locating committee there certainly cannot be anything else which would overcome the necessity for such a school in this country.

As to the benefits to be derived from the location of such a school a person need only consider the welfare of the young people of this section to know that we must have the school. With the state normal we would have better teachers and with better teachers we would have more knowledge among the school children thus preparing them to rightly battle with the various problems of life. It will upbuild the moral tone of the Plains if such a thing be possible among the good people who live in that section. It will make the people of the entire Plains take more interest in state and local matters. It will enhance the value of real estate in every county within two hundred miles of such a school for the farming class of people are learning that good educational facilities are a pre-requisite for the home builder.

The Plains are together on this proposition as no other section of the state could hope to be together for the reason that the people of the Plains country have been long enough neglected by the state government and for further reason that they desire to secure at least a small return upon the amount of school money annually paid into the coffers of the state school fund. Altogether the state is due the location to that portion of the state which offers everything required by the terms of the law establishing the school together with the other advantages which only the Plains country has to offer.

COMMISSIONERS FINISH WORK.

County Board of Managers Adjourn for Term—Pipe for County Sewerage Bought.

After laboring all last week with the various and sundry matters which always come before a body of that kind, the commissioners court finished their labors Saturday and adjourned for the term. The main business transacted on Friday and Saturday was an order to sell the county dumping ground east of this city, and the contracting for the sewer pipe for the disposal of the sewerage for the new court house.

As to the side of the dumping grounds the county judge is instructed to advertise the property for sale to the highest bidder under sealed bids and with reference to the sewerage proposition the Thompson Hardware Company of this city was awarded the contract for the four inch pipe at ten and a half cents per foot, on board the cars at Canyon City.

The court also finished its work on the finance ledger and got the collector straightened out for the past year.

The following is a report of the work of the court as taken from the minutes:

The quarterly report of B. C. Taylor, butcher, was examined and approved.

It is ordered by the court that the County Judge of Randall county is hereby ordered to advertise the dumping ground and lane leading thereto for sale to the highest bidder, under sealed bids, the Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

The quarterly report of Dawson Bros., butchers for the quarter ending April 10, 1909, was examined and approved.

Now comes to be considered the proposition of the Thompson Hardware Co., to furnish the county with four inch tiling necessary to provide the court house sewerage at 10 1-2 cents per foot F. O. B. Canyon City, and it appearing that the price is reasonable, it is therefore ordered that the proposition be and is hereby accepted.

It appearing to the court from

the account of the county clerk that R. H. Sanford, Tax Collector, has paid an access into the county advalorem, county, special and district school funds and that he has not paid all due the sinking fund and the county poll tax funds, it is therefore ordered that the clerk of this court be instructed to draw warrants on the general fund of the county in the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-eight and 97-100 Dollars to reimburse the collector for excess payment in the county advalorem and county special funds and that he draw a warrant against the school fund for \$297.45 in favor of the collector. It is also ordered that the collector, being short in the sinking fund and poll tax fund, he is required to pay the county treasurer the sum of \$440.18 in the sinking fund and \$1.31 in the county poll fund to balance his accounts.

The final report of U. S. Goble as the hide and animal inspector was examined and approved and the inspector instructed to pay to the county treasurer the sum of 28.00 to balance said account which said amount the inspector paid to the treasurer in open court.

The accounts of the county clerk with the various other county officers was examined and approved.

Per diem allowed the members of the court, as follows: A. N. Henson, county judge, 7 days, \$21.00; W. J. Redfearn, commissioner, 7 days, \$21.00; E. W. Neece, commissioner, 7 days, \$21.00; J. D. Knicely, 7 days, \$21.00; and M. S. Park, commissioner, 7 days, \$21.00.

Court then adjourned for the term.

ABOUT THREE MORE WEEKS.

Contractor States That New Court House Building will be Ready for Delivery.

While in conversation with the News reporter last Wednesday, Mr. Gilcoat of the firm of Gilcoat and Skinner, contractors for the new court house, stated that he thought that the entire building would be completed ready for delivery to the county officials within three weeks.

Work upon the finishing of the first and second floors and the placing of the stairways is going on rapidly and it is thought that these matters can be finished well within that time. The third floor upon which is located the court rooms of the building is practically completed all the work being done with the exception of the stairways leading up to that floor.

The steam fitters are working hard on the installation of the heating system, while the floor workers are busy putting down the floors in the rotunda of the second floor. These composition floors are very pretty, the border being of black while the inside is of red composition, with a mottled effect which, combined with the walls and their colors will make one of the most pleasing rotundas to be found in any court house in the state.

As the work progresses those who are interested in the building and who have kept up with the work, are more and more pleased with it. Everyone who sees the building is ready in complimenting the county and its citizens on the acquisition of such a pretentious building for its officials and its courts.

Thad Lair has returned from Decatur where he has been attending school during the past session.

Miss Dixon Lair returned home last Wednesday from Denton where she has been attending the North Texas State Normal College. Miss Lair graduated from that school last week.

Good cakes and bread at the Panhandle Bakery, South side.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR TERM.

HON. R. B. COUSINS OF AUSTIN PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT COMMENCEMENT.

Hon. F. P. Greever of Miami Makes Interesting Talk—Eleven Young People are the Graduates.

After months of school work the session for the past year has come to a close. The entertainments given for the commencement exercises were by far the most interesting that has ever been had in this city, this fact being brought about by the fact that the teachers and classes had provided two good speakers for the occasion. It had been intended that the Hon. F. P. Greever of Miami would deliver an address at 10:30 o'clock last Friday morning at the opera house, but on account of a late train Mr. Greever did not arrive until later in the day and Hon. R. B. Cousins, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state, was induced to address the assembled crowd which he did, making one of the most interesting talks along the line of practical education and its necessity that could be imagined.

In his speech Mr. Cousins reached the heart of the young people particularly by his forcible manner of address combined with the logic and thought. He clearly showed that his deep interest was the controlling element in his character, his interest being in the advancement of the great state of Texas of which state he is at the head of the educational department. It is the reporter's regret that he could not take the speech in short hand in order that the entire population of the county and the state might have the benefit of the good thoughts brought forth by him on this occasion. When the time came for the speaker to close for the noon hour every person in the house was loth to have him stop.

At eight o'clock on Friday evening at the opera house, Mr. Greever made a short address which was entertaining and very instructive, his main topic being that of "Preparedness,"—getting ready for the work of life, making the determination and then sticking to it. He also paid a glowing tribute to the young people who were the honorees of the occasion.

After Mr. Greever had finished, Mr. Cousins again consented to address the large audience, a portion of this address being of a lighter vein than that of the morning, putting his audience in that happy frame of mind whereby they could readily accept and retain the serious thoughts brought forth by him later in his argument for more and better schools and teachers. His remarks were heartily endorsed throughout the entire evening in a way that clearly showed him that Canyon City was an endorser of his movement for a deeper education.

On Saturday evening the graduating class rendered their individual program, the house being again filled to the overflowing. The various numbers were not tedious as so many of such occasions prove, but each proved to be so different from the other that every one of the graduates were heartily cheered. During the program various musical numbers were interspersed. The following is a list of the graduates and their topics on this occasion.

Salutatory, Elzina Henson.

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