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FACTS ABOUT THE PANHANDLE.

In conversation a few days ago with a prominent business man of Amarillo, the question was asked him, if he had heard anyone who had come here to take a look over the country, find fault with the Panhandle and if so what was the complaint. The answer was, no. This brought to mind the fact that there occurred in a north Texas paper a few days ago, an interview from a traveling man who had for the past few months made this city his headquarters, but who had moved back to his former home in north Texas, to the "garden spot" as he termed it. In this interview the gentleman said in substance, among other things:

"Yes, I have been in the Panhandle for several months, and if there is a place in the country that is over-rated, it is that section of this state. The people there are land crazy and grafting is the biggest assert that the people have. Land sharks are numerous, in fact every other man you meet, the chances are, is a real estate dealer. I predict the bottom will fall out some day, and lo! and behold! The Panhandle country is not what is is said to be."

The interview referred to, took up something like two columns of space and in just as strong terms, the Panhandle was roasted well, together with the people who have the good fortune to call it their home.

While comment on the article would not be out of place, we refrain from making such, other than remarking that we are glad to say this is the only man who has yet expressed himself in such manner, even if others believed it, as he claims they do. The facts about the Panhandle are all that is necessary for persons to tell in order to convince that this is one of the best countries on earth. Facts about the great Panhandle of Texas would fill a volume and yet not half be told. The fact that people from all over the world are daily coming to the Southwest is all the evidence necessary to convict, that this is a good country. When the old citizens of such states as Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and others adjoining, give up their holdings in their respective communities to come to the Panhandle of Texas, you may venture that there is virtue in the move. They have been use to the best agricultural lands known; have been use to the best commercial centers that exist, and when they leave their homes to come to the Panhandle of Texas, one may consider any argument against this country at an end. Facts about the Panhandle can convey no wrong impressions about it, and facts about the Panhandle are just what is causing the people to come here. The great Southwest of which the northwestern portion of the Lone Star state is the biggest and best part, is soon to be turned from ranches into beautiful farms, as fertile as any "man with the hoe" could wish for. The transformation is taking place every day and the many purchases of small farms is the evidence. That this section is unsurpassed for growing wheat, oats and in fact all kinds of feed stuffs is one single fact that is wholly sufficient to convince the most skeptical that the Panhandle of Texas bids fair to rival the output of every other grain country in the union. But this is not all, the facts of this section cannot be told, with justice to the country they must be seen to be realized.

ANOTHER FEDERAL DISTRICT.

An effort is to be made to have another federal district created in Texas, and which, if successful, will mean great things for the Panhandle. A few years ago this matter was taken up by the citizens of Amarillo but the effort was unsuccessful on account of this section of the state being so sparsely settled and the amount of federal court business not being sufficient to warrant such a move.

Things have changed though, as before stated, and the Panhandle of Texas, instead of being the home of a very few people, is now becoming thickly populated. The Panhandle is possibly the most talked of section of the United States and the hundreds and hundreds of people from the four quarters of the nation who are coming here, are not doing it through mere curiosity, but are realizing the advantages that exist in the Southwest. These people are doing so for the purpose of locating if suited, and it is evident that a large per cent are well pleased by the many farms that are being purchased and the many homes that are being built.

At the present rate of increase in the population, even considering the vast area known as the Panhandle, the time cannot be far off when this section will be as densely populated as some of the older portions of the Lone Star State. For these reasons it is due the people of this rich and prosperous country to receive at the hands of our nation, the conveniences allowed our neighbors. The time has come when the Panhandle of Texas is deserving of more notice by the parent government; the time has come when the citizens of the biggest and best country on earth should have placed at their doors the conveniences enjoyed by other sections. This is evident to all, and more especially to those who have been residents here so long, and who have had to travel hundreds of miles, at their own expense to appear in federal courts. The Panhandle has reached that stage when a federal district for it is an absolute necessity, and the time is now ripe for the people to begin work. Congressman Stevens who has had the honor to represent us at Washington so long, is now busy forming a bill to be introduced in December, the object being, the creation of the new federal district.

The people of Amarillo and every other portion of the Panhandle should lend their aid to Mr. Stevens in his work. The people of Amarillo should cooperate with the people of other sections as much as possible in the effort to bring to the Panhandle that which we need now, and deserve. The success of the proposed bill will mean great things for the Panhandle of Texas and will mean great things for Amarillo.

"There is some good in the worst of us and some bad in the best of us" and by the way we might make the same reference to the weather.

From all indications the man with a wheat field will be strictly in it when it comes harvest time in the Panhandle.

While you are stumbling through the snow drifts, in an effort to get to your place of business, stumble into the Commercial club rooms and let your name be placed on the membership roll.

The numerous enterprises that are knocking at the doors of the "metropolis of the Southwest" should be encouraged to enter. There is room for all honest and legitimate industries and these are what Amarillo wants. A concerted action on the part of the hustling citizenship is what must be in order to secure these, so it behooves the people to get real busy.

Amarillo's one hundred and fifty members of the Commercial club is a splendid roll, but it is not as large as it should be. There is not a city in the whole Southwest that has the opportunities before it that Amarillo has and every citizen should consider it a bounden duty to promote everything in the way of enterprise that will be of interest to the city. The best way to promote those enterprises is to become a member of Amarillo's Commercial club.

The Santa Fe bonus matter, while it is not at a complete standstill, is not making the progress it should. The people who are yet delinquent with their payments should consider the vital need of immediate action toward clearing it entirely away. Remember the sooner this bonus is paid in the sooner will actual work begin—and in fact until every dollar promised is paid in full, Amarillo can have no Santa Fe improvements.

NOTEWORTY GATHERING

More Than a Thousand Delegates Attend Presbyterian Brotherhood

MR. NOBLES RETURNS

Gentleman Tells Daily Panhandle Begotten of Meeting and Good Work Done.

Bryan Delivers Address.

"It was a great convention," said M. C. Nobles yesterday, in speaking of the convention of the Presbyterian Brotherhood which he has just attended at Indianapolis. "It was a convention of the men of the Presbyterian church from all over the United States. Over a thousand delegates were in attendance, besides several times that number of visitors. This was the first convention of the union and the organization was completed at this meeting."

"The most noteworthy thing to me about the gatehring was the spirit of it. Of course the delegates were all Presbyterians and I suppose they might at some time have claimed alliance with some sect of the church, but through the whole three days of sessions simply packed with speeches, talks and messages from brainy men all over the land, one didn't think anything about Cumberland or Old School or new school or any other variety. And I believe that the visitors of whom there were many from other religious denominations would have had hard work to tell from the tone of the proceedings whether the convention was a gathering of workers in their own church or in some other. I believe they realized more strongly than ever as I did, that when it comes to work we are all working the same way and for the same great ends.

"Vice President Fairbanks, William J. Bryan, "Sky Pilot" Ralph Connor and such men with names that are household words all over the Land were delegates and spoke during the sessions.

"The speaker that impressed me most was Bryan. Now, I never was much of a Bryan man. I thought he talked too much and that he was about all talk. But no man could have seen him stand in that convention and have heard him deliver the homely, forceful, earnest talk he made and doubt Bryan's sincerity. I count myself very fortunate in having had the opportunity of being in such a gathering."

The work that has been done on Polk street is gratifying indeed. While it is not equal to paving, the improvement is a step in the right direction and places that thorough fare in much better condition than when it was subject to the name of a mud hole in rainy weather.

CORNELIUS CASE.

Original Venire Exhausted and Additional Men Summoned.

The steady threshing out process that has been carried on in the Cornelius case has about exhausted the supply of possible jurymen. Two more men qualified yesterday afternoon and one more this morning, bringing the total chosen up to this afternoon's session to eleven.

The original venire had been exhausted and the court gave orders to the sheriff to have every possible man who had not yet been examined summoned for this afternoon's session. It is likely also the twelfth man will be found and if so the case may proceed to hearing of evidence before tomorrow.

The jurymen chosen in addition to those given yesterday are J. C. Foudren, drayman; Ed Guinke, real estate man and Charles Miner, blacksmith. All the jurymen chosen are under close surveillance and if the case comes to trial are likely to have a long and tedious confinement.

Twelfth Man Chosen.

This afternoon the last man in the trial jury for the case was chosen, J. M. Carter, contractor, makes up the jury and the real struggle is about to commence.

Trains Run Together.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 21.—Fast mail train No. 2, northbound on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, while on a siding at Deviall, Ala., fifty miles north of Mobile, last night was run into by a southbound fast mail. Both engines were badly damaged.

Four Degrees Above Last Night.

Last night was considerably the coldest night of the season. The record at the weather bureau showed four degrees above zero and many reliable citizens reported temperatures that went considerably below that. The air had become perfectly clear last night, however, and there was no wind, so the cold was not so noticeable. Today the same old reliable Panhandle sunshine has been in evidence to the usual extent and the mercury has risen accordingly. There is plenty of fuel so keep the sun shine for many days yet and some people are thinking. There is a reward for the person who shows Dela for useful effort with know thoughts along many walks and crossings.

H. F. Kuehn.

After a lingering illness of many months, H. F. Kuehn died last night at his home on Taylor street from a complication of diseases. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Fincher and Rev. Kirkes tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home at 500 Taylor street. The Odd Fellows, of which order Mr. Kuehn was an honored member, will attend the funeral in a body. The members will meet in the lodge hall tomorrow morning to arrange for the services.

Mr. Kuehn was thirty years of age at the time of his death and leaves a wife and one child. He moved here from Canadian about three months ago for treatment at the sanitarium. All efforts were unavailable, however, and his health has steadily failed and the end had been hourly expected.

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO SUSPEND ORDER

Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 21.—A cable from President Roosevelt declining to suspend his order discharging the colored troops of the Twenty-fifth regiment, unless the facts known to him are shown to be false, but expressing a willingnes to hear new facts bearing on the case, was made public today by Gilchrist and Stewart of the constitutional league. Stewart cabled the President as follows:

"American committee unanimously denounced the discharge of colored soldiers. Parsons, Cleott, Bennett, the committee, petitioning the department. The newspapers are emphatic. Developments and new facts warrant that we ask immediate suspension of the order."

Secretary Shaw's Statement.

Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The war department issued the following statement today concerning the negro troops dismissed at Fort Reno in the course of an order discharging the enlisted men of three companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry issued by the President. The application was presented to the secretary of war by a number of persons of standing, asking for a rehearing by the President. The secretary telegraphed the president of the application and delayed the proceedings of the discharge until the President could indicate his wishes. The secretary in the mean time was called out of town and no answer was received from the President. The secretary on his return did not feel justified in further delaying the execution of the order of the discharge, especially in view of the fact the secretary then learned that the President had fully and exhaustively considered the argument against the order of persons who now applied for a rehearing. Accordingly the secretary directed yesterday that proceedings for the discharge be continued without further delay.

Association Busy.—Mr. J. W. Teeter who will be secretary of the Loan Association kept his office open late last night and the night before, in order to accommodate the people who want to be interested in the organization. He states that he was busy during the whole of the evening as there were many of the laboring people who could not come to see him in the day, but who took advantage of the open office at night. He stated further that he would be at the office until 10 o'clock evenings in order to accommodate others who might be interested.

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New Officers in Harness.—Hugh Humphres and J. W. Holeman gave bond and took charge of their respective offices of county attorney and justice of the peace yesterday. The other successful candidates at last election are hold overs and have ha dtheir respective bonds extended.

Big Fire on XIT Ranch.—We learn today that the XIT ranch, located some thirty miles west of this city, was visited by a destructiv prairie fire recently and that the blaze of it was seen by a number of people in this city. It is rumored that the ranch buildings were totally destroyed.

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Amarillo Commercial Club.—The Commercial Club is about the live lest Institution in the city these days. A visit to the club rooms at any time of the day will be all the evidence necessary to convict in this respect. Secretary Shireman was called on yesterday for a report of business, but he was so busy with things that interest the people of the city, that he had no time to talk—except between breaths. The work that is being done by this body and the many things prospective would fill a good size book, and would prove to be one of the most interesting additions to the library of any Amarillo citizen. Some of the best oportunities in the way of securing factories that could be thought of, are now in the embryo stage and with chances very much in favor of this city becoming the home of these valuable enterprises. The membership of the Commercial club is on the increase too, which is very gratfying in the extreme. The people of the city are realizing the great importance of this body and are rallying to the support. The citizens of Amarillo, individually and collectively are benefitted by this organization and it is right that they should encourage it in every way possible. The things that are now on hand, if secured, will mean great things for this city.

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Will Serve Oysters.—The Ladies' Aid society of the christian church will serve oysters Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24, afternoon and night. In connection with the supper they will have on sale various useful articles and fancy work. Sale will be on all day, both days.

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District Court Proceedings.—The personal injury case of Montgomery vs. Fort Worth & Denver railway company is being argued before the district court today and will probably continue the greater part of Monday. Barrett and Templeton are attorneys for the plaintiff and Turner & Boyce and Madden & Truelove are representing the railroad company.

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Arrested on Serious Charge.—Ralph Smith, a telegraph operator at the Pecos Valley general offices was placed under arrest yesterday on advices received from officers at Salina, Kan. The necessary requisition papers were received from Governor Lanham and the prisoner was taken back last night in charge of Deputy Sheriff Meyer of Saline county. Smith is charged with statutary rape and seduction.

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