

# THE AVALANCHE.

Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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## MOVEMENTS BY WEST TEXANS

Each Week Marks Wonderful Progress in the Development of the West and the Plains Country.

## RAILROADS TO PENETRATE THE PANHANDLE

Crop Conditions are Everything That Could be Desired. More Ranches are Being Divided for Settlement—Colleges are Being Established

**THE CENTRAL TO EXTEND**  
Rotan, Texas, July 25. It has been reported here that the Texas Central will extend from this place to some point in Dickens county, work to commence within the next six months.

**CUCUMBERS FIVE FEET**  
Abilene, Texas, July 25. Did you ever see a Texas cucumber five feet long? No? Well if you visit the ranch of Captain Isham G. Harris, near Fula, he will show specimens of this length. Captain Harris has placed one cucumber on exhibition here which is four feet 3 inches long. These giant cucumbers retain their flavor.

**HEREFORD'S MUSIC SCHOOL**  
Hereford, Texas, July 25.—Miss Hattie and Gennie Edwards recently from Crawford, have made arrangement to erect a new building on the Methodist church lot, in which to establish a conservatory of music. The young ladies have had wide experience in teaching and are well recommended. They have attended Polytechnic college at Fort Worth, and Conservatory of Music at Itaska.

**SPUR LANDS OPENED**  
Stamford, Texas, July 25.—The announcement coming from New York, to the effect that the Spur ranch property is to be placed upon the market Aug. 11 gives renewed hope to the belief that the construction of the Stamford and Northwestern railroad will begin in a very short time. It is argued that the owners of the ranch property mentioned cannot move their land to any advantage until this railroad starts and for that reason there is no division of opinion that work will begin on the Stamford and Northwestern early in the fall.

**BIG DEAL IN RANCH PROPERTY.**  
Pecos, Reeves county, Texas, July 25.—One of the largest transactions in ranch property made in this section recently has been closed here. Ex-Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, and T. C. Henry of Denver, Colo. bought the old Western Union Beef Company 7D Ranch, adjoining the town of Fort Stockton, Pecos county, on the Comanche Creek, 28,000 acres for \$348,000. The land will be divided into small irrigated farms and colonized with western farmers.

**NEW BANK OPENS IN LOCKNEY.**  
Lockney, Texas, July 25.—The Lockney National Bank opened its doors Monday for business with \$25,000 capital stock, and C. I. White, president; Z. T. Pacey, cashier. This makes two National Banks for Lockney.

**AUTOMOBILE ROAD**  
There is a well defined effort on foot by Messrs. Hugh Scarborough of Fluvanna, A. V. Logan, the writer of this item, and Leroy Johnson, Jack Jones and a number of others interested in automobilizing in this section, to build a strictly

automobile road from here to Snyder. It is the intention of these gentlemen to get permission from Mr. Grimes to come through his pasture; also to do the same with Mr. J. Wright Moore, D. A. Jones and one or two others over whose ground it would be necessary to pass. The builders of this road would place first-class cattle guards in position at each fence where it is crossed and build an ample slide for machines to pass, but the road would not be subject to use by anything but automobiles. There is going to be a world of automobilizing between Fluvanna and Snyder in the near future, and it is to be hoped that permission may be secured from the land owners to place a road over their property and that the work may be done at once.—Fluvanna Herald.

## Postmasters Organize.

On July 18th the following postmasters met in the clerk's office in Tahoka and organized a district league of postmasters of fourth class offices: J. L. Randall, of Brownfield; T. A. Jackson, of Meadow; D. W. Harris, of Central; Mrs. Ellison, of Slide; A. B. McLeod of Tahoka; and assistant postmasters Ellis of Brownfield and Ellison of Slide. A. B. McLeod of Tahoka and J. L. Randall of Brownfield respectively were elected for temporary president, and Labor Day, September 7, at Tahoka was selected to perfect an organization at which time we expect a better attendance and will have a representative of the department to address us and the public. Much interest was shown by those present and in letters and phone messages of great regret received from those unable to attend. W. T. Mann of Post arrived too late for the meeting. The district is comprised of Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Borden, Dawson and Gains. We believe the league will accomplish much good for the service and promote a fraternal feeling among postmasters. A. B. McLeod.—In Lynn County News.

## The Election

In Lubbock the election was real quiet but still a great deal of interest was manifested by the friends of the different candidates on the ticket and quite a good deal of personal canvassing was done during the day.

Every body was peaceable and in a good humor and those who were defeated took their medicine like good fellows.

Miss Amy McLarry, one of the teachers in our school, returned from the Summer Normal at Colorado in time take in the picnic the 18th and has been the guest of friends at this place for several days.—Tahoka News.

## Railroad Promoters Return

Qunnah Tex., July 26.—Messrs. Lambeth and Axtell returned yesterday from Paducah, where they went in the interest of the Qunnah and Southwestern Railroad, which is to be built at once.

## Those Fair Exhibits.

The Commercial Club at Big Springs is footing the expense account of placing and maintaining a farm produce exhibit from Howard county, at the Dallas Fair this fall, and in addition to that they are offering a premium themselves for the best specimens of farm produce brought in for this purpose, which are arranged as follows:

- \$5.00 for the best collection of garden products.
- \$4.00 best collection miscellany products.
- \$3.00 best bushel matured, shucked corn any color or variety
- \$2.00 best bale of alfalfa.
- \$2.00 best bushel of wheat.
- \$1.50 best bushel of oats.
- \$1.00 best three bundles of wheat.
- \$1.00 best six stalks of corn.
- \$1.00 best three stalks of cotton.
- \$1.00 best two bundles of Kaffir corn.
- \$1.00 best two bundles milo maize.
- \$2.00 best bushel Irish potatoes.
- \$2.00 best bushel sweet potatoes.
- \$1.50 best bushel turnips.
- \$1.00 best quart of blackberries.
- \$1.00 best quart of dewberries.
- \$1.00 best bunch of grapes, any variety.
- \$1.00 best ten apples.
- \$1.00 best ten peaches.
- \$1.00 best quart of plums.
- \$1.00 best quart of apricots.
- \$1.00 best watermelon.
- \$1.50 best six cantaloupes.
- \$10.00 best assortment from any one farm, consisting of all the above or anything more that can be raised.

This is a good scheme and will be a big advertisement for the county and Big Springs as well. The Avalanche has always contended that Lubbock county should collect samples of the products of Lubbock country farms, and have them placed on at the Fair grounds, and we're still of that opinion. And it is high time some action was being taken in the matter.

Suppose the Commercial Club take some steps along this line. Next time they meet and offer some inducements to our farmers to get up a collection of the crops raised here. We can make a good showing if we will only try.

## An Open Letter.

Dear Friends: words can never express the gratitude I feel for the compliment paid me by the voters of Lubbock and attached counties. While they have my sincere thanks, I am grateful also to the ladies, who so enthusiastically espoused my cause. Especially do I wish to thank Mrs. J. D. Quick for the election song which was printed on cards for distribution on the 4th of July. Thanks also to the eight dear little girls who so sweetly sang it.

I am soon going to leave for Oklahoma where I will visit relatives and take a complete rest. I hope to come back fresh and vigorous and ready for duty.

Your grateful friend,  
Elizabeth Boyd.

Local option knocked out 1,500 saloons in Illinois last April and now over 3,000,000 of the state's population live in dry territory. John Barleycorn is being hedged around more closely in all the states. The bounds of the hunted tiger grow smaller and smaller and it is hoped in time the hunters may bring him to grass.—American Farmer.

## RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION

The Election Returns are Incomplete, a Pretty Safe Guess can be Made as to Who the Winners Will be.

## CAMPBELL EASY WINNER; SUBMISSION CLOSE

It Will Take the Full Returns to Determine the Final Result, and Both Sides Claim a Victory. Congressman Smith Has Big Majority Over Cunningham.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Davidson,	85,451
Wyne,	85,304

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

For submission,	61,871
Against submission,	38,699

Returns from Saturday's primary continue to come in at a remarkably slow rate and forty-eight hours after the polls closed the result on almost every place contested for, excepting the Governorship is a mere matter of guess work and estimate. The returns show that Campbell is maintaining his ratio of lead over Williams, and there is no reason to doubt that the Governor's plurality will fall short of 75,000.

Heretofore fully precinct returns have been received, now the complete counties are coming in.

The few complete counties are not yet sufficient to indicate the

result.

In the race for District office's Congressman W. R. Smith, is well in the lead of Cunningham and W. B. Crockett is leading Willmeth for Representative of the 101st District though the lead is not heavy and may yet be overcome. Kirby ran well in the west but will be defeated by Dunklin, of Fort Worth according to the last reports. So far the indications point to the election of the following State officers.

- Governor Thos. M. Campbell.
- Lieutenant Gov. A. B. Davidson.
- Atty. Gen. R. V. Davidson.
- Camp.roller J. W. Stephens.
- Com. Gen. Land office J. T. Robinson.
- State Treas. Sam Sparks.
- R. R. Com. O. B. Colquitt.
- State Supt Pub Inst R. B. Cousins.

## Mrs Richmond Entertained

Last Sunday evening from five to seven Mrs. S. A. Richmond entertained her Sunday School class at her pretty home in northwest Lubbock. The time was spent in pleasant conversation and every one seemed to be happy. Delightful refreshments were served consisting of fruit and ice cream all partook of these the dainties most liberally. Those who were present Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barclay, Prof and Mrs. E. R. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tubbs, Misses Cowen, Lucy and Nora McDupree, Nevels, Outhouse, Leake and Misses Dean's, Messrs. Lewis, Kimmel, Finley, Ballenger, and Custus.

Mrs. W. O. Tubbs and Mrs. Barclay and occasionally Mr. Tubbs assisted in the entertainment of the guest.

It was a very enjoyable occasion and the guest are laud in their praises of Mrs. Richmond's kindness and ability as a hostess and will long hold fond recollection of this evening so pleasantly spent in her home.

## Abilene Postmaster.

Washington, July 25.—President Roosevelt has intervened to prevent the dismissal of Mrs. M. W. Morrow, daughter of Sam Houston, from the position of postmistress at Abilene. Some time ago the Postoffice Department intimated to Mrs. Morrow, that her resignation would be accepted. Her advancing years prevent her giving the office the attention which was thought necessary, it is stated at the department. Friends of Mrs. Morrow apparently brought the matter to the attention of the President, who has informed Acting Postmaster General Grandfield that Mrs. Morrow is to be allowed to remain in her present position. Indeed, it is understood that the President said she could retain the office the remainder of her life. The office pays \$2,600 a year.

## Presidential Fortunes.

Since Grover Cleveland's estate is shown to be less than \$100,000 it becomes an item of interest to know the wealth of presidents at death. George Washington was the second American millionaire, leaving an estate worth more than a million dollars; Adams, the elder, was comfortable rich for that day, but Jefferson died a pauper. Madison left several thousand dollars, as did Monroe, and John Quincy Adams was wealthy for the time in which he lived. Jackson died a pauper; Van Buren, his successor and friend, a millionaire. General Harrison died poor, as did Tyler, but the latter was four times a rich man. President Polk was born wealthy and obtained about the same as his heritage throughout life. General Taylor was fortune chaser and worth \$150,000. Franklin Pierce was rich; Buchanan was worth about \$40,000, largely saved from his salary. Lincoln was always poor and gave way the most of his surplus. Johnson was what was called well-to-do for that period. Grant died a pauper, save for half million insurance and sale of his memoirs. Hayes was rich and Arthur and Garfield both left nice estates. McKinley died rich, but was poor the greater portion of his life. Benjamin Harrison's estate inventoried \$78,000. Roosevelt inherited \$3,000,000 and has added to his inheritance a third more.

## B Y P U Program

Subject The Race of Faith.  
Leader Miss Pearl Reed.  
Scripture Reading Heb 12:1-2.  
Prayer and hymn.  
What others have done we can do, Miss Dezzie Johnson.  
Open sin has no place in a life of faith, Mr. Bernard Haynes.  
Hymn.  
The question of the weights (two papers) Mr. John Willard, and Miss Hattie Robinson.  
Hymn.  
Patience Mr. Wallace Heim.  
In our place Miss Lillie Barclay.  
Solo Mrs. Carl Roberts.  
Address Jno. W. Baker.  
Closing exercises.