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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 1909

Lubbock is full of prospectors all the now, and land and town property is changing hands readily, and at a stimulated price.

The public school, the banks and postoffice celebrated Washington's birthday in Lubbock, by suspending business for the day.

Colorado City had an election a few days ago, brought on by a few of the people of that place to try to abolish the city incorporation, but the proposition lost by about two to one.

What about that cemetery proposition again? What are we going to do about it? Something certainly should be started right away to remedy things around our city of the dead.

Lubbock county commissioners should look into getting straight county roads while the land is not too high. There will come a time when land will cost a great deal more than it does now, and now is the time to straighten out all the county roads as nearly as possible. Had you thought about it?

We know not the hour when a fire may break out in the closest built part of town, and with no fire fighting facilities, the loss would be heavy, and would mean the entire side of the square, whichever it might be. It seems unwise to us, for the town to risk the situation any longer, and something should be done to create some kind of fire protection.

The Paducah Post argues thusly about the railroad proposition they are up against: "If we don't get the railroad there will be a heavy tax of moving the court house and jail. If we get it, we will receive a nice compensation each year from them, which will help pay off the bonds already issued by the county. Shall we, or shall we not?"

Let us something toward getting up a fire department in Lubbock. Purchase a fire extinguisher and prepare in every way possible for a probable fire. There is no use to wait till we have another fire, that might wipe out half of the town, to get busy on a proposition of this kind. Prepare for it now, while the town is intact and be ready for an emergency.

### A Big Realty Deal.

Information comes from Midland of the consummation of a big land deal, which comprises \$100,000 worth of ranch land. The deal was made through the Moran Land Company of Midland, and was sold to J. T. Barlow and J. J. Stein, both of Haskell, Texas. This ranch is located thirty miles south of Midland, and is said to be a very fine piece of land.

### DISASTROUS PRAIRIE FIRE

Destroys Thousands of Acres of Fine Grass—Burns Three Days and Nights

Possibly the most destructive prairie fire for years on the plains was the one last Saturday, Sunday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and was seen to be burning Monday and up into Tuesday.

The fire started up in Hale county some fifty miles or there about from Crosbyton, a strong west wind caused it to swiftly sweep the country east over into Floyd county. About 10 p. m. Saturday, a strong north wind came, turning it south, where it swept clear across the north and west side of Crosby County.

Sunday it was seen to be on the East plains, and on the N-N-E- East pasture. Where it swept clean about 10,000 acres of fine grass for the C B Live Stock Co.

There were from twenty-five to one hundred men fighting the fire all day Sunday, but their efforts were of no avail.

This fire covered a distance of nearly one hundred miles and from two to twelve miles wide, leaving hundreds of thousands of acres, (where a day before was a fine range) bare.

It is hard to put an estimate on the damage done but it will reach into thousands of dollars. And will cause the stockmen to have to feed thousands of head of fine cattle. No doubt this is the most destructive fire that has occurred in this county for years.—Crosbyton Review.

### Letter to Harry Graham.

Lubbock, Tex.

Dear Sir: Tell the owner: "I paint Devoe, nothing else, unless you want me to paint something else; I'll paint whatever you like; it's your house, not mine; your job, not mine; it's mine if I do it my way; it's yours, if I do it your way."

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"It is my business to know how to paint as well as to paint, and I do. You can see my jobs by the dozen."

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Yours truly,  
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### Border Land, Tuesday Night.

This thrilling play was presented by local talent at the band hall this city Tuesday night, and was considered one of the best plays ever put on in Lubbock by local talent. A good audience greeted the player, and the entertainment was a success in every way.

LOST—A \$20 bill on the square in Lubbock. Return same to this office and receive reward. 32 11p.

### NEW TOWN IN HOWARD COUNTY

Soash Land Company is Building a New Town on the Old Slaughter Ranch

About two weeks ago there appeared an article in the Avalanche giving an account of the sale of the Slaughter ranch in Howard, Borden and Dawson counties, to northern parties. This land is being subdivided and placed on the market in small tracts, and is being sold. A new town is to be established, to be known as Soash, and the Big Springs Herald has the following to say of the new town:

"The building of the new town in the northwest part of the county goes rapidly on and our new neighbor will be some pumpkins before the close of 1909. R. L. Slaughter, who has charge of this work for the Soash Land Company states that work on the three-story hotel building is being rushed and they hope to have it ready for occupancy by March 1st. A fine well of water was secured on the site laid out for a park at a depth of 133 feet and a windmill and tank is being installed. The townsite is all laid off in business and residential lots and the new town will soon take her place among the rapidly growing towns of west Texas. A trainload of home seekers is to reach here March 4, and they will be entertained at the new town."

Bob Graves called at our office the first of the week and had us send the Avalanche to A. A. Graves at Wichita Falls, Texas, and M. A. Graves, at Jacksboro, for a year each. Bob thinks this is a good country and wants others to know about it, and considers the Avalanche an ideal way to tell them about it.

H. H. Fielder, who has been connected with the Altus, Roswell and El Paso Railroad, in the capacity of chief engineer, writes a friend here that he will no longer be connected with that company, having tendered his resignation to take effect March 1st.

Joe C. Lisensie, of R. F., Okla., has accepted a position in the barber shop of W. R. Payne, and arrived here the first of the week to begin work. Mrs. Lisensie will arrive later.

El Sandofer will accompany L. W. Roberts' immigrant car through to Marfa, leaving this week.

J. C. Burns is having a new auto road built between Lubbock and Plainview. The travel has been extra heavy the past three days, and it is necessary to put on some extra cars to carry the passengers.

O. E. Patterson, the junior partner of the firm of Patterson & Son, spent Monday in Plainview.

Dr. J. N. Stoops was called to see Grandma Thornton, who resides a few miles east of Estacado Wednesday.

C. P. Simpson has just completed a very handsome residence on Singer street, just south of J. M. Dupree's residence.

Miss Nellie Stone, did not return from St. Louis this week as is stated in another column of the paper. She will visit relatives in El Dorado Springs, Mo. before returning to Lubbock.

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One transfer man shot and killed another of the same line of business last week, in Tulsa just because, according to report, the latter hauled a load of goods, that the former had promised to haul.

Mr. Frye and family arrived here this week, from Memphis, make will this their future home. They will occupy one of J. F. Merritt's new residences, which has just been completed in the northwest part of town.

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