

Chamber of Commerce Column

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First Monday Trades Day has become an established custom with Lubbock. Apparently farmers and others postpone more or less of their business for the last half of the month, in order to have an excuse to come to Lubbock on Trades Day. Not that there are not plenty of people on the streets and in the business places on other days, especially Saturdays, but it seems that a large portion of the population of the county desire to make it a point to be here on First Mondays.

It strikes us that these days prove valuable to all concerned. The social feature is by no means the least important. Walk down the streets on the afternoon of a Trades Day, and watch the people greeting each other! Many have not seen a number of their friends since the previous First Monday, and they show their pleasure in their faces. We warrant that many persons go home with enough fresh news and crisp gossip to last them until the next First Monday.

And right here let me suggest that a fine thing for the various clubs of Lubbock, both city and country, perhaps the Women's Federation, would be to procure a rest room for the women and children. Many come distances, the roads are often dusty; the women need a place where they are free to go and brush the dust from their clothes; wash the face of their child, or their own if desired and leave their surplus wraps or rain coats, and if they wish rest a while and have a place to eat their lunch if they have brought it with them. And even though there are attractions on the street, yet we warrant

that many a time there have been a number of women with children who would have been very glad of a place where they could go and rest or leave their children. We feel certain that if someone, or some organization would start such a movement, they would meet a hearty response from everybody. Someone please get busy!

Another value of Trades Day is the bargains which our merchants offer especially for Trades Day; and these bargains are not to be "sneered" at by any means—judging from the crowds we so often see in the stores which announce Trades Day bargains, many take advantage of the real bargains offered.

This is a day, also for those having anything to trade or sell may find their opportunity. We notice that a large number take advantage of this literature of the day. If you have anything which you wish to dispose of by trade or sale, bring it to Lubbock on First Monday.

The band concert in the afternoon is a feature which all appreciate, and the Lubbock Band is to be complimented for their excellent music furnished by them on these days, as well as other occasions.

Altogether, we consider that First Monday or "Trades Day" is a success, and should be kept on our calendar. We suggest that the eyes of those who are fostering these days be on the alert for suggestion for new features, in order to keep the day where it belongs—in the lead. Much more, perhaps might be done to make the day an even stronger drawing card.

SCHOOL OF MINES

Texas is to have a school of mines. Following the action of the last legislature in providing a fund for the maintenance of such an institution after it was established, the El Paso Chamber of Commerce started a subscription list for the buildings and grounds. Last week they announced that they had completed the fund, and that \$59,989 had been raised for this purpose.

The School of Mines will open in September, under the supervision of the State University, and special attention will be given to the develop-

ment of the mineral resources of the mineral resources of the state.

There is a vast field of usefulness for such an institution in Texas, and the El Paso citizens have rendered a service to the entire state, as well as contributed to their own prosperity by their efforts in establishing this school.

New line ladies' hosiery—Wheeler Dress Shop. (42-11)

Mr. Baldwin, of Rochester, Texas, received ten cars of cattle here last Tuesday, which were shipped to his Haskell county ranch.

RESIDENCE BURNED AT HARRIS

On last Tuesday the old Alley house, in which H. F. Wingo and family lived, burnt down. Practically nothing was saved. Mrs. Wingo was at the office and Mr. Wingo was working on his windmill. When he discovered the fire, it had made such headway that he could not get in at the doors, so he promptly smashed a window and rescued their 4-month-old son, which he handed out to one of the larger children. He then got the covers off of one bed and a rocking chair, when the roof began falling in, and he was forced to desert. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Kind neighbors at once came to the rescue and donated various articles of clothing, bedding and housekeeping utensils. Mr. Wingo and family are now living in the Lemond house, which stood right by, and is also their property.—Harris Correspondent Terry, County Herald.

HOW SUNDAY TELLS IT

The baseball evangelist, Billy Sunday, has many defenders, as well as many critics. Mr. Bryan regards him as a remarkable preacher, and many of the preachers of the evangelical churches hold him in high regard, preferring to judge him by results rather than by methods or language.

There is nothing very solemn about Sunday. He has his own way of telling things and he uses the vernacular of the tough and vulgar when he chooses. We are indebted to the Columbia Record for the quotation showing how the evangelist relates the story of David and Goliath, one of the Bible classics.

"When David was at the camp of the army the next morning, Goliath, the big giant, strutted out in front of the Philistine army and shouted at the other fellows: 'Come on, you natts, if you want anything out of me, come on out and get it! I'll give you what's coming to you!' And he strutted back and forth. David said to Saul: 'Who's that big stiff making all that noise out there?' That's Goliath," called Saul. "Why don't you go out and get him?" asked David. "He does that every day," answered Saul, "and he's got my goat." "I'll go after him," said David, and he put on Saul's armor, which was so big that he looked like a man in a hand-me-down suit four sizes too big for him. "Nothing doing," said David, and he took off the armor and went down to the brook and picked out



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some smooth pebbles. He put one in his sling and went out and whirled it around his head and fired it at the giant. The stone hit him on the coco between the lamps and he went to the mat for the count.

Do you want the Avalanche?

On April 24th an 8-year-old son of John Baker, a farmer living near Mulhall, Okla., fell from a wagon at Guthrie and sustained injuries that are likely to prove fatal.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Faulk, Monday morning, a boy.

Mrs. H. P. Hopkins returned last Saturday from a visit to Roscoe. She also attended the District Assembly of Federated Clubs at Abilene, being sent there as a delegate from the Twentieth Century Club of this city.

Read the Avalanche.

One way to overcome the high cost of living is to plant a garden and grow your own vegetables. Not only that but you can have your vegetables fresh and just when you want them. Without tools to work with, no workman can accomplish much. Why not visit our store and supply yourself with the necessary implements to enable you to have a good garden. See our line of garden hose, rakes, hand cultivators, spading forks, shovels, spades, garden plows and other tools we have in space to mention.



When your garden or lawn needs some irrigation, you will want some hose, so let that remind you that the place to buy it is The Western Windmill Co. As you know, we have several stores and when we buy hose, we buy in large quantities, hence we can get a better grade for the same price others pay for cheaper grades and we give you the benefit of this.

Do you have any trash to move about your premises? Or perhaps you might wish to haul some dirt to fill in a flower bed. With a wheelbarrow the work is easily and quickly done. You would find innumerable uses for one. We have garden barrows like cut, also wooden barrows with tray shaped body and all steel barrows.

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