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THE PROGRESS OF LUBBOCK COUNTY

THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES AND MUCH SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY

BUILDINGS CHANGING FROM WOOD TO BRICK

The Country is Being Developed. Cattlemen are Prosperous. Farmers are Hopeful For a Better Year in 1913 and are Putting up Many Substantial Improvements

Many people who have resided in Lubbock the past twelve months have probably never given the progress of the city a thought. They have not taken an inventory of what has happened during the past twelve months. Some of them are even heard to say at times that there has been nothing doing in Lubbock the past year. But they are mistaken. Lubbock has been on the line of progress all the year. She has been on the firing line. She has been in the thickest of the fight and has accomplished a great deal in her battles with the knockers. When we say knockers we do not confine the statement to local pull backs, but there are knockers on all sides of us. They are jealous knockers; would be rivals. They are willing, in some instances, to use false statements in order to swart the best interests of our city and to hinder our city in her steady advance and improvements. In spite of all this however, we have moved steadily on. Many changes have been brought about in the town of Lubbock in the past twelve months. We have practically changed the business section of the city from wooden buildings to that of brick. All modern in their construction and exceedingly substantial, adding very materially to the looks of the town as well as to the convenience of those who use the buildings. Numerous improvements have been made in the city and if you will sit down with your pencil and a large sheet of paper you will be surprised to know just how much you can put down to the credit of improvements during 1912. Do your home town justice by giving it a fair representation to your friends and relatives abroad. From the date of this paper only five days remain of this good year 1912, and but little more can be done for the upbuilding of the town in that length of time, but you might use the remaining days shaping up for a good start on New Year's morning.

Let every good citizen of Lubbock be ready to place his shoulder to the wheel of progress the first day of the year 1913, with the determination that they will push with all of their might every enterprise that is helping in any way to build up the town and develop the country in a legitimate way. Let us keep a keen lookout for new enterprises. Remember that spoke stacks are splendid city builders and every one that presents itself should receive a hearty welcome.

Not only has the city of Lubbock undergone many changes, and good improvements been made, but the country cousins have been busy also; cattle men are prosperous and are restocking their ranges with better cattle. Much improvement has been made in the rural districts. Many new farms have been opened up and many new farms

now grace the prairies that were nowhere to be seen last year at this time. New school buildings and new churches are now being erected where last year at this time cattle and horses gathered their daily rations, and where the lonely coyote would tread. People have moved here from other parts of the state and from other states. They have come with the intention of making it their home. They are farmers and know their business and it will mean a great deal more to the country than merely so many added to the population. It will mean much more farm produce. It will mean the raising of greater numbers of livestock of better grades, and it will mean that more schools will be established and it will mean that the country has been transformed from a bare prairie to that of beautiful homes and rich farms. The progress of this country has been steady. We have not experienced a boom, and do not want to, the growth has been so gradual that people hardly notice it, but the records will tell. The Avalanche is willing for any one to figure it out and bring it in for publication. We want the people abroad to know about the development of the great South Plains country, and if you doubt the correctness of this article we ask you to figure it out for yourself.

Wofford-Brott

Last Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, at the residence of Rev. W. M. Lane, a pretty wedding was solemnized by that worthy gentleman, the contracting parties being Mr. E. E. Wofford and Miss Velma Brott.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple took the train for Abilene, where they spent the holidays visiting the parents of the bride. Mr. Wofford is a young man of excellent business qualifications and has many friends here. We are not personally acquainted with the bride, but we know her to have many friends in Lubbock and Abilene, and we are sure that this young couple start out with bright prospects for the future.

The Avalanche extends congratulations.

Clyde Crawford was up from Post City Saturday.

Jack Linn of Lorenzo, was in Lubbock Tuesday.

J. M. Webb was here Tuesday from Lorenzo.

M. L. Cotton of Lorenzo, had business in Lubbock Tuesday.

J. D. Tinker was here from Kress today.

G. M. Bartlett of Tulsa, spent Christmas day in Lubbock.

H. R. Johnson is here today from Seminole.

Ed Little of Littlefield, was in the city yesterday and today.

S. F. Joiner of Lorenzo, is in Lubbock.

WILSON AND BRYAN CONFER

Talk of Men Suitable for Cabinet Members—Bryan Not Mentioned.

After a day of lengthy conferences in Trenton, the most important of which was with William J. Bryan, President-Elect Woodrow Wilson returned Saturday to his home at Princeton, tired and ready for a rest.

So far as shedding light on the gossip as to Mr. Bryan's future relations with the administration, the conference between the two men today was productive of nothing more than speculation. Mr. Wilson said very frankly that while he had talked about men for his cabinet with Mr. Bryan, the name of the Nebraskan was not mentioned. As to future conferences with Mr. Bryan, none was arranged or talked of, Mr. Wilson said. While discussing tonight the subject of Patronage, the President-elect made it evident that those who expect to get political appointments from him had better not manifest their ambition in person or apply directly to him in any way.

Mrs. Walton Doing Nicely

It will be remembered by many of the Avalanche readers that some ten days ago Mr. J. G. Walton left with his wife for Abilene to place her in the Sanitarium at that place. Mr. Walton returned Tuesday and informs us that she was operated on and was getting along nicely. There are many friends here of the family who will be glad to know that this good lady is doing so well.

W. C. Holt was a business visitor in the city from Slaton, Saturday.

E. Howard was down from Plainview Tuesday.

R. E. Meyers of Plainview, spent Tuesday in Lubbock.

BUYING POLO PONIES

Easterners at Midland, Tex., Trying Out Special Breeds for Games.

Midland, Texas, Dec. 21.—There is great activity around Midland at this season in polo circles, a number of match games being played here against polo players from the East. Several Eastern buyers are here and have purchased a fine lot of ponies, some to be shipped direct to New York, some to be played at Camden, S. C., while others are being tried out here on the field. The buyers claim the ponies to be far above the average and expect great things of them in the East.

There is also activity in the cattle market and top prices were realized. The range conditions are excellent and Midland county has not as bright prospects in years, especially in weather conditions.

Greenhill-Collier

Tuesday evening at 4:30 o'clock, in the County Judge's office a quiet wedding was solemnized, Judge E. R. Haynes performing the ceremonies in a most impressive way. The contracting parties were A. E. Greenhill and Miss Artie Collier.

Mr. Greenhill was formerly a business man of our city and has a host of friends in Lubbock and surrounding country. The bride resided with her father some few miles northeast of town and numbers her friends by her acquaintances.

The Avalanche and a host of friends of these people offer them congratulations and wish for them a bountiful amount of the pleasures of this world.

L. M. Lane was a business visitor in our city Saturday, from Houston.

Andy Pettitt of Abilene, had business here Tuesday.

THINGS CONTEMPLATED NEXT YEAR

MORE NEW BRICKS FOR THE TOWN AND BIG IRRIGATION PLANTS FOR RURAL DISTRICTS

COAST TO COAST RAILWAY SERVICE DURING THE YEAR

Santa Fe Will Complete the Long Talked of Cut-off Which Will Mean the Connection by Rail of Coast With Coast Big Development Expected

While recounting the things that we have done during the year just closing we do not forget that there are still greater things contemplated for the coming year than we have ever witnessed in the growth and development of the city of Lubbock and the Lubbock country. While this year has been one of wonderful development 1913 will beyond doubt eclipse anything that the Lubbock country has fallen heir to. A number of new brick buildings will in all probability be erected early in the new year, not counting those now in course of construction, besides a number of new residences are being planned for the new year building list.

The irrigation proposition in Lubbock will be worked early in the new year and plans that have been on the shelf for several months are being worked over and will be put into use. 1913 will be a banner development year for irrigation on the South Plains and Lubbock County will do a big portion of it. Several individual plants are sure to be installed early in the year, besides the big demonstration ir-

rigation plant is an assured fact, there remaining only a few minor details yet to be worked out none of which will delay the progress in the development of this very important item of improvement.

Another important event on the development calendar of the Lubbock country is that of the completion of the last link in the great railway system of the Santa Fe, that connect coast with coast and give us service that only a few towns can ever hope to have. It will be done next summer; not away out in the dim future, but it is plainly in sight. Other railroads will also figure largely in our 1913 developments and the next twelve months will show great strides in the direction of making Lubbock the railroad center of the South Plains, and forever settling the question of the exact spot on the map where the metropolis of the West is to be located—and its name shall be Lubbock.

The Avalanche has prophesied much, and much of what it has said in this way has come to pass. Watch its columns for further mention of the developments of the great South Plains, and through its columns watch our city grow—then come to Lubbock.

M. E. Moses of Dallas, was a business visitor here Friday.

N. J. Nunn was up from Slaton Monday.

S. Culbertson was over from Crosbyton Monday.

W. H. Gray of Abilene, was here the first of the week.

W. J. Nunn of Slaton, was here on business last Friday.

W. C. Brown was in town from the Spade ranch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hila Boyd were in from the ranch Saturday.

Mrs. Collins was in from the Boyd ranch Saturday shopping.

J. M. Kilpatrick of Rails, is spending the day in the city.

W. H. Gist was here from Meadow yesterday.

J. F. Miles of Lorenzo, spent yesterday and today in Lubbock.

S. A. Wilkinson was here from Dallas this week.

O. Webba of Dallas, was a business here yesterday.

W. F. Cone was here from Cone, today.

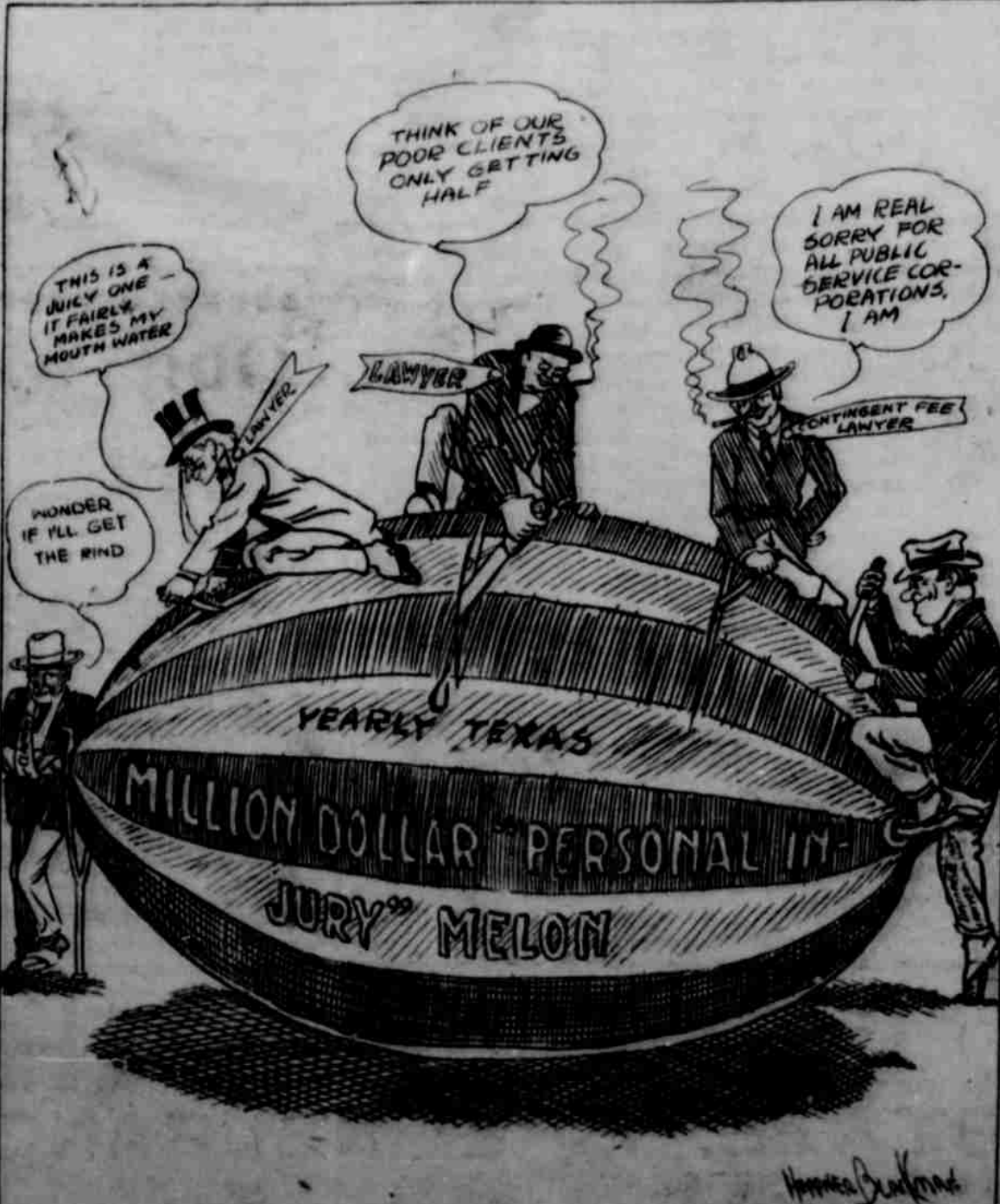
Mrs. F. Robinson of Dallas, is visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.

Attorney Fred C. Pierce was here from Plainview Friday and Saturday.

J. E. Griggs was here from Plainview the latter part of last week.

J. H. Joyant of Los Angeles, was a business visitor here Monday.

THE MELON CUT THAT HURTS



An investigation made by the Wisconsin Legislature disclosed the fact that it required \$82 to carry \$18 to an injured employe.—Texas Welfare Commission.