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The Officers and Directors of This Bank Thank You

For the business given them the past year. It has been a pleasure to us, and we trust profitable to you. Hoping we may merit your future patronage, and wishing you a happy and prosperous year, we remain, yours for business,

West Texas National Bank

Big Springs, Texas

Capital City Letter.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 17, 1910—
L. T. Dashiell, state tax commissioner, the right hand man of the governor, has notified the chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for railroad commissioner, for the position now held by the Hon. Allison Mayfield. In the announcement of his platform he contends for the prompt and proper development of the State's inland and coastwise waterways, which with proper regulative laws, he says, would solve the transportation problems. He says that a re-valuation for railroad properties in the state is necessary, that there is one valuation upon which stocks and bonds are issued, an inland valuation upon which freight and passenger rates are predicated, another valuation for taxation and still another placed by the owners of the various railroads. He says that rates should be lowered from gulf to interior points, thus taking advantage of the empty back haul, the export traffic being at present very large and the import very light.

With reference to the frequent report that the International and Great Northern railroad may soon be taken out of the hands of the hands of the receiver, it is learned that this is quite improbable at present. This railroad has \$30,000,000.00, or about that amount of bonds which are due in 1911. These bonds can be taken care of in only two ways, that is, by the payment of the entire sum in cash, which is also impossible, or by issuing new bonds, which is also impossible at the present valuation of the road's property, as fixed by the commission.

The agricultural department has been stirred by the report that a great many of the imported Japanese Satsuma orange trees which are guaranteed to be grafted on trifoliolate stock, are really grafted on unifoliolate stock. While the former is said to flourish on Texas soil, the latter will not grow to advantage, and

money invested in the latter is practically lost.

It is stated that about one-half million dollars has been invested in Texas in imported Japanese Satsumas, and the several importers have had representations made to them that the trees sent in are all grafted on trifoliolate stock. Recently numerous instances have come to light where the trees are shown to be grafted on unifoliolate stock. The department is making a careful analysis of a large number of samples sent in and the results of this examination is being awaited with interest by all the orange growers of Texas.

The action of Judge Brooks in withdrawing from the gubernatorial race has occasioned some surprise among his friends here, although it is known that he has received several splendid offers of a law partnership in Dallas. Although he is understood to be championing the candidacy of Judge Poindexter of Cleburne, his withdrawal is believed to be a great help to O. B. Colquitt.

Former Attorney General Davidson has opened his campaign headquarters at the Hancock Hotel in Austin and O. B. Colquitt has opened his headquarters at the Driskill Hotel here. While the governor is more frequently seen at the Driskill than at the Hancock, it is not supposed by those who know anything about the political situation that he goes there to confer with Mr. Colquitt.

The announcement that a candidate is to be brought out by the farmers for the office of agricultural commissioner in opposition to Judge Ed R. Kone has caused a flurry in that department. It has been supposed that this office would be undisturbed this year by any political storm, but it seems evident that one of the worst of all the storms is to be centered above it.

The proposed change in cement rates which was argued last week before the railroad commission occasioned considerable interest in railroad circles and among the cement manufacturers, the lower rates sought by the cement mak-

ers of Dallas and vicinity being opposed by others in San Antonio and El Paso, who claimed to be perfectly satisfied with existing charges. The matter was taken under advisement.

Political rumors are the all-absorbing topic about the state capitol at this time.

Sunday School Workers Coming.

William N. Wiggins and wife, who are out in the interest of Sunday school work, will be in Big Springs and hold two meetings at the Methodist church at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Mr. Wiggins will be the chief instructor in the meetings. He now holds the honored position of International President of Field Workers of America, and District President of four States, in addition to his active relation, as General Secretary of Texas. He has traveled 125,000 miles in the past seven years, attending Sunday School Conventions and Training Schools. He has had actual experience in all phases of the work in the individual school, and speaks no theory. He tells out of the abundance of his own experiences, as well as from the experience and training received during these past seven years in the organized work. He has given up a lucrative business position, at a reduction of \$1,500 of salary income, that he might accept the urgent call of the State Association, to devote his whole time to the work of helping all denominations have better Sunday Schools.

Mrs. Wiggins, one of the State Field Workers, has had varied experiences in the work. She has, in one school alone, organized and conducted a home department with 275 members. She will speak on the Cradle Roll, Home Department and Elementary Work.

You are invited to attend the meetings at the Methodist Church Sunday at 3 and 7:30 p. m.

Favor a Paid Secretary.

A meeting of members of the Commercial Club was held in Mayor Lee's office Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of outlining the club's work for the year. The question of a secretary was discussed and it was the sense of the meeting that a secretary should be employed for all of his time and pay him a salary sufficient to get a first-class man. Several propositions were put forward to be considered and will probably be taken up at the meeting of the Club next Thursday, at which time it is hoped that every member will be present, as well as all others who want to see Big Springs pushed forward. A paid secretary is something that is badly needed, and no Commercial Club has ever accomplished much without a good secretary. If we want our town to keep pace with our sister towns we must push and keep everlasting at it.

For Sheriff And Tax Collector.

J. W. McCutchan came into our office one day this week and said tell the people that he is in the race for sheriff and tax collector of Howard county, subject to the Democratic primary. Mr. McCutchan has been a citizen of this county a good many years, is well known to most of our people, and if elected will make a good officer. He respectfully asks the votes of the people promising if elected to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability. Remember him when you vote.

R. L. McCamant has sold his drug store at Stanton to Dr. Rogers of that place and Mail Clerk Rogers of Big Springs.

Artesian Well

The citizens, through the artesian well committee, will furnish the steel cable and jars, which will cost about \$500, and the well. I herewith agree to work at least 30 full days in fishing for and trying my very best to get out the string of tools that are now in the well; and if this string of tools are gotten out I will then continue to put down the well, provided coal is furnished me to run same.

J. J. COLE.

We believe that every citizen in the county is interested in this well, and simply because a small accident has happened to the cable it is simply absurd to think of quitting this well. This well is now 2,300 feet deep and the last five feet was drilling in a blue shale or a blue lime stone. This blue lime stone invariably overlies deposits of gas and oil, and we are confident there is something great in that well by going only a few feet deeper.

A subscription list is in our hands, and we would be pleased for you to be ready to subscribe to this list just as soon as you meet us or see us coming. Don't run, we want you to be interested in finishing a well that will be of more importance to Big Springs than any old new railroad.

LESTER FISHER,
FOX STRIPLING,
H. CLAY LEAD,
Committee.

Garden City Works For Santa Fe.

Like the awakening of a sleeping lion Garden City has opened its eyes and has realized the fact that something must be done, and accomplished soon, for near the boundaries of the little town, is to be built an extension of the Santa Fe, which, as it appears, is now headed for Stanton, by the way of Konnahassett.

Despite the outlook for not getting the Santa Fe, Garden City is striving, exerting every resource of energy, to raise a bonus large enough to attract that road. According to W. F. Cushing, who lives near Konnahassett, Garden City has already raised over \$20,000 as a bonus, and is working for \$50,000.

To build the line through Garden City the Santa Fe will have to deviate from its contemplated straight line from Sterling City to Stanton on the Texas & Pacific. It will also have to construct a line over some very rough country, but the people of Garden City, as it seems, are willing and very anxious to provide the road with a bonus that will counterbalance all the trouble that the Santa Fe will be subject to in building its line through that town.

"There is some competition between the two towns—Konnahassett and Garden City," said Mr. Cushing. "If the Santa Fe extends through one the other will not get it. Konnahassett, as I understand, is coming with a good sized bonus, but I cannot say how it will balance with Garden City's bonus."

It is understood that the Santa Fe officials are soon to visit West Texas with the intention of making one of the two towns a proposition. By building to Stanton, which is in all probability the intention of the Santa Fe, it will not have to build a grade from there to Lamesa, as one was built about a year ago. Supporting the probability of Stanton getting the Santa Fe extension from Sterling City, the former town is offering a good bonus.—San Angelo Standard.

M. M. Hance, of the Ayers & Hance, Co., was here this week.

How We'll Serve You in 1910

During the coming year we shall continue our policy that has proved so successful to us, of providing the very highest grade Drugs and Jewelry at lowest possible prices. Whenever there's chance for improvement in service, we shall make it. Every means within our power will be employed to make this the most satisfactory trading place in this vicinity. We have kept right up with every advance in pharmacy and will continue to do so.

If you desire to trade where stock is complete—where you'll find what you want, just when you want it, where you'll invariably receive prompt, courteous attention, where your money will be cheerfully refunded if goods purchased are not perfectly satisfactory, this store will appeal to you. We hope to serve you often in 1910.

WARD'S

The Price is the Thing

Sweetwater Packing House

From San Angelo Standard.

With the startling suddenness of an unexpected explosion, came the intelligence to San Angelo Monday morning that Sweetwater had stolen a march on all the larger cities of Western Texas and had copped the prize for which all of them had been striving for many months—the big independent packery, which has been making overtures for a location. Sweetwater has been hustling, fighting, straining every effort, and the work has been so quietly and well conducted that not even a hint or a murmur has come to the neighboring towns to warn them that "the little empress of Nolan county" was figuring on springing the surprise of the year and being the first city in all the great undeveloped region of Western Texas to capture a packery.

Although the work has been going on for several months, the final and decisive steps were not taken until Saturday night, when 300 prominent business men and citizens of Sweetwater attached their signatures to a contract which guarantees to a packery the sum of \$50,000 and a 100 acre site for the construction of this great institution that is bound to make Sweetwater one of the leading cities of West Texas. The citizens were alive to the exigencies of the situation, realizing full well the value of such an institution and fought their battle well and ably till victory came at last as a joyful fruition of their hopes.

Resolutions of Respect

We, your committee appointed by our president of the W. H. M. S. to draft resolutions relative to respecting the death of one of our much loved sisters,

beg leave to submit the following report:

"Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his Providence has taken from our midst Mrs. R. P. Johnson, one among the oldest of our members, to himself, therefore be in resolved,

"1st. That in the midst of our grief we bow with humble submission to His divine will.

"2nd. That she was steadfast, immovable in the work of our Lord and we realize we have lost one of our most consecrated workers.

"3rd. That we, as the Home Mission Society, offer our tenderest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family and read in the minutes of the next meeting of the Women's Home Mission Society and these resolutions be published in the home papers.

Mrs. R. B. ZINN,
Mrs. C. I. HOIT,
Mrs. R. HARKRIDER.

Baptist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject "The Holy Spirit in the work of creation."

Sunbeams meet at 3 p. m.

Jr. B. Y. P. U. meets at 3 p. m.

Sr. B. Y. P. U. meets at 4 p. m.

The night services will be given to the Sunday School Institute being held at the Methodist Church by Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins. We begin a series of sermons Sunday on the Office work of the Holy Spirit, five in number. If you want to hear every part of the work of the Holy Spirit discussed from purely scriptural teachings, come and hear these.

WILSON C. ROGERS,

Pastor.

READY-TO-WEAR SALE

Monday, January 24

We Mean Business

J. & W. FISHER

Established 1882

Every One who Comes to Biles & Gentry's Drug Store

For their Drug Wants is taking the straight road to drug store satisfaction. There is a sign that will point out the way and keep you on the right track in Drug Buying.

Thousands and thousands were guided by it in 1909 and thousands more will take the same road this season.

They know that that sign reads right, that it points out the straight true road to Biles & Gentry's Drug Store. We invite you to join the procession for 1910.

BILES & GENTRY
Exclusive Druggists

Does Your Watch Keep Time?

Maybe its hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention. Bring it in and we will make it new—or as good as it was when it was new. We have the equipment to do all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right. Our prices are no higher than elsewhere, in fact, they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

I. H. PARK Exclusive Jeweler

A. J. Prichard

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
AND NOTARY PUBLIC

Will practice in all Courts. Room 2, Ward building. Come and see us. Big Springs, Tex.

Something for Our Farmer Friends

Every wide-awake farmer in the country is always ready to take advantage of all opportunities offered him that will aid him in the culture of the soil and thereby increase the production. Mr. Campbell, the great dry farming expert, is considered reliable authority upon all matters pertaining to scientific soil culture. We have made arrangements whereby we can give

One Free Year's Subscription to Campbell's Scientific Farmer to every new subscriber or renewal to

The Enterprise

This offer will not last long. Take advantage of it while you can.

Both Papers One Year \$1.50

Address all orders to this office. Sample copies of Campbell's Scientific Farmer can be had at this office.

Land For Sale

320 acres 9 miles northwest of town, 100 acres in cultivation, 140 acres grubbed ready for plow. 2 sets of improvements, price \$20 per acre bonus, \$1.00 due state, one-fourth cash, balance in five annual payments.

Three room house, lot 75x140 feet in Hair's addition. Price \$850.

320 acres 10 miles south of town, 40 acres grubbed and broke, price \$9.00 per acre, \$1,500 cash, balance easy payments. For further particulars, see

W. V. Ervin

Let us frame your pictures for Christmas. New line of mouldings and matboards just in. Gem City Furniture Co.

Call up 305 and ask Dunmen to send you a sack of Alfalfed for your cow, the best on market for milk cow.

For Sale or Trade.

320 acres of land 10 miles south of town, 50 acres in cultivation well improved. Price \$10 per acre. For further information apply at this office.

Local and Personal

Prairie Dog Poison at Reagan's.

J. W. D. Permitter of Coahoma was here Monday.

Fresh candies and crystalized fruits. Biles & Gentry.

Wm. Ramsdell, of Garden City, was here Tuesday.

Belle of Waco, the guaranteed flour, at C. F. Morris', phone 250.

Dr. Sorrell, of Coahoma, was here Monday and Tuesday.

Get Reagan's receipt for poisoning your prairie dogs.

J. O. Hartzog was in Abilene the first of the week.

Mayor Geo. D. Lee made a business trip to Pecos Monday.

Sam Newberry visited Stanton and Lamesa the first of the week.

Nice furnished rooms for rent. See Mrs. Can P'owell, East Second Street.

J. L. Webb, principal of the Coahoma school, was here Saturday.

We have shoulder braces that will hold you straight. Biles & Gentry.

Robt. H. Kemp, of Roswell, New Mexico, was here this week.

Just received a large shipment of the best Maple syrup. McGowen Bros.

J. A. Brown returned Monday from a trip to Dallas and other points east.

FOR SALE.—fine young Jersey cow, come fresh next month. See Dr. Baird.

Mrs. J. B. Annis and son, of Colorado, were here last week on a visit to friends.

We guarantee to fit every one who wears a truss. Biles & Gentry.

Born, to H. B. Arnold and wife, Saturday afternoon, a pretty girl baby.

You ought to try a pound of President coffee. McGowen Bros.

W. B. Luck is building a neat four room cottage in Fairview Heights Addition.

Everything in the feed line a the new feed store, west of Express office.

C. F. Morris and wife visited friends and relatives at Carbon last week.

We sell crutches, trusses and all rubber material. Biles & Gentry.

We understand that the contract has been ordered let for a new T. & P. depot at this place.

Miss Gladys Read has returned to Dallas, where she will resume her studies in Landon conservatory.

WE SELL



GUARANTEED STOCKINGS

FOR MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD

The Best-Looking, Best-Fitting, and Best-Wearing Stockings made.

LET US SHOW YOU

A. P. McDONALD & COMPANY

Shoes and Gents' Furnishings

Prairie Dog Poison at Reagan's.

Henry Holter of Gail spent several days here this week.

"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! B. Reagan."

D. W. Adams of Lamesa was in Big Springs yesterday.

Blank bills of sale and vendor lien notes for sale at this office.

W. T. Branon, of Morris, was in town Saturday.

Newly furnished rooms for light house keeping. Phone 469.

J. C. Cox of the Knott country was in town Wednesday.

Rid your place of prairie dogs by using Reagan's famous receipt.

Miss Althea Cunningham, who was the guest of D. W. Christian's family, left Sunday for her home at Commanche.

Juanita flour is the perfection of the best mills in Missouri. McGowen Bros.

W. N. Wiggins and wife, the great Sunday school workers, will be here Sunday and hold two meetings. Be sure to attend.

FOR RENT—Three nicely furnished rooms for light house keeping. See Mrs. A. R. Wiley, phone 127.

J. D. Honeycut, who spent two weeks here looking after business interests, left Tuesday night for his home at Gatesville.

Practically new 4 cylinder Buick auto to trade for house and lot. R. B. Canon & Co. 17-2t.

T. E. Jordan and W. G. Hayden returned Saturday from Stephenville where they went with the remains of Mr. Jordan's mother.

Go to The Gem City Furniture Co. for the Macey Sectional Book Case. Can get any style or finish.

Mr. Bland, of Kentucky, who is traveling in West Texas with his son for the benefit of the latter's health, came here last week from the plains and will remain some time.

See The Gem City Furniture Co. for new line of mattings; some good patterns and very best quality.

J. B. Winn of Luther was in town yesterday and informed us that he was arranging to take his wife to Abilene where she will undergo a surgical operation.

We have just received the samples for spring and summer clothes and they are the snappiest we have ever had and they are every one guaranteed all wool at A. P. McDonald & Co.

Bart Hill, a young business man from Waco, has located in our town and will open business in the Ambrose building on Second Street as soon as it is completed, which will be about the first of March.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by all druggists.

A new Awning is being placed over the front of Gary & Burns Co., store which adds very much to the appearance of the front of the building besides giving a much better light inside.

Did you say guaranteed hosiery; we have them. The Buster Brown is a sure enough guaranteed hosiery and all you have to do to prove they are the best ever, is to try them. A. P. McDonald & Co.

Dr. A. Levey, the well known optician, will be at Reagan's Drug Store January 21st to 26th. Dr. Leney is known to be one of the best opticians in the state, and most reliable. If you have failed in the past to get your eyes fitted come and see him. He makes a double vision lens, far and distant in one lens—no blur or division.

Have you heard of Juanita flour the best on earth. McGowen Bros.

If you want the best flour on the market, flour that will rise, get a sack of Belle of Waco from C. F. Morris, phone 250. Every sack guaranteed.

Try Alfalfed for your milch cow and you will use no other, guaranteed to be the best on the market. Sold by the new feed store, phone 305.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great. Hartzog & Coffee.

To Trade for Stock

Will trade 160 acres of land, nine miles northwest of town for cattle, mules or good mares. Inquire at this office.

E. J. Moyer, manager of the Pecos Printing Company at Pecos, is here today to meet his wife, who came in on the Soash Special from Fort Worth.

The Soash Special train came in this morning bringing a large party of prospectors.

Dr. Frank Kent of Abilene, specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has made arrangements with Drs. Hurt and Hall to visit Big Springs monthly in the practice of his specialty. The doctor comes well recommended. 16-2t.

"THE PEERLESS" One Man Sand Cement Brick Machine

Make your own brick. Build your own house. Be independent. Write for price and circulars describing how it can be done. 303 Commerce St. Dallas, Tex.

Too Busy Invoicing

To write an ad this week, but if you want anything in our line, come and see us. We will find time to wait upon you. Same place

The Western Windmill Co.

It May be Your Fate To Have Your House Burned Down Tonight

One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, "ARE YOU INSURED?" If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call and see us at our

Office in West Texas

National Bank

Hartzog & Coffee

H. C. Wallace Lumber Co.

Big Springs, Texas

Dealers in Building Material of All Kinds For good Lumber at Moderate Prices give us a call before buying elsewhere

H. C. Wallace Lumber Co.

L. B. Westermann Contractor and Builder

When you get ready to build anything anywhere at any time let me make your estimates. My reputation for low cost, perfect construction and prompt completion of work has earned for me most of the contracts in this section of the country

I Build Anything of Any Sort of Material and it is ready for you on the time specified, too. Let me make your figures. . . . Call, telephone or write me

L. B. WESTERMANN Big Springs, Texas

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They do the work whenever you require their aid. These tablets change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, gloominess into joyousness. Their action is so gentle one don't realize they have taken a purgative. Sold by all druggists.

The Enterprise, Lubbock's new paper, found its way into our office this week and was given a hearty welcome. It is neatly gotten up, well printed, and carries a good line of advertisements. We wish Bro. Paradise success in his new field.

For sale or trade—440 acres of good land 4 miles south of town. Inquire at this office.

URGES CONSERVATION OF THE NATION'S RESOURCES

President Taft Sends Special Message to Congress Recommending Prevention of Land Frauds, Control of Water Power, Fostering of Soils and Kindred Subjects

Washington, Jan. 14.—Following is the complete text of the special message on the conservation of the nation's resources sent to the senate and house of representatives by President Taft today:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: In my annual message I reserved the subject of the conservation of our national resources for discussion in a special message, as follows:

In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources, and the subject is of such importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be entered upon in this communication. For that reason, I present to you an early opportunity to send a special message to congress on the subject of the improvement of our waterways, upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semi-arid and swamp lands, upon the reforestation of our forests and the reforestation of suitable areas, upon the reclassification of the public domain with a view of separating from agricultural settlement mineral, coal and phosphate lands and sites belonging to the government bordering on streams suitable for the utilization of water power.

In 1900 we had a public domain of 1,958,311,231 acres. We have now only 721,254,081 acres, confined largely to the mountain ranges and the arid and semi-arid plains. We have, in addition, 30,057,975 acres of land in Alaska.

Disbursement of Public Lands. The public lands were, during the past administration, treated as a national asset for the liquidation of the public debt and as a source of reward for our soldiers and sailors. Later on they were devoted in large amounts to aid in the construction of wagon roads and railroads, in order to open up regions in the west then almost inaccessible. All the principal land statutes were enacted more than a century ago, and the present act, the reclamation and timber-culture act, the coal land and the mining acts were among these.

The rapid disposition of the public lands under the early statutes and the methods of distribution prevailing, due, I think, to the belief that these lands should rapidly pass into private ownership, have resulted in the fact that the public domain was liquidated by the unscrupulous and that it was not contrary to good morals to circumvent the land laws. This practical manner of disposition resulted in the passing of large areas of valuable land and many of our national resources into the hands of persons who felt little or no responsibility for promoting the national welfare through their development.

Fraudulent Titles. The truth is that little to millions of acres of public lands was fraudulently obtained and that the right to recover a large part of such lands for the government has since ceased by reason of statutes of limitations. There has developed in recent years a deep concern in the public mind respecting the preservation and proper use of our natural resources. This has been particularly directed toward the conservation of the resources of the public domain. A vast amount of discussion has appeared in the public prints in general, and the government has not been able to do much, but there has been little practical suggestion. It has been easy to say that the natural resources in fuel supply, in forests, in water power, and in other public utilities, must be saved from waste, monopoly, and other abuses, and the general public is in accord with this proposition, as they are with most reforms. The problem, however, is how to save and how to utilize, how to conserve and still develop, for no sane person can contend that it is for the common good that nature's blessings are only for unborn generations.

Noteworthy Reforms. Among the most noteworthy reforms initiated by my distinguished predecessor were the vigorous prosecution of land frauds and the bringing to public attention of the necessity for preserving the remaining public domain from further spoliation, for the maintenance and extension of our forest resources, and for the enactment of laws amending the obsolete statutes so as to retain governmental control over that part of the public domain in which there are valuable deposits of coal, oil, and of phosphate, and, in addition thereto, to preserve control, under conditions favorable to the public, of the lands along the streams in which the fall of water can be made to generate power to be transmitted in the form of electricity many miles to the point of its use, known as "water power."

The investigations into violations of the public land law and the prosecution of land frauds have been vigorously continued under my administration, as has been the withdrawal of coal lands for classification and valuation and the temporary withdrawal of power sites. Since March 4, 1909, temporary withdrawals of power sites have been made on 102 streams and these withdrawals therefore cover 29 per cent. more streams than were covered by the withdrawals made prior to that date.

The present statutes, except so far as they dispose of the precious metals and the purely agricultural lands, are not adapted to carry out the modern view of the best disposition of public lands to private ownership, under conditions offering on the one hand sufficient inducement to private capital to take them over for proper development, with restrictive conditions on the other which shall secure to the public the character of control which will prevent monopoly or misuse of the lands or their products. The power of the secretary of the interior to withdraw from the operation of existing statutes tracts of land the disposition of which under such statutes would be detrimental to the public interests, is not clear or satisfactory. This power has been exercised in the interest of the public with the hope that congress might affirm the action of the executive by laws adapted to the new conditions. Unfortunately, congress has not thus far fully acted on the recommendations of the executive, and the question as to what the executive is to do in the circumstances, full of difficulty. It seems to me that it is the duty of congress now by statute to validate the withdrawals which have been made by the secretary of the interior and the president and to use the secretary of the interior temporarily to withdraw lands pending submission to congress of recommendations as

to legislation to meet conditions or emergencies as they arise.

Properly to Classify Lands. One of the most pressing needs in the matter of public lands is that lands should be classified according to their principal value use. This ought to be done by that department whose force is best adapted to that work. It should be done by the interior department through the geological survey. Much of confusion, fraud, and contention which has existed in the present has arisen from the lack of an official and authoritative classification of the public lands and their contents.

It is now proposed to dispose of agricultural lands as such at the same time to reserve for other disposition the treasure of coal, oil, asphaltum, natural gas and phosphate contained therein. This may be best accomplished by separating the right to mine from the title to the surface, giving the necessary use of so much of the latter as may be required for the extraction of the deposits. The surface might be disposed of as agricultural land under the general agricultural statutes, while the coal or other mineral could be disposed of by lease on a royalty basis, with the requirement of a certain amount of development each year; and in order to prevent the use and cessation of said lands with others of similar character so as to constitute a monopoly for the law, the lease should contain suitable provision subjecting to forfeiture the interest of persons participating in such monopoly. Such law should apply to Alaska as well as to the United States.

Statute Difficult to Frame. It is exceedingly difficult to frame a statute to retain government control over a property which is to be developed by private capital in such a manner as to secure the governmental purpose and at the same time not frighten away the investment of the necessary capital. Hence, it may be necessary by laws that are really only experimental to determine from their practical operation what is the best method of securing the result aimed at. The extent of the value of phosphate is hardly realized, and with the need that there will be for it as the years roll on and the necessity for fertilizing the land shall become more and more imperative, this will be a product which will probably attract the greed of monopolists.

Public Land Along Streams. With respect to the public land which lies along the streams offering opportunity to convert water power into transmissible electricity, another important phase of the public land question is presented. There are valuable water power sites through all the public lands of the country, and it is held that the transfer of sovereignty from the federal government to the territorial governments as they become states, included the water power sites of the rivers except so far as that owned by riparian proprietors. I do not think it necessary to go into discussion of this somewhat mooted question of law. It seems to me sufficient to say that the man who owns and controls the land along the stream from which the power is to be converted and transmitted, owns the land which is available to the conversion and use of that power. I cannot conceive how the power in streams flowing through public lands can be made available at all except by using the land itself as the site for the construction of the plant by which the power is generated and converted and securing a right of way thereover for transmission of the power. These conditions, if the government owns the adjacent land—indeed, if the government is the riparian owner—it may control the use of the water power by imposing proper conditions on the disposition of the land necessary in the creation and utilization of the water power.

Value of Water Power. The development in electrical appliances for the conversion of the water power into electricity to be transmitted long distances has progressed so far that it is no longer prohibitive, but it is a certain inference that in the future power of the water falling in the streams to a large extent will take the place of natural fuels. In the disposition of the domain already granted, many water power sites have come under absolute ownership, and may drift into one ownership, so that all the water power under private ownership shall be a monopoly. If, however, the water power is owned by the government—and there are enough of them—shall be disposed of to private persons for the investment of their capital in such a way as to prevent their union for power monopoly with other water power sites, and under conditions that shall limit the right of use to not exceeding thirty years with renewal privileges and some suitable means for determining a reasonable graduated rental, it would seem entirely possible to prevent the absorption of these useful lands by a power monopoly, so long as the government retains control and can prevent the improper union with other plants, competition must be maintained and prices kept reasonable.

Soils Must Be Conserved. In considering the conservation of the natural resources of the country, the feature that transcends all others, including woods, waters, minerals, is the soil of the country. It is incumbent upon the government to foster by all available means the resources of the country that produce the food of the people. To this end the conservation of the soils of the country should be cared for with all means at the government's disposal. The riparian powers should have the attention of our scientists that we may conserve the new soils, improve the old soils, drain wet and saline lands, and by a system of flow soils, grow trees on this soil, pasture hillside soils, rotate crops on all soils, discover methods for cropping dry land soils, find grasses and legumes for all soils, feed grains and mil feeds on the farms where they originate, that the soils from which they come may be enriched.

A work of the utmost importance to inform and instruct the public on this chief branch of the conservation of our resources is being carried on successfully in the department of agriculture; but it ought not to escape public attention that state action in addition to that of the department of agriculture (as for instance in the drainage of swamp lands) is essential to the best treatment of the soils in the manner above indicated.

The act by which, in semi-arid parts of

the public domain, the area of the domestic had been enlarged from 100 to 220 acres has resulted most beneficially in the extension of "dry farming" and in the demonstration which has been made of the possibility, through a variation in the character and mode of culture, of raising substantial crops without the benefit of such a supply of water as has been heretofore thought to be necessary for agriculture.

But there are millions of acres of completely arid lands, which, if irrigated, which, by the establishment of reservoirs for the storing of water and the irrigation of the lands, may be made much more fruitful and productive than the best irrigated lands. The proceeds of the public lands creates the fund to build the works needed to store and furnish the necessary water, and it was left to the secretary of the interior to determine what projects should be started and those suggested and to direct the reclamation service, with the funds at hand and through the engineers in its employ, to construct such works.

No one can visit the far west and the country of arid and semi-arid lands without being convinced that this is one of the most important methods of the conservation of our natural resources that the government has entered upon. It would appear that over 30 projects have been undertaken, and that a few of these are likely to be successful because of the lack of water, for other reasons, but generally the work which has been done has been well done, and many important engineering problems have been solved.

Funds Inadequate for Service. One of the difficulties which has arisen is that too many projects in view of the available funds have been set on foot. The funds available under the reclamation statute are inadequate to complete these projects within a reasonable time. And yet the projects have been begun; settlers have been invited to take up land, in many instances, before the work has been completed within the projects, relying upon their prompt completion. The failure to complete the projects for their benefit, in effect, a breach of faith and loss of confidence in the government's word. I urge that the nation ought to afford the means to lift them out of the very desperate condition in which they are.

This condition does not indicate any excessive waste or any corruption on the part of the reclamation service. It only indicates an over-zealous desire to complete the reclamation of so many acres and as many states as possible. I recommend, therefore, that authority be given to issue, not exceeding \$10,000,000 of bonds from time to time, as the secretary of the interior shall find it necessary, to be applied to the completion of the projects already begun and the completion of the work already running ten years or more to be taken up by the proceeds of returns to the reclamation fund, which returns, as the work goes on, will increase rapidly in amount.

There is no doubt at all that if these bonds were to be allowed to run ten years the proceeds from the public lands, together with the returns from water furnished through the completed enterprises, would quickly create a sinking fund large enough to retire the bonds, and to leave a surplus. I hope that, while the statute shall provide that these bonds are to be paid out of the reclamation fund, it will draw in such a way as to secure interest at the lowest rate, and the credit of the United States will be pledged for their redemption.

I urge consideration of the recommendation of the secretary of the interior in his annual report for amendments to the reclamation act, proposing other relief for settlers on these projects.

New Law Required. Respecting the comparatively small timbered areas on the public domain not included in national forests because of their isolation or their special value for agricultural or mineral purposes, it is apparent from the facts stated by the secretary of the interior that the disposition of the imperfections of existing laws for the disposition of timber lands that the acts of June 1, 1878, should be repealed and a new law enacted for the disposition of the timber at public lands after the removal of the timber to be subject to appropriation under the agricultural or mineral land laws.

While I have no objection to any of the recommendations of the secretary of the interior in respect to the future conservation of the public domain in his present annual report, he has given considerable weight to the proposition of these lands under such conditions as to invite the private capital necessary to their development on the one hand, and the maintenance of the restrictions necessary to prevent monopoly on the other. These recommendations are incorporated in the bill prepared, and they are at present before the congress. I earnestly recommend that all the suggestions which he has made with respect to these lands shall be embodied in statutes and, especially, that the withdrawals already made shall be validated so far as necessary and that doubt as to the authority of the secretary of the interior to withdraw lands for the purpose of submitting them to the public as to future disposition of them whose new legislation is needed shall be made complete and unquestioned.

Disposition of Forest Reserves. The forest reserves of the United States, some 120,000,000 acres in extent, are under the control of the department of agriculture, and the secretary of agriculture has recommended that all the suggestions which he has made with respect to these lands shall be embodied in statutes and, especially, that the withdrawals already made shall be validated so far as necessary and that doubt as to the authority of the secretary of the interior to withdraw lands for the purpose of submitting them to the public as to future disposition of them whose new legislation is needed shall be made complete and unquestioned.

Improvement of River. I come now to the improvement of the inland waterways. It would be hard indeed, who did not realize that the people of the far west, and especially those of the Mississippi valley, have been clamoring for the need of the improvement of our inland waterways. The Mississippi river, with the Missouri on the one hand and the Ohio on the other, would seem to offer a great natural source of interest for the improvement of our inland waterways, and traffic. How far, if properly improved

they would relieve the railroads or supplement them in respect to the bulk and cheaper carriage of a matter of conjecture. No enterprise ought to be undertaken the cost of which is not definitely ascertained and the benefit and advantage of which are not known and assured by competent engineers and other authority. When, however, a project of a definite character for the improvement of a waterway has been developed so that the plans have been drawn, the cost definitely estimated, and the traffic which will be accommodated is reasonably probable I think it is the duty of congress to undertake the project and make provision therefor in the proper appropriation bill.

One of the projects which answers the description I have given is that of introducing dams into the Ohio river from Pittsburg to Cairo, so as to maintain a depth of nine feet. Upward of seven of these dams have already been constructed and six more are under construction, while the total required is 18. The estimated cost is known to be \$60,000,000. It seems to me that in the development of our inland waterways it would be wise to begin with this particular project and carry it through as rapidly as may be. I assume from reliable information that it can be constructed economically in ten years. I recommend, therefore, that the secretary of the interior, by the bill, make provision for continuing contracts to complete this improvement, and I shall recommend in the future, if it be necessary, that bonds be issued to carry it through.

What has been said of the Ohio river is true in a less complete way of the improvement of the upper Mississippi from St. Paul to St. Louis to a constant depth of six feet and from St. Louis to Cairo of a depth of eight feet. These projects have been pronounced practical by competent boards of army engineers, their cost has been estimated and there is business which will follow the improvement.

As these improvements are being made, and the traffic encouraged by them shows itself of sufficient importance, the improvement of the Mississippi beyond Cairo down to the gulf, which is now going on with the maintenance of a depth of nine feet everywhere, may be changed to another and greater depth if the necessity for it shall appear to arise out of the traffic which can be delivered on the river at Cairo.

Cheap Rail Rate Necessary. I am informed that the investigation by the waterways commission in Europe shows that the existence of a waterway by no means assures traffic unless there is ready adapted to the water carriage at cheap rates at one end or the other of the stream. It also appears in Europe that the depth of the streams is rarely more than six feet, and never more than eight. It is certain that enormous quantities of merchandise are transported over the rivers and canals in Germany and France and England, and it is also certain that the existence of such methods of transportation so greatly affects the rates which the railroads charge, and it is the best regulator of those rates that we have, not even excepting the governmental regulation through the interstate commerce act. For this reason, I hope that this congress will take such steps that it may be called the inaugurator of the new system of inland waterways. For reasons which it is not necessary here to state, congress has seen fit to order an investigation into the interior department and the forest service of the agricultural department. The results of that investigation are needed to determine the value of, and the necessity for, the new legislation which I have recommended in respect to the public lands and in respect to reclamation. I earnestly urge that the measures be taken up and disposed of promptly without awaiting the investigation which has been determined upon.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

A Bird's Savings Bank. In California the woodpecker stores acorns away, although he never eats them. He bores several holes, differing slightly in size, at the fall of the year, invariably in a pine tree. Then he finds an acorn, which he adjusts to one of the holes prepared for its reception.

But he does not eat the acorn, for, as a rule, he is not a vegetarian. His object is storing away the acorns exhibits foresight and a knowledge of results more akin to reason than to instinct. The succeeding winter the acorns remain intact, but becoming saturated, are predisposed to decay, when they are attacked by maggots, which seem to delight in this special food.

It is that that the woodpecker reaps the harvest his wisdom has provided, at a time when the ground being covered with snow, he would experience a difficulty otherwise in obtaining suitable or palatable food.

His "Penitential Den." "And now I must show you what I call my penitential den," said a popular author. "This," he continued, as he drew open a door, "is where I occasionally spend an hour or so when I am developing symptoms of that by no means uncommon malady among successful men called 'awful head.'"

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Zoological Puzzles. Italian zoologists have a puzzle to solve, owing to the discovery on Mount Blanc of the body of a white bear, which has been brought to Aosta. It was thought at first that the bear must have died some three hundred years ago, and must have been preserved by the ice, since it has always been held that white bears vanished from the Alps three centuries ago. But it has since been demonstrated that death could only have taken place a few days previous to discovery. At this would seem to show that there are still white bears in the Alps, expeditions are to be sent to test the theory.

Tooly Lural! "How far is it between these two towns?" asked the lawyer. "About four miles as the cows cry," replied the witness. "You mean as the cry flows." "No," put in the judge, "he means as the fly crows." And they all looked at each other, feeling that something was wrong.

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"Oh, muvver!" he cried, anxiously, "baby must have been borned without any toots!"

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We would suggest to our farmer friends to try a small patch of broom corn this year. With proper cultivation we believe this crop could be made the most profitable of any raised in this county.

It is an admitted fact that the journalistic brains of Texas are concentrated west of the ninety-eighth meridian in Texas, says the editor of the San Angelo Standard—plague take him.—Dallas News.

The City of Fort Worth has purchased two Automobile fire fighting machines for the use of its fire department, and the Star-Telegram in speaking of the matter, says they are the first of their kind brought to the State. The esteemed Star-Telegram is away behind on that point as Big Springs purchased a Webb Motor fire engine early last summer and it has been in use here several months, and was the first one to be put into use in Texas. As soon as these new fire fighters are received at Fort Worth a reduction in insurance rates will be asked for that city.

President Taft's special message to Congress on the conservation of the nation's resources, appears in this paper.

The United States capitol receives its annual bath a short time before congress convenes, the toilet articles used consisting of about 2,500 feet of hose in the expert hands of one company of the fire department. Powerful streams of water at high pressure remove dust, spider webs, insects of all kinds, bird nests, and other foreign substances from the many crevices.

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Every growing town must at some stage in its history face a situation where it is necessary for the citizenship to come to the front and expend money to accomplish something that will aid the material interests of the town. Where these burdens are borne even partially on an equitable basis you will find a town that is steadily forging to the front and the people will be happy and prosperous. It is the towns where the spirit of co-operation is lacking, where some of those who ought to do the most sit back and refuse to do anything where you find a situation that bodes ill for the future of that town.—Denison Herald.

Don't forget to pay your poll tax, and also remember that if you were 21 years of age before January 21st, 1909, you must procure a poll tax receipt in order to vote at any election during the year 1910. If you arrive at the age of 21 after January, 1910, you don't have to take out a poll tax receipt in order to be entitled

to vote in 1910 elections. On the other hand, if you reach the age of sixty before January 1st, 1910, you don't need to have a poll tax receipt to be a qualified voter, but in the event that your sixtieth birthday falls after that date, it will be necessary to take out a poll tax receipt.

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In selecting a man to represent this district in the lower house of the state legislature, the voters should look well into his qualifications and see how well he is fitted for the place, what interest he has in the development of West Texas and what he has done in the past for this section of our great state. We need a man that is liberal and conservative in his views and one that is alive to the development of this country and understands what is needed along the line of progress and development, one that is pushing forward and looking ahead. We have in mind a man that fills the above requirements, but do not know whether he will consent to make the race. The man we have reference to is J. J. Dillard, of Lubbock, a man who has been closely identified with the upbuilding of the plains country since 1898, has been a practicing attorney for 12 years, and would make the 101st district a good representative, one that would look well to the best interests of West Texas.

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Just east of Burton-Lingo. Come in and put your team up with me and you will be treated in a way that you will be sure to come back. I also handle flour and meal, buy and sell all kinds of feed stuff.

E. E. WILLIAMSON Phone 368

We Have Just Added to Our Equipment

The Skow's Rotary DISC SHARPENER

Guaranteed to be the best and most economical machine on the market for sharpening discs. It is an up-to-date machine and one that pleases all who use them.

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It does not cut the disc away, but rolls it cold, thereby increasing its diameter from 1-4 to 5-8 of an inch.

By rolling, the steel is subjected to an enormous pressure that compresses the fibre in the metal, which results in a larger disc and produces a roll temper which keeps the disc sharp much longer, and is therefore a benefit and money saver for the farmer.

Our prices for rolling are, 16-inch disc 50c, larger ones \$1.00. This machine is not an experiment, but has been in use several years and proved a success wherever tried. Bring your discs to us; satisfaction guaranteed.

G. D. Griffice & Son
Big Springs, Texas

Read our Clubbing offer on another page if you want good reading cheap

A False Alarm

On last Monday morning Capt. Ross and four rangers arrived in Colorado from Yeleta. Almost immediately telegrams from all the daily papers began to pour into all the local correspondents and others, asking that details of the "lynching" be rushed. Inquiries came by telephone and telegraph throughout the day, and it was some time before the city papers could be convinced there had been no lynching at Colorado, talk of lynching or thought of lynching, as there had been no difficulty or other crime committed in the county for a long time. News that rangers had been ordered to Colorado by the Adjutant General at Austin, had been sent out from that place to the various daily papers, and the presumption grew that it was for the purpose of preventing a lynching. The Record is glad to state that no crime has been committed in Colorado or Mitchell county, and the presence of the rangers here had no connection with any kind of disturbance. Evidently the order was the result of misapprehension.—Colorado Record.

Dr. Frank Kent of Abilene, specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has made arrangements with Drs. Hurt and Hall to visit Big Springs monthly in the practice of his specialty. The doctor comes well recommended. 16-2t.

Happy Thought.

Mrs. Newed—How does the breakfast suit you darling?

Newed—It's just right, sweetheart. It may be a little plebian, but just the same I'm awfully fond of calf's liver.

Mrs. Newed—So am I dearest. Don't you think it would pay us to keep a calf? Then we could have calf's liver every morning for breakfast.—Chicago News.

For City Marshal

W. A. Hill authorizes The Enterprise to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of city marshal of Big Springs at the April election. Albert is now serving his first term and has made a good officer and promises if again elected to discharge the duties of the office in future as he has done in the past.

A Good Mare For Sale.

Six years old, good driver, safe and sound. See R. T. Piner. 16-2t.

Specialist.

I will be in my office in the Eddins building January 24, 25 and 26th. I treat all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. I. E. Smith, M. D.

DO IT NOW

Big Springs People Should Not Wait Until It Is Too Late

The appalling death rate from kidney disease is due in most cases to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer goes gradually into the grasp of diabetes, dropsy, Bright's disease, gravel or some other serious form of kidney complaint. If you suffer from backaches, dizzy spells, if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once.

Don's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they cure where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here's a case at home:

Frank Holman, of Big Springs, Texas, says: "It was two years ago that I first used Don's Kidney Pills. I was then working in the shops, and from drinking too much ice water, my kidneys became disordered. The most severe pains often darted through my back, causing me intense misery, and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage. I was unable to find anything that would relieve me until I secured Don's Kidney Pills at Ward's Drug Store. After taking a few boxes I felt better, and the contents of the boxes made me as well as ever. Whenever I have the least symptoms of kidney complaint I use Don's Kidney Pills and am soon all right."

For sale by all druggists. Price 25c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent for the United States.

Remember the name—Don's—on the label.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidates authorize THE ENTERPRISE to announce them subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 22, 1910.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

J. A. BAGGETT

J. W. McCUTCHAN

For County Treasurer

W. R. PURSER (re-election)

For District and County Clerk

J. I. PRICHARD (re-election)

For Tax Assessor

ANDERSON BAILEY

J. M. BATES

The following parties authorize THE ENTERPRISE to announce them as candidates for city offices.

For City Marshal

W. A. HILL

E. A. DAVIS

Will Hold Protracted Meeting.

Beginning on the fifth Sunday in this month Rev. Chas. W. Hearon will begin a meeting at the Methodist church and will continue it two weeks or longer. Special music will be provided for the meeting and it is hoped that much good will result.

At the stockholders' meeting of the West Texas National Bank on Jan. 11, the following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: G. L. Brown, R. D. Matthews, W. P. Edwards, J. J. Hair, W. R. Cole, S. W. Moore and J. W. Shnell. After the directors were qualified the following officers were elected: G. L. Brown, President; R. D. Matthews and W. P. Edwards Vice-Presidents; J. W. Shnell, Cashier; and Frank S. Morris and Burton Brown, Assistant Cashiers.

Big Springs is to have a \$70,000 passenger station. The office of the superintendent, chief dispatcher and their forces will be in the second story, and a dining hall will be on the ground floor. As the old coal chutes are being hurriedly torn down, it is probable that it will be located there, as the company owns considerable property in that vicinity.

"Cut out" your brass plate advertising. Use what space you have in the paper to talk to the readers. This is an age of talk; everybody talks. You should talk to your customers through the columns of the paper just the same as over the counter to them. Most newspaper readers read advertisements as carefully as they read the news.

Iva Nell McCoy, 3 year old daughter of Doc McCoy, died at their home six miles Northeast of town Monday of typhoid-pneumonia and was buried in Mount Olive Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

Thursday, January 27th, is the regular time for the meeting of the Commercial Club. At this meeting officers for this year are to be elected. If you are interested be on hand at this meeting. You can spare one hour from your business, surely, to help push the town along.

F. M. Cunyus, a traveling salesman of McKinney, has announced himself a candidate for governor. He states in his announcement that he has never been a candidate before and wants laws based on common sense and not foolish whims of voters, with equal rights to all.

There are lots of people who never really know what they are until they run for an office. Then they learn lots of things about themselves which they never knew before, or which has been long forgotten.

J. F. Holden and family came in from Brownfield last week, and the latter will remain here until Mr. Holden can make a trip to old Mexico to look out a location.

GARY & BURNS CO.

IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE IT GOOD

Do you know that these eight words are your protection in trading with us. We have lived up to this policy since we started in business and find that it has made for us many friends and customers. We believe you prefer to deal with a house that will make good any just complaint. It's human nature. We will be glad to have you remember us the next time you are in need of anything in our lines.

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