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CALL FOR THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION FOR THE 32 JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

By virtue of the authority vested in us as the Executive Committee of the 32nd Judicial District of Texas, we hereby call a convention to meet in the town of Midland, Midland county, Texas, on the 22nd day of August, 1908 as per section No. 144 Terrell Election Law, for the purpose of nominating a District Judge and a District Attorney for said Judicial District for the purpose of canvassing votes cast in each county for said officer declaring nominations of said officers, and any other business that may come before said convention.

Given under our hands at Midland, Texas this 5th day of August 1908.

Executive Committee of the 32nd Judicial District of Texas.

By O. B. McGonagill,
Chairman.

CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION FOR THE 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Having been appointed Chairman for the 28th senatorial District, by Hon. Geo. A. Carden, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, I hereby call a Democratic Convention to be held at the city of Stamford, in Jones county, Texas, on the fourth Saturday in August, the same being the 22nd

day of August 1908, at 10:00 a. m. then and there to nominate a candidate for State Senator from said district, in keeping with the law of the State of Texas, and to do and perform such other acts and duties as may be necessary and required by law.

S. P. HARDWICKE,
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To the ordinary county or town lad, watermelons like the forbidden fruit to mother Eve offer a strong and irresistible temptation. The sight of the delectable fruit is too much for his aesthetic nature. One of our townsmen caught some boys in his patch the other night, for whom he was lying in wait, before they had had time however to partake of the luscious, juicy fruit. To prevent depredation on our watermelon patches we would recommend the planting of locust hedges, to tick for the eye to penetrate for its an old adage you know, "out of sight out of mind."

Lona Smoot, son of J. H. Smoot happened to a very painful accident last Saturday morning, by a horse falling with him, dislocating his arm. He was brought to Mrs. Leake's for medical attention.

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Camps show played in our town two nights this week, and was well attended both nights. This show was the best of its kind that has visited our town this season. There were many slight-of-hand tricks performed by Mr. Camp assisted by Mrs. Alice Camp and must admit they were all first class. The music was the best. The entertainment closed each night with beautiful illustrated songs, sung by Miss Blanche.

Little Bertha Berry who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wood of Big Springs, the last month returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt from the plains attended the show here Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowell from near Post City are visiting friends and relatives in our town this week.

J. A. Smith is improving at present.

Messrs. Lee, James and Dawson passed through Gail on last Monday on their way to East Texas, where they expect to locate. They report that some places they passed through, west of here were in need of rain while other places were flourishing. They say they have passed over a great deal of land but never found a place more beautiful for a city than this.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Young, and son Cleburne of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Leak last week.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Conley of Julia attended church in Gail last Sunday.

Misses Ray and Annie Doyle were visiting in Gail last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleburn Stevens, who have been visiting their brother, Mr. Frank Stevens of Snyder for some time, returned on last Saturday.

Misses Biddle, Everett and families attended services here last Sunday.

Mr. Adair who has been in the territory for the past year was shaking hands with old friends in Gail on last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Crie publisher of the Lynn County News was among the (cauties on last Saturday and Sunday.

W. A. Bedell was transacting business in Gail on Monday.

Miss Nora Berry who has been with her sister in Garza county the past few days returned to her home in Gail on last Thursday.

Mr. Brown of Snyder accompanied by his family passed through Gail last Thursday on their way to Lamesa.

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Miss Sallie Beach spent last Saturday night with her sister Mrs. Tom Hudson was visiting friends and relatives in Gail on last Friday.

Mrs. E. R. Yellott is on the sick list this week.

Misses Myrtle Moore and Dona May Creighton of Tredway were the guests of Mrs. T. R. Mauldin is upon us, and the human system is in an over heated, fevered condition, causing a thirst and craving for something of a cooling nature. Realizing this want, D. Dorward & Co. have installed a nice Soda fount in their drug store and are now prepared to stake the thirst of the public with cold drinks of any and all flavors. They solicit your patronage.

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THE MYSTERY

By STEWART EDWARD WHITE
And SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS

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the light of day they had arrived at the certain conclusion that no living man was within those walls.

"Would a corpse rise to the surface soon in waters such as these, Dr. Trendon?" asked the captain.

"Might, sir. Might not. No telling that."

The captain ruminated. Then he beat his fist on his knee.

"The other cave?"

"What other cave?" asked the surgeon.

"The cave where they killed the seals."

"Surely!" exclaimed Trendon. "Wait, though. Didn't Slade say it was between here and the point?"

"Yes. Beyond the small beach."

"No cave there," declared the surgeon positively.

"There must be. Congdon, did you see an opening anywhere in the cliff as we came along?"

"No, sir. This is the only one, sir."

"We'll see about that," said the captain grimly. "Head her about. Skirt the shore as near the breakers as you safely can."

The gig retraced its journey.

"There's the beach, as Slade described it," said Captain Parkinson as they came abreast of the little reach of sand.

"And what are those two bird roosts on it?" asked Trendon. "See 'em? Dead against that patch of shore weed."

"Bits of wreckage fixed in the sand."

"Don't think so, sir. Too well matched."

"We have no time to settle the matter now," said the captain impatiently. "We must find that cave if it is to be found."

Hovering just outside the final drag of the surf, under the skillful guidance of Congdon, the boat moved slowly along the line of beach to the line of cliff. All was open as the day. The blazing sun picked out each detail of jut and hollow. Evidently the poisonous vapors from the volcano had not spread their blight here, for the face of the precipice was bright with many flowers. So close in moved the boat that its occupants could even see butterflies fluttering above the bloom. But that which their eager eyes sought was still denied them. No opening offered in that smiling cliffside. Not by so much as would admit a terrier did the mass of rock and rubble gape.

"And Slade described the cave as big enough to ram the Wolverine into," muttered Trendon.

Up to the point of the headland and back passed the boat. Blank disappointment was the result.

"What is your opinion now, Dr. Trendon?" asked the captain of the older man.

"Don't know, sir," answered the surgeon hopelessly. "Looks as if the cave might have been a hallucination."

"I shall have something to say to Mr. Slade on our return," said the captain crisply. "If the cave was a hallucination, as you suggest, the seal murder was fiction."

"Looks so," agreed the other.

"And the murder of the captain. How about that?"

"And the mutiny of the men," added the surgeon.

"And the killing of the doctor. Your patient seems to be a romantic genius."

"And the escape of Darrow. Hold hard," snarled Trendon. "Darrow's no

romance. Nothing fictional about the flag and ledger."

"True enough," said the captain and fell to consideration.

"Anyway," said Trendon vigorously, "I'd like to have a look at those bird roosts. Mighty like sign posts to my mind."

"Very well," said the captain. "It'll cost us only a wetting. Run her in, Congdon."

With all the cockswain's skill and the oarsmen's technique, the passage of the surf was a lively one, and little dribbles of water marked the trail of the officers as they shuffled up the beach.

The two slabs stood less than fifty yards beyond high water tide. Nearing them, the visitors saw that each

marked a mound, but not until they were close up could they read the neat carving on the first. It ran as follows:

Here lies
SOLOMON ANDERSON
alias

HANDY SOLOMON
who murdered his employer, his captain and his shipmates and was found dead of his deserts on these shores, June 5, 1904.

This slab is erected as a memento of admiring esteem
by

the last of his victims.

"And you can kiss the book on that."

"Percy Darrow fecit," said the surgeon. "You can kiss the book on that too."

"Then Slade was telling the truth?"

"Apparently. Seems good corroboration."

The captain turned to the other mound. Its slab was carved by the same hand.

Sacred to the memory of an ensign of the United States navy, whose body, washed upon this coast, is here buried



"Billy Edwards," said the captain,

with all reverence, by strange hands; whose soul may God rest. "The seas shall sing his requiem." June the sixth, MXMIV.

"Billy Edwards," said the captain, very low.

He uncovered. The surgeon did likewise. So for a space they stood with bared heads between the twin graves.

CHAPTER XXX.

THE surgeon spoke first.

"Another point," said he. "Darrow was alive within a few days."

Captain Parkinson turned slowly away from the grave. "You are right," he said, with an effort. "Our business is with the living now. The dead must wait."

"Hide and seek," growled Trendon. "If he's here why don't he show himself?"

The other shook his head.

"Place is all trampled up with footprints," said Trendon. "He's plodded back and forth like a prisoner in a cell."

"The ledger," said the captain. "I'd forgotten it. That grave drove everything else out of my mind."

"Bring the book here," called Trendon.

Congdon unwrapped it from his jacket and handed it to him. The sailors cast curious glances at the two headstones.

"Mount guard over Mr. Edwards' grave," commanded the captain.

The cockswain saluted and gave an order. One of the sailors stepped forward to the first mound.

"Not that one," rasped the officer, "the other."

The man saluted and moved on.

"With your permission, sir," said Trendon.

On a nod from his superior officer he opened the ledger and took up Darrow's record.

"Here it is. Entry of June 3."

"Everything lovely. Schooner lost to sight. Query—to memory dear? Not exactly. Though I shouldn't mind having her under orders for a few days. Queer glow in the sky last night; if they've been investigating, they may have got what's coming to them. Volcano exhibiting fits of temper. Spouted out considerable fire about 9 o'clock. Quite spectacular, but no harm done. Can forego short rations of tobacco. Lava in valley still too hot for comfort. No sign of Dr. Schermerhorn. Still sleep on beach."

"Not much there," sniffed Trendon.

"Go on," said the captain.

"June 3. Evening.—Thick and squally weather again. Local atmospheric conditions seem upset. Volcano still leading strenuous life. Climbed the headland this afternoon. Wind very shifty. Got an occasional whiff of volcanic output. One in particular would have sent a skunk to the camphor bottle. No living on the headland. Will explore cave tomorrow with a view to domicile. Have come down to an allowance of seven cigarettes per diem.

"June 4.—Explored cave today. Full of dead seals. Not only dead, but all bitten and cut to pieces. Must have been lively doings in Seal Town. Not much choice between air in the cave and vapors from the volcano. Barring seals, everything suitable for light housekeeping, such as mine. Undertook to clean house. Dragged late lamented out into the water. Some sank and were swept away by the sea puss. Others, I regret to say, floated. Found trickle of fresh water in depth of cave and little sand ledge to sleep on. So far, so good; we may be 'appy yet. If only I had my cigarette supply. Once heard a botanist say that leaves of the white shore willow made fair substitute for tobacco. Fair substitute for nuxvomica! Would like to interview said botanist.

"The fellow is a tobacco maniac," growled Trendon, feeling in his breast pocket. "The devil!" he cried, bringing forth an empty hand.

Silently the captain handed him a cigar. "Thank you, sir," he said, lighted it and continued reading:

"June 5.—Had a caller today. Climbed the headland this morning. Found volcano taking a day off. Looking for sign of Laughing Lass, noticed something heliographing to me from the waves beyond the reef. Seemed to be metal. I guessed a tin can. Caught in the swirl, it rounded the cape, and I came down to the shore to meet it. Halfway down the cliff I had a better view. I saw it was not a tin can. There was a dark body under it, which the waves were tossing about, and as the metal moved with the body it glistened in the sun. Suddenly it was borne in upon me that an arm was doing the signaling, waving to me with a sprightly, even a jocular, friendliness. Then I saw what it really was. It was Handy Solomon and his steel book. He was riding quite high. Every now and again he would bow and wave. He grounded gently on the sand beach. I planted him promptly. First, however, I removed a bag of tobacco from his pocket. Poor stuff and water soaked, but still tobacco. Spent a quiet afternoon carving a headstone for the dead.

it were that virtues so shining should be uncommemorated. Idle as the speculation is, I wonder who my next visitor will be. Thrackles, I hope. Evidently some of them have been playing the part of Pandora. Spent last night in the cave. Air quite fresh.

"June 6.—Saw the glow again last night."

The surgeon paused in his reading. "That would be the night of the 5th, the night before we picked her up empty."

"Yes," agreed Captain Parkinson. "That was the night Billy Edwards—Go on."

"Saw the glow again last night. Don't understand it. Once should have been enough for them. This matter of hoarding tobacco may be a sad error. If Old Spitfire keeps on the way she has today, I shan't need much more. It would be a raw jest to be burned or swallowed up with a month's supply of unsmoked cigarettes on one. Cave getting shaky. Still, I think I'll stick there. As between being burned alive and buried alive, I'm for the respectable and time honored fashion of interment. Bombardment was mostly to the east today, but no telling when it may shift.

"June 7.—This morning I found a body rolling in the surf. It was the body of a young man, large and strongly built, dressed in the uniform of an ensign of our navy. Surely a strange visitor to these shores! There was no mark of identification upon him except a cigarette case graven with an undecipherable monogram in Tiffany's most illegible style of arrowheaded inscription. This I buried with him and staked the grave with a headboard. An officer and a gentleman, a youth of friendly ways and kindly living, if one may judge by the face of the dead, and he comes by the same end to the same goal as Handy Solomon. Why not? And why should one philosophize in a book that will never be read? Hold on! Perhaps—just perhaps—it may be read. The officer was not long dead. Ensigns of the United States navy do not wander about untraversed waters alone. There must be a warship somewhere in the vicinity. But why, then, an unburied officer floating on the ocean? I will smoke upon this luxuriously and plentifully. (Later.) No use. I can't solve it. But one thing I do. I put up a signal pole on the headland and cache this record under it this afternoon. From day to day, with the kindly permission of the volcano, I will add to it. Bad doings by Old Spitfire. The cloud is coming down on me. Also seems to be moving along the cliff. I will retire hastily to my private estate in the cave.

"That's all, except the scrawl on the last page," said Trendon. "Some action of the volcano scared him off. He had just time to scrawl that last message and drop the book into the cache. The question is, Did he get back alive?"

"Slade is the solution," said the captain. "We must ask him."

They put back to the ship. Barnett was anxiously awaiting them.

"Your patient has been in a bad way, Dr. Trendon," he said.

"What's wrong?" asked Trendon, frowning.

"He came up on deck, wild eyed and staggering. There was a sheet of paper in his hand which seemed to have some bearing on his trouble. When he found you had gone to the island without him he began to rage like a maniac. I had to have him carried down by force. In the rumpus the paper disappeared. I assumed the responsibility of giving him an opiate."

"Quite right," approved Trendon. "I'll go down. Will you come with me, sir?" he said to the captain.

They found Slade in profound slumber.

"Won't do to wake him now," growled Trendon. "Hello, what's here?"

Lying in the hollow of the sick man's right hand, where it had been crushed to a ball, was a crumpled mass of tracing paper. Trendon smoothed it out, peered at it and passed it to the captain.

"It's a sketch of an Indian arrow-head," he exclaimed in surprise at the first glance. "What are all these marks?"

"Map of the island," barked Trendon. "Look here."

The drawing was a fairly careful one, showing such geographical points as had been of concern to the two year inhabitants. There was the large cavern, indicated as they had found it, and at a point between it and the headland the legend, "Seal Cave."

"But it's wrong," cried Captain Parkinson, setting finger to the spot. "We passed there twice. There's no opening"

"No guarantee that there may not have been," returned the other. "This island has been considerably shaken up lately. Entrance may have been closed by a landslide down the cliff. Noticed signs myself, but didn't think of it in connection with the cave."

"That's work for Barnett, then," said the captain, brightening. "We'll blow up the whole face of the cliff if necessary, but we'll get at that cave."

He hurried out. Order followed order, and soon the gig, with the captain, Trendon and the torpedo expert, was driving for the point marked "Seal Cave" on the map over which they were bent.

CHAPTER XXXI.

"YOU say the last entry is June 7?" asked Barnett as the boat entered the light surf.

Trendon nodded.

"That was the night we saw the last glow and the big burst from the volcano, wasn't it?"

"Right."

"The island would have been badly shaken up."

"Not so violently but that the flag-pole stood," said the captain.

"That's true, sir. But there's been a good deal of volcanic gas going. The man's been penned up for four days."

"Give the fellow a chance," growled Trendon. "Air may be all right in the cave. Good water there too. Says so himself. By Slade's account he's a pretty capable citizen when it comes to looking after himself. Wouldn't wonder if we'd find him fit as a fiddle."

"There was no clew to Ives and McGuire?" asked Barnett presently.

"None." It was the captain who answered.

The gig grated, and, the tide being high, they waded to the base of the cliff, Barnett carrying his precious explosives aloft in his arms.

"Here's the spot," said the captain. "See where the water goes in through those crevices."

"Opening at the top, too," said Trendon.

He let out his bellow, roaring Darrow's name.

"I doubt if you could project your voice far into a cave thus blocked," said Captain Parkinson. "We'll try this."

He drew his revolver and fired. The men listened at the crevices of the rock. No sound came from within.

"Your enterprise, Mr. Barnett," said the commander, with a gesture which turned over the conduct of the affair to the torpedo expert.

Barnett examined the rocks with enthusiasm.

"Looks like moderately easy stuff" he observed. "See how the veins run. You could almost blow a design to order in that."

"Yes, but how about bringing down the whole cave?"

"Oh, of course there's always an element of uncertainty when you're dealing with high explosives," admitted the expert. "But unless I'm mistaken we can chop this out as neat as with an ax."

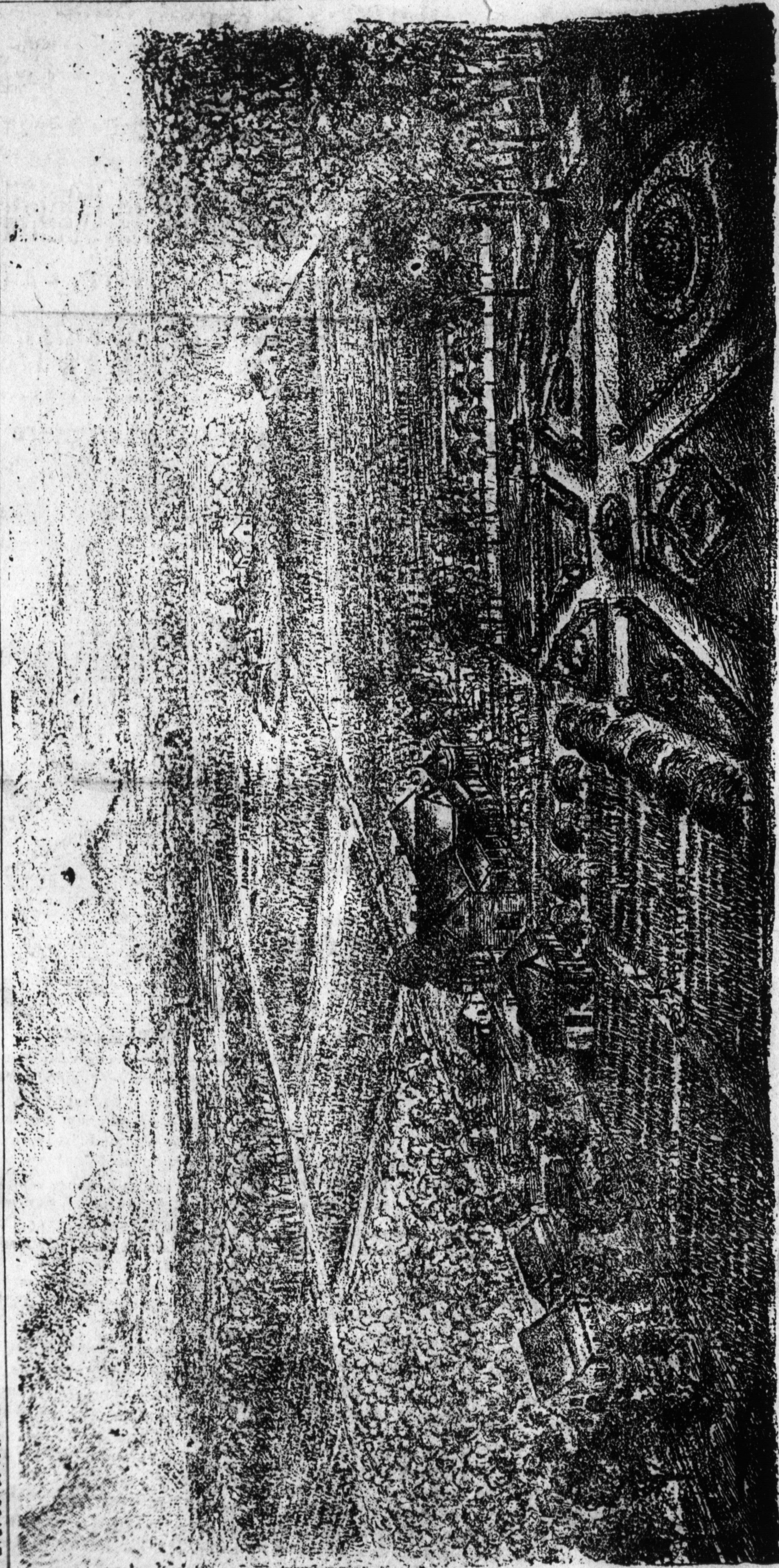
Dropping his load of cartridges carelessly upon a flat rock which projected from the water, he busied himself in a search along the face of the cliff. Presently, with an "Ah!" of satisfaction, he climbed toward a hand-

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grasses being the needle and mes-
 quite.

The rainfall here is sufficient
 for abundant and successful
 farming. The products of the
 farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane
 Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat
 and oats have not been grown
 extensively in this county, but
 some parts are specially adapted
 to the raising of small grain. We
 find the gardens bedecked with
 beans, peas, turnips, onions rad-
 ishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts
 and watermelons. The orchards
 furnish peaches, pears, apples,
 grapes, plums and apricots. The
 wild fruits are grapes, plums and
 mulberries. At present orchards
 are comparatively few, but bear
 good and abundant fruit. Agri-
 culture is fast becoming the lead-
 ing industry. The lands which

only a few years since were trod-
 den under the foot of the buffalo
 and mustang pony, and the howl
 of the lobo and the yelp of the
 coyote were the only signs of life
 now are under fence and the soil
 beneath the plow. At present the
 whistle of the farm boy, the songs
 of the milk maid, the bark of the
 neighbor's dog, the rattling of
 wagons, and the hum of gins are
 some of the indications of life and
 civilization.

Stock raising is still a leading
 factor in the progress of our
 county. Borden county takes
 pride in raising some of the best
 horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry
 does extremely well in this local-
 ity.

The development of this county
 has been quite rapid the last six
 months. During that time there
 has been a nice little town built

up. The Methodists have erected
 a handsome church building at
 Durham in the South-Eastern
 part of this county.

Gail, the county seat is a
 small town but is building fast.
 There are eight business houses,
 besides a bank, two hotels, a
 restaurant, a livery stable and
 a wagon yard, two blacksmith
 shops and a new gin. Several
 of these improvements have
 been recently erected. Borden
 county is almost sure to average
 one-half bale per acre to all
 lands planted in cotton. I have
 lived in Borden county for eight
 years and have never witnessed
 a complete failure in crops. The
 lands about Gail have not here-
 to fore been for sale, hence the
 slow development. At present
 some of the pastures are for sale
 in small tracts.

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 come friend, full of sunshine,
 cheer and interest. It opens the
 door of the great world and puts
 you face to face with its people
 and great events. It is your ad-
 viser, gossip and friend. No
 man is just to his children who
 does not give them the local pa-
 per. No man is good to himself
 who does not take newspapers.—
 Exchange.

"What's your name, sir?"

"Wood."

"What's your wife's name?"

"Wood, of course."

"H-m; booth wood.

any kindling?"

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Gall, Texas, Aug. 13 1908.

Dr. Brumby, the state health officer, declares that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Yes, and he might have added that a pound of clean-up work is worth a barrel of lime. It is always a safe proposition to lock the stable door while the horse is in his stall. Chop those weeds and do it now.—Stockman Journal.

A short time ago some men were engaged in putting up telegraph poles on some land belonging to an old farmer who disliked seeing his wheat trampled down. The men produced paper by which they said they had leave to put the poles where they pleased. The old farmer went back and turned a large bull in the field. The savage beast ran after the men and the old farmer seeing them running from the field, shouted at the top of his voice. Show him the paper.—American Farm World.

Judge says: "Almost every newspaper you pick up you are pretty sure to find a lot of gush about the man behind the counter and the man behind the gun; the man behind the buzz saw and the man behind the son; the man behind the times and the man behind his rents; the man behind the fence; the man behind the whistle and the man behind the cars; the man behind the kodak and the man behind the bars; the man behind his whiskers and the man behind his fists; and everything is entered on the list. But they've skipped another fellow of whom nothing has been said—the fellow who is even, or a little way ahead who pays for what he gets, whole bills are always signed; he's a blamed sight more important than the man who is behind. All the editors and merchants and the whole commercial clan are indebted for ex-

istence to this honest fellow man. He keeps us all in business and his town is never dead, and so we take our hats off to the man who is ahead."

Mystery of the Lost Memory.

Indianapolis Star: A young Parisian actress who had for weeks held the title in a popular play, recently, it is said, was, while on the stage, suddenly afflicted with forgetfulness and was utterly unable to repeat the lines of the last act, though she had successfully passed through the three preceding ones.

It is not an uncommon happening with stage people, lecturers, and others, and seems more likely to occur when the matter memorized has been so often repeated—that forgetfulness would appear impossible while intelligence remained.

The same thing happens in a less marked and conspicuous way to a great number of people, its most common manifestation being forgetfulness of proper names. A name ordinarily familiar and just about to be pronounced will vanish from the mind at the instant and he to the one about to utter it as if it had never been. His consciousness grasps at it in vain, and, as it were, beats against a blank wall. It is always a disagreeable experience, this momentary failure of the memory, and sometimes extremely embarrassing. Often it happens when the victim is about to greet an old acquaintance, or when it is desirable to introduce two men, each of whom he knows well.

Doctors do not clearly explain this occasional defect in the mental powers, but those who experience it know that it occurs when they are especially weary or overworked, and they may therefore assume that it is a form of brain fag and as readily accounted for as lameness of arms or legs. That it is most often displayed in connection with proper names is perhaps due to the fact that these are each held in the memory by separate and arbitrary action and not through association, and are therefore most easily lost. But whatever the cause, the multitude of persons who forget names will have a sympathetic comprehension of the state of mind of the French actress when she helplessly sought to find the words of her play.

How often, oh, how often have you heard it said by the thoughtless thinker, when a "thought-to-be" stable financier who handled thousands of dollars of other people's money,

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sacred as his life, but for him who robs and steals away under the cloak of the law that which was placed in his vaults in trust by the toiling masses deserves not the sympathy of an honest man. Common honesty and moral law are higher, much higher than legislative acts that release the obligations and duties of one man to another. Why a man who busts on other people's money should get the sympathy of the public is beyond our ken. The depositors are the losers and deserve the sympathy and also the protection, but they never get it.—Texas Coaster.

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number of cases, is simply this: Get after the chronic tax Dodgers, individuals and corporations, and make them pay in reality the proportionate amount of direct taxes which your laws say that they should pay, and which it is a polite fiction that they do not pay. We wonder how many millions there are in stocks, bonds and cash, legally susceptible to taxation, and yet from which the State derives no revenue. Enough, we should imagine, to swing the balance in favor of more than one moral reform which is held up on the grounds that it will deprive the State of revenue.—Don Marquis, in Uncle Remus's

THE TEXAS FARMERS CONGRESS

Met at College Station, July 7, 8 and 9, 1908, with Hon. E. W. Kirkpatrick, of McKinney, President, and T. W. Larkin, of De Witt, Secretary.

The Congress Made the Following Declarations on Education:

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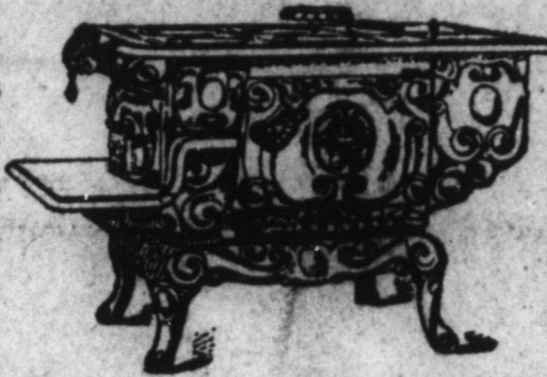
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teachers. The Texas Farmers' Congress urges every patriotic farmer in Texas and all other citizens to work for and vote for this amendment.

We respectfully request every newspaper in Texas, both secular and religious to give prominence to this recommendation for better country schools

4. We favor amending the existing law by the Thirty-first Legislature so that the County Commissioners Courts and the State Board of Education may with proper safe guards and limitations be authorized to purchase as investments for the county and State permanent school funds country school district building bonds. These funds may now be invested in the bonds of cities, towns, and counties, and we demand a square deal on this subject for the country schools.

This policy would furnish a safe investment at good interest for the permanent school funds, and would result in the erection of

thousands of good schoolhouses in the country districts throughout Texas.

5. The recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Baird Independent School District case limited the taxing power of such districts to twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property, and thereby invalidated outstanding bonds of such districts to the approximate amount of \$3,500,000. Some of these bonds are held by the State permanent school funds, the others by innocent purchasers. We declare against repudiation and in favor of a full payment of all honest obligations. We therefore request the Thirty-first Legislature to submit a Constitutional amendment validating, or providing for the validation of, all of the bonds affected by the said decision of the Supreme Court.

6. We favor the enactment of a law by the Thirty-first Legislature providing for establishing and maintaining high schools in the country districts of the State

in sufficient number and with thoroughly practical courses of study to meet the needs of that large class of boys and girls who reside in the country out of the reach of high schools.

7. We congratulate the people of Texas on the establishment of the State Department of Agriculture for the publication and distribution of the reports of the sections of the Farmers' Congress and of various bulletins of importance in the education of those engaged in agricultural and other industrial pursuits. We recommend the reorganization, further development, and prosecution of the farmers' Institute movement, and we recommend for this particular work an appropriation by the Thirty-first Legislature of not less than \$10,000, the work to be carried on under the authority of the Department of Agriculture.

8. The Texas Farmers' Congress desires to express its approval of the great service that has been done for the cause of agricultural progress by the United States Department of Agriculture through its several Bureaus, the Texas A. and M. College, and the Texas Experiment Station, and especially do we desire to mention the beneficial results accruing from the many demonstration

farms and the work on Texas soil conducted by the Bureau of Soils, United States Department of Agriculture, in preparing a splendid bulletin on Texas soils for the use of the teachers and pupils of our State schools.

We recognize with great pleasure the friendly attitude and cooperation of the State University, the A. and M. College, the State Normal Schools, the College of Industrial Arts for Girls the State Department of Education, and other educational institutions of the State in the educational movements which the Farmers Congress is standing for and is endeavoring to promote.

The following resolution was also unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Conference for Education in Texas is one of the most unselfish, useful, patriotic, and powerful agencies for the promotion of education that has ever existed in Texas. It is the firm friend of the Farmers' Congress, and is fighting the special battles of the children of the country. We, therefore, commend it to the confidence and support of the patriotic citizens of Texas"

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