

CANDIDATES SPEAKING AT DUCK CREEK SCHOOL HOUSE SATURDAY

Saturday evening W. A. Craddock, candidate for County Judge, J. B. Conner, candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector, and J. V. McCormick, candidate for County and District Clerk, invited The Texas Spur representative to go out with them to Duck Creek, where they were to fill the regular speaking date made by Mr. Craddock.

We left Spur about seven o'clock, and the evening was so pleasant, the three candidates so congenial and overflowing with joy that we almost became dejected in that we also were not a candidate for some office. In route the candidates considered the practicability of fitting up a large camp and chuck wagon, with accessories of a cook, driver and other appurtenances, with the idea of more conveniently, completely and unrestrictedly covering the entire voting territory of Dickens county in their campaign for political preference and interviewing the voters without at the same time being forced to accept a forced entertainment. It now being not advisable nor encouraging for the writer to enter the campaign at this late date for political preference, we have put in our application for the position of general supervisor of the proposed chuck wagon and general dishwasher for the coterie of office-seekers, the application being held in abeyance awaiting further developments.

We arrived at Duck Creek about nine o'clock, on schedule time, and found awaiting the candidates arrival quite a number of voters, seekers of knowledge and among whom were the most prominent citizens of the country.

The house was called to order by Candidate Craddock who said that he had made these speaking dates or appointments at the various school houses over the county for the purpose of not only making a more convenient and thorough campaign within a limited time, but also for the purpose of affording the voters of each locality an opportunity to hear the various candidates, and especially the candidates for the office of County Judge, discuss the campaign situation and solicit support in a public manner. Other candidates present were then given an opportunity to make their announcements.

J. V. McCormick was called first, and in responding said that he had no excuse to offer for entering this campaign at this time, other than that he was now out of employment on account of the recent sale of the Richardson Lumber Company of which he has been manager since the beginning of Spur, and that he wanted Crawford Cobb's job. He said that Crawford was a good man, had made a good clerk and that he was not making a campaign at this time on any demerits the present incumbent might have, but that he knew that he was qualified to fill the office in its every detail and he wanted the job and would

appreciate the support of the voters to that end, and if elected he said he would give the public the very best service within his power and ability and would make Dickens county an officer of which every voter would feel proud.

J. B. Conner was called upon to make his announcement, but since he is not a public speaker he asked to be excused and his announcement was made by proxy of W. A. Craddock who stated that Mr. Conner was a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector, who is in every respect qualified and fitted to fill the office and would appreciate and solicit the votes and support of the voters present and of the county at large.

There being no other candidates except for County Judge present, W. A. Craddock resumed the floor in behalf of his candidacy for that office. He said that, among other charges made against him to show his unfitness to serve as Judge of Dickens county, it was claimed that he was a "new-comer" and had been here barely long enough to vote. In answer to this he said that many years ago he passed through this country when a very few men had begun to locate vacant land within the cow-range and were encountering many difficulties in securing and holding such land. That it was his intention then to become a settler, but being unable to secure land he returned to Bell county with the fixed intention of returning west and locating when more favorable opportunities were offered home-seekers. In Bell county he was later elected to the legislature, receiving a majority of the votes over a candidate who was very popular, had never been beaten for the office before that time and had never been defeated since, Mr. Craddock declining to again make another campaign. About six years ago he again came to this country as a home-seeker, and since none of the Spur lands were on sale at that time he crossed over Dickens county and bought a home as near here as possible, being in the adjoining county of Crosby. In Crosby county he engaged in farming, and although adversities were encountered he saved crops when other farmers did not, by hauling hay to Spur and Clairemont which he sold to keep him going. He hauled the first load of lumber to Spur to build the first house here and at the first opportunity he sold his farm and moved to Spur where he intended to make his permanent home in the future.

In the Legislature Mr. Craddock said he served on a number of important committees, acquitting himself with honor to self and credit to constituents, and in formulating statutory laws he gained experience and knowledge of laws which served to enhance his ability and fitness to serve wisely, justly and creditably as Judge of the County Courts. He said that he pos-

sessed sufficient horse-sense without respect to his knowledge of law to justly decide most questions in court controversy, illustrating his position by referring to the administration of former Governor Hogg as Magistrate of his home precinct and his manner of deciding a controversy. Two men of the community had disagreed in the payment of a contract to dig a ditch made by one to the other, the payee claiming the ditch had not been dug as wide and deep as stipulated in the contract. After hearing the sworn testimony on each side, the evidence being evenly divided for each party, the Governor adjourned court three hours, went out and personally measured the ditch, returning within the time and rendered a decision in accordance with the actual facts. In rendering verdicts Mr. Craddock said he would do so in accord with the law and evidence and the exercise of good, common horse-sense which he claimed to possess.

With reference to his opponent—Mr. Ferguson—Mr. Craddock said that it was claimed by virtue of his having heretofore served in the capacity of County Judge in connection with fifteen years' service as teacher in the school rooms he was better qualified to fill the office at this time. He said that he, too, had taught school four terms as well as having been employed in a number of other occupations during his life. In the school room, he said he credited himself with having taught the young idea to shoot in a practicable, beneficial manner and under adverse conditions. However, he said that he considered a man who had served fifteen years in the school room was unfit for any other occupation, since such a continued service in one occupation would tend to confine one in a groove and having once confined himself to a rut it would be almost impossible to overcome the lack of a broader view of the world and the controversies therein. In the County Judge's office, if elected, Mr. Craddock said there were three things he would carefully and intelligently look after: the roads, the schools and the taxes. With respect to roads he said he would direct his efforts and influence, would ride over the county and confer with road overseers and commissioners in an effort to secure the best roads and at least reasonable roads over which the farmer could haul loads to market, and being a farmer himself and having freighted with two, four and six horse teams he considered that he was competent to determine upon a reasonable road for the public. In the matter of schools he had had practical experience both as teacher and pupil, knew their needs, advantages and disadvantages encountered, and would recommend that more effort and attention be given the lower grades than the higher; that the city schools be made the equal of country schools rather than the reverse; he would recommend that the teachers of schools give their time and attention to the teaching of practical things such as reading, writing and

GENERAL AND GENEROUS RAINS, BUMPER CROP PROSPECTS PREVAIL

When this writer first entered the newspaper field in western Texas we had an idea that rains were infrequent and "gully-washers" an unknown quantity, and in consequence when a rain came we would invariably run a big headline across the top of the front page of the paper, and occasionally we would make it a red headline. However, we soon learned that rains were not more infrequent nor less abundant here than elsewhere in the state, and as a result we became less conspicuous in reporting our rains and in later editions we merely mention the fact, consuming not more than half dozen lines on the inside pages.

However, in consideration of the fact that while many of the towns and communities in other less fortunate sections are spending thousands of dollars and devoting much time, attention, and study in an effort to secure a much desired and necessary rainfall, the Spur country in particular and Western Texas in general has had a ground-soaking, stump-mover, gully-washing rain, in as large volume as any rainfall in any section of the whole country.

The rain commenced falling in the afternoon Sunday, continuing throughout the night and at intervals throughout the morning of the following day, until in the afternoon the rainfall culminated in its final deluge. Accompanying the rain was a high wind which caused it to fall in sheets and for that reason an accurate gauge of the total amount of the rainfall could not be secured. However, in one section of the Spur territory the rainfall registered near eight inches, at Spur it amounted to about three inches while in other portions of the territory it registered from three to six and seven inches, being registered under adverse circumstances as above stated.

In some sections, especially in the Wake community and the Plains country, the rain and wind was accompanied by hail, the combination doing considerable damage with the good results from the rain. However, taking everything into consideration, the rain was abundant, and one to be noted and appreciated in any country, and especially should it be noted by those of other sections who have formed the idea that it never rains in Western Texas.

The crop prospects in every section of Western Texas is most promising at this time of an enormous and abundant yield and harvest of crops of all kinds of staple products of the country, and especially is it true and notable within the section known as the Spur country. Here the corn, maize, kaffir, oats, wheat and other feed crops are well advanced, healthy, growing rapidly and will make an abundant yield. The cotton, while young, is growing rapidly, spreading out and now gives promise of producing from three-fourths to one bale to the acre on an average throughout the territory.

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For lack of space we can only give an outline of the speeches made, and in consequence the "raw-hiding" and "hurrahing" indulged by opponents will be left to the surmise of readers.

O. S. Ferguson was given the floor and in a brief, concise, comprehending and well rendered speech gave the audience an outline of the duties of the office of County Judge and for which he is seeking the nomination at the hands of voters in opposition to Mr. Craddock, and at the same time correcting some of the misinterpretations of former campaign statements made at previous speaking dates. Mr. Ferguson said that the office of County Judge was an important office in that it was requisite the office incumbent possess dual qualifications, Dickens county not having a sufficiently large population as required by law to elect a Superintendent of Public Schools therefore such office was combined with that of County Judge. A man elected to the office should have knowledge of schools as well as knowledge of law to properly and intelligently serve the two interests of the public. In matters pertaining to roads, taxation, etc., he said that such questions came under the direct supervision of the Commissioners' Court and that the County Judge had no voice except in the event of a tie vote of commissioners, the Judge then being permitted to cast the deciding vote.

Mr. Ferguson having served four years in the past as County Judge, and having superintended and taught schools in the county fifteen years, his qualifications to give intelligent service as County Judge and Superintendent of County Schools is recognized and unquestioned, and if elected he promises to give the public a clean administration and perform the incumbent duties intelligently, wisely and justly.

After a few minutes rejoined by Mr. Craddock in which he was heartily encored, the meeting adjourned and the writer joined the coterie of campaigners on their return to the city.

The speaking dates made by Mr. Craddock cover the county and will be filled as published elsewhere in The Texas Spur. All candidates invited and will be given an opportunity to announce

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

For years and years the Democratic houn' has been kicked about, but now they've got to quit knockin' the old dawg aroun.

Who would have entertained an idea ten years ago that we would today have professional "rain-makers" who for a consideration guarantee any amount of rain needed in any locality within a limited time, and yet such is an actual fact. We note that professional rain producers of California are in Texas and for the sum of three thousand dollars have contracted to supply San Angelo and surrounding country with ten inches of rain from June tenth to September tenth. These rain-makers have been successful in their business in California and other states, and there is little doubt but that their efforts in Texas will demonstrate further the practicability and success of rain manufacture. Verily, the world is progressing, advancing and developing in all things, and the wheel of progress will not be clogged. Get in the procession or go away back and sit down.

The Republican Party, although having steered with unswerving power the "Ship of State" 13, these many years, has now run its course, served its day, and the recent actions of its National Convention in publicly and unquestionably demonstrating to the outside world as well as to the "rank-and-file" of its party membership the real powers of the party and its method of "interest" dominion and rule of the "elect", has sounded its death knell and paved the way for the reception of a more progressive and righteous ruling element at the helm of the old and weather beaten Hull. On with the Democratic battle. Let the progressives move in sedately, serenely assume the helmsman duties and steer the ship in accord with the will, the wishes and the directions of the passenger crew.

It is the habits and negligence of a majority, rather than the "rights" and necessities of life, which interfere most in peace, prosperity and happiness of a community or country. When the people live an ideal life we will have an ideal government.

The Democratic National Convention is now in session at Baltimore. The proceedings have the promise of being almost if not quite as heated as was the Republican Convention. There is no question in our mind but that the masses or main body of each of the old political parties are advancing and progressing more rapidly than are their leaders and main political manipulators, and as a result out of these old parties will be born a "Progressive Party" with the intention of establishing a real government of the people, for the people and by the people. The people are becoming more educated, better informed and more self-assertive. They are competent to assume the great responsibilities of real self-government and in the light of this recent demonstration of wherein reposes the "real and effective powers that be" the time is now ripe for a "parting of the ways", a "crossing of the Rubicon", the organization of a political party under the dominion of the rank and file, and the dissolution of the present party organization over which selected committees and political wire-pullers have absolute control and rule with iron-hand and domineer in unrelentless sway.

"Progressives" are causing troubles in both Republican and Democratic ranks. The difference in the progressive and non-progressive or stand-pat factions was clearly illustrated at the recent Republican Convention. The convention was under the control, either by fair or foul methods is immaterial, of the non-progressive element and as a result the convention conformed to Leader Taft's idea of "representative" government and "went him one better" in that honestly and lawfully selected representatives from Texas and other states were not permitted to participate in convention proceedings because they were of the progressive faction. Taft and the Republican faction, which he leads believes in "representative" government only when the representation is in accord with the leader and his faction. The Progressives have an idea that we should have a real representative administration wherein selected delegates represent the wishes of

a majority of the people rather than represent the factions, political leaders and special interests of various character. Again we say the time is at hand for the recognition and adoption of the principles and practice of self government, a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and should the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore this week lose control to the non-progressive faction and fail to adopt a progressive platform in accord with the demand of the people and the times, a new Progressive Party will come to life and eventually supersede the older organizations.

THE SINGLE TAX IN STATE OF MISSOURI.

"After 1914 there shall be no taxes on personal property, no license tax on merchants, manufacturers or upon any occupation that does not require police regulation. In 1914 improvements upon land shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of one-fourth of their face value and an additional one-fourth each two years thereafter until, in 1920, all improvements upon land shall be exempt from taxation."

Such is the proposal which the Equitable Taxation League lays before the people of Missouri in the form of a constitutional amendment, to be voted upon next November. The argument is simple: Personal property and improvements upon real estate are the result of individual effort.

The possessor acquired them through his personal exertions—or, if he inherited them, somebody else acquired them through personal exertion.

Missouri wants people to exert themselves. It wants them to lay by money, put up better dwellings, barns, factories, office buildings, warehouses. It should encourage them to add as much as possible to the State's total wealth through their own efforts. Hence it should not tax the fruits of such efforts.

And revenue—when these things are exempt from taxation? Why, it will be raised by levying all taxes upon land values, exclusive of improvements. Nobody made the land. Bountiful nature provided it. And land values, exclusive of improvements, result from the increase of population rather than from anybody's individual effort. A certain plot of ground, vacant and unproductive, is worth a million dollars in the market simply because half a million people live close to it.

That is what the sponsors of Missouri's constitutional amendment propose to tax.

The Taxation League's proposal involves something of a revolution, and the time allowed for carrying it into effect may be rather short. A very big and complex vested interest has been built up on the "unearned increment" in city real estate. To unbuild it without disaster needs much care and patience.—Saturday Evening Post.

Judge McClain was in Spur Friday of last week from his home in the Cat Fish country and says that he has been very busy the past week rebuilding water gaps and pulling stock out of mud-holes on his place since the recent big rains. The Judge says everything is now in ship-shape, fine crops, no crop pests, everything lovely and the goose honks high.

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SPEAKING DATES

Realizing that it is nearly impossible to meet the people of Dickens county in a house to house canvass. I have decided to make appointments to speak at each school house. I sincerely trust the people will take enough interest in the office of County Judge to hear me at these speaking dates. I will try to make it worth your time in coming. All who feel an interest in county affairs, especially better results in our schools should come. Ladies invited.

Steal Hill, Friday night June 21; Duck Creek, Saturday night June 22; Spring Creek, Tuesday night June 25; Red Mud, Thursday night June 27; Peaceful Hill, Friday night June 28; Dry Lake, Saturday night June 29; Soldier Mound, Tuesday night July 2; New Hope, Wednesday night July 3; Liberty, Friday night July 5; Afton, Saturday night July 6; Cottonwood, Monday night July 8; Prairie Chappel, Tuesday night July 9; Amity, Wednesday night July 10; Highland, Thursday night July 11; Buford, Friday night July 12; Wichita, Saturday night July 13; Noview, Wednesday night July 17; Dickens, Thursday night July 18; Spur, Friday night July 19; Prairie View, Saturday night July 20.

All other candidates are invited to be present, and will be given all the time they desire in presenting their claims for your votes.

Respt.
W. A. Craddock.

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MUCH DAMAGE TO CROPS AND ORCHARD.

Bud Wooten, a prominent citizen of the Plains country near Wake, was in Spur Monday to secure a windmill and other building material with which to rebuild and improve his place since the recent storm of wind, hail and rain in his section of the country. Mr. Wooten had two windmills destroyed, a milk house blown away, residence damaged, a fine orchard completely destroyed, a cow and calf killed and other damage done on his premises by the storm. He had one of the oldest and finest orchards of the country, every tree of which is now fit only for fire wood, he having applied the ax and hauled in the remains to be converted into kindling. As heretofore stated, this storm covered a territory of about seven or eight miles wide by five miles long on the Plains, Wake being near the center of the storm. The cotton and uncut grain crops were almost completely destroyed and the only recourse at this time is the replanting of feed crops over that entire section. However, the conditions and present season is most promising of a bountiful feed crop and it is hoped that the country will suffer little ill effects in the end.

Miss Ellis, of Kent county, was operated upon the latter part of last week at the Standifer Hospital and is now reported doing nicely we are glad to note.

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TAP TELLINGS

Rev. T. F. Medlin, of Dickens, preached here Sunday.

Miss Deba Cross was here this week making application for the school at this place.

Sylvanus Neal, who was thrown from a horse last week and badly hurt, has about recovered from his injuries.

Crag Parsons and sister, Miss Lottie, of White River, worshipped with the people here Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Hinson and Miss Minnie Hinson of Floydada are the guests of Miss Clara Hinson this week.

The Holiness people began a meeting here Tuesday night and will continue throughout the week. Services at night only.

S. W. Rather and lady of Cat Fish were here Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparks.

We have had ideal weather throughout the past week for farm work and are all waging a mighty battle against General Green. Most everyone is through planting.

We are informed that Miss Queen McFerren of Graham, Texas, has received the school here for the coming term.—Gadabout.

C. H. McDonald has all kinds of fresh fruit direct from growers, and the best and purest cold drinks.

Uncle Buck Hardin was in the city Wednesday and reports the birth of a grandson at his home, and he says that his name shall be Mark in honor of the grandparent.

FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK OF DICKENS COUNTY

The Texas Spur is authorized to place the name of J. V. McCormick in the announcement column for the office of District and County Clerk of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 27th.

J. V. McCormick has been manager of the Richardson Lumber Company in Spur since the opening of the town. He is a capable business man, an experienced and competent office accountant and manager, and through business dealings has made many friends in Dickens county.

The writer knew J. V. McCormick before coming to Spur, had dealings with him in both business and social circles and in every instance we have found him to be a man in every respect worthy the confidence, esteem and high regard of the best citizenship. He is a man who has the ability and desire to serve the public, and should he be favored with the nomination at the July Primary he will make the county a conscientious clerk and will serve the public in an able, trustworthy, acceptable and most accommodating manner.

We place his name before the public and ask that our readers and voters give his candidacy due consideration before voting in the primary.

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And cotton ever seen—
Of all the grand United States,
Texas is the Queen.

Of all the men that ever lived
The Texas men are the best;
The bravest and politest
When you put them to the test.
The kindest and the handsomest,
And noblest ever seen,—
The fact's beyond dispute, my friends,
Texas is the Queen.

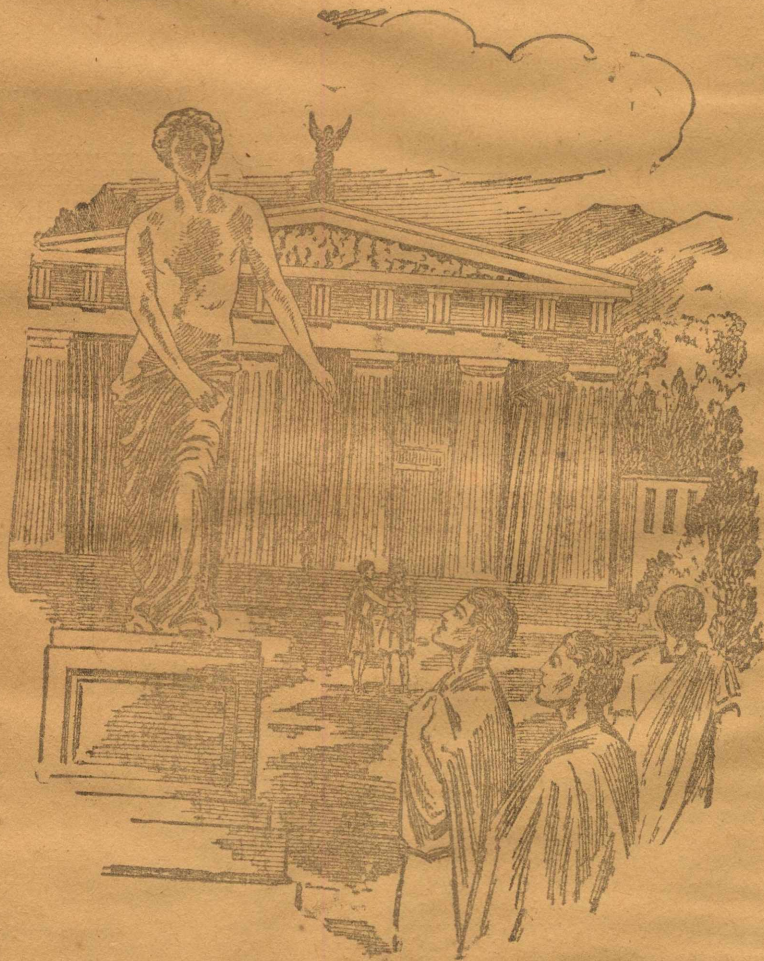
Of all the women in the world,
Texas has the best;
The truest and the noblest
When you put them to the test.
The nicest and the neatest
And the fairest ever seen—
My friends, it is a certain fact,
Texas is the Queen.

Of all the children in the world,
Texas has the best;
The brightest and the smartest
When you put them to the test.
The cutest and the sweetest
And the prettiest ever seen,—
Oh there's no use to deny it,
Texas is the Queen.

Of all the people in the world
The Texans are the best.
If you don't believe it's true, my friends,
Just put them to the test;
You'll find them the most generous
And noblest ever seen—
Of all the grand United States
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RETURNS FROM CHICAGO.

Jeff D. Reagan returned Wednesday from Chicago where he had been to accompany his family who will remain in that city on an extended visit. Although the great Republican Convention was in session at that time Mr. Reagan says it was impossible to get into the convention hall or to get within sight of Teddy Roosevelt, the immense crowds even blocking traffic and passage over the nearby highways. There is no denying the fact that Theodore Roosevelt is a great man, even greater than the convention which tragically and forcibly withheld from him a due nomination to the Presidency. However, his hat, though possibly some what battered, is still in the ring, and the probable outcome will be the early demise of the g. o. p.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

Since the rain everything is looking fine.

Rev. Billberry preached at Dry Lake Sunday night.

Miss Lottie Johnson was a guest of Miss Edice West Sunday.

Mr. Paul Draper is back again on his old stamping ground from business college.

Mrs. Morgan has returned home from the Standifer Sanitarium, where she had undergone a serious but successful operation.

Misses Esther and Bessie Davis, Lottie Johnson and Tillie Weathers were entertained Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 by Mrs. Allen and little daughter, Velma, in honor of little Velma's 5th birthday. Soda water, milk shake, cake and float were served. All report a delightful time.—Maiden Vine.

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TAFT AND SHERMAN

The National Republican Convention at Chicago Finishes Its Labors After a Week of Hard Fighting.

ROOSEVELT DELEGATES REFUSED TO VOTE

Fast Time Was Made After Committee on Credentials' Report Was Adopted—Taft and La Follette the Only Candidates Placed in Nomination.

Convention Hall.—William Howard Taft of Ohio at 9:25 o'clock Saturday night was renominated for president of the United States by the Republican national convention on the first ballot. The vote was Taft 561, Roosevelt 107, La Follette 41, Cummins 17, Hughes 2; absent 6; present and not voting 344.

Vice President James S. Sherman was renominated as Taft's running mate on the first ballot.

Following the nomination for the president, the band played "America," while the aisles were cleared.

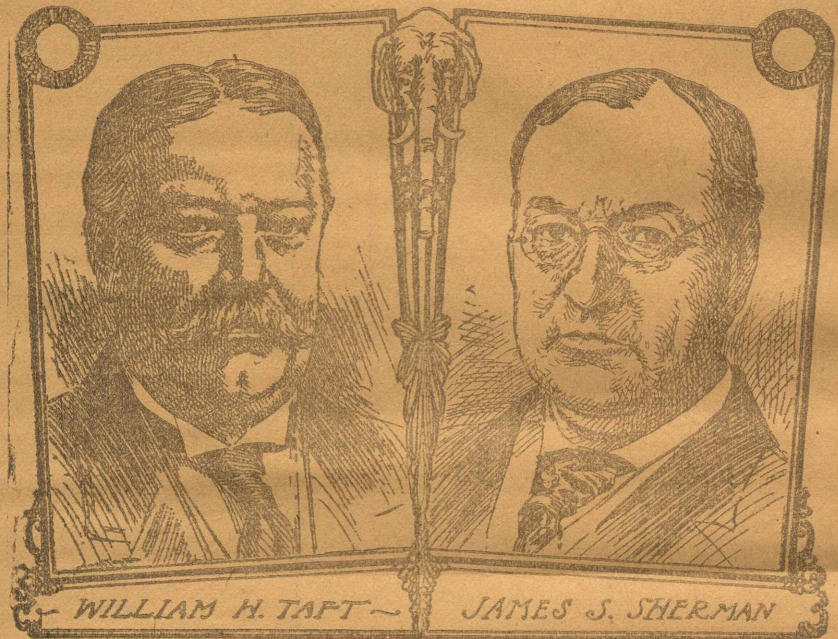
Nominations for vice president were called at 9:36 o'clock p. m. The roll of states was called.

Alabama yielded to New York. Ol-

pose the loaning of funds to farmers is recommended and urged.

The platform reaffirms the party's adherence to civil service and favors amendment to the federal employe's liability law. Publicity in campaign contributions is indorsed and the party is pledged to a continuance of the policy of conservation of the nation's resources. A parcels post under proper regulations is favored. A revival of the merchant marine is urged to make use of the Panama canal now nearing completion.

Flood prevention and reclamation of arid land is favored and a liberal policy toward improvement of rivers and harbors guaranteed.



cott came forward amid applause to name Mr. Sherman of New York for re-nomination.

C. T. Kratz of Pennsylvania, evidently in derision, named Boies Penrose. It was not seconded. No other nominations were made. Vermont did not present, as expected, the name of Governor Mead.

The roll call on vice president gave: Sherman, 597; Borah, 21; Merriam, 20; Hadley, 14; Beveridge, 2; Gillette, 1; absent 71. Present but not voting, 352.

The revolt of many of the Roosevelt delegates in the convention was open from the moment the permanent roll containing the names of contested delegates was approved. A "valedictory" statement was read in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt asking that his name be not presented and that his delegates sit in mute protest against all further proceedings.

The first test vote after the announcement of the Roosevelt valedictory came on the adoption of the party platform.

The affirmative vote was 666. Roosevelt delegates present and not voting numbered 343. There were 53 noes, 36 of them from the La Follette states of Wisconsin and North Dakota. Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin was placed before the convention, but Colonel Roosevelt's wishes were carried out by his followers and they remained silent during the call of the states for nominations.

Many of the delegates, however, carried out their primary instructions and voted for the Colonel.

The Platform.

The platform was adopted by a vote of 666 to 53; not voting 343; absent 16.

After paying a tribute to Abraham Lincoln it points with pride to the party record in the past and guarantees to meet the problems of the future as satisfactorily as it solved those of the past. It upholds the integrity of the courts, but urges laws to bar delays, declares the party is opposed to special privileges and monopoly and favors a trade commission. The belief in a protective tariff is reaffirmed and the doctrine of a tariff for revenue only is condemned. A prompt scientific inquiry in the cause of the present high cost of living is guaranteed. The need of a better currency system is recognized and an authoritative investigation of agricultural credit societies and corporations in other countries and the passage of state and federal laws for the establishment and capable supervision of organizations having for their pur-

The platform also favors a liberal policy toward the development of Alaska and believes the Philippine policy should remain out of politics. Better immigration laws are promised and legislation to make sea voyages safer is favored.

White Off the Committee.

Convention Hall.—William Allen White refused to accept his election as a member of the Republican national committee and the Kansas delega-

tion elected in his place F. J. Stanley of Wichita, who was chairman of the state convention at Independence.

In the confusion just before adjournment, a resolution was adopted giving the national committee power to declare vacant the seat of any man on the committee refusing to support the nominee of the regular convention of 1912.

The convention adopted the Hemenway resolution authorizing the national Republican committee to fill vacancies in its membership "in whatever manner occurring, and to declare vacant the seating any member of the committee refusing to support the nominee of the convention."

THE BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT.

	Taft	T. R.	Not Vtg.
Alabama	22	2	2
Alaska	2	2	2
Arizona	6	1	1
Arkansas	17	1	1
California	2	24	2
Colorado	12	2	2
Connecticut	6	2	2
Delaware	14	2	2
District of Columbia	2	2	2
Florida	12	2	2
Georgia	28	2	2
Hawaii	1	2	2
Idaho	6	2	2
Illinois	2	53	2
Indiana	20	3	7
Iowa	16	2	2
Kansas	2	13	2
Kentucky	22	2	2
Louisiana	20	2	2
Maine	1	12	2
Maryland	1	16	2
Massachusetts	1	16	2
Michigan	20	9	1
Minnesota	2	24	2
Mississippi	17	3	2
Missouri	18	20	2
Montana	1	16	2
Nebraska	2	14	2
Nevada	6	2	2
New Hampshire	8	2	2
New Jersey	7	2	2
New Mexico	7	2	2
New York	76	8	2
North Carolina	1	22	2
North Dakota	1	34	2
Ohio	14	1	31
Oklahoma	4	1	15
Oregon	2	2	2
Pennsylvania	9	2	62
Philippine Islands	2	2	2
Porto Rico	2	2	2
Rhode Island	10	2	2
South Carolina	16	1	2
South Dakota	6	2	2
Tennessee	23	2	2
Texas	31	8	2
Utah	8	2	2
Vermont	6	2	2
Virginia	22	1	2
Washington	14	2	2
West Virginia	2	16	2
Wisconsin	2	2	2

Wyoming	No. of Delegates	Taft	T. R.
Total	561	107	344
To nominate	540		
Scattering—Cummins, 10 from Iowa and 7 from Idaho, total 17; Hughes, 2 from Pennsylvania; LaFollette, 26 from Wisconsin, 10 from North Dakota, 5 from South Dakota, total 41.			
Absent, 6.			
Present but not voting, 344.			

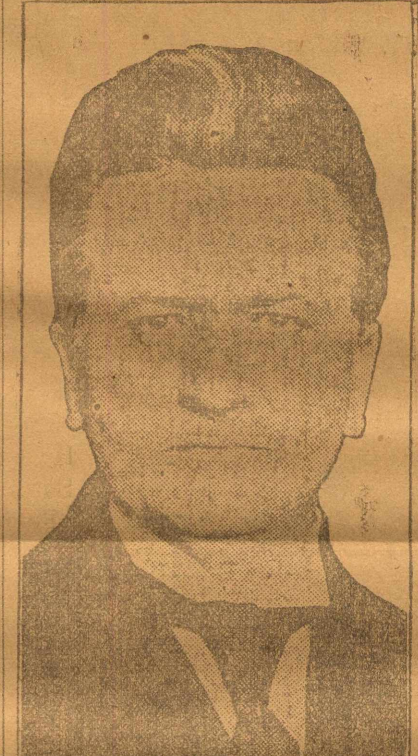
CONTESTED STATES AND TERRITORIES	DELEGATES	SEATED
Alabama	16	0
Arizona	6	0
Arkansas	17	0
California	2	0
Florida	12	0
Georgia	28	0
Indiana	12	0
Kentucky	22	0
Louisiana	20	0
Michigan	6	0
Missouri	18	0
Mississippi	17	0
North Carolina	2	0
Oklahoma	4	0
South Carolina	16	0
Tennessee	23	0
Texas	31	0
Virginia	22	0
Washington	14	0
West of Columbia	2	0
Alaska	2	0
Totals	252	19

LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED DURING FIRST FOUR DAYS

TOOK ALL CONVENTION TIME TO ORGANIZE.

Elihu Root Elected Temporary Chairman by Close Vote—How the Delegates Voted.

Chicago.—The main features of the first session of the National Republican convention, which opened at noon on Tuesday, was the ruling out of Governor Hadley's motion to substitute for the national committee's temporary roll of delegates, a role pre-



ROBERT MARION LA FOLLETTE. The Only Candidate Except President Taft Placed in Nomination.

pared by the Roosevelt men which eliminated 78 of the contested delegates, and the election of Senator Root of New York as temporary chairman of the convention. The following table shows how the states voted on temporary chairman:

	McGov-	Root, ern.
Alabama	22	2
Arizona	6	1
Arkansas	17	1
California	2	24
Colorado	12	2
Connecticut	6	2
Delaware	14	2
Florida	12	2
Georgia	28	2
Illinois	2	49
Indiana	20	10
Iowa	16	10
Kansas	2	13
Kentucky	22	3
Louisiana	20	2
Maine	1	12
Maryland	1	16
Massachusetts	1	16
Michigan	19	10
Minnesota	2	24
Mississippi	17	4
Missouri	18	20
Montana	1	16
Nebraska	2	15
Nevada	6	2
New Hampshire	8	2
New Jersey	7	2
New Mexico	7	2
New York	76	17
North Carolina	1	22
Ohio	14	24
Oklahoma	4	16
Oregon	2	6
Pennsylvania	9	64
Philippine Islands	2	2
Porto Rico	2	2
Rhode Island	10	2
South Carolina	16	1
South Dakota	6	7
Tennessee	23	1
Texas	31	8
Utah	8	2
Vermont	6	2
Virginia	22	2
Washington	14	2
West Virginia	2	16
Wisconsin	2	12
Wyoming	6	2
Alaska	2	2
Philippines	2	2
Porto Rico	2	2
Total	558	502

*One absent.
**One not voting.
***One for W. L. Hauser.
****Hauser, I. Groner, I. W. F. Lowder 9.

Second Day.

When the convention met on Wednesday Governor Hadley renewed his motion to unseat the contested delegates. Another test of strength came when Watson of Indiana moved to refer the motion to the credentials committee.

Governor Deneen moved to amend so as to provide that no contested delegate should vote on the membership of the committee on credentials or on its report.

Mr. Watson moved to table the motion of Governor Deneen.

Motion carried by a vote of 564 to 510. This was a defeat for the Roosevelt forces.

Third Day.

On Thursday the convention merely marked time while awaiting the report of the committee on credentials.

The Republican platform committee voted down by a bare majority of one a proposition by Governor Hadley to incorporate a plank favoring the direct primary. Governor Hadley announced that no minority report would be presented by the Roosevelt members of the platform committee.

Fourth Day.

Friday was devoted to adopting the various reports from the committee on credentials on the contested seats, in which the Taft forces were victorious in nearly every instance. Several hours were given to bitter debate between the factions, the convention adjourning for the day at 7:38 p. m.

The California delegates voted unanimously to follow the leadership of Governor Johnson, who was one of the earliest and most ardent advocates of the third party plan.

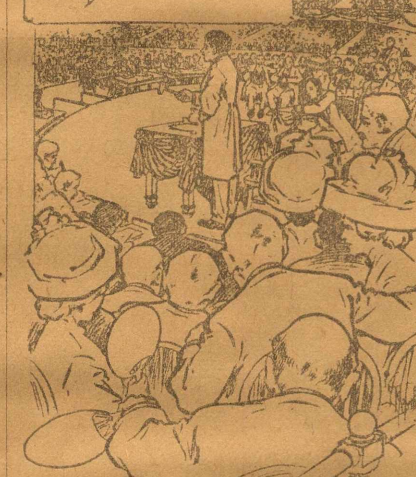
SOME SCENES AND INCIDENTS

LITTLE TOUCHES OF HUMAN INTEREST AT CONVENTION.

HAD RESPECT FOR GOV. HADLEY

Demonstration for the Missouri Executive Lasted Three Quarters of an Hour—Other Items of Interest.

Rosewater Prompt, But—Victor Rosewater, who as chairman of the national committee called the convention to order, was only three minutes late in pounding out with his gavel the announcement that the show was about to begin. The Omaha man looked pitifully small and weak, and could not make himself heard ten feet away from the platform. For fifteen minutes confusion reigned, and the



Chairman Rosewater Starts Them Off.

chairman was unable to quell it. A little later, when the Roosevelt adherents were making their first fight by seeking to substitute their own temporary roll for that prepared by the national committee, Mr. Rosewater piped feebly until some one shouted, "Speak up, little boy." Then he succumbed to the roar of laughter and let a clerk read his rulings.

It was no easy job keeping the great crowd in order, for while the delegates themselves were mostly grim and tense, apparently imbued with the idea that they were "making history," there were numerous skillfully placed claqueurs in the galleries which interrupted the speakers at frequent intervals.

Hadley Commands Respect.

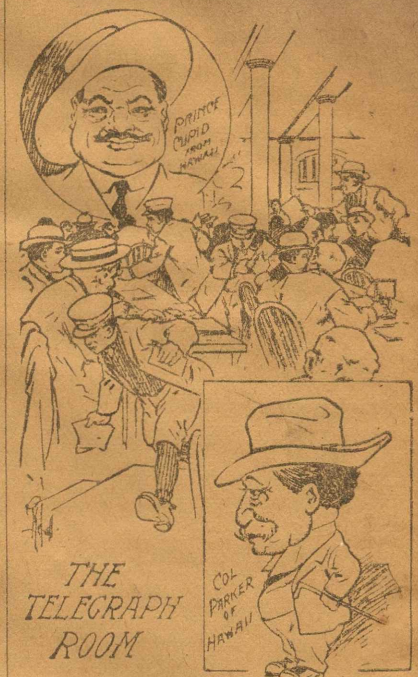
One man there was who was not subject to ribald interruptions and jeers. That was Governor Hadley of Missouri, the Roosevelt field captain. Whenever he arose he was accorded respectful attention and often hearty applause, for even his political enemies couldn't think up weak spots in his record with which to taunt him.

"Bill" Flinn, another Roosevelt fighter, was not so fortunate, but he seemed to like the storm that raged about him and did not give an inch until squelched by the gavel. Senator

Bradley of Kentucky, too, came in for a share of "boos" and hisses and was stirred to rage by many allusions to the fact that he had voted for Lorimer.

Police Intermittently Active.

Chicago supplied a small army of policemen to assist in keeping order and handling the crowd, and they did their duty nobly, by fits and starts. Despite all precautions, the doorkeepers let in hordes of their friends, who blocked up the aisles. At intervals



Getting the News to the Country.

some commanding officer would open his eyes, and there would be a sudden clearing out of the passage ways, accompanied by violent pushings and indignant protests. Some of these intruders wore fake badges, which served until a suddenly efficient policeman discovered the trick and rushed the offenders to the door with a mighty roar.

How the News Went Out.

Never have the arrangements for getting the news of a national convention to the country been explained so fully. The correspondents were placed on both sides of the speaker's stand at convenient long tables, and in the



Correspondents at Work.

basement were the extensive quarters of the several telegraph companies and news associations. Messenger boys in a continuous stream gathered up the "copy" and in a minute it was on the wires.

Besides the ordinary working newspaper men on the job, the press section was graced by the presence of a number of famous writers. Among these were Finley P. Dunne ("Doolley"), William Allen White, Elbert Hubbard, George Ade, Percy Hammond, George Fitch, Sam Blythe, Edward J. Clark, John Callan O'Laughlin and, last, but not least, William J. Bryan.

Many Women in Galleries.

It looked as though about half of the spectators in the Coliseum were women, and they added much to the liveliness of the scene by their pretty costumes and their enthusiasm.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, who sat beside her husband in rear seats on the aisle, could not contain herself. She was not recognized by more than a dozen persons when she entered the hall.

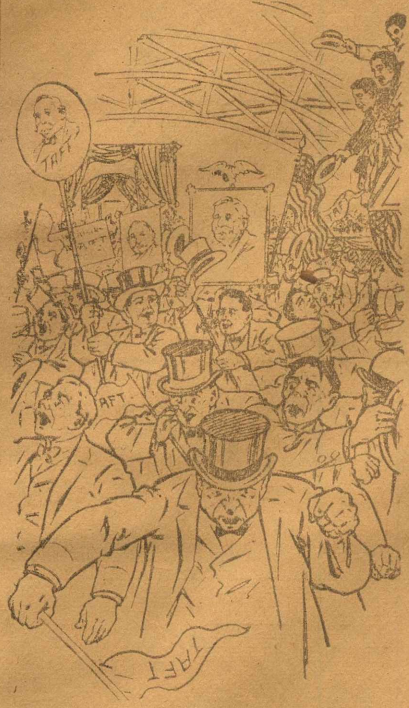
Women Delegates Cheered.

California's two woman delegates—Mrs. Florence C. Porter of Los Angeles and Mrs. Isabella W. Blaney of Saratoga—cast the first national convention votes ever given to members of their sex by any great political party. They went with the progressives, voting for McGovern, and as each rose to her feet to announce her choice she was cheered by the delegates and the audience.

Will Demonstration for Hadley.

Hadley was the man of the second day's session—Hadley of Missouri. He had stepped forward to speak in support of Governor Deneen's motion which was designed to prevent the 78 contested delegates voting on their own cases, but before he could utter a

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Marching Through the Aisles.

word pandemonium broke loose. In a moment every Roosevelt delegate was on his feet shouting "Hadley, Hadley," and even the Taft cohorts could not keep their seats. Then the enthusiasts began to pull up their state standards and march with them, while the galleries leaped to their feet, waving hats and handkerchiefs and papers and howling at the top of their voices. California's golden Teddy Bear led the way, and New Jersey, Missouri and North Carolina followed close behind. West Virginia, Ohio and Oklahoma fell into line, and there was a mighty roar as "Bill" Flinn grabbed Pennsylvania's standard and led his followers past the front of the speaker's stand. Minnesota and Maine now joined the shouting procession, and people all over the hall began to say that if nominations were in order, it would be no trick at all to put the governor of Missouri at the head of the ticket.

Cheers for Bryan.

One of the biggest demonstrations of the convention before the body was called to order was that given to William J. Bryan. As soon as he was recognized there was a rush of delegates and spectators toward him. "Bill Bryan, Bryan, Bryan," was the call that went up. Shaking hands as he walked, Mr. Bryan hurried to an usher and showed him his seat check. Smiling broadly on those who were following him, he hastened to a seat, got out a pencil and paper and began his day's work as a reporter.

A NEW PARTY IS BORN AT CHICAGO

PROGRESSIVE LEADERS MEET AND START THEIR CAMPAIGN.

ROOSEVELT IS THE NOMINEE

Mass Meetings of the People to be Called to Ratify the Choice—Most Remarkable Political Gathering Since 1856.

Chicago, June 24.—The new Progressive party came into existence Saturday night. It had its birth in Orchestra hall, while thousands cheered with an enthusiasm that was not far from religious.

Theodore Roosevelt is its presidential nominee. He accepted the nomination on the condition that it be reaffirmed at a mass convention from all the people, including Democrats as well as Republicans, southerners as well as northerners.

His appeal for the blotting out of party lines in the cause of "our common American citizenship" brought a tremendous outburst from the crowd. "I ask you," he said, "to go to your several homes to find out the senti-



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The First Candidate of the New Party for President.

ment of the people at home and then again come together. I suggest by mass convention, to nominate for the presidency a progressive candidate on a progressive platform that will enable us to plead to northerners and southerners, easterners and westerners, Republicans and Democrats, alike."

It was a wonderful convention, a convention that suggested in its solemnity, as well as its enthusiasm, what must have been the spirit of the men, who met under the Jackson oaks fifty-six years ago to found the Republican party in defense of the rights of man.

It was made up of the Roosevelt delegates, and as many of the people here as could get into the hall, which seats about three thousand. The men who made up the audience were in dead earnest. They were there for a purpose.

When a boy got up to the great pipe organ in the hall and played "America," and "Star Spangled Banner," and then "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord," the audience joined in the singing with the fervor of a religious meeting.

Men from Tennessee and from Massachusetts, and from California and from Maine stood with tears in their eyes as they sang.

Within twenty-four hours a call is to be made for an Illinois convention of Roosevelt supporters, at which a state organization will be formed.

Medill McCormick of Chicago said calls in other states would be issued in rapid succession and that within a few weeks the Progressive party would be organized in every section of the country.

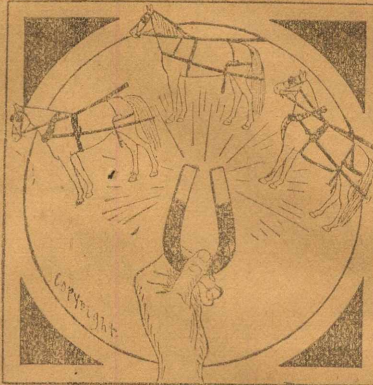
The method of operation in the various states is still to be decided upon. In some cases the Republican candidates for state and national offices, with the exception of President and Vice-President, will be endorsed, with the idea of preserving the state Republican organizations which are in sympathy with the Roosevelt movement.

An incident in the breaking up of the regular party organization is the resignation of members of the national committee who are favorable to Roosevelt.

Little Use for Hospital. All the preparations made by the

hospital corps for taking care of people who might be overcome by the heat were taken advantage of very little because of the cool weather. Nevertheless, the nurses and physicians were early on duty.

A "first aid" emergency hospital had been provided in the south end of the Coliseum, about 200 feet to the rear of the platform in the auditorium. All the aisles leading from the hospital to the main hall were kept open so that any patient might quickly be relieved.



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DRY LAKE ITEMS

Crops are in fine shape at present.

Marvin Brown attended church here Sunday.

G. A. Draper has been quite ill the past few days.

W. H. West made a business trip to Dickens Thursday.

A. D. Baker's house was removed several feet from the blocks last week by the big wind.

Rev. Geo. Berryman will preach at the Dry Lake school house Sunday evening, July 7.

A. H. Smoot had business in Spur Saturday.

Mr. Buchanan of near Dickens is having a cistern dug on his place here.

Miss Lottie Johnson was the guest of the Misses West Sunday.

Mr. Proctor Brown has been employing his time by searching for two of his mules, which left several days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luce of Tap spent Sunday with Mrs. Reeves.

Quite a number of the Dry Lake people have been attending the Baptist meeting now in progress at Spur.

Rev. J. N. Billberry preached an able sermon here Sunday night.

Little Lerline and Carrol Cherry are on an extended visit to relatives south of Spur.

Mrs. I. G. VanLier visited in Spur Wednesday.

Loy West has been forced to keep his hand in a sling for the past month on account of a sore finger caused from a splinter.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry, our former teacher for the Dry Lake school, has again secured the position for the coming term.

Monday afternoon at five o'clock little Miss Velma Cudd entertained a number of her little girl friends at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. T. A. Tidwell and children returned recently from O'Brien where they had been some time for the benefit of the ill health of Mrs. Tidwell, whom we are glad to note is very much improved in health.

J. E. Shelby was down this week from the Plains country and while here handed us a dollar for the paper and for which we extend our thanks.

Mrs. W. G. Broyles returned this week from a three weeks' visit to Austin, Munday and Elk City, Okla.

THREE DAYS OF RECREATION AT QUANAH, HARDEMAN COUNTY FAIR

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SPUR ARTESIAN WELL DEVELOPS POTASH.

A State Geologist has been in Spur throughout the week for the purpose of making an analysis of the contents of the deep well. Potash has been found in the well and since it is very costly and rare, being mined only in Germany to any great extent, the geologist is here to determine if the potash is here in sufficient quantities to pay to work. However, drilling operations will be resumed for artesian water. A whole car of piping has been shipped from the factory and will arrive in Spur the latter part of the week, upon the arrival of which drilling will immediately begin.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER.

Mrs. J. E. Shelton had a six o'clock dinner at her home in the city Tuesday in honor of Miss Burnett who will return Saturday to her home at Sulphur Springs. Two courses were served at dinner and the occasion was one of exceeding pleasure to those present. The guests were Misses Lillian Grace, Lena and Grace Roberts and Burnett.

ENTERTAIN BRIDE AND GROOM.

Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. W. B. Griffin entertained at her home in the city in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowles, pastor of the First Christian Church and the bride and groom of one week. Mrs. Griffin was assisted by a number of the church membership. At the door guests were admitted by a receiving committee and presented to the guests of honor, after which they were conducted to the parlor, later repairing to the dining room where refreshments were served. Later the guests departed, congratulating the bride and groom and thanking the hostess for a most pleasant occasion.

J. E. Day called in Thursday and contributed much to our optimism of the present and future by handing us a dollar for the Texas Spur and saying let it keep on coming I may get holt of another dollar some day. This is substantial encouragement and we appreciate it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant of the Pitchfork Ranch have been spending the week in Spur with friends and attending the meeting and Masonic Lodge.

"EVERY LADY"

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Mrs. May Stewart, of Sherman is in the city visiting her parents, R. R. Morrison and wife and R. C. Morrison and family. Little Miss Ruthin Morrison, who has been spending some time at Sherman, returned to her home with her aunt.

Hodges Haile, a prominent citizen and most prosperous young farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur this week on business. He reports everything flourishing.

DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Representative (105th District):
A. J. Hagins
A. C. Wilmeth

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison
E. L. Harkey (Second Term)

For County and District Clerk:
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)
J. C. McCormick

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner
D. C. Sparks
H. P. Cole (Re-election)

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):
H. T. Garner
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:
W. A. Craddock
O. S. Ferguson

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

For Public Weigher (Precinct 3):
C. H. Perry

A GREAT REVIVAL MEETING NOW IN PROGRESS.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress throughout the week at the Baptist tabernacle and conducted by Evangelist Finney and Singer Hielt, is being largely attended and much interest and enthusiasm is manifest on every hand. Evangelist Finney is an earnest, forceful and effective preacher and his sermons together with the singing renditions is having a decided and noticeable effect not alone upon the church membership but is contributing to a general religious revival over the town and country.

Singer Hielt is one of the best singers we have heard in the west, and since he has organized a large choir of both junior and senior classes, assisted by instrumental music of piano, organ and violin, the interest and enjoyment of the services is appreciably enhanced.

As a result of the meeting quite a number have been converted to Christian beliefs, and a number of additions have been made to the church.

Rev. Finney and Singer Hielt are able and effective evangelists and religious revivalists and the result of their efforts in Spur will live long after their departure to other fields. The meeting here will probably continue throughout another week and those interested in contributing to a most interesting meeting and great religious revival should not fail to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin, of Mexico, are visiting his parents, Uncle Buck Hardin and wife at their home near Spur.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a protracted meeting will begin the 27th of July at the Fuquay school house on Red Mud. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. Mark Hardin assisted by Rev. Hardy. The meeting promises to be a great revival of the old time religion and everybody is invited to attend.

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Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 14th, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$142,123.51
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	101.98
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	21.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	33,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,367.92
Due from approved Reserve Agents	36,267.80
Checks and Other cash Items	23.97
Notes of other National Banks	2,295.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	10.20
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	\$4,673.85
Legal tender notes	2,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$248,135.23

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	12,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	4,412.69
National bank notes outstanding	24,500.00
Due to other National Banks	565.94
Individual deposits subject to check	80,756.60
Cashier's Checks outstanding	400.00
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	25,000.00
Total	\$248,135.23

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

R. C. Forbis,

C. A. Jones,

Geo. S. Link,

Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of June, 1912.

R. S. HOLMAN, Notary Public.

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CROPS PROMISE A YIELD OF 1 BALE TO THE ACRE.

T. J. Harrison and little son, of the Liberty community, were in Spur trading Wednesday. Mr. Harrison said that he had had little time to push his campaign for the Tax Assessor's office on account of his crops. He said that the recent rain accompanied by hail did some damage as well as much good on his place. The rain washed away several acres of his crops and which he has been replanting. The hail, he said, beat down his cotton but that it is now straightening up and coming out all right and has the promise of making a bumper yield provided no other calamity befalls. Every one, not only of the Afton country but from every section of this country, says that the crop prospects in every section is most promising and on every hand the expectation now is that a bale of cotton to the acre, and even more in many instances, will be grown in Dickens county and the Spur country this year.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Four 70-saw gin plant for sale, or will trade for cattle, mules or Dickens county real estate. Will sell all on time, four annual payments, with proper security.—E. D. Chambers, Afton, Texas.

As predicted the Republicans held two national conventions, one of which nominated Taft for the presidency and the other nominating Roosevelt. With the g. o. p. split as it is, if the Democrats fail to get in power at the November election and make good thereafter they had just as well disband and join the Socialists or "Cross the Rubicon" with Teddy.

Commercial printing cheap.

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In any important undertaking in life's work, the first step should be taken with a feeling of confidence and security. Backed by the knowledge of a healthy bank account, that step will be made more easy and secure. Opportunities constantly occur for the one with financial backing. We invite you to start an account in our bank, if you are not already a depositor.

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GREATEST AGRICULTURAL SECTION OF AMERICA.

M. S. Favor, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles east of Afton, was in Spur this week and reports all things in good shape and fine prospects of abundant crop harvests. He said the recent hail did some damage to cotton but that it is coming out all o. k. and the prospect is that a record breaking crop of the staple will be picked this fall. This year as well as past years is practicably and uncontroversibly demonstrating the fact that the Spur country is one of the greatest agricultural and cotton producing sections of America.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Cecil Bennett attended the Jayton picnic.

W. P. Sampson and family spent Sunday with Rev. W. B. Bennett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hagins and family spent Sunday evening in Gilpin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carlisle attended church at Girard Sunday evening.

L. W. Billberry and family attended church at Steel Hill Sunday.

Miss Bessie Shepherd is visiting Miss Mamie Bilberry this week.

Mr. D. D. Hagins and Miss Ruth Hawkins attended church at Steel Hill Sunday.

P. E. Hagins and family attended the Masonic picnic at Jayton Monday, and report a large attendance and a good time generally.

The Gilpin people feel that they are being wonderfully blessed. We are thankful, indeed, for the pleasant weather, the welcome rain, the refreshing dew, and our rapidly growing crops. So far, the Destroying Angel has passed us by, and we can also say with thankful hearts that there has been no death in our midst this year.—Johnny Jump-Up.

T. L. Higginbotham made a business trip this week to Dallas and other eastern cities.

Mrs. Wes Hisey left the latter part of last week for Stamford where she will spend several days with her mother.

W. L. Grogan, a prominent citizen and leading Mason of Abilene, has been in Spur this week assisting in conferring the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter.

Miss Jessie Schneider, head nurse at the Standifer Hospital, returned the latter part of last week from a visit to friends and relatives at Snyder and Winters.

XL. WISDOM

SOCRATES taught the Athenians philosophy and Solon gave Greece her laws and under their inspiring influence civilization bore its noblest fruits. The Greeks owed their advancement to strong leaders who were able to grapple with fundamental thoughts and to a citizenship that drank deeply at the fountain of truth and wisdom. Every age has been indebted for progress to its geniuses who could open the store-house of knowledge and history tells us that nations pine away and die in the arms of ignorance.



SOCRATES TEACHING WISDOM.

Let that nation that would reach the towering height of civilization rock the cradle of thought in the billows of progress, nurture genius on the milk of inspiration, chasten ambition with the rod of experience that civilization may bloom and bear its golden fruits of power, happiness and prosperity. Texas Needs Great Men.

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People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

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We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

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Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable price. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to friends and relatives in the Afton country. Mrs. Smith reports that the Afton country could not be in better shape respecting crops conditions and prospects and as a result all the farmers are smiling and happy.

J. P. Simmons and wife and J. H. Williams and family spent several days of last week visiting at the home of Jim Robertson and wife in the Afton country.

Mesdames Walker and Hart, who have been spending some time in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Walker, returned the latter part last week to their homes at Bryan and Commerce.

D. C. Sparks, of the Croton country, was in Spur Friday and Saturday shaking hands with the voters.

J. N. Zumwalt, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer and ranchman of fifteen miles west of Spur, was in the city on business and trading with the merchants the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Slack and Miss Crat Neely returned the latter part of last week from the Plains country where they spent several days with relatives and friends.

Ben Hagins, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week on business and trading with the merchants.

J. P. Simmons and Mr. Estes moved the callaboose from the suburbs to a more convenient place in the city the latter part of last week.

J. I. Greer, of the Tap country, was in Spur Friday and spent some time here on business.

SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the world famous Yellowstone National Park and return, under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS", the new monthly magazine of Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days, (ticket to be good until October 31st for return and allowing stop-overs en route), will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense, particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost, address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Ju-6-to-Jul-20

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I have secured a company that will advance 40 per cent of value on improved real estate. — E. C. Edmonds.

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T. L. Higginbotham made a business trip last week to Dublin and other points, returning the first of the week to Spur.

Miss Loller, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Morris in the city, returned the latter part of last week to Haskell.

Mrs. G. T. Brandon left the latter part of last week for Palestine in response to a message stating that her grand-mother was quite ill and not expected to recover.

Mrs. Jim Powell, nee Miss Jud Neely, of Lubbock, is in the city this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Neely, and other relatives.

Mrs. Wes Hisey and children returned the first of the week from Stamford where she spent several days with her parents.

House and lot, west part of Spur, well improved, for sale at a bargain on easy terms. — J. L. Borden. 32-4t.

Mrs. Ellis' mother, of Anson, is in Spur on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis at their home in the city.

C. H. McDonald has all kinds of fresh fruit direct from growers, and the best and purest cold rinks.

Well drill outfit complete, for sale. For particulars see W. G. Sherrod at Spur National Bank. — Shelby & Landes. 32-4tp.

John Weatherby was in the city last week from his ranch home on business and spent some time here.

W. F. Godfrey made a business trip last week to the Plains country where he spent several days.

Attorney Dalton, of the Plains, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on legal business.

Miss Allcorn, of, Tap, was a visitor in the city the latter part last week.

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"A man's life is the best test of his moral and social state. Take two men, for instance, both working at the same trade and earning the same money; yet how different they may be as respects their actual conditions. The one looks a free man, the other a slave. The one lives in a snug cottage; the other in a mud hovel. The one has always a decent coat to his back; the other is in rags. The children of the one are clean, well dressed, at school; the children of the other are dirty, filthy and often in the gutter. The one possesses the ordinary comforts of life, as well as many of its pleasures and conveniences—perhaps a well chosen library; the other has few of the comforts of life, certainly no pleasures, enjoyments, nor books; and yet these two men earn the same wages. What is the cause of the difference between them? It is this: the one is intelligent and prudent; the other is the reverse. The one denies himself for the benefit of his wife, his family and his home; the other denies himself nothing, but lives under the tyranny of evil habits. The

BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Spur, Texas, at the close of business on the 14th day of June, 1912, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 28th day of June, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$15,396.88
Loans, real estate	3,384.70
Overdrafts	87.54
Real estate (banking house)	2,897.41
Other real estate	2,934.75
Furniture and Fixtures	1,908.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$2,354.82
Cash Items	252.70
Currency	905.00
Specie	394.45
Int. in Depositors Guar. Fund	3,906.97
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Other resources as follows:	
Assessment of Guaranty Fund	59.86
Claims account	37.50
Total	\$30,829.59

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	300.00
Undivided profits, net	809.64
Due to banks and bankers sub-to check, net	490.86
Individual deposits, subject to check	9,195.24
Cashier's Checks	33.85
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
Total	\$30,829.59

State of Texas, County of Dickens: We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. P. COLE, President.
J. F. VERNON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of June, A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

OSCAR JACKSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
F. A. Prideaux,
W. A. Wilkinson,
W. S. Dunn,
Directors.

know what you spent? I believe you. But that's the way your pennies go, my lad."

"And that's all your secret?"

"Yes, take care of your penny—that's all. Because I save, I have, when you want. It's very simple, isn't it?"

"Simple, oh yes; but there is nothing in it."

"Yes, there's this in it—that it has made you ask me the question, how I manage to keep my family so comfortable, and put money in the Penny Bank, while you, with the same wages, can hardly make ends meet. Money is independence, and money is made by putting pennies together. Besides, I work so hard for mine—and so do you—that I can't find it in my heart to waste a penny on drink, when I can put it beside a few more hard earned pennies in the bank. It's something for a sore foot or a rainy day. There's that in it, Jack; and there's comfort also in the thought that, whatever may happen to me, I needn't beg nor go to the workhouse. The saving of the pennies makes me feel a free man. The man always in debt, is little better than a slave."

"But if we had our rights the poor would not be so hardly dealt with as they now are."

"Why, Jack, if you had your rights tomorrow, would they put your money back into your pocket after you had spent it? Would your rights give your children shoes and stockings when you had chosen to waste on beer what would have bought them? Would your rights make your wife thrifter, or your hearth-stone cleaner? Would rights wash your children's faces and mend holes in your clothes?"

No, no, my friend? Give us our rights by all means, but our rights are not habits, and it's habits we want—good habits. With these we can be free men, and independent men now, if we but determine to be so. Good rights, Jack, and mind my secret

one is a sober man and takes pleasure in making his home attractive, and his family comfortable; the other cares nothing for his home and family, but spends the greater part of his earnings in the gin-shop or in the public house. The one looks up; the other looks down. The standard of employment of the one is high, and the other low. The one likes books which instructs and elevates his mind; the other likes drink which tends to lower and brutalize him. The one saves his money; the other wastes his.

"I say, Mate," said one workman to another, as they went home one evening from their work, "Will you tell me how it is that you contrive to get on? How it is that you manage to clothe and feed your family as you do, and put money in the bank besides; whilst I, who have so good wages as you, and fewer children can barely make the ends meet?"

"Well, I will tell you—it only consists in this—in taking care of the pennies."

"What, is that all, Ransom?"

"Yes, and a good 'all' too. Not one in fifty know the secret. For instance, Jack, you don't."

"How, I? Let's see how you make that out."

"Now you have asked my secret, I'll tell you all about it. But you must not be offended if I speak plainly. First, I pay nothing for my drinks."

"Nothing? Then you don't pay your shot, but sponge on your neighbors."

"Never, I drink water, which costs nothing. Drunken days have always their to-morrows, as the old proverb says. I spare myself sore heads, and shaky hands, and save my pennies. Drinking water neither makes a man sick, nor in debt, nor his wife a widow, and that let me tell you, makes a considerable difference in our out-go. It may amount to about half a crown a week, or seven pounds a year. That seven pounds will clothe myself and children, while you are out at elbow, and your children go barefoot."

"Come, come, that's going too far. I don't drink at that rate. I may take an odd half pint now and then, but half a crown a week. Pooh! pooh!"

"Well, then, how much did you spend on drink last Saturday night? Out with it."

"Let me see, I had a pint with Jones; I think I had another with Davis, who is just going to Australia, and then I went to the lodge."

"Well, how many glasses had you there?"

"How can I tell? I forget. But it's all stuff and nonsense, Bill."

"Oh, you can't tell; you don't

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

—its nothing but taking care of pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves"

Taking care of pennies.—Geo. F. Smith, Spur, Texas.

WILL NOT ISSUE BONDS

In a recent issue of the Herald we stated the the school board had declared the tax and bond issue carried, but we are informed that after they had gotten up the transcript and had it examined by an attorney they were advised that, owing to the fact that one ballot was lost and one was mutilated that the probability is that the attorney general would not approve the issue because of a doubt as to whether a majority of the votes polled were for the bond issue, and upon this advice the board have decided to drop the matter entirely and wait until another year when they can get a larger issue, and perhaps a larger majority in favor of the question. They were not advised that anything illegal had been done at all, but that it was a question as to whether or not a majority of the votes cast were for the bonds.

We hope the question will be carefully looked into from stand-

point of need, and before it comes to a vote again all prejudice and personal feelings will be laid aside and the good of the school as a whole be considered. —Jayton Herald.

NOTICE

On July the 2d, 1912, I will sell at Sheriff's Sale before the Court House door the following property to the highest cash bidder: Nine head of horses, 110 head of goats and one cow and her calf. The same being the property of J. N. Ballard. —H. P. Cole, Sheriff.

GONE TO MINERAL WELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Hale, of Afton, boarded the train at Spur the first of the week enroute to Mineral Wells where they go for the benefit of Mr. Hale's health. They will probably be gone a month or more and on his return we hope to report his complete recovery.

There is no question but that Theodore beat 'em in the running, but the judges would not render a decision adverse to their leader. Roosevelt is the greatest living advertiser, and even though they sometimes lose the "income" advertisers always win.

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