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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Pay your poll tax and exercise your rights of citizenship. If you depend on the other fellow to do this for you, he is not going to do it to suit you.

Our reference to the crowded condition of our public school has brought forth one comment—one to our liking by a man who knows. Let's have your view on the matter, whether adverse or in harmony with ours. Something will be done; so let us see what it is going to be.

People who own land which has never been surveyed on the ground and corners established, are standing in their own light by not having it surveyed, corners established and the field notes put on record. It is often the case a man sells a section of land as 640 acres when it actually measures out 675 acres. Then, again, it often happens that a man buys a section of land for 640 acres when it will not measure out over 500 acres. It would pay you to know just what you have, and have it placed of record by the proper authority.

The Senate, last Tuesday voted to raise the salary of the President to \$100,000, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to \$15,000 and each of the Associate Justices to \$14,500. The excuse for raising the salary of the President is that the lavish entertainments at the White House may be more lavish. The spirit that once said millions for defense, but not a penny for tribute has degenerated to millions for the amusement of millionaire monkeys, but not a red for the hungry men and women in the streets of our cities. A great, economic, civilized people, we are!

INDIVIDUALISM OF THE FARMER.

Farming is virtually the only great series of occupations that is unorganized, unsyndicated, unmonopolized, uncontrolled, except as it is dominated by natural laws of commerce and the arbitrary limitations imposed by organization in other business. In a time of extreme organization and subordination of the individual the farmer still retains his traditional individualism and economic separateness. His entire scheme of life rests on intrinsic earning by means of his own efforts. If the farmer steps outside his own realm he is met on the one side by organized capital and on the other by organized labor. He is confronted by fixed earnings. What he himself secures is a remainder left at the end of a year's business.—Century.

THANK YOU

We have just passed out of a very successful year's business, and take this means of making public our gratitude to our customers for their generous patronage.

We are making preparations to carry in stock everything needed in our line, and respectfully solicit a continuance of your trade.

We trust that the new year will bring to all an abundance of good Cheer, Peace and Plenty.

Yours to please,
Fisher Bros.

SIRAY PIG

I have taken up a black pig, about three months old. Owner can have same by proving it and paying for its keep.

W. R. Davis,
Sterling City, Texas.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUILDING

What A Man Who Knows What He is Talking About Has to Say

Bro. Kellis struck the right note last week, when he told us about the need of improvement in our school. Let us think of the matter a little more.

We will possibly have an eight months' term this year, but next year we cannot be sure of that much; for, under the old law, the Supreme Court decision restricted independent districts to a levy of 20c on the \$100 for all purposes. With a 20c rate the best that can be had is less than seven and one-half months and continue in the over-crowded state that part of the school is subjected to at present. What we need, is another room—and two could be built nearly as cheap as one—one more teacher, some apparatus to work with, and another grade added to the course. With this inducement we can make Sterling City the educational center for a large scope of developing country; without it we can make no progress at all. Other places will secure the valuable patronage that is ours if we will only bid for it.

A 40 cent rate for maintenance and about 20c for building purposes would be sufficient to run a good school for 9 months in the year. Remember we are investing in brains and character, the best asset a community can produce. Our school should be the pride of the town, and a few dollars spent, judiciously, now will show adequate returns in the future.

Let's have a petition before the next Commissioners Court asking for an election. No time to lose—a united effort should be made at once and secure the improvements for next years work.

WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE

The prohibition question will likely be on tap again this summer, and things are going to be hot. Spades will be called spades and old hats won't be called sky pieces by a darned sight.

The Antis will call the Pros a set of hypocritical, Peruna-soaked loblsters who have to wear a muzzle to keep from getting drunk every time they pass a sloop barrel, and they think everybody else is just like them. On the other hand, the Pros will come back by saying the Antis are a set of low-down, lantern-jawed, knock-kneed, whiskey-headed cusses who would shove a widow woman's dog in the creek. It's going to be mighty warm, and a lot of people are going to act darn fools before they get through with it.

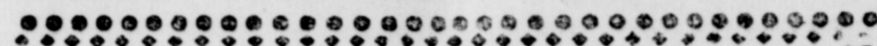
There will be hired windjammers on both sides, and the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments will be left at home in the cold storage, while the windjammers earn their living by lying on the opposition. A man may think he has been converted, and has "got religion," but just let a prohibition campaign come up, and the hired speaker begin to put the rowels to him, and he will find himself doing the Peter act in a holy minute. He will catch himself lying and saying hard things about his neighbor a dozen times a day, and before the thing is through, he has inflicted wounds that will never heal. I am sorry to say that even some ministers, whose words and acts should be all gentleness and kindness, are going to turn fierce politicians and desecrate God's holy altar with ungodly words—words that wound but never win. As I have before said, if you are ever going to be a fool in your life, it will be when you take either side of this question as a partisan.

A HEAD TO HEAD TALK

MR. BUSINESS MAN:

Advertising is not an adjunct to your business, but an integral, inseparable part of it. You should figure so much money for advertising as just as necessary to your business as insurance, rent or clerk hire. It is just as essential to your success. Judicious news paper advertising bears much the relation to any business that the horse does to the cart; when unhitched, the cart is at a standstill. The combination of publicity and your business is like a pair of scissors—each is the complement of the other. Your investment is one blade, advertising is the other. Apart both are profitless, but working together, they mean success.

Advertising has been the basic principle in every mercantile success since competition began.



TO THE CITIZENS OF STERLING COUNTY:

We have bought the L. Schwartz & Co. Dry Goods Business at San Angelo, and have planted ourselves at the Schwartz old stand as citizens of San Angelo.

We placed this stock on sale Saturday, January 16th at slaughtering prices and created a sensation in San Angelo. The people came in such crowds that we were compelled to close our doors for awhile.

About \$20,000 worth of this stock is going at one half price, and everything in the house is reduced. For the benefit of our distant trade we will continue this sale for 10 days. So don't fail to see us during this 10 days sale.

- Thousands of yards of Dress Goods at 1-2 price.
- Shoes from 25 to 50 per cent discount.
- Ladies' Coats, Suits and Waists 1-2 price
- Embroideries and Laces at exactly 1-2 off
- All Men's Suits at 1-2 price.
- Stetson Hats at 1-4 off.
- Over Coats at from 1-4 to 1-3 off
- All Hosiery reduced 1 4

We are strangers to you as merchants, but we refer you with pride to where we are operating three other stores, as to our methods of store keeping. Come and bring all the family.

BAKER, HEMPHILL & CO.,
Successors to L. Schwartz & Co.,
San Angelo, Texas.

Business does not grow by chance, friendship or good wishes—you may have all these and fail to attract the trade of the public. But by pluck, push, honesty and publicity.

Even ministers of the gospel do not hesitate to advertise in order to reach men. They know it brings results. But to advertise niggardly, grudgingly, always kicking about the cost, is worse than useless and is good money thrown away. The timid advertiser never reaches the buyers. It is trying to span a ten foot ditch with a nine foot plank—just long enough to be too short. Concentrate your efforts. Shoot with a rifle instead of a blunderbuss. Pat all your eggs under one hen and watch the hen.

Select the paper that covers the field you want to reach and tell the people, week after week, what you have, in plain, truthful and unexaggerated terms. Use

no claptrap or fictitious claims. If you fool the public once, confidence in your statements can never be restored. The word juggler has had his day in the court of public credulity, the people understand his cant, his tissues of falsehood and rot. The simple truth, often and hammered in, is as certain to bring success as a mortgage is to become due. —Colorado Record.

MARRIED

At Mineral Wells, December 17th, Mr. Hawes Wells, of Profit, Young county, to Miss Mabel Crain.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Crain, of our town, and is well known here as a young lady of excellent worth. The groom is a prosperous ranchman of Young County.

We join a host of friends in extending congratulations to the happy couple.

WATERS-PIERCE MUST "DIG" UP

Supreme Court of The United States Affirms Action of State Courts

Last Monday the Supreme Court of the United States handed down its decision in the case of the State of Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil Co.—the decision being against the Oil Co. and confirming the judgement of the State courts in awarding the State of Texas \$1,623,900 in penalties and forfeiture or the Com. charter to do business in Texas. The receiver, Mr. Egbart, appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas will supersede Mr. Dorchester, the receiver whom the Waters-Pierce people have tried so hard to keep in control.

Thus, ends a long, hard fought case, and the victory being complete, in every particular, for the state. Attorney General Davidson, as well as other high officials, are loud in their praise of Jewell P. Lightfoot, the State's attorney who has had the case in charge. The Company's charter and permit to do business is canceled, and the receiver will proceed to wind up affairs and pay over the penalties to the State.

DIVIDE REPORT

Report of the Divide School of Sterling County, Texas, for the examining month ending January 22nd, 1909:

- Highest general average made by Mabel Buckner, 6th grade, 98 1-3
- Next, Carl Boyles, 5th grade, 95 1-5
- Next highest, Sam Mann, 4th grade, 95.
- Next highest, Vera Welch, 3rd grade, 95.

Divide Teacher

NOTICE

By virtue of authority vested in me by law, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of February, 1909, at a regular term of the Commissioners Court of Sterling County, Texas, bids will be received by said Court from any incorporation, association or individual banker as the depository of the funds of said Sterling county. Any banking corporation, association or individual banker desiring to bid for said depository shall deliver to me, on or before the first day of said term of said commissioners court, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest which said bidder offers to pay on the funds of said county for the next two years. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenues of the preceeding year as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

It is hereby ordered that this notice be published in the News-Record, a paper published in Sterling county, once a week for at least 20 days before the commencement of said term of said Commissioners Court.

A. V. PATTERSON,
Judge, Sterling Co.

DANGEROUS SOLILOQUY.

"Talking to one's self may not always be a sign of idocy," said a Chicago man, "but I know one case where it was. I used to have the habit myself. At the same time I was trying my hand at literary work. One day when wrestling with the final chapter of a love story I put my work aside for awhile and went out for a walk with a young woman. My thoughts, however, were with my story, instead of my companion. Suddenly, after a period of silence, the words of a pretty

HEROD'S OCCUPATION GONE.

Twentieth Century Death Rate of Babies Would Satisfy Him.

In one summer there were 52,837 infants' deaths in the large towns of England, the rate being 275 in 1,000 for the same period. Frequently during summer the hospitals for children in London are taxed beyond their capacity. In Birmingham more than 3,000 babies die annually.

Germany has a record which is astounding for that domestic country, where all young women are supposedly learned in the domestic arts.

Two million children are born in one year, and yet as many as 400,000 die before one year old, making the rate for the German empire 309. In pretty Munich, where it would seem that conditions are favorable for public hygiene, the death rate has been as high as 419, an average of 324 in 1,000.

Our own country makes little better record, for in the District of Columbia the rate in 1909 was over 275, other states being a little lower, but still too high. In Massachusetts eight cities averaged 186 to 204, and New York was about 159, almost all the New England states being higher.

From various British reports it is learned that improper feeding is the prime cause of the great mortality among infants under one year of age, and in a German record of investigation the statement is made that of the 4,075 deaths of infants which occurred in Munich in the year 1903, 3,395 were bottle fed, which would show conclusively that artificial feeding has its very serious side, largely because of the "unclean" milk given.—World To-Day.

"Uncle Tom" Brought Him Over.

William Vocke, the Chicago milk-bonair, was born in Germany. While there his father read him a translation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and this so impressed the lad that as soon as he heard slavery was to be fought he came to this country to lead his aid in ending it.

FOR SALE

40 head of graded angora goats, 1 double disk plow, 1, 94-tooth barrow—both good as new. 4 good work mules all at a bargain.

J. B. Buckner,
Sterling City, Texas.

BILLS FOR SALE

I have ten or twelve, coming two's, high grade Hereford bulls for sale. Phone or write, R. W. Foster,
Sterling City, Tex.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Twice-a-Week Republic Now for 50 Cents Per Year.

The Twice a Week Republic, of St. Louis has reduced its subscription price from \$1 per year to 50 cents. This is one of the oldest and best semi-weekly newspapers published in the United States, and at the price of 50 cents per year no one can afford to be without it. For 10 cents you receive two big eight page papers every week, 104 copies a year, at less than one-half cent per copy. Your friends and neighbors will surely take advantage of this opportunity. Don't fail to tell them all about it. Send all orders to the Republic, St. Louis, Mo.

FOR SALE

240 acres of good valley land for sale at \$10 per acre, cash. Apply at this office.

SEEDS SOLD ON HONOR

Our new 1909 catalog with 124 finely illustrated pages is now ready and will be sent free upon request. It fully describes the best seeds and plants for the Southern Grower, High bred.

CottonSeed, AlfalfaSeed, WatermelonSeed, SweetCorn, Peas

and all kinds of plants for House and Lawn are our specialties. Oldest seed house in Southwest. 26 years of successful seed-selling. Write for our catalog.

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