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AN OPEN LETTER TO JUDGE BLANTON

Judge Thomas L. Blanton,
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

I am advised that you have for nearly three months in my absence, been campaigning this district as a candidate for Congressman. That during that time you have in your speeches at many places made charges against me that I must here characterize as untrue. Among other things I am told you charge:

I. That I am responsible for the re-appointment of Frank Sterrett, Republican postmaster at Albany. This is not true. I opposed the re-appointment of Sterrett. You have been advised that I did so, and yet I am told you continue to repeat this story. Why and by what authority do you do this?

II. You are charging that I refused to let the people of Baird select a postmaster by a Primary election, and permitted a postmaster at that place to be named by two men: Dr. R. G. Powell and Mr. T. E. Powell. This charge is not true. You know it. The fact is the term of the present incumbent of that office, who is a republican appointed by President Taft, does not expire until Aug. 23, 1916, and therefore the question of selecting his Democratic successor has not yet even been considered. And neither of the Powell's has yet recommended any one to me for that office.

The Baird Post Office is in your judicial district. You have been holding court there, receiving your mail from that office, and personally you know the Postmaster, and you know the Powells. You say a postmaster has been named for Baird. Who is he?

III. You are also charging that S. G. Dean, whom I recommended for Postmaster at Haskell, was not a resident of that town, and that in recommending him, I turned down an ex-confederate soldier. Neither of these statements are true. Mr. Dean has been a bona-fide resident of Haskell since Aug. 1907, having no other home. And no ex-confederate soldier applied for the Haskell postoffice.

If you contend the statement that I here make is not true, then tell us where Dean's home was when I recommended him, and name the ex-confederate soldier I turned down.

IV. You are also charging that I turned down the endorsement of the great mass of Democrats at Rule, and had Mr. McClesky appointed upon the endorsement of Judge Coombes of Anson. This is not true. Mr. McClesky was endorsed by over 400 patrons of that office, and the other applicants combined had less than half that many endorsements. Why did you make the statement that I turned down the endorsement of the great mass of Democrats at Rule?

V. You have charged that at Aspermont I recommended Mr. Thomas upon the endorsement of Judge Coombes. This is not true. Mr. Thomas was not recommended to me by Judge Coombes at all. Why did you make this statement?

VI. You have charged that my recommendation of Gentry at Pecos smacks of gratitude to a legislator for preventing redistricting. I suppose you base this charge solely upon the fact

that Gentry was a member of the legislature. In connection with this case, do you not think it would have been only simple justice to me to have disclosed the fact that Gentry was endorsed by the Democratic Executive Committee of the county, and by a majority of all the voters of the city of Pecos? Being so endorsed, would you have turned him down just because he happened to be a member of the legislature?

VII. You charge that I absolutely ignored the demands of democrats at Alpine, and forced a postmaster on them against their will. This is not true. The man I recommended at Alpine, Mr. Coleman had more than three times as many endorsements from among the patrons of the office as all the other applicants put together. Why do you make this statement and what would you have done had you been in my place?

VIII. You have also charged in many places that I have neglected and discriminated against the farmers in the district in the distribution of seed, that I have sent seed only to public officers, and to those prominent in politics. This charge is not true. Let me ask you by what authority you make this charge?

It would have been easy for you to have ascertained the truth in regard to it. A letter to the Agricultural Department would have gotten the fact that I have sent seed this year to more than 45,000 people in the district. I had about 53,000 names on my lists, and not being able to secure enough to go around, I was compelled to omit some, but those I omitted resided in the larger cities, El Paso, Abilene and San Angelo. If any farmer failed to get a package, it was because his name was not on my lists, for which I was not to blame.

Do you not think it would be a simple act of justice to me, and a duty you owe yourself to come out publicly and confess that you were wrong about this?

IX. By a circular you have sent out broadcast over this district, and by your speeches, you have charged that I opposed a redistricting of this State into new congressional districts. There is not a single member of the Legislature who does not know this is not true. I did oppose the gerrymander, which would have put my county in a district which would have included El Paso and counties surrounding San Antonio, and which many prominent newspapers in the State denounced and charged was designed to legislate me out of office. But I was in favor of any fair redistricting bill and repeatedly so wrote and told members of the Legislature.

While the matter was pending you will no doubt recall writing me a letter yourself, congratulating me upon the fact that my friends were seeing to it that I got a square deal. If the bill my friends and I were opposing, was such a good bill, why did you write me that letter?

X. In the same circular you sent to every voter in the district, you designed to leave the impression that in going to Austin to oppose that gerrymander, I left MY WORK in Washington. Why did you do that? Your circular shows I was in Austin on March 20th 1913. The congressional record shows the regular session of Congress adjourned on March 4th, 1913, and that the following session commenced on April 7, 1913. The record also shows that I answered to roll call on the last day of the former session and

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on the first day of the latter. This shows that my trip to Austin was wholly between sessions of Congress, and that Congress was not in session at all while I was away.

Now Judge Blanton you ought to explain why you have circulated these misrepresentations. If you believe them to be true, how can you excuse such carelessness? Should you not recall those circulars and make public confession of your error? Let me commend to you one of the Lord's Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

XI. You say the speech which I recently distributed and which purports to have been delivered by me in the House of Representatives was never in fact delivered and that the government paid for the printing of the copies I distributed. Both these statements are untrue. I did deliver that speech upon the floor of the House, every word of it, and I paid for the printing of it out of my own pocket. By what authority do you make these mis-statements?

XII. At San Angelo, a few days ago, in a speech, you said that an article which appeared months ago in the San Angelo Standard in my interest, was paid for by a pension lobby at Washington. Am advised that you have made this charge at other places. I denounce it as absolutely untrue and brand it as a wilful, deliberate and malicious slander.

If you examined my record on the pension question, you know I had voted against every extravagant pension appropriation bill, and every enlargement of the pension system, and that I voted against allowing pensions to non residents and to those who already had plenty to live on.

When you made this slanderous charge against me at San Angelo, it was challenged and then you took back water on it, and said it had been told to you. I demand to know who told it to you, and I also demand to know if you intend to repeat this slander.

The foregoing are only a few of the misrepresentations I am advised you have been making against me in my absence. I can not call attention to all, without making this letter entirely too long. I hope you will answer the questions I have asked you, and that you will answer them specifically and without the least evasion, and that you will answer them

through the public press because it is only in this way that these charges of yours can even approximately be overtaken.

In closing let me ask if in this campaign you have questioned my votes upon any measure since I have been a member of Congress. If so please be kind enough to specifically mention such votes. If you do not do so, I will take it for granted that you endorse each one of them.

Yours very truly,
W. R. Smith.
(Adv)

Child Cross? Feverish? Sick?

A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms, and almost every child has them. Kickapoo Worm Killer is needed. Get a box to-day. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Kickapoo Worm Killer is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist. Advertisement.

Notice Teachers.

The following is a letter to the Superintendent in Coke county: May 18, 1914.

To the County or Ex. Office County Superintendent:

Your attention is called to the fact that the regular examination for teachers certificates, will be held in all county seats in the State, the first Friday and Saturday, and Thursday preceding in June. This examination is for both State and County certificates.

You are requested to give notice of this examination to the public through the local papers of your county and by other available means.

The following schedule will be adhered to in all examinations for 1914, except the two series of summer normal examinations:

Thursday Forenoon—History of Education, Physics, Solid Geometry, English Literature.

Thursday Afternoon—Physiology, Chemistry, Bookkeeping, Plane Trigonometry.

Friday Forenoon—Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic.

Friday Afternoon—Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry.

Saturday Forenoon—Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading.

Saturday Afternoon—United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra.

Sincerely yours,
W. T. Doughty,
State Superintendent.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago, I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and blood shot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and, after using, the pain left and has not returned: says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren Street, Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. Adv.

Ball Club Meeting

The Tom Ball Club met at the Court house Saturday night. Rev. W. K. Simpson was chosen chairman and Rev. Archie Gordon secretary. Rev. W. K. Simpson addressed the meeting, after which committeemen for the different precincts in the county were appointed.

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Get Ready For Dry Weather.

Especially over a large portion of Texas, there has been so much rain this spring that we are apt to forget there is a chance of dry weather coming later in the season, and so be unprepared for it when it does come. Besides the condensation of rain and the absorption of moisture, that they mean causes a tendency of the roots of our plants to feed near the surface. Later on, when the dry weather comes, the supply of moisture near the surface, will be insufficient for the support of the plants and suffering will follow.

It should be remembered that we can do much towards obviating this difficulty, if we anticipate it now while the plants are small. If experience has shown us in the past that about the time the crops are reaching maturity, a much of three or four inches is necessary in order to preserve the soil moisture for our plants, now is the time to go about establishing that much. By cultivating to that depth now, we can force the formation of roots down to where they will secure sufficient moisture for the plant's needs, even in the driest weather. Besides this deeper cultivation at this time, by causing the roots to form at this greater depth, saves the inevitable root injury, that follows the necessity of deepening our cultivation as the season gets dryer and the plants grow larger. Of course in doing this we are constantly injuring roots, whereas by establishing the depth of cultivation as deep now as it will ever be necessary and maintaining it at that depth not only is this objection obviated, but we are assured that our soil will at all times absorb and maintain a larger supply of what rains do come during the growing season.

Jess Craddock, Rev. W. K. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Morrow, Bruce Clift, Misses Ruth Simpson and Leila Morrow, H. S. Weeks, Doss Day and J. H. Walton, went to San Angelo Monday, to hear Hon. Thos. Ball speak.

Mrs. Hester, of Denton, sister of S. S. Ackelson came in Monday and is visiting Mr. Ackelson and family west of town.

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POPULATION.

There are 365,000 persons who were born in Texas and who reside in other States, while 830,000 persons born in other States live in Texas.

The center of Texas population is 5 miles Northwest of Waco, in McLennan county.

If all the people in the United States moved to Texas, our population per square mile would not exceed that of Massachusetts.

If Texas were as densely settled as the average State in the Union we would have 8,000,000 instead of 4,500,000 people.

The population of Texas is increasing at the rate of 235 persons a year.

The population of Texas is 14.8 persons per square mile. In the rural districts the average is 11.3 persons per square mile.

Massachusetts has 413 persons to each square mile of area.

During the past decade the population of Texas has increased 27.8 percent and the United States 21 percent.

There is a child born every four minutes in Texas.

We build seven homes in Texas every working hour in the day.

Our foreign born population is constituted chiefly of Mexicans, Germans and natives of England.

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We have 1,003,357 males over twenty-one years of age. Eighty-three percent of them are white.

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Statement From Ferguson's Tenants.

Some of those opposing Jim Ferguson's candidacy for governor, in this county and elsewhere, are repeating the stories carried about that Ferguson does not practice what he preaches in the matter of demanding better treatment for the farm tenants in Texas.

The following statement from Mr. Ferguson's tenants and employees gives a direct lie to these stories:

To whom it may concern:

Having been advised that Jim Ferguson's sincerity as a friend of the people is being questioned in some localities in Texas, we, the undersigned tenants, employees and managers for his farms and ranches in Bell and Bosque counties, take pleasure in subscribing our names as his supporters. Those of us who rent land either pay the third and fourth of what we produce, or one half of what we produce, when he furnishes teams, tools, feed and other supplies incident to producing a crop.

We have never paid Mr. Ferguson a bonus and cheerfully testify that he has never charged a bonus. He furnishes us good comfortable homes, wood and water and cows to milk, if wanted. Those of us who work for wages, receive aside from a house, wood, water and cows, from \$32.50 per month to \$100. per month straight time.

We make the above statement, first because it is true and second, because some of those who oppose Mr. Ferguson's candidacy are undertaking to mis-

Col. Stanley Locates at Miles.

The Miles Messenger says:

The irrigation project being promoted by Col. C. M. Stanley, whereby it will be possible to place as much as 100,000 acres of fine lands in Coke, Runnels, Tom Green and Concho counties under a gravity system or irrigation, received a great impetus at a meeting held in Miles Tuesday afternoon when the final touches were added to the \$10,000 subscription by our enterprising citizens. The money is to be used to complete the final surveys and other preliminary work. It was a most enthusiastic meeting and one of great importance to the town of Miles, as the completion of this subscription determines the location of the land office at this place. This will undoubtedly give Miles a renewed commercial activity, the construction of the great canals, which will bring the water to our fertile fields, will call for the disbursement of the sum exceeding one million dollars in this vicinity, which means much to the merchants and business men in general. Mr. Stanley expects to call on the business men of Ballinger and lay a similar proposition before them, which, if accepted, will cause the extension of the big canals to that vicinity, and we have no doubt of its acceptance by Ballinger's business interests, as that city is wide awake to the situation and knows the vast benefits to be derived from a great project like this one. If our reading of the horizon is correct, the en-

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<h4>WHEAT.</h4> <p>Texas ranks seventeenth in wheat production, but compares more favorably in the prices paid and the yield per acre.</p> <p>In Texas the yield from one acre of wheat is worth \$2.16 more than the average acre's yield of this cereal in the principal wheat states.</p> <p>There are 7,000 wheat planters in Texas located principally in the Panhandle section of the state.</p> <p>The average wheat production per farm, in Texas is 1,545 bushels.</p> <p>The wheat acreage of Texas is 780,000 acres, from which 13,650,000 bushels were produced in 1913 and sold for \$12,831,000.</p> <p>Texas has 238 flour mills, which employ 2,000 persons.</p> <p>During the past decade the population of Texas has increased 27 per cent, while the wheat production shows a gain of 30 per cent.</p> <p>In 1913 the average acre yield of Texas wheat was 17.5 bushels and sold for 94 cents per bushel setting the growers an average of \$16.45 per acre.</p> <p>Texas produces 2.8 bushels of wheat per capita per annum and consumes 5.4 bushels.</p> <p>The capital investment of the Texas flour mills is \$13,219,000. The annual capacity is 7,800,000 barrels.</p>	<h4>PETROLEUM.</h4> <p>Texas ranks sixth in the United States in petroleum production.</p> <p>Petroleum is the leading mineral produced in Texas, and constitutes 43 per cent of the annual output.</p> <p>The oil wells of Texas produce 31,000 barrels of petroleum per day.</p> <p>In pumping petroleum from the Texas fields to the refineries, 2,100 miles of pipe lines are constantly in use.</p> <p>The longest oil pipe line in the world is in Texas.</p> <p>We have 8 oil refineries in Texas.</p> <p>The known petroleum area of Texas covers 400 square miles.</p> <p>Port Arthur is the leading oil exporting port of the world.</p> <p>Texas petroleum and its products enter every market in the world.</p> <p>The annual petroleum production of Texas is 11,735,000 barrels, valued at \$8,853,000.</p> <p>Crude and refined oils to the extent of 136,325,000 gallons, valued at \$6,500,000 are exported from Texas ports annually.</p> <p>The first petroleum production in Texas was in 1889, when 48 barrels were produced in the Corsicana field.</p>
<h4>HAY AND FORAGE.</h4> <p>The production of hay and forage is one of the chief agricultural industries of Texas.</p> <p>Tame or cultivated hay is raised on 111,000 farms of Texas.</p> <p>Texas hay and forage crops have an annual value of \$15,000,000.</p> <p>The Texas range grows \$19,000,000 worth of wild grasses annually.</p> <p>Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. HERBINE purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Price 50c. Sold by P. D. Coulson & Son. Advertisement.</p>	<h4>ASPHALT.</h4> <p>Texas ranks second with other states in asphalt production.</p> <p>Texas produces 60,000 tons of asphalt annually, valued at \$800,000.</p>
<h4>SALT.</h4> <p>Texas produces \$300,000 worth of salt annually.</p> <p>The salt mining of Texas is confined to 3 counties.</p> <p>"Plenty of money to loan on farms and ranches at all times. Interest from 8 percent to 9 percent per annum. Time five to ten years. G. B. Harness, Colorado, Texas."</p>	

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Temple, Texas, April 25, 1914.

Jno. G. McKay, certifies that each of the above parties are white citizens and that this includes every tenant and employee now employed by Jim Ferguson on his farm and ranch in Bell and Bosque counties.

(Signed) John G. McKay.

tire territory thru which this system will be extended, will in the near future commence to take on such energy and life that the eyes of the world will be attracted and we expect at no distant day the population of the four above named counties will be increased so enormously that the outside world will be astonished.

Mr. Stanley will move his family to Miles by June 1st, from Houston, and become a citizen of Runnels county. The preliminary work on the reservoir is completed, and that of aligning the main canals will begin in a few days and will be pushed until completed.

In this connection we may say that Bronte has already completed her subscription, which was a similar proposition to that made to Miles, and nothing remains in abeyance, except the completion of Ballinger's quota.

For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writes Mrs. F. H. Trubee, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Democratic Executive Committee.

In accordance with law, I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Coke county, Texas, to meet in Robert Lee, Texas, on Monday, the 15th day of June, 1914, at 1 P. M., same being the third Monday in said month, for the purpose of transacting all such business as the law provides shall be transacted on said day, and for the purpose of transacting any other business as may legally come before said Committee.

All members of said Executive Committee are urged to attend said meeting, as important business must be transacted on said day. J. S. Gardner, Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee, of Coke county, Texas.

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CHAPTER XXVI.

Darwin K. Anthony.
BOUT noon on Monday Edith Cortlandt received a caller. The name she read on the card her maid handed her gave her a start of surprise and set her wits whirling in speculation.

She was greeted by a gigantic old man with a rumbly voice. He was pacing back and forth with the restlessness of a polar bear.

"How do you do, Mrs. Cortlandt?" he began at sight of her, his big voice flooding the room. "I'm sorry to disturb you under the circumstances. I knew your husband slightly, and I've heard about you. I extend my sympathy."

She bowed. "When did you arrive?"

"Just now. Came across in one of those blanked joy wagons—fifty miles an hour. I know everything, madam. What I didn't know before I landed I learned on the way across the isthmus, so don't let's waste time. Deuce of a position for you to be in—I understand, and all that—and I'm sorry for you. Now, let's get down to business, for I must get back to New York."

It was impossible not to feel Darwin K. Anthony's force. It spoke in his every tone and action. It looked out from his harsh lined features and showed in his energetic movements. He was a great granite block of a man, powerful in physique, in mind and in determination.

"In what way may I be of service to you?" she inquired coldly.

"I want my boy," he said simply, and she began to see that underneath his cold and domineering exterior his heart was torn by a great distress.

"You know all the circumstances of course?"

"I do. That's why I came straight to you. I know you're the keystone of the whole affair, so I didn't waste time with these other people. Kirk's a blanked idiot and always has been. He isn't worth the powder to blow to—excuse me—I mean he's just a ne'er-do-well. But I suppose I'll have to do my duty by him. I just had to kick him out. Sorry I didn't do it sooner."

"If you have cut him off why do you care what becomes of him?"

Darwin K. Anthony's eyes dimmed, but his voice rose fiercely. "He's my boy, and I've a right to treat him any blanked way I please, but nobody else is going to abuse him! These Spaniards can't do it! I'll teach them to lay hands on my boy! I don't care what he does. They've got to give him up. And he's going back with me. He's going home. I—I—want him."

"Why have you come to me?" she queried.

"Because you must know the truth if anybody does, and I want your help." His voice softened suddenly, and he regarded her with a gentle kindness that was surprising. "I've heard all about you and Kirk. In fact, I've known what was going on all the time, for I've had a man on my track night and day. You may know him—Clifford? Well, he followed Kirk that night after the supper to your husband, but Anson didn't dare call him to the stand at the hearing for fear this Alfarez would perjure more of his black and tans."

"So Clifford is your man?"

"Yes. I took him off my system and sent him down here as soon as I got Kirk's idiotic, impudent letter." The old man began to sputter with indignation. "What do you think he wrote me, Mrs. Cortlandt? He had the impudence to turn down a good job I offered him because his wife might not like our climate. Thank God, he had sense enough not to do that!"

"Then you don't know?"

"Know what?"

"That he is married."

"D—nation!" roared Anthony furiously.

She nodded. "A Miss Garavel. They were married a week ago." She broke down miserably and hid her face in her hands. He strode to her with a light of understanding in his eyes. Laying a great hand upon her drooping head, he exclaimed with wonderful softness:

"My dear Mrs. Cortlandt, I'm very sorry for you, indeed I am. Now—now, try to face it squarely. All good women are brave, and you're a good woman. We both love him, and I know we can save him if we pull together."

"Yes, yes!" She raised her drawn, white face eagerly to his. "It will only take a word, but I have been like a mad woman. I couldn't bear to give him up, and when I learned the truth I thought I could let him suffer. But I couldn't. He is the first and only man!"

"I know." He patted her in a way that said more than words.

"I couldn't have stood out much longer."

"Then you have proof?" His face was wild with eagerness.

"This. Take it quickly. I only found it last night. It had been mislaid in the confusion. I meant to give it to you, I really did." With clumsy fingers she drew from the front of her dress an unsealed letter and handed it to him.

"Stephen was not a bad man, you see, and he had no intention of wronging an innocent person."

Darwin K. Anthony's pallor matched hers as he read the sheet; then he ex-

claimed weakly: "Thank God! Something always tells me where to find the heart of things."

Kirk was considerably surprised that afternoon when a sergeant and two policemen came to his cell, signifying that he was to accompany them. He could not make out where they were taking him, and, despite their unusual politeness, they were dense to all inquiries. The coach drew up at last before a large, white building, and he was told to descend. Up a flight of stairs he was escorted, his pulses quickening with apprehension, down a long corridor and into a large room, where he saw Runnels, Colonel Johnson, Anson, Clifford, a dozen or more Panamanian officials and he stopped in his tracks as his eyes fell upon a huge, white crowned figure that came to meet him.

A certain harsh yet tender voice pronounced his name. He felt his hands crushed in his father's palms, found the old man's arm about his shoulders and saw the deep set, steel blue eyes he loved so well wet and shiny. A sudden sense of security swept over him, banishing all his fears.

"My kid!" the old man said, shakily. "How have they treated you, Buster?" It was a nickname he had given his son when he was a sturdy, round faced urchin of eight.

"You came, didn't you?" Kirk said, in a voice not at all like his own.

"Of course I came, the instant Clifford called me that these idiots had arrested you. By—! They'll sweat for this! How are you anyhow, Kirk? Dammit, you need a shave! Wouldn't they give you a razor? Hey, Clifford, Colonel Johnson, come here! These soundrels wouldn't give him a shave. I suppose you're hungry, too, well, well, I'll be out of here in a minute, then you show me the best place in town, and we'll have a decent meal, just we two, the way we used to. I'll pay the bill. Great Scott! But I've missed you, Buster!"

"Wait, dad," Kirk was smiling, but his heart ached at his father's emotion. "I'm a jail bird, you know. They think I—killed a fellow. But I don't care much as long as they think now."

"That's all over," Clifford broke in. "We've squared that, and you'll be discharged in ten minutes."

"Certainly," said the father, "Cortlandt shot himself. Anybody but a blithering Spanish ass would have known it at the start. We have a letter he wrote to his wife an hour before he did it. She just found it and turned it over. She left here a moment ago, by the way, all broken up. She's a great woman, Kirk. That's not all, either. Clifford followed you that night and knows you didn't go near Cortlandt. Oh, you should have seen 'em jump when we flashed it on 'em all at once, and they learned who I was!"

"But those men who swore they saw me?"

"Bah! We've got that little fellow with the mustache, and both his witnesses. If they don't send him up I'll run in a shipload of my brakemen, and we'll push this isthmus overboard and him with it."

"I know you could fix things."

"Fix 'em, fix 'em! That's easy! Say, how have you been getting along anyhow?"

"Great!"

"You married one of these Panamanians, eh?" The father scowled.

"Lord, I can trust you to make a fool of yourself."

"Say, dad, she's only—so big." Anthony junior indicated his wife's stature, smiling rapturously.

"Love her?"

"Do! It's fierce."

"Humph! You'll have to get over it. I'll pay your debts and take care of you, but I can't stand a mulatto around me."

"There aren't any debts, and she's not a mulatto. She's a—dream."

Some time later Kirk found himself in the open sunlight a free man once more, with Darwin K. Anthony and Runnels on either side of him. But before he had gone a block he halted suddenly, saying:

"Williams! I'd forgotten him and his warrant."

"He's fixed," Runnels explained. "While your father and Mrs. Cortlandt and Colonel Johnson were getting you out of jail Clifford and I told him the truth. He's rather a decent fellow. They have caught the real Jefferson Locke or whatever his name is."

"No!"

"Yes, a week ago. He landed in Boston. Couldn't stay away from his own country any longer. Williams hadn't heard of it."

"What has become of Higgins?" Kirk inquired of his father.

Anthony senior exploded:

"Oh, he's back scorching up the Tenderloin, as usual. But you'll have to cut him out or I'll leave you here. That's final, understand?"

"I intend to stay here anyhow."

"Huh?" The old man turned with a start. "I'm asked if you do?" Then savagely: "What do you suppose I came down here for? I'm lonesome. I want you to come home."

Kirk smiled craftily and looked at Runnels. "Well, what can you offer? I'm doing pretty well as it is, and I can't afford to lay off."

His father, in turn, appealed to the acting superintendent. "See! It's nothing less than blackmail. Is he any good, Mr. Runnels?"

"If there weren't so much politics in this job he'd be master of transportation of the P. R. R. That's doing pretty well, isn't it? We're both going to quit and look for new work."

"Do you drink, Kirk?"

"I haven't even had an alcohol rub since I left New York. But, dad, if you place me you'll have to take care of Runnels too. He knows more about railroads than you do."

Mr. Anthony grunted a trifle skeptically at this and murmured: "He must be a bright young man. I suppose you know I know you do. Well, how would you both like to come north and give me some lessons?"

"Do you mean it?" they cried in chorus.

"I do."

"Oh, there's Allan too. He'll have to go."

"Any cats and dogs you'd like to have drawing salary from me? Now, let's go somewhere and eat. I haven't tasted anything to speak of since Clifford's message came."

"If you don't mind, I—I'd like to stop

at the Garavels' for a minute." Kirk said longingly, and his father scowled.

"I'd forgotten this—wife of yours."

"She's not there," Runnels hastened to say. "I've tried to find her, but I was told she was out at the country place."

"Then I think I'd rather drive out there than eat. Won't you go with me, dad?"

"Well—yes! I want to see this bank-er fellow, and—I'm not so blanked hungry, after all. We'll settle this thing right now."

The afternoon sun was still an hour high when Kirk Anthony came down the hill from the Garavels' home and crossed the meadow toward the forest glade he knew so well.

Chiquita was there, huddled upon the seat where they had rested together, one foot curled beneath her like a child, her head bowed down disconsolately. From one brown hand, now drooping listlessly, a few wild flowers had scattered, and her slim figure was clad once more in the stiff, coarse denim dress of blue. Her other hand was toying with her beads mechanically, as if the fingers had learned their task from long practice. Her dusky eyes were fast upon the lights that wavered in the pool.

As if to prove that the spot was really peopled by kind spirits, a gentle voice seemed to whisper the news to her and she turned to find him smiling at her. She rose and met him with her hands outstretched, her face transfigured.

After a time she leaned backward in his arms and said gravely: "You see! When one says many, many prayers the good saints always answer. The padre told me that I should never cease until you came, but I grew very tired, senor."

"And you never doubted me?"

"With me, you know."

"Of course! What else were my prayers for? Had my father allowed I would have gone to your prison, but he forbade it, so I had no choice. But every hour I prayed that he might give me leave, and I think his heart was yielding."

"I'm sure of that," he told her, "for I have just come from him."

It was some time later when the sun was dipping that voices sounded outside the wall of verdure, and Kirk heard Andres Garavel saying:

"Of a certainty I shall try that experiment, senor, for the ticks in this country are a pest to cattle. A little to the right and you will find the path. So!"

An instant later the two white haired men appeared.

"Hello! There you are, eh? Darwin K. Anthony exclaimed gruffly. "Where's that girl?" He paused and let his hostile eyes rest upon Gertrudis.

She saw a great, forbidding giant of a man scowling down at her with eyes

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HOW TO COOK WHITEFISH.

BREAKFAST MENU.
Steamed Fish
Creamed Potatoes
Broiled Whitefish
Rolls
Coffee

WHITEFISH may be served in a number of attractive ways for the Lenten dinner. It can be sent to the table with watercress or cucumbers. When these are not to be had it may be simply dressed with sprigs of parsley. The following ways for cooking it are very nice:

Mincéd Whitefish.—Take three smoked whitefish; soak overnight in fresh water. In the morning boil for five minutes. When cooked, remove the skin and bones, shred into small particles, make a paste and cook one-half cupful of milk, with one teaspoonful of flour and one and one-half teaspoonfuls of butter. Mix with shredded fish and serve on toast.

Nicely Browned.
Broiled Whitefish.—Wipe the fish with a damp cloth and lay skin side down on the greased grill for broiling. When thoroughly heated, rub with butter, so the fish will brown. Cook until the flesh will flake from the bones and it is well browned. Then season and lift to a hot platter.

Whitefish With Cucumbers.—Wrap one pound whitefish in cheesecloth and boil gently for twenty minutes in water enough to cover it. To this add one teaspoonful salt and one teaspoonful vinegar. Flake the fish and place in a buttered casserole. Pour over it a lemon sauce and cover with buttered crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven fifteen minutes. Place the casserole on a plate and surround the fish with slices of cucumbers which have been marinated with French dressing.

Baked on a Board.

Planked Whitefish.—Take a five pound whitefish or two smaller ones. Scale, clean and cut open down the middle with a small knife. Loosen the backbone at the neck until you can take hold of it and gently draw it out. Rinse the fish and place back down a couple of pieces of hardwood plank, (a dripping pan will answer, but do not impart the same flavor.) Dot with small pieces of butter, pepper and salt. Sprinkle over it the juice of a lemon. Bake in rather quick oven. Serve with sauce.

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WITH A CUP OF COFFEE.
MANY dainty and wholesome desserts may be made with coffee. Cold coffee, the cupful that is left from breakfast or dinner, may be utilized for this purpose. When putting it away for use in the next day's dessert strain off the grounds and put it in a covered vessel to keep.

Coffee Blancmange.—Take a cupful each of milk and coffee and boil with two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Thicken with two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch rubbed smooth in a little cold milk. Pour in mold and serve with cream.

Two Dainty Desserts.

Coffee Custard.—To a cupful of very strong coffee add a cupful of thin cream, four beaten eggs, half a cupful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Strain into small buttered cups, stand them in a pan of boiling water and bake in a moderate oven until firm in the center. Serve ice cold.

Coffee Mousse.—Take one pint of cream and whip it very stiff; then take one or one and one-half cupfuls of coffee. Have your coffee cold, mix with a cupful of sugar, then beat separately three egg yolks and one whole egg. Mix with coffee and sugar; then stir in your cream. Mix it all well; then turn into a lard pail. Freeze, pack in ice cream tub. You can pack it in any tub that is deep enough to cover the pail with ice. Have a hole in the side of the tub for water to run out. Use plenty of coarse salt, cover the top of pail with ice and salt; then spread heavy cover over that. Let it stand five or six hours.

Delicious Pastry.

Coffee Ecclair.—Pour a quarter of a pint of water into a saucepan with one ounce of butter and as soon as the water boils stir in two ounces of dry flour which has been passed through a sieve. Do not stop stirring until thick. In smooth paste is formed. Take the saucepan from the stove and when the paste has cooled a little add first one egg yolk and then a second, beating each thoroughly into the other ingredients; then stir in half a tablespoonful of sugar, a few drops of vanilla essence and lastly the white of one egg whisked to a stiff froth. Turn the paste on to a floured board and divide it into small pieces. Form these into "fingers," place them on a buttered baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven from a quarter of an hour to twenty minutes. When done let the eclairs cool on a rack; then carefully slit them down one side, scoop out a little of the soft part and fill them with whipped cream flavored with vanilla and when all are ready cover them with a layer of coffee icing.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Lena Simpson visited San Angelo, last week.

Jno. Sauls and family visited San Angelo, last week.

Miss Addie Perciful of Bronte, was in Robert Lee last week.

A. F. Daffern was in from his home near Sanco, Wednesday.

Jeff Davis and E. W. Escue spent last week at San Angelo.

Mrs. P. D. Reeder was in from the Paint Creek community Monday.

Mrs. Harris, of Bronte, is here visiting the family of A. P. Stone.

Mrs. Bertha Alexander left Monday to visit relatives in San Angelo.

Mr. Wyley Escue is visiting home folks from the Sauls ranch this week.

Miss Margurite Smith, of Bronte was a visitor to the city this week.

I will be in Robert Lee June 3, 4, 5, 6th, prepared to do dental work. H. B. Bolt.

Rev. J. C. Campbell, of Edith, was in Wednesday to hear Rev. Webb speak.

Mrs. E. Menelle was a visitor here this week, from the Menelle ranch.

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Mrs. R. E. Douglas, of Fort Chisnour, is visiting relatives this week.

See Dr. Bolt the San Angelo dentist at the Drug Store at Robert Lee next week.

Captain R. L. Barnett and daughter, Miss Nettie, were visiting and shopping in the city Monday.

Bob Smith and family returned last week from a two week's visit to Mertzon and Sherwood.

Mrs. W. A. Franks and children were shopping in Robert Lee Monday, from their home in the Graham Valley community.

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J. H. Burroughs completed the 1914 school census this week. There was an increase of twelve scholastics over last year, the total being 74 boys and 92 girls.

Mrs. M. C. Anderson, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday, to visit her relatives, Deputy Sheriff, L. J. Cowart and family. She is the mother of Mrs. Cowart.

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Mrs. Louisa Johnson and daughter, little Miss Angie, left Tuesday on the mail car for Roscoe, where they go to visit Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. May.

The Farmers' Institute met at the Court house Saturday afternoon and besides the regular routine business, three delegates to the State Institute, which meets at College Station, were elected.

Mrs. S. E. Harmon and little son, Delbert, and daughter, Miss Annie, returned Tuesday from Winters. They went to visit relatives and while there Miss Annie secured a school near Winters. She is an industrious young lady, and we feel sure she will teach them a successful school.

Miss Jessie Newton Graduates.

J. C. Newton of this city, received a message from his daughter, Miss Jessie, stating the good news of her graduation from the San Marcos State Normal, which school she has been attending the past year. She received a diploma and permanent State certificate. Miss Jessie is one of the brightest and most cultured as well as most highly educated young ladies of Robert Lee, and all of Coke county congratulates her on her brilliant college career. She will return home in about a week.

Dangers of a Cold.

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Prof. Poppewell Receives Diploma.

Prof. F. K. Poppewell, of this place, who has been attending the State Normal at San Marcos, the past year, received a diploma and permanent State certificate. He is one of the best educated men of Coke county, and has held positions over the county, as Principal of several of the schools. He is an excellent instructor, and the Observer extends congratulations to him on his success in his college career.

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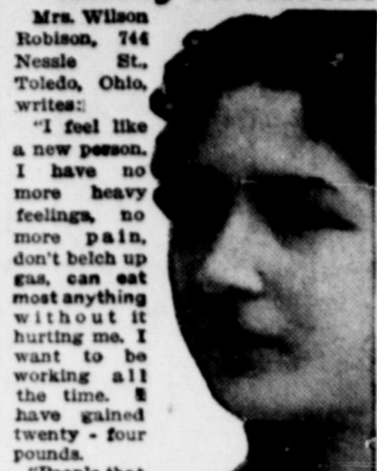
J. F. Sturman left Wednesday with his cattle for near Richland, N. M. His family will leave in the next ten days and they will reside there. They are splendid people and we hate to lose them but wish them unbounded success in their new home.

Sheriff Will Hickman, Nath Sanders and Judge D. I. Durham went to the Divide Thursday in Mr. Hickman's car. Sheriff Hickman and Mr. Sanders went after a demented Mexican and Judge Durham went on legal business.

Rome Shields of San Angelo was in the city Monday en route home from a business visit to Sanco.

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Children's Day.

On last Sunday, at the Methodist Church, Children's Day was observed.

Mr. Geo. Dickey, Superintendent of the Sunday School, was Master of Ceremonies. Interesting and beneficial talks were made by Rev. W. K. Simpson, Rev. Archie Gordon and Supt. Geo. Dickey. Miss Lena Simpson, in her charming way, had her place at the piano, and presided over the music throughout the entire occasion, when the interesting program below was rendered. All the participants had their parts well, and great talent in expression, was observed by the entire interested audience.

Misses Ethel Sneed and Lena Simpson deserve the praise and honor of getting in readiness, this excellent entertainment, and training the children.

The numbers of the program were as follows:

Processional: "Bright Birds Singing in the Springtime," by Sunday School Children.

Welcome—Finis Preslar.

Children's Carols—Ila Ruth Turney.

I cannot see the Power—Ruth Bell.

Song, "The Children are singing for Joy Today."

"The Children's Crusade"—Lola Taylor.

Children's Day Ode—Jeffie Bell.

"I'm but a very little Child"—Nellie Cowan.

Song: Bright Springtime.

The King's Question—Angie Johnson.

The Call of Children's Day—Margaret Cowan.

A Floral Cross—Twelve little Girls.

Recitation—Elbert Layne.

Song, "Loving and Giving"—Annie Parker, Lois Bell, Nellie Cowan, Lola Taylor and Lois Preslar.

"The Strangest Thing"—Lola Taylor.

"A Daisy Wreath"—Emie Roe, Joe Newton, Lola Taylor, Ila Ruth Turney, Alta Bell and Angie Johnson.

"I Think when I Read"—Lucy Layne.

Song, "Sing Away," by Mrs. Parker's Class.

Solo, by Jeffie Bell.

Offering—Lois Preslar, Shirley Averitt and Willie Irene McCallum.

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Judge and Mrs. S. B. Kemp, and little daughter, Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gramm and family, R. E. Douglas, Mrs. Fannie Turney composed a crowd, who went to Christoval to enjoy an outing and fish a few days.

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Rain Fall For May.

The ranchmen and farmers of Coke county are surely in the swim this year. We are told by many of our oldest inhabitants that have lived here since before the county was organized, that we now have better prospects for a bountiful crop, than at any time in the history of this section. And every one confidently expects a larger crop than the famous 1906 crop year, when the largest crop in the history of the county was harvested. If nothing unforeseen happens, this year's yield will far exceed it. With the deep season in the ground, it will only take a few showers from now on to make one of the biggest crops ever raised in this county.

With all the springs and creeks running bold and the wild flowers in full bloom, Coke county is a veritable flower garden, and a thing of beauty and prosperity.

The precipitation during May up to and including May 26th, was seven and one-half inches. Distributed as follows: On the 4th, 15-16 of an inch; on the 12th, 5-10; on the 16th, 11-16; on the 20th, 1 and 3 16; and on the 21st 2 and 1-16 and on the 26th, 5-16. L. N. Halbert, Volunteer Observer.

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For County Judge.

To the Democrat Voters of Coke County:— I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county. As it will be next to an impossibility for me to see you all before the July Primary, I beg to say to you that I am a lawyer by profession and a farmer by occupation. I am now engaged in farming on my farm near Robert Lee. If elected I shall as the presiding officer of the Commissioner's Court, council and advise an economical and judicious expenditure of the County's finance. As ex-officio county superintendent of public schools, I shall devote a great deal of my time in visiting and encouraging the teachers and pupils in every school of the county. I am a Prohibitionist, because I believe it is right. Thanking you in advance for your vote and influence, I beg leave to say, if given me you will never regret it.

Yours truly, L. N. Halbert.

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33x4	19.50 3.40
34x4	20.40 3.60
35x4	21.00 3.80
36x4	22.00 3.90
35x4 1-2	26.00 5.00
36x4 1-2	27.00 5.10
37x4 1-2	27.50 5.15
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Baptist Meeting.

Beginning Sunday night, May 31st, there will be services at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, through the week. Dr. C. B. Williams, Professor of Greek, and Dean of the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will do the preaching through the meeting. Dr. Williams is known in Texas as "The Walking Bible." He is highly recommended by our best preachers and evangelists, both as an able preacher of the Word, and as a Revivalist. Services will be held each day at 10:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. We cordially invite everybody to attend these special services, and request all the pastors and Christian people of Robert Lee to earnestly join us in this soul winning campaign. The Choirs of each one of the Churches are earnestly requested to give their best efforts to the song service.

Let us all pray and labor for a great meeting.

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Temperance Service.

Rev. Atticus Webb, of Fort Worth, District Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League of Texas, preached at the Methodist Church to a good sized audience Tuesday night. He again spoke on temperance and submission Wednesday night and Thursday morning addressed the people in front of the First National Bank in the interest of Thos. Ball for Governor. Both in his temperance talk and on the street, he paid his respects to Peter Radford, W. D. Lewis and the weekly newspapers that gave space to their utterances. His talks were about the usual "political dust handed out."

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For Congress at Large:
R. B. HUMPHREY
(of Throckmorton County)

For County Judge:
S. B. KEMP.
J. E. GREER.
L. N. HALBERT.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
L. J. COWART,
J. H. BURROUGHS.
N. P. SANDERS.

TOM CULLENDER.
For County and District Clerk,
ROY TAYLOR.

W. O. TUBB.
E. H. WOOD
M. J. RICHARDSON.

For Tax Assessor:
PAUL J. BROWN.
W. F. STEVENS.
C. F. (Claud) BARGER.

W. J. CUMBIE
W. W. McCUTCHEN.
(Miss) SALLIE OWENS.

For County Treasurer:
MRS. ANNIE J. PARKER.
(Re-Election.)
For Commissioner Precinct 1
CHAS. ROE,
W. H. CABBELL.
(Re-election.)

For Commissioner Precinct 3,
D. I. FIELDS.
R. B. HART.
J. I. MURTISHAW.

For Cotton Weigher Precinct 1,
GEO. SMITH.
J. C. NEWTON,
(Re-Election.)
CLYDE C. WARREN

Dr. D. T. Owen, of San Angelo, was here on business, Thursday.

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34x4	16.80	3.60 2.60
36x4	17.85	3.90 2.80
35x4 1-2	19.75	4.85 3.45
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