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## Judge Gardner Defends His Official Record Against Attacks Made By Mr. Bishop.

Palestine, Texas, June 8, 1908. To the democrats of the third Judicial District:

I wanted to review my official record somewhat in detail for the purpose of showing what work I have done, the business methods pursued, and the present state of the dockets, but I will have to give most of my time and attention to Mr. Bishop's attacks on my record in criminal cases. In his letter to the voters of Houston and Henderson counties he promises to make them a better Judge in the criminal cases than I have made. He does not attack my record in civil cases, nor does he refer to my official record in Anderson County.

In one letter he says that I have been reversed in more than half of the criminal cases appealed from Houston and Henderson counties, and in a letter addressed to the voters of Henderson County he says I have been reversed in every murder case tried by me in Henderson County. This last statement is positively untrue, for there were a number of convictions in murder cases in Henderson County in which there were no appeals, as was the case in the other two counties. It is true there were three appeals in murder cases in Henderson County in which I was reversed, and three that I remember in Houston County. On the other hand, I recall three murder convictions in Anderson and four in Houston that were appealed and affirmed.

I have read somewhere a statement that fifty percent of all cases in the United States that are appealed are reversed. According to that, my record of affirmances in murder cases is above the average for all cases; but when you add the civil cases, then my record makes an extremely fine showing.

In order that my record may be fully understood, I will state here in general terms: I have never been reversed in Anderson County in any case, civil or criminal, and none of my predecessors can say as much. I have never been reversed in Houston County in any civil case save one, and that is still pending on motion for rehearing; I doubt if any of my predecessors can say the same. I have never been reversed in any civil case tried before me, without a jury, and that is a most remarkable showing. I have never been reversed by the Supreme Court in any case, though I recall the fact that the Supreme Court has affirmed me in several cases where the Court of Civil Appeals had turned me down. Now, in view of the attacks made on me by Mr. Bishop I assert that for the length of time and the number of cases tried, no district judge in the State can show a better, if as good a record. In civil cases, I have been reserved six or seven times, and affirmed about thirty times; the Court of Criminal Appeals has reversed me thirteen times and affirmed me thirteen times. My court has been almost continuously in session and I have tried a great many cases in which no appeals were taken. I

should like to compare my record with other judges but it takes time and I am very busy with court matters.

Before I review the criminal cases in which I have been reversed, I call attention to what my friend Ned Morris says is the cause of so many criminal cases being reversed on appeal. It is this:—after trial and conviction in the district court, the case passes form the district attorney to the Assistant Attorney General, and he, not being familiar with the record, in the very nature of things, cannot be a match for the defendant's lawyer, who carries the case up, and, therefore, the higher court is not advised fully as to the record.

I shall review as far as I can the cases in which I have been reversed, and let the reader judge as to whether the reversals are any reflection on me, and I proceed as follows:—Nathan Patterson, charged with rape of a girl under fifteen years of age, was remanded to jail by a justice of the peace on his failure to give a \$300.00 bond to await the action of the grand jury. Defendant was brought before me on habeas corpus and I refused to discharge him. On appeal the case was reversed and the defendant discharged, Judge Davidson rendering the opinion and Judge Brooks being absent. The proof showed the girl was under fifteen, and the defendant had made a written statement before the justice of the peace confessing he was twice guilty. The evidence showed he had been seen several times sleeping with the girl and her mother, who were friendly to the defendant, and, though in court, were not placed on the stand by either side. Judge Davidson said in his opinion "Just what of evidence is requisite to hold an accused to await the action of the grand jury has not yet been determined"—and then after discussing the case and the law, he held the evidence not sufficient and discharged defendant (95 S. W., 1061).

While I knew, according to the rulings of the Court of Criminal Appeals, the evidence was not sufficient to sustain a conviction, yet I believed an investigation by the grand jury would bring out the necessary additional evidence. It may be presumption, or "childish" on my part to put my opinion against that of Judge Davidson, but Geo. Kinney was legally hung for rape at Palestine when, if Davidson could have had his way, Kinney would have been discharged.

Riley Stevens was convicted of horse theft and on appeal the case was affirmed, all three judges concurring. About two months afterwards, on motion of rehearing, the case was reversed Judge Brooks dissenting. The indictment charged the offense to have been committed, on June 31, 1906, and on this account, there being no such date, two of the judges held the indictment bad; but Judge Brooks said he thought the position of the other judges "absurd". Now, while it does not so appear in the report of the case, this point was not raised before me, nor in any way passed

on by me, but was discovered for the first time after the court had adjourned. Judge Brooks evidently thought that June 31st was the same as "the day of June", and this is recognized as good. Notwithstanding I was affirmed in this case as to all points raised before me, this reversal is charged to me. (See 103 S. W., 904).

Al Wooley was convicted of seduction and on appeal the case was reversed because in the opinion of the higher court the evidence was insufficient and there was error in the charge to the jury. As to the evidence being sufficient, I call attention to the fact that before the case was again called for trial the defendant offered to marry the prosecutrix, which offer she declined, and there the prosecution ended. But the reversal of the Wooley case was not to be the last of my so-called erroneous charge, and we find the judges of said court, in the House case disputing over my charge. After copying my charge in the Wooley case, Judge Brooks, for himself and Henderson, says "This charge in the light of the decisions of this court is correct, and we were not intending in the Wooley case to state that it was not, but the thought in said case, attempted to be enforced, was, as stated, the insufficiency of the evidence." Judge Davidson, in his dissenting opinion, states just the reverse. Read the opinion in these cases—96 S. W. 27, and 102 S. W. 409; then in your heart say if you are surprised that I dare to take issue with these judges.

A. S. Busby was convicted of misapplying public money, and about fifteen months after the conviction the case was affirmed, Judge Henderson discussing at great length the many points raised by the defendant. About two months afterwards Judge Henderson reconsidered and he and Davidson reversed the case, because, in their opinion, I erred in submitting in evidence a certain judgement for \$4200.00 in favor of the State against Busby and his bondsmen. Judge Brooks dissented, and in an able argument pointed out that it was proper to admit the judgement in evidence because it was agreed judgement. He said "If he (Busby) had stated to anyone at the court that he owed the State \$4200.00, this admission could have been proven. Then if he conceded and enters up an agreed judgement for the sum of \$4200.00 why can't this equally be proven? Certainly it can." Judge Brooks solemnly protested and earnestly insisted that defendant had been given a fair trial under the law. It seems that Judge Henderson, in writing his second opinion, overlooked the fact that the judgement was agreed to by Busby. This case is reported in 103 S. W. pp. 636 to 654.

Etta Berryman was convicted of murder and on appeal the case was reversed because the court was not satisfied that the deceased, defendant's infant child, was born alive. The State relied upon the fact that the child was fully developed and its throat cut with some sharp instrument from ear to ear. I have never been able to see any

reason for cutting the child's throat unless it was alive. There was nothing in this case to show any motive for cutting the child's throat if already dead, but there were circumstances showing a motive for getting the child out of the way. See Berryman vs State, 101 S. W.; 225.

Hiram Reese was convicted of murder and on appeal the case was reversed. I charged both on the law of mutual combat and of provoking a difficulty. The Court of Criminal Appeals held there was no evidence on either issue. I believe there was evidence on both issues, and if I had time to review the record I believe I could convince any reasonable man that such was the case. But be that as it may, I take issue with Judge Brooks on the following proposition as stated by him: "If appellant provoked the difficulty, and the evidence suggests the issue, then in the nature of things the issue of mutual combat is not in the case. If they mutually engage in a combat and the evidence suggests this issue, then provoking the difficulty is not in the case." See Reese vs State, 91 S. W., 583. I contend that one witness might make a case of provoking a difficulty, while another might make a case of mutual combat.

Jim Follis was convicted of murder on trial before Judge Groch and also before me, and both convictions were set aside by the court of Criminal Appeals. The facts are, Hamp McDonald was a ferryman on the Trinity river and defendant Follis worked for him. McDonald was missing, and after having been arrested and duly warned the defendant made a confession in writing, stating that he killed McDonald by knocking him in the head with an axe, stabbing him with a knife and then throwing his body in the river. The body rose a few days after and defendant sunk it again in the presence of his uncle and cousin and it was never seen afterward. No one testified to seeing the axe cut on the head or the knife cut in the body, and on this account the higher court held the case was not made out. In this I think that court was wrong, and while it would take too long to discuss it, I content myself with calling the attention of the legal profession to the two opinions of said court, (101 S. W., 242) and the old article 549 and new article 654 of the Criminal Code. Judge Willson has a note under this new article in which he calls attention to the amendment of 1887, which clearly states the point of my contention. The Court of Criminal Appeals seems never to have noticed that the article had been changed, and goes on construing the amended statute just as they did the old one. See Parks vs Lubbock, 92 Texas 637. I will add here that in so far as the court criticises me on other points in the case an examination will show that the judge writing the opinion mistakes the record.

J. M. Parnell, his son, Winton Parnell, Ed Francher and Tom Snowden were indicted for the murder of Wash Roberts. After a week in the trial of the case,

Winton Parnell was convicted of murder and given five years and no appeal was taken. Ed Francher in the same way was convicted of manslaughter and given two years and no appeal was taken. Tom Snowden forfeited bond of \$2000.00 and the judgement of forfeiture was affirmed on appeal. J. M. Parnell was twice convicted and his case twice reversed and on the third trial was convicted of aggravated assault and fined \$500.00, and no appeal was taken. M. E. Richardson and W. R. Bishop were employed to assist the District and County Attorneys in the prosecution, and the defendants were represented by seven lawyers. On the first appeal of the J. M. Parnell case I was "butchered" in the Court of Appeals, and if Mr. Bishop is not willing to admit this I believe I can prove it by Mr. Richardson, one of the leading lawyers of Athens. On the second appeal the case was reversed because of a certain charge given by me, which charge was written by Mr. Richardson, and intended by him to qualify or to limit the effect of certain evidence admitted over the objection of defendant. So far as the reports show, the attorneys employed to assist the prosecution did nothing in the higher courts to protect the judgements they had obtained. For Mr. Bishop to criticise me in the Parnell case would be like a bird fouling its own nest. (See 103 S. W. 907).

This article is longer than it ought to be, though I could say much more in defense of my record; but, in the light of this statement, what proof has Mr. Bishop offered that he could do any better, if as good? I appeal to each individual voter to vote his honest convictions. This done, I am satisfied.

I will add that as soon as court business will permit, I want to get out and see the people. I want to meet Mr. Bishop in joint debate and let him say to the people where I can answer him what he is saying in his letter and otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. H. Gardner.

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### Question for S. H. Lively.

Percilla, Texas, June 8.—Ed. Messenger:—Please permit me to ask Commissioner Sam Lively a question through your paper, as he has sent me word to quit misrepresenting him. The only thing I said about him was that he charged the county three dollars for a day he was getting his daughter a school and that he used the special road funds to pay himself instead of using them as the law directs. Now if this is not a fact, I ask him to correct it through the Messenger, as I have been informed by good men that it is the truth, and by parties that are not candidates for any office. If he don't explain this I ask some of the other Commissioners to tell whether or not it is a fact as I do not want to misrepresent anybody.

Respectfully,  
W. J. Branch.

Gus Porter went to Crockett on business Monday.

## A Large Land Deal in Bee County.

OF MANY INDICATIONS OF TEXAS PROSPERITY.

One of the largest real estate deals of the season has just been consummated in the transfer of the ranch of W. R. King and F. G. Hillje of this city to W. S. Townsend of Potosi, Missouri. The ranch contains 14,919 acres and is located in both Nueces and Duval counties not far from the town of Alice. It was sold for \$11 an acre, or in round numbers \$164,000. It is announced that this ranch will be cut up into small farms and sold to homeseekers.

This transfer is one of the many of a similar character that have taken place in the past year in Southwest Texas. In the territory south of San Antonio, which is as large as the State of Ohio, are 20,000,000 acres of tillable lands, of which a little over 3,000,000 are in cultivation. The process of opening up this great territory is making the wonderful homeseekers' movement in Texas.

There are many rumors of railroad construction and improvements in Texas, and undoubtedly this State is on the eve of another great building era. Edwin Gould, president of the Cotton Belt Line, is in the State and announces extensive betterments of his system. It is also semi-officially announced that the Yoakum syndicate which controls the Rock Island-Frisco combination will extend the Colorado Southern from Abilene, Tex., to Brownsville, Tex., on the Gulf. This will open up another deep water port and will bring the States of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska in closer communication with the Gulf. It will open up a competition with the Southern Pacific outlet at Galveston and will do much to develop the border country of Texas. This is taken to be the first of the strategic wars for control of commerce that is already developed or that will develop with the opening of the Panama Canal. Work is about to begin on the short line of railroad to be built by Dr. Immons from his ranch in Atascosa county to San Antonio, and it is said that the extension from Brady to San Antonio will also be made.

## The Value of Books

"God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead and make us heirs to the spiritual life of past ages. No matter how poor I am, no matter how poor the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling—if Milton will cross my threshold to sing to me of Paradise, and Shakespeare open to me the worlds of imagination and the workings of the human heart, and Franklin enrich me with his practical wisdom—I shall not pine for want of intellectual companionship, and I may become a cultivated man though excluded from what is called the best society in the place where I live."—William E. Channing.

Literature presents the ideal of human life as it has expressed itself in the great institutions of family, church, state and society. It clothes these ideals in the flowing robes of the imagination and adorns them with the jewels of well-chosen words, set in rhythmic and melodious forms. To feed the mind of youth on the ideals of a noble and elevated human life; to win his fidelity to the family through sweet pictures of parental affection and filial devotion, and pure household joys; to secure his loyalty to the State by thrilling accounts of the deeds of brave men and heroic women; to make righteousness attractive by pointed fable, or pithy proverb, or striking tale of self-sacrificing fidelity to the costly right against the profitable wrong; to inflame with a desire to emulate the example of patriot, martyr, and philanthropist—this is the social mission of good literature in the public schools. To interpret this

literature, so that it comes home to the boys and girls, so that they see reflected in it the image of their own better selves, so that they carry with them its inspiration through all their after lives—this is the duty and privilege of the public school. It is not of so much consequence what a boy knows when he leaves school, as what he loves. The greater part of what he knows he will speedily forget. What he loves he will feed on. His hunger will prompt his efforts to increase his store. The love of good literature—a genuine delight in Longfellow and Whittier, Lowell and Tennyson, Hawthorne and Scott, Shakespeare and Homer—is, from every point of view, the most valuable equipment with which the school can send its boys and girls into the world.—President of Bowdoin College.

"So, when my nurse comes in for me,  
Home I return across the sea,  
And go to bed with backward looks  
At my dear land of story-books."  
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"But the old books, the old books,  
The mother loves them best;  
They leave no bitter taste behind  
To haunt the youthful breast  
They bid us hope, they bid us fill  
Our hearts with visions fair;  
They do not paralyze the will  
With problems of despair.  
And as they lift from sloth and sense  
To bubble in the veins;  
Inheritors of mighty things,  
Who own a lineage high,  
We feel within us budding wings  
That long to reach the sky;  
To rise above the commonplace,  
And through the cloud to soar,  
And join the loftier company  
Of grander souls of yore.  
Then as she reads each magic scene,  
The firelight burning low,  
How flush the cheeks! how quick,  
How keen, the heart-beats come and go!  
The mother's voice is soft and sweet,  
The mother's look is kind,  
But she has tones that cause to beat  
All passions of the mind;  
And Alice weeps, and Jack inspired  
Rides forth a hero bold;  
So master passions, early fired,  
Burn on when life is cold."  
—The Spectator.

## Hoodwinking the People.

The New York Evening Post is frank enough to confess that in passing the joint resolution authorizing the Finance Committee of the Senate and the House Ways and Means Committee to sit during the recess of Congress and take evidence looking to a revision of the present burdensome tariff system, the Republican party made another step in its time-honored game of hoodwinking the country on the tariff issue.

"Both Houses," says the Evening Post, "took what is heralded as a 'long step forward' toward revision by appointing the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the House to sit during the recess, and employ the expert assistants necessary to provide for an intelligent revision of the tariff, and to report what further legislation is needed to obtain equitable treatment for agricultural and other products of the United States." Now, in the first place, there could be no less intelligent way of getting at the necessities of the situation than having these two committees sit during a Presidential campaign, when their members want to be at home. Again, the second clause we have quoted leaves the way open for a raising of the tariff on certain articles, if any one feels like revising up—and there are a good many interested persons who very much do. These two committees, moreover, must sit, knowing that all the wisdom they may accumulate will be disregarded if Congress itself takes a hand and the protected inter-

ests use their influence. But let no one be alarmed—real revision is still far, far away."

Coming from the source it does, the above remarks are likely to carry weight with them in quarters where much restiveness already exists as a result of Republican hoodwinking methods. In the Republican organization there are a good many genuine tariff reformers who are getting their eyes opened to the necessity of looking elsewhere for tariff revision in the interest of those who suffer most from the unjust exactions of the present schedules.

However, as there is to be an election this year, and the signs seem auspicious for Democratic success, "real revision" may be nearer at hand than the Evening Post thinks.

"Evidences accumulate that the time is at hand when Grand Old Texas is to enjoy those rare experiences of cloudbursts of pure Brazoria cream and tidal waves of strained honey," says the Houston Post. After suffering from continued cloudbursts of gall, Texas ought to appreciate a little milk and honey.—Chattanooga Star.

Tennessee may lend her jewels, but that gives the Houston Post no right to make such a preposterous claim as is here presented: "Tennessee continues to make the foolish claim that she is the mother of Martin Littleton. Texas started Martin in life with a public office and a wife. He knows who his mammy is."—Nashville American.

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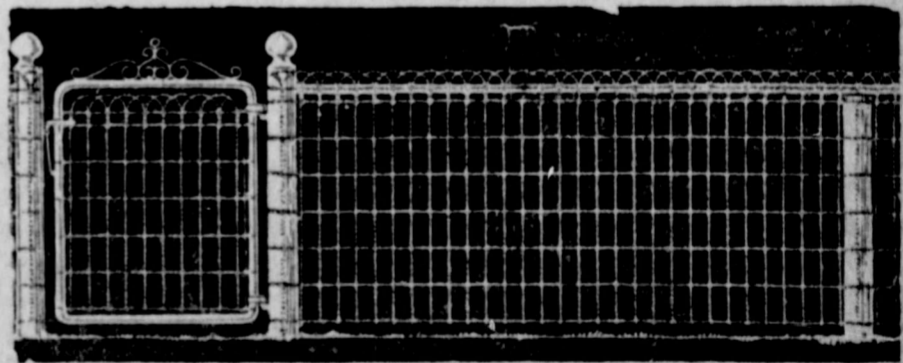
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## BOABDIL.

### The Last of the Moors.

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Boabdil—son of Muley Aben Hassen, King of Granada.  
Hamet El Zegri, general.  
All Atar, governor of Granada.  
Astrologer—Josef Aben Connax, vizier of Boabdil.  
King Ferdinand of Sp. in.  
Don Alonzo de Aguilar.  
Fernando de Talero, archbishop and confessor.  
Don Diego de Cardena, officer of Queen Isabella.  
Queen Isabella of Spain and Castile.  
Morayma, wife of Boabdil, daughter of El Zegri.  
La Horra, mother of Boabdil.  
Fatima, youngest wife, Aben Hassen. Many attendants and soldiers.  
Gypsy.  
Scene—Alhambra, and a camp near it. Josef Aben Connax, Moorish general.

Gypsy—Ay! ay! What are two such buds of nature's beauty strolling so leisurely and lolly through the woods for. Ay! ay! Your conscience told on you when you spied me and feared I would interfere with your rendezvous—you cannot deceive so old and sly a cat as I am. Nay, nay.

Boabdil (interrupting her)—I thought you were a fortune teller—not so?

Gypsy—Yes, most certainly yes. Let me look at this beautiful maiden's hand. (Takes Morayma's hand). Come hither, darling yet so young and innocent of the worldly cares and troubles. Let me fortell you your glorious future with precision. (Examines her hand closely after a pause). Bright and brilliant shall be your nearest future events. Thou shalt marry a royal heir, an illustrious hero, who will cherish the deepest devotion for you, but, lo and behold—notice this deep and long furrow in this soft dimpled hand; this denotes that before thy first heir is born thou shalt be a widow imprisoned and scorned by those who surround thee.

Morayma (shrieks)—Deliver me of this monster who fortells such distressing misfortunes.

Boabdil—Keep quiet, Morayma, this is all foolishness. Don't take it seriously.

Gypsy—Nay, indeed not; nay, nay. (To Boabdil)—Now comes thy turn. (Examines his hand carefully) Thy peaceful rural life here will soon end. Thou wilt awaken some day and hear the eager war cries intermingled with the clamorous sounds of weapons. Thine own blood has tried to murder thee, but a woman whose revengeful heart could not forgive the wrong done unto you, destined you to be seated on the magnificent throne of Alhambra. Thou art a king's rightful heir, but hast been exiled and secluded within the mountains so as to escape prosecution, and also to grow vigorous so as to be able to lead this rebellion successfully. But mark! Of short duration shall be thy power and glory. The constant succession of disasters will determine that the sceptre of Granada will pass into the hands of other nations. Dissentions among your own kind, yes even family, will soon weaken the Moslem power and revenge gnawing in your own father's breast will persuade him to turn traitor towards his own faith and country and help to reduce this powerful empire to humiliation and vassalage. His blind wrath will injure your cause and strengthen the adversary. A foreign nation will invade your country and suddenly emerge from every crevice, every hollow, as unexpected as a swarm of flying ants appearing after a summer rain, and utterly destroy your newly established kingdom and will not satisfied until you breath your last.

Boabdil (excited and surprised)—Be gone, miserable wretch. May the hounds or the hungry wolves tear thee to pieces, if thou comest here to spoil our childish pleasures with such horrible forebodings.

Gypsy—Ay! Ay! They'll do you no ill, but will some day prove that I am no fool, indeed. Take heed, take heed, do not curse me nor my race. (Taking

a gold piece from Boabdil, turns and disappears).

Hamet El Zegri (entering)—At last I have found you here in this secluded place. Why have you both lingered here and what have you to do with that disreputable gypsy?

Morayma (embracing her father)—O father, do not reprimand me; she made us feel so unhappy. Forgive us and take us home.

#### SCENE II.

La Horra (apartments of Le Horra in Alhambra, El Zegri entering)—Alla bless thee, my honored friend.

Hamet El Zegri—Bless the gracious mother of Boabdil. Long and tedious was my journey from Alpuxarres, but well repaid am I for the exertions in reporting to you joyful tidings of your beloved son. Am happy to see that the present circumstances are brighter than they were some twenty years ago, when we were parting from this very apartment; you entrusting me with the responsible mission of concealing and caring for your son, requesting me never to reveal my identity until he blossomed into manhood, when you had great expectations in store for him.

La Horra—Thou art rewarded with more than thanks for fulfilling such a noble deed. Boundless seems the joy of having satisfied my zeal in establishing Boabdil on the throne of Granada, and still greater is my delight over the event of seeing our children happily united in the sacred bonds of marriage.

Hamet El Zegri—Indeed I shall never cease to be grateful to you for approving and sanctioning the union of our beloved children. May Allah grant them a long and happy voyage through life. They may rest assured that I cherish the most sincere devotion for them both. Boabdil has been like an own son to me from infancy. 'Twas his fate so as to serve his rightful cause—to face the fierce sweet joys of conquest and pride—of dauntless strength and fiery enterprise. But I fear the responsibilities—the garlands which he is to assume will prove too much for him. This anxiety for him lets me not have rest day and night. The clouds of danger are hovering thickly over his firmament which might discharge themselves at any moment and then fulfill the latter part of the prediction in which it was said that the kingdom should suffer downfall and disgrace. For this reason he has need for every vassal who is brave and loyal. Call up, rally all your followers who are not a babe nor cripple, nor too old to wield an ax. His forces now number 9000 foot and 7000 horse, enlisting many a valiant illustrious son of Moorish nobility who threw themselves with fervor into this enterprise of war and vengeance. But the present situation requires leadership of an extraordinary statesman. His crown once plucked means for us a race of slaves. We certainly have reason to place confidence in him, as he has been victorious in this rebellion against his father, Aben Hassen, whom he led captive to Cordova. But it is those unconquerable Christians, who have been ravaging our country with their well equipped army, whom we fear. It appears that these Christians are making war upon the very rocks and trees of our mountains since they found our castles unassailable. And it's their devices which we most fear. Of what avail are all the powers of knighthood against the cowardly engines that murder from afar. (Interrupted by a messenger bearing a note from Boabdil.

La Horra (reads aloud)—"Necessity compels me to act without your consent or approval. The Christians attempted to storm our fortress Zahara and I concluded to attack them at the first opportunity offered. Let each man arm himself and prepare his steed in secret for an enterprise of toil and peril, which if successful we shall be awarded with an empire and religious freedom. The multitude of my army will be sufficient to overwhelm the enemy here, but who

knows from where they might receive succor.

(Morayma enters crying bitterly).

Hamet El Zegri—"Do not weep so bitterly, it breaks my heart to hear your sobs.

Morayma—Alas, dear father, how can I comfort myself, hearing such distressing news of my beloved Boabdil. Light of my eyes, joy of my heart, life of my life, woe to the day—and woe to the hour when I saw you depart from these walls. The road by which thou departest in martial state surrounded by the chivalry of Granada is solitary. Never shall it be gladdened by thy return. The mountains thou hast traversed be like a white cloud in the distance and all beyond them is darkness. The river runs smiling before me that washed the mangled remains of our brave soldiers. Who will gather them into an honored tomb in the land of the unbelievers.

La Horra (who had been listening motionless)—These tears and manifestations become not a daughter whose ancestors proved brave warriors, nor the wife of a distressed king. If he'd lingered within these walls he soon would have been a vassal within his own kingdom. Let us rouse every man who is strong enough to handel a weapon and prepare him for defending our country's liberty and faith. The power of the unbeliever is about to be struck in the heart. We shall soon see the Christian king led captive to our capitol. The silence of their batteries prove the truth of what has been told us that their powder is exhausted. They have no longer means of demolishing our walls or murder from a distance. And should they remain much longer the autumnal torrents will wash them from the heights, interrupt their passage and destroy their camp. They will flee hither and thither from our wrath, perishing among the precipitous mountains.

(A trumpet sounds from a distance).

Hamet El Zegri (startled)—To our duties! Let me hasten to Boabdil's side and assist him with all my ability.

Let us save him from the tyrants' hands

Who have caused such grief o'er our lands,

Who rejoice in despair, in devastation,

Who do not observe the law of toleration.

That Houston paper is almost inclined to be inhospitable: "While we greatly esteem and admire Brother Stuart, we feel sure that he does not understand how much the prohibitionists of his native State are needing him in the campaign that is raging there."—Nashville American.

The Houston Post tells of an Oklahoma centenarian who has been "hoarding money for seventy-five years," until now he has \$23,000 in the bank. His prospective heirs will doubtless forgive him for the hoarding if he will refrain from trying to round out another century.—Washington Post.

Waco.—In the neighborhood of \$2500 is raised for the immediate relief of the many sufferers from the late inundations.

Hillsboro.—J. M. Taylor is fatally shot as the result of an altercation over the accuracy of his timepiece. Simon Hudson, who did the shooting, gave bond in the sum of \$2500 and claims that he acted in self-defense.

Dallas.—Heavy rains in North Texas again cause a rise in the flood waters at Dallas. The Fort Worth & Denver Railroad bridge at Vernon is washed away and several farm houses completely wrecked.

Bastrop.—The case of the San Antonio traveling salesman who was arrested for wife desertion will not be called for trial until the September term of court.

Laredo.—Owing to the present overstocked condition of the market all onion shipments have stopped.

Runge.—The citizens of Runge have decided to hold a free barbecue on Jan. 16.

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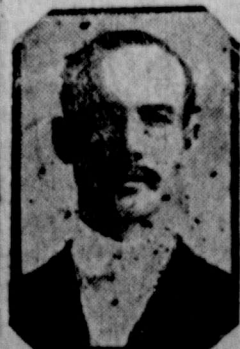
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## A. & M. COLLEGE TROUBLES.

Shall the A. & M. College be destroyed? For months there has been a constant condition of unrest and periods of turmoil at the college. The last chapter is the indefinite suspension of seven cadets, the editorial staff of the college paper, on account of an article appearing in the publication. Since their suspension the whole student body has indorsed the attitude taken by those suspended, which would leave the school without students. The truth is that for months the college has been held together by the slightest cohesion—the influence of the alumni over the cadets. The president has lost the respect of the student body. He has no control over it. Those who compose that body do not trust in him, do not believe in him, do not feel kindly toward him. He and they are at open enmity and strife. Is the condition due to the innate perverseness of the 500 boys and young men who, as a rule, come from the best homes in Texas, or is it due to some failure or defect upon the part of the president? The president is not an instructor. He teaches nothing. He is the executive head, and his chief duty is to command the love, confidence and respect of the student body, for without this all else must fail. He has utterly failed to do this, and as a result an institution, than which there is no greater in Texas, is about to go to pieces.

Farm and Ranch feels that it is time the condition should be recognized and met. What is the board of directors doing to save the Agricultural and Mechanical College?—Farm and Ranch.

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Texas needs a set of business men to sit in the next legislature. We have had enough of designing and scheming politicians, who always do things with a very narrow view as to what the state really needs. The time is ripe for a change in our legislative halls—send business men there who will work for the interest of the people.

## TO OPPOSE CAMPBELL.

Gov. Campbell has an opponent. That is, another citizen of Texas has requested that his name go on the Democratic ticket to be voted for in the primary for governor. A special from Dallas says R. R. Williams of Cumby, Hopkins county has filed formal application for a place on the official ballot as a democratic candidate for the office of governor of Texas with Chairman Carden of the State Democratic Executive committee. Mr. Williams stated in his letter that he is a merchant and a lawyer and that he is 69 years old. He was formerly a citizen of Ellis county, where he took quite an active part in democratic county politics, having once been an unsuccessful candidate for the state legislature.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

We understand that Judge Williams is a lawyer by profession and a blacksmith by trade, and that he is now Justice of the peace in the precinct in which he lives.

Hoke Smith was defeated for re-election to a second term as governor of Georgia by Judge Brown. Smith's views on statewide prohibition and radical legislation were the leading issues in the campaign which caused his defeat.

The editor has a warm place in his heart for his friends who bring or send in news items. It is the desire of this paper to give all the news all the time and those who lend us their assistance to that end have our unbounded gratitude.

Beautify your own property all you can, then do all you can to beautify your streets. Be friendly with every-body and courteous to strangers. Your own civility will help make good impressions and will be carried away and cherished.

This paper is anxious each week to issue a spicy and interesting local page. If each of our subscribers would hand us in one news item, what a newsy paper we could issue. Try it a few weeks and mark the change.

Hon. E. E. Winfree of Ratcliff announces this week as a candidate for County Judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July. Judge Winfree is pretty well known in the county, and his qualifications for the office are unquestioned. In fact, while Mr. Winfree was Judge, he discharged his duty in a way that gave credit to himself and also the county. He respectfully solicits your support, and we commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

One dollar a year spent for your home paper is a very insignificant sum, and it seems to us that most anybody could spare that amount. By subscribing for your local paper you are helping to maintain an institution that will redound in much good to the community in which it is published.—Grapeland Messenger.

Some people had rather borrow their neighbor's paper even if it does mean a guilty conscience for them.—Cushing Enterprise.

Harold Leaverton and Lee Eaves have returned home from Austin where they have been attending the university.

## Crockett Notes.

Crockett, Texas, June 8.—The meeting of the confederate veterans at this place last Wednesday was a grand success and will long be remembered by those participating. The Daughters of the Confederacy had prepared for them a nice dinner and a splendid program was presented in the afternoon for their entertainment which we are sure was enjoyed very much. The day being Jeff Davis' birthday, it was appropriately observed in memory of their beloved chieftain, who has crossed the river ahead of them, but who still lives in their hearts.

The K. of P's. decorated the graves of their dead last Sunday evening at three o'clock. Fitting ceremonies were held and the graves covered with flowers in memory of those who have gone before.

Mr. Flemming of the Presbyterian church spoke to the men and boys of the town at the opera house at 4:30 p. m. Sunday. He had a crowded house and all seemed to enjoy his talk.

Mrs. Paxton of Elkhart visited the family of Dr. L. Meriwether last week.

The improvement of the court house is progressing rapidly and will add to the locks of the town wonderfully.

Mr. W. E. Mayes returned from Mineral Wells where he has been water-bound for some time. He says the floods have done a great deal of damage in that county and that we are in fine shape here.

The crops are beginning to look well now and if the rains do not shut down entirely we will come out all right yet.

In electing men to the legislature we should require of them to be just to railroads and developing corporations, as well as the common people. Fanaticism is threatening to arrest development in this great state of ours, and it is time to call a halt in this respect and come down to a just equilibrium. We need more railroads, more factories, more business and more money. Let the battle cry be, "special privileges to none and equal justice to all." Rex.

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Garrett Richards has gone to Troupe on a visit to his brother.

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A new lot of Shumate razors, brushes, shaving soap, received this week at Howard's.

Mills Horne left last week for Huntsville to attend the summer normal.

Mrs. S. E. Miller has returned from a visit to relatives at Henderson.

We keep the best coffees, try a bucket with nice China cup and saucer for 90c at Howard's.

Mrs. G. R. Whitley and little son of Palestine visited relatives in Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Cleo Murchison and Jennie Oliphint have returned home from Huntsville where they have been attending school.

Mr. D. Walling requests us to announce that the patrons of Union school will hold a meeting Monday, June 15th, and all patrons are urged to be present.

The school board met Tuesday night, and elected Prof. W. L. Smith of Prosper, Texas, as Principal. Miss Eunice Miller was re-elected as first assistant.

Hon. W. R. Bishop of Athens, candidate for District Judge was in town Saturday meeting our people. Mr. Bishop is traveling through the country in his buggy in the interest of his candidacy.

Rev. H. E. Harris of Lovelady left Sunday night for Alabama to spend his vacation among his relatives and friends of former days. We wish him a pleasant time.

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Miss Essye Kennedy of Crockett spent several days here this week as the guest of her cousins, the Misses Caldwell.

Mr. Maury a civil engineer of Palestine was here Saturday and Monday, surveying the course of the dam to be built at Myrtle lake, and also estimating the cost of same.

Geo. Shipper was up from Roganville a few days last week looking after business matters and seeing his old friends. Geo. says he is well pleased in his new home and is doing a splendid business.

Feed your hungry horse. Howard has chops, Bran, Alfalfa hay, as cheap as the cheapest.

M. D. Murchison and family and Dave Leaverton and family returned home from Loraine last Sunday, where they have been visiting relatives. Mrs. Lizzie Spence accompanied them home, and will spend some time here visiting relatives and old friends.

Craig Cunningham, passed mid-shipman U. S. Navy, came in Monday night and will visit his mother, Mrs. Hall Wilson, at Augusta. Mr. Cunningham has just graduated at Annapolis and will report on board the U. S. Colorado at San Francisco for duty.

The W. O. W. Lodge and Circle held an entertainment Saturday night in the hall, and a large crowd of choppers with their families were present. Mr. W. B. Peabworth, of the Palestine Camp, delivered a lecture on woodcraft which was very much appreciated. Refreshments were served by the ladies, and this too, was enjoyed.

The people of Crockett entertained the old soldiers last Wednesday in a very pleasing manner. The day being Jeff Davis' birthday, the W. C. Us. joined the veterans in celebration. The exercises were held in the opera house, and an interesting program was rendered in the afternoon. Quite a number of Grapeland people attended.

Allen Newton of Crockett announces this week as a candidate for District Clerk of Houston County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. Newton is a prominent citizen of this county, and his qualifications to fill the office with credit to himself and the county are not questioned. He asks your support in the coming primary.

### Myrtle Lake Fishing Club.

The stockholders who have purchased the old Tyer for the purpose of making a first class up-to-date fishing lake out of it, held a meeting in the Woodmen hall last Thursday afternoon and went into permanent organization, with the following officers: A. S. Porter, president; A. H. Luker, secretary and treasurer. W. G. Darsey, chairman; F. A. Faris, Chester Kennedy, W. D. Granbury, board of directors.

The name of the lake has been changed; it will no longer bear the historic name of its founder, but will be known as Myrtle Lake, and the owners propose to make it as famous as in days of old.

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Two hundred head of Persian sheep were brought into Texas a year or so ago by Col. Charles Goodnight. His experiment has met with such success that he declares the Persian sheep will thrive better in Texas than in their native land and that it will be possible to manufacture the fine cloaks from pure-blooded lamb skins. Col. Goodnight says that there are 114 different kinds of weeds in Southwest Texas and that the Persian sheep eat 100 of them.

The first Persian alms brought into this country were introduced by Secretary Rusk under the first Cleveland administration. These were shipped to California and have done well. The fine cloth industry there, though a small one, is very profitable.

Until these experiments the fine cloth industry has been confined to a principality in Persia. Coats and capes made from the skins of these lambs range in price from \$350 to \$500; expensive cloaks made of this material have brought from \$1500 to \$2000. The fur of the Persian lamb is jet black and curled and kinked in the most artistic manner. Ladies' capes and muffs made of this quality are very beautiful and expensive.

Col. Goodnight maintains that in a few years, with proper breeding, Texas will improve the Persian sheep and produce as fine a fur at a minimum cost. These sheep formerly inhabited the desert and can go for weeks with scant food and little or no water. The sheep have a long flap of fat which hangs down behind like a saddle skirt some ten inches long by three in thickness. The sheep seem to feed on this as does the camel on its hump, and epicures consider it a very delicate morsel. Col. Goodnight claims that any farmer or ranchman can raise the pure-blooded Persian sheep for less than the common sheep because they eat any and everything and never die of disease. The development of this new industry is arousing much interest in Texas.

### Helping the Town Grow.

SAN ANTONIO FEELS THE INFLUENCE OF GOVERNMENT MONEY SPENT AT FORT SAM HOUSTON.

During the current year the United States Government will spend between four and five million dollars in changing Fort Sam Houston from a regimental into a brigade post. It is estimated that the monthly expenditures at Fort Sam Houston will amount to \$200,000 regularly.

During the months of May and June the Government will spend about \$400,000 a month at the post, and this rate of expenditure will continue for a number of years until the brigade post is completed. Most of this work, as well as the supplying of food, is done by army contracts, most of which are held by merchants in this city. This letting loose of large sums of money has materially helped San Antonio to recover from the panic. When the brigade post is completed it will contain between four and six thousand men.

### The Fable of the Flood.

EASY FOR REPUBLICANS TO PROMISE TO REVIS THE TARIFF, BUT AN EFFICIENT POLITICAL MOVE.

Once upon a time—or, to be more exact, in May, 1908—Trinity River, usually rather an insignificant stream, but given to violent fluctuation, rose and spread over a considerable area of inhabited country in a Southwestern State, destroying human

life and property of enormous value.

While the flood was at its height it was impressed upon that part of the population of the United States not actively engaged in trying to escape the hungry waters that the stream, which is a rivulet in summer, flows from, and through, a comparatively treeless country, and that it is one of a number of plains State streams noted for the great difference between their maximum volume during rainy periods and their minimum during drought.

Congress, which was at that time in session, and had nothing in particular to do, being known as a do-nothing Congress, and being estopped from getting busy with the publicity bill because of the desire of the party in power to collect a large campaign fund for the purchase of an approaching election, decided to extend its session for a few days and enact into a law certain bills to preserve the Appalachian and White Mountains from destruction and prevent a large section of the country lying east of the Mississippi from eventually experiencing such flood disasters as occasionally overtake the State traversed by "wet weather" rivers. Action was accordingly taken, the Speaker of the House exerting himself to put through the law. The result was an immediate annual saving of more money than the amount of the appropriation, and a great aid to navigation and agriculture, to say nothing of the saving of vast tracts of timber of great economic importance.

Of course, no part of this story having to do with the action of Congress is true. If it were the moral would be that an honest Congress is worth a great deal to the country and that a Speaker of the House who is above playing petty politics is above rubies.

As a matter of fact, our historians must record sorrowfully that the Sixtieth Congress adjourned while Trinity River was on the rampage and a large strip of the Southwest under water, the Speaker expressing the opinion that the flood barriers and reservoirs and the timber in the Appalachians and White Mountains were not worth a tinker's dam to navigation, agriculture or anything else, and leaving unexpressed, but patent, his opinion that politics is the chief industry of the United States and public attention should be centered not upon natural resources but upon the game.—Courier-Journal.

Dallas.—At the State Convention of the Prohibition party J. B. Cranfill is endorsed as President and many delegates are elected to the National Prohibition Convention.

Denison.—With the receding of the water large gangs of laborers are being put to work on the track and bridges of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. It is hard to determine when the main line will again be in condition for the resumption of traffic.

Alpine.—M. A. Ernst, County Commissioner, is making some interesting experiments in connection with the growth of thornless cactus. The results of his investigations will be made known to the public at an early date.

Corsicana.—Paul Breckner and M. Curry were drowned in Eden's tank while on a fishing excursion.

Gonzales.—A Mexican shoots Mrs. Natalea Rodriguez and wounds her three children as the result of an insane infatuation for the woman, who refused to leave her home with him. The name of the Mexican is not known or has he yet been apprehended.

Taylor.—Ward Talley, the 16-year-old son of R. H. Talley, is drowned while in bathing.

Junction.—An exceptionally heavy yield of small grain is now being harvested in the vicinity of Junction.

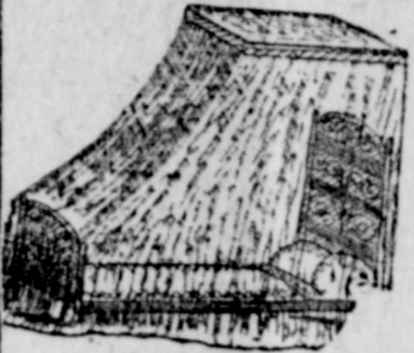
Austin.—Letters received from Capt. Bill McDonald to the effect that he is having the time of his life as a guest at the White House.

Austin.—According to statement issued by Railroad Commissioner Colquitt, railroad deficits in reports are fictitious and due to change in methods of keeping books.

Fort Worth.—As the result of their attack on Umpire Harbuck last Saturday, Pitcher Griffin and Outfielder Sentz of the Panthers, are suspended by President Robbie.

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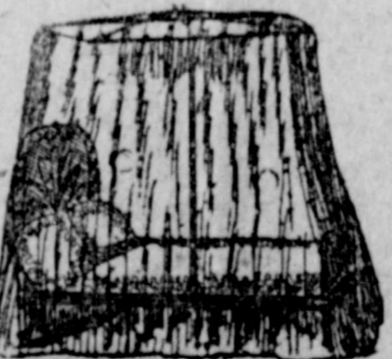


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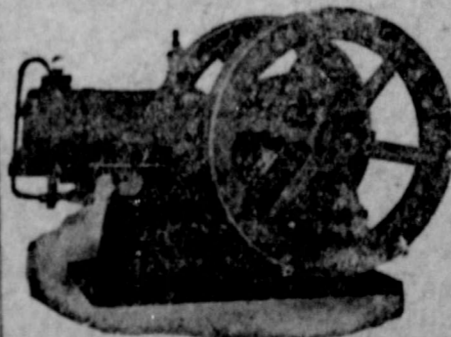
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A WOMAN'S VIEWS OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Do we need German in the public schools? How many pupils would ever have a chance to use the language in their pursuit of bread and butter? The answer to the latter question is an answer to the other. A great deal of precious time is wasted in experimenting on schools, while the real branches of solid education are being neglected. Merchants complain of the ignorance of boys who have spent years in schools and go out into the world with a smattering of many things and an imperfect knowledge of the essentials. They hark back to the educational methods that made them successful business men, and deprecate the waste of time and energy on useless branches.

A common school education is supposed to fit boys and girls for common every-day life. Arithmetic is necessary, of course, for the care of money makes computation unavoidable. Reading and spelling and writing—they, too, are invaluable—and thousands of children have so little time to spend in schools that if these branches were thoroughly learned there would be no place for fancy ones. There is a tendency to expect too much of schools and to forget the special branches can be taken up later by those who have any need for them. Drawing is not a necessity, but there is no denying the advantage of music in toning down the shrill American voice. Languages are absurd when those who are trying to learn them are amazingly ignorant of their mother tongue.

I look back upon my own training with anything but satisfaction. I took all the fancy branches I could crowd into my life, and they are mere memories now. I had no occasion to use them in daily life, and I have wished many times that I had concentrated my attention upon the essentials. From slanting to vertical penmanship and back again to slanting I went, and these trips did not improve my writing one whit. The children of today are the victims of just such experiments, and the teachers are both overworked and underpaid.

Practicality has no great part in our life, despite the reputation we have achieved. We take up absurd fads, pay extravagantly for them, and forget them when overtaken by the inevitable weariness. We neglect the common details of comfort and happiness, and serve as bad models for the children who are following our footsteps. While making a call the other day, I saw a small girl behaving with a decorum so unusual as to be conspicuous. She came with her mother, and proceeded to quietly await her turn to be noticed, and was so sweet and charming that her period of waiting was short.

That child is being educated at home by a sensible mother who has studied the brain to some purpose. She is following the methods which her own mother used, and which fitted her for the care of a pretentious home and large family. The child has outstripped her little friends who attend the public schools, yet she spends less time in study and a great deal more outdoors. She is healthy and strong and handsome, and with much better manners than the average child of her own age, all of which is a tribute to the good sense of her mother. She is

learning English as it should be spoken and not bothering with languages which will add nothing to her welfare in this country.

## All Rivers are Salty.

HOW THE SALT OF THE EARTH IS GATHERED AND CARRIED TO THE SEA.

Odd though it may seem, some of the rivers are appreciably salty. All of them, indeed, contain more or less salt. The Missouri, at Kansas City, though by no means a salty stream, holds eighteen pints of salt for every million pints of water. The Maumee, at Toledo, has sixty-three pints for the same quantity. But some rivers are much saltier than this. For example, the Brazos, in Texas, contains five hundred pints, and the Salt River, in Arizona, twenty-two hundred pints to the million. After all, the ocean itself owes much of its saltiness to the salt that is poured into it by the rivers, which originally has been derived from the rocks.

The Great Lakes are not nearly so salty as most of the rivers, because their surfaces are very large in proportion to the watersheds that drain into them. Thus they receive, relatively speaking, less salt from the land. Besides, great quantities of water fall into them in the form of rain, diluting them. Lake Erie is the saltiest of the "unsalted seas," because salt rivers, such as the Maumee, flow into it; but even it contains only ten and a half pints of salt for every million pints of water. Lake Michigan has three and a third pints, and Lake Superior only one and a third pints for the same quantity.

The percentage of salt in water has a bearing upon the industrial usefulness of the fluid. If it is too high, it will injure boilers. Again, the water of some western rivers, being rich in alkali, has a tendency to foam explosively when used for making steam, actually throwing itself out of the boilers of locomotives, and compelling engineers to dump their fires between stations.

## Never no More.

We hev ben bunked several times in our lurid career, but th' bunk we ahd handed to us in Min'rul Wells outbunked th' way th' British was bunked at Bunker Hill; we went ter Mineral Wells expectin' ter meet Mary Jane an' after runnin' around in circles fer a day an' a half with our nose ter th' ground we discovered that Mary Jane hed passed us up an' we let out at a lope, an' a-whinin', fer th' crazy water place; we hed been told that ef we had a badge pinned onto us we could git all th' crazy water we wanted fer nothin'; we contehd that we had a right ter expect that crazy water'd be what its name implies—some-thin' bottled in bond, flavored with fish-hooks an' spirits-a-catsafightin', but it wasn't nothin' but mineral water. In fact, they wasn't nothin' but mineral water in th' town an' wells gushin' more of it all th' time, an' whne we tried ter git away we was held up by a washout—"Water, water everywhere an' not a drop ter drink!"—Alkali Eye.

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"The expenditure of the sum named, it is estimated, will give protection to ten miles of the river front, levee work not being required in some sections of the district. The idea should be taken up by other parts of the Brazos bottoms, as the additional tax is inconsequential when compared to the saving to the crops that will result from the building of the levees."

Mr. Perry is vice-president of the Velasco State Bank, and is a former member of the Legislature from Brazoria county.

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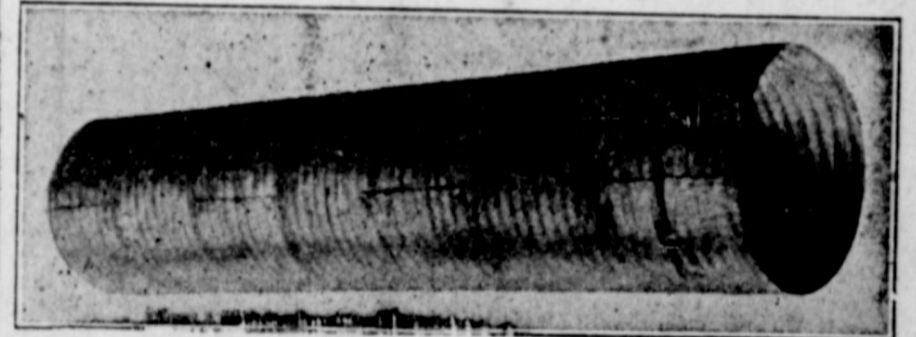
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The following announcements are made subject to the action of the democratic primary:

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W R Bishop, of Henderson County

B H Gardner of Anderson county

For Sheriff

A W Phillips

Jno C Lacy (Re-election)

O B (Deb) Hale

For County Judge

John Spence (Re-election)

E Winfree

For County Superintendent

Public Instruction

J F Mangum

For Representative

W G Creath

J R Nichols

J B Smith

John Luce

For County Treasurer

D J Cater (Re election)

For County Attorney

Earle Adams, Jr.

(For Re-election)

For District Clerk

B F Dent

Joe Brown Stanton

For re-election

Allen Newton

For Tax Assessor

Jno H Ellis (Re-election)

For Tax Collector

A L Goolsby

For County Clerk

Nat E Allbright (for re-election)

J R Howard

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

S H Lively (re-election)

J A Morris

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2

J A Hughes

GR Murchison (re-election)

Stell Sharp

For Constable, Precinct No. 5

S C Spence (re-election)

For Justice Peace, Precinct No. 5

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