

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT ENDORSED BY MAYORS OF TEXAS

Mayor Paul Delivers Address of Welcome, W. D. Davis of Fort Worth Responds, and the Big Annual Convention is On—Barbecue Banquet Where Oratory Flows Billed For Wednesday Night.

All cities under 10,000 inhabitants of the commission form of government was the subject absorbing the attention of the Texas mayors in session at the initial meeting of their association here, and which convened at the Yale theater Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Handled as it was, it became a topic of the deepest interest assembled, and the theme was the subject of much thoughtful and eloquent discourse. To a man, the mayors stood for the commission form in cases where the assessed valuation of the city will warrant the cost. From a small city, a little over 10,000 inhabitants, and in an official way, of course, had very little experience with the commission form of government. I have watched with considerable interest the results of application to other cities, how abundant of opinion that it is proper thing where the taxable population will allow. Cities that have adopted it seem to prosper, and I believe it is all right.—Dr. Greer, mayor of Mansfield.

My experience with commission form of government has been very satisfactory, being but little over sixty days that I have been mayor of a city of that form of government. I say that under the charter my city has adopted there might be some considerable profit to the city, never, commission form of government in its generality is all right and should be employed with satisfaction by a city with a taxable valuation of from three to four million dollars. The last item should be considered much, if not more, than the matter of population.—W. D. Davis, mayor of Fort Worth.

The commission form of government has three important safeguards to municipal affairs which are not supplied by the aldermanic form. They are: First, the classification and division of departments with a commissioner at the head of each branch, only essentials dependent being honesty and ability of the mayor appoint the commissioners best adapted to head the respective departments; second, the power of the mayor to change them about in the way he finds he has made a mistake in his appointments and a commissioner at the head of any one department is incompetent to control that particular department and more suited to the management of another; and, third, the power of recall on the part of the constituents. I believe where it is all possible to maintain such government the commission form will be found the most satisfactory.—E. Hayden, mayor of Grandview.

Called to Order.
The convention was called to order by Vice President C. C. Hayden, mayor of Grandview, acting for President Hamith, who is now in Oregon. After the invocation by Dr. W. M. McPherson, the address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Chas. T. Paul, words of highest praise for the city and bade the mayors welcome.

Welcoming Address.
Mayor Paul's address was as follows: President, gentlemen of the association, ladies and gentlemen: The Texas Association of Mayors is here assembled for the purpose of transacting the business of our organization. Will, therefore, take no time in discharging the aims of the organization in advancing views on the great work of the association in our state. Pleasant duty here today is to express to this gathering, representing all the vital interests of municipal government in Texas, a most cordial welcome and a heartfelt profusion of hospitality and friendship that comes from the people of this city. The citizens of San Angelo appreciate the honor of having the meet-

BANQUET.

Through the courtesy of the Yale that playhouse will not give its usual shows Wednesday night, but instead the theater will be turned over to the mayors for their big barbecue banquet. Promptly at 9:30 o'clock the speech-making will begin, and Mayor Paul wishes it plainly understood that everybody will be welcome at that hour. The theater is provided with fans, and doors will be thrown open, assuring everyone a "cool evening" for such a "warm occasion."

Below is a list of the toasts as prepared by Postmaster Bartholomew:

Cone Johnson—"In the Hands of My Friends."

Robert Goodfellow—"What's in a Name."

Bill Davis—"Happy Day in a Honk-Honk."

Bob Barker—"Rambling."

Louis J. Wortham—"Let Texas Grow."

ing of the association within our city. We welcome you as individuals and as a state organization, and we are anxious to lend any support within the bounds of our strength, energy and enthusiasm to further the cause for which the mayors' association is working in Texas. We do not wish to disturb or in any way interfere with the work which this convention has to do, but we will deem it a privilege and a pleasure to entertain you as our guests and friends whenever your duties do not demand your presence here.

Look Around.

During the time we have to spare from official duties we invite you to see San Angelo and her environments. We want you to meet and mingle with our people and see the things we have besides air and sunshine and spring water to drink, that inspires a growing community to do things. There is one thing particularly characteristic of San Angelo, and I hope you will find what it is. We think it is a good thing, and like the little boy, we want to show it to everybody that comes. When you find what it is, just continue to make yourself at home and do as you please as long as you please.

The municipalities of every country have a separate history of their own. The cities of ancient times were built under widely different conditions and along radically different lines to the ones of this modern day. Indeed, some of them have left enviable records to posterity. Rome has given to the world her great system of law; Greece her art, and Phoenicia her commerce, while others have stamped their influence upon Christianity and civilization, and their very names have become sacred. But in what part of human tradition can be found anything to compare with that which is occurring under our eyes in the United States, in Texas, today? The celebrated communities of antiquity were all founded in the midst of hostile nations, which they were obliged to subjugate before one could flourish in the other's stead. For Athens to prosper she must extirpate or subdue Sparta. And repeatedly did the prosperity of one city bring the downfall of another, until civilization was made to blush for the success of the victorious. Then, as well as now, generations were impelled forward in the same direction to meet and struggle on the same spot; but their designs were widely different. In building ancient cities every newcomer was the harbinger of destruction and death; in building modern cities every adventurer brings with him the elements of prosperity and of life. And

thus the American continent is being dotted with American towns and cities—not cities with numbers sufficient for empires, but with cities having numbers adequate for civilization. As an evidence of this fact we are gathered here in San Angelo today as representatives from the different cities of Texas in this meeting of the Mayors' association, not to the disadvantage or ruin of anyone, but rather offering an exchange of ideas and experience as a support and a mutual protection for all.

Great Problems.

You will pardon me for making any personal suggestions to the convention upon this occasion, but it is my candid opinion that the greatest problems of the age are to be solved by the heads of government in the cities of our country—solved by mayors, councilmen and city officials, not acting as jealous lords and kings of yore, but simply as honest representatives of the common people, laboring in commonwealth for the common good. We are living in an age of churches, schools and industry. The greatest inventions, the most effective and rapid means of communication and transportation that the world has ever known are being made. And within the scope of our knowledge our progress is being heralded across the waters. American civilization is belting the globe, and from its echoes comes a flood of foreign immigration to add to the rapid increase of our population.

It is being found that in the cities great advantages are being offered to industrial development and to art and to literature. Our people are fast drifting from rural communities into towns and cities, and with all their productive and civilizing capacities are contributing to every line of development in science, art and industry. And thus being gathered together on a common ground, they must be attended with all the evils as well as the advantages of a crowded population. Hence the necessity of solving the problems of sanitation, of municipal finance, of constructing public buildings and streets and roads.

But in building cities it is difficult to find any general law for determining their methods of development. However, all cities have some things in common which make the experience of one beneficial to the welfare of the other. Therefore, we are gathered here today to exchange opinions and ideas and to learn how best to grapple with and solve questions of municipal government.

Gentlemen of the association, again I welcome you to San Angelo and hope that your stay with us may be a pleasant and profitable one. And when you return to your homes may you carry with you pleasant recollections of our town and country.

Hon. W. D. Davis, mayor of Fort Worth, in behalf of the association, replied to the address of welcome, in substance the president of the Panther City said:

Response.

"To me it is a great pleasure to be able to respond for the Texas Mayors' association to the eloquent and pleasing address of welcome just made by our worthy brother, Hon. Chas. T. Paul, mayor of the Queen City of the Conchos. We feel assured of the welcome and know that the time spent in your city will be an enjoyable one. We appreciate your kind words of welcome, but the limited confines of my vocabulary will not permit of a full expression of our gratitude for the kindly and generous manner in which you received and are entertaining the members of the association.

"We had to come here to appreciate the growth of your city. We knew you a few years ago as a wide open West Texas cattle town, a typical village of the plains, where the ranch-

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J. A. GOULDEN.

The representative of the Bronx section of New York city in congress is Joseph A. Goulden, Democrat, who served in the navy during the civil war and takes an active interest in matters relating to the veterans. He is serving his fourth term in congress.

BILL DAVIS KNOW HIM?

FRIENDS SAY HE MUST SUBMIT TO PLACING NAME BEFORE MAYORS FOR PRESIDENT.

NEXT MEETING PLACE

Marlin, Tyler and Temple Announce, Though Marlin May Withdraw at the Last Moment in Favor of Tyler.

"Friends of the Hon. 'Bill' Davis of Fort Worth have launched a campaign calculated to terminate in the election of the gentleman from the Panther City to the honored office of president of the Texas Mayors' association. The jolly boosters from the Trinity are out with the big pull for their mayor, and since Mr. Davis is exceedingly popular with all the mayors in attendance, the prospects are very favorable for his election.

Mayor Davis, one time a "cattler" riding through the trails of this very section, is well and favorably known throughout the central and western portions of the state and his many old-time friends among the cowboys will watch with interest the outcome of his candidacy. He is a competent officer, a consistent democrat and an all-around good fellow anywhere, everywhere and all the time. There are other candidates in the field, Mayor Heffner of Marlin being mentioned, and the race will not be without considerable friendly rivalry.

There will be a lively contest over the selection of the next town to entertain the mayors. Marlin is out for the 1910 meet and Tyler and Temple are also candidates. Both contests will be settled Thursday.

It is predicted that Marlin is to withdraw her claims for the next convention in favor of Tyler, provided Tyler will support Heffner for president.

Mayor Davis has not yet yielded to the requests of his followers, but it is believed that he will do so. If he does decide to get into the running things will certainly hum, for that is the way the Fort Worth mayor does things. He never goes after a thing by halves. And he is always out to win.

TRANSFER MAN.

"Bull" Armstrong Wants to Live in a Real City.

"Bull" Armstrong, who man and boy has been the big transfer man of Brownwood ever since the Indians abandoned that place for a more healthful location, arrived in San Angelo Tuesday afternoon on a secret mission. Mr. Armstrong has recently retired from the transfer business and is now rated in all newspapers with a circulation of less than two a minute as a capitalist. He wants to live in a city and is thinking as hard as has ever been his habit of coming right here to San Angelo.

One thing is certain, and that is Armstrong conducted one of the best transfer businesses in the south at Brownwood. He knows every detail of the work, and what is a great deal more, he knows how to be just as accommodating as a basket of chips while he is at work.

DUBLIN AUTOISTS

Will Visit Nine Cities in Their Benzine Buggies.

To visit nine cities, widely separated, in three big automobiles is the present intention of the crowd of Dublin people that has been camping out on Dove creek for the last few weeks.

Camp was broken Tuesday and the whole bunch came to San Angelo to look over the prize collection of mayors now on exhibition in this city. The delegation left for Carlsbad Tuesday night, after which it will visit in quick succession Lamesa, Plainview, Post City, Snyder, Sweetwater, Abilene and Brownwood.

As near as can be learned, the trip is merely a pleasure one, with of course a little boosting for Dublin on the sled.

Twenty-two people are in the party and a joller bunch couldn't be conceived of.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nash, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Smith left the party here and went to Big Springs via the Santa Fe.

WEED CROP GOOD.

J. F. Currie of Ballinger Here Taking in City's Ways.

J. F. Currie of Ballinger, who occupies the same position in that city that Marshal Field used to occupy in Chicago and that John Wanamaker now occupies in Philadelphia, was here Tuesday just a looking on and studying city ways. Mr. Currie says that crops in his town are good, especially the weed crop, and that the outlook for some real hustling business this fall could hardly be better.

Crystal Change.

Ernest Buchwald has disposed of his interest in the Crystal theater to Smith Bros. and will henceforth devote his energies to other pursuits.

Mr. Buchwald is well known in this city, having been connected with several amusement enterprises, and has gained considerable recognition as an expert pianist.

What his future plans are has not been disclosed, but it is believed and hoped by his many friends that he will remain in the city.

MARRY WEDNESDAY.

W. L. Hughes and Miss Fafa Mason the Contracting Parites.

At high noon Wednesday Miss Fafa Mason will be united in marriage to W. L. Hughes at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mason, at 415 West Beauregard avenue. Rev. J. P. Siler of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Only the immediate family and a few personal friends will be present.

The happy couple will leave on the afternoon train for a three days' stay in Austin, where Mr. Hughes will attend the state convention of county superintendents, after which they will journey to Galveston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other points on the coast, to be gone probably three weeks. They will then return to San Angelo, in which city they will make their home.

Miss Mason comes from one of San Angelo's oldest families and is one of the most popular society belles of the city. Her many charms have brought her universal admiration from all who know her.

Mr. Hughes, too, is well known and liked in this city as well as the surrounding country. He is superintendent of schools for Tom Green county and has proven entirely efficient. Mr. Hughes is likewise exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, and in both the business and social side of San Angelo life he is liked and admired.

Mrs. Laura Watson left for Fort Worth Tuesday, which city she will make her future home.

More Rain.

Falling with tremendous force while it lasted, a splendid shower hit San Angelo about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The dust was laid in fine shape and for a while it seemed as if a general downpour would ensue.

A laughable incident connected with the shower occurred when prominent San Angelo booster caught a visiting mayor by the collar and shouted, "Now go back to the East Texas people who say it can't rain in Concholand and show them where they stand." This visiting mayor consented to do, having seen with his own good optics that it did rain out here.

As near as can be learned, the shower was not general, but spasmodic, falling only in spots.

ELDORADO GETS UP NICE BONUS

RAISES \$13,500 AT FIRST MEETING AND CITIZENS CONFIDENT \$50,000 CAN BE SECURED.

AFTER LANIN RAILROAD

Bond Issue Election Carries by Vote of 76 to 0—School Costing \$20,000 Will Be Erected Immediately.

Mrs. Barbee Dies.

Eldorado, July 20.—At a meeting of the citizens Saturday night about \$13,500 was subscribed toward a bonus for the Lanin road. A committee was appointed to work the county thoroughly, and it is thought that \$50,000 can be raised without difficulty, as none of the prominent ranchmen was at the meeting Saturday night.

The election held Saturday for the purpose of deciding whether or not the Eldorado independent school district should issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of building a school house resulted in a unanimous vote for the bonds, the ballot being 76 to 0.

Mrs. E. M. Barbee, wife of a banker and prominent business man, died Friday at 4 o'clock. The body will be taken to Ballinger for interment.

Plans Competent.

Eldorado will soon have as fine a school building as any little town in the state. The plans and specifications have been completed by Waller, Shaw & Field of this city and the contract awarded. Actual work will soon be commenced. P. A. Williams was the lucky bidder who secured the contract. It is estimated that the building will cost between \$16,000 and \$17,000.

The new structure will be of brick and is modeled something on the order of San Angelo's ward schools. In the upper portion there will be two class rooms, an elegant library and an auditorium capable of seating at least 1000 people.

On the lower floor will be six class rooms and a long corridor.

Eldorado is a coming little city of about 1200 population, and the citizens have realized fully that education is a necessary element to progress.

WORK FAST WHEN START

LARGE GANGS WILL BE EMPLOYED TO RUSH COMPLETION OF NEW WATERWORKS PLANT.

WAITING FOR ANSWER

As Soon as Case Hears Give Decision Immediate Steps Will Be Taken to Put the Plans into Early Execution.

Until word is heard from Wisconsin with reference to whether or not the Case heirs will accept a proposition to lease their lands at the head of Spring creek, the local waterworks committee can only sit back and hope for the best. In the meanwhile, however, plans are being laid, to a certain extent, for the work that is to follow in case there is no trouble in securing access to the water.

It is proposed to put every available man to work, and it is predicted that within less than nine months from the time the actual work begins water will be running through the mains and into a standpipe or reservoir in San Angelo.

Real Estate Transfers.

Paul Abstract and Title company's report of real estate transfers recorded July 20:

Joseph Tweedy et ux. to Gus Cavender, \$60; conveys out lot No. 5 in town of Knickerbocker.

W. B. Hunter to W. A. Ellis, \$1200; conveys lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 14, Ellis addition.

M. T. Montclair et ux. to O. F. Payne, \$1000; conveys 2.09 acres out of survey 165, Heinrich Oelkers.

U. G. Taylor to Findlater Hardware company, \$25; conveys west half of lot 12, block 2, main part of San Angelo.

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HOLD YOUR JUDGMENT.

As yet it is too early to make any intelligent comment upon the affairs of the state penitentiary system. It is never a safe policy to accept unsupported innuendoes as being the real things. Up to this time a young man of excellent promise and considerable material accomplishments; member of the legislature who merely gave a deduction based upon a possibility, and a discharged chaplain have given testimony before the committee. In none of the testimony is moral turpitude charged, or gross mismanagement alleged.

From the gist of the testimony at hand it would appear that the system that prevails is at fault—radically so. The Press-News would not suggest a given change in the system now in vogue, for The Press-News believes that this subject is one that can not be handled without great thought and deep study being given it. The Press-News has not given this subject that study.

Take the entire penitentiary system of Texas and a more hodge-podge affair can hardly be conjured. Each succeeding legislature adds to or takes from the total of the scheme entire in just such a manner as a passing whim or an idle vagary may prompt. The last legislature, for instance, ordered the establishment of a cotton bagging factory, which will cost the state nearly a million dollars before it is run two years, without so much as asking the board of managers of the penitentiary if such an industry could be handled successfully by the convicts. The purchase of the iron works, the various factories and the goodness only knows what else are matters that have taken place in recent years and require no discussion at this time.

Of all the industries under the control of the penitentiary at this writing the only one that has been a pronounced success has been the farming end. The convicts, by desecrating the Sabbath, and by receiving cuffs and blows to urge them rightly, have made some money out of the state farms. The iron works since the Campbell administration has lost enough money to buy all the school books used in the first grade in the free schools of Texas.

We may expect details of horrors incidental to discipline of camps from time to time during the progress of the investigation. The Press-News here and now warns the public not to believe a tenth of the tales that will float to the ears of the free people. Texas convicts are treated, neither better nor worse than refractory convicts of other states. It is natural that when liberty is a dream and the days are long that the mind of a convict should become morose and that he should magnify his grievances, isolated cases of cruelty may be expected, for all the guards are not of the highest order of intelligence and they receive only \$24 a month.

The Press-News hopes that the committee now investigating the penitentiary system will delve deep into why the iron works were a big success under John L. Wortham's management and why they are a failure today and have lost a lot of money. The committee should investigate certain reports that were current in Austin last winter about certain banks in east Texas being greatly favored with penitentiary funds during times of great financial distress, over all other institutions; and why and by what authority the railroad was built into Palestine by the management.

The Press-News here and now expresses a belief that an investigation of isolated and individual cases of alleged cruelty will do more harm than good and will cause a spirit of refractory rebellion to prevail in the penal institutions.

What a great difference there is between surmising and furnishing proof to sustain a suspicion. Let's go at the root of the evil. Let's get the proper system installed in Texas.

To J. Pflav, Esp. Much obliged for that nice little shower you sat Tuesday. It laid the dust just right.

When Tommasini Bartholomew calls time at the banquet tonight a battle royal will prevail from the start to the finish.

Every day the Orient is getting nearer and nearer to San Angelo. That means more than seven years of patient waiting, but it has been worth every minute of it.

Some members of the legislature are using the stationery furnished by the state for the purpose of private correspondence. Respectfully referred to H. Z. Thomas as to whether or not this is graft.

To the mayors: We have a real Paul at the head of San Angelo and he can convert you to the truth about this section if you will let him have half an inning.

Just a tip. There are only six great orators in Texas. Two of these are Cone Johnson and Louis J. Wortham, will speak at the banquet Wednesday night. Talk about quality? Well, we've got it with us now.

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men came from a distance of from fifty to a hundred miles around to trade—the days when the cowboys and coyotes held full sway. We knew San Angelo had grown, but to understand that she had blossomed into a bustling metropolis with real city airs and manners, we had to come here to see it. We have seen it and we are convinced, but we are not surprised. The country—the kind to build a city—here all around you. Where one day the hills and fertile valleys of your beautiful Concho land were covered with scattering herds feeding upon the wild grass, today we find the fruitful lands cut up into smaller divisions—the artistic hand of scientific agriculture has wrought wonders, and the prosperous farmer of today sets forth to the astonished gaze of the visitor a landscape dotted with the beautiful fields of green alfalfa. While your herds are perhaps smaller, they are of a decidedly better quality, and since the desert has been made to blossom as the rose, the grazing lands of the once arid plains are now rich in their production of choice grains, fruits and vegetables. It is therefore, I say, no wonder that San Angelo has become a city.

Raise Hogs.
"You are yet in your infancy so far as development goes. There are many wonders yet to take place in the city beside the Conchos. For instance, when you have learned of the hidden prosperity that lies within your reach in the hog raising industry alone, your city will leap with your awakening and like a thing of wondrous magic grow before your very eyes. And so it is. I could go on for hours depicting the now unseen avenues of future wealth toward which you are rushing day by day with rapid strides. Time, however, will not permit, so in order that the meeting may proceed at once to the business in hand, I close, thanking you and your city once more for your most royal reception and entertainment of the mayors of Texas now in your city."

Annual Message.
Following Mayor Davis, Secretary J. T. Lacey read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were adopted as read. Chairman C. C. Hayden read President Highsmith's annual address. In this address the president urged the recommendation of several amendments to the new law governing municipalities corporations in Texas.

After hearing the president's message the next thing on the program was the discussion of the question, "Shall cities under 10,000 inhabitants adopt the commission form of government?" Almost every mayor in attendance spoke on the subject and the balance of the session was taken up with the many interesting and eloquent speeches on this topic.

Adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the convention will reassemble, this time in the Elks' hall on Concho avenue.

On account of the rain Tuesday afternoon the San Angelo entertainment committee having in charge the matter of conducting the visiting mayors over the city by way of the figure eight automobile drive decided to postpone that feature of the program until Wednesday afternoon. The drive will be made between the hours of 5 and 8 o'clock.

Hayden's Address.
Vice President C. C. Hayden delivered the following address on the commission form of government:
"Shall cities under 10,000 population have a commission form of government?" is in my opinion one of the most important subjects that we will have for discussion during this convention, and if properly settled, may be worth a great deal to the many progressive and growing municipalities of this the greatest state in the American union. So it will be very necessary for us to hear from some of our best posted mayors, who have had actual experience in both the ordinary form of city government and the commission form of government, as the actual experience will be more beneficial than the theoretical opinions some of us may have to offer.

While some forms of government are more desirable than others, and while it is meet and proper for cities to adopt the best and most practicable form of government, still without capable, willing and honest men are in charge of the city's business, that municipality will suffer.

The men entrusted to carry on the government of a city must comprehend the work in hand so as to be able to have a fixed and a definite purpose in view. They must be will-

ing to apply their minds and their hearts to governmental affairs—if they are wanting in the will they can not succeed.

When I say that they should be honest I do not mean that they would take that which does not belong to them, but that they should try to look after the city's every interest as if it were their own private business.

There is too a great a tendency on the part of city officials to deal too liberally with parties making a contract, furnishing material and doing work for the city. It is the duty of those in charge of a city's business to always let it be known that they are for the city and for the public good, as contra-distinguished from the interest of any individual, friend, pet or partisan.

Now as to whether it is best for cities under 10,000 population to have a commission form of government, I would not attempt to say, until we decide whether or not the commission form of government is a success and for those cities of over 10,000 population which are now under that form of government. We find from inquiry that the cities now using the commission form of government are highly pleased and think it much more preferable than the ordinary form of city government.

Much Merit.
If this is the case there must be some merit in the commission form of government. Most everyone is more or less familiar with the workings of the ordinary form of city government, but very few have investigated the commission form of government and of course know little of its advantages and disadvantages. The commission form of government, as we have it in our Texas cities, is composed of a mayor and four commissioners, elected by the voters of the whole city. This is a less number than usually composes a city council, and is a very strong point in favor of the commission form of government for the reason that the responsibility is placed upon a few individuals, and they feel their individual responsibility more than if the duty had been assigned to a larger number of men.

The Fort Worth city charter, which we presume, is like the others having a commission form of government, reads as follows: "The mayor shall designate from among the commissioners at the first meeting of the board after their election and qualification, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, one commissioner who shall be known as police and fire commissioner, one to be known as commissioner of streets and public grounds, one to be known as the waterworks, sewerage and light commissioner, and one to be known as the commissioner of finance and revenue."

These commissioners are the executive officers of their respective departments, having the power to employ and discharge such help as they may think best. It is easily seen that a man who is paid to give his time to looking after these duties and has the responsibility placed upon him and has the power to carry out his mandates, can get better results than may be expected from a committee of three or four men.

It is easy to dodge responsibility for the blame for not getting results where there are several who have the same duty imposed upon them.

Some may offer the objection that too much power is given the mayor and commissioners, and that they might be arbitrary and unfair and even tyrannical in their dealings with those in their employ. The safe guard against this is, first, in the selection of good men who would not be guilty of such conduct, which is a matter belonging to the voters; second, in the wise selection by the mayor of the proper men for each department; third, in the mayor, exercising his power to transfer to another department if a commissioner should be inefficient or to arbitrate in his dealings; fourth, in exercising the power

and privilege of recall.

Charter Provisions.

The charter provides that upon a petition of 20 per cent of the voters of the city, asking for a recall of any commissioner, or any other officer elected by the people, that an election shall be ordered for the purpose of submitting it to a vote as to whether such officer shall be recalled and another person elected to that office in his stead, to fill out the unexpired term thereof.

While there is power given, there is responsibility fixed, and if the official does not meet the responsibility the public is not without remedy.

Suppose a railroad or any other corporation conducting a large business had a few men paid a nominal sum and they are required to meet only occasionally to look after their interest, would you not expect them to soon go into the hands of a receiver? The government of a city is simply a business proposition and should be conducted in a business way, and requires thought, energy and business methods that would be necessary to bring success to other business enterprises.

Believing from my investigation that the commission form of government is best for cities of over 10,000 population, I now take the position that the commission form of government is more preferable for cities under 10,000 population, for the reasons that the cities under 10,000 have the same class of duties, the same problems to contend with that the cities have which have over 10,000 population—such problems as health, water, sewerage and garbage disposal, fire and police protection, sidewalks, good schools, streets, etc.

Considering the fact that towns under 10,000 population have very limited means to do with, not having been educated up to that high degree of taxation of the larger cities, and the further fact that the officials have to lay the foundation and plans of future growth, it is as necessary to have successful, wide-awake business men in charge of a city government under 10,000 population as it is to have them govern a city of over 10,000 population.

Salary Basis.
A commissioner's salary would necessarily have to be based on the time required to look after the city's business; the larger the city and the more improvements contemplated, the more work and responsibility, which would demand the greater salary; while in a smaller town their full time would not be required and they could be paid a salary commensurate with their services, and such towns could make out with a smaller number of commissioners.

I am democratic enough to believe that whatever the majority of the voters of any city desire, as shown by their ballots, they should have the legal right to have it, let it be a commission form of government or whatever it might be, with the possible exception that it might be something injurious to the moral and religious elements of its citizenship.

The local conditions of a city, whether or not its present government is satisfactory, its progressiveness and the improvements contemplated, the amount of revenue to be received and paid out, are items more to be considered when contemplating a change of government than the exact number of inhabitants.

No doubt in my mind that paid city officials, aldermen or commissioners, will render more efficient service than those working for practically nothing.

It is only in rare instances that under-paid city officials will neglect their own private business and give their time and necessary attention to the public service.

Looking over the statistics of 1908 compiled by the secretary of the mayors' association, it appears in reference to the following cities—Brown-

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Little Money--Large Return

RATES

One Time.....One Cent a Word
Three Times.....Two Cents a Word
Seven Times.....Four Cent a Word
One-half cent a word each subsequent insertion.

FOR SALE.

BRICK for sale. San Angelo Brick Manufacturing company.

FOR SALE—Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine; good as new, with wood saw equipment attached. See R. S. Rainey & Co.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, new 5-room house with bath, gallery and electric lights, lot and barn. This property is situated in one of the best parts of San Angelo; \$250 cash, balance monthly at 8 per cent. There is \$200 profit in this proposition for someone by Oct. 1. Don't wait, but see us first Monday morning. Dabney Land and Livestock company.

FOR SALE—Nearly new 5-room frame house with bath, galleries and modern conveniences, city water, barn, etc. House nicely finished. Situated in Angelo Heights, on lot 70x160 feet. Will sell cheap or trade for smaller place closer in, address "Owner" care Press-News.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good 3-year-old Jersey milk cow. See J. J. Adney or phone 463 black.

FOR SALE—Concrete blocks. See L. T. Chesney, Balfanz & Wilson's barber shop.

WANTED.

WANTED—To buy surrey, gentle horse and harness, at a big bargain, for cash. Address X37 care Press-News.

WANTED—Lawn mowers to sharpen. See R. S. Rainey & Co.

PIPE, GASOLINE ENGINE, Wind Mill and general repair shop. R. S. Rainey & Co., North Chadbourne St. Give us a trial.

WANTED—A cook. Phone 563 red.

WANTED—Lawn mowers to sharpen. See R. S. Rainey & Co.

WANTED—To figure with you on cisterns. Phone me at Angelo House. C. B. Harrigan.

Notice.

Since the revival has been in progress it has been a common thing for some who are attending to hitch their horses to trees in and around the city park, which is positively prohibited by the committee. We do not care how much you walk or drive through the park, but you must not hitch your horses to the trees.

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FOR RENT—Two upstairs rooms southeast exposure. Phone 827.

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FOUND—Automobile lamp. Park Dry Goods company, pay and get same.

PERSONAL.

DR. E. R. FORBES, V. S.—Veterinarian, having closed his office stock yards, Fort Worth, until later, will practice in San Angelo at that time. Riverside Hotel, street; phone 389.

MAN AND WIFE without means, employment as housekeeper, or work or work of any kind, both. Address X, Press-News.

R. E. Scott leaves Wednesday a trip to Big Springs, Midland and other points.

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The Santa Fe is preparing to do quick work in putting up the roundhouse.

As an indication of this, twelve cars of rock and sand are being unloaded so that the concrete work may begin immediately.

This great railroad does not do things by halves when it really decides to act, and San Angelo will soon have a mammoth round house that would do credit to any great city.

R. J. Miller, the foreman of the roundhouse, is stepping high, for, as he says, he will have one of the finest establishments of the kind in the state.

Rains Help Some.

G. G. Odum, one of the few remaining cattle kings whose holdings are east of San Angelo, was here from his ranch in Coke county Tuesday. Mr. Odum owns the O D property with Fort Chadbourne headquarters. He says that recent rains have spiced up things some, but that it will take a good deal more moisture to put in enough grass for the coming winter.

Mrs. Z. A. Moore of Robert Lee was in the city Tuesday en route for a visit to relatives at Brownwood.

C. W. Ross left Tuesday for a visit to Wolfe City.

E. C. Leslie went to Leonard Tuesday to visit friends and relatives.

R. H. Johnson of Sherwood was in the city Tuesday preparing to leave for a visit to Marlin.

Miss Beulah Parker of Garden City was in San Angelo Tuesday on her way to visit relatives in Santa Anna.

Miss Marion Jones and mother, who have been visiting in Alvarado for the last few weeks, came home Tuesday.

Mrs. A. C. McCartney left Tuesday to visit friends and relatives in Boise City, Oklahoma.

Dr. L. L. Henson, of Providence, Rhode Island, is in the city on a visit to his father, Dr. P. T. Henson.

W. F. Pendleton left for Farmersville Tuesday on a business trip.

Miss Hattie Kidd, who has been visiting Miss Pearl Lee for the past two weeks, returned Monday to her home in Thornton.

The Man From Brodneyn's

By GEORGE BARR M'UTCHEON

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"Duce take your Browne," said Saunders, with mild asperity. "He never rides alone."

"I've noticed that," said the enemy coolly. "He's usually with Lady Deppingham. It's lucky that Japat is free from gossips, gentlemen."

"Oh, I say," said Saunders, "none of that talk, you know."

"There's another thing I want to speak of," said the enemy, arising to prepare the second round of juleps. "I hear that your clients and their partners for life are in the habit of gambling like fury up there."

"Gambling?" said Britt. "What rot?"

"The servants say that they play bridge every night for vast piles of rubies and turn the wheel daily for sapphires uncountable. Oh, I get it straight."

"Why, man, it's all a joke. They use gun wads and simply play that they are rubies."

"My word," said Saunders, "there isn't a ruby or sapphire in the party."

"That's all right," said the enemy, standing before them with a bunch of mint in one hand and the bowl of ice in the other. "Every man in Japat thinks that your people are gambling with jewels that belong to the corporation. They think there's something crooked, d'ye see? My advice to you is, Stop that sort of joking."

"By Jove," said Saunders, taking a straw and at the same time staring in open mouthed wonder at the tall host. "You appall me! It's most extraordinary."

"This is all offered in a kindly spirit, you understand," said the magnanimous enemy. "We might as well live comfortably as to die unseasonably here. Another little suggestion, Mr. Saunders. Please tell Lord Deppingham that if he persists in snooping about the ravines in search of rubies he'll get an unmanageable bullet in

the back of his head some day soon. He has no right to a single ruby, even if he should see one and know what it was. Just tell him that, please, Mr. Saunders."

"I shall confound him," exploded Saunders, smiting the table mightily. "He's too uppish anyhow. He needs taking down."

"Ah, Selim," interrupted the enemy as the native boy entered, "no talk, eh?"

"No, excellency, the ship is not due to arrive for two weeks."

"Ah, but, Selim, you forget that I am expecting a letter from Von Blitz's wives. They promised to let me know how soon he is able to resume work at the mines."

"I hear you polished him off neatly," said Britt, with a grin.

"Just the rough edges, Mr. Britt. He is now a gem of purest ray serene. By the way, I hope you'll not take my mild suggestions amiss."

"There's nothing I object to except your power to call strikes among our servants. That seems to me to be rather high handed," said Britt good naturedly.

"No doubt you're right," agreed the other, "but you must remember that I needed the cigarettes."

"My word!" muttered Saunders admiringly.

"Look here, old man," said Britt, his cheeks glowing. "It's mighty good of you to take this trouble for"

"Don't mention it—The only way in

return that we three be a little more sociable hereafter. We're not here to cut each other's throat, you know, and we've got a dandy half year ahead of us. What say?"

For answer the two lawyers arose and shook hands with the excellent enemy. When they started for the chateau at 7 o'clock, each with six mint juleps about his person, they were too mellow for analysis. The enemy, who had drunk but little, took an arm of each and piloted them sturdily through the town.

CHAPTER X.

THE SLOUGH OF TRANQUILITY.

THREE months stole by with tantalizing slowness. The autumn passed on into winter without a change of expression in the benign face of nature. Christmas day was as hot as if it had come in mid-summer; the natives were as naked, the trees as fully clad. The six months were passing away in spite of themselves. Ten weeks were left before the worn but determined betra could cast off their bonds and rush away to other climes. It mattered little whether they went away rich or poor. They were to go! Go! That was the richest thing the future held out to them.

True, they rode and played and swam and romped without restraint, but beneath all of their abandon there lurked the ever present pathos of the jail, the asylum, the detention ward.

Not until the end of January was there a sign of revolt against the ever growing, insidious condition of melancholy. As they turned into the last third of their exile they found heart to rejoice in the thought that release was coming nearer and nearer. The end of March—eight weeks off! Soon there would be but seven weeks, then six!

And all this time the Islanders toiled as they had toiled for years. They reckoned in years, while the strangers cast up time's account in weeks and called them years. Each day the brown men worked in the mines piling gems into the vaults with a resolute-ness that never faltered.

From London came disquieting news for all sides to the controversy. The struggle promised to be drawn out for years, perhaps. The lonely legates, marooned in the far south sea, began to realize that even after they had spent their six months of probation they would still have months, even years, of waiting before they could touch the fortune they laid claim to. The Islanders also were vaguely awake to the fact that everything might be tied up for years despite the provisions of the will. A restless, stubborn feeling of alarm spread among them. This feeling gradually developed itself into bitter resentment. Hatred for the people who were causing this delay was growing deeper and fiercer.

Their counselor, the complacent enemy, held himself aloof from the men and women that his charges were fighting. He met the two lawyers often, but nothing passed between them that could have been regarded as the slightest breach of trust. He lived like a rajah in his shady bungalow, surrounded by the luxuries of one to whom all things are brought invisible. If he had any longing for the society of women of his own race and kind, he carefully concealed it. His indifference to the subtle though unmistakable appeals of the two gentlemen in the chateau was irritating in the extreme. When he deliberately, though politely, declined their invitation to tea one afternoon their humiliation knew no bounds.

To be Continued.

J. A. Bullard and family moved to Fort Worth Tuesday.

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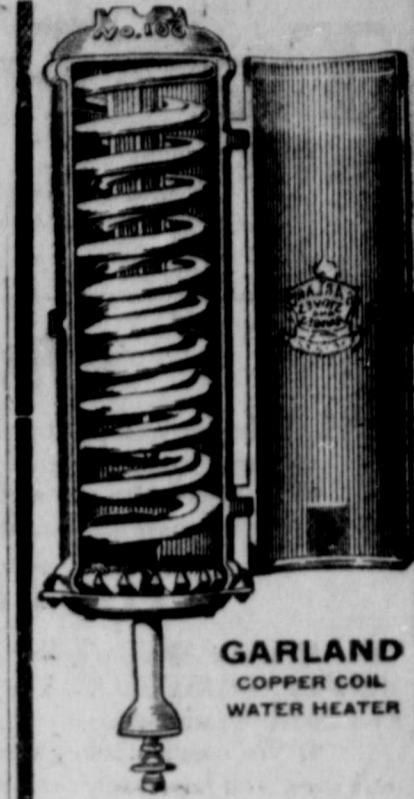
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" 3.50 Oxfords	2.75	\$4.00 Ladies' Slippers	\$3.00
" 3.00 Oxfords	2.25	\$3.50 Ladies' Slippers	2.65
\$6.00 Edwin Clapp Oxfords	4.85	\$3.00 Ladies' Slippers	2.25
Boys' \$3.00 Oxfords	2.25	" 2.50 Ladies' Slippers	1.85
" 2.50 Oxfords	1.85	" 2.00 Ladies' Slippers	1.50
" 2.00 Oxfords	1.50	All Children's Slippers at 1-4 Off.	
" 1.75 Oxfords	1.35		

Bargain Counter at 50c, 98c and \$.69

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At the Yale.

The Yale offered only one show Tuesday night, and it in itself could not be surpassed. The special program arranged was opened by a reel of fine pictures, followed by a well appreciated illustrated song by Mrs. Spencer entitled "Southern Girl." Her singing, accompanied by well scented and colored slides, was indeed a treat. After this came Shaw and Hunter in their Dutch absurdity "On the Force," which of course turned out to be a Dutch police force. It is impossible to state their nationality of the stage, but on it there is no ill there is no name that can be applied except Dutch. They are Dutch through and through, their Dutch slang being perfect. They got off some rich jokes and good singing, too.

Then came the motion picture representing Roosevelt's hunt in Africa, which in addition to being interesting is also educational, depicting sights to be seen within the bounds

of the Dark Continent.

Next came Miss Velma Fuller and Mr. Harry Storrs, both San Angelo young folk, in their little one-act play entitled "The Runaway." Miss Fuller has, as on Tuesday night's performance proved herself to be above the amateur and her place as an actress should be among the best. Mr. Storrs acquitted himself with due credit throughout the entire performance, and in his melodious baritone offered a well selected chorus. The only time Mr. Storrs showed any nervousness was when the curtain was supposed to drop. Both he and Miss Fuller received a grand applause, which showed the full appreciation of the over-crowded audience.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Antonio	86	50	36	.580
Houston	92	53	39	.576
Dallas	94	51	42	.542
Oklahoma City	88	47	41	.534
Shreveport	91	47	44	.516
Fort Worth	93	43	50	.467
Galveston	92	28	54	.413
Waco	93	37	56	.398

At Oklahoma City.

	R.	H.	E.
Dallas	2	5	0
Oklahoma	10	16	1

Batteries: Dallas, Spanty and Miller; Oklahoma City, Young and Kelsey.

At Houston.

	R.	H.	E.
San Antonio	1	6	2
Houston	5	10	1

Batteries: San Antonio, Winchell and Schan; Houston, Stewart and Killifer.

At Galveston.

	R.	H.	E.
Waco	8	6	4
Galveston	9	8	4

Batteries: Galveston, Herbert and Ott; Galveston, Barenkamp, Holmes, Cooper and Quieser.
(Called on account of darkness at end of eighth inning.)

At Fort Worth.

	R.	H.	E.
Shreveport	2	6	2
Fort Worth	3	9	0

Batteries: Shreveport, Reiger and Garvin; Fort Worth, Burke and Powell.

Recorder's Court.

One case of drunk and disorderly was disposed of in City Recorder Wade Henderson's court Tuesday, and after substantiating his penitence with the usual assessment, the boozey individual went his way in peace.

A gentleman of Ethiopian extraction was allowed a nice cool berth in the county residence for trouncing his wife too restfully.

Savell Bros. sent out T. A. Chase, H. T. Rogers, J. W. Holder and J. C. Holder to Big Springs in one of their big autos Tuesday.

TEN-ACRE DEAL.

M. C. Ragsdale Buys Valuable Property from F. R. Young.

For \$4500 cash M. C. Ragsdale bought ten acres on Beauregard avenue Tuesday from F. R. Young. The property lies about eight blocks west of the Civic League park, and is in one of the choicest residence districts of the city.

J. C. Wren, who negotiated the deal, says that the tract is to be cut up into lots and blocks immediately and sold on the easy payment plan.

Committee Thankful.

To our citizens: We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the help given to your railway committee by those of our people who have worked so faithfully in the effort to raise the bonus required of us for the building of the Sterling City railroad.

The good work done by the soliciting committee did, in our opinion, help very materially in the success of the public meeting held in the Yale theater. The soliciting committee, by its constant toil and repeated presentation of the proposition before our people, had brought the public mind to realize the necessity of the hour.

To all who have aided our committee in this work we express our hearty thanks; and we believe that the labor that has been done in this matter will not prove to have been done in vain, but that at an early date we will see active construction work commenced on the railroad to Sterling City. The raising of the required bonus is an evidence of what our people can and will do when united and thoroughly aroused to the importance of an occasion.

CITIZENS' RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Geo. E. Webb, Chairman.

Mrs. C. L. Snow left Tuesday to visit relatives in Burnet.

No Show
At the
YALE
Tonight
House turned
over to Mayor's
Convention

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT ENDORSED BY MAYORS OF TEXAS

(Continued from page 2.)

wood, population 8500; Denton, population 6500; Mineral Wells, 8500; Abilene, Corpus Christi and Greenville, each with a population of 10,000, and other growing and progressive cities, that they have reached that stage where it might be well for their citizens to investigate a commission form of government and the expense that would be incurred as compared with their present systems.

Where cities are fortunate enough to secure capable men, with patriotism, civic pride and love of their town who will serve them for a nominal sum, then they do not need a commission form of government.

San Angelo, the Pearl of the Conchos, a beautiful and one of the most enterprising and progressive cities of the state, with a population of 15,000, assessed values of \$4,000,000, is fortunate to be served by these patriotic officials; but there is no doubt in my mind that if she adopted the commission form of government and paid her officials salaries commensurate with their services, that still better results could be obtained for the city.

TAFFY.

Mayor Heffner Hands Out Some Real Nice Bouquets.

"Well, she is a pretty nice little city, San Angelo is, and she is deserving of all she gets," said Hon. H. S. Heffner, the "glad hand" mayor of Marlin, as he tilted his chair back against the wall on the veranda of the Landon hotel, and removing his hat, ran his fingers through his hair preparatory to enjoying the cool evening breezes of Concholand. "She is well and wisely located and has the right kind of people with the right sort of spirit. If there is a reason why it should not become the leading city of West Texas in a very few years that reason is certainly not very evident just now. On the other hand, there are many reasons why it should become the principal city between Fort Worth and El Paso, and that within a short time. In fact it is one of the principal cities now, but I mean that with the lapse of a few years it should become the city."

"I see you have just landed another good railroad, besides several smaller institutions which add materially to the rating of San Angelo as a city. Your people are to be congratulated, for now with a few more wheels under the sky she will move herself. San Angelo is certainly a hive of working boosters. If there is a knocker in it he must have hidden out during this convention. Well, that is what makes towns, so San Angelo is lucky and its future now assured."

Marlin Pretty Good, Too.

"Oh, about our town? Marlin is always all right. She has water enough to make a city, to say nothing of the good substantial fruit and farming country around her. Marlin is the recognized convention city of the state, and with her reputation for hotels and hospitality, her beauty and attraction as a city and her central location we have every reason to hope that we will secure the mayors' convention for 1910."

"We entertained the Texas Press association, the State Medical association, the undertakers and several other big conventions, and now we are out after the next mayors' convention."

"Marlin has a live commercial club with a paid secretary, and we are just now getting out some literature that will let the people know she is the Carlsbad of America. We are doing things down our way, and we want people to know it. That is the reason we have the secretary of our commercial club and some of its most influential members here. We are after the next mayors' convention, and just watch us walk off with the honors."

Mayor McClure.

"No, I'm not slated for any special part on the program," said H. C. McClure, Jacksboro's handsome and intelligent young mayor, to a Press-News reporter who sought an interview with the "boy orator" at the Landon hotel, where he is domiciled during the mayor's convention in this city. "I am simply here to look, listen and learn. My town is not a candidate for the 1910 convention. We have nothing particular to boost or nothing special to ask for. Mr. Patton and myself—Mr. Patton is our city secretary and treasurer—are merely up here to take a few notes on the convention and to learn how other officers handle their towns."

"Jacksboro is a young city, you know. That is, so far as her incorporation is concerned. She has only been incorporated about three years. I am the second mayor. The city has about 1800 inhabitants at this time, but it is growing rapidly, and to keep pace with the steady and healthy growth of such a town it is necessary that her officers study closely the conditions under which other towns of her class seem to thrive and prosper best. The valuable lessons we get from these conventions comes from

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contact with the officers of the older

and larger towns who are confronted by the problems, the solution of which oftentimes determines the destiny of the city. I am speaking of the water, sewerage, sanitary and other problems. These grow with the growth of the city and it is up to the young town to profit by the experience of its older sisters. Then, too, there is always problems a plenty in the matter of officially organizing and starting off a new town. The managers of a young incorporation have their troubles the same as the older ones. It is for this reason that the attendance from the small towns and cities throughout the state should always be much larger on occasions of this kind. Mayors of cities of the class from which I hail have all to gain and nothing to lose by attending these conventions. I am looking forward with considerable interest to those speeches tomorrow night, and after I have heard them I expect to leave that banquet with a great many new and valuable ideas gleaned from the speeches of those who are now tussling with the problems which in the end always make or break a city.

"You have a pretty little town here, and as the Press-News said in one of its articles Tuesday, with a few more wheels under it the town will soon move itself. The last big wheel you have put under her is, in my opinion, the most important one of all. I speak of the San Angelo-Sterling City railroad. The smaller institutions lately landed will help of course, but there is every reason to believe that securing this railroad is going to assure you a trunk line to the gulf coast. A trunk line to the gulf coast is just what all the growing towns are now after. Yes, another wheel like that and San Angelo's future will be assured."

"The Crystal continues to offer splendid pictures. "Bill" Dunn as the tramp musician is hard to beat in his line of work. He has jokes that are up to date, interesting and full of humor. He is undoubtedly one of the best single hand-actors that has appeared in San Angelo."

But in speaking of good actors, all are voting Johnny Guise, the lady impersonator and singer as a hit. His makeup as a woman is perfect.

C. H. Cole of Kaufman, who has been visiting Architect R. E. Scott for the last few days, went to Coleman Tuesday.

SKULLS.

Two Placed on Exhibition Here, Recalling Early Days.

A peculiar and interesting sight are the skulls on exhibition in the show window of the Smokehouse. They are reputed to be Yaqui Indian skulls of a day far past. They were unearthed out on Spring creek several years ago and polished up and are really a work of art.

Most interesting of the peculiarities of these skulls are the knots of solid bone which protrude from the top. No one has been able to explain the exact wherefore of these knots, and idle speculation would be useless. It is believed, however, that they do not belong to a recent race, but their antiquity may even date back to prehistoric times.

Anthropologists have dug deep in the soil around San Angelo and evident traces of prehistoric civilization have been discovered ere this.

At the Crystal.

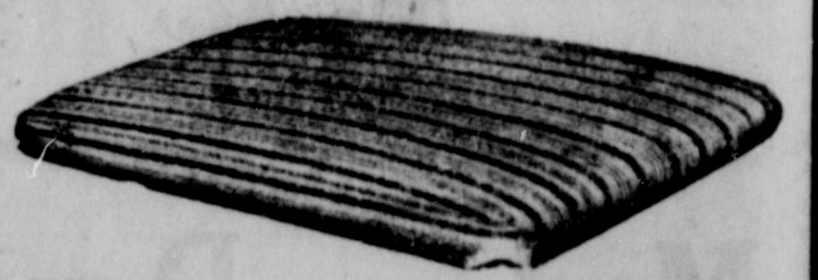
The Crystal continues to offer splendid pictures. "Bill" Dunn as the tramp musician is hard to beat in his line of work. He has jokes that are up to date, interesting and full of humor. He is undoubtedly one of the best single hand-actors that has appeared in San Angelo."

But in speaking of good actors, all are voting Johnny Guise, the lady impersonator and singer as a hit. His makeup as a woman is perfect.

C. H. Cole of Kaufman, who has been visiting Architect R. E. Scott for the last few days, went to Coleman Tuesday.

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