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THOMAS AT CROCKETT.

Great Anti-Bailey Leader Spoke to an Overflowing Audience

Hon. Cullen F. Thomas of Waco addressed an audience of about 700 people in the courthouse at Crockett last Friday, about 100 of whom were ladies.

After an invocation by Rev. F. M. Boyles, a friend of the boyhood days of the speaker, Mr. Thomas was introduced to the audience by Judge A. A. Aldrich, chairman of the anti-Bailey democratic club of Houston Co., who said, among other things, that he saw in the audience before him no faces that resembled that of a hyena, liar or scoundrel, and that he saw no one arrayed in a bathing suit, ready for a passage to the gulf.

Mr. Thomas began his speech at 2:45 p. m. and spoke until 5:15, holding the audience remarkably well, notwithstanding the fact that the room was crowded, and the weather was warm, and the fact that a large portion of his audience were farmers from a distance. He began his speech with the statement that he was glad to see so many ladies present, but would say that if none were present no statement would fall from his lips that would cause the blush of shame to shadow the cheek of the most innocent woman. He stated that while it had been charged by Senator Bailey that no one but his political or personal enemies were opposing him, that the anti-Bailey democrats had no enemies save the enemies of Texas; that the purpose of the anti-Bailey democrats was not to destroy the party, as charged, but to preserve it; that the democratic party of Texas wanted a United States Senator who would not have to be investigated by the legislature and the people who elected him; that the Bailey supporters were making much of the fact that Mr. Bailey had twice been acquitted by two investigations before the Texas legislature, notwithstanding the fact that there were forty members who had the courage to stand up for their convictions and refuse to whitewash him, and that this was the first time he had ever heard the theory advanced that a hung jury was equivalent to an acquittal, and that the case had been appealed to a higher court—to the sovereign people of Texas.

Mr. Thomas quoted the statement of Senator Bailey in which Bailey stated that the time would never come when the people of Texas will fall so low as to select as their United States Senator one who sells his services to the corporations, and stated that ever since that statement was made Bailey's abilities and influence had been for sale to the marauding corporations of the land, which statement caused prolonged applause from the large audience.

Mr. Thomas made the statement that there were no bathing suits in evidence in the audience, when he was interrupted by the statement from some one in the audience, that there were plenty of them to which he replied "that if the anti-Bailey democrats did use them, it would

be in swimming after Bailey, and not before him."

Mr. Thomas then took the record of the evidence adduced before the investigating committee at Austin, and spoke during the remainder of his talk on the relations of Senator Bailey with the Waters Pierce Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company, referring also to the connection of Senator Bailey with the Kirby Lumber Company, the Security Oil Company and the Tennessee Railroad Company.

Mr. Thomas' speech was characterized throughout by the total absence of vile or harsh language but his argument was persuasive and to the point, calling forth from the audience applause at every point. He held his audience as no other speaker ever held an audience of the same size under the same conditions in this county, and he won many votes for the candidates of the Waco convention.

We have often wondered why it was that Senator Bailey would not meet his opponents in debate but since hearing the masterly address of Mr. Thomas it is simple. The argument is simply unanswerable and Bailey knows it. In referring to this Mr. Thomas said that if Mr. Bailey would meet Cone Johnson, he would be singing "O, Mr. Johnson turn me loose, I've got the money but no excuse."

Oriole News.

Oriole, April 13.—We are having delightful weather now; had a good gentle rain Saturday which came in a good time.

Mr. Thad Marsh took his family Saturday and went to Elkhart creek near Latexo and spent the evening and night there. They caught some nice fish.

Your last issue was full of interesting correspondences from various points. Old Gray of Augusta said some good things and I agree with him.

Prof. Stephens gave an interesting entertainment on Saturday night at Mr. Willie Robinson's store. There was a good crowd present, although the roads were muddy. He kept the audience interested for two hours.

Some of the friends of Senator Bailey think if he is defeated that the democratic party will be ruined. Well, we will see when the election is over how this will be. I think they are mistaken in this. I hope the voters of Texas will follow Davy Crockett's advice to be sure you are right and vote accordingly.

A. K.

A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples.

As a healing salve for sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents.—For sale by Guice & Son.

WANTED: A good hustler in every town to sell our perfect water filters, retailing from \$1.50 to \$8.00, 100 per cent profit to agts. exclusive territory.—Seneca Filter Co. Seneca, Mo.,

Judge Garrett Speaks.

Hon. D. E. Garrett of Houston spoke to a large and enthusiastic crowd Saturday in the interest of Anti-Baileyism. The speaking was to have taken place from the Buster Brown platform, but on account of the threatening weather, the speaking was held in the Walling building. Mr. Garrett came at the request of the Anti-Bailey leaders. He was introduced by Dr. F. C. Woodard, and the speech was frequently applauded. Mr. Garrett's argument was clean and clear cut. It was taken from the investigation and Senator Bailey's own admissions. In discussing the "campaign of hate," Mr. Garrett said that he hated no man, and that the opposition that the Senator was now fighting was brought on by himself. "What a man soweth that shall he also reap," was clearly illustrated by Bailey sowing liar, hyena, scoundrel and dog and reaping from Bill Crawford "liar, coward and bribe-taking scoundrel" when Bailey said Crawford had suborned more men to perjury than any ten lawyers in Texas. Mr. Garrett was well pleased with his reception and the days work done.

Fifth Sunday Meeting

Following is the program of the fifth Sunday meeting of the Anderson county association, which will convene with the New Hope Baptist church, nine miles east of Grapeland, commencing on Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in May.

Introductory by Elder Defoor, text Gal. 3-27.

Alternate J. T. Ferguson.

Does the Holy Spirit precede the gospel to the heathen, or does the gospel precede the Holy Spirit?—N. W. Callaway, S. McDaniel.

What is Bible sanctification?—J. E. Howard, Elder Defoor.

What is the necessity of Baptist churches in the world?—W. D. Andrews, J. T. Ferguson.

Why does the ministry in the Baptist church not teach the doctrine and practice that the ministry did twenty-five years ago?—J. T. Ferguson, N. S. Herod.

Can a Christian attain to a state of Holiness in the flesh?—S. McDaniel, Bro. Barrum.

We earnestly request all the churches of Anderson county association to be represented in this meeting.

J. T. Ferguson,
J. D. Wise,
Z. T. Brumby,
J. H. Dickey,
Committee

Why

have a torpid liver when Herbine, the only liver regulator will help you? There is no reason why you should suffer from dyspepsia, constipation, chills and fever or any liver complaints, when Herbine will cure you. F. C. Waite, Westville Fla., writes: "I was sick for a month with chills and fever, and after taking two bottles of Herbine am well and healthy." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Misses Etta and Fannie Pridgen of Daly's are spending the week with Mrs. A. L. Brown.

Trinity River Ripples.

Reynard, Texas, April 13.—Things in general are all right down this way. Cotton that was planted the first of April is up to a fine stand and shines like a "15c shin plaster," and it won't be long until Johnny get your hoe!

A surrey full of Reynard folks attended the Buster Brown show Saturday, consisting of Mrs. A. E. Smlth, Hddie Lee, Sumnar Rials, Pledger Chiles and Miss Lively.

Dewberries are beginning to ripen and some have had pie. My, what a time we are going to have! Plenty of plums, and J. L. Chiles says his peach trees are full. His trees are seedlings and some are of a fine quality.

Quite a number attended services at Daly's Sunday.

Things are getting warm over Bailey and it does not matter how mean a man may be or how good he always has friends. It seems to me that the best element is for Bailey as a rule, but occasionally you will find a good man on the other side.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beazley attended the Wherry-Pennington wedding Sunday; also Herman Beazley. Zack.

Public Speaking.

Judge Rice Maxey of Sherman, Texas, will address the people of Grapeland and community next Friday afternoon in the interest of the Bailey ticket to the national convention. Everybody has a cordial invitation to hear Judge Maxey.

Facts, the Big Four

The Friends and Supporters of Senator Bailey challenge and defy those opposing him to show by his official record

1st. One Single Vote he ever cast that was not in the interest of the masses.

2nd. A bill he ever offered or supported that was not in the interest of the masses.

3rd. A resolution on, or amendment to any pending proposition he ever presented that was not in the interests of the masses.

4th. That his voice, vote and influence have not always, uniformly and consistently, without exception, been for welfare and general betterment of the great mass of our population.

Advertisement.

Chamberlain's Has the Preference.

Mr. Fred C. Hanrahan, a prominent druggist of Portsmouth, Va., says: "For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera Diarrhoea remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. I handle some others for the same purposes that pay me a larger profit, but this remedy is so sure to effect a cure, and my customer so certain to appreciate my recommending it to him, that I give it the preference." For sale by Guice & Son.

COMPLETE BACK DOWN,

The Bailey Club Refuses the Anti-Bailey club a Joint Discussion.

The chairman of the Anti-Bailey Democratic Club sent the following challenge to the Chairman of the Bailey Democratic Club:

Crockett, Texas, Apr. 6th, 1908.
Mr. Joe Adams,
Chairman Bailey Democratic Club.
Crockett, Texas.

My dear Sir:

I am requested by the Anti-Bailey Democratic Club of Houston County, of which I have the honor to be Chairman, to arrange for a joint discussion between Hon. J. W. Bailey and Hon. Cone Johnson in Crockett on the 16th inst., on the occasion when Senator Bailey has an appointment to speak. In case of acceptance we can arrange details, and we would be pleased to extend you the same courtesy on the 10th Inst., when Hon. Cullen F. Thomas delivers an address at this place. I shall appreciate your prompt reply, in order that I can arrange with our State Committee for that date for Mr. Johnson.

Yours very truly,
A. A. Aldrich

So far no reply has been received. We presume that it has been declined in keeping with the usual practice of the Bailey people to engage in joint discussion. In fact a member of this Club spoke to the Chairman of the Bailey Club about it and he admitted that Mr. Bailey would not engage in a joint discussion with his opponent. He also said that no joint discussion would be allowed when other Bailey speakers appeared in the County, although a challenge was extended to the Bailey Club to meet our speakers in joint discussion.

It looks like a square back-down, and we charge that a cause that cannot bear the light of a joint discussion is inherently weak.

Anti-Bailey Democratic Club.

From T. M. Collins.

Mart, Texas, April 12.—I got home Sunday at noon. I want to thank all my Houston county friends for their kindness shown me while I was there. I enjoyed my visit very much.

I rode that old gray mule as far as Leon county and traded him off; I made five trades before I got home.

Irish potatoes are finer in your county than they are here, but we have you beat on oats; fall oats are heading.

I enclose \$1.00 for the Messenger for we can't do without it.

T. M. Collins.

We Reiterate.

That for more than fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been working on the afflicted. Its mission is to cure skin troubles, particularly those of the itching character. Its success is not on account of advertising, but because it surely does the work. One box is guaranteed to cure any case.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sheridan of Augusta spent Sunday and Monday here with relatives.

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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A PLATFORM PARALLEL

Dallas, Texas, April 6, 1908. Senator J. W. Bailey.

Sir: "Baileyism" is either fundamentally right or fundamentally wrong. It is either an unmixed blessing or an unmixed evil. It cannot be partly good and partly bad. The national convention must either approve it as being good democratic doctrine or cast it out as spurious. The issue can be put at rest by the adoption of the one or the other of the two planks, which I here insert in parallel columns' to-wit:—

Plank No. 1 Plank No. 2

We condemn the practice indulged in by some United States Senators of borrowing money from trust magnates.

We cordially approve the practice indulged by some U. S. Senators of borrowing money from trust magnates and we commend such practice to all senators as conducive to the interest of their constituents.

In the improbable event of your election as a delegate to the Denver convention, which of the proposed planks will you vote for, and why?

Yours truly,
F. M. ETHERIDGE.

—From the Houston Chronicle.

We present the name of Earle Adams, Jr., this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Attorney, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. Adams has made a good prosecuting attorney and invites you to investigate his record and cast your vote on his merits.

The man that enters politics with the idea that he can make money out of his position is apt to yield to the many temptations which surround him. Most of these temptations come in disguise, especially if the public servant is an attorney. It is a very common thing for legislators to be offered legal business by persons whose sole purpose is to influence them as legislators. Congressmen are often asked to draw contracts for corporations which are seeking favors—the work to be done is private and the compensation to be liberal.

An official honor is in sacredness next to a woman's virtue, and one holding a public office cannot afford the slightest suspicion to rest upon him.

If one is willing to become a grafter he can make money out

of politics. Every senator can become rich if he will only sell his soul; the opportunities of a congressman are but little less. The first lesson for the official to learn is that no man can serve two masters."—W. J. Bryan.

Did Mr. Bryan have any reference to a certain Texas Senator when he said "Congressman are often asked to draw contracts for corporations?" You know Mr. Bailey wrote the charter for the Security Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co., for which he received a fee—not a loan this time—of \$5,000. Do you believe Mr. Bailey obligated himself in any way to the Security Oil Co. in this transaction? If not, then you go against every law of human nature.

If the issue in the present campaign was based purely on Bailey's private and personal character—as the Bailey people claim—then we would quit the fight and let them have it out.

There is an organization in Texas which has for its slogan, "Fewer laws and better laws," and we are with them heart and soul. They adhere to the doctrine, "The most thoughtful and sympathetic friend of the masses this Republic has ever known proclaimed the doctrine that that government was best in which the people was least governed. That doctrine holds as good today as when it was pronounced."

Texas is overburdened with useless laws, some of which are antagonistic to the development of our resources. Let's send men to the legislature to repeal some laws, rather than subject us to further direful legislation.

The Bailey people are on the wrong scent. They went "fess up" to the real issue before the people of Texas. They put on that "holier-than-thou" expression and charge us as fighting the democratic party, being political soreheads, mugwumps and non-descripts. Men or measures cut no ice in this campaign—it is a principle, and it went down. We have heard some say it was a fight on the democratic nominee. That is absurd. Bailey is no nominee of the democratic party—he is a candidate before the people of Texas, and his political character is subject to the most searching criticism.

"We can only reach you properly by a personal letter to you. The local papers in this county cannot give us adequate space, even when we offer to pay for it, for our ideas in reference to the many slanders now running wild over the country, in reference to Senator Joseph W. Bailey."

The above was taken from a circular issued, we suppose, by the Bailey Club of Houston Co. We cannot speak for the other papers in the county, but as for the Messenger we brand the above as maliciously false, with the intent to prejudice the Bailey people against the local papers. The Bailey people have never asked for space in the Messenger, and been refused. We will say right here that if the Bailey Club want our space, they can have as much as they want if they will pay advertising rates. It is known that the Times is devoting a column and a half each week in defense of Mr. Bailey, and the Courier has also contained several quite lengthy articles in behalf of the senator. If the men

in charge of Mr. Bailey's campaign in Houston county cannot come any nearer the truth than in the above, they had better hand old Annius the belt and step down and out.

Elkhart Searchlight.

LEE PARKS, Editor

Elkhart, Texas, April 14.—Our town and community has been blessed with another good rain. Potatoes are as good or better than we have ever had.

Reys. Jones, Tyler and Callahan will begin a series of meetings here on the 6th of May in their gospel tent.

Mr. Nance of Palestine was here Thursday to place a W. O. W. monument at the grave of Sov. Caro Quarles in the Pilgrim cemetery. He went from here to the Parker cemetery to place a Woodmen Circle monument at the graves of Sovs. Ida and Nora M. Bridges.

Hon. Jed Adams, alternate candidate for delegate at large, addressed the citizens of our town last Thursday.

Lilac Grove No. 327 W. C., will unveil two monuments at the Parker cemetery on Easter Sunday, April 19th at 2 o'clock p. m. On the 24th of this month the Grove will give a concert for the purpose of buying regalia for their officers.

W. J. Bridges returned from Waureka, Ok., Wednesday at noon. He will move there in a few days.

Jim Eridges came in from Teague Saturday.

The safe for our new bank arrived Monday. The bank will be open for business in a few days.

Ben Weatherford will leave today for Tyler where he will take a course of bookkeeping at the Tyler College.

Miss Louisa Cameron left for Palestine Sunday for a few days.

Judge Aldrich Spoke.

Lovelady, Texas, April 13.—Judge A. A. Aldrich of Crockett addressed an audience of sixty to seventy at the hall in the school building Saturday evening on Baileyism. His speech was well received by those in accord with him. He was very respectful to Mr. Bailey, using only facts and figures. The turnout was small, as it commenced raining here about 11 a. m. and continued a slow rain until about 5 p. m. There had been no notice given of the speaking until Friday and very few farmers were in town. This is the first speaking we have had. Our people are giving no attention much to Baileyism. There is some work being done in the interest of Mr. Bailey in the country. At a hog law election six miles west of here a few days ago, where there were fifty-six voters present, there was only one man for Mr. Bailey.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents.—For sale by Guice & Son.

Messrs. J. C. Cohen, Alpha Cohen and J. A. Wilson, district manager of the Grand Fraternity, of Palestine, and C. L. Rhea, of Lutkin, were visitors to the Grand Fraternity lodge last Friday night.

Did You Ever

Read the Advertisements in your Home Paper?

No?

Advertisements often contain useful information

For Instance:

WOSTENHOLM POCKET KNIVES are the best made

and are sold by

Carleton & Porter,

Prescription Druggists

Did you know that?

Wherry—Pennington.

At the residence of the bride's parents last Sunday afternoon Mr. R. H. Wherry of Vernon and Miss Addie Pennington were married.

The bride is one of Daly's accomplished young ladies and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pennington.

Mr. Wherry is connected with a jewelry firm of Vernon. He formerly lived here, and his friends are numerous who join us in extending him our best wishes and hearty congratulations.

The bride and a few of their friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk Sunday night until train time, when they left for their home in Vernon.

Actual Facts.

For upwards of more than fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known. No matter the name—less than one per cent. of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

In his speech at Brownwood Mr. Bailey said that "all HONORABLE women were for him!" We are not surprised at Joe for saying this, for he is capable of saying almost anything, but it is enough to arouse the indignation of every lady in the state.

Don't Delay.

Save a possible serious spell of fever later on by cleansing your system now of accumulation of impurities. Simmon's Sarsaparilla will do it. It makes fine blood, fine appetite, great strength and grand ambition.

Graveyard Working.

All parties interested in the Davis graveyard will meet there on May 1st, for the purpose of cleaning off and decorating the graves. J. J. Brooks, J. E. Hollingsworth, J. F. Garrett, Committee.

We advise our friends to keep cool during the present political campaign. There is no sense in falling out with your neighbor because he sees fit to differ with you. This would be a poor world if all men were of the same opinion.

Announcements

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

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

J J Faulk, of Henderson County

B H Gardner of Anderson county

For Sheriff
A W Phillips

Jno C Lacy (Re-election)

For County Judge
John Spence (Re-election)

For County Superintendent
Public Instruction

J F Mangum

For Representative
W G Creath

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

For Tax Collector
A L Goolsby

For County Clerk
Nat E Allbright (for re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

S H Lively (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2

J A Hughes

G R Murchison (re-election)

For Constable, Precinct No. 5

S C Spence (re-election)

For Justice Peace, Precinct No. 5

Jno A Davis (re-election)

School Trustee Election Notice

Grapeland, Texas, April 8, 1908.—There will be an election held Saturday May 2, 1908, to elect four trustees to succeed M. D. Murchison, E. W. Davis, J. B. Lively and W. D. McCarty, whose terms expire this year. J. F. Martin is appointed manager of said election.

Geo. E. Darsey, Pres.,
W. D. McCarty, Sec'y.
Board of Trustees.

Buster Brown and Tige were here Saturday and entertained a large crowd from a platform specially constructed for that purpose. Buster and Tige never fail to please the children.

Your Business Solicited

We are interested in the welfare and success of our customers. Every detail of the banking business is given our most careful attention. Whether we loan money to you, or you to us, you are given the benefits of our institution and the time of our officers. Whatever banking business you may have, we solicit a share of it, believing that our facilities will be a distinct advantage to you.

The Farmers & Merchants
State Bank,
Of Grapeland

HOUSTON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

LOCAL NEWS.

Go to Howard's for Groceries!

The best flour is Bell County's Best, only at Faris'.

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes.

Fresh corn meal, chops, flour and bran at Faris'.

Five gallons of Eupeon oil for 85c at W. R. Wherry's.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup at Howard's for 50c a gallon.

Col. N. B. Barbee of Crockett was in town Saturday.

Beautiful line of ladies dress goods in all the newest fabrics at F. A. Faris'.

Howard wants your chickens and eggs at highest market price.

If you intend to take a business course this summer see the Messenger at once about that scholarship. Somebody may get ahead of you.

Don't allow your trousers to become baggy at the knees and look bum, but let me press them and make them look new.
Odell Faris.

It is a waste of time to ask the price of goods at Wherry's, just call for what you want, the price will be lower than the lowest. Come early and avoid the rush.

Buy your Sunday shirts and collars, work shirts, pants, overalls, sugar, coffee, tobacco, patent medicines, chops, bran, flour, meal and most anything you want at J. N. Parker's.

ATTENTION!

To all Lovers of Good Barber Work When in Crockett do not fail to patronize

FRIEND'S BARBER SHOP

HOT AND COLD BATHS AT ALL TIMES

Best Equipped Shop in Houston County
CROCKETT, TEXAS

M. L. Clewis has a full line of fishing tackle.

Best line of groceries and dry goods in the city at Faris'.

Clewis PAYS CASH for beef hides.

Let me clean your old suit and make it look new. Odell Faris.

Olan Davis was down from Palestine Monday.

I want to buy all your eggs and chickens. Bring them to F. A. Faris.

NOTICE, BOYS! Solid gold rings, guaranteed at Howard's, cheaper than you can order them

Spring underwear and shirts for gentlemen, new ties, ect., just received at Clewis'.

Mrs. A. N. Henry and little daughter of Palestine are spending the week here.

DON'T FORGET! That I carry a fine line of Jewelry and Watches. S. E. HOWARD.

Messrs. Bud Herod and J. F. Bridges have purchased the gin of M. S. Spence and have been fixing it up.

Watch This Space Next Week.

A good demand this week for chickens.

Eggs lower, 8 1-3c per dozen.

John L. Guice,
Cash Produce Buyer

Frank Quarles of Elkhart was in town Tuesday.

Easter dyes and post cards at Carleton & Porter's.

Jas. Owens was home from Buck Monday and Tuesday to see the home folks.

Joe Bob Oliphint is at home from Creek, where he has been teaching school.

The Red Cross high patent and Bell County's best fancy patent flour handled by F. A. Faris, is the best on the market, try a sack.

A rate of one and one-third fare has been secured for the Bailey speaking at Crockett today (Thursday.)

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale in Hill's Business College at Waco, Texas, which we will sell at a considerable discount. See us at once.

White dress linen, white belts, white hosery, white lawns, white nansook, white persians lawns, and white waist goods at F. A. Faris'.

Commencement exercises of the Grapeland High School will be held at the Christain church Friday and Saturday night. The graduating exercises will be held Monday morning.

A Bailey Club was organized in Grapeland one night last week with twenty-two Bailey men present. F. A. Faris was elected chairman and Gus Porter secretary. Joe Adams and John Sheridan of Crockett were present at the meeting.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes all the world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturer for publication, that others similarly ailing may use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm hearted wish of the writer to be of use to some one else. This remedy is for Sale by Guice & Son.

The services at the Christian church were well attended Sunday morning. Rev. F.M. Boyles of Crockett delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of '08, and it was a masterful address, and contained much food for thought, especially for young people. His main point was to have a purpose in life and the will power to do the right.

Odell Faris

Cleans and Presses

Men's Clothes and Ladies' Skirts

See My Spring Samples

Kodol For Indigestion

Our Guarantee Coupon

If, after using two-thirds of a \$1.00 bottle of Kodol, you can honestly say it has not benefited you, we will refund your money. Try Kodol today on this guarantee. Fill out and sign the following, present it to the dealer at the time of purchase. If it fails to satisfy you return the bottle containing one-third of the medicine to the dealer from whom you bought it, and we will refund your money.

Town _____
State _____
Sign here _____

Digests What You Eat
And Makes the Stomach Sweet
E. C. DeWITT & CO., Chicago, Ill.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

CURES
Coughs, Colds,
CROUP,
Whooping Cough

This remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult.
Price 25 cents, large size 50 cents.

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If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

Just a Moment!

NOW IS A GOOD TIME

To buy your spring drugs while we are trying to reduce our stock.

Your prescriptions carefully compounded by a registered druggists. Yours truly,

B. R. GUICE & SON,
DRUGGISTS



Even our Grandfathers knew what **BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT** will do.

A CONVINCING PROOF

of the worth of a medicine is the cures it can effect. Every one who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment knows that it will CURE RHEUMATISM, CUTS, SPRAINS, STIFF JOINTS, BURNS, NEURALGIA, CONTRACTED MUSCLES AND ALL PAINS.

USED SNOW LINIMENT 10 YEARS.

V. L. Settle, Richmond, Mo., writes:—"This is to certify that I have used your Snow Liniment for ten years for rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back, etc., and in every case it has rendered immediate relief and satisfaction."

Avoid all Substitutes. Three Sizes 25c, 50c, \$1.00
BALLARD SNOW LINIMENT CO.
500-502 North Second Street, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sold and Recommended by
CARLETON & PORTER Druggists.

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Bee County Briefly Described.

Bee County is situated forty miles from the Gulf of Mexico and has an average elevation of 249 feet above sea level. The climate of Bee County is healthful beyond doubt and is under the direct influence of the salubrious Gulf breeze.

By reason of the more favorable location of this county in comparison with other counties situated in the Coast Country, fruit, truck and general farm crops are grown in greater varieties than elsewhere, and surpass nearly every county in the entire Southwest in quality and quantity of production.

Located four miles northeast of Beeville, along the line of the Southern Pacific Railway, is an experimental farm, established by the state. At this point and elsewhere extensive agricultural and horticultural experiments have been made, which have awakened the slumbering resources of the fertile soils of the county to such an extent as to place Bee County first among the other counties in the Southwest in point of development. The best evidence of this indisputable fact is the steady influx of actual settlers. In proportion to population none excel Bee County in educational institutions. There are at the present time forty-four public schools located throughout the county, and the Beeville High School, with an enrollment of 650 students, is affiliated with the State University.

The topography of the county ranges from a generally level surface in the southern portion to a gently rolling surface in the northern portion. Beeville, the county seat and largest city, has a population of 4000. The Southern Pacific Railroad from Houston and the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad connect at this point. Fine homes and modern three and four-story brick business buildings are much in evidence, which tends to inspire confidence and stimulate development.

Normanna is the second city in the county and is located eight miles to the north of Beeville, on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad. This point is the center of a fertile agricultural district now under a high state of development. In the past three years thrifty American, German and Norwegian settlers have been attracted to this particular district, with a result that today the broad acres now under cultivation, with their gently rolling appearance, furnish a view beautiful to behold.

The Land You Are Buying.

Is a rich black and sandy loam soil, ranging from eight inches to four feet in depth, and underlaid with a clay sub-soil. The soils in Bee County are heavily laden with properties, which are essential to tree growth. To establish this fact a study of the native trees and shrubbery and a comparison with the same classification of vegetation in other counties is all that is necessary.

Cotton, cane, corn, broom corn and sorghum, all grow a heavy stalk. The fig, orange and other fruit trees grow to be abnormal in size and thus the producing qualities are greatly advanced. Any one acquainted with the mesquite lands in Bee County can not question their fertility.

Water
In inexhaustible quantities and of a superior quality is secured at a depth of from 50 to 100 feet. There has never been a failure in securing good water on all portions of the Chittim-Miller ranch or elsewhere in Bee County, to our knowledge.

Rainfall.
The average yearly rainfall for the past ten years in Bee County was 36.5 inches, and distributed on an average of 3.5 inches throughout the months of January, February and March, and 2.89 throughout the remaining months.

Climate.
Bee County, having an elevation of 250 feet above sea level and being located within 50 miles of the Gulf, is under the direct influence of the Gulf breeze, and hence is not subjected to the extreme changes of heat and cold. Bee County ranks as high in comparison as San Antonio as a health resort; no malaria exists. Sanitarium stock companies are being promoted at the present time, which will be located at Beeville and Tuleta, the new town in the center of the Chittim-Miller ranch.

Location and Advantages.
Tuleta, the new town in the center of the Chittim-Miller ranch, is rapidly growing, and as a fact nearly every farmer who owns lands in the Chittim-Miller ranch owns one or more town lots in Tuleta and has either built a home on his lot or is contemplating doing so in the near future.

The particular advantage in this piece of property is that any one who desires can live in town and at the same time be within walking distance of his farm. Tuleta is built on one of the highest points in the ranch, is well drained, and in all is a beautiful townsite. **Schools and Churches,** in both Tuleta and Normanna, are well attended, which speaks for their steady growth and flourishing condition. The schools are first class and the students having finished their courses in the local schools are prepared to enter the higher grades in the Beeville High School.

Taxes.
Taxes in Bee County figure about 3 1/4 cents per acre. The total taxes on the entire Chittim-Miller ranch of 12,129.7 acres for the year 1906 was \$457.05. From this you will observe that the land has never been assessed in proportion to the producing qualities.

Title.
The title to the lands in the Chittim-Miller ranch is perfect. The best lawyers in the Southwest have passed on it, and no less than twenty-five times has it been submitted for inspection in the last three years.

Industrial development and growth of real estate values go hand in hand, and this is a combination that spells fortune for the intelligent investor. You get this combination in Bee County.

Possession.
Immediately upon first cash payment being made we give possession of the land. This means that the purchaser can start development work at once, and as a result, in a short time the returns from the land will be netting an income on an investment of \$250.00, while in actual cash the investment would only ap-

proximate \$50.00 on an average. By the time the purchaser has made five of his monthly payments on the purchase of the land the returns from a very small portion of the land, in one month, will be sufficient to make the balance of his payments easy.

Labor.
Bee County is favored with an abundance of Mexican labor, which is much cheaper than negro labor, and the preference of all planters in Southwest Texas. In fact, we do not believe there are over one hundred negroes in the entire county. Good Mexican laborers can be secured at from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month, and they board, clothe and furnish quarters for themselves. A farmer's family need have no fear of molestation at the hands of a Mexican. Rare is the case where a Mexican ever leaped the bounds of justice against his employer or neighbor.

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Ten dollars per acre cash and ten dollars per month for twenty-four months buys a ten-acre tract of this land under our plan of sale. At the time the purchaser makes his last payment we deliver a general warranty deed and clear title. Owing to the irregularity of some of the boundary lines of the total acreage which we have subdivided into ten-acre tracts, our surveyor has found it impossible to make each subdivision contain ten acres of land, no more or no less.

While our proposition is based on the sale of ten-acre tracts, on terms of \$10.00 per acre cash and \$10.00 per month for twenty-four months, the only bearing which a fractional acreage has on our proposition is that it may increase or decrease the cash and monthly payments at the ratio of \$1.00 per acre for as many years as the subdivision purchased by any individual may be in excess of ten acres or under ten acres. For instance, a tract containing eleven acres of land would require a cash payment of \$11.00 and \$11.00 per month for twenty-four months, while a subdivision containing nine acres of land would require a cash payment of \$9.00 and \$9.00 per month for the following twenty-four months.

No Interest or No Taxes
Are to be paid by the purchaser for two years from the date of his contract.

Special Insurance.
In addition to the above we insure your life and each contract issued to the purchaser for any part of this land the following insurance clause is printed.

"It is also agreed, between the parties hereto, that in the event the said..... (contracting party's name) should, through sickness or accident, become totally disabled, and which in its nature would prevent the carrying out of the payments as per contract on the land above described, the said C. W. Hahl & Company shall endorse a credit on this contract of One Dollar (\$1.00) per acre per month for every acre herein contracted for sale, for a period of as many months as said..... (contracting party's name) is totally disabled. In the event that the period of disability

should continue after the expiration of this contract, the limit of which is the date of the last monthly payment, the said C. W. Hahl & Company shall, on the date of expiration of contract, execute a general warranty deed for the land above described to..... (contracting party's name), and this contract shall be null and void."

"In the event of the death of..... (contracting party's name), either through illness or accident, the said C. W. Hahl & Company shall and by these presents doth agree to convey the above described land to..... (beneficiary's name), county of..... city of....., free and clear of all further costs.

"In consideration of my accepting the above insurance clause, I..... (contracting party's name) agree to furnish said C. W. Hahl & Company with satisfactory evidence of the illness or accident, either in the form of doctor's certificate or personal affidavits; and in the event of death, I do, by these presents, bind my heirs or beneficiary to furnish such proof to C. W. Hahl & Company regarding my death as they may require."

Profit in Para Grass.

W. I. Harris, a land agent of Ottawa, Ill., while in Galveston, recently made a special trip to High Island to investigate as to the new forage crop, Para Grass, which is being propagated by George E. Smith. Mr. Harris is much pleased with his investigations and believes that Para Grass is the coming forage crop of Texas, and is especially adapted to the coast country, as it thrives equally well on high or low land, is not affected by unusually wet seasons, growing well on land which may have water upon it for several weeks at a time. Para grass is a very prolific grower, producing fifteen or more tons in a single season in three cuttings.

The forthcoming trip by Mrs. Roosevelt and a party of her friends up the Mississippi from the gulf to St. Paul is evidently a direct result of the President's journey down the river when on his way to the Louisiana bear hunt. He expressed himself publicly at the time as enjoying the experience, and no doubt went home and talked enthusiastically about it. The tour planned is well worth taking, remarks the Indianapolis Star, and when it is ended the travelers will know many new things about their country. River travel has many attractions for people who wish an outing and are not afflicted with the mad American haste to "get somewhere."

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A prominent traveling man, who has been traveling over Texas for the past 14 years, remarked that his business put him in

touch with the business offices in the various cities throughout the state and that it was his experience that 9 out of every 10 bookkeepers and stenographers he met were from the Tyler Commercial College. There is but one Tyler Commercial College; it is located at Tyler Texas, and when any other school tells you they can offer you the same systems, the same methods and advantages as this school is offering, you can put it down right then and there they are trying to deceive you. We own and control the copyrights of the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping and Business Training, and allow no other commercial school in the Southern states to teach them, so how can they have these most modern and wonderful systems?

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If your bread is better than anybody-else's, and costs less too, you've got a good trade; for people do like good bread; and people like money. It doesn't take long to find-out; give 'em time.

But you can't bake better-than-any-body-else's bread for half the usual price for breakfast can you?

Devoe is just such paint as that. The price by gallon or

loaf is no matter. Count by the day week, month, year, lifetime. Devoe is the bread. We hope yours is as good.

Yours truly,

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Hunt's Lightning Oil is what I am telling you about.

To the Democratic Voters of Houston County

We desire to call your attention to the fact that a campaign is now pending which brings you face to face with a serious and responsible duty as citizens. On May 2nd a Democratic primary election will be held throughout the State to select delegates at large to the National Democratic Convention to be held at Denver, Colorado, in July. Two tickets are in the field, one headed by J. W. Bailey and the other by Cone Johnson. The issue is a simple one. To vote for Bailey and his colleagues means that we endorse his acts and dealings as a public servant, and to vote for the other ticket means that we are opposed to that type of politics that is now well known as **Baileyism**. We desire to present some reasons which have influenced us in our decision to oppose Mr. Bailey and Baileyism, and to ask you to consider the same in making your decision in the matter. We believe that **Bailey's Own Admissions Convict Him** of conduct incompatible with that of a faithful public servant, and show that he has accepted fees and loans from the enemies of the people while ostensibly representing them in Congress. Mr. Bailey, in his testimony before the Legislative Investigating Committee last year testified that he was made acquainted with H. Clay Pierce, president of the Waters Pierce Oil Company, in St. Louis, in 1900, through a letter of introduction from David R. Francis, of Missouri. This was soon after the Waters Pierce Company had been condemned in a Texas court and was in imminent danger of being ousted from the State and compelled to pay large fines assessed against it. Pierce needed some influential man to aid him in obviating the effect of this far-reaching judgment. Francis referred him to Bailey and gave him a letter of introduction. He applied to Bailey, who readily agreed to render the desired assistance. Bailey testified that Pierce offered to pay him a fee for this service, but that he refused to take a fee but, at that very time, let Pierce know that he needed money very badly and requested Pierce to lend him \$3,300. Remember that this was the first time that Bailey ever met Pierce and that at the very moment that he agreed to render an offending corporation a great service he also asked for a large loan from the president and head of this offending corporation. This is an undisputed fact. What does it mean? Does it compromise Mr. Bailey or does it not? Do you approve it or do you not? Do you believe that he could faithfully represent the people of Texas while accepting a favor from their enemy? But this was only the beginning of a series of money transactions between Bailey and "my friend Pierce," that involve large sums of money which Pierce, or the Waters Pierce Oil Company, paid or loaned to Bailey. Bailey admits getting the money but claims that he always borrowed it. These transactions involve the following amounts: At one time \$1500; at another \$1750; at another \$8,000; at another as much as \$156,000. In short this was the beginning of a system of dealings that has resulted in enriching Mr. Bailey, who began such dealings a poor man and in debt. But say Mr. Bailey and his friends,

Hasn't a Man the Right to Borrow Money?

Let us answer that by saying positively, not always. It depends altogether on the circumstances under which the loan is made. It depends upon who is the borrower and who the lender and their relations to each other and to the public. We emphatically maintain that Mr. Bailey, while serv-

ing the people of Texas in congress had no right to borrow money from H. Clay Pierce, the president of the Waters Pierce Oil Company, while the law-breaking corporation stood condemned before the law and was seeking to circumvent the effect of that judgment. To borrow from Pierce was equivalent to borrowing from the Waters Pierce Oil Company itself. To borrow from Pierce was to place himself under obligations to Pierce and consequently to the offending company with which Pierce was inseparably identified. Your district or county attorney has no right to borrow money from the man charged with a crime which it is his duty to prosecute, and if he should do so you would not hesitate to repudiate him. The judge on the bench has no right to borrow money from the man or corporation who appears as litigant in his court. The legislator has no right to borrow money from the man or corporation who is seeking legislation at his hands. If any such public servant accepts such favors he thereby compromises himself, and deserves the contempt of his constituents. The higher the honor conferred upon the public servant, the higher the position held by him, the greater his responsibility to keep himself unspotted from even the appearance of evil. Mr. Bailey, by his course, has condemned himself in the eyes of the world and henceforth he will go through life with an ineradicable stigma attached to his name, and the world will have no stronger term of reproach for its public servants than to charge them with the unwashable offense of "Baileyism."

We beg the voters of Houston County to not content themselves with the loud professions of innocence made by Mr. Bailey and his adherents, but to be sure that they know all the facts revealed by the whitewashing scheme which has been called an investigation, before casting their votes in this contest. These facts are recorded in the official report of the investigating committee, and although it was completely dominated by Mr. Bailey himself, precluding even the semblance of fairness, still there was enough extorted from him and his associates to condemn him in the eyes of good citizens. But this is not all. Much has been said about

A Campaign of Hate.

Yes, this is, in a measure, a campaign of hate, but the only hate that we have been able to observe is the hate of Joe Bailey and his followers for those who claim the right to differ with them. This campaign of hate began when Joe Bailey proclaimed it in the legislative hall in Austin. He had been elected United States Senator by the Legislature and as was customary, in such cases, was invited to address the Legislature. He was in fact, the invited guest of the Legislature. Let us see how he abused his privilege as the honored guest of this body of Texas representatives. In his speech of acceptance of the great honor conferred upon him he took advantage of the occasion to vilify and abuse his opponents in the following memorable language:

"In my home I intend to put the photograph of this legislature. Two pictures will embrace the photograph. Over one I am going to write 'The Roll of Honor,' and over the other I am going to write, 'The Rogues Gallery,' and I am going to swear my children never to forget the one or to forgive the other. . . . Mark my words, not one of the men who organized and who sought to accomplish this conspiracy will ever again wear the honors of Texas Democracy. . . . They say that this is a bitter speech. I intend it to be bit-

ter. If I might borrow sentiment from the great infidel, Robert G. Ingersoll, I would say that sometimes I wish that I might possess words of pure hate, words that would writhe and hiss like snakes, for only then could I express my opinion of the men who organized and who conducted this conspiracy against the good name of Texas."

Let us say that the heart that conceived and the tongue that uttered such scorching words of hate had no kinship with the Man of Galilee who taught us to pray, "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." And yet we are assured that Mr. Bailey is a man who always uses "chaste language" and that he does not "swear," "drink" or gamble." Some of his friends endeavor to excuse such language on the ground that it was uttered in the heat of passion, superinduced by the persecution of his enemies. But after the great Senator had ample "cooling time" he does not seem to have improved. Just hear what he had to say at his home town on his recent return to Texas to attend the Fort Worth meeting. In his Gainesville speech on March 27th he is reported to have used the following language: "I appeal to my friends to make it impossible for my enemies to exist in this town or county. I appeal to my friends to hate, and to continue to hate, every man who has opposed me."

"I stated in that skating rink (pointing to where the rink stood until destroyed by fire last Sunday) that I would drive my enemies into the Gulf. I propose to subject them to a fire three times as hot as the fire that destroyed the skating rink."

"I appeal to my friends to register in their memory every man who has not supported me in this contest. If any of them ever bob their heads up for office, I appeal to my friends to defeat them."

In the light of these utterances tell us who began this campaign of hate? Who is responsible for it? Who is keeping it up?

Bryan and Bailey.

Another reason why we oppose Mr. Bailey is that it is a well known fact that he is not a friend of William J. Bryan, and it is a foregone conclusion that Bryan will be nominated at Denver. All Texas knows the puerile conduct of Bailey in 1896 when the National Democratic convention had nominated Bryan for the presidency. We remember how he acted as a spoiled child and asserted that he could not serve his country in congress while William J. Bryan was president. And then again it is a well known fact that when Bryan was given a great ovation on his return from his trip around the world, that Joe Bailey left the meeting in disgust and showed his disapproval in an offensive way. Now when he sees the coming storm of an offended people he is willing enough to board the Bryan band wagon and try to ride into new honors upon it. It is a significant fact that during all this Bailey tumult The Commoner has not had one word of commendation for Bailey but has maintained an ominous silence that cannot be construed in any other light than a disapproval of Bailey and Baileyism. In fact, many of his public utterances seemed specially aimed at Bailey. For instance, the following: "The man who enters politics with the idea that he can make money out of his position is apt to yield to the many temptations which surround him. Most of these temptations come in disguise, especially if the public servant is an attorney. It is a very common thing for legislators to be offered legal business by persons whose sole purpose is to influence them as

legislators. . . . Congressmen are often asked to draw contracts for corporations which as seeking favors—the work to be done in private and the compensation to be liberal. . . . An official honor is in sacredness next to a woman's virtue, and one holding a public office cannot afford the slightest suspicion to rest upon him. . . . If one is willing to become a grafter he can make money out of politics. Every senator can become rich if he will only sell his soul, and the opportunities of a congressman are but little less. . . . The first lesson for the official to learn is that no man can serve two masters."

Now if Joe Bailey is not in sympathy with Bryan why send him to Denver to help nominate him? Does he want to go in order that he may secretly oppose him? Or does he want to go merely to gratify his immeasurable egotism, because he said he would go?

To sum up the whole matter, we are opposed to sending Mr. Bailey to the Democratic Convention because he has already discredited himself in the eyes of the whole country.

Because Baileyism is the synonym of graft and has become a term of opprobrium all over the world.

Because Mr. Bailey's own admissions condemn him in our opinion.

Because Mr. Bailey is not in sympathy with William J. Bryan and is not a suitable man to send to a convention for the purpose of nominating him.

Because, of all the men who have represented Texas in the United States Senate, Joe Bailey alone has used his official position to enrich himself. His predecessors, Rusk, Houston, Coke, Maxey, Reagan, though all illustrious in patriotism and statesmanship, died comparatively poor men, to their everlasting honor.

Because we believe that any man holding a high office has honor enough and should let some good non-office holder have this honor.

Because we believe it to be unjust to the young men of Texas to select a tattooed man for this honor and thus hold him up as an example to the young manhood of Texas.

Because this contest rises for above any personality and appeals to the innate honesty of the citizen. If we endorse Mr. Bailey and Baileyism by our votes, we, in effect, license all of our public officials to engage in the unseemly and wicked scramble for graft.

In conclusion, we appeal to the strong sense of right which we believe dwells in the breast of every good citizen, to place principle above the man, and vote for civic righteousness, without which our beloved country cannot long endure. We urge democrats in every precinct in Houston County to organize for a campaign of education. There will be speakers in this county to present the side of the issue which we advocate and we hereby challenge the friends and supporters of Mr. Bailey to a joint discussion of the issues involved. We represent a cause that does not shrink from public discussion and we invite joint debates on all occasions as being the best way to let people know the truth and the whole truth of the subject.

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