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## MARSHALL HICKS URGES ELECTION OF THOMAS BALL

Round after Round of Applause Indicated Sentiment of Big Crowd that Gave Close Attention to Address.

### NO ABUSE FOR FERGUSON.

In La Salle county's spacious District Court room, which was crowded beyond its seating capacity, Hon. Marshall Hicks, widely known lawyer of San Antonio, made an address Thursday night in the interest of Col. Thos. H. Ball for Governor. The crowd was easily the largest political gathering of English speaking citizens that ever assembled in Cotulla. Numerous people came from Dilley, Millett and Artesia Wells. Twenty-three automobiles which brought citizens to the rally from outlying districts, were counted lined up in front of the Court House square.

That it was a Tom Ball crowd was evidenced at the outset by the deafening applause and cheering which greeted the arrival of Mr. Hicks and Judge Frank B. Earnest, Chairman of the Ball organization. Judge Earnest introduced the speaker. In his introductory remarks he said the progressive forces, the people with new ideas who were in the forefront at Baltimore in the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for president, were behind Thomas H. Ball for Governor of Texas. The Judge's remarks were brief but to the point and the audience put its stamp of approval on what he said by loud and repeated applause.

Mr. Hicks urged the fitness of Col. Ball for Governor by reason of experience and success as a business man and his knowledge and close touch with all public questions, and contended that Mr. Ferguson's past life and dealings were not in harmony with his present professions. He scored Mr. Ferguson's land tenant proposition and said it was socialistic and violative of the fundamental idea of private ownership of property. He said that it was right and proper for President Wilson and Mr. Bryan to approve the candidacy of Col. Ball because Ferguson had attempted to make the people believe that Col. Ball was not sincere in his support of President Wilson at Baltimore and that Mr. Bryan had condemned Col. Ball in an editorial in the Commonwealth by reason of the fact that he had represented railroad corporations. Mr. Hicks stated that he was temporary chairman of the convention at Waco in 1900 when Governor Hogg and Col. Ball had their debate over the Hogg amendments and he said Col. Ball did not oppose the amendments but desired to have them adopted by act of Legislature while Gov. Hogg desired to put them into the constitution. He said that Col. Ball was always a supporter of Gov. Hogg and they were close friends until Gov. Hogg's death. The speaker claimed that it was perfectly consistent for one opposed to state-wide prohibition to support Col. Ball because the question of submission was arranged separately on the ballot and the Governor could not bring about submission unless two thirds of the legislature desired to do it.

## CLEAN NEWSPAPERS DEMAND OF PEOPLE

University to Assist in the Making of Trained Journalists.

Men who have studied the matter declare that vicious journalism is today the greatest corrupter of public opinion. "Tainted news," is becoming as common as was "tainted meat" during the Spanish war, and while the latter wrought havoc with the stomachs of our soldiers in Cuba, the former is responsible for many diseased ideas now inhabiting the minds of the great



Will H. Mayes.

newspaper-reading public. Journalism is coming more and more to be considered as a matter of vital concern to the people as a whole—the people are beginning to demand truth of the great news-gathering and news-distributing agencies, just as establishing departments of government to enforce this demand.

The State University of Texas has fortunately recognized the need of trained men to serve the people in the capacity of news-gatherers and news-interpreters, and has established this year a School of Journalism, where the highest ideals of the profession will be inculcated, and where young men and women of the state with a bent for this line of work will have the opportunity to secure this training which is so essential to the welfare of the State.

The newspapers of Texas are excellent, and they have built up in Texas an enlightened public opinion, but the need for trained journalists, (preferably Texans) is growing every day more urgent.

Hon. Will H. Mayes, a successful newspaper man, who has spent his life maintaining the best traditions of Texas journalism, has been selected by the University authorities as head of the new school. It will be open for students in September.

The speaker deprecated the character of personal campaign being made against Col. Ball and refrained from saying anything derogatory to Mr. Ferguson. He said there were large issues involved in the campaign and he would not engage in the petty attacks being made upon the candidate opposing Col. Ball.

Mr. Hicks closed his address by saying that Col. Ball had been tried and tested by the people of Texas and that he had always been on the side of the people and that Mr. Ferguson was an unknown quantity as far as executive ability was concerned and said that the people ought not to experiment when they selected a candidate for governor.

At the close a great number of the audience crowded around the speaker and congratulated him on his presentation of the of the issue.

## TOM BALLUB 77RONG.

Following is a list of citizens who have signified their intention to vote for Tom Ball for Governor and are king and using their influence his behalf. This list does not include all that will vote for nor all who are doing so good work for him. However, anyone on the list is standing at-footed for the Houston candidate. Every business man in town (excluding saloons, high of course are supporting Mr. Ferguson) is represented with one exception will give Ball solid support. Both sides are unanimously supporting Ball. Nine-tenths of the fair vote is for Ball.

"We, the undersigned citizens of La Salle county, hereby declare our intention to vote for Hon. Thos. H. Ball, as the Democratic candidate for Governor in the coming primaries and promise to use our influence to secure his election.

- F. B. Earnest, lawyer
- C. E. Manly, editor, publisher
- John W. Wilson, lawyer
- E. B. Zachry, banker
- A. F. Childs, bank cashier
- L. C. Dunn, real estate
- H. B. Miller, broker
- R. L. Graham, physician
- M. T. Davis, stockman
- H. W. Hamilton, minister
- H. C. Fullerton, merchant
- J. H. Gallman, merchant
- A. G. Thompson, merchant
- G. M. Sotes, salesman

- W. H. Fullerton, merchant
- D. L. Neely, salesman
- J. F. Woods, salesman
- R. J. Taibott, farmer
- Fred Garcia, driver
- A. A. Simpson, merchant
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- J. P. Guinn, merchant
- H. B. Stedham, undertaker
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- F. M. Harper, farmer
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- A. D. Riddle, farmer
- E. A. Keck, farmer
- W. E. Rock, Sr., farmer
- W. E. Rock, Jr., farmer
- E. T. Lesterjette, butcher
- Jno. B. Henderson, stockman
- H. Green, farmer
- W. B. Stanfield, farmer
- W. J. Coleman, farmer
- J. E. Coleman, farmer
- C. W. Wheeler, farmer
- J. C. Poole, farmer
- J. P. Daniel, farmer
- J. H. Daniel, farmer
- C. B. Burwell, farmer
- N. T. Foster, farmer
- M. G. Taibott, farmer
- T. G. Woods, minister
- C. H. Rock, farmer
- R. E. Britt, barber
- M. H. Baine, merchant
- W. B. Guinn, farmer
- M. L. Rone, farmer
- S. I. McKee, abstractor
- F. S. Moffett, stockman
- D. H. Davis, farmer
- D. B. Preston, stockman
- J. P. Haynie, carpenter
- Lee Daniel, farmer
- Jesse Rock, farmer
- R. F. Neely, farmer
- J. L. Stedham, farmer
- J. H. Gilbert, farmer-dairyman
- Perry Peques, farmer
- M. H. Russell, salesman
- Jno. Wildenthal, bank clerk
- Frank Keck, lumberman
- B. J. Pate, ranch foreman
- T. R. Keck, lumberman
- B. Wildenthal Sr., bank cashier.
- R. A. Guinn, contractor

## Politics and the Political Situation as Seen by Others.

L. A. Kerr, president of the Stockman's National Bank, came down from San Antonio Tuesday. Mr. Kerr said Col. Ball would poll a heavier vote in Bexar county than any candidate that ever ran on the pro ticket. Many strong antis in that city are supporting the Houston candidate, and Mr. Kerr states that the best posted politicians predict Ball's election by a substantial majority.

M. H. Baine, merchant of Artesia was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Baine reported cotton doing very well, but would be benefited by rain. In some parts he said the boll weevil was doing damage while in other places they were not so bad. Mr. Baine said politics was not talked much down his way but he thought Ball would carry his box by a good majority. While in the city he registered as a member of the Ball Club.

In his speech the other night Marshall Hicks said all that Ferguson had to offer why the people should elect him for Governor was a record of charging the farmer usurious rates of interest, a campaign fund of \$30,000 and ambition. "What else has he to offer why the people should send him to Austin?" asked the speaker? "Gail," answered a voice from the audience. It was J. G. Childers, prominent cattleman, who lives at Temple. Mr. Hicks said things were in excellent shape in the Eastern part of the county.

J. W. Ray, representing Steven M. Weld & Co., cotton brokers of New York, who resides at Austin, was in this section this week making a report on the cotton crop. Mr. Ray was raised in Bell and Williamson counties and has known Jim Ferguson all his life. He was raised up in the same neighborhood, and says he has heard Ferguson's father preach many a sermon. When asked what he thought about the election he replied that in his opinion Ball would win. Said he would vote for Ball, because he knew Ferguson and did not consider him a man morally or mentally fit to be Governor of Texas.

Editor T. G. Locke, of the Fowlerton Reporter, was in the city last Monday. Mr. Locke said state politics were lively up considerable in the eastern part of the county, and predicted that Fowlerton would vote as a unit on all questions that come up for settlement at the ballot box. He said Ferguson was the favorite for Governor and that Judge Perkins of Alice, candidate for State Senator would get the united support of that box. Mr. Locke said he was especially interested in the election of Judge Perkins. By supporting Mr. Ferguson and Judge Perkins, Fowlerton is evidently not lining up on the pro and anti question, for Ferguson is an anti and Perkins is a pro. Mr. Locke said things were in excellent shape in the Eastern part of the county.

## SENSATIONAL TURN IN DUVAL COUNTY BOOK AUDIT CASE

Tax Payers Win Fight When Five Officials Hand in Resignations and Step Down and Out.

### COURT ORDERED AUDIT.

Corpus Christi, Tex., July 16. —Another interesting event involving county officials of Duval County and their affairs occurred this afternoon when the County Commissioners' Court received and accepted the resignations of five of the officials and appointed others to fill the places vacated.

Archie Parr, County Commissioner from the second precinct, who has been the storm center of a political fight that has been waged for several years and who is now a candidate for State Senator from the Twenty-third Senatorial Districts, resigned and the court appointed Dosadio Carrillo as his successor. County Judge S. H. Woods resigned. He is succeeded by Frank J. Clarkson, County Attorney of Duval County for the past three months and previously County Attorney of Brooks County.

A. W. Tobin, Sheriff and Tax Collector, resigned and is succeeded by Juan F. Saenz. J. V. Palacios resigned as County and District Clerk and is succeeded by J. O. Trevino.

The resignations, following upon the heels of a writ of mandamus directed against the county officials by District Judge Hopkins, directing that George Kidd, an accountant of Houston, be allowed to examine and audit all county books and records, has created the greatest of interest in Duval County. Ed C. Laster, W. W. Meak, Charles Muil and other prominent property owners of Duval County had alleged before the court that the county officials were wrong in their accounts, and Judge Hopkins in granting the injunction said: "I am convinced that there are many discrepancies of note in their accounts."

Misses Margaret and Ruth Boyd of San Antonio are visiting Mrs. John Wildenthal.

Union services will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday night.

FOR SALE—8 and 10 hoop solid oak water barrels \$1.50—Stockmans Saloon.

M. E. Presley returned yesterday to North Texas after a visit here to his brother, T. E. Presley.

## Hargus Putting Up Ensilage.

One of the finest Ensilage cutters brought into this section has been installed by W. L. Hargus on his farm up the river. It consists of a famous Ohio Blower Cutter No. 15 and a 16 h. p. R. & V. gasoline engine. Mr. Hargus has just completed one of a chain of 5 underground silos of 250 ton capacity and it is the "best looker" we have seen. He is putting in Indian corn at the rate of 12 to 15 tons per hour and he expects to fill two silos from his present crop. Fullerton & Son agents for Jno. Deere Plow Co. sold the outfit to Mr. Hargus.

## Fullerton & Son Installs Threshing Machine.

The threshing machine installed by W. H. Fullerton & Son is now running and the farmers are making use of the opportunity thus offered. While the machine is small it has a 23 inch separating capacity and Mr. Fullerton thinks he will have no trouble whatever in meeting their needs. In speaking of the machine, H. C. Fullerton, manager of the firm stated he was well pleased with the work; that it was like that of the larger machines in that the cleaner you look the seed from the heads the more it was broken, but the percentage of broken seed was small and that they were clean. In speaking of the price to be charged for threshing Mr. Fullerton stated he could not tell what it would be worth until he had tried it, but that he had put the machine in for the benefit of the community and that it was not intended to be a money making venture.

## Royal Arch Masons Install Officers.

Royal Arch Chapter of Masons installed the following officers for the ensuing year Monday night: Jno. P. Guinn, High Priest; W. T. Wichman, King; C. F. Binkley Scribe; L. W. Gaddis, Captain of Hosts; H. W. Hamilton, Treas; C. E. Manly, Sec.; W. H. Johns, Guard; J. W. Lacy, P. A. Kerr and B. Wildenthal Jr. Vigil Guards.

### STOCK NOTES.

C. C. Thomas shipped 10 cars steers during the week to Ft. Worth market.

J. G. Childers will load out two cars steers to Ft. Worth today.

J. M. Dobie shipped a train of steers from Bolton yesterday to Ft. Worth.

J. T. Maltzberger shipped 3 cars steers to Ft. Worth.

Sutton & Poole sold and delivered at Millett this week 250 head of cows and calves to A. W. Allee.

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# Banishing Disease From the Army

**The Victory Over Epidemics in Army Camps—The Eternal Vigilance of the Surgeons, and Their Success, Especially With the Troops Now Occupying Tropical Mexico.**

During the Spanish-American war one of the volunteer soldiers complained to his captain because he was told to dig a trench. "I enlisted to fight," he said, "not to do this sort of work." "You will continue to dig that trench," replied the officer. "That sort of work is just as essential as carrying a gun." The man, who happened to come from one of New York's aristocratic families, went back to his work and dug until the trench was completed. Later he learned the value of that trench—it helped in sanitation, the keynote of a healthy camp.

## Only Healthy Men Enlisted.

It is a foregone conclusion that a sick man does not make a successful workman, nor does he make a successful fighter, calling this fact the United States government is using its best efforts to stamp out disease in our army. Of course, in such a large body of men sickness and death will occur, but by the use of proper methods the epidemics so common in the wars of by-gone days may be prevented.

First of all, only perfectly healthy men are accepted for service, and in order that these men may remain healthy it is necessary to use every precaution known to medical science. Wherever a large number of people are gathered together epidemics of disease are likely to occur unless there is good sanitation. Our country has spread its protecting arms over many countries where the climate and conditions of living are entirely different from our own, and eternal vigilance is the price of health to the Americans who live in these places. Even in our own United States the soldier lives in widely different climates.

Camp sites are selected with the greatest care—in fact, the army has several medical men whose chief duty it is to select the spots for the tent cities—spots where a proper drainage can be had out and where pure water may be obtained. Typhoid fever and dysentery have been the camp diseases heretofore, but today these have been practically banished from our army. This has been no easy task. The typhoid prophylactic used by the men has practically exterminated that disease. In the tropics, however, last the geographical lines of the United States. This treatment for the prevention of typhoid was made compulsory in 1911, and is believed by the army medical men to be as potent a prevention against typhoid as vaccination is against smallpox. This latter disease has long been a thing of the past in the army, as vaccination has been compulsory for many years.

Dysentery is frequently communicated by foods of some kind, particularly uncooked ones and milk, consequently there is a most rigid inspection of these articles by the camp surgeon. Of course, both typhoid and dysentery may be spread by contact as well as by flies and other insects and these methods of transmission are often hard to eliminate, and the most rigid rules are made by the surgeons along these lines with guard house punishment for the soldier who fails to obey them.



Digging a Trench for Drainage is Necessary in the Sanitation of an Army Camp.

**Making Camp Healthy.**  
After a camp site has been selected the work of drainage begins, all ditching being done under the supervision of the engineer. Artesian wells are then sunk, and the surgeons begin an analysis of the water, and this continues until pure water is obtained. In the country of an enemy the potable water question comes up, which usually ends in boiling all drinking water. Filtering plants, too, are sometimes used, but the smallest field filter weighs about sixty pounds its use is only practical to the men who are provided with transportation.

When the camp is semi-permanent, such as for instruction or awaiting transportation to a campaign, the water is frequently piped into camp and distributed to the kitchens and shower baths. The water supply is, perhaps, the most carefully guarded thing about the camp.

## Destroying Flies.

The question of drainage and water being settled, the medical men set about to exterminate the disease-carrying insects—flies and mosquitoes. A sanitary squad is appointed, usually civilians hired by the quartermasters department, and under the orders of the sanitary inspector of the division, who is also charged with the supervision of the sanitary condition of the entire camp. It is the duty of the sanitary squad to turn out grass where insects may breed, to see that the latrine pits are burned out each day with kerosene and crude petroleum. All garbage is burned in a metal barrel, and all waste is incinerated. Keeping flies out of camp, by several other methods are used as well. Swatting the fly is as common in an army camp as in a household. Fly traps of various kinds and sizes are used but the most popular one is made with a light wooden frame supporting wire netting enclosing a space except at the bottom of the trap in which is a round hole about three inches in diameter. Around the hole is attached a truncated cone of wire netting, the top of the cone extending up into the enclosed space. These traps are provided with supports to hold them about two inches above the support on which they rest, and under the central hole at the bottom is placed a saucer containing the bait, usually sweetened water or meat. The traps are set outside the screened kitchens and it is surprising how many flies are caught. Another method is by setting out saucers containing a mixture of water condensed milk and formalin.



Burning the Waste Cannot Live Where Food is Fed Upon

Of course, all men in camp have been vaccinated, so smallpox is not feared. Everybody under forty-five, whether they are soldiers or civilians or servants, must be inoculated to prevent typhoid, so there is little danger of that malady. In case the camp is in a country where mosquitoes abound all officers and men are made to sleep under nets. Should a case of malaria exist the patient is treated in the screened ward of the field hospital.

## An Ideal Army Camp

At the Texas City camp, where several thousand men are encamped from February, 1912, until they went to Mexico, a sanitary inspector was detailed to carry out the army sanitation in Texas City the same as in camp. As all the restaurants were dependent on soldier patronage there is little objection by the proprietors of the cafes. At first one or two owners objected to the "interference to rights," and a sentry was stationed in front of the cafe by the army to prevent some of the proprietors from leaving and Texas City soon became the most sanitary place in Texas. The health of the men in this camp was excellent, and when the transport sailed to Vera Cruz the soldiers were in excellent physical condition. Since their occupation in Mexico there has been very little sickness, only six men being incapacitated by disease and seven by injury. There were a few heat prostrations, but the men became acclimated to the tropics, especially in the rainy season when the humidity runs high, these cases will occur. They are, however, not serious. The most surprising thing is that but one case of malaria has been reported. This is, of course, due to the excellent sanitation, and the fact that the men sleep under mosquito nets. The health reports from Mexico show that at present the sick rate of the



A Soldier Receiving the Typhoid Inoculation

supply to the tissues of the body is temporarily sufficient. Substances other than carbonic acid, such as lactic acid, are produced, and, when these substances reach the respiratory center by the way of the blood they excite it to such activity that one over-breathes. That is, the violent panting ventilates the carbonic acid out of the blood more rapidly than the body is producing it. The substances which thus overstimulate the respiratory center are not volatile and cannot be given off by way of the lungs, but they appear to be rather rapidly oxidized in the blood.

## Household Hints

Use soap and soda on wooden kitchen utensils to keep clean. Place wet gloves between folds of a damp towel for an hour before being worn. They are easier to put on; the damp makes the kid more pliable. Cabbage should never be boiled longer than thirty minutes, for the time is lengthened, the leaves lose their tender crispness and become soft and dark colored. Lamb, if fresh, should be bright red color, with white fat should be used within three days after killage. It is unwholesome unless thoroughly cooked. Kitchen utensils made of wood may be kept clean and white by rubbing with soap and luke water to which is added a common soda or household ammonia. After embroidered sheets and low cases have become worn monogram may be cut out in a circle and used again by featherstitching it on the material. Perch, brook trout, catfish all small fish are best fried. Small fish should swim twice in water and once in hot fat. Fat should be boiling hot when putting the fish in. When colored clothing is stained with mud, let it dry and brush all you can. Then apply a mixture of salt and flour; let it remain in a dry place, for a day or two, then brush off.



A Hospital Tent and Outfit

Alcoholism exists in the army, although it has been decreased to some extent. Every possible means have been tried to prevent the men from drinking, but the saloons with their many attractions seem to have an irresistible fascination for the enlisted man. More amusements have been added to the camps and posts in the hope of keeping the men from these dens of infamy which throw out so many allurements to the soldier.

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WHAT SECOND WIND IS (Yale Review.)  
The probable explanation second wind is as follows: deep breathing of an athletic taking moderate exercise at a lack of oxygen plays no part effect is wholly due to an increased production of carbonic acid lating the respiratory center responds proportionately, violent exertion at sea level, and on even moderate at a great altitude, the oxygen

men for the different parts of the world. His shoes, too, must be suitable for the country in which he is to camp and at the same time meet the requirements of long hikes. This was brought about by the fact that the men were frequently laid up with sore feet after hikes. Major E. L. Munson, of the medical corps, took up the matter and after careful study during which he made a critical examination of more than two thousand feet and supervised the fitting of thousands of shoes, -uno on jo noipos pup jo ap kip he wrote a book on the subject, its purpose being to supply practical shoe outfitting. Since 1912, there has been very little foot trouble in information to the men who do the the army.

Bad teeth are enemies of health, and in 1911 an act authorizing the reorganization of the dental corps of the army and giving the services of one dentist for every thousand men was passed. Apart from the filling and extracting of teeth the dentist insists upon a proper cleaning of the teeth. Other faulty habits in eating, drinking and smoking by the men are watched and cleanliness rigidly enforced.

Plenty of exercise in gymnasium and calisthenics are given to those who are in need of physical development. Taken all in all our army is an unusually healthy body of men. With epidemics, especially typhoid, practically eliminated from the camps, and with sanitation reaching almost to perfection, pure water and good food at their disposal there seems to be little danger of a sick army no matter where they may be sent. The health reports from Mexico are the best evidence of the banishment of disease from the ranks, for there the thermometer often registers one hundred and ten degrees Fahrenheit. The whole zone is sandy and marshy, the climate extremely unhealthy—a perfect hot bed for the propagation of fevers and black vomit. Rigid obedience to the rules laid down by the army surgeons by the men has done much in the prevention of these tropical diseases.

June 15—The army under General Wood has besieged and taken Washington. A provisional government under his leadership has been proclaimed. The late president, Senator Wilson, has been held for trial. Congress was hastily summoned and under threat of armed force the members were compelled to recognize the new regime.



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## Poultry Corner

Custom Hatcheries Are a Great Aid in Developing the Poultry Industry.

(By Prof. Frederic H. Stoneburn.)

Central hatcheries or large custom hatching establishments are a comparatively recent innovation in America. Some fifteen years ago Dr. Brigham expressed his belief that in the not distant future we would see such establishments located in most poultry-producing sections, and his prophecy bids fair to be fulfilled.

The idea is not a new one. In fact, the Chinese and Egyptians have followed this plan for generations; possibly for centuries. The custom hatching of China use batteries of small incubators, earthen jars heated by small charcoal fires. Those of Egypt have gone a step further, and successfully operate huge incubators, which are really houses built of bricks and earth. One of these is described as being 70 feet long, 60 feet wide and 16 feet high, with a capacity of 90,000 eggs at one time. It is said that the art of operating these incubators is handed down from father to son, and that remarkably good hatches are uniformly secured. For instance, at the Egyptian hatchery described above 270,000 eggs were incubated in one season and 234,000 chicks produced. This means a hatch of about 86 per cent, a record which few American operators can equal.

Have Incubators Perfected. Prior to the perfection of the giant or mammoth type of incubator in this country, a few custom hatcheries of comparatively small capacity were established here, and are said to have paid very good profits. Since the advent of the big machines, which are said to be more economical to operate than a collection of small incubators of equal capacity, a large number of custom hatcheries have been established. In some cases these have a very large capacity. Others are in the experimental stage and are expanding in proportion to the local demand.

It seems to be the rule that such establishments greatly stimulate the poultry industry in their immediate vicinity. The reason is not far to seek. Farmers and others who make poultry raising a side line often hesitate to invest in incubators for personal use and depend upon the hens to hatch their chicks. When they find it possible to have chicks hatched at low cost they take advantage of the opportunity to largely increase their flocks of youngsters.

Poultrymen with insufficient incubator equipment concede that the experienced and well-equipped operators can hatch more and better chicks from a given number of eggs, and so consider it good business to permit these experts to do this work for them. Under such conditions the chick population in the surrounding territory is greatly increased. This naturally means more flesh and eggs to sell and more money coming in.

Just to illustrate this point, we will give the facts regarding the work of a custom hatching establishment in Virginia, Rockingham county, in the northwestern part of the state, in the beautiful and historic Shenandoah Valley. It is strictly an agricultural section, the soil being rich and fertile and producing great crops. Until very recently the growing of grain and forage, sheep, beef cattle, hogs and horses were the more important interests. Of late, many apple orchards have been developed and dairying and poultry raising taken up extensively.

The writer recently visited the principal town of this county and was surprised to note the number of crates of live poultry and eggs hauled through the streets on the wagons of farmers and hucksters.

Most of these went to a large produce establishment, and a visit to this place in the securing of the following information:

Chick Crop Greatly Increased.

Eight years ago the territory supporting the produce establishment, which hatched eggs and poultry, two other have been opened up since that time. The largest concern began hatching but five years ago, and at that date it was impossible to gather at one time 10,000 chickens of a breed and varieties within a short distance of the town. During the last season this concern has had high as 35,000 birds in the fattening crates at one time, and the two other establishments as many more. In other words, the chicken crops have been increased many fold in the last decade.

Last season more than 3,000,000 pouls of poultry were shipped out of the county, at an average price, all ages included, of 18 cents per pouls. With this went 75,000 cases of eggs, a matter of 2,250,000 dozens, averaging 23 cents per dozen.

Products Valued at \$1,500,000. A buyer just across the line in another county, who draws much of his supply from Rockingham county, shipped from there 2,000,000 dozen eggs. On this basis it is fair to estimate that the county received from that one consuming center of the North \$1,500,000 for its surplus poultry products, no inconsiderable sum to be divided among its 35,000 inhabitants.

It must be remembered that in this section there are few, if any, spall poultry farms. This tremendous quantity of table poultry and eggs is produced by general farmers and backyard poultry-keepers who are principally interested in other lines.

In this connection it is most interesting to note that the great increase in production has not adversely affected prices paid to the producers. As a matter of fact, these prices are increasing each year, due to competition among the buyers. The latter, in turn, are devoting themselves to improving the quality of their output, thus securing for themselves returns greatly in excess of those of former years.

Virtually all of the poultry is crate raised for a period of two weeks or more, is dressed by experts, carefully graded and packed and so shipped that it reaches the market in prime conditions. Naturally, such a stock commands top quotations, bringing better prices than if shipped by the producers themselves. This is true of the eggs. These are carefully tested and graded. The buyers then know just what he is getting, confidence is inspired and everyone along the line is benefited.

This pleasing conditions is not peculiar to this section alone. It exists in every locality where the poultry crop is of sufficient importance to induce a live buyer to locate. For instance, note the soft roaster or broiler chicken district near Boston and the Petaluma egg farming section of California.

Returning to the matter of custom hatcheries, the manager of the large produce concern referred to above stated that a hatchery in a little hamlet near the county seat had increased the production of poultry and eggs in that immediate vicinity by 300 per cent in the past few years. Of course, the effects have been felt in a wider area, as the farmers throughout the whole region have learned of the success of their neighbors in making chickens and eggs a profitable money crop. A special visit was paid this hatchery with a view to getting the facts first hand. The establishment is conducted by an elderly farmer, who has been actively interested in poultry raising for many years.

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### FIREMEN UNABLE TO DO MUCH BECAUSE OF STRONG WIND.

Guests of Houses Destroyed Are Being Cared for at Other Hotels in City.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—Six of the smaller hotels and fourteen cottages were destroyed by fire this evening. Fanned by a strong south breeze, the firemen could do little with the fire.

Following is a list of the places destroyed: The Tourist hotel, where the fire originated; New Hazel House, Harrell House, Gates Cottage, Lake Charles House, Carlisle House and rent house, Burke House, the L. E. Seaman and Blake Sweatt homes and other smaller cottages.

The damage is probably \$65,000. Visitors are being well cared for at other hotels. The areas swept by fire is about four blocks. All burned houses were of wood. No lives were lost.

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**Religious Notes.**  
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The Methodist Ladies met at the home of Mrs. A. G. Thompson Wednesday afternoon at their usual hour. Mrs. E. A. Keck conducted the devotions after which a Missionary Program was given, with Mrs. Wickman as leader.

The program was as follows: Things that repel—Things that win to Christianity, by Mrs. E. A. Keck. Institutional work in Foreign Lands—Reading—Miss Imogene Lacy. Japan—Reading—Mrs. Knickman. The Chinese Women and Industry, Reading by Mrs. Peyton Kerr. Children at work, costly to the country—Mrs. Keck. Scripture Reading by Mrs. A. G. Thompson.

After the program the hostess served peach ice cream, home baked cakes and iced watermelon.

The Baptist Ladies enjoyed a most delightful meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wickman as hostess.

In spite of the extreme warm weather and the fact that a number of the members are out of town, the attendance continues good, and each meeting seems more interesting than the one previous. Mrs. Wickman's zeal and interest in the Missionary work is contagious, and her kind and generous hospitality at all times is much appreciated. Truly we can say that no one can feel lonesome in this friendly home.

After the usual devotional exercises of scripture reading, song service and prayer, Mrs. Davis taught the regular Bible lesson. A splendid lesson was had as Mrs. Davis showed the deep study and preparation by the points of interest she brought out.

After the business session the hour passed swiftly and pleasantly with exchange of conversation and fancy work. After enjoying the delicious lunch served by the hostess, adieu were said as the low descending sun reminded these contented women that the day was done.

The society will be entertained next week by Mrs. Cohenour with Mrs. Earnest teaching the lesson.

**Played Rings 'Round Boys From Encinal.**

Encinal came up yesterday and played Cotulla on the local diamond. Cotulla was in pretty good trim and beat that team as they have never been beaten before. Carvel pitched and should have had a shut out. An error of Hawkins gave the visitors the only two runs they got in the seventh. Two men were down, with a runner on first and another on third. Batter had two strikes, when first attempted to go to second. Hawkins is fast and attempted to cut him off, but throw was a little wild and was missed by second baseman; another wild throw from field let both runners in. The batter went out on third strike. This was unnecessary. However Hawkins excellent work behind the bat made up for the error. The score was 8 to 2 in Cotulla's favor.

The Score:  
Cotulla—003 110 12x—8  
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**Millett Gets First Bale of Cotton.**

Millett, Texas, July 16—The first bale of 1914 cotton was brought in by J. L. Ross on the 15th, which weighed 617 lbs, classed strict middling and was bought by the Millett Mercantile Co., for 16c a lb. It was shipped to Cotton Exchange in San Antonio and sold at auction for 17c, and a premium of \$90.00 was made up, netting the grower \$194.89.

The watermelon shipment is about over. While the crop was cut short by the heavy rains in May, it was satisfactory as a whole.

Cotton picking will commence in earnest next week. While the ravages of the boll weevil in low ground is great yet a fairly good crop is assured.

The brick building being erected by the Millett Mercantile Co. is progressing rapidly.

**Ball Speakers Coming Next Week.**

R. R. Smith, comany and better known as "Railroad Smith" will address voters and citizenship of the county next Wednesday night, the Court House in Cotulla, the interest of Thomas Ball, of Houston, Candidate for Governor.

Railroad Smith is an impressive gentleman, a logical debater and capable of handling the issue as advocated by Mr. Ball. Tall, forceful and eloquent Mr. Smith will doubtless well repay all who come out to hear him. During two sessions of the State Legislature, Mr. Smith was a central figure, advocating a strong and admirable insurance law, and always standing out for his convictions. Mr. Smith is a strong anti-prohibitionist, one among the many who are standing sponsor of the character and quality of Col. Ball as a Candidate.

Frank H. Burmeister, representative of this district in the State Legislature will speak at the Court House next Tuesday night, July 23rd. Judge Burmeister was prominent in the last session of the legislature as it was he who favored the Bohemer illiteracy bill and succeeded in having it passed by houses later to be vetoed by Governor Colquitt. He will be turned to the next legislature by the people and will renew his fight to enact this measure into law. Judge Burmeister is a forceful speaker and excellent debater, and he will speak here in the interest of Col. Ball. It is probable that the Furgess supporters will secure a speaker for that date and a joint debate will be arranged.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Moore yesterday.

Millett has the appearance of a rustling town recently, farmers shipping melons, ranchmen both receiving and shipping cattle, and laborers at work.

**SOCIETY**  
Mrs. C. B. Jones, Editor.

**CHILDS-ZACHRY.**

Miss Annie Ellen Zachry and Mr. Arthur Franklin Childs were married Wednesday evening at 9 p. m., July 15th, at the home of Miss K. Burwell. Rev. Harry W. Hamilton of the Presbyterian church officiating.

The reception suite of three connecting rooms, together with the hall of Miss Burwell's home was beautifully decorated with pot plants, ropes of evergreens over the doors and windows and quantities of cut flowers and ferns.

The many intimate friends of the well loved bride took an active interest in this preparation and decoration, and making a beautiful setting for the scene of her wedding.

The singing of the song, "Beauties Eyes," by Miss Jessie Copp, followed by the sweet strains of Lohengrin, played by Mrs. Henry Fullerton, was the signal that the wedding party were approaching. They entered through the dining room, coming through the dining room, through the parlor, into the front living room, where they were met at the improvised altar by Rev. Hamilton who read the beautiful ring service that united this popular young couple for life.

The bride was lovely in her wedding gown of white crepe de chene over white taffeta, with white tulle veil and carrying a shower bouquet of smilax, white carnations and daisies.

Mrs. Fullerton and Miss Jessie Copp rendered some very sweet music, while congratulations and happy felicitations were being extended.

The bride is a sweet young woman who has resided with her brother Mr. E. B. Zachry in Cotulla for about 2 years. She is highly cultured and so gifted in the social graces and the arts of entertaining that she has been quite an acquisition to Cotulla society, and her amiable kindly disposition has won her a host of friends here who wish her every joy.

The popular young groom has resided in Cotulla with his mother, Mrs. Hattie Childs some four years where he has been consecutively employed in the Cotulla State Bank as Cashier. His quiet dignity and kindly courtesy together with his business ability, having placed him high with the esteemed portion of the world where he has a large circle of friends.

At ten p. m. Miss Burwell, assisted by some other friends served a salad course, followed by ice cream hearts and cupids and cakes to a large number of friends and relatives.

The only out of town relatives were, Mrs. Whitehead of Clarksville, Tex., sister of groom, and Mr. Fred Childs of Eagle Pass. The bride's going away gown was Copenhagen blue silk pongee "Coatie Suit" with all matching accessories.

The young couple left on the 12:00 p. m. train enroute to Colorado where they expect to remain some time.

The RECORD staff joins the many other friends in hearty congratulations to Mr. Childs, and best wishes for them both, for a life of happiness, peace and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Childs will be at home in Cotulla after the 5th of August.

Miss Floss Dyson is spending a month with her many friends in Rockwood. This is one of the most beautiful places in South West Texas and fortunate indeed is the visitor who goes to Rockdale.



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Miss Cora Keck is being entertained by her many friends in Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rock entertained with a six o'clock dinner Monday evening to compliment Mr. Walter Daniel, one of the Rockwood young men who has been absent in school for a long time. The other guests of honor were Miss Floss Dyson and Miss Cora Keck of Cotulla. Mrs. Rock announced on the arrival of the guests that this was to be a dumb dinner and that those who were guilty of speech while dinner was being served would have to wash the dishes. Miss Cora Keck, Miss Ora Rock, Mr. Walter Daniel and Mr. Price Daniel proved the guilty ones and so had to wash the dishes.

A delicious three course dinner was served to the following guests, Misses Floss Dyson, Cora Keck, Sallie Rock, Madie Daniel, Ruby Rock, Ina Daniel, Ora Rock, Edith Daniel. Messrs Walter Daniel, the honoree, Hint Daniel, Price Daniel, Lee Daniel and Jess Rock. This was a most delightful gathering of friends and the host and hostess were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

Mr. W. T. Muter and Miss Annie Wilson were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage at one o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. Long, pastor, officiating. The bride accompanied by a party of friends came over from Crystal City where she resided during the morning, the affair being pre-arranged. Mr. Muter recently moved here from Crystal City and it was at that place that he met and won the fair lady. Mr. Muter is engaged in the taxidermy business here. The wedding party went to Laredo in automobiles Thursday evening and are expected to return this afternoon. The RECORD extends congratulations.



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