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The Law on Primary Elections.

The following is the law passed by the twenty-fourth legislature regulating the holding of primary elections:

Chapter 34—S. B. No. 6.—An act concerning primary elections called and held by authority of any political party; to prevent illegal voting at same, and false returns thereof, and to prevent the bribery of officers and voters, and providing penalties therefor.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas: Any person voting at any primary election called and held by authority of any political party for the purpose of nominating candidates of such political party for any public office who is not qualified to vote in the election precinct where he offers to vote at the next state, county or municipal election, or who shall vote more than once at the same or different precincts or polls on the same day, or different days in the same primary election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. Every person who shall knowingly procure any illegal vote to be cast at any such primary election shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided in the preceding section.

Sec. 3. Any presiding officer, manager, judge or clerk of any primary election called and held by authority of any political party in this state, who shall, knowingly of return, or cause to be made or returned, a false statement of the result of any such primary election shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding sixty days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 4. Any presiding officer, judge, clerk or other officer of an election who shall divulge how any person voted at such election, or from an individual name, or in any other manner, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Sec. 5. If any person shall bribe or offer to bribe any presiding officer, manager, judge or clerk in any primary election called and held by authority of any political party for the purpose of nominating candidates of such political party for public office or omitted to be done, or to be done or omitted, contrary to his duty in relation to such primary election, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.

Sec. 6. If any person shall bribe or offer to bribe any voter for the purpose of influencing his vote at any primary election called and held by authority of any political party for the purpose of nominating candidates of such political party for any public office, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.

Sec. 7. The fact that any cities and towns of this state will hold their elections at an early date, and many of the primary elections will be held, which should have the protection of this act, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read in each house on three several days, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Approved April 8, 1895.

Experiments with storage batteries are being made on one of the New York cars lines. If it can be made to work successfully the storage battery method of electric propulsion will present all the advantages of the trolley system, with none of the drawbacks in the way of wires, conduits, etc.

The oldest building in the world that has been uninterruptedly used for church purposes is St. Martin's cathedral at Canterbury, England. The building was originally erected for a church and has been regularly used as a place for religious gatherings for more than 1500 years.

Where Reforms are Needed.

A well-known southern writer describes the funeral—rather the burial—of a citizen and war veteran, in the following quaint style:

"They buried him in a marble quarry; they had to cut through solid marble to dig his grave, but the tombstone they put over him was brought from Vermont. They buried him in a pine forest, but the pine coffin they put him in came from Connecticut; they buried him within touch of an iron mine, but the nails in his coffin and the implements with which they dug his grave were imported from Pittsburg; they buried him in the midst of the finest sheep grazing country in the world, but the woolen bands on the coffin were made in the north; the south did not furnish one thing on earth for that funeral but the corpse and the hole in the ground."—Chatanooga Tradesman.

The southern states, or at least a part of them, have awakened from their lethargy and are beginning to turn to account their vast resources. Industrial enterprises are springing up where a few years ago they were unknown and mines are being opened up and operated in hitherto undeveloped regions, but the above illustration does little or no injustice to some sections which ought to be well advanced in manufacturing. It is a humiliating admission but it is true. When the south fully realizes that her prosperity depends on home enterprise backed up by home capital her rapid development will become more phenomenal than it has been in certain sections in recent years. When the people of the south decide to patronize the products of their home institutions instead of depending on the north and east for supplies, the capital which is now invested in eastern enterprises will seek investment in the south.

There is too great an inclination in Texas to patronize outside industries. Fort Worth is no exception in this respect. It is a well known fact that the foreign manufacturers, and yet every dollar spent with outside parties which could be as advantageously spent for home products delays and hinders to that extent the material growth of the city and the development of the resources of the state.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Record of Democracy.

As democratic congressmen have been cited by the populist newspapers as failures, and no better than the republicans we publish a brief statement of Congressman C. H. Yoakum showing some acts of the last congress, as follows:

"We come as high as any party in the performance of promises. With all our dissension in the fifty-third congress we did reduce the expenses of our national government \$20,000,000. We did repeal the federal election law. We did restore 6,000,000 acres of land to the public domain worth \$30,000,000. We did strike 600 clerks off of the roll and thus saved annually \$500,000. We did defeat the recommendation to absorb the paper money of the country by a bonded debt of \$500,000,000. We did defeat the bill supported and recommended by our president to make our bond issue payable in gold instead of coin. We did make all the paper money subject to taxation by the states as other property, near \$500,000,000. We did pass an income tax law that transferred to the extent of \$50,000,000 the burdens of our government from the shoulders of the poor to the actual owners of its wealth. We did pass a tariff law without the president's signature that reduced the price of living \$140,000,000, equal to \$2 per capita for every man, woman and child in the Union.

"Now, take your pencil and see what we have done in the short space of two years, and then estimate what we might do with more time. Upon this record we can afford to ask the confidence of the people in spite of the differences in our ranks, and I confidently believe that whatever reform is sought by the people can be obtained in our party."

Jeff Davis' Old Home.

The old Jefferson Davis mansion is almost ready for its opening as a permanent museum for confederate relics. Within a few days the opening reception will begin and Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Miss Winnie Davis, will grace the occasion. Many distinguished ex-confederates will be present.

The house was known during the war as the "White House of the Confederacy." It was bought by the city for \$43,000 and was offered to Mr. Davis as a gift, but he declined to accept it as a gift, but consented to make it his residence during his lifetime. After it was given up by the military commander when he moved to Beauvoir, Miss., the city used it as a school house until it was donated for the museum.

A large sum of money has been expended in improving the structure, and it has been made fireproof. The house is just as it was in the days of the war. It is one of the oldest and handiest residences in Richmond, Va. The mantels, which were imported from Europe, are of Carrara marble, carved in carytides, supporting shells filled with flowers. It is a three-story house with a basement. A square porch, with tall pillars, fronts on Clay street, and in the rear, which opens into a large garden, is a portico which runs the length of the house. The portico is unusually wide, and is supported by large round columns reaching to the top of the second story. It was from the top of this porch that little Joe Davis, the president's eldest son, fell and was killed in the first year of the war.

It contains a large collection of relics. A room will be allotted to each state that belonged to the confederacy, and it will be expected to contribute to it. The museum to which Charles Broadway Rous of New York contributed \$100,000, may be combined with it, though that matter will be settled by the committee of the grand camp of confederate veterans appointed at Houston last spring.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

A young gentleman at church conceived a most sudden and violent passion for a young lady in the next pew, and felt desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot, but the place not suiting a formal declaration, the exigency suggested the following plan: He politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible, open, with a pin stuck in this text—second epistle of John, verse 5: "And now I beseech thee lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which had from the beginning, that we love one another." She returned it with the following—second chapter of Ruth, verse 10: "Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take notice of me, seeing I am a stranger?" He returned the book, pointing to verse 13 of the third epistle of John: "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with pen and ink, but I trust to come unto you to speak face to face." From the above interview the marriage took place the following week.

A printer doesn't go to a doctor when he is out of "sorts;" nor to a baker when he wants "pi;" nor to the wood pile when he wants a "stick;" nor to hell when he wants a "devil;" nor the bible when he wants a "rule;" nor to the gun shop when he wants a "shooting-stick;" nor to the furniture store when he wants "furniture;" nor to the bank when he wants "quoins;" nor to a lawyer when he has a "dirty case;" nor to a girl when he "goes to press;" nor to the butcher when he wants "phat;" nor to the pump for a drink when he has ten cents in his clothes.—Ex.

Joseph Deyo, of Denning, N. Y., claims to have been attacked by an army of hungry crows while at work in the woods, and says he was compelled to flee for his life.

Assistant Secretary of State Uhl has been appointed ambassador to Germany.

Address by the Committee.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 6.—The following address was issued to-night, signed by Chairman Dudley and a number of the members of the democratic state executive committee, Gov. Culberson, Judge Reagan, ex-Gov. Hogg, Chairman Blake and other supporters of free coinage:

To the democrats of Texas: We congratulate you upon the submission by the democratic state executive committee of the paramount issue in the approaching campaign to the highest tribunal of democracy, the people in their primaries. It now remains for them to express the sovereign judgment of the democratic party of Texas upon this momentous question. It is conceded that an overwhelming majority of the democrats of Texas earnestly favor a return to the currency system adopted by the framers of the government and the restoration of silver to its former position of equality with gold at the public mints at the present coinage ratio of 16 to 1. The remaining hope of those who have reluctantly agreed to refer this question to the arbitrament of the people is that through their negligence or indifference or the influence of insidious arts of designing persons the intent of the submission to secure a full expression of the will of the democratic party of Texas may be defeated. We appeal to every member of the party and to every citizen who is willing to accept the liberal invitation of national and state democratic executive committees to join in making the verdict of the democracy of Texas in favor of bimetalism so complete and emphatic that the advancing cause of financial reform may receive an impetus that will further be generally successful.

Barnett Gibbs has a regular "Sunday letter" in the Dallas news. The contributions are becoming as common as the illustrated "syndicate matter" with their illustrations, which appear in the Sunday issues of the big daily papers. Wonder if the "Trinity Canal" statesman has to pay a dollar a line for the publication of these Sunday contributions, as he said he used to do several years ago, when the News was bitterly opposed to him and his notions?—Terrell Times-Star.

A writer on the Cuban war and the destruction of sugar plantations, thereby cutting off the supply of sugar, estimates that it has been the cause of an increase in the price of sugar to American consumers to the extent of half a cent per pound, or amounting to a cost of \$22,500,000 a year to citizens of the United States in the increased price of sugar. It might cost the United States that much to end the war. It is claimed.

You will never be in good health and never do your best work if your feet are constantly cold. Grave diseases of the throat and lungs are caused by cold feet alone, and these troubles are always aggravated by a frigid condition of the lower extremities. If proper footwear does not give relief, consult a physician, for the chances are the system is "run down," and radical measures are necessary.

Fifteen years ago Maryland and Virginia furnished from the Chesapeake 17,000,000 of the 26,000,000 bushels of oysters eaten by the people of the United States. This year they will not furnish more than 5,000,000 bushels, and the largest oyster territory in the world diminishes in its productiveness each year.

A letter arrived at the Edgefield, S. C., postoffice last week addressed to "ex-General James Longstreet, ex-General of the ex-Confederate States of America, Edgefield District, South Carolina." It was from a postoffice in Illinois. General Longstreet was born in Edgefield District.

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The Professional Atheist.

In his famous lecture on "Humbugs," W. C. Brann says: "Perhaps the most aggressive fraud that infests the earth is the professional atheist—the man whose chief mental stock-in-trade consists of doubt and denial of revealed religion, so-called.

About the time a youngster feels an irresistible impulse to make a fool of himself whenever a female smiles upon him; when he's reached that critical stage in life's journey when he imagines that he knows much more than his father, he begins to doubt the religion of his mother; shrewdly asks his Sunday school teacher who made God; demonstrates, by the aid of natural history diagrams, that a large whale could in no wise swallow a small prophet—that if he did succeed in relegating him to its internal economy it were impossible for him to slobber around for three days and nights in the gastric juices without becoming much the worse for wear. He attempts to rip religion up by the roots and reform the world while you wait, but soon learns that he's got a government contract on hands,—that the man who can drive the Deity out of the hearts and homes of this land can make a fortune turning artesian wells inside out and peddling them for telegraph poles. You can't do it, son. Religion is the backbone of the body social. Sometimes it's as unbecoming as a boarding-house biscuit, and sometimes it's a bad quality of gutta-percha; but we couldn't get far without it. Most youths have to pass thro' a period of doubt and denial—catch the infidel humor just as they do the measles and mumps; but they eventually learn that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

There was never an atheistic book written; there was never an infidel argument penned that touched the core of any religion; Christian or Pagan Bibles, Korans, Zandeyastas—all sacred books—are but feeble efforts of finite man to interpret the infinite; to speak forth the unspoken; to reduce to intelligible human characters the flame-written hieroglyphics of the sky. Who made God? Suppose, Mr. Atheist, that I find thee with an intellect to understand it? How will you comprehend the genesis of a God when the wisest man for whom Christ died cannot tell why water runs down hill instead of up,—cannot understand the basic principle of the law of gravitation.

An atheist once solemnly assured me that he couldn't possibly believe anything which he couldn't prove; but when I asked him what led him to take such a lively interest in the welfare of his wife's children he became quite angry. Figure up how many things you can prove of those you believe, and you'll find that you have got to a credit business or go into intellectual bankruptcy.

It turns out that Lee Sellers, who was lynched ten years ago near Knoxville, Tenn., was innocent of the crime for which he was executed. Lizzie Hickman on her deathbed confessed that Ike Wright, a notorious character, was the real murderer, and he is now being pursued by officers. In the meantime leading citizens who assisted at the execution of Lee Sellers are contemplating their red hands and the dark spots upon their souls.—Dallas News.

Real Estate Agent—Yes, the air here is rare an' rich. Prospective Purchaser (as cyclone passes)—Where'd them cabbages come from?

Real Estate Agent—Oh, some feller's just throwed some seed in the air an' they've took root an' growed!—Judge.

Four prisoners escaped from the jail at Bunke, La., one day last week. Of the fugitives Geo. Johns and Henry Simmons had been convicted and sentenced to be hanged and the date of execution, Feb. 14, fixed by the governor. Callahan and Mitchell, the other two who escaped, were under indictment for murder.



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Deaf Mute Marriage.

A young man entered Justice Foster's court, in and close behind him came a blushing young woman. The visitor laid a marriage certificate before the justice and stood awaiting developments. The judge looked at him and smiled.

"You want to get married, do you?" he asked.

The young man made no reply. "Is this the young woman?" asked the court.

There was no response from the young man, but he drew a pad of paper from his pocket and wrote: "We are deaf and dumb."

"Oh," said Justice Foster, "that is different." Then he began to wonder how he would perform the ceremony. The certificate from the county clerk's office gave permission to Christian Larson and Allie Bathurst to wed, and all that was necessary was to learn whether they would promise to love, honor and obey. At length the court wrote on a piece of paper:

"Stand up and join your hands." The couple arose when Christian had read the message, and each took the other's hand. Then the court wrote the traditional question: "Christian Larson, do you take Allie Bathurst to be your lawful, wedded wife?"

When Christian read the paper he nodded his head energetically. Then it was Allie's turn, and she gave her assent to her side of the bargain. After that Justice Foster copied the marriage service on a piece of paper and gave it to the couple to read while he repeated the words of the form. Both smiled and nodded when he finished, and thereupon the court pronounced them man and wife. Christian turned to Allie and kissed her heartily, and then they went away.

"This is the only couple I ever married whom I am sure will lead a quiet married life," said his honor.—Chicago Chronicle.

Where is Dennis Kearney, the sandlot statesman of the Pacific slope? Where is Pennoyer, the boorish governor of Oregon? Where is Waite, who thirsted after blood, blood up to the bridge? They made quite a stir in their time, and have all sunk into oblivion. Nobody misses them and their billingsgate and buffoonery availed them nothing. It will be so with Senator Tillman after awhile.—Charleston News and Courier.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

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William H. English, nominee for the vice presidency on the Hancock ticket in 1880, died on the 7th instant of the grippe.

The Houston Age observes that to hear Paderevski play is a liberal musical education, in as much as it ought to teach some folks to keep away from the piano.

Boston has the largest per cent, 55, of the population, who are church members, and St. Louis the smallest per cent, 29, of any of the large cities of the United States.

We should be so far master of ourselves as not to permit the little inconveniences of life to destroy our joy and peace. Many a day has been made dark which would otherwise have been bright had it not been for such folly.

Dr. Deustrow, the millionaire murderer, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Union, Mo., and will likely hang. It is so seldom that a man with plenty of money gets justice in the criminal courts that this bit of news is really refreshing.

Fort Worth has captured two democratic conventions. A state nominating convention and a judicial convention to nominate candidates for supreme judge and judges of the courts of civil and criminal appeals will be held here on the 18th day of August, composed of separate delegates.

Barney Gibbs ought to pay the state and Dallas county the taxes he owes for the past ten years before he lets his ears fall so copiously for the "poor tax payer." The state is full of just such humbug reformers as Gibbs, and it is strange that the people will be gulled by them.—Baird Star.

Judge W. B. Plemons of Amario has announced his candidacy for congress from this district. The judge is well known in this section, is a staunch free silver man and will be known in the race. J. H. Calhoun of Eastland, Judge Bowman of Big Springs, and Judge D. A. Holman of Seymour are also in the race.

The democrats of Parker county have at last waked up to the necessity of throwing off populist rule, and they held a rousing meeting last week and passed a lot of resolutions that ought to rouse the most lethargic democrat to the necessity of going to work. Col. Sam Lanham was a prominent figure in the meeting.

Congressman Cockrell of this state and Catron of New Mexico were requested by citizens of El Paso to introduce and push the enactment of a law to prevent prize fighting in any of the territories of the United States. The bill was rushed through both houses of congress and signed by the president. The great fistic carnival is now being "pulled off," however, on a strip of neutral ground near El Paso.

Alber Tunison and James Callahan of Atlanta Ga., had a misunderstanding that led to blows. They were both drinking, and after being separated they agreed to adjourn to a bar and both drink equal portions of liquor until one or the other was dead. Tunison drank one and a half quarts and before medical attention arrived he died. Callahan drank an equal quantity, but physicians think he will recover.

We salute the Commercial Club of Dallas for its conception of the Semi-Centennial celebration, to be held at Dallas some time next year. There is no denying the fact Texas is lagging behind other states, inferior in every respect, in the matter of progress and enterprise. For its own good the state needs to be aroused, and no movement is better calculated to do that than the collecting together of the varied and wonderful resources of Texas, as suggested to the patriotic people of Texas in an address issued by the Commercial Club of Dallas. Such an exhibition would push Texas a quarter of a century ahead. This club has issued a call for a convention to formulate plans for a splendid enterprise.

The democratic state executive committee which met in Austin last week decided to leave the financial question to the voters of the state, who are to say at the primaries whether they are for or against the free coinage of both gold and silver. The primaries are ordered to be held throughout the state on the 6th day of June, 1896, and the voters shall at the same time vote for and elect their delegates to represent their respective counties in the democratic state conventions, and when elected they shall be the delegates from their respective counties to all democratic state conventions held in this state in 1896. There will be two state conventions held, one in the city of Austin on the 23rd day of June, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national democratic convention which convenes in Chicago on July 7th, and for the election of presidential electors. The other convention will be held in the city of Fort Worth on Tuesday the 18th day of August to nominate candidates for the various state offices.

The questions to be submitted to the voters at the primaries are complete; but some criticism has been made to the form to be used. Judge John H. Reagan has in this connection submitted the following for publication:

"Objection is being made by some persons to the form in which the state Democratic executive committee has submitted the questions to be voted on at the primary elections in June, for bimetalism or for a single gold standard. And it is urged that the committee should have submitted the questions in this way: 'For the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.' and 'Against the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.'"

I suggest with due respect, that the submission of the question in that form would have evaded the real issue. The free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without making it standard redeeming money and a lawful tender for all debts, would have left it as it is now, credit money only, to be measured and valued by the standard of gold, as to the conditions of coinage, and as a lawful tender for all debts.

In the method of submitting this question by the committee the voters of the state will be enabled to decide the real questions at issue, and no one will be deceived or cheated by a false representation of the question. The real questions at issue are shall silver be standard money like gold, shall it be a lawful tender like gold; will free coinage increase the volume of money; and will such a policy restore the values of property, give activity to business, and promote the prosperity of the people. The most important of these questions is as to whether gold alone or gold and silver shall be the monetary standard of this country.

I copy the language in which this issue is submitted by the state Democratic executive committee to the voters of Texas, so that it may be seen how completely and fairly they meet this issue as follows:

"For bimetalism. That is for the free coinage of both gold and silver into standard money without any discrimination against either metal or charges for mintage, upon the same terms and subject only to like limitations as to the right of coinage and legal tender qualities, at the ratio of 16 to 1."

And, "Against bimetalism, and for the single gold standard. That is against the free coinage of silver into standard money without discriminating against it or charge for mintage, upon the same terms and subject only to like limitations as to the right of coinage and legal tender qualities as is given at the ratio of 16 to 1."

A vote of the people on the question thus presented will be a full and fair expression of their judgment on the real question at issue; and will leave no question on the subject open for future contention. While the voting on the question alone as to whether we shall have the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 would leave unsettled the question as to what shall be standard money and legal tender. And practically nothing would be settled by submitting the question in that form."

Attorney General Crane has instituted suit against the Waters-Pierce Oil company and six local agents for violating the anti-trust-law of Texas. The state prays for an injunction to prevent the company from doing business in this state and asks for a forfeiture of its chartered rights.

Congressman Crain is Dead.

Washington, Feb. 10.—W. H. Crain died this morning. The first information of his death was received at the capitol about 9 o'clock. The flag was at once lowered to half mast. His death came as a shock and surprise to his associates. On Friday he was in the house suffering from a very bad cold. He went to his rooms, went to bed and never left it alive. The cold developed into pneumonia and despite the best of medical attention and careful nursing he sank rapidly until the end came at 5 o'clock this morning.

Immediately after the news of the sad event the Texas delegation met and made the necessary arrangements for the funeral. Gov. Sayers was deputed to prepare and present to the house the usual resolutions of regret on the death of a member. This he did and immediately after the reading of the journal he sent it up to the desk to be read.

Mr. Reed put the resolution and the members voted for it in the subdued tones of those who stand in the presence of death. It was only 12:45 when the house adjourned after a quarter of an hour's session out of respect for the dead.

Considerable excitement exists at Las Cruces, New Mexico, over the mysterious disappearance of Col. A. J. Fountain, attorney for the New Mexican cattle association, whom it is feared has with his son, been murdered by a band of cattle thieves who infest the country about the Jarilla mountains. Col. Fountain and son made a trip to Lincoln, where he had some cases in court, and were heard of enroute back, only by a stage driver's report that the buckboard conveyance was trailed toward the fastnesses—the rendezvous of the thieves, who were met heavily armed and mounted, and suspected by the stage driver, not far from where Fountain was last seen.

When Marion Martin turned pop the reformers had a dead thim on state government. When Buck Walton and Jim Davis, Marion Martin, Buck Walton and Jerome Kirby the righteous reformers couldn't make themselves felt in state politics they may not hope to be more successful with the aid of Barney Gibbs, who wants something that looks like pie for coming over to help the Lord against the mighty in the year 1896. Rate—Colorado Times.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION begins the New Year with several noteworthy changes, which include the use of larger-faced type, the addition of departments devoted to Current Events and Scientific Items and the enlargement and extended scope of the Editorial department.

The character of THE COMPANION is, and will be, unchanged. Three generations of young people have approved it. Three generations of American parents have learned to trust it. Its ability to entertain its readers of all ages will be maintained and promoted by the same enterprise and thoughtful care that have governed its columns during the many years in which it has sought the confidence and the favor of the public.

There is a clear indication of the advance in the temperance sentiment in the fact that so many corporations are refusing to employ men who have contracted the habit of drinking. They have found out that men who drink cannot be trusted as total abstainers.

Marvelous Results.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primaries.) For Tax Assessor, JOHN C. CASBURN, J. W. CORNELIUS.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

St. Valentine's day. More rain and more mud. Sow your cabbage seed to-day. Preparations for gardening have begun in earnest.

J. N. Bellamy of KZville has been quite sick this week. The outlook is encouraging for an abundant crop of wheat. E. H. Wade is confined to his room with an attack of pleurisy.

Farmers are busy sowing oats and getting ready to plant corn. W. I. Tidwell has returned from a business trip to Johnson county. The courts have attracted an unusual number of people to town this week.

Mr. Cyrus is still seriously ill at the residence of his brother-in-law, Jno. M. Wyatt. Several strangers have been here this week seeking up the best country town in Texas.

Joe Graham of Midland is attending court and visiting relatives and friends in this county. "I am cured since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla," is what many thousands are saying. It gives renewed vitality and vigor.

H. M. Ford returned from a business trip to Weatherford in time to be sworn in as a grand juror. Attorney Stewart of Fort Worth has been in the city this week in attendance upon district court.

Dr. Scogin left Wednesday on a business trip to Fort Worth.

A. R. McDonald has been absent in the country for several days on business. It is said by farmers that the acreage in cotton in Young county will be greater this year than last year.

Prof. J. N. Johnston has been very sick with pneumonia for the past ten days but is now considered out of danger and his speedy recovery is looked for. Eld. Ira Adams has improved the appearance of his home in the east part of town by putting out shade trees, shrubbery, etc. Let others do likewise.

Henry Schlittler drove the stage to Mineral Wells and back on one trip this week. Henry had been having a rest and concluded to let "the old man" rest one trip. Hon. C. O. Joline, mayor of Wichita Falls, has been in town this week greeting old friends and attending district court.

His Honor, "Jo" or "Charley" is always at home in Young county. Services at Christian church Sunday and Sunday night. Subject for morning hour: "The Great Physician;" evening hour: "Purity of Heart." All are invited.

IRA ADAMS. S. M. Stringer of True has been in town this week serving his country as a juror and paid THE LEADER an appreciative visit. Mr. Stringer says a Sunday school was organized at True last Sunday with an enrollment of 59 persons. D. P. Still was elected superintendent and the school starts off with a flattering prospect of a rapid growth.

Two small pastures to lease, call on C. P. BENSON, office in Court House.

C. W. Johnson has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went to interview the judiciary committee of the house and forestall the removal of the federal court from Graham. It is gratifying to state that Mr. Johnson's mission to the national capitol was a successful one and that there is no immediate danger of the court being removed.

Before buying land call on C. P. BENSON and get prices direct from the owners. J. W. Cornelius announces in this issue of THE LEADER that he is a candidate for

tax assessor. He is an old citizen and has been in the county for many years. He is known as a man of sterling integrity. His qualifications for making an A 1 assessor cannot be doubted and his friends are sanguine of his election.

There seems to be a general air of improvement predominating in this county, which is commendable. Many of our citizens are putting out shade trees, shrubbery, etc., and otherwise beautifying their homes. Graham's natural environments are all that could be asked for, and with the care and forethought now being exercised by those making permanent improvements, its reputation as the prettiest town in Texas will be maintained.

Capt. A. T. Gay, chairman of the democratic executive committee of Young county, will call his committee together within a few days and fix the time for holding the primaries for the nomination of county officers. Capt. Gay has been so busy in the district court this week that he has not had time to attend to it, but thinks the primaries should be held on the 6th of June, the date fixed by the state executive committee.

Flower Seeds—a large collection—all kinds. Call early and make your selection. D. R. AKIN & Co.

The announcement of John C. Casburn as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Young county will be found to-day's paper. Mr. Casburn came to Graham in August, 1878, and has been a steady, progressive citizen since that time. He is well known as a deserving, upright man, possessing every qualification for the efficient discharge of the duties of the office to which he aspires. He is in the race to win and to win solely upon his merits, and the voters are requested to consider his claims carefully before casting their ballots at the democratic primaries.

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The Courts.

DISTRICT COURT. District court convened Monday morning, Judge Miller presiding, and all officers of the court in their respective places. The grand jury, composed of the following named gentlemen, was impaneled and received a forcible and exhaustive charge from His Honor:

J. M. Keen, foreman; J. S. Timmons, S. H. James, H. M. Ford, J. S. McCann, P. P. Cady, I. B. Padgett, J. M. McCluskey, S. A. Daws, Geo. McComas, C. Surginer and F. W. Knight. The following cases have been disposed of:

State of Texas vs. Sam Brogren, theft of horse; verdict not guilty. Wells Thompson vs. J. T. Slade, suit to try title; judgment for plaintiff for land in controversy. House of Mercy vs. S. G. Davidson, suit to try title; judgment for plaintiff.

H. H. Anthony vs. Mary Anthony, divorce; judgment for plaintiff. Texas Loan Agency vs. W. W. Slack, suit to try title; jury out. State of Texas vs. M. Sandaboe, theft of horse; on trial. The grand will adjourn to-day. Seven bills of indictment have been returned—six for felony and one for misdemeanor.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT. Commissioners' court convened Monday morning and has been grinding steadily on county affairs all the week.

About the first work done was to size up a mammoth petition asking them to order an election to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors and medicated nitters should be prohibited in Young county. The election was ordered to be held on Saturday, March 7th—three weeks from to-morrow.

Elias Putman, being physically unable to make a support, was allowed \$5 a month for three months. The treasurer's quarterly report was approved.

Three new voting precincts were established: True, No. 13; Spring Creek, No. 14; Lacy, No. 15. O. E. Finlay was appointed presiding officer of elections for precinct No. 1, in place of W. C. Beckham, deceased. A number of accounts were allowed and ordered paid.

The court is now engaged on road work and will probably adjourn to-day. There are Christmas parties being given by some of our citizens on the creek and elsewhere there a few days.

Chief thought he'd better dispose of it, as the grand jury would soon be in session. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keen and their little daughter L'onie went to Olney Saturday to visit friends.

Clarence Keen was trying to see if some powder would burn, a few days ago, and has come to the conclusion that it will, as he has been going without "eye winkers" since. Luther Davis went to Profit on business last Friday and returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shumaker of Graham came up on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farmer last Sunday. Miss Lee Blakey visited her parents at Lacy last Saturday and Sunday.

A vigorous effort is being made to arouse the Epworth league and get it to work at Farmet. Miss Peery of our village is visiting relatives at Graham this week. Mr. and Mrs. N. Gegg paid Graham a visit last Monday.

Mr. S. Tanner, a relative of T. J. Lamons, is visiting in Farmet. Rumors of a new stock of hardware are flying around Farmet lately. Don't know anything of the facts, however.

S. M. Wann, the indefatigable defender of the present democratic administration, is having a new well bored on his farm. Charley Keen went to Graham Monday on business. Walter Hefner, who has been attending school here for some time, visited his parents in Stephens county last week. S. W. P.

NOTICE. The Board of Medical Examiners for the 20th senatorial district of Texas will convene in the city of Henrietta, Texas, on Tuesday, March 10th, 1896, for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it. O. J. KENDALL, Board of G. F. LEBRAND, Medical. C. M. MAYNE, Examiners. February 7, 1896. A. T. GAY, M. D. ESTATE NOTICE. REPORTED BY J. T. HUNT, Commissioner or Precinct No. 5, and left with Thos. Wells, one light bay mare, about 14 hands high, 8 years old, branded A R on left thigh, saddle marks, scar on left shoulder and side. Feb. 18th, 1896. A. T. GAY, M. D. By CHAS. GAY, Deputy.

Prohibition in Jack County.

Hon. D. B. Gilliland of Jackboro, being in attendance on our district court this week, was interviewed by a LEADER reporter on the prohibition question as follows: "How is prohibition enforced in Jack county; in other words, does prohibition prohibit in your county?" asked the reporter.

"Prohibition is enforced in Jack county," replied Mr. Gilliland. "Many anti-prohibitionists are forced to admit this. Prohibition is enforced because its results are satisfactory and promotive of the public peace and quiet; and further because our county officers are honest and faithful and are sustained by a good, strong and healthy public sentiment."

"Has the passing of prohibition in Jack county materially affected the trade of our merchants or the growth of your town? If so, for the better or for the worse?" "To say the least of it, the trade of our merchants has not been curtailed nor the growth of Jackboro retarded, because of prohibition. The increase in the number of business houses and in the erection of new residences has been and is as great and in about the same proportion as before. The law was adopted for the whole county about six months ago."

"It is charged by a certain writer in our paper that, citizens of Jack county quit trading at Jackboro, hauled their cotton to Graham or to Bowie because of prohibition at Jackboro and that the town is dead. How about it?" "Jackboro is as live, active and progressive as ever. Since the adoption of the law there has not been a business failure in the town; there has been an increase of at least one new business house; an increase in number of new residences, and there are but very few vacant business or residence houses. Considering the short cotton crop the sale of cotton to our merchants and business men was as great as in former years."

"What effect do you think your local opinion has had upon your schools at Jackboro?" "It has a good effect on our schools. Speaking within bounds, Jackboro is now the most sober, quiet, orderly and peaceable town of its population I ever saw or have ever known. The direct evils and temptations of the liquor traffic are removed and fathers and mothers of Young and other counties having sons to educate can now send them to Jackboro assured that the door of no saloon stands open to their sons, and no back way or entrance to a "blind tiger" will be found for them or by them."

Facts From Farmer.

Our village is not dead yet, nor are we sleeping but about one-half the time. Eld. Hilliard preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. There was never an atheist looking a location.

Miss Elsie Whittenburg's school closed last week. Wolf chasing is the order of the day, the boys having caught two recently. They ran one in a cellar on C. C. Cunningham's place, and after procuring a light, about a half dozen hounds and as many men, a charge was made. John Young, with an axe in hand, led the advance. John says "we killed it, but Joe King got the spoils."

J. A. Keith has an abundance of water now. He went to the depth of 110 feet, but has 60 feet of water. "Aunt Lina" Cox is having a well dug on her place. A. SWITHIN.

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Eliasville Echoes.

The wheat-fields are exquisite. To stand on the hill at the school house and look upon the valley of the Clear Fork as it spreads itself more than half round you, with its blocks of matted wheat and streaks of newly plowed soil, the landscape is such as to cause the rural lord to pose in his dignity and bless the fate that made him a rusty nester.

The contract to fill up the canon on Belknap street, between the main part of the city and Riverside, has been let to Long Bros., contractors and builders. Mr. Starret's dwelling is nearing completion.

Dr. McClellan, who has been visiting his old class-mate, Dr. Luke Price, for several days, has decided to locate at Profititt, and will move up in a few days. Mrs. Smith, who is visiting at South Bend and who is an old acquaintance of Jerry Stinson's ma, spent last week with the latter at Eliasville. The tales they tell about what they were used to when they were girls before the war, sound mighty thin these hard times.

Undie Girand passed through Eliasville last Saturday on a "business" trip to the Buckhead ranche in Stephens county. Dr. Price lost one of his buggy horses a few days ago. This is the third horse he has lost within the last eighteen months.

Our school is all that we could ask. Luther Coon died on the 5th inst. He had lived in the Eliasville district for several years and was known and liked by all of us. For the last year he had been living in Huffstutle community, where he leaves a wife and babe to mourn his loss.

A. D. Billingsley has been on the sick list for several days. Lacy Locals. "Uncle Sam" Whittenburg and "Aunt Alsie" Hawkins have been on the sick list. Hugh Cox of Cicco visited his folks last week.

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South Bend Budget.

News, news, news! It's enough to give a writer the blues. Nobody married, nobody dead; nobody broken an arm or a head. Nobody thumped within an inch of his life; nobody run off with another man's wife.

W. A. Morris, J. M. McCluskey and Martin McBrayer are courting this week. Mr. McCluskey on the grand jury and Messrs. Morris and McBrayer on the petit jury. John Scott is nursing another pet. This time it is on his neck. A very liberal missionary collection was taken up here last Sunday. Messrs. Looman and Irvin made a trip to Ranger this week.

Plowing is going on in this section with a double quick movement. Mrs. Mattie Harrell has been confined to her bed for a week with a disease known as "sun pains." She is better at the present writing. South Bend will do her "bestest" in the way of hospitality to the Institute Saturday. Don't fail to be with us.

Some emigrants passed through here last week who intended to stop in Young county, but upon learning that it was taught in the schools here that "the world turned upside down every twenty-four hours," they passed on, claiming that they didn't believe they could "stick on it when it got over sideways." Arkansas! Arkansas!!

A petition to pardon young Kirby, who was sent to the penitentiary from this county last summer, has been sent here for signatures. It will be remembered he was sent for perjury. Mr. Editor, as little as some people are inclined to believe it, it is said to be a fact that there is but one editor in heaven. How he passed through the "pearly gates" is unknown, but it is supposed that he passed a base deception on St. Peter. When the deception was discovered, it is stated on the authority of the "oldest inhabitant," that all the streets of the new Jerusalem were searched for a lawyer to draw up papers of ejection, but as one could not be found in the "starry realms" the editor is still there. GEE A. GEE.

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True Tidbits.

Still we have rain and if it keeps on we will have a good season in the ground. Messrs. Crawford and Cordell went to Bowie last week, the former after goods and the latter after lumber to build him house. They had a muddy trip.

Mr. Dick Holley gave a dance last Friday night and the occasion was enjoyed by all who attended. Our school is progressing nicely and the attendance has increased since the free school commenced. Walter Terrell is in school again, having recovered from his injury ceived in wrestling. His experience should be a lesson to other boys.

Mr. A. J. Chandler is in town this week getting ready for plowing by having his implements repaired. Mr. Paul Seaman has been quite sick, but is now almost well again. Mr. C. E. Robinson of Graham has purchased 100 acres of land from Mr. Leffel and is now making his home here.

A large crowd attended singing exercises at the school house last Sunday afternoon and an enjoyable time was had. Eld. Lindsey preached to an appreciative congregation last Sunday. The house was filled with people and there were some who could not find standing room, which is a reminder that the house should be enlarged. B. N. L.

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In no book on modern dueling have I been able to find even a suggestion of one of the best stories on this subject that I ever heard. Accounts for this are two facts—the incident had its occurrence many years ago and the scene of it was in a place that, even in this day of railroads, is not overly accessible. I was waiting for a stage in one of the back settlements in one of the mountain counties of Arkansas one day last summer, when one of the old settlers of the community addressed me: "I see in a Little Rock paper that you'd found diamonds in Africa."

The Liquor Business.

In a life so full of blasphemy as that of Bob Ingersoll there ought to be some gleam of brightness. The following words are given in the Chicago Tribune as his, though we confess a serious doubt in the matter. It is an alleged address to a jury: "I am aware that there is a prejudice against any man who manufactures alcohol. I believe that from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm in the distillery until it enters the jaws of death, dishonor and crime, it demoralizes everybody that touches it from its source to where it ends. I do not believe anybody can contemplate the object without being prejudiced against the liquor crime. "All we have to do, gentlemen, is to think of the wrecks on either bank of the stream of death, of the suicides, of the insanity, of the ignorance, of the destitution, of the little children tugging at the faded and withered breasts of weeping and despairing mothers, or wives as king for bread, of the men of genius it has wrecked, the men struggling with imaginary serpents, produced by the devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisoners of the scaffold upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against this damning stuff called alcohol. Intemperance cuts down youth in its strength, old age in its weakness. It breaks the fathers heart, bereaves the doting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hopes, brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows; children orphans; fathers fiends; and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, invites cholera, imports pestilence and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, misery, crime. It fills your jails, supplies almshouses and overruns your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries and furnishes victims for your scaffolds. It is the fire blood of the gambler, the lifeblood of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and support of the incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences fraud and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife and child to grind the paricalid ax. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life, curses God, despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury box and stains judicial ermine. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; misery, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness; and with the malevolence of a fiend it calmly surveys its frightful desolation and unsated havoc. It poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation and wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. It does all this and more. It murders the soul. It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."

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