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PROCLAMATION.
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, The Twenty-fifth Legislature, at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint Resolutions, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this State, to-wit:

Joint Resolution to amend Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 30, as follows:

Section 30. In addition to the powers of taxation granted in the foregoing sections, it shall be lawful for the land owners of certain portions of Texas, as hereinafter provided, to organize within that section of Texas which lies west, northwest and southwest of the following counties, viz: Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Coryell, Bell, Williamson, Travis, Blanco, Gillespie, Comal, Caldwell, Gonzales, DeWitt, Goliad, Victoria, and Calhoun irrigation districts without regard to county lines. In making provision for the cost of construction of irrigation works within said territory it shall be lawful to create an indebtedness of not exceeding fifteen dollars per acre to rest as a charge on and be secured by a lien on the irrigable land for the use and benefit of which said irrigation works have been or may be constructed. Within the term, cost of construction, shall be included the cost of riparian rights, dam sites and reservoirs, rights of way for canal, and interests and other appurtenant charges and expenses of the construction of irrigation works. In case of destruction of the works, or any part thereof, the repair or rebuilding of the same shall be construed to be within the meaning of construction. To cover the cost of construction as above defined, bonds may be issued by stock irrigation districts to run in time for ten years or less and to bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent per annum, interest payable annually, which bonds shall be sold at not less than par. The bonds shall be liquidated by the levy and collection of a tax upon the irrigable lands within such irrigation districts susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed. Such land shall be taxed in proportion to acreage and not in proportion to its value. An annual tax shall be levied and collected on such irrigable lands sufficient to pay the interest of said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to liquidate the bonds above mentioned. In addition to the tax above provided for, there shall be an annually levied and collected a sufficient tax from the lands actually receiving the water for irrigation of a sufficient amount to cover the ordinary cost of the maintenance of the irrigation works, the distribution of the water and appurtenant charges and the collection of said tax. This charge shall be upon a basis of the amount of water distributed for provided, that this shall not interfere with the right of any land owner to demand his proportionate part of the water on

the basis of acreage. The taxes above provided for shall, when assessed, be secured by lien on the land as now provided by general law for the security of state taxes, and when delinquent, shall be enforced as now provided by general law for the collection of delinquent state taxes, but the lien securing the same shall be subordinate to the lien securing the payment of State, county and municipal taxes. None of the foregoing provisions of this amendment shall be construed to give authority to create a lien on or tax in any manner any lands so long as they shall belong to the State; nor after sale thereof shall any charge ever be created thereon which shall take precedence over the lien securing the balance of the purchase money due the state. The indebtedness for the construction of irrigation works authorized under the provisions of this amendment shall be created only upon a vote of a majority of the land owners resident in the district proposed to be organized and whose lands are susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed by the system of irrigation works proposed by the laws of Texas, being such owners of rural lands, within such districts, shall have the right to vote as aforesaid.

Any natural or artificial person having an interest in any of the irrigable lands in any such irrigation district shall have the right at any time within sixty days after the vote authorized has been declared, and not thereafter, to file a proceeding in any court having jurisdiction to test the validity of the formation of said district, the classification of the lands as irrigable lands, or other details thereof. Such proceedings shall have precedence through all the courts as now provided by law in quo warrantu suits.

Irrigation districts organized under the provisions of this amendment are hereby declared to be bodies corporate, and in the name of the districts they shall have the right to sue and be sued, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings as now authorized by law in the case of irrigation corporations all the property necessary for its organization, operation and extension, and may buy in under foreclosure of its taxes any property, but the property bought in at tax sales shall be held and disposed of as hereafter provided by law.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this amendment shall be passed upon and certified to by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, as now required by law in the case of county audit bonds. When approved by the Attorney General said bonds shall be registered by the Comptroller of the State, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds, and when so registered shall be entitled to all the faith and confidence now prescribed by law in the case of county and city bonds.

To the end that this amendment may be put into immediate operation upon its adoption by the people, it is provided that until otherwise provided by law the Governor of the State, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Attorney General of the State, are hereby created a board and vested with complete power and authority to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to put into immediate practical operation this amendment to the Constitution and that may be necessary to enable irrigation districts to organize and operate under the provisions of this amendment. And to that end, until otherwise provided by law, said board shall have the power and authority in making said rules as complete as the Legislature of the State of Texas now have to enact laws. The rules, when adopted by said board, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and when so filed shall remain in full force and effect until changed or modified by some other act of the said board or until the same are changed by the Secretary of State, or until the same are changed by general law. Said rules shall be printed under the direction of the Secretary of State, and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to any one demanding the same upon the payment of such fees as said board may prescribe.

The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amending Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas, as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amending Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas, as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas."

Approved Mar 13, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railroads.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. No county, city, or other municipal corporation shall hereafter become a subscriber to the capital of any corporation or association, or make any appropriation or donation to the same, or in anywise loan its credit, except as hereinafter provided.

It shall be lawful for any county in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines, also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid, by and through its commissioners court, by the issue of bonds of such county, or other evidences of indebtedness, in the construction of standard gauge railway or railways into, through or across any such county, when, by a vote of a majority of the qualified

voters of any such county voting at an election held for that purpose such aid is authorized; provided, however, that no such aid is hereinafter authorized and provided for shall ever be given or paid to any railroad company, or in aid of any such railway construction, except in proportion to and for such railway or part thereof as shall have been completely constructed and equipped within any such county. And special authority and power is hereby given the commissioners court of any county within the territory herein prescribed, wherein such aid may be authorized, to levy and collect an annual tax in addition to any other tax authorized by this Constitution upon all property in such county subject to taxation, to pay interest on and to create a sinking fund to meet said bonds or other indebtedness created for such purpose; provided, that the aggregate of such tax, in any county, shall never in any one year exceed two per centum upon the assessed valuation of the property in such county.

Full power is hereby given to said commissioners court of any such county, and it is hereby made its duty, at once, upon the petition thereof of not less than one hundred (100) qualified voters of any such county, to at any time order and in all things provide for and regulate such election, and the holding, returns and determination of the same and prescribe the form of the ballot to be used.

All bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any such county, under the provisions of this section, shall, before being delivered, negotiated or floated, be approved by the Attorney General of this State, and thereupon the Comptroller of this State shall register the same and endorse the fact of such registry upon said bonds or evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For the amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River, also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads, by the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county;" and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River; also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads, by the issuance of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county."

Passed April 2 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto section 11.

Whereas, the laws of the State of Texas authorize the several counties in this State, through their Commissioners court, to issue bonds for the erection of court houses and jails, and the construction and purchase of bridges, and

Whereas, the statutes of the State of Texas authorize the Board of Education of said State to invest the permanent school fund thereof in bonds issued for the purposes aforesaid by the said counties, and

Whereas, the Board of Education of this State, in pursuance of said statutory authority, has purchased as an investment for the permanent school fund of the State of Texas, bonds approximating three million dollars, and

Whereas, the Constitution of the State of Texas provides that no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner for any city or county, unless provision is made at the time of its creation for the levying and collection of a sufficient tax to pay the interest thereon, and provide at least two per cent as a sinking fund, and

Whereas, it is believed that some of the bonds so purchased by the State Board of Education as an investment for the permanent school fund were not issued in conformity with that provision of the Constitution, and it is doubtful whether provision was made at the time of the attempted creation of said debt,

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evidenced by said bonds, for the levy of a tax to secure the payment of interest and the creation of a sinking fund; and that some of said bonds may therefore be held invalid by the courts:

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto the following, which shall be denominated "Section 11."

Section 11. That all bonds heretofore issued by the several counties of Texas for the purpose of the erection of court houses and jails, and for the purchase or construction of bridges, and that have been purchased by the proper authorities of the State of Texas as an investment for the permanent school fund of said State, and that at the time of the creation of said debt evidenced by said bonds, the provision for the levy of a tax for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund was not made, shall not be for that reason held to be invalid; but said bonds are hereby validated, and are hereby made valid debts against the several counties by which they were issued.

Be it further resolved, that this amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund," and all voters opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund."

And that the Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Approved April 22, 1897.

And whereas, the State Constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendments once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election;

And whereas, each of said Joint Resolutions requires the Governor to issue his proclamation ordering an election for the submission of said Joint Resolutions to the qualified electors of the State for their adoption or rejection on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1897, which will be the 3rd day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering that an election required by said Joint Resolu-

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elections be held on the day designated therein, to-wit: on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August, A. D. 1897, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this State, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the [L. S.] Seal of State to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:
J. W. MADDEN,
Secretary of State.



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LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. T. L. Marr has sold his sheep.
—Pure Louisiana sugar house molasses at S. L. Robertson's.
—Mr. Oscar Martin returned the first of the week from Austin.
—Always something good to eat at S. L. Robertson's.
—The two pictures of Tom Carney in the Free Press this week are immense.

—We have a few cotton seed and peanuts for those wanting seed.
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—Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Carney spent a few days out at their ranch this week.

—Just received at J. F. Collins & Son's, Albany, Texas, a large lot of poultry netting, prices low down.

—Dr. Gilbert reports a fine boy baby at Mr. Jas. Smith's on last Sunday.

—Mr. W. C. Jones and daughter returned on Tuesday from their visit to Stephens county.

—IF YOU HAVE CASH TO PAY FOR GOODS GO TO S. L. ROBERTSON'S.

—The joint Sunday school picnic will come off on schedule (May 4) near Mr. Keister's place on Mule creek.

—As for you men and boys: On pants, shirts, boots and shoes, J. B. Stetson hats, neck ties, bows, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs and both riding and work gloves, we can suit you in all you wish, and especially in PRICES. T. G. CARNEY & CO.

—Miss Tressa Carney of Hillsboro is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Lee Kirby, at this place and may spend the summer here.

—S. L. Robertson is still selling everything low for cash.

—Dr. Lindsey says that precinct No. 3 has a deputy county commissioner. In other words, a son arrived at the home of Mr. T. E. Ballard on last Saturday.

—We can please any one on shoes, slippers, New Port ties, sandals, opera slippers, etc., in any color of tans, cherries, ox-blood, etc., also hose to match. Prices cut no figure with us—come get the goods.
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—Rev. Jas. Woods of Knox county with his daughters were visiting and trading in Haskell Thursday. He says the rain extended into Knox county and that the crop prospect there is very bright.

—Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug Store. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed.
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—Messrs H. G. McConnell, C. D. Long, W. F. Rupe and M. L. Moody, with their families, left Monday for Clear Fork on a fishing expedition. They are all Methodists but if it rained as hard Tuesday where they were as it did at town we think they are now fully immersed Baptists.

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—"The world renowned Goshawn, mind reader," gave Haskell people an opportunity to witness his remarkable and mysterious performances this week. There were many doubting Thomases before he gave his performance, but few, if any, afterward. The editor of this paper participated in some of his tests and was fully convinced of his ability to, in some, way interpret the unspoken thoughts of others. Lack of space this week prevents us from giving a detailed description of his performances.

—We are still giving away ladies and misses hats. We have given away over a hundred, have about 150 left. If you would like one of these come and get it with trimming to match free. These are left over stock, but many of them can be made to look quite nice—we do it free of charge.
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—Capt. J. L. Brittain and son, P. C. Brittain, of Georgetown, relatives of our townsman S. W. Scott, Esq., are visiting here this week. Capt. Brittain is interested in the horse business with Mr. Scott and Mr. P. C. Brittain is city tax assessor and collector at Georgetown.

—Our stock of embroidery and insertion is full of the latest styles and prettiest designs—the prices are all right.
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—Capt. W. W. Fields, Mr. S. L. Robertson and others of our citizens who are ex Confederate veterans, are considering the feasibility of starting a movement looking to the holding of a veterans' reunion here the coming summer. The central location of Haskell to this section of West Texas, its superabundance of pure water and various other reasons which we have not space to mention this week, admirably fit this place for such a gathering. It would also be of considerable benefit to the town in several ways. We hope to see the matter take definite and practical shape.

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—We had a nice shower last Sunday and on Tuesday afternoon one of the heaviest rains that has fallen here in a long while. From what we can learn, the rain was of wide extent, though not so heavy beyond a few miles northward as it was here. A heavy fall of small hail covering a strip two to three miles wide accompanied the rain, being about central over the town, and played havoc with tender garden truck and damaged fruit to some extent. A few fields of cotton just up were also damaged, probably necessitating replanting. Wheat, oats, etc. were not damaged and a fine yield of these are now assured, barring a destructive storm.

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Notice.

There will be no preaching service Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church, but League at 4, and preaching at 8 p. m. The Sunday 11 o'clock hour will be occupied at Vernon school house. M. L. Moody.

To the Lovers of Music.

Prof. J. H. Edmonds will be in Haskell Monday night, May the 3rd, and will give a singing at the Baptist church with a view of organizing a singing class. Prof. Edmonds is a splendid teacher and one of the best singers in the state. Everybody is invited to come out and hear him.

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MR. GEO. E. WEBB, of San Angelo, wrote to Geo. J. Gould of the Texas & Pacific R'y. asking him if certain inducements would be considered by that company, to build a line from Abilene to San Angelo, and Mr. Gould replied that it is absolutely impossible to get any capital to go into railroads, now. It is understood that the Katy is about to absorb the line from Wichita to Seymour, and it seems to us that Abilene and San Angelo ought to appoint a joint committee to inquire into the practicability of securing an extension from Seymour. This connection would give both towns interested a competing line. San Angelo would much rather pay a hundred thousand for such a connection than half that amount for an extension of her present line, we think—Abilene Reporter.

We believe that the line suggested in above item, with an ultimate extension to Snyder Junction, where it will connect with the S. P. and the Mexican road, would soon be one of the best paying roads in Texas. Haskell and Anson can be depended upon to render substantial aid to this enterprise.

What Say You?

During the past week we have mentioned to a number of our citizens the subject of getting up an exhibit of the products of Haskell county to be placed in the Dallas fair next October, and almost without exception they have endorsed the idea and expressed the opinion that it was a most favorable time to carry it out. It will cost but little money to do it, and that it will be productive of paying results to our county at large we have no sort of doubt. Thousands of people no farther away from us than Eastern Texas are possessed of the idea that this section of the state produces little else than prairie dogs, horned frogs, tarantulas and long horned cattle. Many of them have from time to time read better things of our country, but they have not believed them nor been sufficiently impressed to come and see. If, however, we show to the thousands who will visit the fair at Dallas this fall as fine specimens of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, rye, millet, sorghum, Kaffir corn, various kinds of vegetables, fruits and berries, etc., as come from their own communities or elsewhere, it will do more toward carrying conviction to their minds and inducing them to come out and make a personal investigation than all the articles we could write and print in the newspapers in a year, for "seeing is believing, and feeling is the naked truth." They couldn't help believing after they had run their fingers through our plump grains of corn, wheat and oats and felt the weight of our melons, pumpkins, squashes, beets, etc.

Now if we want this thing we must get together and say 'yea' and every man agree to do his part. It will be necessary to have an active, intelligent committee to select, preserve and arrange the various specimens as they come in all during the spring and summer. Think the matter over, and, if you say so, we will publish a call next week for a mass meeting to take action on it.

THE Review of Reviews for May devotes its entire department of "Current History in Caricature" to the reproduction of cartoons illustrating various phases of the Turkish question.

TWO LIVES SAVED.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at A. P. McLemore's Drugstore. Regular size bottles 50

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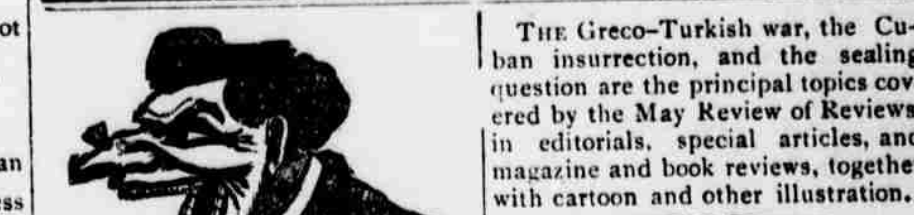
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Weyler's Last Card.

New York, April 23.—A letter to the World from Havana, dated April 14, says:
Gen. Weyler has put down his last card here and lost. His commission has reported to him that Gen. Gomez will not receive it. The members are Senors Marcos Garcia of Sancti Spiritus, Sportuno of Trinidad and Fernandez of Cienfuegos.
They sought to carry to the rebel chieftain a message that if he would end the war Spain would grant the most perfect autonomy to Cuba under the safest guarantees.
Gen. Gomez sent word that they could not enter his camp; his sole exchange for peace was liberty and independence.
Weyler went to Jucaro, returning at 5 a. m. He refused to go in the cars to Sancti Spiritus, but went on horseback, guarded by 1100 men. As he passed along he withdrew soldiers from the forts protecting the railroad. Soldiers overcome by the heat or dead were left on the road.
Weyler crossed the road at the exact spot where Quintin Bandera had crossed the day before.
Bandera crossed the trocha and now is in Puerto Principe.
Signs that Spain is hard pushed are becoming more and more manifest.
The troops guarding important railways are being withdrawn, and the garrisons of the interior towns and cities are being reduced.
Soldiers by hundreds are leaving for Spain by every steamer. Their places are taken by forces transferred from the country. Thus the interior is being rapidly abandoned, the seaports more strongly protected and a considerable number of troops sent back home.
All these are moves in the desperate game Spain is now forced to play. She must have more money and to raise a loan is impossible as long as the war in Cuba continues.
Gen. Weyler therefore is getting ready to declare the island pacified. As proof it will be announced that there no longer is use for so large an army.
The rebels are active in every province. They never were more powerful.

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ALL WHO REMEMBER MR. STEPHEN BONSAI'S

brilliant services last winter as Cuban war correspondent of the New York Herald will be interested in his statement of "The Real Condition of Cuba To-Day," which appears in the May Review of Reviews. This is the latest authentic summing-up of the Cuban situation that has been given to the press, and it should be read by all who care to know the facts—horrible as many of them are—connected with the heroic struggle for liberty which Gomez and his brave patriots are making. Mr. Bonsai's article gives us a realizing sense of the truth that we have an Armenia at our very doors.

COMPLIMENTS FROM ONE WHO HAS

spent years villifying us are not appreciated, and some newspapers that have spent a decade in trying to destroy the credit of our state abroad cannot hope to reinstate themselves by silly compliments upon its resources. Try reformation and see how that works.—Abilene Reporter.
The above we recognize as a fling at the Dallas News. From the steady falling off of country subscribers the News has begun to realize that its course has lost it standing to a large extent with the people and it is trying to regain ground by shouting "Grand Old Texas" and urging the legislature to enact democratic campaign measures.