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To the Free Press.

In the issue of August 6th, the Cotton Journal has this to say: "In the matter of gathering and giving out cotton statistics the present methods of the federal government are very unsatisfactory. They are not only unsatisfactory, but unfair and unjust. All the necessary machinery and money of the federal government is drawn into requisition every month in the year, from the time the crop is planted until the last bale is ginned, gathering and publishing detailed data regarding the acreage, monthly condition, probable yield and semi-monthly reports in ginning and keeping the whole world posted on every phase of the cotton crop so far as its production is concerned.

Now what do we get regarding the consumption of cotton? Practically nothing of value to the growers, because the report of the census department made once a year on the consumption of cotton by the American mills is not published until the crop is out of the hands of the growers. What we need and should have are monthly reports by the census department on the actual mill consumption of raw material in this country each month of the year, and the amount of raw cotton in the ware houses of the mills at the close of each month. Secretary Hester gives each week the amount of cotton in the warehouses at all the interior market points and at the posts of the cotton belt, and thereby keeps the spinners and buyers fully posted on the supply of raw cotton. If it is fair and just to give all this information concerning the production and supply of raw cotton to the public, why is it not equally fair and just to keep tab on the cotton mills and let the cotton growers know what disposition has been made of the cotton which has passed into the hands of the spinners. In Germany the cotton mill owners are so secretive about their business that they will not permit outsiders to enter their mills for general inspection. It is very difficult to get exact statistical information from the cotton mill owners until it is too late for the growers to use such information in the marketing of the crop. We are opposed to this one-sided method of giving out all data relative to the production of the crops and keeping concealed from the grower all information pertaining to actual consumption and supplies of raw cotton in the hands of the mill. If the cotton growers knew the exact status of the mill situation they would be in position to move intelligently, direct the marketing of the coming crop. This information could be secured and it would be, if the growers should demand it at the hands of the Federal government. One sided statistics are all wrong, and in the case of cotton places the growers at a very unfair disadvantage."

This scribe indorses the views of Cotton Journal as above expressed, in fact he has been thinking for several years that the farmers were not getting a square deal in this crop reporting business. However we believe we could have these statistics on mill supply and consumption if we would get up and demand them.

Uncle Sam has so many requests to look after that he hasn't much time to find favors to bestow unasked. It is our opinion that these various statistics regarding acreage, crop condition,

ginning reports, amount of cotton on hand at interior market points and at southern points were granted at the request of the spinning and speculating interests. The cotton growers generally believe they are harmful to their interests and a few in effectual attempts have been made to have them discontinued. Our government seldom recedes from a position once taken, therefore our relief does not lie in having our present statistics regarding the cotton crop discontinued, but in having the government collect and publish like statistics regarding mill supplies and monthly consumption. To get the government to collect and issue these statistics will require earnest effort on the part of the farmers of the south, for as a matter of course the spinners and speculators will oppose it to the limit of their ability. It is no trouble for the capitalistic and speculative classes to run their schemes over the farmers, for generally the farmers depend on their member of congress to look after their interests while they plod along the furrow at home and it is seldom that they know a piece of class legislation is up for consideration until it has been passed and then of course it is too late to make an effectual protest.

However, if a question comes up in congress or in state legislature affecting their interests the capitalist and speculator are wide awake and on hand either in person or by eminent counsel to either support or oppose the measure as the case may be. We farmers should learn a lesson from them and when we want anything done for our interest we should be on hand to demand or oppose such measure. If we want favors of the Government we must ask for them, if the Government is about to do something that would be against our interests we should get up and oppose it. It is said of Commodore Paul Jones that when the Revolutionary War broke out in America that he asked the command of a ship of France to assist the American Colonies. He made application through the usual channels with the result that after months of waiting around the capital of Paris, he had not obtained any vessel and had become discouraged. One day he chanced to pick up a copy of Poor Richard's Almanac and looking through it he read, "If you want your business done go. If not send." He saw the point immediately and putting the Almanac in his pocket, went at once to the office of the Admiralty and got his ship and was ready to sail in a few days. In appreciation of the circumstance he named his ship Bon Homme Richard. We farmers can learn a lesson from Commodore Jones experience and if we want these mill statistics on supply and consumption, take the advice of Poor Richard and we will get them.

PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Attention Land Owners

Don't you think you had better let us make you a good loan on your land and get your finances in "good condition" while we have plenty of money? Remember last season's finances, and how hard it was to get money and meet notes when they were pressing for cash. We can make you a good loan on shortest notice—no delay on account of money now but can't say how it will be later on. West Texas Development Co., At State Bank.

Running the People Away from the Polls

From the Dallas News.

The vote in the last primary was larger than in any other we have had recently, but at that probably not one-half of those who could have qualified themselves took any part. Even of those who felt enough interest to get poll tax receipts a large number neglected to go to the polls. In other words, this primary disclosed, as usual, a vast volume of indifference notwithstanding a question was at issue that has more excitatory power than any other now pending.

What is going to be done about it, this lackadaisical indifference on the part of people who are held to be capable of self-government? Can any man, after reflection avoid the conclusion that such indifference is a serious and growing evil? Surely he cannot avoid that conclusion if he hold to the belief that popular or representative government is the best form of government. For, if the will of the majority is the best authority that can be given to law, certainly it follows that statutes are weakened, deprived of that force they ought to have, by the failure of so many to engage in those movements necessary to the making of laws. And considered less abstractly, how much more likely are we to suffer the consequences of folly and corruption when virtually half the people hold aloof from all participation in political contests? The old adage, that you can fool all the people part of the time and part of the people all the time, but that you cannot fool all the people all the time, has no application in Texas, because here the politicians are never put to the trouble of fooling all the people any part of the time. Nearly if not quite half of them are, politically, in continuous slumber, and thus they facilitate the designs of even demagogues and grafters.

But, then, it really needs no argument to show that this indifference on the part of so many is a menace to our welfare and to our institutions. The fact is obvious. It is more pertinent to consider what measures will avail to correct this dangerous condition. It seems that nothing less than calamity or some crisis which makes vital issues will impress upon delinquents that not only voting but a study of political affairs, is a duty as well as a privilege, and that the man who neglects to do either shirks an obligation of citizenship. We should all execrate the man who deserts in war or who, being in the battle fails to give his best effort, and why should we have less contempt for the man who accepts all the benefits of government and shirks the trouble and labor which it entails? One, in a strictly moral sense is as much a deserter as the other. But the doctrine that voting and participation in political contests are a duty, obligations of citizenship, has been preached from the beginning of our national existence; so it would seem that if we are to bring about a more lively concern in political affairs, instead of preaching the duty of voting, we should do well to try to bring about a more just estimate of the privilege of voting. How can we do that? By making elections fewer, in large measure. Political contests have become too common. They are not quite every day affairs, but they occur so frequently that many have lost all sense of their importance. For the average citizen they are of no more moment than a hun-

dred other recurrent events, mere episodes in the routine of life. So long as elections, the choosing of officers and the direction of public affairs, are regarded in this insouciant way we shall have this apathy which makes the enterprises of knaves and demagogues easy of accomplishment. Would it not be well to make political contests less common and give to them at least the attraction of novelty?

Do You Want Money?

One party applied to sell his land notes on Saturday, and we had his money ready in one week. Is that quick enough for you? See us if you have good land notes and need money on them; or if you need a loan to extend your notes, you had better see us while we have plenty of money.

Don't wait and be caught by the boll worms destroying your cotton. West Texas Development Co., office at State Bank.

Notice of Bankrupt's Petition For Discharge.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, AT ABILENE.

In the matter of No. 146 C. L. Terrell, In Bankruptcy

OFFICE OF REFEREE

Abilene, Texas, Aug. 8, '08 Notice is hereby given that Caleb Lafon Terrell of the county of Haskell and District aforesaid, did, on the 15th day of August 1908 file in the Clerk's office of said Court, at Abilene, a petition setting up that he has heretofore been duly adjudged bankrupt under the act of Congress approved July 1, 1898; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy, and praying for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate in bankruptcy, save such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

On considering the above-mentioned petition, it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim, and other parties in interest, if they desire to oppose the discharge prayed for in said petition, shall, on or before the 1st day of Sept. 1908 file with the Referee for the Abilene Division of said District, a notice in writing of their opposition to a discharge in the above-entitled cause.

K. K. LEGETT, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Your old harness may cause you a serious wreck that will result in your having a doctor's bill to pay. Evers at Haskell is not the doctor but he's the man that has lots of good harness to sell cheap. 23tf

We are glad to see Haskell and Throckmorton shaking hands on a good roads proposition.

NOT BOLL WEEVILS

In the following item the Fort Worth Telegrams' reporter got boll worms and boll weevils mixed. We are quite sure that Mr. Courtney said boll worms and not boll weevils, as there are not and never have been any of the latter in this county. The Telegram man being familiar with the latter inadvertently wrote "weevils when he should have written "worms."

"George E. Courtney, formerly of Wise county but now a resident of Haskell, is attending the convention as a delegate. He states that the entire Wichita Valley section is aglow with prosperity and if the boll weevil dose not appear this fall, the railroads will be taxed to their capacity to move the bumper crops to market. The weevil has appeared to some extent he admits but the inroads by the pest have been in no wise serious or alarming thus far. Mr. Courtney is a brother of the young woman whose arms were torn off by the first Munger ginning machinery ever installed in wise county."

POSTED

All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish or hand wood or otherwise trespass on the premises known as the Sherrick pasture, now owned by me.

Mrs. A. J. NOLAN.

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OUR DEPOSITORS

who daily use the facilities afforded by the Farmers bank will tell you of the many advantages which they receive by it in conducting their various commercial pursuits, loans, discounts and collections are features of every business, and we never forget the fact that our depositors are our friends, and should be regarded as such when they call on us for any accommodations.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK.

R. C. MONTGOMERY,

Cashier.

Haskell,

Texas.



A FIRE IN THE NIGHT

is always a horrible experience to those who have been burned out and left homeless—especially if they have had no insurance to cover their loss. Don't get caught like this, but like the wise virgins, have your lamps trimmed and burning and be ready for the fire fiend by having a policy in a good company, drawn by

O. E. PATTERSON.

HASKELL, TEXAS.

WANT A HOME?

Here's Your Chance, Any Size From 50 Acres Up.

I have a tract of choice, smooth, level, prairie land adjoining the town of Sagerton, Haskell Co. which I will sell in any size tracts desired from 50 acres up. This land is a black land easy to cultivate and there is no better or more fertile land in West Tex. Also in the town of Sagerton, one 2 story brick building, 25 by 70 feet, been used as a bank, and has fire proof vault.

Also the furniture and fixtures of the First Bank of Sagerton for sale.

All of above property must be sold within the next 90 days.

See or write me at Haskell, Texas.

J. F. Vernon, Trustee

If you want to buy dwelling or business houses see S. G. Dean, manager of Progressive Lumber Co., Haskell, Texas, he will make you easy terms.

RULE TRADING DAY.

The business men of Rule have set apart the second Monday of each month to be known as Rule trading day. The second Monday in August will be the first day so observed. Everybody come to Rule. (30-3m)

MANY HOMES

have been burnt to the ground by LAMP EXPLOSIONS due to use of new experimental coal oils.

EUPION OIL

has been used 52 years and has never caused an explosion. Are you getting EUPION, if in doubt about it phone No. 147 or 144.

Does the shah take his country for a Persian carpet to be dyed blood red?

There is a streak of yellow in the crooked butter dealer as well as in his product.

Over 23,000 tons of rabbit meat were received in London from Australia last year.

A butter churn holding only one quart of cream is now made for domestic use.

The newest forge does away with the usual bellows, being fitted with a compressed air tank.

Without underrating the prowess of daring and athletic women, their sex will always break more hearts than records.

Over in New York they are talking about having a hotel for chorus girls exclusively. How would you like to be the clerk?

There is no more pathetic sight than the arms of the well-meaning girl who was trying to get tanned and succeeded only in getting sunburned.

Of course, remarks the St. Joseph News, you understand that work in the harvest fields is not intended for the professional unemployed.

The Illinois woman, aged 75 years, who has just entered a summer school, evidently believes in the truth of the saying that one is never too old to learn.

Count Zeppelin's airship would undoubtedly be a success if it could only be made strong enough to keep from breaking when it happened to hit things.

One hundred American business men are to be invited to Japan "to promote international trade." What do you suppose the real reason can be?

Americans are complaining they are being discriminated against by the Japanese in Manchuria. This is not surprising when the Chinese have made the same complaint.

London theatrical managers complain that, while there are plenty of chorus girls, few of them are able to sing. Who ever heard of a chorus girl chosen on account of her voice?

The St. Louis chief of police has dug up an ordinance under which he has stopped the boys of that city from flying kites. Shades of Ben Franklin and St. Louis the home of aero nautics, too!

Maybe Peary thought he had to start at once if he wanted to succeed in discovering the north pole before the perfect airship made a trip from America to Europe by way of the north pole scenic route.

Scientists predict a great increase in lunacy with the development of aerial navigation. They probably got a tip from the girls who are anxiously looking forward to airship trips in the light of the nocturnal orb.

As the result of a practical joker pulling a chair from under a boy at a place of public amusement in Philadelphia the other day, the boy is likely to be crippled for life. Such jokes as this are criminal, and the practical joker should be severely punished.

A writer in the North American Review declares that there are regiments of young men, fresh from school and college, who, knowing amperes, ohms and volts, can tell you all about the lights in your house, but not one word about the lights in the sky. And it isn't because the young men regularly go to bed at sundown, either.

The horses in the postoffice department at Washington are to be given 30 days' vacation in pasture with their board paid. According to the opinion of the local authorities, the horses, who are valuable in the department work, deserve this vacation as well as the persons who receive 30 days' vacation and 30 days' sick leave.

Those uneasy Central American nations are getting all tangled up again. It may be in order to remind them of the agreement to be good into which they entered some months ago. And the United States and Mexico, in the capacity of staid older brothers, may feel called upon to administer a gentle admonition as to the advantages of behaving themselves.

To say that anything is "as blue as a sapphire," is to make use of an incorrect comparison. Sapphires are not exclusively one color. The sapphires of Ceylon vary from a soft blue to a peacock blue, which last is practically a green. There is also a red sapphire, sometimes called a Ceylonese ruby. Further, many fine sapphires are yellow and white.

While all the indications point to a large wheat crop in the United States, other grain-growing countries are not so favored. Reports from Odessa, the great shipping point for Russian grain, are that the wheat crop is from 25 to 50 per cent. below the average, and that a famine is feared. This will be bad news for a large part of Europe, which gets food stuffs from Russia, and worse for the unfortunate subjects of the czar, who may come face to face with starvation. This country may have another opportunity to show practical charity to sufferers across seas.

COTTON CROP SPOTTED

COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR, SAME TIME, TEXAS CONDITION IS 119.5; OKLAHOMA 98.3.

IMPROVEMENT IN NEW STATE

Texas Best Condition is in the Middle West—Boll Worms in North-east and Other Places.

Dallas, Aug. 18.—As shown by the reports of more than 600 correspondents of the Dallas News, the condition of the cotton crop on August 14, as compared with the condition of the crop of 1907 on the corresponding day, was 119.5 in Texas and 98.3 in Oklahoma. The fact that upon former occasions The News' figures have been quoted as based upon comparisons with the average for ten years moves this paper to emphasize the fact that they are not based, but, in truth, are founded on a comparison with the condition twelve months before in each case.

The average by districts and States follow:

| | Average and condition compared with 1907: | Aug. 14. Acreage |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| East Texas | 118.9 | 101.07 |
| North Texas | 122.4 | 95.42 |
| Central Texas | 113.1 | 100.14 |
| South Texas | 105.4 | 101.51 |
| Northwest Texas | 99.0 | 121.88 |
| Middle West Texas | 158.4 | 101.40 |
| Southwest Texas | 137.5 | 105.64 |
| Panhandle and West | 105.2 | 102.78 |
| Oklahoma | 98.3 | 97.94 |

Valuables Found in Ruins.

Oklahoma City: While digging in the ruins of the Lee Hotel Monday E. H. Snow, traveling salesman for Woodstock Hooper Watch and Jewelry Company of Kansas City, recovered a tray of diamonds worth \$5000 and a purse containing \$100 in bills. The stones and the money were only smoked a little bit, but no damage was done to them. A tub full of gold watch cases, brooches and other trinkets were taken from the burned trunk which were covered with brick and other substance.

Foul Play Suspected.

Fort Worth: G. O. Snell, 57 years of age, who with his wife came to this city a few days ago from Colorado, was found dead on Monday in a rooming house on Main street. The sum of \$200 in greenbacks which the deceased had with him, pinned in his inside vest pocket, was not found on the body. Justice T. J. Maben is conducting the inquest and says he is of the opinion that poison was administered. Dr. West, county physician, has been instructed to hold a post mortem examination.

Three Dead; Many Injured.

Grand Rapids, Mich.: Three known to be dead, a dozen or more supposed to be drowned, two fatally injured and a number were seriously hurt, as a result of the blowing up of the steamer Leolaus on Carp Lake Monday. The steamer, which plies between resorts on Carp Lake was on her way from Leeland to Fouché. Between thirty and forty passengers were on board. The boiler of the steamer blew up, hurling many into the lake and scalping others.

Burning Gusher Unchecked.

City of Mexico: The great fire which has been burning in the Les Bocas oil well near Tampico for forty days has baffled all attempts which have been made to extinguish it and it is now greater than ever before. From a hole eight inches in diameter the well has widened into a volcano with a crater 100 meters across. It is estimated that the flames reach a height of over 500 feet, while the black volume of smoke continues into the clouds.

Destructive Gin Fire.

San Antonio: One of the most destructive gin and cotton fires of the year occurred Monday at Atkins, sixteen miles east of San Antonio, Texas. The Jones & Cover cotton gin, 150 bales of cotton, 100 tons of cotton seed and two railroad cars were destroyed, entailing a loss of more than \$15,400 with practically no insurance.

Boys Capture Jail.

Houston: Nineteen newsboys confined in the city jail on various charges Sunday broke open the doors of their cells, captured the jail and defied the police, after breaking up a religious service being conducted by women in the jail. Only after the fire department had turned the hose on them did they surrender. The boys are aged from ten to sixteen years and have been accused of various depredations.

FOUR PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED.

A Furious Mob of Citizens Drag Negroes from Places of Safety.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 17.—Following the attack made on a white woman, the splitting of two negro prisoners to the jail at Bloomington, from this city, and the announcement as a ruse to divert the mob's attention that the negroes had been taken to Peoria at an early hour yesterday morning commenced a series of scenes at Springfield, the capital city of the State of Illinois, which, according to the best obtainable reports received at an early hour this morning, resulted in the killing of at least four persons, white and black, the serious wounding of approximately fifty-three, the terrible beating of many more and the burning of thousands of dollars' worth of property, including many houses that were occupied by negroes.

About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a negro was dragged from beneath a box car on the track of the Illinois Central railroad. A rope was secured. He was strung up. His body was riddled with bullets. The mob, intoxicated with fury, danced in riotous glee about the body and terrified the more retiring citizens of the town, while the negroes were scrambling over one another in the effort to seek places of refuge, some of them abandoning their homes in the frenzy of fright at the infuriated throng.

Found Hanging to a Tree.

Brady: Will T. Ranne was found hanging from a mesquite tree in a pasture near Stacy Saturday morning. He had gone out into the pasture to drive up the horses, and, not coming back in a reasonable time, search was made for him, and he was found dead as stated. He was about thirty years of age and had been married only a few months. He was the son of J. T. Ranne of Rochelle, where he had lived from boyhood. A few weeks ago he moved to a ranch near Stacy.

Two Brothers Drowned.

Dallas: A sad accident, resulting in the death of two persons, occurred at Bachman's dam Saturday morning. James A. Russell, aged 28 years, and his brother, Oscar Russell, aged 13 years, both lost their lives by drowning. The accident was witnessed by another brother of the two unfortunate ones, as well as the wife of J. A. Russell. Mrs. Russell was prostrated by the accident and a physician was summoned to Bachman's for the purpose of attending her.

Uncle Sam Gets Airship.

Washington: Monday Uncle Sam became possessor of his first dirigible balloon. Captain Thomas S. Baldwin, who for two weeks has been making experimental and official flights with his big airship, completed the tests Saturday shortly after dark, fulfilling every requirement. Under the terms of the contract Baldwin was required to remain in flight two hours at a speed not less than seventy per cent of that attained in the final speed trial which was made Friday night.

Army Officer Shoots Publisher.

New York: While his victim cowered in fear and his brother, with a drawn revolver, held off a throng of wealthy yachtmen, Captain Peter C. Hais, Jr., of the United States army, late Saturday afternoon pumped five bullets into the body of William E. Annis, a rich New York publisher, and the alleged despoiler of Haines' home, on the float of the fashionable yacht club at Bayside, L. I.

Cholera in Russia.

Odessa: Evidence of the seriousness of the cholera epidemic in the Astrakhan district was furnished Saturday to the war department when it became known that two regiments, sent to the infected districts to aid in fighting the diseases, have been so depleted by desertions of terrified soldiers that they will have to be reorganized to make them efficient. The diseases has wiped out 10 per cent of the population of some of the villages.

Two children, Juana Diaz, aged 8 years, and her sister, Natualia, aged 9 years, were instantly killed at Juarez, Mex., Saturday afternoon by a bolt of lightning, which also struck their father, Santiago Diaz. He is also expected to die.

By the accidental discharge of a pistol a 5-year-old boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davaney, who resides in Hillsboro, was fatally shot at the family residence about 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Miss Winnie Hoffman, who lives at Lakenon, near Hillsboro, while starting a fire Monday with kerosene, received burns from which she died later the same day.

The thirty-first reunion of the Grayson County Old Settlers' Association has come to an end, and it has been a success in the fullest sense of the word.

Officials of the Northern Pacific railroad are preparing for a strike of all the Italian laborers employed by the road.

SPRINGFIELD UNDER MOB LAW.

Two Men Are Dead and Two Score Injured—Authorities Powerless.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 15.—Springfield is helpless tonight in the hands of her frenzied citizens. With two men already dead and probably two score more or less seriously injured, tumultuous mobs are sweeping through the streets wreaking vengeance upon whatever and whoever sways them to fresh outbursts.

The military organization, police and sheriff's force and members of the fire department are impotent before the maddened crowds.

Gov. Deneen has ordered additional troops from Taylorville, Quincy, Danville, Delavan, Peoria, Decatur and other nearby cities.

The rioting was precipitated by an atrocious assault committed early this morning by a negro upon Mabel Halam, wife of a street railway employe. While the woman slept alone in her home in a populous residence street, awaiting the return of her husband, the negro broke into the house, dragged the woman into the rear yard and brutally assaulted her.

George Richardson, a negro with a penitentiary record, was speedily arrested and identified as the assailant. Mobs quickly gathered around the jail but the officials were able to hold them in check until 5 o'clock, when the prisoner was spirited away to McLean County on a special train. The mob has fired that portion of the city inhabited by negroes and the negroes are fleeing for safety in every direction.

Americans Express Indignation.

Tokio: Special dispatches from New York and London printed in the Japanese newspapers represent that the recent utterances of Count Okuma, attributing the naval expansion policy of the United States to the sudden rise of Japan to the importance of a world power, is arousing intense indignation and has caused a complete recrudescence of the anti-Japanese sentiment throughout America. The New York newspapers are quoted as editorially urging an American-Chinese alliance for the purpose of offsetting the belligerency of the Japanese.

Bank Law Anniversary.

Austin: Friday was the third anniversary of the Texas state banking law. It became effective on the 14th day of August, 1905, and on that day the charters of six banks were filed in the department of state. On its first anniversary, August 14, 1906, 129 charters had been filed; on its second anniversary 281 charters of state banks were of record, and Friday, the third anniversary, there are 348 charters on the book. Of the 348 state banks chartered at this time only 328 are in operation.

Two Persons are Killed.

London: Two persons were killed and six injured by an explosion Friday morning at the Franco-British exhibition of the envelope of a balloon owned by Capt. Lovelace of the New York Aero Club. Preparations for the ascent were being made when the accident occurred. The cause is supposed to have been the throwing down of a lighted match. Miss Hill, aged 18, secretary to Capt. Lovelace, was one of the persons killed. She was burned to a cinder. The other person killed, a man, and six men that sustained injuries were also employed by Capt. Lovelace.

Negro Assaults White Girl.

Duncan, Ok.: While passing through the alley near her home in the city Miss Frankie May Frenstley, 13 years of age, was assaulted by a young negro by the name of J. M. Mathews. Miss Frenstley had an umbrella in her hands and when the negro seized her she commenced beating him with the umbrella, and frightened him off. The assault occurred about 5 o'clock p. m. and before the negro could make his escape City Marshal arrested him and immediately landed him in jail.

Ira D. Sankey is Dead.

New York: Ira D. Sankey, famous throughout the world as an evangelist, partner of Dwight L. Moody, and gospel hymn writer, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. Death was caused by a general breakdown of the system, following an illness of two years. Mr. Sankey was 68 years old and is survived by his widow and two sons, Ira D. and John Edward Sankey. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon.

Harry Jarrell of Baltimore and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Jarrell, wife of J. Oscar Jarrell, are dead, and Mrs. Jarrell's husband and her mother, Mrs. Margaret H. Scheib, are critically ill from the effects of eating toad stools picked by mistake for mushrooms.

Alice L. Webb, the divorced wife of Brodie L. Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Chicago, was Thursday found guilty of having passed a worthless check for \$50 on the Great Northern Hotel of that city.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

W. H. Walsh, formerly of Dallas, was drowned Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in Palo Duro Park at Canyon City.

William Brugger, aged 30 years, a tinner, who lived at Dallas, was drowned in a creek near Terrell Friday afternoon while in bathing.

It is announced by railroad officials at Fort Worth that a new line will be in operation from Kansas City to that place by September 15.

There has been considerable excitement created in Temple lately by the circulation of the rumor that a ghost has appeared in the northern part of that city.

Three miners were killed at 4:30 Saturday afternoon in the Ingram mine located one-half mile north of Salida, Colo. They were Frank Shea, Ole Broughton and Charles Cullacott.

More than fifty automobiles and taxicabs were destroyed Wednesday in a fire which consumed a one-story brick building in Chicago. The total loss is estimated at nearly \$300,000.

Dr. J. M. Strayhorn, a prominent physician of Waco was called to Granger Tuesday afternoon by the death of his father, Sam M. Strayhorn, an old and honored citizen of Williamson county.

Sarah Navarro, 3 years old, was poisoned Monday by strychnine. The family had just moved into the house at Eagle Pass, the child finding the poison in some rubbish left by the previous occupants. She died.

As the result of injuries received when struck by a street car Monday afternoon at Galveston, C. C. Gehring, aged 68 years, died at a local hospital Wednesday morning. The remains were conveyed to Houston.

Thirty-one prisoners arrested in connection with firing into the train Sunday at Blocton, Ala., in which three men were killed and eleven wounded, have been lodged in jail and will be kept under a heavy guard.

Count Zeppelin has received from the German government \$125,000 and twice that amount will be contributed by public subscription for the purpose of enabling him to rebuild his airship which was recently destroyed.

Pursued all night by the sheriff's posse with bloodhounds, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Ed McClair late Thursday afternoon at her home four miles from Pensacola was captured by the sheriff in an adjoining county Friday. He is now in jail at Milton, Fla.

Ignatz Wandrack, 41 years old, a deaf mute of Cincinnati, was struck and instantly killed by an automobile owned and driven by John L. Ryan, the well known turfman, at St. Mary's Cemetery, in Lewisburg, on the outskirts of Covington, Ky., Sunday night.

Campaign contributions to the amount of several thousand dollars, received from corporations of Chicago, have had to be returned to the donors because of their ignorance of the fact that there is a Federal law prohibiting such contributions.

With the retirement from active service of Rear Admiral Robley Dunglison Evans—Fighting Bob—the United States loses one of the most picturesque fighters that ever trod a quarterdeck.

After saving her husband's life by wrenching a hammer, with which he had been beaten into unconsciousness from the hands of her brother-in-law, Ira Cody, and knocking him to the ground, Mrs. Wade Riggan of Aberdeen, Miss., Saturday was shot and killed by Cody.

Harry K. Thaw's voluntary petition in bankruptcy marks the first move in his definite intention to divorce his beautiful wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

Hostilities have been resumed in the State of Sonora, Mexico, and according to reports from different localities four or more people have been killed. A report from the Montezuma district says that at the Rancho Dati Jesus Mejia and his three daughters were killed by Indians and a young boy carried off.

Commissioner of Agriculture R. T. Milner has been appointed to the presidency of the A. & M. College, which place was made vacant by the resignation of Dr. H. H. Harrington last Friday.

That bad currency of remarkable clever execution is being circulated in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi was the general warning sent out Wednesday by Chief Wilkie of the secret service. Five dollar national bank notes have been raised to \$20 and are being circulated.

That Harry Thaw will be free within a month is the opinion of prominent New York lawyers.

Forest fires are said to be doing great damage to property in Montana and Eastern Idaho.

By the capsizing of a pleasure launch on the Wisconsin river three people were drowned Thursday. They were from Chicago.

Driven insane by religious mania H. J. Duffy of Los Angeles, Friday killed his son and daughter and then cut his own throat with a razor.

Two deaths have recently occurred at the State Orphans' Home at Corsicana, viz: Lewis Burton and Ada Jones, the latter aged 2 years.

The Wright aeroplane suffered an accident at Lamans, France, Thursday morning, which will require several days and possibly a week, to repair.

A tremendous amount of Texas wool has been sold on the Boston market this week, nearly 750,000 pounds, both eight months and twelve months stock.

Mayor E. N. Kirby drove the first spike in the Abilene street railway Friday morning. Tracklaying has commenced and will be pushed until the line is completed.

Bloodhounds have been sent from Baton Rouge, La., to Burton, where a posse is in pursuit of a negro who attempted to criminally assault an 18-year-old white girl.

W. T. Cassidy of Chicago early Monday morning shot and probably fatally wounded his wife, Mary Cassidy, at their home, then committed suicide with the same weapon.

The Farmers' Union of Howard County is going to build a warehouse at Big Springs. The Commercial Club of Big Springs has offered to take \$1000 in stock.

One hundred and twenty-five employees of the local Southwestern shops at El Paso were laid off Friday for an indefinite period because of business depression.

The Texas Land Company has recently closed a deal for the sale of 7000 acres in Tom Green county, near San Angelo, Texas, to Rev. Father Leonard of the Roumanian Church of Chicago.

Pietro Barilla, a well to do hotel keeper of Brooklyn was murdered in a lonely spot in the city Thursday. He was attacked by a number of men who stabbed him several times and inflicted two bullet wounds.

Ten pretty maids from Oklahoma are on a tour through the effete east for the purpose of advertising the new state, and to dissipate the idea that Oklahoma is a frontier country and that squaws are the leading suffragettes of the state.

A passenger train on the Northern Pacific railway ran onto a bridge Wednesday, near Glendive, Mont., a portion of which had been burned away, resulting in a fearful wreck. The fireman and an unknown tramp were killed and a score or more persons seriously hurt.

Fire which started from unknown causes in the Lee Hotel, at Oklahoma City, Saturday, did damage estimated at a half million dollars. Many persons were hurt by flying glass, while some suffered from suffocation. Several buildings are a total loss.

Alice Carter, a girl of 11 years, refused to marry Charles Fisher, a farm hand at Altus, Okla., because of the opposition of her parents, and Fisher Saturday shot and killed her, a moment later placing the muzzle of the revolver over his heart and taking his own life.

Thursday night on account of a strike among the electrical workers, the city of Paris, France, was for a time in complete darkness.

The entire town of Taft, Mont., with the exception of the postoffice, one grocery store and a saloon were destroyed by fire Thursday. The blaze started from a forest fire.

Preparations are being made by the officers and various committees of the Farmers' Union for the National convention which convenes in Fort Worth September 1.

A general understanding has been reached by the Governor, Superintendent of Education Cousins, and the Attorney General, to the effect that the exchange price on school books means the amount that a child shall pay for a new book in addition to returning an old one of the same text.

It is reported that the United States army and navy, on account of the great number of enlistments recently, are about full and at the present rate there will soon be no demand for men in those lines.

Joseph Meyer, aged 89 years, who started to walk from San Antonio to Indianapolis, Ind., last winter, arrive at Mexico, Mo., Friday, having walked the entire distance. Meyer was met by T. T. Turley, a former comrade in the Union army, who secured for him a ticket to St. Louis.

The Grayson County Old Settlers' Association started on its thirty-first annual reunion and picnic, Tuesday, the event to last four days. It is reported that great crowds have been attending.

FROM THE COMMONER

MR. BRYAN'S PAPER

MR. TAFT AND GUARANTEED DEPOSITS.

In his speech of acceptance Mr. Taft puts himself squarely on record as being opposed to guaranteed deposits. He says: "The Democratic platform recommends a tax upon national banks and upon state banks as may come in, in the nature of enforced insurance to raise a guaranty fund to pay the depositors of any bank which fails. The proposal is wholly impracticable unless it is to be accompanied by a complete revolution in our banking system, with a supervision so close as practically to create a government bank. If the proposal were adopted exactly as the Democratic platform suggests, it would bring the whole banking system of the country down to ruin."

Why seek to confuse the people on a simple proposition? We are supposed to have government supervision of national banks now. Supervision does not mean a government bank; it simply means that the national bank inspectors will do just as they are expected to do under existing law—make their examination of banks thorough and make prompt and effective correction of any irregularities discovered. So it will be difficult to frighten the people by the claim that guaranteed deposits means through supervision of banks. That's just exactly what the people want.

It is absurd to say that guaranteed deposits would "bring the whole banking system of the country down to ruin."

What does "guaranteed deposits" mean? It means that the savings of the masses shall be secured so that when men and women deposit their hard-earned money in banking institutions, they need not worry for fear it will be lost through the recklessness and dishonesty of bank officials. The federal government demands of these banks security for the money it deposits. As a rule state governments and county governments and municipal governments make similar requirements. But now that it is proposed that depositors generally shall have some such assurance for the safe keeping of their wealth, we are told by the Republican candidate for the presidency that the adoption of such a plan "would bring the whole banking system of the country down to ruin."

It is to save the banking business and to save the people's money that the plan of guaranteed deposits is advocated by Democrats. It is strange that Mr. Taft and the big bankers for whom he speaks can not see that the guaranteed deposits system is absolutely necessary for the prevention of panics, for the safe keeping of the money of the masses and for the preservation of the banking business in the hands of individuals.

UPHELD BY GOOD LAWYERS.

In his speech of acceptance Mr. Taft, referring to the suggestion that trial by jury be required in all cases of indirect contempt, says: "Never in the history of the country has there been such an insidious attack upon the judicial system as the proposal to interject a jury trial between all orders of the court made after full hearing and the enforcement of such orders."

But the United States senate in June, 1896, undertook to make just such provision. Senator Platt of Connecticut was the only Republican to speak against it. John Sherman of Ohio, William B. Allison of Iowa, Eugene Hale of Maine, Joseph B. Hawley of Connecticut, Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, Knute Nelson of Minnesota and Francis E. Warren of Wyoming were among the Republican senators present when this bill passed. Presumably they voted for it. There was no roll call. At least they did not vote against it nor did they speak against it.

In the senate at the time and voting for this measure there were—besides the distinguished Republicans above named—such good lawyers as David B. Hill of New York, Senator Villas of Wisconsin, Senator Pugh of Alabama, Senator George of Mississippi, and Wm. V. Allen of Nebraska. Does any Republican believe that John Sherman, William B. Allison, Eugene Hale, Joseph B. Hawley, Justin S. Morrill, Knute Nelson, all distinguished Republicans, would either cast their vote for or by their silence acquiesce in "an insidious attack upon the judicial system?"

Does any one believe that lawyers like Senators Villas, Allen, Hill, Pugh and George would participate in "an insidious attack upon the judicial system?"

NOT FOR THE INCOME TAX.

Let no one be misled on the theory that Mr. Taft has declared for the income tax. The following is from Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance: "I believe that an income tax, when the protective system of customs and the internal revenue tax will not furnish income enough for governmental needs, can and should be devised."

In other words Mr. Taft is for an income tax conditionally. Whenever the government can not secure enough revenue through a system of taxing men according to what they eat and wear, then he would be in favor of taxing them according to their income.

FAITH OF THE INTERESTS, TOO.

Referring to Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance, the Chicago Record-Herald (Rep.) says: "The speech justifies the faith of the Republican masses, who believe, as we have said, that the candidate is more progressive than his platform. It stamps him as a sincere progressive who heartily approves and who would carry forward the Roosevelt policies, and who at the same time would illustrate in his acts his thought that the chief function of the next administration 'is distinct from and a progressive development of that which has been performed by President Roosevelt.' The character that shines through the speech is that of the big, sane, sober man bent upon equal justice for all, and it will probably have no little effect with those independent voters whose support is invited in the closing words."

Mr. Taft did, it is true, have a great deal to say about Mr. Roosevelt and the Roosevelt policies. But before the Record-Herald can persuade the masses that they may depend upon Mr. Taft for reform measures it will have to explain how it happens that in spite of his extravagant praise for the Roosevelt policies Mr. Taft yet retains the enthusiastic support of the representatives of special interests.

For instance, in the same issue in which the Record-Herald says editorially, "The speech justifies the faith of the Republican masses who believe that the candidate is more progressive than his platform," we find the following extracts from editorials printed in newspapers that are generally recognized as the spokesmen for special interests:

New York Sun: Mr. Taft's speech, deplorable as it is, will not lose him a Republican vote. What a relief it must be to him today to have the fearful thing off his mind, and off his conscience; and how ardently he must look forward to the time when he can say things and do things not because they are to make votes for him, but because they are the right things to say and the right things to do. The nauseating incubus beneath which he staggers in nearly every sentence would suffocate any ordinary man. William H. Taft deserves the prayers as well as the votes of every decent citizen in the country. And when he is freed from his dread obsession and once more walks in sunshine that knows no mortgage, he will show his fellow men that no vicissitudes save death alone can forever frustrate or subdue an honest man.

Milwaukee Sentinel: A pervading tone of calm good sense and a marked absence of stump oratory claptrap and stage thunder agreeably characterize Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance. It therefore affords a needed relief from a style of declamation that has been much dinned in the ears of our people of late years. "Come, let us reason together," may be called the keynote of the Republican candidate's discussion of principles at issue between the parties. The speech, therefore evinces that genuine respect for the intelligence and fundamental fairness of the people which the harangue of the demagogue always lacks.

In the same issue, the Record-Herald prints an interview with George Gould in which that great railroad magnate gives enthusiastic endorsement to the Republican candidate.

WITH EVERY HOPE OF SUCCESS.

In his letter of acceptance Mr. Taft says: "If I am elected president I shall urge upon congress, with every hope of success, that a law be passed requiring the filing in a federal office of a statement of the contributions received by committees and candidates in elections for members of congress, and in such other elections as are constitutionally within the control of congress. Meantime the Republican party by the election of a New York treasurer has subjected all its receipts and expenditures to the compulsory obligation of such a law."

But why "with every hope of success?"

Did the letter Mr. Taft wrote to Senator Burrows, urging the adoption of such a law, have any effect upon the Republican congress?

Did the recommendation of Mr. Roosevelt have any effect upon the Republican congress?

The Taft letter and the Roosevelt recommendation were given to congress while a presidential election was approaching. If a Republican congress would not act under those circumstances with what reason does Mr. Taft say that after the presidential election he would urge a measure "with every hope of success?"

The Republican party in national convention assembled voted down a publicity plank by 94 yeas to 880 nays. Meantime let it be remembered that the publicity favored by Mr. Taft is an "AFTER" election publicity. In other words, the people will be told who the financial backers of the Republican party are when it is too late for the people to profit by the information.

"ENTHUSIASTIC" INDORSEMENT.

In his speech of acceptance Mr. Taft says: "With respect to the election of senators by the people, personally I am inclined to favor it, but it is hardly a party question."

What is it if it is not a party question? It is a public question and a very pressing one. The Democratic party declared in favor of it. The Republican party is silent on it. And the best that the Republican candidate—convinced since the convention of the popularity of the plank—can do, is to say "personally I am inclined to favor it." His remarks clearly indicate that he does not attach importance to the proposed reform.

RELIGION AND POLITICS

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.,
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Politics is defined by the Standard Dictionary, first, "as the branch of civics that treats of the principles of civil government and the conduct of state affairs; the administration of public affairs in the interest of peace, prosperity and safety of the state; synonymous with statecraft and political science; in a wide sense, embracing the science of government and civil polity." Second, "as political affairs in a party sense; the administration of public affairs or conduct of political matters so as to carry elections and secure public offices; synonymous with party intrigues, political wire pulling and trickery."

The first definition gives us the realm of the statesman, who studies the science of government and applies its principles to public affairs, seeking the good of the whole nation. The second definition gives us the realm of the petty politician, who studies the art of getting into office and profiting all he can at the public expense. The statesman is a patriot who would serve his country. The petty politician is a barnacle attached to the body politic, who seeks to make his country serve him.

Civil government is God's appointment. "The powers that be are ordained of God." (Rom. 13:1.) These "powers that be" are not defined. They may be monarchical or democratic, as the people may choose. God's ideal is theocracy in which he is king, but when Israel refused his ideal and voted to have a king like the nations about them God accepted their request. Human government is God's concession to the frailties of man. When men are fitted for it, as they will be during the millennium and in heaven, the theocracy will be restored. In the meantime God ordains that certain persons shall by the will of the people be placed in authority with power to maintain order by punishing evil-doers. It is fitting that anarchists should hate the Bible, for it has no sympathy with the fulminations against all government. Their definition of liberty as license for every man to be a law unto himself and do as he pleases, unrestrained by civil authority, has no sanction in the Word of God. "He (the ruler) is the minister of God unto thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid." (Romans 13:3.)

The underlying principle of good politics is in Proverbs 29:2: "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule the people sigh."

Bad rulers make a bad people, while good rulers make a good people. Every man in a high position is a fountain of health or disease. His influence is a light that gives life or a Ups shade that poisons. If the president, governor or mayor is known to be a bad man, young men will imitate their example. And yet there are Christian men who contend that, because their citizenship is in heaven, they have no citizenship on earth, and have, therefore, nothing to do with the election of men to office. They leave the city, state and nation, so far as they are concerned, to be ruled by the devil and his minions, and we verily believe are guilty of a great sin of omission.

The use of citizenship is suggested by Acts 25:11: "I appeal unto Caesar." Paul was a Roman citizen. He was unjustly arrested and persecuted. He sought safety by putting himself under the protection of the Roman eagle. Through the privilege of his Roman citizenship he was permitted to lay siege to the citadel of paganism until he made a breach in its walls.

American citizenship means in the world to-day about what Roman citizenship meant in the time of Paul. It is the traveler's protection and pride. Under the stars and stripes he is safe everywhere. It gives him an open door into every pagan land. To despise such a heritage is to be an ingrate indeed. To refuse to make that citizenship mean what it ought to mean by the election of righteous men and the enactment of righteous laws is to fall in the performance of a sacred duty.

The need of good citizenship is found in Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Personal righteousness is the right relation between the individual and his God. Such righteousness is the basis of civic and social righteousness and can come only through Jesus Christ our Lord. "For he hath made me to sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Paul wrote the letter to the Romans to prove that righteousness is primarily right relation, not right doing, and he besought men to be reconciled to God. Until we get right we cannot do right. Jesus Christ alone can make men truly righteous, and is therefore the Saviour of the state as well as the individual.

FEARS NO ENEMY

SECRET SERVICE MAN LAUGHS AT PERIL.

Threats of Criminals Whom He Has Been Instrumental in Putting Behind the Bars Have No Terrors for Him.

"That 'threatened men live long,' is an adage as true as it is old," remarked an ex-chief of the United States secret service, who is still active in the detection of criminals.

"I don't know how many rogues I have arrested and sent to jail, neither can I recall how many of them have threatened to take my life as soon as they were free."

"Why don't they?" was asked.

"Don't they hate you more when they get out of jail than when they went in? Think of the months and years they have to treasure up their wrongs and plan their revenge."

"Yes, that's all very well," answered the detective, "but it's a very desperate man indeed who is not cowed and tamed by imprisonment. Were you ever in a prison and did you ever see the way that discipline is enforced? There is no 'Please do this' when the keepers speak to the prisoners. The commands they give are in the superlatively imperative tense. If they were not, a few guards could not hold in check for five minutes hundreds of convicts. The average criminal is no gentleman. He is as cowardly and as fierce as a tiger. Only fear and force rule him. But his spirit is usually broken, and his inseparable companion is fear when he comes out into the world again. I don't mean that he won't fight when he can't get away, but, as a rule, he doesn't hunt for trouble."

"But late at night and in lonely streets don't you take the middle of the road? Isn't there the chance that some day one of your many enemies will kill you?"

"Perhaps. I remember once, years ago, I was scared, or, rather, startled, for a moment by one of those fellows. I had secured the evidence and arrested a man for counterfeiting. He was subsequently sent up for a term of years—I forget how many—but I remember that he cursed me in the courtroom while I was giving my evidence, and threatened, in the most dramatic and blood-curdling manner to kill me when he got out. The affair had passed out of my memory when a man came to me one day years later and told me that this counterfeiter had been released from jail and had been heard to repeat, in the presence of at least 50 persons, his threats to kill me on sight. I was cautioned to be wary, and not to give him a chance to do it."

"Two or three months afterward I got off a street car late one night in Philadelphia. I had a heavy bag in each hand."

"And who should I see coming toward me, but the man himself. I recognized him first. My first thought was for the contents of the bags I was carrying—counterfeit plates that I had seized and was bringing from Washington to New York. I didn't want to get killed and lose those, naturally. It was two blocks to the station, and I couldn't very well run."

"It was only a few seconds until I met the man face to face. I was just automatically about to drop my heavy valises and pull my revolver when the ex-counterfeiter saw and recognized me. He stopped short for an imperceptible instant, and then he turned tail and ran as if the devil was after him, like the coward that he was. Why did he run after he had threatened over and over again to kill me? I've told you. Further, he knew that I would probably have shot him a fraction of a second before he could spring at me."

Making a Profit.

A party of amateur pigeon shooters some time ago arranged for a match, and ordered 30 pigeons from a dealer in a neighboring town, says the Penny Magazine. The shooting was of a really wonderful character, but the actual performances need not be described in detail. The net result will be gathered readily from the following note, which was subsequently received from the dealer. It ran:

"Gentlemen—I beg sincerely to thank you for your order, and to intimate that I shall be only too happy to supply you with any number of birds on future occasions of this sort. The whole of the 30 birds, for which you paid me, returned in safety, and, moreover, brought with them a stray pigeon. My price to your party heretofore will be reduced."

Wall Street and Soda.

We were chinning with our friend, the "professional mixer of new soda drinks" for Wall street men who take to the soft stuff when times are hard, when a portly gentleman with side whiskers and generous girth came in.

"I wish you to mix me a Metropolitan Life barnyard," he puffed. It was swallowed in a jiffy, and out he sailed.

"What in thunder is a Metropolitan Life barnyard?" I asked.

The "professor" grinned.

"Plain soda, with egg and a straw, served in a tall glass," he said.—New York Globe.

It Sounds So.

"Do people have to sue to get into society in London?"

"For gracious sake, no! What put that into your head?"

"I heard that there they have first to carry their case to court."

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Relating to Commissioners' Precincts.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 13, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for subsequent redistricting of a county into commissioners' precincts, defining the manner thereof; for submitting same to the electors of the State, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 13, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Each organized county in the State, now or hereafter shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people, into justice precincts, not less than four and not more than twelve. The precincts and courts shall make the first division. Subsequent divisions shall be made by the commissioners' court provided for by this Constitution. In each county precinct there shall be elected, at each biennial election, one justice of the peace and one constable, each of whom shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided, that in any precinct in which there may be a city of eight thousand or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two justices of the peace. Each county shall in like manner and in the first instance, be divided into four commissioners' precincts, in each of which there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof one county commissioner, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Subsequent divisions of a county into commissioners' precincts shall be made as is now or hereafter may be provided by law. The county commissioners so chosen, with the county judge as presiding officer, shall compose the county commissioners' court, which shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed.

Sec. 2. That the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense of submitting the above proposed amendment to the people of the State, at the next general election in the manner required by law, by the Governor of the State.

(A true copy.)
W. R. DAVIE, Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Fixing the Compensation of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Sections 5 and 17 of said Article 4 so as to fix the compensation of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum in addition to the use of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, and the compensation of the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to provide that the Governor of the State shall receive as compensation for his services, an annual salary of eight (\$8,000) dollars and with the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, said Section 5 as amended, to read as follows:

Section 5. He shall, at stated times, receive as compensation for his services an annual salary of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars, and no more and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture.

That Section 17 be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 17. If, during the vacancy in the office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor should die, resign, refuse to serve or be removed from office or be unable to serve or if he should be impeached or absent from the State, the President of the Senate, for the time being, shall in like manner administer the government until he shall be succeeded by a Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per year, and no more, and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office, and no more. The President of the Senate, for the time being, shall, during the time he administers the government, receive the same compensation which the Governor would have received, had he been employed in the duties of his office.

Section 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, to be voted upon on the day of the next general election of the State of Texas, which will be held on the day fixed by law therefor. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation and election.

(A true copy.)
W. R. DAVIE, Secretary of State.

Taxation—Submitting Amendment to Constitution.

Joint Resolution amending Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted on school districts and providing for a majority vote of the property tax paying voters of such district to vote such tax.

Section 1. Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State by general or special law, without the special notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection

and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State of Texas shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election, or at a special election called by the Governor and the sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publication of such proclamation. At such election the qualified electors voting and favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "For amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State, relating to public free schools," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State, relating to public free schools."

(A true copy.)
W. R. DAVIE, Secretary of State.

RECIPE FOR LIFE'S HAPPINESS.

Seek to Remember Only Good Points of One's Neighbors.

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the slander you have heard. Forget the temptations. Forget peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write on it only lovely things.

Prevaricators!

A French writer has been asking leading writers and artists what they habitually drink; and the replies are on the lofty plane of those that are made when men are asked to name their favorite books. With the exception of Rodin, Flammarion, and a very few others, who frankly admit their preference for strong drink, these French bohemians of today seem to derive their inspiration mainly from water. And this in a Paris that once knew Henri Murger, that still knows one of the worst water supplies in a civilized city! Do you feel impelled, if a great man, to say that you drink water, just as you seem obliged to say that Shakespeare and the Bible form your staple reading?—London Chronicle.

Shopper Got the Best.

Not all young matrons are so unsophisticated as is the customary "Mrs. Newlywed" of the newspaper funny man. One striking exception resides in Harlem.

Entering a butcher shop on the eve of a large house party to be given at her home, she saw displayed a dozen chickens.

"Please pick me out a half dozen chickens that are tough," she said. "I have a special reason."

The butcher put aside seven.

"Are these all?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," was the reply. "These are all tough ones."

"Then send the other five to my house at once," said the young matron.

The Butcher is Guessing Still.

The butcher is guessing still.

The Roast.

Mrs. Archbold Sanderson was describing in New York her big game hunts in South Africa.

"Don't judge a woman by her looks," said she. "The most ethereal appearing girl may be able to bring down an elephant or a lion."

"To judge woman by her looks is to court error. I know a man who, while carving at a dinner, wished to say something that would please the pale, deep-eyed, spirituelle girl at his side."

"How do you like Maeterlinck?" he at last inquired.

"Well done," she answered, not once lifting her eyes from the great roast he was working on."

The Woman Who Gambles.

Moralists say that the emotion of gaming makes women ugly. It is not necessary to take the word of the moralists for that. Gaming does not make women ugly; it unmasks them, and it is of that that they must be warned. It is natural enough, since they play passionately, and in playing they forget the world and their faces. So much the worse for those who do as Jezebel. Jean Lorrain has left terrible pictures of old painted faces the natural condition of which is revealed by the excitement of play.

Her Fate.

Tess—You'll be all right if you can only cook. You know, they say the best way to reach a man's heart, is through his stomach.

Jess (pessimistically)—Yes, it will just be my luck to reach it with heart-burn or some other phase of dyspepsia.

Expensive Either Way.

"Poor Tom, it cost him a terrible lot to give up his sweetheart."

"Then, why did he?"

"Because it would have cost him a great deal more if he hadn't."—Boston Transcript.

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THE STORE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

We are now opening up a new and complete line of

**Ladies and Gents Furnishings, Millinery, Notions, Shoes, Hats
and a Full Stock of STAPLE DRY GOODS.**

We take this method to invite the public to visit our store at the Neathery building on the east side of the square, where we will greet you and take great pleasure in showing you through our stock of goods which we believe can not be excelled. We urge you to come and inspect this stock of goods, get acquainted with our salesmen and lay the foundation for those pleasant relations that should exist between the merchant and his customers.

RESPECTFULLY,

HUNT-HANCOCK Co.

Haskell, - - - Texas.

Beginning Saturday, Aug. 22
Ending Saturday, Aug. 29.

Dellis Bros. Big Clearance Sale

The time has come for us to make a general clean up on our summer goods. Fall goods will be coming in now in a few days. In order to make room for the new goods we are going to make prices that will startle the people of Haskell and Haskell county.

Beginning Saturday, Aug. 22
Ending Saturday, Aug. 29

SHIRTS

EAGLE AND CLUETT
\$2.00 and 2.50
shirts now going at 1.65
EAGLE AND CLUETT
\$1.50 shirts going
at 1.20
1.25 shirts at 1.00
1.00 shirts at .85

Underwear

This department is chugged full of good things. You will miss a rare bargain if you fail to see our prices.

Neckwear

and Arrow brand collars go in this sale.

PANTS

Ox-Breeches and Thorough-Bred Trousers.

Prices are so low that any one that needs a pair of new pants can afford them at these prices.

\$5.00 kind at 3.50
4.00 . . . 3.00
3.50 . . . 2.50

Oxfords

Edwin Clapp Oxfords
\$6.00 kind at 4.50
5.50 kind at 4.25
Banister's and Heywood's Oxfords go at same discount.



Clothing

Summer Clothing at half price. These suits must go—we can't afford to carry them over.

Grips and Traveling Bags

go at a price that you can't afford to miss.

HATS

Panamas and Straw sailors going at actual cost.

Boys knee pants and two piece suits will go at one-half price.

Belts, Suspenders and gloves are not left out of this sale.

Handkerchiefs

Our line of fine handkerchiefs for ladies and gentlemen will interest you.

AUG. 22
to
AUG. 29

This clean up sale begins Saturday Aug. 22nd, and will last eight days ONLY
Ending Saturday Aug. 29

DELLIS BROS.

MEN'S OUTFITTERS, Haskell, Texas
We Sell the Best that Money Can Buy

Aug. 22
to
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Locals and Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hart of Dallas is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baker.

Mrs. A. J. Lewis of Hopkins county is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. V. Smith of this place.

If you want a fine bird dog for the coming season see P. J. Johnson, Haskell, Tex. 304t

Mrs. J. F. Tompson of Ft. Worth is visiting her brothers, Mr. L. V. and Hugh Smith of this place.

The best line of spurs, bits, belts, purses, saddles and harness will be found at Evers' shop in Haskell. 23tf

Mrs. J. J. Stein and children have returned from Holland, Texas, where they visited Mrs. Stein's parents.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson. (4t)

Miss Myrtle Newbrough, of Chihuahua, Mexico, is visiting Miss Florence Couch. Her father is a Baptist missionary to Mexico.

If you want a fancy California hand stamped belt, hat band or purse, see Evers' shop at his harness shop in Haskell. 23tf

Phone your wants to the Haskell Dairy, Phone No. 227, R. E. Debard, manager. (30 tf)

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Talkington of Prosper, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Talkington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Foster.

Mr. D. H. Bell returned a few days ago from a business trip to Dallas. As a result of what he saw and heard he came home very optimistic as to the future of the land business in this county. He says he has several important deals pending for his firm and he looks for a good time this fall when crops begin to move to market.

Get the habit of drinking at Mode's—it's nice.

Mr. J. E. Vardeman of the Marcy neighborhood was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. T. P. Aycock and son Dr. F. E. Aycock of Bell county were visitors in our city this week. Mr. Aycock owns property in this county.

Miss Willie Belle Dromgoole of Waco is visiting Mrs. John Carothers at this place.

LAND OWNERS: We are in position to handle land to advantage and want to list your land for a lot of good purchasers we have coming from the black land districts. See us at State Bank. West Texas Development Co.

All kinds of fresh candies, fruits and celery at Mode's.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith of Prosper, are visiting their son, Mr. Lee Smith.

Mr. Ches Neathery is working with the telephone company at Graham.

Money-Money: Great stacks full of it to loan on gilt-edge land security no delay. Can get money in 10 to 15 days. Better see us at once and get those notes extended. Will also buy good land notes. West Texas Development Co.

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Service! Weight! Purity! For all of these tele. No. 157, L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co.

Messrs Bob Simmons, book-keeper for Alexander Merc. Co. at Rule, and Lee Rice of the same place, visited Haskell Wednesday.

Messrs G. R. Couch, J. D. Tompkins and J. V. Kemp on Wednesday delivered to Eugene Mayfield of Stonewall 160 head of yearlings on a previous contract.

Miss Maude Isbell of Munday visited in Haskell Tuesday.

Mr. Jack Harwell of the south side was in town Wednesday.

Six hundred cords of dry wood for sale or trade at my farm three miles and a half north of Haskell. Will sell or trade any quantity and take hogs, cattle, colts, chickens, turkeys or anything. J. C. Holt. 29tf.

County and District Clerk J. W. Meadors left Monday for Galveston to attend the clerks' convention.

Our stock of grain is complete. Favor us with an order and see with what promptness and satisfaction we can handle your business. L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co.

VENDORS LIEN NOTES: Can get you money on your land notes in 8 to 15 days; see us at once in State Bank. West Texas Development Co.

Bring your sick watches to me, at my new shop north side of square. R. M. Craig

Mr. G. W. Newsom of Weinert was in the city the early part of the week.

Messrs D. M. Graham and R. L. Nowlin of the Jud community were in the city Wednesday.

I am better fixed to do your watch and jewelry repairing than ever before. Craig

Our auto makes six or eight trips daily between Haskell and Rule. Ernest Boier an experienced chauffeur from Fort Worth, is our driver. J. L. Baldwin, propr.

Ladies skirts—just received a nice assortment of voile and panama skirts, all colors, at King's Cash Store. (The Store Ahead)

Messrs Sam and Ed Crow of Belton were prospecting in our city this week.

Baggage transferred to all parts of the city, ring No. 114 or Rupe & Peaksey.

Best drinks and quickest service at Mode's new place.

We are receiving daily shipments of McAlester and Colorado Nigger-head Coal. Try an order while the summer rate is on. L. P. Davidson Grain & Coal Co.

Messrs W. H. Murchison and G. T. McCulloh returned the early part of the week from San Antonio where they attended the democratic state convention as delegates.

Craig, the jeweler, moved to north side of square.

If you love good ice cream, visit Mode's new parlor.

Mrs. Wm. Oglesby has some good rooms to rent. (31-4tp)

King's Cash Store, (The Store Ahead.) Call and see the new styles in belts, etc.

Phone Stephens & Smith for a good sack of flour—quality and price guaranteed.

MEAT MARKET

I have opened a meat market on the north side of the square, where I will serve the best fresh meats to be obtained.

I will appreciate a share of your patronage.

A. B. RITCHIE & CO.

NOTICE

All persons that owe me for feed and seed will please see E. F. Springer and settle at once. I paid the money for what you got and I need it back.

I am yours truly,
Aug. 13, 1908 G. J. Miller

If you want to keep cool while you eat go to Mode's cream parlor.

It will positively take cash to get school books at Colliers.

The Free Press reporter visited the farm of Mr. T. A. Greer, who lives near Rochester, the early part of the week and learned from Mr. Greer and by inspection, that there were some fields of good cotton in that vicinity. Mr. Greer has been farming in Haskell county for about eighteen years and has been successful. He thinks there will be lots of cotton made yet.

Call in and see my new line of jewelry. A. M. Craig.

Call at King's Cash Store and see the new goods that are arriving daily. (The store ahead)

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green of Princeton, Ala., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. G. Landess of the south side. Mr. Green has been getting the Free Press at his home in Alabama for some time.

Mr. Hardy Grissom has returned from the New York market where he purchased the fall stock for C. D. Grissom & Son.

Mr. J. A. Price and Tom McLendon of the northeast side were in town Thursday. Mr. Price is the manager of the Ferris farms and Mr. McLendon owns the gins in that community.

Mr. W. B. Wood has sold his place east of town.

Mr. W. A. Earnest of Munday passed through here Thursday on his way to Rule.

Capt. Wm. Wood of the northeast side was in town Thursday.

Mr. W. F. Meador of the west side was in town Thursday and reports that his corn, millet and maize was a good yield but that the cotton had been injured by worms.

Mr. Jno. W. Smith of the northwest corner made a shipment of three cars of cattle to Fort Worth this week from this station. He reports that the worms had not been so severe on cotton in his community, as they were in other parts, and that he had cotton that would make a half bale per acre.

Miss Eva Fields has returned from St. Louis where she has been the past 10 or 15 days purchasing the fall stock of millinery for C. D. Grissom & Son.

Prof. Eidlén of Hico, was a prospector in this city this week. Prof. Eidlén has purchased some real estate here and is making arrangements to build some houses.

Mr. Bob Hollis has been raising onions for the market for several years and has been very successful, growing them large, firm and well shaped. He stated to a Free Press reporter a few days ago that he got a bad stand this year but would make about 150 bushels.

Mr. J. R. Miller of Pinkerton, was in the city Thursday with a load of fine Kaffir corn, with the heads on, which he readily sold on the local market. We learn he has made 6000 bundles of Kaffir corn and 4000 bundles of milo maize all bright forage and well headed and filled with grain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Metcalf of Taylor are visiting their daughter, Mrs. O. E. Patterson of this place. They are accompanied by their son Thomas Metcalf.

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JUDGE POOLE RETIRES

Judge J. E. Poole has severed his connection with the Free Press and sold his interest in the same to Mr. Walter S. Hicks who has associated himself with Mr. Martin.

The Free Press will be published in the future by the firm of Martin & Hicks. Mr. Martin was the editor of the Free Press for six years beginning with the initial issue, Jan. 1st, 1886. Mr. Hicks has worked on the paper for a number of years.

We can say of Judge Poole, he has kept the columns of the Free Press clean during all the years he has presided over them as editor, and has given the best years of his life in a truly, unselfish and patriotic effort to build up his country, and has always stood for the right and has never been turned from the path of duty by mere consideration of policy.

During these years he has won the admiration of hundreds of readers for those sterling qualities of integrity that are too rarely found in the world of today. In every community where he has ever lived these rare and high qualities have been recognized and admired by all classes, and appreciating his worth it will be our earnest endeavor to emulate his example, we hope to maintain the Free Press in the front rank of a useful country press.

Since the attorney general of the United States ruled last week that the national banks of Oklahoma could not submit themselves to the State banking laws and secure the benefits of the depositor's guaranty provision, and a number of the national banks of that state have surrendered their Federal charters and secured charters as State banks. Under the Oklahoma guaranty law the national banks have been losing and the State banks gaining business. This shows how the people who deposit money in banks regard the guaranty system, and is an earnest of the fact that its universal adoption is inevitable in the near future.

The FREE PRESS appreciates the cordial invitation to attend the meeting of the Commercial Clubs at Monday this week, but regrets that circumstances were such that we could not indulge the pleasure of going.

"What Mr. Taft thinks," is the headline on a western newspaper editorial. Of course it meant "what Mr. Taft says," which is quite a different proposition from what he thinks when it comes to "our policies."

An expert mind reader could make money in Wall Street just now by interpreting Tom Lawson for stock gamblers.

Nowata is the name of a town in Oklahoma. We presume it is a dry town.

The thermometer has had work up toward the top lately.

Mr. John Thomason and Miss Dolle Louise Barlow of this place were married Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents in this city, and immediately left for Vernon, where they will make their home.

THE LOWEST RATE YET

Austin, Tex., Aug. 15.—Texas is a \$2,000,000,000 State and its rate for State ad valorem taxes is the smallest of any State in the Union.

These facts were brought out to day when the State automatic tax board met to fix the rate for the present year and found that the assessed valuations of the State for 1908 aggregated \$2,160,897,210. This is practically estimated for the reason that three counties in the State have failed to make their reports, among which is Travis county. The other two are Knox and Panola counties. The board figured in Travis county at \$30,000,000, though it will probably reach \$35,000,000.

The board fixed the State ad valorem rate 6 1-4 cents on the \$100 and the school tax at 16 2-3 cents on each \$100 valuation.

This is the lowest State rate that has ever been made in Texas and is just half as much as the rate of last year, which was 12 1/2 cents. In 1906 the rate was 20 cents. Last year the school rate was 20 cents.

These reductions in tax rates are directly due to the full rendition law, and in making them Governor Campbell has fulfilled his promise of last year that the rate would be materially decreased when the full rendition law was put into effect. The automatic tax board remained in session only a brief period and after an announcement of the assessed valuations the rates were immediately determined.

HOME MISSION

On Tuesday afternoon a large number of ladies gathered at the Methodist church to hear Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, speak on the home mission work.

Mrs. Rollin's paper, which she was requested to give the society for publication, paid special attention to the great work, the society is doing by maintaining schools and rescue homes, sending out trained women to work in the larger cities and by aiding mission preachers in caring for their families and providing houses of worship for the struggling congregations. Her remarks and suggestions on tithing were helpful to every woman hearing her. Brother Meadors and Mrs. Sanders, first vice-president of the local society, made short interesting talks. The vocal solo by Mrs. McGuire was a pleasure to all. Ten ladies gave their names for membership.

After the program, the ladies of the society served fruit punch and all present took advantage of this opportunity to meet Mrs. Rollins.

The society as a whole, felt greatly benefitted and strengthened by the presence of Mrs. Rollins on this pleasant afternoon.

From a San Antonio news item we gather that the republicans, at least those who are interested in the liquor business, are making whiskey the paramount issue in the state campaign. It is unbelievable that the rank and file of the republican party of Texas will submit to having red liquor and the dealers in it made the paramount issue for their support. Prohibition as embodied in the democratic platform adopted at San Antonio, is merely submitted to a vote of the people for their adoption or rejection, and a vote on it one way or the other is not to be taken as a test of the voter's democracy, hence, it affords no grounds whatever for a democrat to quit his party, as he can vote for or against it as freely as he could were he allied with any other party, without effecting his standing as a party democrat.

ADIEU

For something more than fifteen years the writer has been steadily in the harness as editor of the FREE PRESS. For a number of years he conducted the paper alone, but for the past few years has been associated with others in the ownership and conduct of the paper. Mr. Oscar Martin being so connected with it for the past four years.

Under all administrations the policy of the paper has been the same; that is, to do all within the limit of its means and ability, to further the development and upbuilding of its town and county, and we believe its efforts have not been without some good results and that they have been appreciated by many, and we desire here to express our sincere thanks to those who have given it their moral and material support and encouragement.

With this issue of the paper my connection with it as part owner and editor ceases, Mr. Walter S. Hicks having purchased my interest, and he and Mr. Martin will in the future conduct the paper and be responsible for it in all respects. They are competent and able to give the town and community a good and useful paper and we bespeak for them a liberal support and co-operation. But permit us to suggest that any paper's ability to render effective service to its community is gauged largely by the moral and financial support given it by the community it endeavors to serve—the better the support the greater the proportionate service it can render. Bear this fact in mind and you can make your local paper worth much to you and the community.

Sincerely yours,
J. E. Poole.

The M. E. Church of Knox City, have raised funds for a \$10,000, church building in that place, and will lay the corner stone Thursday Aug. 27. The exercises will be conducted by the local masonic lodge, with the Grand Master W. Lee Moore of Wichita Falls presiding. Bishop Key will deliver an address. They will have a dedicatory service, a picnic and a basket dinner at the fair grounds. A general invitation is extended to the people of the surrounding country and neighboring towns to attend.

RECEPTION.

A rare social function was enjoyed by the young people of Seymour Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Board. The occasion was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meyerholz. The entertainment features of the evening were to numerous to mention, but some of them were especially noteworthy.

Partners were chosen in a unique manner. Cards were out in a variety of shapes with a musical composer's name on one half and his production on the other. They were given out, the gentleman hunting out the lady who held the match for their cards. In the first contest twenty-six articles were arranged on a table which represented as many different terms in music. In another contest a romance in music was represented by selections played by Miss Daisey Baskin. In guessing the number of pages in a book Mrs. J. A. Britain guessed exactly the right number.

At a late hour refreshments of salad, olives, iced tea and sherbert were served. Everybody had a good time and expressed the hope that such occasions as these might be more frequent in the future.—Banner

Mr. Jno. D. Hughes of Georgetown, is here. Mr. Hughes owns a large ranch on Paint creek.

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PLANTERS FACE RUIN

Cotton in Jones and Haskell Counties Destroyed by Drouth

Fort Worth, Aug. 13.—Alarming reports reached here to-night from Central West Texas to the effect that the cotton crop will be ruined unless a good rain falls very soon. Worms have wrought havoc, and in Jones and Haskell counties, banner cotton counties, a thousand acres will not produce even one bale. The drouth has now continued for over a month and dry winds blow scorchingly across the fields every day. Cotton and other crops are still affected. Rain is reported to-day in the upper Panhandle, however, coming in the nick of time to prevent large losses to grain growers.

The above item from the Austin Statesman is a sample of the gross exaggeration that gets into the newspapers sometimes. It is not infrequent that when some imaginative fellow gets hold of an item of news which he recognizes is of some importance he rushes off to a newspaper reporter and deals it out with sensational trimmings and exaggerated details with the idea that it adds to his importance to be the bearer of big news, and sometimes the bearer of such news is actuated by more reprehensible motives. In this case the truth would have been bad enough. The boll worms have inflicted severe damage on the cotton in large portions of Haskell and Jones Counties, but the statement as given in the above item would do credit to a Munchausen, a Jules Verne or a Gulliver. Much of the cotton has a fair sprinkling of bolls left on it and the drouth has not stopped the growth of the plant which is still blooming and setting squares. Neither has the drouth been of such proportions as stated in the item, which is dated Aug. 13. Up to that date there had been no rain since July 25th, or a little less than three weeks, and previous to that time there was an excess of rain, to which fact the farmers ascribe the visitation of the boll worms and they concurred in wishing for three or four weeks of dry, hot weather, believing that it would destroy the worms. Their wish has been gratified and the general information from all parts of the country at this time, Aug. 18, is to the effect that the worms have disappeared or are rapidly disappearing from the fields and that the cotton is blooming and setting fruit. The plant is larger than usual and can hold a good sized crop. Experienced farmers say that blooms as late as the middle of Sept. will mature and open, and that even later blooms will mature if we have a warm fall and late frost, so that there is still a hopeful prospect for a fairly good cotton crop in Haskell and Jones counties. However, it can not be the recordbreaking crop it would have been if the worms had not attacked it. The stalks are unusually large for this country—from waist to six feet in height and heavily loaded with bolls, blooms and squares. The general estimate was that the crop would average over the entire county from three-fourths to

a bale per acre.

Wheat and oats, of which there was not a very large acreage, had made good crops and been saved before the dry spell set in and the spring plantings of Kaffir corn, milo maize, millet and sorghum were so far matured that they are uninjured and will give large yields. These crops sown late on wheat, oat and millet stubble are being retarded in growth, but their characteristics are such that they will stand through almost any drouth and then respond to a rain and make as good crops as if they had not been checked in growth. The corn crop was also matured beyond injury before the dry weather began and owing to the better preparation of the land and the frequent rains during its growth is pronounced the best corn crop ever made in West Texas.

As indicated above, cotton is about the only crop of any consequence that has suffered to an appreciable extent in this section this year, and if the boll worms quit it now, it is believed that it will yet make a fair crop.

With all the available information, the FREE PRESS makes this statement as presenting as nearly the true condition of the cotton and other crops in Haskell county as can be made at this time.

A MOVE FOR GOOD ROADS

Messrs R. E. Sheeril, C. D. Long, A. H. Alexander, J. B. Baker and J. E. Poole were designated by the Commissioners' Court while in session here last week as a committee to go to Throckmorton with County Judge Joe Irby and lay before the people and commissioners' court of that county a proposition for the two counties to join in improving the public road between Throckmorton and Haskell prior to the opening of the business season this fall.

Judge Irby with the committee, excepting Messrs Baker and Poole, who could not go, went over Wednesday in a hack. It was their purpose to make a close inspection of the road and arrive at an estimate of the amount of work and cost required to put it in first-class condition and thus be able to lay the matter before the Throckmorton people in definite form.

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HUDSON & ROBERTS

Stephens & Smith have just received a shipment of choice, fresh pickles, in bottles and in bulk.

INDIFFERENCE AND BAD GOVERNMENT

An article which we reproduce this week from the Dallas News calls attention to a condition which constitutes the greatest menace to popular or representative government, and every man who possesses the right to cast a vote should think the matter over in real seriousness. Relying upon this known indifference of so large a number of the people, designing politicians and legislators are emboldened to do many things to serve their own ends and the designs of special interests which they would not dare to do if they knew the people were vigilant and would hold them to account on next election day. There never were truer words spoken than when Thomas Jefferson warned the people that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." This is more certainly true in a representative government like ours, where the rights of the people are entrusted to the keeping of so many persons than it is in a monarchy.

If the people were always vigilant they would become more intelligent and better informed on political and economic questions and able to detect more promptly when their rights were threatened or encroached upon, and they would always have good government, because legislators and officials would know that their acts were watched and understood.

When through indifference and lack of vigilance the people encourage the politicians and office holders to run the government into extravagance, corruption and graft, the opportunity of the demagogue comes. In rampant and florid language he portrays the wrongs and oppression of the people and the corruption of the dominant parties, gets a following and organizes a new party, thus dividing the people and weakening their ability to accomplish reforms. When the people are aroused by the demagogues and apostles of calamity they usually become much enthused and exercise great diligence in vain efforts to overthrow existing parties. Half the diligence would have kept their old party clean, or would clear it of undesirable elements. We have a case in point in the organization by Mr. Hearst of a party known as the "Independence League," which will fail and go the way of all such parties, after endangering the success of the Democratic party under Mr. Bryan, and possibly preventing its success, by subtracting from its vote in some of the close states. With a man of the utmost integrity, honesty and sincerity in his long struggle for righteous government and the rights of the people for a leader—such a man as William Jennings Bryan—it becomes a matter of surprise and poignant regret that blatant politicians and self servers can wield an appreciable influence. We can not altogether agree with the News' idea that fewer elections is the panacea for indifference. Our schools should inculcate the duties of citizenship in the minds of our youth and the people should exercise calm judgment and common sense.

ABILENE FAIR

We quote the following from a letter we have from the Secretary of Abilene Fair Association.

"Referring our letter to you of recent date regarding our Fair this fall, which as you are aware will be pulled off Sept. 22-26th inclusive. Will say we hope to have the catalogue out now in a few days (now in the hands of the printers) and will be glad to mail you a copy (together with a complimentary season ticket) just as soon as it is out, in the mean time, however, we would like to ask that you give the Fair such publicity as you see fit through the columns of your paper. We would like to have you especially call the attention of your readers to the fact that we are offering a \$100.00 cash prize for the best agricultural county exhibit, and that Taylor County is barred in this contest. We hope to have the best Fair in this, as well as in many other respects, that has ever been pulled off in West Texas.

We are giving better premiums and bigger purses (over \$3500 in purses) and we believe from present indications that we will be able to give the people more for their money, in fact the best all round show that has ever been pulled off by the West Texas Fair Association. But to do this we realize that we must have the hearty co-operation of the citizenship of Central West Texas, especially the farmers and stockmen, and last but by no means least the "Newspaper Man", hence we again (pardon us) would ask for as much space as you may feel like tendering us in your valued columns, in order that we may BRING it and keep it continually before the people until the opening day, which is only a little more than 30 days off. Thanking you for your kind consideration of the above and sincerely hoping that you and a number of your friends will be with us, we are,

WEST TEX. FAIR ASS'N.

By CAVE W. HARRIDER, Secy.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

The Free Press will take pleasure in receiving and forwarding contributions to the campaign fund.

Subscriptions previously reported \$10.00.

We have to report the following subscriptions this week:

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| M. Pierson..... | \$2.50 |
| J. E. Irby, Sr..... | 1.00 |
| I. D. Killingsworth..... | 1.00 |
| C. D. Grissom..... | 1.00 |
| J. B. Tompkins..... | .50 |
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TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

School books this year will be positively spot cash to one and all, so do not ask for credit on them as we have adopted that rule and expect to carry it out.

Colliers Drug Store.

Mr. S. G. Dean made a business trip to Throckmorton the early part of the week.

We have the land in the Bailey pasture for sale.

Sanders & Wilson.

The Comanche Team played Haskell a series of five games, which resulted in Haskell winning three out of the five games. We are not able to give the score by games, but Haskell maintained her "rep" for amateur ball. The games were well attended.

An expert mind reader could make money in Wall Street just now by interpreting Tom Lawson for stock gamblers.

IN DEFENSE OF THE SURGEON

Dr. Maurice H. Richardson Declares Somewhat Prevalent Idea is All Wrong.

In a recent lecture at the Harvard Medical school Dr. Maurice H. Richardson set forth the absolute need of resorting to the knife in certain cases. The idea that the surgeon lacks sensibility and is more or less indifferent to human suffering and may even perform an operation when not absolutely necessary he declared to be all wrong. He said that the contrary was shown by the fact that the surgeon is constantly laboring to make his profession unnecessary, by preventing the recurrence of the diseases for which he operates, as well as by endeavoring to cure without resorting to operation. "A popular delusion that the surgeon is simply looking for an opportunity to keep busy all the time," Dr. Richardson added, "results in thousands and thousands of deaths of sufferers who are persuaded by friends not to submit to operation, until it is too late to save the patient."

UNKIND.



Jenkins—What do you think of that new photo of mine?
Dawkins—It's very good, but I don't think you do it justice.

TERRIFYING MIX-UP.

"Did you ever see a 'roaring well,' sonny?" asked the wandering peddler, who was selling photographs of natural freaks.

The freckled lad on the fence grinned his broadest. "Did I ever see a 'roaring well,' mister?" he echoed. "Wall, I reckon. Last week the old yellow tomcat chased a toad to the edge of the well and they both tumbled in. Then the dog tried to catch the cat, and he went in, too. Dad tried to grab Towser's tail, tripped over the gray mule that was grazing by the trough, and they all went in together. Was that a 'roaring well?' Well, mister, for two hours, until the bunch was fished out, there was more roaring in that well than in all the earthquake predictors put together."

OPERA SINGER WORKS HARD.

Mme. Albani has never taken her art lightly. Her old master, Lamperti, she once recalled, kept her studying a single opera, "La Sonnambula," for months, and she has always declared that "slow and sure" is the motto which makes for success.

It may not be generally known, by the way, that the popular notion that Mme. Albani derived her nom de theater from Albany, in New York state, is quite erroneous; it was chosen for her by Lamperti, after a famous Italian family. The good people of Albany, however, jumped at once at the other idea, and Mme. Albani never had the heart to undeceive them.

FENCE POSTS CONFISCATED.

Special Agent Frank Grygia of the United States land office recently seized 5,000 fence posts which were illegally cut in Union county by non-residents from Colorado.

The department of the interior is making special efforts to stop all illegal cutting of timber, and special agents are kept busy looking after the public domain. Additional arrests will likely be made. The department in each instance is willing to compromise, providing the offenders will pay for the timber taken at a little higher price than they could have secured if had they purchased it legally.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

LITERALLY, AT LEAST.

"Mr. Pedagog is an old time teacher. He believes in the rod to brighten up dull boys."
"Well, isn't that the natural way to make them smart?"

PRaise FOR GERMAN EMPErOR

Far-Seeing Ruler, Liberal and Wise, Is the Declaration of One of His Subjects.

Erich von Biebrich of Berlin is a young German touring the United States. Speaking about military service in Germany, Herr von Biebrich said recently:

"Military training for young men is of great advantage to any country! A powerful navy serves the same purpose. I am in favor of an effective army and a powerful navy for Germany, irrespective of what England thinks about it. Germany's commerce over the seas needs strong protection, and for that purpose we must have a powerful navy. Germany has enemies in Europe not far from her own frontiers. To protect ourselves against these, we must have a strong and effective navy."

"Who can blame us under the circumstances? Who can say that we are a military power? Are we not expected to defend our country and her interests? Are we expected to do what other countries would like us to do?"

"The German emperor is a far-seeing ruler, liberal, and wise. The German people idolize him. They will follow him wherever he may lead, even if he should lead into battle."—Washington Herald.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.



Owl—My, but your hair is growing long. What have you done to restore it?
Leo—Been divorced.

LITERATURE IN LATIN AMERICA.

During the last few years the South American people have found out that their future lies in the development of their agricultural resources. The people are eager to study agriculture and become better acquainted with the tilling of the soil. Everywhere agricultural societies are being formed, and books and magazines on this subject are much sought after. Some magazines printed in Spanish in the United States are becoming quite popular in Latin America, and are good advertising mediums for reaching the consumers.

MISSOURI WIT.

A number of representatives were facetiously discussing the resources of the state of Missouri one afternoon, when McCall of Massachusetts observed to Mr. Lloyd of the first-named state:

"Lloyd, I am told that Missouri stands at the head in raising mules."
"It seems to me," retorted Lloyd, "that is the only safe place to stand in the circumstances."—Lippincott's.

THE EFFECT SPOILED.

"Refused you! Surprising! Did you walk with her in the moonlight?"
"Yes."

"And you would gladly die for her?"
"I did, but just then some one yelled 'Hands up!' and I ran three blocks before her mischievous young brother caught me and told me it was only a joke."—Kansas City Times.

JUST LIKE A BACHELOR.

They were strolling along the lake front.

"The waves must be feminine," remarked the tall bachelor.

"Ah," hastened the girl, "because they are so pretty?"
"No, because they are always saying something and no one knows what they are saying."

And after that she said bachelors were the meanest men in the world.

HE WON HER.

"My singing of the lullaby didn't seem to awaken much enthusiasm,"

"No," replied the needy but ambitious youth, "it was so artistically rendered that it lulled even that to sleep."

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Dallas are visiting relatives in

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OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY TO BE HELD
AT PINKERTON SATURDAY AND SUN-
DAY AUG. 29TH AND 30TH 1908.

Saturday.

- 10 A. M. Opening exercises by Prairie Dale. S.
- 11 A. M. Address:- Why I believe in S. S. work. A. M. Reed. J. N. McFatter and W. E. Brown.
- 11.45 My experience as a S. S. superintendent. J. M. Speck and J. D. Reeves.

Dinner on the Ground.

- 2 P. M. Paint Creek Sunday school.
- 3 . . . Address:- The Greatest Need of the Average S. S. W. D. Dromgoole. followed by open discussion.
- 3.45 Brushy Sunday school.
- 4.30 Address:- How to use the quarterly. J. P. Siler.
- 8:30 Address: The S. S. as a safe Guard Against the Future. J. T. Nicholson.

Sunday.

- 9:45 A. M. Regular Sunday School lesson, taught by J. P. Siler.
- 11 A. M. Sermon:- J. A. May.

Dinner.

- 2 P. M. Rochester Sunday School.
 - 2:30 Carney
 - 3 P. M. Rule
 - 3:30 Foster
 - 4 P. M. Plain View
 - 4:30 Haskell
- Any other school that will take part will be given a place on the program. Everybody come and bring your dinner and have a good time.
- I. N. ALVIS.
For Committee.

BEST TIME TO CHOOSE HAT

When Woman Was Looking Her Worst Chosen as the Proper Period for Selection.

Two women had been shopping nearly all day and were as warm and weary as the circumstances warranted. As they were handed their change at the last counter one exclaimed: "Now for an ice cream soda and home?"

"Not for me," returned the other, with a martyr-like expression on her face. "I'm going to buy a hat."

"A hat? Why, you're all tired out and your hair is coming down."

"I know it, and that is the very reason. When you start out well

brushed and fresh almost any hat will look good on you, but one that looks decent on me as I am now is the hat I want. That will be a true test. I always buy my hats when I am looking a little worse than usual. So you go for your ice cream soda, while I choose between a Merry Widow and a 'Soul Kiss.'"

"No, no," protested the first, "I'll try on a few, too, just to cheer myself up."

FORESTRY GOES WRONG.

First attempts at forestry on the part of the Pennsylvania railroad have thus far resulted in something closely approaching disaster. Since the road began planting locust trees on 2,000 acres of land in Pennsylvania, six years ago, the arboriculturists have set out 1,855,000 young trees. Up to the present scarcely one of the trees has escaped ruin by insects, and now it is proposed to try again with red oak, English larch, pine and red oak and red and Scotch pine.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

New York's 400 had been cut down by 25 per cent.

Still the trouble of the arbiters was not over, for the remainder quarreled as to precedence.

"How shall we determine the relative standing of the descendants of a clam peddler and those who trace themselves back to a vendor of pellets?" the arbiters asked of each other.

It was, indeed, a puzzling question.—Philadelphia Ledger.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 11.—State Chairman Carden called the convention to order promptly at 12:30 o'clock. Secretary J. C. McNeal read the call. Rev. Dr. J. B. Cleaver invoked divine blessing on the delegates and their deliberations. Chairman Carden addressed the convention. The keynote of his speech was to forgive and forget and bury the animosities of the political controversy of the last two years. He likewise condemned the proposition that allows the democracy to instruct a public officer how to act, then to admonish him that if he does it will punish him. This earned applause. The mention of Bryan's name precipitated cheering, hand-clapping and foot-stamping prolonged fifty minutes.

C. L. Bass, county chairman of Bexar county, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates in behalf of the Bexar county democracy.

A. W. Houston of this city was introduced and spoke in behalf of the mayor and city council.

At the conclusion of Mr. Houston's address the band played "America," the delegates rising spontaneously after a brief delay.

J. H. Kirkpatrick, representing the Business Club, was presented. A clear, ringing salutation got the convention's rapt attention at the outset and it listened to the speaker with admiring decorum, interspersed with bursts of applause.

E. C. Duff of Jefferson county was introduced to respond to the addresses of welcome.

William Masterson of Harris read the recommendations of the executive committee for temporary officers, being:

Chairman—C. F. Greenwood, Hill county.

Temporary secretary—Bob Barker, Bexar county.

Assistant secretaries—C. W. Robinson, Harris county; W. Z. Hayes, Morris county; O. P. Basford, Travis county.

Assistant sergeant-at-arms—W. S. Russell, Grayson county; Bob Goodfellow, Coleman county; John J. Stevens, Hill county; R. M. Johnson, Orange county.

Mr. Carden appointed Walter Collins of Hill county and C. W. Robinson of Harris county to escort Mr. Greenwood to the chair. The keynote of his speech—the keynote, too, of the campaign—sounded for harmony and for approval of the party policy, of supporting the doctrine that compels the carrying out of platform demands. His speech was a broad defense of the Campbell administration, particularly the system of full rendition. Mr. Greenwood urged the convention to be chary of putting into the platform what it does not desire to be executed. Committees on platform, resolutions and permanent organization were then appointed.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 11.—Without a hitch in its proceedings, the committee on permanent organization, called to meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock, adopted an order of business for tomorrow's convention and named J. A. L. Wolfe as permanent chairman.

The committee met in the chamber of the Court of Civil Appeals at the Bexar county court house, Senator A. P. Barrett of Fannin county acting as chairman and E. A. Perry of Madison county as secretary. The first business of the committee was the naming of a permanent chairman of the convention, and Mr. Wolfe was unanimously chosen. Vice-presidents were then nominated and elected, as follows: Nat D. Oak, Red River county; S. W. Blount, Nacogdoches county; R. W. Simpson, Upshur county; R. F. Spearman, Hunt county; D. Y. Poole, Bosque county; T. S. Henderson, Milam county; G. C. Stokes, Houston county; P. R. Rowe, Polk county; L. W. Moore, Fayette county; E. R. Kone, Hays county; S. P. York, Coryell county; H. N. Goodson, Comanche county; Edgar Scurry, Wichita county; Carlos Bee, Bexar county; J. B. Dibrill, Guadalupe county; W. A. Wright, Tom Green county.

Bob Barker of Bexar county, temporary secretary, was made permanent secretary, and a long list of assistant secretaries elected, as follows: C. W. Robinson, Harris county; O. H. Basford, Travis county; W. Z. Hayes, Morris county; Ed F. Blackshear, Grimes county; Clyde D. Smith was elected reading clerk.

Robert Goodfellow was named for sergeant-at-arms, the assistants being as follows: W. S. Russell, Grayson; John H. Stephens, Hill; Charles Burkes, Bell; L. F. McClure, Jones; F. L. McGee, Morris; Jink Evans, Morris; Charles McCubbin, Galveston; T. J. Dick, Galveston; John Redus, Delta; Gus Reimiger, Comal; Mart Munger, Kaufman; J. W. Kinchloe, Burnet.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 12.—The second day's session of the Democratic State convention was principally devoted to hearing the reports of the committees and adopting the platform. The latter was mainly accepted as presented by the majority committee, without protest. There were a few minor differences, but the platform as adopted, somewhat condensed excepting as to the submission plank which we give complete, follows:

1. Declaring our devotion to those principles of government for which the democratic party has ever been the most valiant champion and defender, we pledge ourselves to every effort necessary to perpetuate the rights

White Pine Blight.
The United States forest service has issued a pamphlet giving details of the extent and importance of the white pine blight. The blight first made its appearance in this country about five years ago, and although it has become distributed throughout central and southern New England and has reached New York no great damage has yet been done. "The situation," says the pamphlet, "is not one which calls for alarm, but simply for watchfulness and further investigation. Every one is urged to send to the gov-

guaranteed by our Federal and State constitution and look with confidence to a brilliant democratic victory in the coming election for their vindication.

2. We endorse the platform adopted by the National democratic convention and heartily ratify the nomination of William Jennings Bryan and John Worth Kerns.

3. We heartily endorse the present democratic administration, the official acts of Governor Thomas M. Campbell and the acts of the Thirtieth legislature enacted in obedience to platform demands.

4. We endorse the official course of our senators and representatives in the United States congress and commend their faithful discharge of official duties.

5. We recommend to the Thirty-first legislature that it resubmit for adoption by the people a constitutional amendment making provision for the indigent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers.

6. In harmony with the National democratic platform, pledging the party to the legislation for the guaranty of National bank deposits, we favor the prompt establishment of a system under the supervision and control of the State banks of Texas.

7. We recommend such amendments to and changes in the laws governing court and procedure as will reduce the expense and litigation and tend to speedy administration of justice in civil as well as criminal cases.

8. The Democratic party favors a wise and liberal financial support of our public schools and all our State educational institutions.

9. We repudiate the charges that have been made that Texas legislation is unfriendly to capital, and we invite a comparison of our laws affecting capital, private or corporate, with the laws of other States on this subject.

10. We favor decreasing the number and increasing the compensation of the legislators of this State.

11. We favor the establishment of additional experimental agricultural stations, especially in Central West and Northwest Texas.

12. We recommend that our State health department be granted adequate authority and ample means to properly safeguard the public health.

13. Recognizing that the oil and rice industries are of great importance to the growth of the State, we recommend the legislation that will conserve and protect them, and that provision be made for fixing and regulating the charges of canal and pipe line companies.

14. Realizing that one of the most important industries of our State is involved in the fish and oyster industry and that our bays furnish in a limited quantity and inadequate at the same time, a supply of these foods to the people, and that adequate laws ought to be enacted to protect the limited supply.

15. We demand the submission by the Thirty-first legislature of the State of Texas of a constitutional amendment to the people of the State of Texas for their adoption or rejection, prohibiting within the State of Texas the manufacture, sale, gift, exchange and interstate shipment of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors and medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication except for medicinal and sacramental purposes. We recommend that the prohibition amendment demanded by the recent primary election be submitted to all qualified voters at a special election to be held in 1909.

We declare that at such election a vote for or against the amendment shall not be considered a test of democracy, as it is not the purpose of this convention to commit the democratic party for or against State prohibition.

Your committee further recommends the adoption of the following resolutions: The fact that neither the State nor party, by a vote of the entire State, has the right to elect either a State senator or representative, is conclusive that they have no right to instruct them adversely to the expressed will of their local constituency. The manner of their election under the constitution and the laws of this State, adopted and enacted by the democratic party of this State, shows the party devotion to the doctrine of local self-government advocated by our democratic fathers, and so dear to all democrats.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 13.—After the conflict over the adoption of the submission plank the Democratic Convention reassembled this forenoon and finished up its work.

Gov. Campbell's name was presented in glowing terms by Hon. James H. Robertson of Austin and seconded by E. A. Berry of Madison, both speeches being splendid specimens of convention eloquence.

Gov. Campbell was brought in to acknowledge his honors. The governor was given a cordial reception and in fitting terms expressed his gratitude. The tenor of his remarks was that the masses have a right to shape the destinies of the State and that he would obey their mandates. He admonished all Democrats to bury past differences, forget the bitter things said and present a solid phalanx against the common enemy.

Judge Arthur B. Storey was elected State chairman without opposition and responded with a felicitous speech. The convention adjourned sine die

ernment all the information on the subject, together with specimens of affected twigs. It is particularly desired to learn as much as possible about its distribution and its appearance and development during the coming season. Such information will help greatly in determining what the trouble is and the best methods of dealing with it."

In Wall Street.
"What does ex. dividend mean?"
"Money coming in that you've already spent."—Life.

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THE "LESS" AGE.
Cholly—It's wonderful, bah Jove! Riding without hawses, telegraphing without wires, and all these things. Maude—Yes and thinking without brains.

The Spider and the Fly.
In the long warfare between the spider and the fly, the latter has had the housewife for its auxiliary and friend. The flies have been tolerated, even fed and nurtured, while the spiders and their webs have been ruthlessly destroyed. This unremitting and unrelenting war against it keeps the spider population down, while the flies increase and multiply by the millions and ten of millions, almost unchecked. The spider is ugly and his web is unsightly in the estimation of most people, but spiders hurt no human creature. They feed on flies, which are the foes of mankind, and do mankind a service.—Philadelphia Press.

India-Gestion.
Here is a story the bishop of London told John Morley the other day, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. They were holding an "exam." in an East-end school, and the teacher was explaining the chief products of the Indian empire. One child recited a list of comestibles: "Please, miss, India produces curries and pepper and citron and chillies and chutney and—and—" "Yes, yes, and what comes after that?" "Please, miss, I don't remember." "Yes, but think. What is India so famous for?" "Please, 'm, India-gestion."

Warm Welcome Assured.
"And you say you haven't been home all the afternoon?" reprimanded the old lady on the bridge.
"No'm," confessed the small boy with wet hair.
"Well, why don't you go home right away? Your mother will be wearing her soul away for you."
The little boy was thoughtful.
"Yessum, but if I get there before my hair dries she will be wearing a single away for me. You see, I've been in swimming."

SELF DELUSION
Many People Deceived by Coffee.
We like to defend our indulgences and habits even though we may be convinced of their actual harmfulness. A man can convince himself that whisky is good for him on a cold morning, or beer on a hot summer day—when he wants the whisky or beer. It's the same with coffee. Thousands of people suffer headaches and nervousness year after year but try to persuade themselves the cause is not coffee—because they like coffee.
"While yet a child I commenced using coffee and continued it," writes a Wis. man, "until I was a regular coffee fiend. I drank it every morning and in consequence had a blinding headache nearly every afternoon."
"My folks thought it was coffee that ailed me, but I liked it and would not admit it was the cause of my trouble, so I stuck to coffee and the headaches stuck to me."
"Finally, the folks stopped buying coffee and brought home some Postum. They made it right (directions on pkg.) and told me to see what difference it would make with my head, and during the first week on Postum my old affliction did not bother me once. From that day to this we have used nothing but Postum in place of coffee—headaches are a thing of the past and the whole family is in fine health."
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FATIGUED EXPRESSION.
"Nearly all in."



His Idea.
"Well, just what is a secret, anyway?"
"A thing to be kept—"
"Yes."
"On tap—"
"Oh!"
"Until several people have ferreted it out—"
"Well?"
"And then it is published with big head lines."—Nashville American.

"Nails."
"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching—though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely affected and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than a box cured me entirely."
J. M. WARD, Index, Texas.

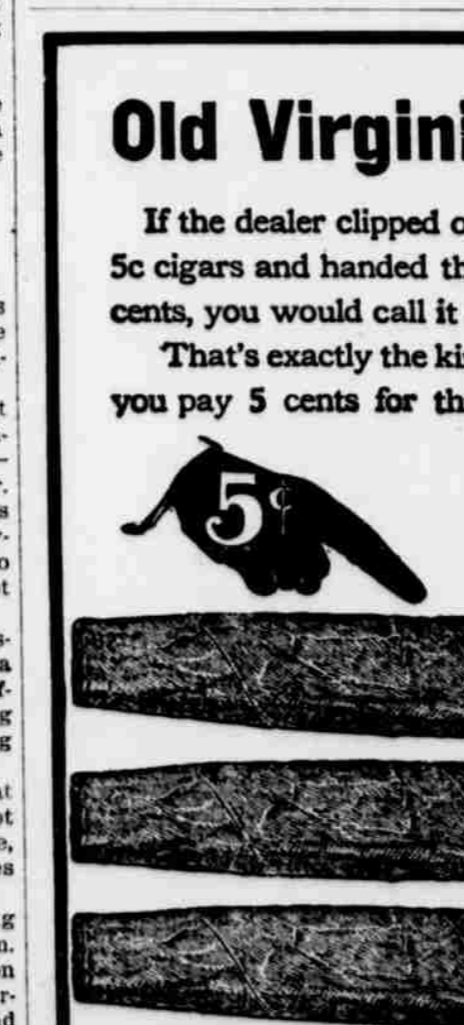
Impetus.
Knicker—Flanagan made a record throwing the hammer.
Mrs. Knicker—Did he hit his thumb?
—New York Sun.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM.
Take the Old Standard GROVEN TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children. 50c.

Contentment is said to be better than riches, but it is only a matter of hearsay with most people.
When your eyes feel sore and tired apply John R. Dickey's old reliable eye water. It is healing, cooling and restful.
Better a tramp in the woods than a hobo in the woodshed.
Smokers appreciate the quality value of Lewis' Single Binder cigar. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

It's sometimes easier to catch on than it is to let go.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.
Goodness thinks no ill where no ill seems.—Milton.

Old Virginia Cheroots
If the dealer clipped off the heads of three good 5c cigars and handed them all three to you for 5 cents, you would call it a bargain.
That's exactly the kind of trade you make when you pay 5 cents for three Old Virginia Cheroots.



OLD VIRGINIA CHEROOTS
Are 5 Cent Cigars Without the Head—Therefore 3 for 5 Cents
SOLD EVERYWHERE

Absorbing.
Silas—Ha! Ha! Reuben got bunked again.
Cyrus—Do tell! What was it this time?
Silas—Why, Reuben saw an ad that stated that for one dollar they would send him some of the most absorbing literature he ever read.
Cyrus—And what did they send him?
Silas—Why, they sent him a pamphlet entitled "How Blotters Are Made" and another entitled "Points on Turkish Towels."

"It Finds the Spot."
The Oil we struck is the Oil that has stuck while others have passed away, simply because it cures your Pains, Aches, Bruises, Sprains, Cuts and Burns quicker than any other known remedy. Hunt's Lightning Oil. It's fine for Chigger bites also.

His Intelligence Doubted.
"Yes, that dog has almost human intelligence. He came to us four years ago."
"That's funny."
"What's funny?"
"The incongruity of your two statements."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hicks' Capudine Cures Women.
Periodic pains, backache, nervousness and headache relieved immediately and assists nature. Prescribed by physicians with best results. Trial bottle 10c. Regular size 25c and 50c at all druggists.

The American Friends' board of foreign missions has so far had control of Cuba only, but it is planned now to transfer to it the work in Palestine, Mexico, Japan.



This woman says that after months of suffering Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made her as well as ever.
Maude E. Forgie, of Leesburg, Va., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:
"I want other suffering women to know what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. For months I suffered from feminine ills so that I thought I could not live. I wrote you, and after taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and using the treatment you prescribed I felt like a new woman. I am now strong, and well as ever, and thank you for the good you have done me."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.
For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?
Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

More chewers are learning every day that STAR, considered from the standpoint of true merit, has no competitor, and is the one best chew.
For a long time there was a prejudice (which probably still exists) among certain chewers against the use of what is generally termed "Navy Tobacco," because of the impression that all tobacco of that character is too sweet.
It is true that some brands of tobacco, similar in appearance to STAR, are too sweet to please chewers accustomed to the use of tobacco manufactured in thin plugs, but we know that STAR is right in every way.
You use tobacco for the pleasure it gives—
increase your pleasure by chewing STAR!

STAR PLUG CHEWING TOBACCO
STAR has for years been the world's leading brand of plug chewing tobacco. Statistics show that about one-fifth of all the chewers of plug tobacco chew STAR.
There's a reason for this enormous and constantly increasing number of STAR chewers, and it's just this—
Star Plug has always been manufactured with one sole object in view—to give chewers the best chew of tobacco it is possible to produce, yet to sell this STAR chew at a moderate price.
In All Stores

The Old-Time Boy.
The boy of to-day who complains of anything should be made to read the rules and regulations laid down for boys in old colonial days. He had to stand up at the table. He must go to bed at candlelight. He must not sit down in the presence of a visitor. He must not shout. He must not run without cause. He must not throw stones at animals or birds. He must not lie on the street, and if he had been found trying to stand on his head he would have gone to jail for a week.

Never Fails.
There is one remedy, and only one I have ever found, to cure without fail such troubles in my family as eczema, ringworm and all others of an itching character. That remedy is Hunt's Cure. We always use it and it never fails."
W. M. CHRISTIAN,
50c per box. Rutherford, Tenn.

The tree of fame is an inconveniently tall tree; the trunk of it is abnormally smooth, too, affording very little foothold to the climber.—Lucas Malet.

Is Pe-ru-na Useful for Catarrh?

Should a list of the ingredients of Peruna be submitted to any medical expert, of whatever school or nationality, he would be obliged to admit without reserve that the medicinal herbs composing Peruna are of two kinds. First, standard and well-tried catarrh remedies. Second, well-known and generally acknowledged tonic remedies. That in one or the other of these uses they have stood the test of many years' experience by physicians of different schools. There can be no dispute about this, whatever. Peruna is composed of some of the most efficacious and universally used herbal remedies for catarrhal diseases, and for such conditions of the human system as require a tonic. Each one of the principal ingredients of Peruna has a reputation of its own in the cure of some phase of catarrh or as a tonic medicine.

The fact is, chronic catarrh is a disease which is very prevalent. Many thousand people know they have chronic catarrh. They have visited doctors over and over again, and been told that their case is one of chronic catarrh. It may be of the nose, throat, lungs, stomach or some other internal organ. There is no doubt as to the nature of the disease. The only trouble is the remedy. This doctor has tried to cure them. That doctor has tried to prescribe for them.

No other household remedy so universally advertised carries upon the label the principal active constituents, showing that Peruna invites the full inspection of the critics.



Peerless Dried Beef

Unlike the ordinary dried beef—that sold in bulk—Libby's Peerless Dried Beef comes in a sealed glass jar in which it is packed the moment it is sliced into those delicious thin wafers.

None of the rich natural flavor or goodness escapes or dries out. It reaches you fresh and with all the nutriment retained.

Libby's Peerless Dried Beef is only one of a Great number of high-grade, ready to serve, pure food products that are prepared in Libby's Great White Kitchen.

Just try a package of any of these, such as Ox Tongue, Vienna Sausage, Pickles, Olives, etc., and see how delightfully different they are from others you have eaten.

Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Bile, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.
SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature
W. D. Hooper
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The Collin County Ex-Confederate and Old Settlers' reunion and picnic closed Saturday night.

At Paris, Saturday, Edward McCoy, a young man, was killed by the explosion of a gas generator in the plant of the bottling works.

It is estimated that about 6000 people attended the old settlers' picnic and reunion at McKinney Thursday, the second day of the occasion.

At a meeting of the city council of Brownwood held Thursday night a franchise was granted the Ingram company to furnish the city with natural or manufactured gas.

A 50,000 barrel oil tank belonging to the Guffey company was struck by lightning about 8:30 Monday night. The tank was about half full of crude oil, some of which was saved.

Two hundred yards east of White Rock Creek on the edge of the right of way of the Texas and Pacific railway near Dallas a white man was found dead Thursday about noon.

About eight thousand acres of the Collins ranch, near San Angelo, have been sold by the Concho Land Company to parties who will establish a Catholic colony of three hundred families.

The 19-year-old married daughter of Ward Williams, a prominent Choctaw living five miles northwest of Isabel, Okla., was criminally assaulted Sunday morning by an unknown negro.

Hugh Hutchinson, a poor young grocer of Denison received a telegram Wednesday night that he had been given 640 acres and a town lot, valued at \$25,000 by the San Luis Land company.

The officials of Texas railroads are supporting their ideas that this is to be a big cotton year by ordering many of their cotton platforms enlarged, some of them being increased one-third or more in size.

Dallas is to have a new public park and purposes to makelt both handsome and attractive. Consummation of the purchase of a new park site was effected at an important meeting of the park board held Monday morning.

William Allen, preacher, pioneer, politician, soldier and author, died at his home at Frisco Wednesday morning aged nearly 80 years. Born in Barren County, Ky., and coming to Denton County in 1855, he was the teacher of one of the county's first schools.

Mrs. C. W. Maples of Mineral Wells was Monday night badly bitten by a large rat. Mrs. Maples was awakened by feeling some object crawling over her hand, and as she flung out her hand the rodent sank its teeth deep into the knuckle and had to be pulled away by main force.

Worth Butler, the 10-year-old son of W. A. Butler of Brownwood was drowned at the new city dam about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Young Butler with other boys, was playing about the dam. Butler attempted to cross when he slipped, falling twelve or fifteen feet to the water below.

Arthur Grossehmigen, the German-Polander, wanted in connection with the shooting of Miss Martha Reel near San Antonio, Friday night, was arrested Sunday near the scene of the shooting by Erito Real, an uncle of the injured girl.

Brownwood marketed her first bale of new cotton Monday. The farmer who brought it in received a big price and a handsome premium. Brownwood compresses expect to handle 250,000 bales this year.

More than sixteen hundred dollars worth of equipment for the new high school building and the manual training department of the school was ordered purchased by the Dallas board of education at a meeting held Thursday.

Deputy United States Marshal Lancaster Wednesday night surrounded a portion of Del Rio, Texas, with troops and searched for alleged revolutionists for whom he had warrants, but found none.

Assistant Attorney General Lightfoot of Austin returned Tuesday from Palestine where he filed two suits against the Palestine Electric and Ice Company and the Palestine Ice, Fuel and Gin Company, for alleged violation of the anti-trust law.

Guillermo Huerto, a painter, was assaured by four Mexicans in San Antonio Sunday morning and beaten to death. The attack was made with rocks and clubs and Huerto was badly disfigured.

Fire broke out at 9:30 o'clock Thursday night in the Burton-Peel dry goods and clothing establishment at Texarkana and practically destroyed both the stock of goods and the building. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

NO SURPLUS FUNDS THERE.

Beggar Satisfied with Evidence of Poverty in Sight.

Two old Hebrew beggars were traveling together through the residence section of Pittsburg not long ago, in quest of contributions toward their joint capital.

Presently they passed a handsome residence, from which sweet sounds of music issued. It was Ike's turn and hopefully he ascended the steps to the front door, eagerly watched by Jake, who expected quite a handsome addition to their funds.

His consternation was great consequently when he beheld Ike returning crestfallen and empty-handed.

Anxiously running to meet him, he said: "Vell, Ikey, how did you make out with the good people?"

"Ach, Jakey," replied Ike, "there was no use asking in there, because they are very poor people themselves. Just think—two lovely ladies playing on one piano!"—Judge's Library.

CONTRARY, INDEED.



Kitty—Isn't she the most contrary thing?
Betty—Why so?
Kitty—She's been coaxing and coaxing me to go to her picnic, and I won't do it.

WHY HE WAS ANXIOUS.

Albert's Particular Reason for Inquiry That Worried Nurse.

Albert was a solemn-eyed, spiritual-looking child.

"Nurse," he said one day, leaving his blocks and laying his hand gently on her knee, "nurse, is this God's day?"

"No, dear," said his nurse, "this is not Sunday. It is Thursday."

"I'm so sorry," he said, sadly, and went back to his blocks.

The next day and the next, in his serious manner he asked the same question, and the nurse tearfully said to the cook, "That child is too good for this world."

On Sunday the question was repeated, and the nurse with a sob in her voice, said, "Yes, Lambie. This is God's day."

"Then where is the funny paper?" he demanded.—Success.

BABY CRIED AND SCRATCHED
All the Time—Covered with Torturing Eczema—Doctor Said Sores Would Last for Years—Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"My baby niece was suffering from that terrible torture, eczema. It was all over her body but the worst was on her face and hands. She cried and scratched all the time and could not sleep night or day from the scratching. I had her under the doctor's care for a year and a half and she seemed to do her no good. I took her to the best doctor in the city and he said that she would have the sores until she was six years old. But if I had depended on the doctor my baby would have lost her mind and died from the want of aid. But I used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment and she was cured in three months. Alice L. Dowell, 4769 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo., May 2 and 20, 1907."

A Slander.
Squaggs—Why did the butcher beat up Longley?
Squaggs—Slander.
Squaggs—What'd Longley say?
Squaggs—Said he saw a dog down in the butcher's licking his chops, and a lot of customers quit before it was explained that the dog was licking his own chops.—Toledo Blade.

Man and Beast Alike.
Only those who have suffered the agony of eye afflictions can appreciate the blessing to humanity in Dr. Mitchell's famous Eye Salve. Introduced in this region as far back as 1849 it is found to-day in all well regulated homes hereabouts. Not alone the eyes of man but those of the dumb animals have enjoyed its comforts. Mitchell's Eye Salve. Sold everywhere. Price 25c.

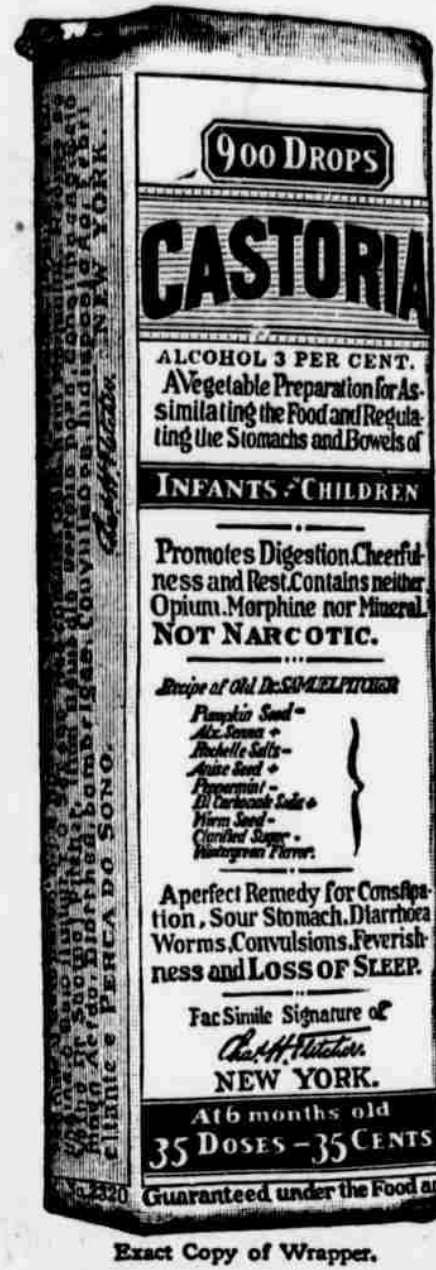
No Liquids.
"Dese political meetings are fakes," grumbled the tall tramp in the green shirt.

"Why so, pard?" asked his chum.
"Cause last night I went to a meetin' billed as an 'overflow meetin' and there wan't nothin' overflowin'—not even root beer."

What is Castoria.

CASTORIA is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.



Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. F. Gerald Blattner, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Your Castoria is good for children and I frequently prescribe it, always obtaining the desired results."

Dr. Gustave A. Eisenbrauer, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "I have used your Castoria repeatedly in my practice with good results, and can recommend it as an excellent, mild and harmless remedy for children."

Dr. L. J. Dennis, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I have used and prescribed your Castoria in my sanitarium and outside practice for a number of years and find it to be an excellent remedy for children."

Dr. S. A. Duchannan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. D. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine of its kind on the market."

Dr. R. E. Eakildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it."

Dr. L. R. Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria certainly has merit. Is not its age, its continued use by mothers through all these years, and the many attempts to imitate it, sufficient recommendation? What can a physician add? Leave it to the mothers."

Dr. Edwin F. Pardee, of New York City, says: "For several years I have recommended your Castoria and shall always continue to do so, as it has invariably produced beneficial results."

Dr. N. B. Sizer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I object to what are called patent medicines, where maker alone knows what ingredients are put in them, but I know the formula of your Castoria and advise its use."

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Bears the Signature of

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
In Use For Over 30 Years.
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In Your Youth.
And then there was the time you took her to the county fair. You wore that new \$9.98 suit; had Dewey Mungler's best roadster and rubber-tired rig and a new whip with a red ribbon tied around it. She wore a white dress with a blue sash, and a string of blue glass beads about her neck. Mind those entries in your "daily expense" book—candy, 10 cents; peanuts, 5 cents; merry-go-round tickets, 25 cents; side show, 20 cents; wieners-wurst sandwiches, 20 cents; lemonade, 10 cents; ice cream, 20 cents; shooting gallery, 10 cents; tintypes—you've got 'em yet, you sitting and she standing with her hand on your shoulder—50 cents. Gee, but you thought you "blew yourself" that day, didn't you? Los Angeles Express.

One Bottle or Less.
Malaria is easy to contract in some localities, and hard to get rid of—that is, if the proper remedy is not used. Cheatham's Chill Tonic frees any one from it promptly and thoroughly. It is guaranteed to cure any kind of Chills. One bottle or less will do it.

Divisions of Creeds.
It is estimated that there are 180,000,000 Protestants in the world, as compared with 250,000,000 Catholics and 110,000,000 adherents of the Greek and Oriental churches.

Hicks' Capudine Cures Headache.
Whether from colds, heat, stomach or nervous troubles, No Acetanilid or dangerous drugs. It's liquid and acts immediately. Trial bottle 10c. Regular 25c and 50c at all druggists.

The average man is willing to let his wife have the last word—and the sooner she gets around to it the better he seems to like it.

If you are unable to hold your temper get a strong man to hold you.

Novel Use for Visiting Cards.
In connection with the forthcoming world's drawing congress in London, when it is anticipated that 3,000 people will attend the reception at the Royal College of Art, it is proposed, for the purposes of identification, that members of the British committee should wear their visiting cards upon the lapels of their coats or their dress bodices.

A Play on Words.
Scott—They dramatize everything nowadays. I'll bet they'll soon be dramatizing the ad. columns.
Mott—Well, why not; aren't the ad. columns just the place for striking situations?

Smokers have to call for Lewis' Single Binder cigar to get it. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Don't waste other people's time while you are wasting your own.

Those Tired, Aching Feet of Yours need Allen's Foot-Powder. See at your Druggist's Write A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y., for sample.

A talking machine is all right if it does not talk machine politics.



Schaap's Laxative Chill Cure

Is a modern scientific preparation which kills the germs of Malaria and LaGrippe and as it acts on the Liver and Bowels, expels all morbid matter from the system. It is warranted to cure or money refunded. Price 50 cents. For sale by all first class druggists.

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Framed with more eyes. Use **Thompson's Eye Water**
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| 273 acres to Joe Zapalar | 6,634.50 | 100 acres to O. E. Lamar | 3,600.00 |
| 135 acres to Otto Baumann | 3,780.00 | 200 acres to Joe Novak | 4,500.00 |
| 120 acres to A. L. Malik | 4,200.00 | 120 acres to P. Wolsch | 3,180.00 |
| 75 acres to Ag. Dvorska | 2,250.00 | 303 acres to L. R. Robinson | 9,852.50 |
| 160 acres to Ernst Manske | 5,600.00 | 80 acres to John Dolle | 2,700.00 |
| | | TOTAL | \$42,895.00 |

SPECIAL---Owing to the increase of my business which the people have entrusted to me, I find it necessary to engage more help, and according to my brother E. G. Stein of Sagerton, who has conducted a very successful Real Estate business there for the past two years will hereafter be associated with me. You will find him both capable and courteous.

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Bain and Old Hickory Wag-
ons.

Pittsburg Perfect Poultry
and Hog Fence,
Tanks, Cisterns and Wind-
mills. : : : :

McNeil & Smith Hardware Co.

Capt. John W. Posey, an attorney of Granger, Texas, and an uncle of Judge S. W. Scott, was a visitor in this city this week. He was accompanied by M. M. Gardner, who is a commis-

sioner of Williamson county. Mr. Gardner was so well pleased with the country that he purchased a farm near Weinert.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES For County Offices

For County Judge:
JOE IRBY
For County and District Clerk:
J. W. MEADORS
For County Attorney:
BRUCE W. BRYANT
For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
M. E. PARK
For County Treasurer:
A. G. JONES
For Assessor of Taxes:
R. H. SPROWLS
For County Superintendent of
Public Schools:
T. C. WILLIAMS
For County Commissioner, Pre 1:
JNO F GILLILAND
For Commissioner Pre No 2:
C. T. JONES
For Commissioner Pre No 4:
N. E. MARTIN
For Justice of Peace, Pre 1:
G. W. LAMKIN
For Public Weigher Prec. No. 1:
W. A. MARSH
For Constable Pre No 1:
T. W. CARLTON
For Justice of Peace, Pre. 2:
C. T. JONES

On another page will be found the advertisement of Hunt-Hancock Co., the new dry goods firm. This firm has added a dressmaking department to their business, which will be in charge of Mrs. Ada Estes an experienced dressmaker of St. Louis. Mrs. Hollis Fields will have charge of the millinery department. Mrs. Fields has just returned from the Eastern markets, where she purchased a stock of the "latest" for her department.

GET READY!

Get ready for something big. Get Ready. It is to your advantage. You will be benefitted, and the time is close at hand. It is becoming to be a matter of only weeks now when you will discover a great and unprecedented activity in business affairs, and the demand for thoroughly trained bookkeepers, stenographers, and operators will be far greater than the supply. Reports from the various states show that one of the greatest crops made in many years will be harvested in a few months. Almost every factory and machine shop that has been closed for months is now opening. Young friend, take the editor's advice, enter the noted Tyler, Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, for a course of bookkeeping and shorthand or telegraphy, complete your course at as early a date as possible and that school, which now leads all American business colleges, will see that you are placed in a good position. It is to their interest to do so. They first give a thorough, practical course of business training that meets the demand of the business world. Second, they see that their graduates are placed in good positions so that they may demonstrate to their friends the great advantage of a course in the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Miss Geneva McWhirter of Carney visited Miss Lola Wallace the early part of the week, she was accompanied home by Miss Wallace who will spend a few days in Carney.

Misses Duron and Sherley Neathery left Wednesday for Farmersville, where they will attend school this winter. Their father Mr. S. N. Neathery accompanied them as far as Dallas.

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RED LIQUOR PARAMOUNT

Bexar County Republicans Out for Financial Support.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 18—That the saloons and breweries of Bexar County shall be called upon for financial support of the Republican ticket in the present campaign was decided upon at a meeting of the Bexar County Republican campaign committee.

It is argued that the liquor interests will work for the defeat of the Democratic ticket, both local and State, on account of the insertion of the submission plank in the platform of the recent convention, on the ground that by placing the Republican party in control the ends of the submissionists can be defeated.

A committee with Julius M. Oppenheimer as chairman and the following members were appointed to solicit funds for the campaign: Ben M. Hammond C. C. Cresson, August B. Riam.

The committee was instructed to select some banker of Republican tendencies to act as treasurer of the funds secured.—Ex.

Are No Longer National Banks

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 18.—The City National Bank of Cordell, the First National Bank of Foss and the Enid National Bank of Enid have been granted charters as State institutions, dropping their National charters by reason of the ruling of Attorney General Bonapart of the Federal Government.

Judge D. S. Hill, president of the City National Bank of Hobart, was here today making arrangements for that institution to recharter as the City State Bank with \$25,000 capital stock.—Ex

Mr. Ed Couch cashier of the First National Bank of Knox City visited relatives in this city.