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Hogg on Free Passes.

The following are the principal features of ex-Governor Hogg's remarks on free passes in his speech at Austin last week:

"Deep down at the bottom of this system can be found the corroding evil which in time must destroy a fundamental principle of the Democratic party, on which our system of government is based. When any government directly, or through its creatures, shall permit a discrimination in favor of or against any class of citizens, it commits a crime against the masses. Equality before the law; special privileges to none, are political principles which cannot be violated except at the sacrifice of good government. By the original conception, creation and use of the public highway, it was intended that every citizen in traveling over it should have equal rights. No man could be favored to the exclusion of the other without violating a sense of justice. This free-pass system is especially obnoxious in that it permits some to ride free while others must pay the fare. Starting out with a few special favors here and there this system has grown until it is startling to contemplate. When I made a campaign against this custom in 1900 there had been issued 203,000 passes the year before by our railroads. Last year the railroad companies in this State issued 345,676 time, trip and annual free passes. This is an increase in two years of 142,000.

"To put the statement clearer by illustration, I call your attention to the fact that last year the railroad companies issued 39,000 more passes than there were votes cast in the general election. For some purpose these railroads issue passes to official families and generally to influential persons. They issue them to the members of the Legislature who make the laws. They issue them to the courts that construe the laws and try the cases. They issue them to the executive officers that enforce the laws. They issue them to the members of the Commissioners' Court who fix the rate of taxation and adjust property values. They issue them to the Assessors who assess and list their property for taxation. They issue them to the Sheriffs who serve the process of the courts. Most of these officials have annual passes and can travel about over the whole State, especially by the lines of railroad within their several jurisdictions, without hindrance or cost. To every man who can lend a hand or influence in legislation; to every man who is willing to serve them in fixing up juries or in getting taxes reduced, or in procuring the reduction of tax levies, they issue passes. To all those who wish to visit the Legislature during the session to help out by their persuasion or presence in getting pernicious bills passed, they issue trip passes, not only to the capital, but to the bull fight in Mexico, if they want them.

"On every hand free passes are to be seen during all times throughout the year, but when the Legislature meets they fall upon the capital in showers, like autumn leaves in a November frost. They come from long lines and short lines; they come from telegraph companies and telephone companies, and they come from every corpora-

tion that uses any kind of frank or pass. Some say that they are not intended to influence legislation, or to prostitute the officials or corrupt the judiciary. It is safe to say that these free passes are given with an evil purpose. What is the purpose of bestowing these free passes with such munificence, with such prodigality, upon the members of the Legislature and their families? Does the hope of fastening these \$10,000,000 of fraudulent obligations upon the people through these two little innocent-looking acts enter into the contribution of these favors to the legislators? If not, why not? Add to these \$10,000,000 ten or twenty millions more which they hope to get through this session and this may afford some explanation of the liberality with which these free passes are distributed. Suppose you had a case against a company and one or all of the jurors before whom it was to be tried had a pocket full of free passes over that or any other line, would you not have some misgivings about the fairness of the verdict to be rendered?

"Would you not suspicion that these men would be affected with 'gratitude' in the discharge of their duties? Would you feel that this jury was entirely impartial? You know as well as I do that you would challenge each and every one of them for cause; that, failing in this, you would make a motion to continue; that, failing in this, you would try to change the venue; that, failing in this, you would take a non-suit. You would not care to try your case before a packed jury. Are members of the Legislature superior to the average juror in principle, in sentiment, or lower in elements of 'gratitude'? You know that they are not. Then when these bills come before them with their pockets full of free passes, are they not liable to discharge their debt of 'gratitude' by voting against the interests of the people? When we consider the price the people must pay by incurring these heavy obligations, is it not time for us to go deep down into the cause which prompts the railroads to dispense these passes, and to demand that no man who represents us at the capital shall accept such favors while in the discharge of his obligations to the public? If these railroads do not intend to influence public officials, why do they not give their passes also to Tax Collectors, to County Attorneys, to Road Overseers, to County Clerks, and to officials in remote counties through which the railroads do not run? If it is an official favor, an official courtesy, why is it that they do not dispense these gifts to that class of officials who cannot render them service?

"My fellow-citizens, the managers of these railroads and their directors, stockholders, their attorneys and henchmen generally assert that they can accomplish any legislative purpose by the use of free passes. They may deny this, but I know it is so. You know it is so. Go among them; hear them talk. They laugh at and ridicule our lawmakers and derisively call them 'Solons.' The impression is going abroad everywhere that by means of free passes and other doubtful favors, the Texas Legislature has been subordinated to the will of the corporations. It is

commonly asserted here upon the streets and in every section that whatever the corporations want now they can get done by the Legislature. I resent this. I denounce it because it wounds my pride as a native Texan and carries with it a sting whose poison stimulates every fibre of my nature into revolt against the slander. The fear that I have is not of willful corruption, but of a lack of information on the part of the members. Many of them come to the capital without experience. Many of them have not investigated these great questions. Most of them are too busy during their spare moments, traveling around on their passes, taking in the sights. Generally they leave the capital Friday evening. As you know, Saturday is what is called 'local' or 'special bill day.' Those who are not specially interested in this kind of legislation hie themselves to more congenial sections. If not to the bull fight at Laredo, then they go to the seaside; if not there, to other quarters of the State where business or pleasure calls them from the capital. Thus it is that much of their time is taken from their public duties to the detriment of the people in general and to the benefit of those who have special bills to pass.

"There is another thing that I wish to call your attention to in reference to this free pass system. The law provides in express terms that no one who uses a free pass shall collect mileage from the State. I am informed that most of the members of the Legislature, not only of this, but of other sessions, have collected their mileage while riding on free passes. Now, I know that these gentlemen are not apprised that by this act they have violated our laws. Men have been sent to the penitentiary on less offenses than this. While the courts will not permit the plea of ignorance of the law, yet we know in the nature of things that those who have taken this mileage while riding on free passes were in ignorance of this law. If they would hurl back these contaminated favors with scorn into the faces of those who sent them, they would at least find more time to familiarize themselves with their obligations, and to spare the fair name of their State from scandal and shame which has grown out of modern corporate legislation."

Washington Negroes Persistent.

It is very likely that some of the Southern members of Congress will take steps to prevent negroes from being served in the House restaurant at the Capitol. Ever since the Booker Washington dinner at the White house the negroes in Washington have been more eager than ever to flaunt themselves into places frequented solely by white people and to intrude where they know they are not wanted. One-third of the population of Washington is composed of negroes.

It is becoming very common now to see a negro or two either eating or drinking in the House restaurant. On the night of the adjournment of Congress three women were served in the restaurant. A negro messenger took a drink with the Republican chairman of one of the committees.

This sort of thing is growing all the time to a noticeable extent, and it would not be surprising if the Southerners should at no distant day raise a row.

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Legislative.

Since Friday the pay of legislators is only \$2 per day.

The House passed finally a bill authorizing interurban and electric railway lines to sell their power to the public, by a vote of 56 to 41.

Napier and Mays gave notice that they would introduce an amendment to the anti-trust bill now pending. The purpose is to cure defects in former laws under which the Waters-Pierce Oil company was readmitted to do business in Texas.

The amendment reads as follows:

"When a corporation organized under the law of this state shall have been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this act, and its charter and franchise has been forfeited as provided in section 5, no other corporation to which the defaulting corporation may transfer its properties and business and which has assumed the payments of its obligations, shall be permitted to incorporate or do business in Texas.

"When any foreign corporation has been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this act and its right to do business in this state has been forfeited as provided in section 8 of this act, no other corporation to which the defaulting corporation may have transferred its property and business or which has assumed the payments of its obligations shall be permitted to incorporate or do business in Texas."

The House Friday spent considerable time considering a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of five representatives and three senators to visit West Texas where the public lands are situated and ascertain the exact status of the actual settlers and cattlemen. There was much opposition to the resolution, Mr. Gibbs declaring that he saw no use "for this junketing committee"; that he had lived for 25 years in West Texas, and the cattlemen and actual settlers have no interest in this junketing tour.

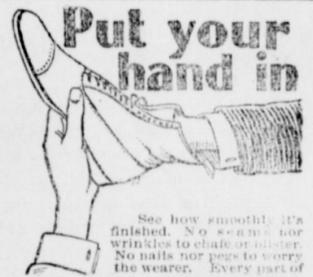
Decker's bill was called up in the Senate, providing that in counties of 350 voters or less an election may be held on the petition of 100 citizens. It was passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

While members can ride on free passes there will be little work done in the capitol on Saturdays. Some 25 or more members left Friday night for their homes, and not many of them returned in time to take much part in Monday's proceedings, while the Senate adjourned Friday not to reconvene until Tuesday.

The Senate committee in charge of the Bryan quarantine bill, after a speech against the measure by Senator Decker and one in favor by Senator Sebastian, decided to report it favorably by a vote of 4 to 3. Those for a favorable report were Senators Sebastian, Grinnan, Martin and Harbison. A minority report will be submitted by Senators Hill, Decker and Willacy.

Labor committee reported favorably Mr. Tarkington's bill exempting from mortgage lien attachments or other species of forced sale, 25 bushels of corn, and committee substitute for bill by Messrs. Callan and Fowler regulating the hours of daily service of laborers, workmen and mechanics employed on the public works of Texas, limited to eight hours.

In the county court at Weatherford last week the State won out in all the local option cases tried. Two cases were hotly contested, but the jury assessed the penalty of \$25 fine and 20 days' confinement in the county jail—one man, a druggist at Whitt, was tried in one case for violating the local option law and the jury assessed the customary punishment in such cases; he then pleaded guilty to two other similar cases before the court and received his medicine, amounting all in to about \$245 cash and 60 days' confinement in the county jail.



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THE book trust lobby got in its work on the Missouri legislature and the text-book bill was killed. Now the patrons of the schools can pay about 70 per cent extra profit to the trust.

Amarillo has a business men's club with 43 members and more to join. They will go to work to secure the Baptist college. Was Clarendon's club gotten up for the simple purpose of having a few names enrolled on paper? That is all that has ever been done. Memphis is at work, also, for the college and has issued a circular setting forth her advantages. Shall we sit idly and see a less favored town than Clarendon secure it?

AS AN illustration of how politicians can change their views we refer to the Missouri legislature, which has just followed the example of the Kansas populist legislature that established a state binding twine manufactory. Such a bill passed in Missouri, carrying an appropriation of \$175,000 to put it in operation at the penitentiary, and it not only secured an almost unanimous vote in both houses, but also the approval of Governor Dockery, who in the past has spent much oratory in ridiculing populists for their utopian ideas. But even Missourians can be "shown."

School Land Off the Market.

The following notice has been sent to all county clerks by the State Land Commissioner:

"By virtue of a joint resolution which has passed both houses, and on the 13th ult. at 1:49 p. m., was signed by the Governor, all school and asylum lands in your county which are now under lease, which leases may expire, be cancelled or forfeited, are withdrawn from sale for a period of ninety days, or pending such time as remedial legislation shall be sooner effected by the passage of a new land law. Such resolution makes it my official duty to notify you as county clerk not to receive applications to purchase such lands, so leased, for the period named, provided remedial legislation is not sooner effected. This resolution does not apply to such lands not now under lease. Said resolution is effective from and after the 13th ult. at 1:49 p. m."

Chief Justice Burford of Oklahoma, has ordered a thorough investigation of charges of boodling in the Legislature. It is charged that money was used in the passage of a school text book law and a more stringent cattle quarantine bill.

Charles F. Murphy, a leader of Tammany Hall, skeptical of the value of the Democratic harmony dinner proposed by Edward M. Shepherd, James Shevelin and other Brooklyn leaders, proposes to have a dinner in April to which will be invited Cleveland, Bryan, Hill, Gorman, Olney and other leading Democrats of the country.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales became fascinated with a French woman who won all his money, and that the King will ask parliament to appropriate \$100,000 annually "to enable the heir apparent to discharge the duties of his exalted position."

There are ten cases of smallpox in Houston's pest house.

The jail band proposition carried at the Clarendon box by 66 to 14.

Enforcement of Law.

The following is from a sermon by Rev. A. E. Baten, pastor of the Baptist church at Amarillo, and is applicable to all towns:

"The better enforcement of law requires that we all co-operate to that end. There should be the nicest co-operation between the courts and the people, and this co-operation should be in good faith.

"One party to this co-operation is the city government. The jurisdiction of the city council and court is very limited. The city government cannot enforce law outside its charter provisions and city ordinances. The city council cannot, for instance, close up a 'blind tiger.' It has no jurisdiction over such offences. It is useless, therefore, to demand that the council close up such places. But there are a thousand and one things the city council can do toward enforcing the law, and the citizens have a right to demand that these things be faithfully done. Another party to the co-operation needed for the enforcement of law is the county court. The county court has much larger jurisdiction than that of the city. It has exclusive jurisdiction in the enforcement of the laws against 'blind tigers' and such dens of vice. To do this work in any county several things are needed; a fair and faithful county judge, a strong, courageous attorney, and an honest, brave sheriff. If we have a good judge and yet have a sorry attorney and sheriff, we can do but little in the way of enforcing law. If we have a good judge and efficient attorney, but a spineless sheriff, we can still do but little to enforce the law. Especially is this true in any county where there is not a board of jury commissioners. In such a county the selecting of a jury is entirely in the hands of the sheriff. If the sheriff be not in favor of enforcing the law he can defeat the demands of justice by the jury he selects. Such a sheriff will go out and pick up for jurymen men who he knows to be against the enforcement of law. Men of that kind will bring in a verdict of not guilty without any regard to law and evidence. No odds what they swear on taking their seats in the jury box, they just simply will not convict a man for the violation of the law. Such men are perjurers, and a sheriff who will purposely summon such men for jurors is more guilty than those he summons for jury duty. Such a sheriff is not a friend to the poor man; not a friend to the shop man; not a friend to the carpenter; not a friend to any good citizen. Moreover, such a sheriff is unfair to the extreme limit. Such a one generally makes large promises during election campaigns. He is going to do wonderful things, especially for the 'laboring man.' When did anybody ever know such promises carried out? What do such men care for the 'laboring classes'? Nothing on earth except their votes to get into office. Such a course of conduct is an insult to the laboring man. This insult is aggravated when a candidate illicitly uses money to influence votes. It is already reported that in some portions of Texas, especially where there are a great many negro voters, politicians have bought up poll tax receipts by the hundreds for negroes and tramps. These poll tax receipts are to be presented, free, to the negro or white man who will agree to vote the way the buyer wants him to vote. This thing has become so infamous already that a strong bill has been introduced in the present legislature to prevent such speculation in tax receipts and votes. But surely self-respecting white men cannot be thus pulled about by the nose by designing politicians. No, never!

If any man presents to another a paid up poll tax receipt in order to influence his vote, if the man to whom the receipt is offered be a self-respecting gentleman, he will spurn the offer with indignation.

"Another element of co-operation for the enforcement of law is that of the citizenship. Every good citizen ought to stand ready to assist the officers and courts in such enforcement. Some citizens in some counties, so I have heard, actually boast that certain laws cannot be enforced. It is a shame for any citizen to act in this manner. It is to encourage lawlessness and to become indirectly a party to the violation of the law. Besides, it is dangerous for citizens to allow themselves to get into such an attitude. There is danger that if called upon to serve on juries they may forget the meaning of their oaths and even perjure themselves by clearing the guilty in the face of law and evidence.

"Now the good of our town and county demand that city council, county court and entire citizenship co-operate to enforce the laws. If we will do that and do our very best the dens of vice can and will be closed up."

Claude.

News

Born—March 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilds, a boy.

Jim Arnold reports the loss of 18 head of cattle from the storm, mostly calves.

Mrs. F. W. Zimmerman, of Washburn, is with her father, W. N. Fletcher, during his illness.

Mrs. C. H. Nelson, formerly of Claude but more recently of Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived in our town Wednesday morning and is a guest of Grandma Hill. Dr. and Mrs. Nelson expect to make Roswell, N. M., their future home.

Memphis.

J. J. Bragg has traded his meat market to B. B. Phillips for a bunch of cattle in Collingsworth county.

John Pope got his gasoline pump engine started last Saturday. He expects to have plenty of water for his cattle this spring if nothing else.

Mrs. D. H. Davenport and children are spending the week in Clarendon visiting Mrs. Sims, and having some black locust set out around their block of land.

Burt Bigbee, a farmer, 45 years old, suicided near Denison Sunday night by cutting the arteries in both arms and his neck.

New Meat Market.

Robt. Troup has open a meat market in the Walsh restaurant building and keeps Fresh beef, pork, poultry and fish will be kept on sale at reasonable prices. Honest weights and courteous treatment.

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No. 7. Passenger and Express.....10:15 a. m.

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No. 2. Mail and Express.....7:15 a. m.
No. 8. Passenger and Express.....6:35 p. m.
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Notice.

All notices for publication in this paper must be in the office by noon on Mondays and Fridays to insure publication in following issues.

Local and Personal.

All kinds of repairing done at Anderson's shop.

Miss Kittie Jones, of Dalhart, is down this week on a visit.

J. C. Fenwick, of Amarillo, spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Mrs. Jowell and Miss Ruth Young went to Claude Sunday.

Chico fruit growers have placed orders for 25,000 Elberta peach trees.

Mrs. J. K. Ramsey left Monday for Amarillo, where she will make her home.

Mrs. O. E. Long came down from Amarillo Friday to visit relatives here.

Mrs. A. J. Barnett went to Claude Tuesday morning to visit her son, C. B. Barnett.

Read the ad. of Mrs. Prather's millinery opening to take place April 1 and 2.

Towne Young, who supplies the water station at Washburn, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Blanche Robinson has closed her school at Brice and returned to her home at Lockney.

Del Harrington, Channing's leading legal light, spent Monday here visiting his mother and daughter.

The new bell for the school building has arrived and the tardy boys will soon have no excuse for being late.

Silverton wants telephone connection with Clarendon, and it would be well enough for our business men to take hold of the matter and co-operate with them.

There will be a Methodist Missionary Institute and Pastors' meeting in Clarendon, beginning tomorrow night and continuing Friday and Saturday. A number of out-of-town preachers are looked for.

Howard Simpkins, of Alanreed, spent yesterday and day before in the city. He says his town continues to grow. He also says Miss Kate Barnes, recently from Sulphur Springs, began a school term Monday.

Guns repaired at Anderson's shop in first-class style.

Sweet Potato Seed.

If weather permits, I will have on sale Seed Sweet Potatoes in Clarendon March 18, 21 and 25.

S. H. HUNT.

All kinds of models for patent rights made at Anderson's repair shop.

Will Wells came up from Childress yesterday and spent the day.

Singers were few in the Baptist Sunday school last Sunday, and Misses Maude and Mamie Harrington and Hallie Ray helped out by singing with them.

Why don't somebody build a steam laundry? It would be a paying enterprise and be the means of keeping a considerable sum of money in our midst.

John W. Fleener and wife, nee Margie Caperton, who were married week before last at Miami, spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. Joe Williams, the bride's sister. Mr. Fleener is from St. Louis and will settle somewhere in the Panhandle.

Negro Whisky Seller Convicted.

Dick Bates, the negro we mentioned Saturday, was convicted Monday by a jury in the county court, and his fine of \$40 with the costs added, making \$91.40, will be pretty hard for him to pay. Besides this, he is to serve 30 days in jail. His lawyers exhausted a great deal of time and every means thought of to quash the indictment, but all failed and it went to trial before special judge, J. H. O'Neill. The proof was conclusive. Another case is pending against him to be tried tomorrow. Smith & Barrett prosecuted the case. Marshal Patman was chiefly instrumental in working up the case for which he deserves credit. While no one has any sympathy for the negro, who was only a tool in the hands of some one else, the regret is that the fellow whom he was selling it for is yet at liberty, when he deserves a heavier penalty.

The lower Mississippi river has broken the record for high water, but it was thought Monday there was a fair chance to save the levees. At New Orleans the water is above the levee proper, but the water is kept back by sacks of sand piled on top of the embankment.

Four justice precincts, including the towns of Jewett, Buffalo and Oakwoods, Saturday voted in favor of prohibition by a majority of two to one.

Top market prices at Fort Worth Monday were: Steers, \$4.15; hogs, \$7.52½. Receipts were: Cattle, 799; hogs, 690.

NOTICE.

That the people may know the law, Sec. No. 7 of Ordinance No. 7 reads as follows:

"That so much of the streets as is by the provisions of the several sections of this ordinance, appropriated and set apart for ornamental and shade tree parks, are hereby closed as a thoroughfare, and may be fenced with good lumber or SMOOTH WIRE fastened to posts, set not over 20 feet apart and two stays between, until such time as the size of the trees and conditions permit of the removal of said fencing, and until so moved.

"A gate opening in towards the lot line may be maintained at the outer end of the four-foot cross walk opposite the dwelling. The time and manner of such removal of fencing or other protection to the trees being vested in the board of aldermen of the city."

This, it will be seen, does not permit the use of barbed wire, and any use of barbed wire for such fence may render the owner liable for personal or property injury, and to have the wire removed at his expense.

Respectfully,
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Resolutions of Respect.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

As the shadows of the evening gather and cast their gloomy scenes around us, so oft with us as we pass off the scenes of action in this earthly life. Thus it was with our Sister, Mollie Dobson, on the eve of March 1, just as the light of day had faded away, her spirit took its flight.

Therefore, the Baptist church of Mulberry Flat has lost a true and devoted member, a stay to the church in all testing times. Firm and strong in the faith of the God in whom she trusted, she bore her affliction with great patience, and at all times expressed her willingness to go when it was God's will. Her husband is deprived of a devoted wife and her children of a tender, loving mother. But we would say, weep not, as those that have no hope, for her body is free from pain and her soul is at rest.

Resolved, That the heart-felt sympathy of this church be extended to Bro. Dobson and family in their sad bereavement. But Christ said, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am ye may be also."

She is gone to that mansion prepared for her. Our loss is her eternal gain. "To die is gain." We cannot bring her back, but thank God we can go to her. She could sing beautifully here on earth, in heaven she will sing with the angels before the throne of God. Let every one reading this prepare to meet her in heaven. Near is the day of salvation, tomorrow may be too late.

It is not death to close
The eye long dimmed by tears,
And wake in glorious repose
To spend eternal years.

Be it further resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our church book. That a copy be furnished the family of our deceased Sister.

Sisters W. E. DAVIS, G. R. DOSHIER, J. B. SUMMERON, W. C. GRANT.

Lelia News.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.

The farmers of Lelia are making use of this fine weather plowing and otherwise improving their places.

Mr. C. H. Ellis has sold his place and, expecting to move soon, the young people enjoyed a social there.

Prof. Edgerton reports quite a loss in attendance at the school since the nice weather, but says those in attendance are making good progress.

The Literary organized, some time ago, which failed to meet on account of bad weather, met last Friday night and gave a nice program. It being their first effort, they did exceedingly well. Mrs. R. Bowlin recited two pieces that were well rendered and showed that she has rare talent.

Our Sunday school is well attended and great interest is being manifested. It is desired that all come and take part. We have preaching twice a month.

On Saturday, April 4, we have a school election. All who feel interested in good schools come out and vote.

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STATE NEWS.

Avery Kyle, 18 years old, shot and killed himself near Granger Friday.

T. L. Townsend was badly hurt at Rockwall Sunday by his horse falling on him.

Miss Lillie Shropshire threw herself into a tank south of Corsicana and was drowned.

Dan M. Smith, a Grayson county farmer, was found dead on the railroad track south of Sherman Saturday.

J. J. Taylor, of near Itasca, has marketed a 15-months-old hog that weighed 436 pounds and netted him \$27.25.

Beaumont merchants are organizing a union to fight labor. The principal grievance is against the Retail Clerks' union.

A fireman, Joe M. Shaver, who formerly lived in Gainesville, was killed Thursday night in a freight wreck near Gainesville.

A Mr. Shaw, living on Bitter creek, Young county, fell across a camp fire and was so badly burned it is thought he will die.

Waco was selected as the next meeting place of jurisdiction C of the Woodmen, to take place first Tuesday in March, 1904.

The sheriff and deputies at Paris made a raid on gambling resorts and captured 50 or 60 men, including a number of prominent citizens.

Ernest Horton, 14 years old, was shot twice at Canadian by a 11-year-old boy, who fired three shots with a 38-calibre pistol. The wounds are serious.

Miss Ella McNeill, daughter of W. P. McNeill, has been appointed substitute carrier on rural free delivery route at Georgetown. She is the only lady carrier in Texas.

During the eight months of the fiscal year 1901-02 Galveston exported 8,946,609 bushels of wheat and for the first eight months of the present year 11,960,982 bushels.

Rumor says the Central will be double tracked from Denison to Corsicana and from Corsicana south a new road will be built by the Rock Island, which will materially shorten the distance.

Hunters on Red river, near Clarksville, killed a 9-foot shark. It devoured two dogs belonging to the party and was shot fourteen times with a winchester rifle before it was killed and its body secured.

At Abilene John Phaelon was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years each in two cases. One case was theft of mules and the other was forgery. Joe Coleman was given two years for assault with intent to murder.

During the week ending March 14, vessels cleared the port of Galveston for foreign countries with 434,627 bushels of grain, valued at \$242,156. Of this amount 104,000 bushels was wheat and 320,027 corn. Exports of flour amounted to 15,255 barrels, valued at \$75,320.

But thirty-eight of the 1000 subscribers who attached their signatures to the subscription paper guaranteeing \$100,000 to the Swift and Armour packing houses on condition of their locating at Fort Worth, have so far responded to the call of the committee and so far but about \$7,000 has been paid in.

One of the most unique conventions ever held in Texas is being arranged for in Bell county. It is to be "an ox-drivers' convention, an assembling together of those who prior to, during and after the Civil war, hauled freight from there to Houston and other points and returned with slow but sure and trusty oxen.

Bob Pinkard, a farmer of Hill

county, was found dead Saturday in the Pike wagon yard at Hillsboro. His death was caused by a blow on the head with an iron bar, which was found near his body. No clue to the murderer.

PANHANDLE NEWS.

Some cattle in the vicinity of Memphis are dying with blackleg.

Canyon City has voted to incorporate for free school purposes, and wants a \$10,000 school building.

Twin Buttes schoolhouse in Hall county, was burned Thursday night. Probably the work of an incendiary.

It is reported from Floydada that cattle fared worse in the breaks than on the plains, the F ranch losing 25 per cent.

The Silvertown Enterprise reports a new girl in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Head, and born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Demic, a fine, regulation-weight boy.

While a crowd of boys were hanging on the side of a freight train to ride up the hill at Acme Saturday, Charley Martin fell in such a way as to have a foot cut off.

Roy Houghton, of Memphis, who is studying medicine in Fort Worth, was secretly married at Fort Worth to Miss Annie Hill. They will make their home in the Indian Territory.

Colorado City has an epidemic of scarlet fever.

Reduced Rates.

Epworth League Conference—Rate, \$18.25 for round trip to San Antonio, selling date, April 23; final limit to leave San Antonio, April 28.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Texas at Fort Worth—Rate, \$9.15 for round trip; sell, April 20; limit, April 24.

Grand Lodge Sons of Herman, New Braunfels, Texas—Sell, April 8; limit, April 17; rate, one and one-third fare for round trip.

Meeting of Federation Woman's Clubs, Terrell, Texas—Rate, one and one-third fare for round trip; sell, March 15, 16; limit, March 18.

Banda Rossa, Dallas, Texas—Rate, one and one-third fare for round trip; sell, March 9, 10, 11; limit, one day from date of sale.

Annual meeting Medical Association at New Orleans, La.—Rate, one first-class fare for round trip; selling dates, March 3, 4; final limit, March 16. Extension can be had to May 30.

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