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**Prohibition vs. Saloons and Drunkenness—Cotton Answered.**

Rev. Granville Jones answered the sermon of Rev. Robt. H. Cotton, rector of an Episcopal church in Fort Worth, last Sunday in a lecture. After preliminary remarks, Mr. Jones said:

The occasion of this address is a sermon preached in this city last Sunday. The cause reaches back to a fundamental difference between the "pros" and "antis" in regard to the nature and purpose of our government itself. The sermon to which I refer derives its significance from the fact that it comes from a preacher. In it all there is not a single idea that has not been advanced over and over by brewers, distillers and saloonkeepers. With the man I have nothing to do. I am only concerned with his attempts at argumentation. When he speaks as he spoke last Sunday, he does not represent the Christian preachers or Christian churches of this country, not even his own church.

In his sermon he advertises first of all that he has no conception of the question which he proposes to discuss. He attempts to prove that men have a right to drink intoxicants if they wish. On this point he says right valorously: "You shall not make me abstain from intoxicants." For the exclusive benefit of Mr. Cotton I will state that prohibition has reference to the sale of intoxicants. Suppose I grant his right to drink; does it follow then that for his convenience we must have saloons? Certainly not. If he had developed an appetite for tainted meat, would it follow that the people would be compelled to place a hundred carcasses on the streets for his convenience? I think not. The people have at least as much right to pure air as he has to tainted meat. If he has a right to drink intoxicants, we claim that the people have at least right to a pure moral atmosphere; and they will no more surrender that right because men threaten to drink secretly, than they will pollute the air with decaying carcasses because men threaten to eat tainted meat on the sly. Prohibition aims at the destruction of the present system of selling intoxicants.

Now as to his arguments, taking them in the order in which he gives them:

1. "It (prohibition) is an infringement of personal liberty." He speaks of "sumptuary legislation" as if it was a brand new thought. As a matter of fact, the courts of this country have settled, as far as any question can be settled by court decisions, that the law which he assails is not "sumptuary." The "personal liberty" cry is not entirely new either. In this country personal liberty means the exercise of inherent or natural rights. License is the exercise of privilege bestowed upon one by his fellows. Liberty is the exercise of rights bestowed upon one by the Creator. The very thing which differentiates this from all other governments is the declaration that man's natural rights are inalienable and rise superior to any privilege or license bestowed by man. Is the right to sell intoxicating liquor one of man's natural rights: is it unalienable? The supreme court of this land has passed upon this question so often that they declare it to be

"the settled policy of this court" that "government does not interfere with nor impair anyone's constitutional rights of liberty or of property when it determines that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks for general or individual use, as a beverage, are, or may become, hurtful to society and constitute, therefore, a business in which no one may lawfully engage." *Mugler vs. Kansas*, 123 U. S. The same court says of the right to sell intoxicants: "So far as such a right exists it is not one of the rights growing out of citizenship of the United States." 85th U. S. In the case of *Crowley vs. Christenson* the supreme court says: "There is no inherent right in a citizen thus to sell intoxicating liquors by the retail. The right to sell intoxicating liquors is not one of the privileges of a citizen of the United States."

This is the battle ground. Certain men ask that the privilege of selling whiskey shall take precedence over the natural rights of man to life, liberty and happiness. The contention is not new. A certain European who "lived in London" insisted on granting privileges which interfered with the rights of men. On this issue the war of the revolution was fought and on this issue we became a nation.

The loudest advocates of the liquor brand of "personal liberty" are lately from London" or some other European port. It is the same old battle of license vs. liberty: of Europeanism against Americanism, and on this issue I stand with Washington and the Whigs of '76. Gentlemen who take their models of government from abroad still stand on Tory ground.

His next argument is:

2. "The enactment of such laws leads to lack of respect and reverence for law. You can not enforce such a law as prohibition."

This is quite an ancient chestnut and devoid of reason, logic or common sense. He says that the public conscience approves of laws against gambling and swindling and therefore they can be enforced. Public conscience disapproves of prohibition, therefore it can not be enforced and ought not to be enacted.

According to this theory our law makers should consult with the criminal classes of the country and be careful not to pass anything that does not meet the approval of their "conscience." Are the laws against gambling enforced? Do they meet with the "conscientious" approval of gamblers?

Hear him: "As a free citizen I refuse to be coerced in this matter." "You shall not make me abstain from intoxicants." I do not know how it is "in London," but in this country the man who thus aligns himself with law breakers and flings frothy defiance at the law is popularly called an "anarchist."

His last argument is:

3. "It leads to secret drinking." Mighty logic! Perhaps if he would get the "London" fog out of his eyes he might be able to see that our laws against gambling lead to secret gambling; our laws against houses of ill fame lead to secret prostitution; our laws against opium joints lead to secret smoking etc. In fact, according to this weighty argument (?), all our criminal laws are wrong, in that

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they force men to secrecy in the practice of crime.

Under this head he affirms that prohibition fails to accomplish the good for which it is enacted—the reduction of drinking and the consequent reduction of drunkenness and other crimes, I have heard this somewhere before. It would pay the gentleman to make a little investigation here in Texas with reference to the question: Does Prohibition Lessen Drunkenness and Other Crimes?" Let me submit the result of a little investigation along this line. Here are reports from seventeen Texas towns which had saloons and adopted prohibition. Most of these figures are simply transcripts of the court records, and all of them are from unimpeachable authority. The time in each instance varies from one day to one year. The first figures show the crimes docketed while the saloons were in operation, and the second figures show the crimes docketed under prohibition for an exact equal length of time:

Denton	30	0	155	17
Hubbard City	282	82	93	33
Sulphur Springs	336	156	38	14
De Leon	65	29	96	8
Clarksville	272	37	69	17
Moody	76	37	43	0
Waxahachie	266	117		
Killeen	19	11		
Hillsboro	138	58		
Ennis	39	12		
Bells	69	4		
Bonham	43	0		
McKinney	166	68		
Weatherford	208	64		
Honey Grove	244	48		
Greenville	403	124		

The total number of crimes docketed in these seventeen Texas towns for a given length of time while saloons were in operation was 2616. The total number of cases docketed in the same towns for the same time under prohibition was 857, a difference of 1759. To state it differently the saloons in these seventeen towns caused the commission of 1759 crimes, if the arrested parties were guilty. In other words, prohibition in these towns prevented the commission of 1759 crimes.

In reply to Mr. Cotton's contention that prohibition causes drunkenness, I call your attention to the following table showing the number of arrests for drunkenness in eight of these towns under the saloon system, and for the same length of time under prohibition. The first figures stand for the arrests under the saloons and the second under prohibition:

Ennis	39	12
Greenville	199	37

Honey Grove	155	17
McKinney	93	33
Weatherford	38	14
Clarksville	96	8
Hillsboro	69	17
Bonham	43	0

The total number of arrests for drunkenness in these eight towns during a given period of time while saloons were in operation, was 814. The total number of arrests for the same offense during the same length of time under prohibition was 167, a difference of 647. The saloons in these eight towns caused 647 persons to be arrested for drunkenness. Or, to state it differently, prohibition in these eight towns prevented 647 persons from getting drunk.

To carry this illustration a little further, the penitentiary records show that taking the state over, prohibition territory furnishes one convict for every 1500 of population, and the anti-prohibition territory furnishes one to every 500 of population, or a ratio of two to one. Still he says: "I am speaking in the interest of temperance, righteousness and Godliness."

As to this scriptural argument, I need not reply, because it is eliminated when we define that prohibition has reference to the sale of intoxicants, and not primarily at the use.

He cites the miracle of our Lord, the turning of water into wine. What does he aim to prove? This if anything. Whatever God makes, a man has a right to use; and any law that prevents him from it is sumptuary and sinful. Let us try the logic: God made the dust of Egypt into lice. Therefore, a man has a right to have lice. Conclusion: A fine comb is sumptuary and ointment is a sin! Great logician!

He is "a temperance man" and reads a lesson to "Christian voters and the women of the W. T. C. U." "Christian voters" have read every word of his message long ago, and have rendered back their answer: "The saloon must go!"

And the "W. C. T. U.," those women including Episcopal women, who have fought for "God and home and native land" while men were asleep on board, until at last the whole nation is awakening out of its sleep; those women who amid contumely and scorn have fought for children and home and religion until God has heard their plea and let down a helping hand from heaven, will not be influenced by this cuckoo's utterance, that comes from the Liquor Dealers' association via the rector.

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CANDIDATES for office in Hill county have held a meeting and agreed to boycott the newspapers. What is the matter with Texas' boasted anti-trust and boycott law down there?

THE license on pool tables at Oak Grove, Mo., has been increased from \$20 to \$600 by the council. The pool room men consider this their cue to leave town. From the drift of the talk in Clarendon, our city council might be thanked by a majority of the citizens for passing a similar act.

A news item from New York says if William Jennings Bryan has his way about it, Judge Parker might as well sink his Presidential ambitions now, for he will not be nominated if the influence of the Nebraska man counts for anything. While he was careful not to mention Parker by name, Bryan made it very clear that the New York man was flatly barred. "Any man who voted the Palmer and Buckner ticket will certainly be prevented from receiving the nomination," he said, "No such man will be the candidate of the democratic party. He might be a candidate in a Palmer and Buckner convention," he said, "but there is no chance for him in the regular organization." All of which is fair warning to Judge Parker that he is under the ban of the Nebraska leader.

The Moundville, Ala., storm mentioned by us Saturday killed six whites and 32 negroes. Of the 62 injured 12 will die. Homeless people to the number of 200 were sent to Birmingham. One freak of the storm was that all freight cars in the town were blown away, excepting one, which was loaded with coffins. The depot, warehouses, gins, thirty homes and the storehouses occupied by R. L. Griffin, A. W. Wiggins & Son, W. J. Domenick, A. D. Griffin and W. P. Phifer, together with their stocks, were completely destroyed. Where they stood it is impossible to find even the pillars upon which these structures rested. Bales of cotton, which were stored in warehouses, were torn to atoms, the fragments of lint lodging in trees.

In St. Louis Saturday the federal grand jury returned an indictment against Joseph Ralph Burton, United States senator from Kansas, charging him, on nine counts, with accepting five checks of \$500 each from the Rialto Grain and Securities company, between November 22, 1902, and March 26, 1903, while a United States senator, for his alleged services in interceding with the Postmaster General, chief inspector and other high post-office officials, to induce them to render a favorable decision in matters affecting the permission of the Rialto company to use the mails. Major Hugh C. Dennis, president of the company, and W. B. Mehaney, associated with him, are named in the indictment as the men who made the check to Burton.

In the Llano region recently has been found vast quantities of vitrious earth, containing radium salts. It is asserted by scientists that these earths will produce a greater quantity of radium than is to be found in any of the known deposits of this character in the world.

Application has been made for the organization of the First National bank at Miami, capital stock \$25,000.

## Another Anti Secret Meeting.

On the heels of the decision of the court of criminal appeals in the Cook county case, a number of those who oppose local option met in conference in Dallas to consider the Willacy bill and the court decision.

Among those present were John G. Willacy, Portland; D. A. Paulus, Hallettsville; R. N. Stratford, Mineola; Baldwin Rice, former Mayor of Houston; Frank Richards, cashier Planters and Merchants Bank, Houston; James P. Welsh, City Assessor and Collector, Houston; W. A. Hanger, Fort Worth; J. F. Onion, San Antonio; Walter Gresham, Galveston.

Nothing was given out concerning the result of the conference, but it was indicated that there was still some doubt as to the effect of the decision of the court on some of the points involved in the question at issue.

## Blown Out of Existence.

TULSA, Ok., Jan. 23.—A nitro-glycerin magazine exploded here with 300 pounds of the material in it this evening. An unknown man was blown to atoms. At this writing only a small piece of flesh from the bottom of his foot has been found: Shreds of clothing are scattered over a large area of land adjacent to the magazine.

Two horses used by him standing hitched within thirty yards of the magazine escaped alive although one had a piece of timber thrust through his head. Hundreds of windows in this town were broken and this concussion was felt for miles away. Many of the windows destroyed were heavy plate glass.

Not a vestige of the timber composing the magazine is to be found in the locality. Many splinters and pieces of rock and dirt were thrown to the distance of two or more miles.

The magazine stood on the side of a hill, at which place a hole was torn in the earth to the depth of twenty feet and thirty feet wide. An oak tree three feet in diameter was blown from the ground and thrown fifty yards. Other trees were broken and torn down by the concussion.

Only one man witnessed the explosion and knows much of the particulars. According to his statement the deceased was carrying the explosive from his wagon to the magazine and had just entered with two quart cans when the catastrophe occurred.

## No Money Meddling By Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—It has determined definitely that no financial legislation will be enacted at the present session of congress. Speaker Cannon had an interview with the President today but the speaker gave the assurance that the subject of financial legislation was not mentioned. Speaker Cannon deems it inadvisable at this time to enter upon the revision or even the amendment of the present financial laws.

A special fund of \$200 has been raised in Terrell for the purpose of employing counsel to prosecute violators of the local option law in Kaufman county. A total fund of \$500 has been pledged by the prohibitionists of the county for this purpose. So far there have been but few violations, but it is the determination of prohibitionists to see that the law is enforced.

Without wishing to in any way impugn the motives of these judges, we press the question home to the voters of Texas: "What are you going to do about it? Will you remember these things when election day rolls round?—Advance.

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## STATE NEWS.

Enos Cather, aged 61, shot and killed himself Saturday at Brenham. No cause is known.

The semi-annual Convention of County Judges will take place in Fort Worth, beginning Feb. 4.

R. W. Foat, a Weatherford merchant has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; liabilities \$26,694.73, assets \$12,357.30.

Fire at Fort Sam Houston Friday morning destroyed the supply depots, outhouses and fences, to the value of \$17,000.

A 3-year-old son of James Tarwater, near Smithfield, pulled down a loaded gun Saturday and was shot and killed.

A Mexican thinly clad was found so nearly frozen Thursday near Dallas that he died before he could be taken to the city.

Tom Canty, 15 years old, who was put in the run around of the Graham jail for petty theft, crawled through a flue and flew.

Six seed houses, worth from \$300 to \$400 each, were burned at Thornton Monday. A lot of hay and 1000 bushels of corn were also burned.

Texarkana had a \$40,000 fire Sunday morning. The losers are Tony Degrazer, \$10,000; Joe Cella, \$2,500; F. L. Schuster, \$250; F. C. Peters \$100; S. M. Ragland, loss small.

T. L. Moore was shot by Oscar Walker, 14 years old, at Cooper Saturday. The boy says it was an accident, but is under arrest. Moore may die, as 50 duck shot entered his body.

Citizens of Vernon who subscribed \$50,000 for the construction of the Frisco to that place and refused to pay because the road was not completed in time specified, have won out in the court.

Moxie C. Magee of Bowie, Tex., was arrested at the Southern Hotel on a charge of grand larceny in New York. He was taken away from his young bride, to whom he was married two weeks ago.

J. W. Parsons, special deputy sheriff, accidentally shot himself Friday at Woodville and died next morning. He was 58 years old,

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 No. 8, Passenger and Express..... 9:30 p. m.  
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 A six room dwelling for rent. Inquire of Dr. Stocking.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

John Richardson is laid up with measles.

Lee & Kelley are fitting up a cosy office in their grain house.

Services next Sunday morning and evening at the Episcopal church.

Dr. Westbrook contemplates a trip to New Orleans about the 10th of the coming month.

W. C. Smith has sold to Adam Wiseman 160 acres of land four miles southeast of town at \$1500.

Yesterday morning was the coldest of the season, the temperature going down to eight degrees. Below the lowest temperature was 12.

A. W. Collins has bought Clint Rutherford's interest in the saddle and harness store and the latter will move to Tucumcari, N. M., in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gillam are being visited by the latter's father, A. T. Look, from Waukegan, Ill. He has a son with him. He also thinks some of locating in this country.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of street lights. We believe if the council would put in lights at several public corners that the railroad company would have them put near each end of the depot. They are needed. Speak to your alderman about it.

The railway officials have taken up the matter of a new passenger depot here, and as the facilities at present are inadequate, it is to be hoped their consideration of the matter will terminate with an order for its erection. A good business is done at Clarendon and she is entitled to it.

In Amarillo Saturday night Alvo Bryan was shot and dangerously wounded at the house of Kitty McIntyre. T. L. Queen, private in the State Ranger force, surrendered to Sergeant Jim Moore claiming that the shooting was done in self-defense.

**An "At Home."**

The Rev. H. C. Goodman and Mrs. Goodman entertained the members of St. John's Church last evening at the Rectory. A few family connections were also invited guests. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

**Poll Taxes Paid.**

Poll taxes have been paid in this county by precincts as follows:

No. 1,	22
" 2,	226
" 3,	18
" 4,	23
" 5,	45
" 6,	17
" 7,	11
" 8,	12

Total 374

Lee has a car of flour, car of cotton seed and cotton seed meal, as well as oats for sale. Give him a trial when you want feed.

The Old Maid's convention, to appear at the opera house, has been deferred a few days, but watch for the date.

**College Clatter.**

Miss Etta Stevens and the Messrs. Cooper are new students.

Verner and Gibbs Glenn enjoyed a visit from their father Monday. Ed Graham made a short visit home last week.

Mr. V. R. Trammell preached at Rowe Sunday.

Clyde Wright has returned to Silverton to practice law.

O. T. Warlick has gone home to help his father a short while and then he will return to college.

The recital given by Mrs. and Miss Rogers Friday night was excellent and very much enjoyed by all.

A game of football between the public school and the college boys was played Saturday afternoon. The college won by 66 to nothing.

The Wilson children have made arrangements to stay at the college during cold weather. They stayed at the college Monday night.

Several truck loads of case whiskey were unloaded at the depot here Monday night all consigned to different persons over this neighborhood. It was shipped out by a Kansas City wholesale house C. O. D. to all names they had secured, without any orders being received, and in most cases the goods are accepted by the consignees, so that it makes a prosperous business for the wholesaler.—Memphis Herald.

**Cotton-Seed Products Beef.**

The National Provisioner has this to say of cotton products beef:

A well-known Arkansas cotton oil-mill man and beef feeder who has fattened over 100,000 head of cattle entirely on cotton seed meal and hulls makes the following beef feeding statement to the National Provisioner:

"Of all the 100,000 head of cattle that were fattened on cotton seed hulls and cotton seed meal not a single head ever knew the taste of corn either before coming to our feed lots or after being fed. They were fattened on cotton seed meal and hulls, and I had it direct from the mouths of cattle buyers themselves that what is known as oil mill fed cattle commands just as high prices and kill out just as well as do corn fed or any other kind of beef.

"It may be true that the feeders have accepted hulls and meal generally, but it is not true of Texas and Arkansas, because there are fewer cattle on feed in those two states this year than any year in the past ten.

"I have fed as high as 12,000 head in one season, at one time, but this year we have only 1,500 head on feed."

Jack Mann, superintendent of bridges, commenced sinking a well, twenty feet square, upon the Denver's right-of-way north of the Davenport tank this morning.—Quanah Tribune.

Merchants at Panhandle have signed an agreement to close their stores at 6:30 p. m.

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**Fort Worth Market.**

Top prices yesterday were: steers \$3.65; cows \$2.40; calves \$5.00 hogs \$5.05. Receipts were: cattle 1,800, calves 127, hogs 350.

**Pay Taxes Now, Or Extra Cost.**

Notice is hereby given that all taxes must be paid by Jan. 31, or the law imposes a penalty of ten per cent additional.  
 L. C. BEVERLY, Tax Collector.

**Alanreed Items.**

There are some talk in regard to the Masons organizing and building a hall here in the near future.

W. A. Stubbs was up to Amarillo Wednesday to make out a bill of lumber to build the W. O. W. Hall.

H. C. Wilson had a well sunk on his property here in town this week and now has an unlimited supply of fine water.

A meeting of the farmers and stockmen of the surrounding country last Saturday evening resulted in 418 acres of cotton being subscribed to secure a gin. By getting 1000 acres of cotton subscribed we have the assurance of a gin.

Commissioners Court of Gray county at their last meeting put a bounty on wolf scalps as follows: Grown coyotes \$1, coyote pups 50 cts, grown male loafers \$10, loafer pups \$5, grown female loafer, \$15, the whole hide will be required of the latter.

**Memphis.**

At a meeting of the school board last Saturday it was decided that in future all pupils who were over 17 years of age on Sept. 1 will be charged tuition in the school. Miss Maude Glenn of Wellington was selected as an additional teacher for the remainder of the term.

The Chidress water works was held here several hours Monday by the engine having to cut and run for water. This train is gradually lengthening out until now the smaller engines cannot handle it and the big moguls are used as motive power.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church here has made a call for Rev. John M. Hamby to the pulpit of the church. He will perhaps accept the work if he can arrange with the Newlin and Harrold churches to take up Rev. McDonald's work at those places. He has been residing at Silverton the past year.

**And What Next.**

It seems that tinkering with our local option law will never cease. A short time since the Court of Criminal Appeals decided against the local option law prohibiting C. O. D. shipments. The result of this was to practically make saloons of depots in local option towns. Now comes the same court, and in the case of ex parte Heyman, from Cook County, decides that the law authorizing more than one precinct, or subdivision of a county, to vote on the question is unconstitutional. The point is, that to combine any number of subdivisions, less than a county, is to create a subdivision and invalidates the election. Judge Brooks dissents from this decision, as it will be remembered he did from the C.O.D. decision. Below we give his words:

"I dissent from the opinion of the majority. It has neither parallel nor precedent in the previous decisions of this court or of any court. It is in the face of the Constitution, instead of a construction of the same. It violates the statute authorizing the election herein under consideration. It is at variance with the previous decisions of this court since the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution in 1891; it is at variance to the decision of the Court of Civil Appeals at Dallas, and is also at variance with the decision of the Court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth. I will write my views at length.

"BROOKS, Judge."

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**The Texas World's Fair Work.**

The Executive Committee of the Texas World's Fair Commission has issued a statement showing the financial condition of the Commission at the close of the year, and making a brief review of the work so far done.

The statement shows that \$110,119.95 has been subscribed, of which amount \$46,793.49 has been collected in cash. The total disbursements have been \$45,735.71. The Committee says that in view of the work done, the affairs of the Commission have been carried on very economically.

It is shown that six departments of the work—those of agriculture, horticulture, mineral, forestry, educational and an exhibit of fiber plants and color-yielding flora and fauna—are in an advance state of progress, and it expresses the belief that if the Commission shall be able to get sufficient funds these exhibits will challenge the attention of the world.

The Commission intends to use the most modern methods of advertising and exhibition, believing that at this time, when Texas is coming into prominence by reason of the fact that it will profit more than any other State from the Isthmian Canal, such an advertisement as it will be possible to give at St. Louis will have many-fold a greater value than at any period in the State's history.

The Committee states that special efforts have and are being made to show the agricultural advantages of the State. One feature will be a "continuous live exhibit" in these departments; that in fruits, vegetables and agricultural products will be renewed as frequently as may be necessary to keep them fresh and attractive. It is hoped in this way not only to show the excellence of Texas' horticultural, agricultural and garden products, but to impress on the mind of everyone that in Texas they can be grown through out most of the year. This, it is believed, will not only attract greater attention to Texas lands, but will widen the markets for Texas products, and thus be of double value.

The Committee announces that additional funds are imperatively necessary to carry out its plans. Some sections of the State, the Committee says, have done fairly well in contributing toward the expense of the enterprise, and that the business interests have done all that could reasonably be expected of them; but that other sections, too, which may expect to reap the greatest benefits, have not contributed their share. The Committee says the short time remaining, and the expense of making personal solicitations, render that method impossible; therefore it makes a direct personal appeal to the people for voluntary subscriptions. Concerning this matter, the Committee says:

"Texas cannot afford and must not fail to have such an exhibit at St. Louis as will be the pride of every citizen in the State who visits the Exposition. A small contribution from each of her citizens, and a contribution which will not be felt or remembered, will make it possible to make such an exhibit as no other State in the American union can make. We present to you a direct question: Will you personally make this contribution on your part? If you will, will you on your own motion, send the same either to the office of General Manager Wortham, at Dallas, Texas, or direct to the Treasurer, Royal A. Ferris, President National Exchange Bank, Dallas, Texas? If you will do this, do it at once.

The Commission feels that the success of the Texas Exhibit will depend in large measure on the

response of the people to this appeal.

**WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.**

World's Fair Press Bureau.

Season tickets good for every day of the seven months of the World's Fair will be issued at \$25 each. They will not be transferable.

Missouri's forestry fish and game exhibit will cover nearly two acres of ground and will be situated west of the Forestry, Fish and Game Palace.

The French pavilion is a replica of the Grand Trianon at Versailles. The walls of the central room will be hung with fine old tapestries from the royal apartments at Versailles.

Belgium will make a great exhibit of draft horses. The animals are being assembled at Springfield, Ill., where they will be kept until the Exposition opens.

The American Angora Goat Breeders' Association will make a great exhibit. Over 100 liberal cash prizes have been offered and it is possible for a single bunch to win \$500.

The New York Central Railroad's new train "The Louisiana Purchase Limited," will be one of the best equipped and fastest in the world. The new equipment was ordered expressly to handle the World's Fair traffic.

The great dome of the Festival Hall is practically finished. The dome is larger than St. Peter's at Rome or St. Paul's at London. It is the largest dome ever constructed on a building.

Canada's pavilion is finished. The structure is one of the most ornate among the many attractive foreign buildings and occupies an advantageous site north of the Palace of Agriculture. The intramural railway passes the main entrance.

Eight mammoth rustic hanging baskets occupy space on the north terrace of Agriculture Hill. These baskets are 16 feet high and when the Exposition opens they will be filled with a choice collection of blooming plants.

The windows of the Idaho building will be transparencies showing the wonderfully beautiful scenery of that state. The Shoshone Falls in Idaho are 220 feet high, 60 feet higher than the great Niagara Falls and of great volume.

Ice gorges and floods have damaged shipping interests along the Ohio river to the extent of \$200,000.

The Missouri Press Association expelled John A. Lee and I. L. Page on charge of boodling.

A contract has been made by the city council at Alvarado with a Hillsboro firm for the construction of a system of waterworks. Work will begin at an early date.

Ernest Brachter and Wm. Adkins were frozen to death near Prior Creek, I. T., the first of the week.

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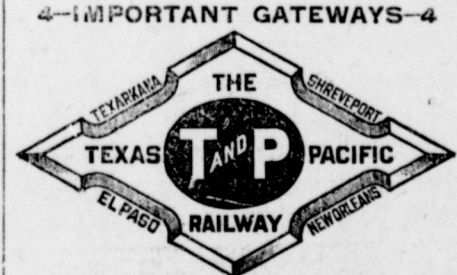
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