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The Bailey Rally.
Fort Worth, Tex., March 28.—With about 6,000 persons present, the Bailey convention or rally held in the Coliseum at North Fort Worth today executed the program which was clearly foreshadowed by preliminary meeting held last night at the city hall in Ft. Worth. The ticket, set forth at the head of this column, headed with the name of Senator Bailey, was nominated; boosting was done for Hon. R. M. Wynne as a candidate for attorney general—indeed, Col. Wynne made a speech in his own behalf—showing that this movement, as was practically declared by former Senator Odell on Friday night, is intended not only for the election of the delegates to the Denver convention, but to bring about a change in the attorney general's office as well.

The various speakers who appeared upon the program, including Senator Bailey himself, asserted that the masses of the people were on the side of the senator, and that the ticket of this convention would be elected by a majority of 100,000. To carry forward the campaign which is to be made \$20,500 was raised in the meeting through pledges for county organizations.

There were delegates on the floor asking for recognition to make pledges when the proceeding was cut off in order to transact the business of the convention and let Senator Bailey make his speech. Further contributions in writing were asked for, these to be sent to the chairman. One such, from Precinct No. 1, Dallas county, in which precinct the city of Dallas is located, was sent up after the list below set out was closed. This brought the subscriptions up to \$20,000. Hon. George A. Carden, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, says that a fund of \$25,000 will be needed.

TICKET NOMINATED.

For Delegates at Large—United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Cooke county; M. M. Brooks, associate justice of the court of criminal appeals, Dallas county; James L. Storey, Caldwell county; Andrew J. Baker, former commissioner of the Texas General Land office, Tom Green county.

For Alternates—B. F. Looney, state senator, and member of the senate committee of the Thirtieth legislature which investigated the charges against Senator Bailey; John R. Kubena, member of the Thirtieth house of representatives, Fayette county; J. R. (Dick) Bowman, member of the Thirtieth house of representatives, Potter county; Charles L. Brachfield, state senator and member of the Bailey investigating committee, Rusk county.

For Presidential Electors—H. A. O'Neal, member of the Thirtieth house of representatives and chairman of the Bailey investigating committee, Cass county; Hampson Gary, member of the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth house of representatives.

Estimated attendance upon the convention—Lowest (anti Bailey sources), 4,500; maximum (pro-Bailey sources), 10,000; The News' estimate, 6,000.

Claim re-asserted that the Bailey delegate ticket will be elected by a majority of 100,000.

Senator Bailey will remain in the state until after the primaries and make a canvass of the state.—Dallas News

The Senate has passed the Foster bill, making available for use at New Orleans \$300,000 of the authorized appropriation for the Mississippi River improvement work between Cairo and the head of the passes. The purpose is to protect levee work done by city authorities, which will cost several million dollars.

Aldrich Bill Passes—Bailey Substitute Defeated.

The Aldrich currency bill was passed by the senate Monday by a vote of 42 to 16—in the main a party vote. Previous to the taking of the vote on the Aldrich bill, a vote was taken on the Bailey substitute, authorizing the government instead of national banks to issue the emergency circulation for, which the bill provides. The vote on the Bailey substitute stood 42 against to 15, and this vote was entirely partisan, even Senator La Follette casting his vote with the republicans. The bill has been before the senate since Jan. 2. The vote was not reached until after 6 p. m. and the galleries were practically empty.

An interesting feature of the passage of the bill was a reiteration by Mr. Aldrich of his promise to bring in a bill for an investigation of the entire banking system of the country, with a view to instituting reforms.

As passed, the bill provides for not more than \$500,000,000 of emergency currency, to be issued by national banks upon the deposit by them of state, county and municipal bonds to be approved by the secretary of the treasury. The currency is to be issued with a view to securing an equitable distribution of the currency over the United States and in accordance with the unimpaired capital and surplus of banks in each state. Banks are to pay for this emergency circulation half of 1 per cent. a month during the first four months it is circulated and afterward three fourths of 1 per cent. a month.

For Higher Priced Cotton.

Jackson, Miss., March 26.—The thirteen cotton growing states were represented here today in a secret meeting of the officers of the Farmers' Union and Cotton Association, which decided that the holders of cotton will get higher prices for all that is left.

The meeting was strictly secret and the local officers declined to give out the names of those present. All holders of cotton in both associations will be communicated with at once from state headquarters and directed what to do. President Hightower of the Mississippi Farmers' Union, declares it his opinion the staple will go much higher.

Bob Muir Cattle Inspector.

Secretary H. E. Crowley of the Cattle Raisers' Association says those inspectors who had been relieved during the winter months have resumed their former positions. Following changes have been made: R. H. Muir is appointed inspector at Clarendon to succeed T. H. Pyle; D. S. Fox of Kingsville appointed inspector for the territory covered by the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad to succeed W. B. Shelton of Refugio; J. R. Hewitt of San Angelo district to succeed J. F. Treadwell; Frank N. Canton of Fairfax, Ok., has resigned and his successor will be announced later.

A large force of Mexican laborers and track layers are at work, and have been for several weeks, from the Clarendon yards east, replacing old ties, ballasting and leveling the track, and putting it in shape for the heavy summer travel, and for the new train which is to be operated from Galveston to the West, along connecting lines to Dallas and Fort Worth and thence along this line to the Colorado Southern. The summer travel is expected by the railroad officials to be the heaviest ever put on the line, and every effort is being made to put the roadbed in shape to handle it on the best possible schedule.

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Protest Against Bank Receivers.

New York, March 28.—The abolition of receivers for suspended banks has been recommended by the Grand Jury that has been setting in Brooklyn for several weeks. In the jury's report to the Court is the following statement on the subject.

The suspended financial institutions of this country are a sad blow to the depositors, and to add to the misfortune, the receiver steps in—not to add one dollar to the assets, but in some instances to require a microscopic vision to reveal the balance left for distribution by the receiver after he receives his enormous commission. We would, therefore, recommend to our Legislature the urgent necessity of relieving such suspended banks from the enormous expense now prevailing.

STATE NEWS

While fishing near Cumby in Hunt county Saturday, the boat of Lee Hackler, age 20, was upset and he was drowned.

A package containing \$750 worth of diamonds was stolen from the office of the Pacific Express company at Longview a few days ago.

The Citizens' National Bank of Plainview, Tex., has been authorized to begin business with \$100,000 capital. J. N. Donohoe is president, Joseph B. Mosley vice president, and E. B. Hughes, cashier.

The first pavement for Amarillo is now being laid, a concrete base having been put down some weeks previous and is now being covered with brick. The brick were secured from Coffeyville, Kan. The payment will cost \$1.80 per yard. John Higgins, a wealthy farmer residing in the Dexter neighborhood, of Cooke county, killed himself at his home Friday by shooting the top of his head off with a double barrel shotgun. Deceased was about 40 years of age.

At Weatherford Friday the residence of Mrs. M. J. McKennan burned. She was away from home at the time of the fire, which gained such headway before a stiff breeze that nothing was saved from the house. Loss was about \$1,500, insurance \$600.

Track laying on the Panhandle Amarillo cut-off will be completed this week and three ballast trains are hauling crushed rock and gravel and a large force of men are engaged in putting the finishing touches to the roadbed and preparing it for train service.

Engineer D. B. Ralston and Conductor John Wolfenberger of Lawton were killed Saturday when their freight ran into a derailment and went into a bridge near Cement, thirty miles northeast of Lawton on the Frisco. Two brakemen were slightly injured, the fireman was not hurt. All the cars were derailed and other trains delayed.

There is a sharply defined oil and gasoline war on in Dallas. It began about Feb. 15 and as a result wholesale prices on oil have dropped from 12 and 15 cents per gallon to 5 cents, and gasoline has fallen from 15 and 12 cents to 10 cents. Despite the big reduction in wholesale prices, it is stated that the local consumers are paying as much as ever. It is charged by the independent concerns that the Waters-Pierce Oil Company is making an effort to drive them from the field.

Estelline has added nearly sixty houses during the past two years. A good record and one that shows that the people have faith in that community as a farming country.—Index.

Protecting Depositors a Success.

The Oklahoma law providing for the insurance of bank deposits has been in operation less than a month but, so far, all indications point to its success. Four hundred and sixty-six state banks took out insurance certificates—certificates being denied to 26 banks that could not pass the rigid examination. There are in the state 309 national banks. Of these, 29 had, by the 10th of March, received certificates, 73 had been examined by the bank examiners and will go in as soon as the stockholders ratify the contract. More than 60 national banks have requested examination, and others have called stockholders' meetings to determine the policy of the bank.

It is predicted—by those in position to know—that within a short time practically every bank in the state will have taken advantage of the insurance.

The Bank of Commerce of Shawnee, Ok., on the 29th of February, inserted the following advertisement in a local paper:

"Before the Depositors' Guaranty law went into effect, we had on February 12, 1908: Deposits, \$230,544.54.

"Seventeen days under the protection of the Depositors' Guaranty fund of the state of Oklahoma our deposits have grown to be \$270,324.89.

"An increase of \$39,780.35.

"No reason to worry.

"What more do you want?"

Who will say that the Oklahoma plan is not succeeding? It has been said that banks would go out of business rather than to incur the risk of having to pay the depositors of other banks. Experience does not support this. The state banks have come in, and the national banks are trying to get in, and deposits are already increasing. The people feel that they have a safe place to deposit their money.

The deposits are going to be protected; the big bank will not much longer be permitted to build up a "prestige" at the risk of the depositors of the country and the welfare of each community.—Commoner.

A few days ago \$500 in silver, claimed to have been a part of \$5,000 which was taken from the Wells-Fargo Express company July 27 last, was dug up in the northwest outskirts of Paris near the Frisco track. A. E. Richmond, who was in the employ of the express company as night clerk at the union depot at the time the money disappeared, is under indictment for embezzlement of the money, which had been shipped by a Dallas bank to a Paris bank, and was brought in on the night train. Richmond was recently arrested at Shamrock, Wheeler county. He accompanied F. J. Dodge, the express company's detective, and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Haley and J. Y. Hoge to the spot where the money was unearthed.

At Toledo, O., Saturday the circuit court affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of 20 prominent lumbermen of Toledo who were last July sentenced to the workhouse for six months under the Valentine anti-trust law. The supreme court having decided in the ice trust cases that the imprisonment must be in the county jail instead of the workhouse. The lumbermen have been sent to the lower court for resentencing. They are wealthy and leading citizens of Toledo.

When two hundred "night riders" attack one man and burn his barn, kill his cattle and stock and flog him into insensibility, he should remember, when he comes to, that the majority rules.—Ex.

"Going Back to the Farm."

"A Reader," referring to the problem of the unemployed, says: "Men and women that have really to sustain themselves in the city those that 'can not hold a job' will fail, as a rule, to even a greater extent on what is usually meant by a farm, even if they could be induced to go to one—which they can not. Experience has shown that such families can not thus be helped, even if given a farm and its necessary tools, without money and without price. They do not know what to do with the land, and, having no taste, in most cases, for the life, they have no desire to learn. They get discouraged, and drift back to the city; they would rather fight for a crust, or starve in a crowd than enjoy plenty in the loneliness and steady work of the farm. They have never learned to think, or to plan for themselves, and they can not direct their work to any success; they are like children, in many respects, and they are even more helpless in the country than in the city. The idea of relieving the city of its congestion by transplanting its surplus people to the farm will work only when applied to those who belong to the soil because they were bred there, and know what to do with the soil, and who are tired of their mistake in giving up life they were fitted to enjoy for the struggle in which they find they should have no part. As to those having no family ties, the life on the farm holds little attraction for them, for the farm people are strangers to them, the farm ways are not their ways, and the wage, great or small, does not compensate them for the loss of companionship with their own class, to be found only in the city's bustling streets. This class would not profit the farm employer, even if it could be induced to work in the fields—which it can not. They must work out their own salvation; they have their own niches to fill; they are, probably, the 'straw' without which 'bricks' can not be made. They have their uses, though we may not know what it is."—Ex.

The Road To Success.

No new road to success has been surveyed. Those who go in that direction must travel the same old way. They have the body strong for work and the mind quick to grasp the situation and clear in its reasoning. But back of all they must have a purpose lofty enough to last for a life time. If one has only physical strength, he is on a level with the beasts. If to physical strength he adds only mental strength, his power for harm will be increased as well as his power for good. But with a purpose to make his body and his mind subservient to a great cause and to the common weal, he can hope to achieve and, in achieving, earn not only the commendation of his fellows, but the happiness that comes from the approval of his conscience.—Commoner.

The Farm Journal says

keeping the cow up for her good looks may be fine esthetics, but it is not good business. Business demands that a cow give at least 6,000 pounds of milk a year; make \$60 worth of butter; that she furnish one calf worth \$5 or more; \$10 worth of sweet skim milk and manure enough to pay for her feed. In this way the farmer can eat his cake and have it at the same time.

Along the line of home industry the Colorado Record caustically observes: "People who go away or send off to purchase goods that could be bought at home, are about the first to kick about the lack of enterprise in the home town."

Memphis.

A fine boy baby was born to Homer Calvert and wife on March 20.

W. F. Gammage is at home wrestling with a case of smallpox. J. M. Clower of Clarendon spent Tuesday night in Memphis on business.

A pretty girl baby was born to J. D. Browder and wife Monday, March 23.

J. W. Morrison was down from Clarendon and spent Tuesday in Memphis on a brief business trip.

Mark McMicken was thrown from his wagon Thursday while driving hurriedly to the northwest part of town to the incipient fire. He was knocked unconscious but not seriously hurt.

The Woodmen of Lakeview have decided to erect a second story on the new school building going up there and will use it for a fine lodge hall. It will also answer for public gatherings, etc.

Plans are about perfected for the erection at once in this city of a fine modern ginning plant on the site of the burned Burnett gin. The plant will be in every way in keeping with the spirit of the times.

J. W. Wells sold a fine quarter section this week three miles southwest of Memphis at \$30 per acre to J. T. Spear. The place has no improvements on it but some new breaking, but is a very fine place and is cheap at the price paid.

Dr. G. V. Rutledge of Melissa, Tex., was here last Monday and purchased the home of R. L. Moreman, together with his half section of land three and a half miles north of Memphis. Some stock and machinery also went with the deal. The price was \$11,700.

Childress.

On account of the shortage in money the public schools have closed.

Plans have been drawn for three or four brick business houses and it is thought that work will be started upon them soon. These with other work in sight will keep the laborers of Childress pretty busy all summer.

The Index learns that there is now on foot a plan to build a modern 75-room hotel in Childress. A cafe will be run in connection with the hotel, thus enabling the guests to secure meals at any time of the day or night.

C. A. Faubian, who is in charge of the electric part of the Childress Ice and Light company, informs The Index that he is meeting with greater encouragement than is generally met with in the installation of a light plant. From present indications the company will start with near 2,000 lights, and maybe more.

Professor Slaby, the inventor of the system of wireless telegraphy in use by the German navy has told an interviewer that there was no absolute remedy against thefts of wireless messages. As the criminal code cannot prevent thieving on earth, so any amount of law making will fail to stop robberies in the air, he said, and I cannot conceive of any technical way to forestall the tapping of wireless messages.

According to the bulletin from Taft headquarters the war secretary has more than three-fourths of the delegates to the national convention. Of 264 already elected 194 are pledged for Taft, 26 for Fairbanks, 16 to Cannon and the remaining 28 uninstructed.

The trouble with most of us is that we had rather sit around and kill giants than to get up and tackle a few little pigmies.

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Why is it some people are always gadding around in idleness? It is a true saying that "idleness is the devil's workshop." It is true, too, that idleness is no producer of happiness, for it is the person with no useful work to do that becomes miserable. Labor is one of the supreme laws of life. Toil is honorable. The progress which the world has made is a glorious testimonial to human handiwork. Those who work know more of genuine happiness than those whose lives seem dedicated to idleness.

Our idea of a good citizen, and we are glad there are many in this community, is one always ready to give, according to his means, to community enterprises. He takes stock in them all, and doesn't lose his faith in an occasional venture proves bad. He is not afraid to buy real estate and to pay what it is worth. He talks up his town at home and abroad, thinks it is the healthiest place on earth, believing it to be destined to be the biggest city in its section and wants to be buried here when he dies. And he's worth a whole regiment of the lukewarm kind, or the ones who always are afraid some other individual will profit by their help.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger opposes the Nebraska democratic platform, because as the Ledger claims, it is inimical to "ordinary rules of business conduct." Ordinary rules of business conduct in state and municipal affairs in Pennsylvania and Philadelphia mean anything to get the money.—Com moner.

And with some Texas politicians in high office it means the same thing.

And Should Be.

"I believe the time will come that, when a man turns a public office to a private advantage, he will be whipped from society along with the embezzler of money," said William Jennings Bryan in a speech at Richmond last Thursday.—Dallas News.

Yes, but Bryanism is very different from Baileyism.

Unmoved and without showing the faintest sign of any kind Chester Gillette was put to death in the Auburn, N. Y., prison Monday. But one contact was required and when that was over the murderer of Grace Brown had paid the penalty of his crime. Besides his confession, Gillette has a word to say to the young men of the world. He handed a communication to Warden Benham in which he urged all young men to lead a christian life. He has one regret he said and that was that he had not lead such a life.

All Expire in Mine Explosion.

Fifty-nine lives were lost in two explosions Saturday in the Union Pacific mine at Hanna, Wyo., and the bodies of only five were recovered. The mine has been sealed up in an effort to smother the fire and it is not likely any trace of the others will ever be found. The official force of three local mines was completely wiped out by the disaster. From superintendent Briggs and his foremen down to the gas watchers and stable bosses and others, all are dead and a complete reorganization working force will be necessary.

People take newspapers nowadays read them and throw them away. They never think what a source of pleasure and profit—or reminiscence and thought, a file or even a few numbers of such a paper would be to them twenty or thirty years afterwards. Pay for your papers and then keep them. File the Chronicles and store them in some out-of-the-way place.

Mrs. H. Joe Isaacs, wife of a prominent Amarillo merchant, died suddenly there Monday.

This office for neat job work.

Washington's Negroes.

A time or two before we have mentioned the large and insolent negro population of Washington, D. C. There is possibly only one city in the world, Timbuctoo, that has a larger negro population than Washington. The Census shows that there are more negroes in Washington than in any other city in the United States. Ninety thousand or nearly one-third of the entire population of the city is colored. Any third-grade pupil in the public schools knows that Washington is bounded on the north by Maryland and on the south by Virginia, both former slave states, and those with a slight knowledge of that history know at the beginning of the war and during the war and for years after the war, Washington was looked upon as the Mecca of the colored man and brother, his wives, cousins, aunts, mothers in law and friends. They poured into the city in great numbers and charity found them something to eat and wear and some kind of shelter. We received a letter this week that tells more on the same subject. The writer says:

"The average visitor speaks of Washington as a beautiful city, but this visitor confines his inspection to Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts Avenues. Let him get out a little to the White Chapters of Washington, to Willow Tree Alley, Monkey Hollow, Black and Fan Court and he will see slums and smell them too. Let him go to the police court of a morning and he will see the iron cage filled with colored people with only here and there a representative of the white race. The Juvenile Court presents the same features. Washington is far too hospitable to tramps and mendicants, to people who will not work.

"Yesterday there occurred in Washington a tragedy which already has national notoriety. A member of Congress from Alabama, riding in the street car with drunken and turbulent negroes, endeavored in the first place to suppress their turbulence and failing forcibly ejected one from the car; then shot him in the neck and wounded a bystander. The member of Congress was Mr. Heflin of Alabama. The affray occurred on Pennsylvania Avenue about seven o'clock Friday night. Mr. Heflin was arrested and taken to the police station, where the charge of assault with intent to kill was placed against him and he was later released on \$5000 bail. Mr. Heflin, it will be remembered, recently presented a bill to compel the street trams of Washington to adopt the Jim Crow annex, that is, an arrangement of separate cars or separate divisions in the street cars for the colored and white races. The bill was voted down. Washington, although a southern city with respect to negro population, is too much under the influence of northern sentiment or rather Congress is too much under such influence to pass a bill in any way disqualifying the negro."

Settlers in New Mexico.

More than 16,000 homestead filings were made in New Mexico last year, according to the report of the secretary of the interior; covering 2,500,000 acres. It is estimated that 50,000 people have gone to live on the mesas and plains here tofore given up to grazing, and they are making a success of it under the "dry farming" method, which is not dry farming at all but merely a scientific method of conserving the rainfall which, in many parts of the formerly despised "desert," reaches 18 to 26 inches.—El Paso Herald.

Whitesburg, Ky., March 30.—Near Hemlock thirty shots were exchanged between the Osborn and Mitchell factions. Hiram Mitchell, Jr., and Wilburton Osborn were killed and another Osborn fatally wounded.

By the premature explosion of a bank wrecking charge at Springtown, Ark., a robber had his head blown off Wednesday night.

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Now that the Steel Trust has two big battle-ships to build, the Japanese war-scare may not be worked quite so hard. As to Richmond Pearson Hobson, we will simply have to trust to the Lord and be thankful for what ever we may be spared. If Bryan, or LaFollette, will run for President in 1908 on a distinct pledge to make a free gift of those infernal Philippines to Japan,—or to whatever foreign power will accept them,—nine out of ten voters will enthusiastically support him. The Steel Trust would, of course, object. The Steel Trust wants to keep the Philippines for the reason that they give such a plausible foundation for war-scares,—and war scares are such good pretexts for more big battle-ships.—Watsons Jeffersonian Magazine

STATE NEWS

North central Texas had good rains the past few days.

The attorney general's department holds that the vital statistics law is valid until set aside by higher courts.

The Rock Island is equipping sixty engines with oil burning appliances, to be ready in case of a prolonged strike of coal miners.

Last Monday T. C. Miller was killed by lightning on the Worthington Knox ranch north of Jacksboro, about seven miles. The horse he was riding was also killed.

A heavy hailstorm passed about three miles south of Comanche Saturday in a narrow strip. It was heaviest at the farms of John Bryson and Jim Lewis, where stones were reported as large as hen eggs. Windows were broken and many chickens and several young calves killed. In town the fall was light and no damage was done.

Stanton is up in war on the proposal to start a blind tiger there. A mass meeting of the citizens here was held Friday evening at the First Baptist church, and a committee of six was appointed to solicit the owners of buildings and lots not to rent, lease or sell to parties wishing to open a frosty joint.

At Mt. Pleasant Sunday fire destroyed the Loraine Hotel, commonly known as the Melton House. H. Wakefield was proprietor, which was owned by Mr. Norton. The building and contents were a total loss, about \$5,000, insured for \$1,500, contents \$1,000. The Cotton Belt depot barely escaped burning. At the same place Friday the residence and contents of Mrs. Connie Russell were burned. The building was valued at \$2,700 and the contents \$1,250. The amount of insurance carried was \$2,000.

A mass meeting was held in Ft. Worth Sunday at the First Baptist church for the launching of a campaign to secure the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was largely attended and marked by great enthusiasm. Practically every Baptist pastor in the city and representatives of all of the churches were in the meeting. Dr. B. H. Carroll, who is the head and official spokesman of the institution, spoke for an hour, setting forth the plans, purposes and prospects of the seminary. He declared that within 10 years there ought to be 1,000 students spending annually in the city of its location millions of dollars.

The muzzle of a six-inch gun on the battleship Missouri blew out during target practice at Magdalena Bay Saturday. Nobody was hurt. One hundred and forty inches of the gun was torn away and more than half of the weapon destroyed.

The Chapman-Dewey Lumber company of Kansas City pleaded guilty in the federal court in St. Louis Monday to accepting rebates from the Frisco railway and was fined \$13,000 and the costs of \$158. The fine was the minimum. The road recently plead guilty to giving rebates and paid the same fine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our rates for candidates' announcements are as follows, strictly cash in advance: District and county, \$10; precinct, \$5; city, \$2.50.
 For District Attorney,
 A. A. LUMPKIN.
 For County Judge,
 J. H. O'NEALL.
 For County and District Clerk,
 C. A. BURTON.
 WADE WILLIS.
 For Sheriff and Tax Collector,
 J. T. PATMAN.
 J. MARION WILLIAMS
 For County Treasurer,
 GUSS JOHNSON.
 J. M. CLOWER.
 For Tax Assessor,
 R. H. ELKINS.
 G. W. BAKER.
 J. H. RUTHERFORD.
 For City Marshal,
 J. E. HUMPHREY.

Big Miners' Strike.

Today the union miners in most of the soft coal fields of the country will lay down their picks and shovels. Almost 250,000 of them will stop work in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and probably Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky. The mining contracts under which they have been working expired at midnight March 31, and none have been renewed, nor have the miners and operators yet entered into district agreements providing for the operating of the mines after April 1.

SISTER NOT WANTED THERE.

Washington Boy Satisfied with the Present Arrangement.

"I've got three brothers and myself," said a six-year-old boy one day last week to a male caller at his home in Washington, during a little talk about playmates, toys and boon companions. The caller was a bosom friend of the youngster's father and was waiting for the latter to join him on a trip downtown.

"Four boys, eh?" commented the father's friend.
 "Yes, Tom, that's me, Jim and Fred and Lou. Girls might be all right; I like 'em, too, most of the time, but they're sassy and always afraid of getting hurt. Can't play ball, nor shoot marbles, and the only thing some of 'em can do is skate," prattled the boy.
 "So you don't think you'd like to have a sister?"
 "Nope," replied Tom after a pause.
 "But suppose the Lord gave you a sister, you would have to have her, wouldn't you?"
 Tom looked about the room for several moments and the casting his big eyes on his inquisitor in a frightened sort of way, suddenly darted out of the room and made for the stairway.
 "Where are you going, boy?" called the man.
 "To the nursery," came the reply as Tom's legs carried him as fast as they could up the stairs. In about ten minutes he returned to the room again perfectly placid, and placing himself squarely before the man, hesitated a moment. "Mr. Smith, me and the boys don't want a sister," he said.
 "But, suppose God had just left one here for you, what then?"
 "Well, I wouldn't a-been her, Fred wouldn't a-been her, Lou wouldn't a-been her and Jim wouldn't a-been her. Now, who'd a-been her?"

Presidential Ben Met.

A witticism was attributed the other day in Washington to the president. A young man, the story goes, during a call at the White House told the president that he had been married a year before and was already the father of a boy. "I congratulate you," said the president. "I am sure you find it pleasant to be a father like a striking lover."

Estray Notice.

The State of Texas, County of Donley.
 Taken up, by L. C. Barnes, of Clarendon, Texas, estrayed before A. J. Barnett, justice of the peace, Precinct No. 2, Donley county, Texas: One dark blueish mare, about 14 hands high, about 5 years old, has a little white in forehead, right hind feet white, and branded on left thigh. Appraised at (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars.
 Attest: C. A. BURTON,
 Clerk of the County Court of Donley County, Texas.
 Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 7th day of March, A. D., 1908. C. A. BURTON,
 Clerk County Court, Donley County, Texas.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Bert Braly is over from Silvertown on business and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McMurtry came in Monday from the ranch on business.

Mrs. Kinslow, of Hedley, was in town this week visiting Mrs. Lockridge.

Mrs. Connally and Mrs. Murrell have about recovered from the measles.

Dr. Guest, formerly of Hedley, now of Lockney, is spending a few days here this week.

Jim McMurtry was up from the Hall county ranch last week and spent a couple of days.

A child of C. E. Skillian's, a little less than a year old, died Saturday and was buried Sunday.

M. F. Lee has rented the Blake house and will run it both as a boarding and lodging house.

Finis Simpson has moved in from the J A ranch and will begin work next Monday on the Rowe ranch.

Mrs. Lida Gillis and her grandmother, Mrs. A. A. Honaker, are visiting Mrs. Gillis' father, M. F. Lee.

The editor of the Chronicle has had the vexatious job of moving this week to his residence property on First street.

The little daughter of Mrs. Emma Thornton, who has been ill for some time, died early Sunday morning and was buried Monday.

Now that garden time is on hand the ever pestiferous neighbor's chickens are making trouble for Clarendon's feminine population.

A norther blew up this morning, making it a little disagreeable. The past several days have been pretty except a few windy ones. Vegetation is growing rapidly.

The lumber dealers who patronize this paper tell us that there has been some increase in sales the last two weeks and that there is considerable improvement going on.

A spirit of exceptional development seems to have seized upon this city. Improvement is everywhere noticeable. Progress is the watchword. Enterprise and activity go hand in hand and are apparent on all sides.

A horse race is an interesting event to some, but more of your friends are interested in any event that concerns you. If you go away on a visit or friends come to visit you, see that the fact reaches this office before publication day.

It is a gratifying fact that most of Clarendon's inhabitants are home-owners. In our city where the majority of its citizens are home owners, one will find pretty homes and happy satisfied people. They are always on the alert for the best interest of the town and its moral welfare. Where this is not so such an interest is not displayed.

If the reader wants to settle in a wide-awake community, all he has to do is to look at the local newspapers. A wide-awake, well-supported home newspaper is always associated with good schools, churches, active business, and intelligent people. It never fails. No business man or pioneer in any community makes any better investment than in patronizing a home newspaper.

All Coming to the Panhandle.
On business that has been almost exclusively local, the Fort Worth & Denver city passenger and ticket office in Fort Worth will show an increase of \$1,100 for this present March over the corresponding month last year.

The steady gain, day by day, in the sales from Fort Worth to various points in the Panhandle has been little short of marvelous. The record is unsurpassed in the past history of the office.—Record.

Blackleg.

Being asked about the disease blackleg, we find the following in a farm paper:

The symptoms may be described as groaning, difficult breathing, lameness in one leg, restlessness, moving with great difficulty, fever, dryness of the nose and swelling of the quarters. Saltpeter is perhaps one of the most simple and effective of all remedies. To a calf four or five months of age give from a quarter to a half ounce as a dose once each day. Cut into the affected part and rub in a little saltpeter till the blood starts and turn the calf loose in the lot.

G. G. Abbott, of Clarendon, who has been visiting his brothers, W. B. and J. A. Abbott, returned home Monday.—Quanah Tribune.

Miss Mary and Luther Gribble are down from Clarendon College visiting their father and sister. They will return to Clarendon Monday.—Wellington Times.

R. H. and H. R. Braly of Clarendon, respectively, were in the city this week on business. * * *

On Sunday last there was subscribed by people of Alanreed near by \$1,200 to erect a Southern M. E. church at that place, it being agreed that other denominations might have the use of the building when not occupied by Methodist services. We also understand that our Missionary Baptist brethren will build a church at Alanreed this year.—McLean Herald.

It's a good thing those Merry Widow hats are oblong instead of round or the street car doors would have to be made wider.—Ex.

The man with the big head and little salary generally gets more contempt than sympathy.—Yokum Herald.

No young woman looks so well as when dressed neatly and plainly, without any ruffles or ornaments. She then appears as if she really is worth something; and needs no superfluities to enhance her looks. If all young women would put in as much time training their mind and learning the wonderful lessons of amiability as some do in adjusting the paint on their faces, the world would wag along better.

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The Panhandle farmers are surely taking hold of the sugar beet question. A second shipment of seed was demanded and will be here soon. The Panhandle farmer is wide awake or else he would not be here. Success in growing sugar beets means \$100 Panhandle lands. The end justifies the means.—Daily Panhandle.

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Sunday School Conference.

More than a thousand delegates are expected to attend the convention in Ft. Worth of the Methodist Sunday school conference of this state, beginning today and continuing the rest of the week.

The meeting is the fourth annual session of the Texas Methodist State Sunday school conference and will be held in the First Methodist church of that city. W. C. Everitt of Dallas is the president of the conference, W. D. Fred of Houston vice president and C. S. Fred of Fort Worth secretary.

The program for the four days session is considered by the board of directors one of the strongest and most attractive ever offered in Texas. Three bishops will take part, while others scheduled for addresses are of national prominence.

During the progress of this conference the corner stone of the Polytechnic Y. M. C. A. building will be laid with appropriate ceremonies and the conference will attend in a body.

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Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday: Steers \$4.35 to \$5.50. Cows \$2.70 to \$5.00. Calves \$3.10 to \$4.40. Hogs \$5.85 to \$5.70.

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"In the 10 years since the Spanish American and Philippine wars began," he continued, "the United States has lost only 6,000 men in battle. In that period 5,000,000 have been killed in peaceful employments. We could perhaps raise \$100,000,000 quickly and easily to prevent a similar loss of life through war. Why can not we use some of that money to prevent the greater loss of life in the pursuit of industry?"

"In the six greatest battles of the civil war, 105,000 were killed, but our railroads alone kill and maim 105,000 men every year."

The discourse was illustrated by stereopticon pictures of hundreds of different devices to protect life.—Philadelphia North American.

Fifty Kinds of Headache.

"There are more than 50 kinds of headache," said a physician, "and sufferers from the more common forms may cure themselves accordingly. The more frequent forms are a dull pain across the forehead, due to dyspepsia, a pain in the back of the head, due to the liver; a bursting pain in both temples, due to malnutrition; an ache on the top of the head, as though a weight pressed on the skull, due to overwork; an ache between the brows just above the base of the nose, due to eye strain."—Fur News.

A woman had played in a series of games in a parlor for a cut glass vase valued at \$20. She had lied, cheated and stolen to win, but lost by about two points. The next day her boy came to her bed and said: "Mama, I know why you are sick—it's because you didn't win that cut glass vase; don't worry about that, there is another down town just like it. Here, take this \$20 and buy it." The mother sat up in bed and said: "My son, where did you get that money?" "I won it last night down at Richardson's playing poker." The mother threw up her hands in horror, and said: "My son, is it possible you are a gambler?" The son replied: "Mama, what is the difference in playing for a \$20 cut glass vase and playing for a \$20 bill and buying a vase?" That mother has quit gambling.—Ex.

In the case of Sallie White vs. Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern railway, for damages on account of personal injuries received while alighting from a train at Mineral Wells on June 9, 1907, held at Palo Pinto, the jury returned a verdict of \$2,000 in favor of the plaintiff. This is the first judgment ever rendered against the Mineral Wells road in the district court of that county since the line was built eighteen years ago, and the second case that it has since 1900.

An astonishing display of calm sense was made by the Chicago police who prevented the firemen from ringing their gongs after they got within 100 feet of a theater building in which fire was discovered. The result was that the fire was put out and nobody in the audience of 800 people knew what had been happening.—Telegraph.

It is a wonder that some woman's rights advocate does not assail the custom of throwing old shoes after the bride. In this day they say it means good luck; but the origin of the custom dates back to the Anglo Saxon times, when the father gave the bride's shoe to the groom, who touched the bride on the head with it as a sign of his authority. The shoe thrown after the bride signified the relinquishment on the part of the father of all claims to his daughter.

You will find the latest samples of 1908 wall paper at Stocking's store.

Habit of Procrastination.

The world is full of people who are "going to do it tomorrow", or next week, or when they get time, or some day soon, or one of these days. The world is so full of them that their example of procrastination holds back many a movement that if carried out without delay would not only help the community in which they lived, but afford substantial benefit to themselves and their families. Once a man sinks into the habit of intending doing it tomorrow, and he is fearfully hard to arouse. It is the same principle that actuates a man to lie in bed after the alarm clock has sounded, intending to get up in a few minutes. Almost every one has had this experience, and knows how it generally ends.

In order to accomplish something, a start must be made. It may seem hard, but once started and the satisfaction begins. As a matter of pride it would seem that if a falling of this sort be pointed to a man, it would arouse him to a point where he can consider neglect of that which calls him, as nothing less than cowardice—the cowardice that cripples his energy, curtails his usefulness and impairs his self-respect. The man who breaks a habit, firmly rooted, is a man worth knowing.

In the movement for the betterment of your town in a physical way there are of course many who will not participate for the reason that it is a strange movement to them. It is a new thing. But a little reflection will convince them that they are standing in their own light. The movement already started is making its appeal to those who have grown into the habit of letting things run themselves, and it is hoped that they will give thought to what the movement means—for that is all that is needed.—Dallas News.

HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ABOVE COMMON PEOPLE.

Elevators in Public Buildings Run Mainly for Their Convenience—Amusing Point in Contest for Senate Reading Clerk.

"There are many wrinkles in official life in Washington which afford those who are acquainted with them a certain amount of amusement," said a local newspaper correspondent, "and one of the funniest, from the standpoint of those not interested directly, has been the contest for the selection of the reading clerk to the senate."

"That the official whose duty it is to decide the question as to the fortunate man who would pull down the plum, after listening to the varying voices of the 80 contestants, was obliged to take a rest for a few days to recover his normal condition can be readily understood by all who are familiar with such things at the capitol."

"But that he should have found three members of the nation's highest law-making body who were requested to act as a committee to determine the merits of the respective contestants, who had not made a recommendation for the vacancy in question, is as astonishing as it is unusual in that not a single senator could be found who had not made a recommendation."

"As a rule, when a vacancy occurs at either end of the capitol, the difficulty senators and representatives have in deciding which one of the dozens of applicants shall be shown the preference of a recommendation. This selecting committee of three will go down in capitol history as unique."

"Official authority in the departments is thrust upon one at every angle of the corridors and rooms of these big buildings and forms barriers over which both the initiated and the unwary stumble, but it is seldom that it penetrates into the elevators."

"I happened in one of the elevators of one of the larger department buildings the other day. It was at an hour when the car was crowded with clerks going to work. After the door had been shut and the car had ascended almost to the first floor, there came a violent ring at the bell and the conductor, reversing the lever, dropped back like a shot to the ground floor, took in another passenger and jumped the car to the fifth floor, where the late comer alighted. Then the car slowly descended, floor by floor, to permit the wrathful clerks to get out."

"The hurry-up passenger happened to be one of a half-dozen or so bureau officers, whose official authority gives them the right to make a runaway trip with any elevator they happen to strike, irrespective of the corridor destinations of the rest of the passengers, but the scene and sensations of being whisked past your floor, despite your calls to the elevator man, were more aggravating than amusing. Some bureau officers, however, show the other passengers in a car the courtesy of allowing it to stop from floor to floor; others don't."

North Carolina has passed a law prohibiting traveling salesmen from soliciting orders for intoxicants in prohibition territory.

NO RULE TO GUIDE

OFFICIAL TITLES A DIFFICULTY FOR THE UNINITIATED.

Changes Made in the Forms of Addressing the President and Others in High Position—"Congressman" Not Used.

"Should I address him as 'Your Excellency,' as 'Mr. President' or as 'President'?"

"I'm sure I don't know. Just murmur 'President,' and I guess he won't know the difference."

This conversation, overheard at one of the White House receptions, is indicative of the difficulty with titles encountered by visitors to the national capital. Nor is there any printed guide to follow. These things must be learned from well-posted friends, or mistakes will be made.

In ye olden times no one ever thought of addressing the chief executive of the United States less formally than as "Your Excellency," but that expression is now relegated to the list of things that were. "Mr. President" is the correct form, both in speaking and writing. Mr. Roosevelt has even eliminated "The Executive Mansion" as the name of the president's official residence, and his stationery bears the simple inscription: "The White House."

It is not only with the title of the chief executive that the uninitiated find difficulty, for there are many forms to be learned. For instance, cabinet officers are not addressed as "Secretary Root," or "Secretary Garfield," but as "Mr. Secretary." On the other hand, senators are addressed by their titles, as "Senator Lodge," "Senator Hale." A few people prefix "Mr.," saying "Mr. Senator," but it is not considered as necessary, and by some is pronounced an affectation.

Polite usage requires, invariably, the prefix to the titles of members of the supreme court. For instance, one addresses the chief justice as "Mr. Chief Justice," and the associate justices as "Mr. Justice," although in making an introduction one would add the name, as: "Mr. Justice White."

The rule which applies to the president applies also to the vice-president and to foreign ministers, who are addressed as "Mr. Minister," but in the case of ambassadors the form "Your Excellency," is used except where one is reasonably well acquainted, when the simpler "Mr. Ambassador" is adopted, and in every instance one or the other of these terms is used instead of the diplomat's personal title of baron, count, or whatever it may be.

Throughout the government service there are officials who are addressed by their titles with the prefix "Mr.," such as the civil service commissioners, the interstate commerce commissioners, the controller of the treasury, and it is always safe when in doubt to so address a man who holds a public office.

With members of the house the simple "Mr." should be used, and not "Congressman," which is regarded as provincial, despite the fact that President Roosevelt is apt to use that form. There are some members of the lower house of congress who like to be addressed as "Congressman," and it is probably in deference to such preference that the president has adopted that expression. The speaker of the house is always addressed as "Mr. Speaker."

Army and navy circles also present no little confusion because of the conflict between official titles and social usage. For instance, those who know never address socially a lieutenant by his title, despite the fact that he is so designated in the army register, and is so addressed by his brother officer when on official business. He is simply "Mr. Smith," or whatever his name may be, and receives his title in the social world only when he reaches the grade of captain. But, you may object, every one refers to and addresses the leader of the Marine Band as "Lieutenant Santelmann." Very true, and that is because Lieutenant Santelmann is not a commissioned officer. He receives the title by virtue of his position as leader of the Marine Band, which carries with it the rank of lieutenant, and therefore every officer, whether speaking socially or officially, is punctilious to use the title. And so, too, is the same care exercised by every officer, should he have occasion socially to speak to or communicate with an enlisted man of any arm of the military service, to address him by his rank alone, as: "Sergeant," "Corporal," "Private."

Cat with Knowledge of Music. At a meeting of a Washington short story club the other evening a young woman from the northeast section, whose mind is said to run to innovations, produced from her handbag a roll of manuscript written on the faintest of ebru-tinted paper delicately perfumed with violet, and read her literary offering. It proved to be an account of the wonderful doings of her pet pussy cat, "Sweet Pea," as she had named the animal. She read how she had trained the cat to sing "Auld Lang Syne," "Annie Laurie" and other venerable airs in the high falsetto voice for which the feline family is noted. Then the young woman related how, in the balmy summer nights, in the romantic moonlight, her pet cat would station itself on some neighboring fence and suddenly fill the neighborhood with strains of music instead of the usual caterwauling that is produced by meowing pussy cats and Tom.

The Modesty of Women

Naturally women shrink from the indelicate questions, the obnoxious examinations, and unpleasant local treatments, which some physicians consider essential in the treatment of diseases of women. Yet, if help can be had, it is better to submit to this ordeal than let the disease grow and spread. The trouble is that so often the woman undergoes all the annoyance and shame for nothing. Thousands of women who have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription write in appreciation of the cure which dispenses with the examinations and local treatments. There is no other medicine so sure and safe for delicate women as "Favorite Prescription." It cures debilitating drains, irregularity and female weakness. It always helps. It almost always cures. It is strictly non-alcoholic, non-secret, all its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper; contains no deleterious or habit-forming drugs, and every native medicinal root entering into its composition has the full endorsement of those most eminent in the several schools of medical practice. Some of these numerous and strongest of professional endorsements of its ingredients, will be found in a pamphlet wrapped around the bottle, also in a booklet mailed free on request, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. These professional endorsements should have far more weight than any amount of the ordinary lay, or non-professional testimonials.

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