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J. COLLIN GEORGE AND THE BELL FOLLOWERS.
(Advertisement.)
I notice in the Snyder "Western Light" of last week the following: "Hard pushed for issues, the opponents of C. K. Bell are hard pushed for issues, and on account of that proceed to run down the character of one J. Collin George of Stephenville."
Now I am most reliably informed that a part of Mr. George's past is anything but good. He was in the foot racing business, and was none too straight in his races. The Bell people at Colorado are liberal enough to admit that had they known the past history and reputation of the man they would have opposed him representing Mr. Bell. Now Mr. Light man, you are a little behind the excitement; you waited till everything COOLED DOWN BEFORE YOU GOT BUSY. He says "we are hard pushed for issues." If a crowd ever was hard pushed for issues it is this (Liberty Bell?) crowd. They would try to make you believe that Tom Campbell stole the car wheels, nuts and bolts off the I. & G. N. railroad. They spend nine-tenths of their time talking about Campbell's bad acts, and they can't give any authority for it except their own Munchausen imagination. This Bell crowd reminds me of the Pharisees of olden times, who didn't think Christ was good enough to associate with them because he did a few things that were a little contrary to the letter but not to the spirit of the law.
They put the immortal C. K. Bell up as a little TIN JESUS, who never TOLD A LIE &c. like George Washington, and always did his work like a good little boy.
The aforementioned George said "that C. K. Bell was never vice-president of any road." Yes, and that is not all, he never will be, for he will have to be supplied with a new celebrium first before he would have ability enough to run a railca. It takes brainy men to direct railroads.
They say Bell did more as attorney-general than every one in fifty years. I challenge the truth of this assertion and will give any man \$25 if he will come and show me the records proving any such idle boast. There were 20 times as many corporations in existence under Bell's administration as under all the rest put together. Bell's administration collected a little measly \$100,000 fines—and a district attorney collected most of that. He ought to got \$100,000 out of his friend J. H. Kirby, the lumber magnate, but no, "I will need Kirby to help make me governor," and gentlemen if Mr. Kirby is not supporting Bell, I will make you a present of a Stetson hat. Not a trust man, eh?
Who's boosting Bell up? Johnathan Lane, who was the chairman of the convention when the Clark element BOLTED, and he is very strong for Bell. So is Geo. Pendleton, who when he was lieutenant-governor under Hogg, par-

doned a man in Hogg's absence, convicted of killing an old woman and boy, and soon after this Pendleton went into the banking business at Temple. Two and two makes four, decide for yourself. These are the conspicuous leaders, who were never accused where people are well informed, of ever doing anything for the average people. They are hangers on to the coat tails of Trusts, &c.; out strictly for the \$1. I don't say this about the rank and file of Bell's supporters, some of them are laboring under a delusion and are honestly mistaken. They let a few smooth leaders lead them like a bunch of sheep.
Now a little about Tom Campbell. They boast about Bell building rock fences in Hamilton. Well, Campbell worked as hard as Bell ever did in the day time, and studied law at night and finally managed to save enough to enter the college at Tehuacana and take short course. He then engaged in the practice of law at Longview, and on account of ability and good standing as a lawyer he was appointed Judge in the chancery court, where all cases against the I. & G. N. railroad were heard, when it was going into the hands of receiver. He suited everybody so well in this capacity that he was made joint receiver with Colonel Bonner of Tyler. During Col. Bonner's life he gave a great many passes, but as soon as Colonel Bonner died Col. Campbell called in two private cars at once, that attorneys were using, one Col. Herndon was using in Colorado, and on one run took up three annual passes, one from Cone Johnson, one from Judge Duncan and one other. This sounds like a distributor of free passes, don't it. They say that Campbell influenced the I. & G. N. to give \$25,000 to Republican campaign fund. When the facts are he gave \$2,500 out of his own pocket to the Bryan campaign fund. That is about as near as the Bell crowd ever comes to telling the truth about Campbell. They say he lost his job, was fired. I say and can produce good written evidence to the effect that he resigned on account of political differences between himself and George Gould. He supported Bryan and Gould didn't like the idea, so Campbell resigned. Gould offered him \$12,000 a year to stay, but Campbell told him he didn't have money enough to buy his vote.
If you want an absolutely fearless, untrammelled, honest man for governor, vote for Tom Campbell.
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS and PERSONAL MENTION

Buchanan has it.

Carrie Nation is coming!

Moesser sells it for less.

Hot lunches and short orders at Vincent's.

Mrs. T. A. Kindred spent last Wednesday in Sweetwater on a business trip.

See Jas. D. Sherwin for picture framing.

Mrs. L. E. Reeves moved to Big Spring this week and ordered The Record sent to her.

Hot coffee and chilli at Vincent's.

Messers J. A. Byrd and D. W. Stiles of Garza county were in the city Wednesday and called on The Record.

Big assortment of fine and fan-lamps to close out cheap at 10c.

Postmaster Hazzard is off this week down on Hackberry creek trying to fool the fish with a measley wooden minnow.

A. Parack, of Big Springs, the photographer there, spent several days here taking views of the town.

The wood question solved by using a New Perfection oil stove for sale by Y. D. McMurray.

Aubrey Kindred has accepted a position with V. D. Payne & Co., and it is said he is an expert dress goods salesman.

If your furniture needs repairing, take it to Jas. D. Sherwin. He's the man.

The wolves and rabbits are going to destroy your melon patch if you don't shut them out with Ellwood fence. A. J. ROE.

Best paint on earth, goes farther, lasts longer, looks better and much cheaper. Investigate at Doss'.

Miss Lou Alexander of West, who has been out on the plains seeking better health, is here for several weeks visiting and is the guest of Mrs. F. B. Whipkey.

500 different patterns of wall paper to select from at Doss'.

Hon. J. W. Childress will represent Tom Campbell at Loraine on next Saturday at the big picnic and Farmers Union rally.

Y. D. McMurray wants your trade, and will sell you groceries hardware and stoves as cheap as anybody. Prompt delivery, nice fresh goods.

Died; on Monday last in East Colorado, Mrs. Jennings, aged 42 years, died and was interred on Tuesday in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

See the beautiful presents given away by McCreless, the grocery man. Call at the store for particulars.

FOR SALE—A good second hand Oliver type writer. See or write Owens Neal at Colorado for a bargain.

If you want Brick, see Cooksey & Co.

Mrs. J. J. Robertson of Crystal Falls, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Ernest Keathley. She says Stephens county is for Hon. W. R. Smith for Congress.

Tally Lloyd, the expert tailor, spent Sunday in Midland with Mrs. Lloyd.

Miss Viola Henry returned home on Tuesday of this week from her visit to Sulphur Springs. She was called home on account of the illness of her father, who is now reported better.

You have the money, we have the goods. Let's get together. V. D. Payne & Co.

Everybody says so. What? That Bob's restaurant puts up the best 25 cent meal in town.

Miss Lela B. Chalk sold this week to N. D. Thompson three sections of land near the H. S. Ranch for \$1706.70.

Meet me at Arbutnot's fountain.

Cooksey & Co. are making the best brick you ever saw. Get their prices.

Mr. J. L. Carroll, of Palestine, and J. W. Barton, of Coleman, two substantial farmers, spent the week here prospecting, and say they will buy land in Mitchell county.

Panama hats cleaned and re-blocked by Tally Lloyd the tailor.

Buchanan's confectionery, cool and clean, cold drinks, candies and cigars. Most popular place in town.

The Baptist protracted meeting will begin in Colorado on the 2nd Sunday in August. An able minister and noted singer will be secured to help hold the meeting.

A new and up-to-date line of collars and ties just received. V. D. Payne & Co.

Doss, THE Druggist wants to see you.

Rev. Nichols left on Tuesday morning last for Sterling where he is holding a protracted meeting.

Anchor buggies—C. A. Goodwin's.

If you think your tin roof is about worn out—see L. G. Doby. He can make it good for several years. Phone 190.

DIED—On Friday last Mr. H. A. Burtram, out on the Ruddick place, died. The remains were embalmed and shipped to Kentucky for burial. Mr. Burtram came here a few months ago for his health.

Swept by ocean breezes—get an electric fan. See the Electric Light Co.

All clothing cleaned, dyed and repaired by Tally Lloyd the tailor, and a first class job guaranteed every time, or your money refunded.

Last Sunday was the day for the dedication of the M. E. church out at Cuthbert and quite a large crowd attended from Colorado. Presiding Elder Griswold preached an able sermon. There was a splendid dinner spread on the ground and all had a nice time. This is the prettiest and most prosperous part of Mitchell county and the Cuthbert people are a fine lot of people.

Examine those Anchor buggies at C. A. Goodwin's.

Best cold drink and confectionery store in Colorado is at Buchanan's Special, extra, and fancy drinks. Cool, neat and clean.

Last week Dr. Phenix was called to the Slaughter ranch to see John Slaughter who was reported quite sick. Mr. Slaughter is a former citizen of this city and a prominent stock man of Borden county. His many friends here will be glad to know that he is improving and will soon be out again.

Anchor yourself to an Anchor buggy and be safe in your investment. C. A. Goodwin sells 'em and guarantees 'em.

Corn harvesters at C. A. Goodwin's, and binder twine.

The editor has been sick all this week with the regular old fashioned Brazos bottom chills. We asked one doctor how long it would take him to cure us and he said he did not know as he had not examined our bank account. Another doctor said it would take him about six weeks. We are under treatment of both of them and are yet alive.

Read Compere Bros. ad and write them at once if you want to borrow money on your land.

Mrs. J. W. Curry served a dinner Tuesday in honor of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Pierce of Colorado. Some fourteen relatives and friends were present and a very pleasant day spent.—Lancaster Herald.

Mrs. Pierce is expected home next week from her visit.

When in town and hungry go to Jakes restaurant. He will please you.

Business Locals.

Buchanan, the confectioner has it.

Use Vitae Ore. Victor Dziedzich, agent, has it.

Country produce wanted at J. O. McCreless.

Brick! Brick! Concrete brick! See Cooksey & Co.

L. G. Doby does all kinds of cement and concrete work.

Headquarters for cold drinks, and delicious cream, at Doss'.

J. S. Vaughan is still in the market for your grain and hides.

Will paper your room for 50c; inquire at Doss' for particulars.

For guaranteed horseshoeing see Will McKinzie at the brick wagon yard.

If you want an electric fan in your home, see the Electric Light Co.

We have some bargains in pianos and organs; come and see for yourself. McLure Basden & Co.

See our tailor for fine work. New woolens just arrived. V. D. Payne & Co.

If you buy your groceries from Y. D. McMurray your bill will be small.

FOR SALE—Good bicycle, practically new. Ed S. Parker at Record office.

L. G. Doby the expert cement and concrete workman, wants to figure with you.

Why pay \$60 for a sewing machine when you can get it from us for \$30? McLure Basden & Co.

I will buy, sell and exchange any old thing for country produce. J. O. McCreless.

I have pleased hundreds of people at my restaurant. Why not you. Try me. Jake Maurer.

For every 50c worth you buy at J. O. McCreless' you get a number at the \$85 buggy.

Ask any of Will McKenzie's customers about his blacksmith work. All work guaranteed.

No extra charge for fitting and putting up window shades. McLure Basden & Co.

New, novel, neat and nice are those New Perfection oil stoves. See Y. D. McMurray, and ask those who have tried them.

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HON. O. H. COOPER'S TALK.

Excerpts from His Address on The "Legal Status of the Public School" at the Corner Stone Laying in Colorado on July 4th.

(Published by request of the Masons and Citizens.)

"The progress of popular education and the progress of democracy have been inseparable." "The movements toward democracy which have mastered all the political tendencies of our own day are not older than the middle of the last century, and that is just the age of the new ascendant movement toward systematic popular education."

These pregnant thoughts of Woodrow Wilson indicate the vital connection between the general diffusion of enlightenment among the people and the stability—nay the possibility—of free institutions. The public school is at present one of the essential conditions of general enlightenment. Printing, steam and electricity are the mighty allies. The public school and the press aided by the facility of intercommunication afforded by the mastery, through science, of time and space are the vital forces which have made public opinion well-nigh omnipotent in America. The public school is an American institution. Only within twenty years have the common schools of Germany and France been made free, that is, supported by taxation. We derive much valuable knowledge concerning the content and methods of instruction from the old world, but the development of the administration of our system must come from within not without. The public school is one of the products of the spirit of Christianity working among a people who are dominated by a love of freedom, an instinct for progress and faith in its capacity for seeing clear and thinking straight. It is not perfect or complete but it is steadily growing in excellence and power.

The public school is no exotic in the United States or in our own State. It is indigenous to the whole country. The germ belongs to the whole country, though it has developed more rapidly in some sections than in others. It is an institution of the free and sovereign state. Institutions are deeper and more abiding than constitutions. Constitutions, if permanent and valuable, must rest on institutions. Institutions originate in organic social needs and generally precede rather than follow laws. In time spontaneous usage and legislation mingle with each other and intersect, each modifying the other. The history of the public school development.

In the colonial period schools were chiefly enterprises for private gain, aided in some instances by charity, either public or private. The colonists simply transplanted to their new homes the usages and traditions of the lands from which they came. But the necessity for ampler provisions early became manifest and before the adoption of the Federal Constitution in 1789, five of the thirteen original states had recognized the duty of the state to foster education and had planted the principle forever in their state constitutions. These states were North Carolina, Georgia, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. All of the original states had recognized the principle in legislation, and not only all of these but of those which have subsequently been added, have implanted in their organic law the duty of the state to provide for public education. The first step from the private to the public school idea was made when the state began to make provision for the indigent, leaving to all others the duty of providing for their own children. This plan was current throughout the country, with insignificant exceptions, during the earlier years of our history. Its gradual abandonment indicates the growth of the sense of the supreme importance of education to the general welfare with the recognition of the doctrines of equality and fraternity. The schools for the indigent were known as "pauper schools," and created class feeling and were felt to be repugnant to the progress of the American Democracy. They lingered longest in our fair and noble Southland, partly because the importance of common school education was underestimated, and partly because our "peculiar institution"—slavery—fostered extreme individualism. During the first quarter of the present century the movement began, which resulted in the present development of the doctrine of the duty of the state to "provide, at the common expense, for the complete elementary instruction of all classes, just as it provides for the protection of all." The beginning of concerted action was made by the organization of the "Public School Society" in New York in 1817. It was carried forward by the genius and enthusiasm of a few men at first even in New England. Edward Gallaudet, whose noble work for the education of deaf mutes has made his name immortal, and Horace Mann, who, lecturing in city, village hamlet, earned a place in the Pantheon of our greatest benefactors, committed New England forever to the doctrine that "the property of the state should educate the children of the state."

Many of the states, however, lingered for nearly half a century on the way, giving "partial support to all, leaving to each some additional expense either much or little, to bear."

Thus gradually was the transition made from the private school, in which all expense was borne by the parent to the public free school in which the expense was borne by the state or some municipal subdivision of the state. The theory of public education was understood and accepted long before the practice conformed to it. This is illustrated the truth that institutions are the result of conflicting tendencies. The contest still continues when public spirit is at low ebb and the necessity of education in such a government as ours not fully understood. These conflicts though vital and important in certain limited areas, are insignificant when viewed with reference to the whole country, and disappear with the growth of popular intelligence.

The public schools stand in the same relation to every citizen and all the people. As the public highway is open to every citizen, so the public school is open to every child on the road to knowledge. "Equality of obligation to maintain an equality of right in the enjoyment, is the legend which the law should write across the front of every school house. This road to learning is the common property of a people differing widely in intelligence, in traditions, in opinions, in morals, in means, in creeds; differing even in the power to improve their conditions and the power to influence circumstances about them. But no matter what one's rank or station, no matter whether the president of a railway or the man who watches the track, no matter with what church he worships, or whether he worships at all, no matter whether a democrat, or a republican or a prohibitionist, his legal relations and his legal rights are as fixed and inviolable in the schools as upon the public highway. In each case he must help make the road for all; in each case he must put nothing in it, which will interfere with another's use; in each case he must use it in a way consistent with like use by all the rest."

Hence, the public school must be strictly non-sectarian. No act of any public school officer or teacher can in any degree abridge the perfect religious freedom which inheres in our institutions. In our public schools, the rights of the Protestant, the Jew, the Catholic and the Agnostic are the same. I believe that all sound moral development must be based on religious training. We need not dispute the proposition, but we shall insist that the public school is not the place to give religious training. The school is only one of the fundamental institutions on which free government rests. The family, the church, civil society, the state, and the school, have each their proper function and responsibility in education, and should all work in harmony in the development of the individual and citizen. Effective religious training belongs to the family, church and denominational school. Well ordered public schools powerfully reinforce the work of the family and the church in promoting moral development. This is of transcendent importance, for moral development is an essential element in training humanity for good citizenship. The schools promote development in promoting intellectual growth and they advance it directly by commanding regularity, continuous industry, punctuality, cleanliness, obedience, respect for the rights of others, and generosity and courtesy toward associates. Good schools inspire pupils with a love of truth and justice, exalt their ambitions and courage; and teach them by daily examples that merit is honored for its own sake. The well ordered public school is one of the most beneficent forces of christian civilization. It does not usurp the place of other fundamental institutions but serves either as a crown or base for all the rest.

The riches of the commonwealth are free, strong minds and hearts of health.

Are more to her than gold or grain, The cunning hand and cultured brain.

Nor needs she the skeptic's puny hands

While near her school the church spire stands;

Nor fears the blinded bigot's rule,

While near her church spire stands the school."

To sum up, the public school has been developed in the United States from the private school and has become one of the institutions on which all our state constitutions are based. In Texas the theory of public education antedates the state itself, and has been an essential part of all our constitutions. Our system has recovered from the disastrous effects of the extremes and excessive central authority and excessive local option, and is progressing with the growth and progress of the state. The public school system is a vital institution of a liberty loving and progressive people. It has ample authority to do its work—the preservation of the state through good and intelligent citizenship. It has its responsibility, commensurate with its authority. It has its peculiar scope and functions and can not usurp those of other fundamental institutions. It is the most democratic of all our institutions, for it is

based on the fundamental doctrine of "equal rights for all and special privileges for none." It is unsectarian, but its work harmonizes with all the agencies that tend to the promotion of pure and undefiled religion.

In this great republic we have 300,000 public schools and 15,000,000 pupils, maintained at a cost of \$250,000,000, and owning over \$400,000,000 worth of school property. In Texas we have 12,000 of these schools and 600,000 of these children, and an endowment, (had it not been mismanaged,) would have been worth today, one hundred millions of dollars! Well may the New York World say:

"The work of the public schools is, by all odds, more vital and far-reaching in its influence than any other work, of any kind whatsoever. Upon its well or ill-doing depend the future character of American citizenship and the destiny of the republic."

To the Public.

After June 11th no orders for coal or wood will be filled unless accompanied by the cash, or paid for on delivery. Being required to pay in advance for my stock of fuel, necessitates me requiring the same of my customers.

H. F. WHEELER.

Deal for Irrigated Lands.

Fort Worth, Texas, July 14.—George E. Barstow, a prominent business man of Barstow, Ward county, Texas, was here tonight en route home from St. Louis, where he just closed a deal through the Commonwealth Trust Company for the sale of 5,400 acres of irrigated lands in that county to St. Louis parties. It is the intention of the purchasers to subdivide this tract of land into small farms ranging from 20 to 40 and 80 acres, to be developed into vineyards and for fruit culture. Only the better class of horticulturists will be placed on these tracts. The grapes of Ward county have a National reputation, having taken the first prize at the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904.

Although the culture of fruit has been in progress for only three or four years the development has been so rapid that sufficient quantity is being raised to ship and already the acreage is between 800 and 1,000 acres. The Malaga, Tokay, Cornishon and Thompson seedless variety seem to do well.

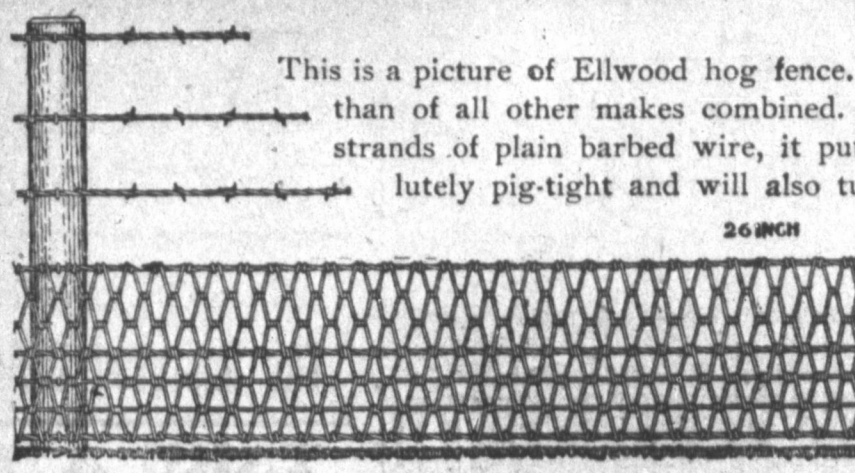
"It is the intention of the people in that section of the country to establish a winery at Barstow and a number of box plants so that time may be saved in marketing the products," said Mr. Barstow.

Strayed.

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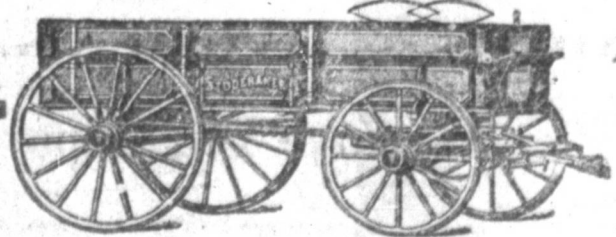
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