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The Post City barbecue of Friday the 17th, deserves mention by us as an object lesson to other States, of the sociability and generous spirit, typical of the people of West Texas. During the dull season of mid summer when the farmer has caught up with his work, and all lines of industry are quiet here, we lay aside all business cares, and have a free for all entertainment, where we can meet in social intercourse neighbors and friends from all parts of the county, and give ourselves up to recreation and pleasure. The barbecue was well advertised so as might have been expected the crowd was large, estimated at about 1000 people.

The entertainment consisted of a base ball game, Tournament and Horse racing, speaking in the afternoon by A. C. Wilmeth of Snyder and W. B. Crockett of Colorado, candidates for the legislature, and R. N. Grisham of Stanton for District Attorney. The speeches were made to please and secure the support of the audience, rather than to please with oratory.

For lovers of the dance a large 60 foot square room was provided, where they could trip the fantastic toe to their hearts content.

Eighteen beeves, we are informed, were barbecued for the occasion, besides meats there were pickles, coffee and ice water in abundance. There was also an ice cream and cold drink stand on the grounds, dispensing refresh-

ments to the thirsty. The barbecued meat was juicy and well prepared and the supply was greater than the crowd could consume. Everybody had gone to have a good time and they were not disappointed.

The Complete Farm.

No Southern farm is complete without hogs cows and poultry. No farmers wife can prepare a table of appetizing dishes at any meal without an abundance of fresh milk, butter and eggs. No farmer's wife can furnish attractive meals through the spring and summer without an abundance of vegetables, hence the vegetable garden is a most important and valuable adjunct to the country home. It is the clear duty of every farmer to provide these necessary food supplies for his family. With fresh milk and butter, fresh eggs nice chickens, a few pigs to slaughter occasionally and a firstclass kitchen garden, with a small orchard of fruits every meal can be well provided for and the head of the domestic household made to enjoy the preparation of meals which would be fit for the physically strong as well as the most fastidious. Farmers, do more for the comfort and convenience of your wives and less for the greed and avarice of the grafters and speculators.—Cotton Journal.

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Letter to Thornton & Pearce.

Gail, Texas,

Dear Sirs, Here's a tale with three or four tails to it.

Professor Irvine has an Academy, Mercersburg, Penn. He paints the floors in summer vacation. It used to take 90 gallons of paint. There were two paint-stores there, and he used to buy (one year of one next year of the other) 90 gallons year after year. Now he paints Devoe; 60 gallons; and the difference is a saving of \$150 a year.

H. C. Fallon was one of those dealers, good man; but he wouldn't take-up Devoe; so we turned to the other, J. A. Boyd. But Fullon has found it necessary to get a good paint to compete with Devoe. He got one of the eight honest paints. He has a big hardware store and is doing an excellent hardware business; but Boyd of course, has the run on paint—he's a little hardware man.

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Flowers by the Way Side.

A young girl visiting the country was following a farmer's wife along a wild, half overgrown path amid a tangle of wild flowers. The young visitor exclaimed at their variety and beauty, "I mean to gather all I can carry when we come back and we have a little more time," she said. "Better pick them now if you want them," said the elder woman. "Taint likely we'll come back this way."

It was one of those simple, homely incidents that sometimes seems to epitomize life. We must pick now if we want them at all, the flowers that God scatters along our way. The pleasant hours, the dear friendships, the offered confidences, the happy gatherings—all the brightness and blessings that we so often push aside but mean to find leisure to enjoy some time—we must take them day by day as they come, or we shall lose them altogether; nor can we turn back to find them.—Selected,

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PUBLICITY BUREAU.

Appeal to Prohibition Newspapers of Texas by Chairman H. C. Harris.

Henry Camp Harris of Greenville, Tex., chairman of the Prohibition Publicity Bureau, has made the following appeal to the Democratic press of Texas: If it is a fundamental principle of Democracy to let the majority rule, how can any Democrat or Democratic newspaper be against the submission of any question to the direct vote of the people?

The thousands of Democrats of the 152 dry counties and the sixty six partially dry counties are asking for the privilege of voting on whether or not the saloon shall do business in Texas.

It was expected that the liquor interests would lay aside all Democratic principles and fight prohibition from the beginning, but it was totally unexpected when they lined up solidly for local option, casting all their "personal liberty" literature into the rubbish pile, and now argue only for the whisky straight and that it should be sold in the larger cities and distributed therefrom into the

counties that desire local option.

The Democratic press of Texas, the backbone of this imperial State and the molder of public opinion for the good, can always be relied on to do the right thing at the right time.

When the question of whether or not a constitutional amendment providing for State-wide prohibition should be submitted to a vote of the people was first suggested under the James amendment of the Terrell election law, The News led the the press of Texas, in declaring that if 10 per cent of the voters desired the vote to be taken they should be allowed this privilege. Hundreds of other Democratic papers of Texas declared the same.

A census has been taken of the press of Texas, and it has been found that out of the 800 papers only a few state that they are against the liquor business and agreed each week to use matter in favor of prohibition.

Herein is favor of the strongest hopes of the prohibitionists of Texas. With this many newspapers with us we are certain of ultimate success. Where the orator reaches the hundreds the

press reaches the thousands.

Now fellow-members of the press of Texas that have promised me your assistance, I ask that in this last month of the campaign you will make an extra effort and give us a little more of your time and space.

Don't use exclusively the matter I send you, but speak direct to your readers in your editorial columns. Draw liberally from Home and State, which we are having sent to you.

Give as the slogan. "Scratch everything but "for submission."

Awaken the prohibitionists of your counties, It is from such counties as Hunt, Collin, Denton, Greyson, Fannin, Lamar, Delta, Kaufman and the many others that the prohibition majority must come.

If these counties are not active they will be a Samson asleep, and the local optionists, who are wolves in sheep's clothing, as the Delilah, will take away their strength. The liquor interests are now boasting of the inactivity of some of the totally dry counties. If you are not awake, you are assisting them in their fight. Which side are you going to help?

When a prohibition lecturer comes to your town go out to hear him and give him encouragement. Suppose a minister should be stationed in your town and you would not go out to hear him because all of your family were Christians. How long would this minister last? Just because you

are safe don't forget that you have other duties to perform.

If your neighboring city was in flames, their local fire department had exhausted all their resources and they sent out the cry for aid, then to a man you would respond.

Thousands of citizens of your neighboring cities are calling on you to help them. The saloon is debauching their boys and stealing away the virtue of their girls.

If you are against whisky, what are you going to do? In activity means defeat, co-operation means victory.

"Scratch everything but 'for submission.'"

DENT—MORROW.

At the home of Judge Boren in Post City, on Wednesday evening July 15, 1908 Mr. W. E. Dent was married to Miss Sammie Morrow by Judge Boren.

The wedding was a quiet affair only a few friends and relatives being present.

The groom is the son of W. F. Dent and is one of Post City's most prominent young men. The bride is the daughter of S. A. Morrow, and is a charming young lady and loved by all who know her.

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ed to me less desperate than trusting to the caprices of these men, especially since they now had free access to the liquor stores.

While I leaned over the rail engrossed in these thoughts one of the black thunderclouds that had been gathering and dissipating over the island during the entire afternoon suddenly glowed overhead with a strange white incandescence startlingly akin to Darrow's so called "devil fires." Strangely enough, this illumination, unlike the volcanic glows, appeared to be cast on the clouds from without rather than shot through them from within, as were the other volcanic emanations. At the same instant I experienced a sharp interior revulsion of some sort, most briefly momentary, but of a character that shook me from head to toe.

I had no time to analyze these various impressions, however, for my attention was almost instantly distracted. From the cabin came the sound of a sharp fall; then a man cried out, and on the heels of it Pulz darted from the cabin, screaming horribly. We were all on deck, and as the little man rushed toward the stern Handy Solomon twisted him deftly from his feet.

"What is it?" he cried as he pinned the sufferer to the deck.

But Pulz could not answer. He shivered, stiffened and lay rigid, his eyes rolled back.

"Fits," remarked Thrackles impatiently.

The excitement died. Rum was forced between the victim's lips. After a little he recovered, but could tell us nothing of his seizure.

After the dishes had been swept aside from supper Handy Solomon announced a second attempt to open the chest.

"Pancho, here, says he's been a mechanic," said he. "I right well know he's been a housebreaker, so he's got the sabe for the job, and you can kiss the book on that."

Perdosa, with a grin, leaned over the cover from behind and began to pick away at the lock with a long crooked wire. The others drew close about. I slipped nearer the door, imagining that in their riveted interest I saw my opportunity. To my surprise I caught a glimpse of legs disappearing up the companion. I took stock. Pulz had gone on deck.

This surprised me, for I should have thought every man interested enough in the supposed treasure to wish to be present at its uncovering, and it annoyed me still more. The success of my plan demanded a clear deck. However, there was nothing for it now but to trust that Pulz had wished to visit the fore-castle and that I might find the afterworks empty.

I paused at the foot of the companion and looked back. A breathlessness of excitement held the pirates in a vise. From above the hanging lamp threw strong shadows across their faces, bringing out the deep lines, accentuating the dominant passions. With their rags and blood, their unshaven faces, their firearms, their filth, they showed in violent antithesis to the immaculate white of Old Scrubs' cabin, its glittering brass and its shining leather. I darted up the steps.

The contrast of the starry night with the glare of the cabin lamp dazzled my eyes. I stood stock still for a moment, during which the only sounds audible were the singing of the winds through the rigging, the wash of the sea and the small sharp click of Perdosa's in-



After mess we went on deck again.

strument as he worked at the chest.

Presently I could see better. I looked forward and aft for Pulz, but could see nothing of him and had just about concluded that he had gone forward when I happened to glance aloft. There, to my astonishment, I made him out huddled in silhouette against the stars close to the main truck. What he was doing there I could not imagine. However, I did not have time to bother my head about him farther than to rejoice that he could not obstruct me.

I should very much have liked to get hold of a rifle and ammunition or at least to lay in biscuit and water, but for this there was no time. It was not absolutely essential. The dull glow of the island was still visible. I had my pillar of fire and smoke to guide me. Without further delay I jerked loose the painter and drew the extra dory alongside.

I had proceeded just so far in my movements when the most extraordinary thing happened. I shall try to tell you of it as accurately as possible and in the exact order of its occurrence. First a long, straight shaft of white light shot straight up through the cabin roof to a great height. It shone through the wooden planks as an ordinary light shines through glass. By contrast the surrounding blackness was thrown into a deeper shade, and yet the shaft itself was so brilliant as almost to scotch the sight. Curiously enough, it was defined accurately, being exactly in shape like one of the rectangular tin air shafts you see so often in city hotels. At the instant of its appearance the wind fell quite calm.

Almost immediately the rectangle on the roof through which the light made its passage began to splay out like lighted oil, although the column retained still the integrity of its outline. The fire, if such it could be called, ran with incredible rapidity along the seams between the planks forward and aft until the entire deck was sketched like a pyrotechnic display in thin, vivid lines of incandescence. From each of these lines then the fire began again to spread, as though soaking through the planks

All took place practically in an instant of time. I had no opportunity to move or to cry out. Indeed, my perceptions were inadequate to the task of mere observation. Up to now there had been no sound. The wind had fallen. The waters passed unnoticed. A stillness of death seemed to

have descended on the ship. It was broken by a sharp double report, one as of the fall of a metallic substance, the other caused by the body of Pulz, which, shaken loose from the truck by a heavy roll, smashed against the rail of the ship and splashed overboard. Some one cried out sharply. An instant later the entire crew struggled out from the companionway, rushed in grim silence to the side of the vessel and threw themselves into the sea.

My own ideas were somewhat confused. The fire had practically enveloped the ship. I thought to feel it, and yet my skin was cool to the touch. The ship's outlines became blurred. A dizziness overtook me, and then all at once a great desire seized and shook my very soul. I cannot tell you the vehemence of this desire. It was a madness. Nothing could stand in the way of its gratification. Whatever happened, I must have water. It was not thirst nor yet a purpose to allay the very real physical burning of



The entire crew threw themselves into the sea.

which I was now dimly conscious, but a craving for the liquid itself as something apart from and unconnected with anything else. Without hesitation and as though it were the most natural thing in the world I vaulted the rail to cast myself into the ocean. I dimly remember a last flying impression of a furnace of light, then a great shock thudded through me, and I lost consciousness.

CHAPTER XXVI.

OVER the wardroom of the Wolverine had fallen a silence. It held after Slade had finished. Captain Parkinson, stiff and erect in his chair, staring fixedly at a spot two feet above the reporter's head, seemed to weigh as a judge weighs the facts so picturesquely set forth. Dr. Trendon, his sturdy frame half in shadow, had slouched far down into himself. Only the regard of his keen eyes fixed upon Slade's face unwaveringly and a bit anxiously showed that he was thinking of the narrator as well as of the narrative. The others had fallen completely under the spell of the tale. They sat as children in a theater, absorbed, forgetful of the world around them, wrapped in a more vivid element. At the close they stirred and blinked, half dazed by the abrupt fall of the curtain.

Slade had told his story with fire, with something of passion even. Now

he felt the sharp rene. He muttered uncertainly beneath his breath and glanced from one to another of the circled faces.

"That's all," he said unsteadily. There passed through the group a stir and a murmur. Some one broke into sharp coughing. Chairs, shoved back, grated on the floor.

"Well, of all the extraordinary"— began a voice ruminatingly and broke off short as if abashed at its own infraction of the silence.

"That's all," repeated Slade, a note of insistence in his voice. "Why don't you say something? Confound you, why don't you say something?" His speech rose husky and cracked. "Don't you believe it?"

"Hold on!" said the surgeon quietly. "No need to get excited."

"Oh, well," muttered the reporter, with a sudden lapse, "possibly you think I'm romancing. It doesn't matter. I don't suppose I'd believe it myself in your place."

"But we're heading for the island," suggested Forsythe.

"That's so," cried Slade. "Well, that's all right. Believe or disbelieve as much as you like. Only get Percy Darrow off that island. Then we'll have his version. There are a few things I want to find out about, myself."

"There are several that promise to be fairly interesting," said Forsythe under his breath.

Slade turned to the captain. "Have you any questions to put to me, sir?" he asked formally.

"Just one moment," interrupted Trendon. "Boy, a pony of brandy for Mr. Slade."

The reporter drank the liquor and again turned to Captain Parkinson.

"Only about our men," said the commanding officer after a little thought. Slade shook his head.

"I'm sorry I can't help you there, sir." "Dr. Trendon said that you knew nothing about Edwards."

"Edwards?" repeated Slade inquiringly. His mind, still absorbed in the events which he had been relating, groped backward.

Trendon came to his aid. "Barnett asked you about him, you remember.

It was when you recovered consciousness. Our ensign. Took over charge of the Laughing Lass."

"Oh, of course. I was a little dazed, I fancy."

"We put Mr. Edwards aboard when we first picked up the deserted schooner," explained the captain.

"Pardon me," said the other. "My head doesn't seem to work quite right yet. Just a moment, please." He sat silent, with closed eyes. "You say you picked up the Laughing Lass. When?" he asked presently.

"Four—five—six days ago, the first time."

"Then you put out the fire?"

The circle closed in on Slade, with an unconscious hitching forward of chairs. He had fixed his eyes on the captain. His mouth worked. Obviously he was under a tensity of endeavor in keeping his faculties set to the problem. The surgeon watched him, frowning.

"There was no fire," said the captain.

Slade leaped in his chair. "No fire! But I saw her, I tell you. When I went overboard she was one living flame!"

"You landed in the small boat. Knocked you senseless," said Trendon. "Concussion of the brain. Idea of flame might have been a retroactive hallucination."

"Retroactive rot!" cried the other. "I beg your pardon, Dr. Trendon, but if you'd seen her as I saw her—Barnett!"

He turned in appeal to his old acquaintance.

"There was no fire, Slade," replied the executive officer gently. "No sign of fire that we could find, except that the starboard rail was blistered."

"Oh, that was from the volcano," said Slade. "That was nothing."

To be continued.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State Constitution Fixing the Compensation of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Sections 5 and 17 of said Article 4 so as to fix the compensation of the Governor at eight thousand (8000) dollars per annum in addition to the use of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, and the compensation of the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars per annum.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to provide that the Governor of the State shall receive as compensation for his services, an annual salary of eight thousand (\$8000) dollars and with the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion fixtures and furniture, said Section 5 as amended, to read as follows:

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

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

Section 17. If during the vacancy in the office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor should die, resign, refuse to serve or be removed from office or be unable to serve or if he shall be impeached or absent from the State, the President of the Senate, for the time being, shall in like manner administer the government until he shall be succeeded by a Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per year, and no more. During the time he administers the government as Governor, he shall receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office, and no more. The President of the Senate, for the time being, shall, during the time he administers the government, receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received, had he been employed in the duties of his office.

Sec 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the neces-

sary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, to be voted upon on the day of the next general election of the State of Texas, which will be held on the day fixed by law therefor. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars per annum." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars per annum." And the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation and election.

[A true copy.]

W. R. DAVIE,
Secretary of State,

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

To the State Constitution Relating to Commissioners' Precincts.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 18, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for subsequent redistricting of a county into commissioners' precincts, defining the manner thereof; for submitting same to the electors of the state, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1. That Section 18, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Each organized county in the State, now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people, into justice precincts, not less than four and not more than twelve. The present county courts shall make the first division. Subsequent divisions shall be made by the commissioners' court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected, at each biennial election, one justice of the peace and one con-

stable, each of whom shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided, that in any precinct in which there may be a city of eight thousand or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two justices of the peace. Each county shall in like manner and in the first instance, be divided into four commissioners' precinct, in each of which there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof one county commissioner, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Subsequent divisions of a county into commissioners' precincts shall be made as is now or hereafter may be provided by law. The county commissioners so chosen, with the county judge as presiding officer, shall compose the county commissioners' court, which shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed.

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

[A true copy.] W R DAVIE
Secretary of State.

**TAXATION—SUBMITTING
AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.**

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

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sour-

ces, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

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

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grasses being the needle and mesquite.
 The rainfall here is sufficient for abundant and successful farming. The products of the farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat and oats have not been grown extensively in this county, but some parts are specially adapted to the raising of small grain. We find the gardens bedecked with beans, peas, turnips, onions radishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts and watermelons. The orchards furnish peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and apricots. The wild fruits are grapes, plums and mulberries. At present orchards are comparatively few, but bear good and abundant fruit. Agriculture is fast becoming the leading industry. The lands which

only a few years since were trodden under the foot of the buffalo and mustang pony, and the howl of the lobo and the yelp of the coyote were the only signs of life now are under fence and the soil beneath the plow. At present the whistle of the farm boy, the songs of the milk maid, the bark of the neighbor's dog, the rattling of wagons, and the hum of gins are some of the indications of life and civilization.
 Stock raising is still a leading factor in the progress of our county. Borden county takes pride in raising some of the best horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry does extremely well in this locality.
 The development of this county has been quite rapid the last six months. During that time there has been a nice little town built

up. The Methodists have erected a handsome church building at Durham in the South-Eastern part of this county.

Gail, the county seat is a small town but is building fast. There are eight business houses, besides a bank, two hotels, a restaurant, a livery stable and a wagon yard, two blacksmith shops and a new gin. Several of these improvements have been recently erected. Borden county is almost sure to average one-half bale per acre to all lands planted in cotton. I have lived in Borden county for eight years and have never witnessed a complete failure in crops. The lands about Gail have not heretofore been for sale, hence the slow development. At present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

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His Fist Voyage.
 The second day out Bobby was inquisitive.
 "Pa" he ventured, peering out at the big waves, "when they say the ocean is choppy who chops it?"
 There was no response from pa, who was pale and seasick in a big steamer chair.
 Bobby was persistent.
 "Pa, when a ship tacks do they use a hammer?"
 Still no response from pa. Bobby again:
 "Pa, what kind of dogs do they use in the dog-watch?"
 This was more than poor pa could stand.
 "In the name of Neptune," he said, feebly, "please keep quiet. Can't you see there is a heavy sea running?"
 There was a long silence.
 "Pa."
 "Well, young man?"
 "W-where is the heavy sea running?"
 And the next moment pa took Bobby back to show him the ships spanker.—Chicago Daily News.

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PLEA FOR SCHOOLS

Better Schools Needed in Rural Districts.

The public school law of North Carolina makes the wise provision that any district may vote to levy a special tax to raise an additional fund for educational purposes. The present appropriation, as represented by the general public school fund, is not sufficient to run the schools as long as needed and employ trained and competent teachers at a salary sufficient to retain the services of the best instructors. Under this provision any district that is progressive and wants to help itself can do so. Union county has a number of special tax districts and wherever you find a special tax district you find a rural community that ranks with the best.

Under any form of government there is more or less wasteful expenditure of the people's money—tax money. It is a difficult matter to get any set of officials that are so fixed by nature as to get as much interested in public economy as they are in individual economy, and allowance must also be made for incompetency. Managing the affairs of State and county on the best economic principles requires no small amount of business discretion and many men who can manage their own affairs successfully fail to measure up to requirements, in handling the business of a county or State. Therefore, the complaint that is sometimes made of extravagant expenditure of public funds may not be without cause. But in the principle of special local taxation for schools complaints, of the kind mentioned can not have any reason to exist, because the people who pay the special school taxes reap both the direct and indirect benefits of their own money.

As we have often stated, it is strange that a resident of any school district could object to

special local taxation to maintain a creditable school district. The real value of any farm does not lie so much in fertility and productiveness as in its surroundings. The richest tract of land in the world would be undesirable property if located remote from schools and churches and away from the elevating influences of a progressive civilization. In ninety-nine instances out of every hundred where men are seeking a change of location their first enquiry about the prospective location is to know what are the school advantages.

Even if there were no indirect benefits from a permanent self-supporting school in a neighborhood, our children are entitled to the direct benefits. Mental training of the child can not be neglected except at fearful expense. It is being realized more and more every year that ignorance is weakness and that knowledge is power. In the affairs of life ignorance can not compete with intelligence. The rural districts have advantage of natural physical ability and moral training. The environments of country life are such as will produce men that can and will do things, if they know how, but this "knowing how" is where the test comes. It is not the parents' duty to work themselves to death to try to accumulate property to be used by a generation that ought to have sense enough to provide for themselves, but in this educational question a grave responsibility rests upon parents that they can not dodge and retain a consciousness of having done their duty towards their children. A college education for the ordinary avocations of life is neither practical or desirable, but a good English education is considered a necessity by every man who has the correct ideas of life. In the great plan of education no provision in our educational system has ever been made that approached nearer the ideal than the plan of local taxation to make the public schools of longer term and better grade.—Our Home.

That Reminds Me.

That Rip Van Winkle returned from his long sleep looking fresh as a daisy and made his way to the village barber shop, not only because he needed a hair cut and shave, but also because he wished to catch up on the news.

"Let's see," said he to the barber after he was safely tucked in the chair, "I've been asleep twenty years, haven't I?"

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"Jerome done anything?"

"Nope."

"Platt resigned?"

"Nope."

"Panama Canal built?"

"Nope."

"Bryan been elected?"

"Nope."

"Carnegie poor?"

"Nope."

"Well, say," said Rip, rising up in the chair, "never mind shaving the other side of my face, I'm going back to sleep again.—Success Magazine.

Each year the State of Texas provides for a student labor fund in the A. & M. College of Texas, to be paid out to students who wish to do work while securing an education. The last legislature appropriated \$6,000.00 for this purpose. The appropriation has proved to be a great blessing to boys who are poor and who would otherwise be unable to secure an education. The boys are paid by the hour and do all forms of labor from waiting on the table to acting as secretaries or stenographers.

Local and Personal

H. A. Kincaid and daughter Miss Hettie were shopping in Gail on last Monday.

Mrs. W. K. Clark and son Guy visited thier daughter and sister Mrs. Naylor of Post last Thursday and Friday returning Saturday.

Miss Cora Berry of Gail is visiting her friend Miss Maude Cantrell of Tahoka this week.

Messrs. Jesse Smith and Jim Jolly attended the barbecue at Post City last Friday.

Miss Mollye Hopkins, who has been visiting relatives in Post City for the past few weeks returned to her home in Gail on Monday.

Mrs. S. B. Wallace is visiting the Misses Smoots this week.

Mrs. M. C. Berry and son Frank attened the barbecue at post City on Friday last

Mrs. J. N. Hopkins and daughter Miss Grace visited their daughter and sister Mrs. J. G. Pou on last Thursday and Friday.

Mesdames Tempie Key, from Clairmont, and Lola Jackson, from Oklahoma, are visiting their mother and grand mother, Mrs. J. J. Dodson.

Mr. S. B. Wallace is prospecting upon the plains this week.

Mr. J. H. Cotten and family are attending a protracted meeting held at Fluvanna this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Russell attended the barbecue at Post City on last Friday.

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The nice showers of Saturday night Sunday evening and Monday, whilst somewhat partial have impoped crop prospects considerably.

Candidates are getting very busv, mysterious interviews are being held just around the corner, and the boys are figuring earnestly in addition and subtraction.

W. S. McClung was called out to do some surveying for T. V. Hood and returned last Friday evening and resumed work at the Gail bank.

Dr. D. H. McDaniel of Toyah arrived here Thursday evening, attended the barbecue at Post, and returned from Post Friday night. The Dr. stated it nad been very dry at Toyah but recently they had had good rains.

Box Cathey who got in Tuesday from the plains, says rain has been abundant in his locality and crops are fine.

Married

Mr. Mike Spears and Miss Elsie Robertson of the Snelling neighborhood, Borden county were married in Gail last Saturday by Eld, H. D. Pruett.

Plainview Community,

Our section of country was visited with a nice rain Saturday night.

The dance at Will Salyers was a pleasant affair Friday night.

Many of the plains people took in the barbecue at Tahoka Saturday the 18th.

Mrs. Elmer Russell was a pleasant caller at Mrs. Berrys Monday.

G. T. Beach and family are visiting at Merkel in Taylor county.

Mr. Berry is drilling himself a well.

Crops are looking fine in our community.

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An old owl perched on a tree the other night was crying out, "who, who, who," No one will be able to answer the question till after the election.

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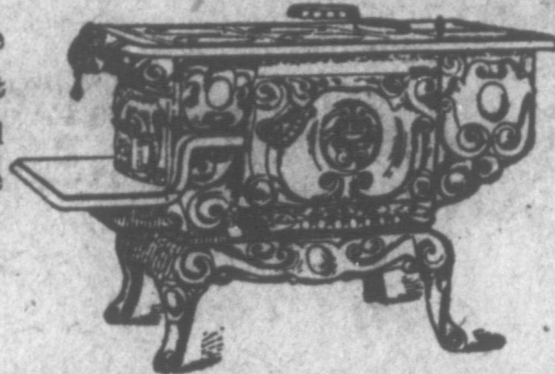
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E. R. YELLOTT, Judge
Borden County Texas

Some of the patrons of the last term of the Gail school, who live in other school districts, assigned their children to those districts and afterwards moved temporarily to our town to get the benefit of school advantages here. These patrons forgot or failed to have their children transferred to Gail, so the burden of their tutelage was imposed upon our school, while, other districts enjoyed the fund apportioned to them from the State. Had they been transferred, the State fund derived from them would have materially lengthened the school term here and Gail would have had only what was justly due her. Now the patrons referred to above should attend to this at once, self interest as well as duty calls for this action on their part.

Mr. Dunn of Nebraska, in placing Mr. Bryan's name before the convention passes the following eulogy upon him:

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