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Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Mr. M. G. Black:—I have all kinds of peaches in my orchard, but think the Pomeroy excels all others. I think it is the finest peach for all uses I have ever seen

Yours truly,

A. Reid.

A MOONLIGHT RIDE TO ABNEY'S RANCH.

Last Friday afternoon at about 6:30 p. m. a merry crowd of seven started to Abney's to the reception given in honor of Miss Ida Abney who was soon to return to St. Mary's College at Dallas at which place she will resume her college work.

When we arrived, every thing was in full readiness to entertain

us, and here we might say that there seemed to be nothing left off that would add to the splendid amusements, and among which we had "Progressive 42" games played by Messrs. Thad Durst, Edwin Love, Rodway Keen, W. S. McClung and Misses Layton, Nellie Hale, Fields, Ida Abney all of whom claimed to be amateurs but to have watched the game, would have shown that there were some experts.

Another special feature of the intertainment, and by no means less important, was the serving of delicious refreshments, and there were no amateurs at this table, but old experts who seemed to vie with each other as the different palatable dishes were passed around, and especially when the ice cream was served.

After leaving the spacious dining hall, we were again in the reception room where we were highly entertained by the rendition of many excellent pieces of music played by Miss Ida.

Soon the time came for us to start home, and we all with the voice of one voted our thanks to Mrs. Abney, Mrs. Sales, and Miss Ida who ARE PAST MISTRESS-ES OF THE ART OF ENTERTAINMENT." A guest.

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The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any constable of Borden county—Greeting:

You are Hereby commanded, That by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Borden, if there be a newspaper published in said County, (but if not then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Dan Kishen whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. Justice Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Borden at the Court House thereof, in Gail on the 5th day of October, 1908 File Number being 140, then and there to answer the Complaint of J. E. Eubanks, and J. H. Hannabass filed in said Court on the 16 day of Aug. A. D. 1908 against the said Dan Kishen and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: Due J. E. Eubanks for Harvesting feed \$18.05. Due J. H. Hannabass for medical services 18.50, total amount \$36.55. Plaintiffs ask judgement of Court for said amount together with costs in this

behalf expended.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand at Gail this 20th day of August A. D. 1908.

J. A. SCARLETT, J. P.
Prec. No. 1 Borden County
Texas.

At this stage of progress, the paramount issue in Texas is still factory building. The commercial secretaries of the State meeting in Fort Worth Sept. 9, 10, 11, will discuss the issue in its important phase. The fact that representatives of the business and industrial interests of the State will meet for this purpose is full of significance, even if considered merely as the barometer of public feeling on the question. When interest in a matter reaches the height that representative business men will assemble to talk about, the time is full of hope.

It has never been disputed and can't be, that the factory should be close to the natural product. Mahomet may not have lost faith

in his powers when he found that he must go to the mountain instead of having the mountain obey his call and come to him, but even the most zealous industrial prophet must lose faith in the fundamental laws of progress, if the products of this country continue to go to the factories of the East and North, instead of the factories coming to the region where the raw material is produced.

The loss in freight charges, the inevitable loss occasioned in deterioration of the products occasioned by a long and useless haul are invincible arguments in favor of factories for Texas. And think of what it would mean to Texas and the South to have the pay rolls here. This part of the country is being cheated out of the reward of its labors. Will it continue to be cheated without a protest?

Why should fundamental economic law be reversed in the case of Texas?

Texas has the fuel, both coal and oil, to keep the furnaces going. If Texas has not now the labor to operate the factories it is well known that labor will

follow the factories.

If Texas is prosperous and desirable upon the profits which come to the producer of the raw material, what heights of industrial and commercial progress might not attain when the profits of the field and factory are united.

In this connection, the Dallas News says:

"It is said to be an established fact that the factory gets a greater per cent out of an article of commerce than does the producer of the raw material or the retailer. This being conceded, the profit to be made in a State that produces the raw material and also manufactures it into the finished product is necessarily much greater than the profit only in the production of the raw product, and greater than that made in manufacturing also."

The farmers of Texas should unite with the business men of the State in furthering the factory idea. They will get a part of the profits directly in a better price for their cotton, in addition to their share in the general prosperity which follows factories as naturally as day follows the sun.

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"It did," said Captain Parkinson dryly.

"Not an easy problem even with all the data at hand. You, of course, had none. On Slade's showing, Handy Solomon and his worthy associates thought they had a chest full of riches when they got the doctor's treasure—believed they owned the machinery for making diamonds or gold or what not of ready to hand wealth. It's fair to assume a certain eagerness on their part. Disturbed weather keeps them busy until they're well out from the island. Then to the chest. Opening it isn't so easy. I had the key, you know." He brought a curious and delicately wrought skeleton from his pocket. "Tipped with platinum," he observed. "Rather a gem of a key, I think. You see, there must have been some action even through the keyhole or he wouldn't have used a metal of this kind. But the crew was rich in certain qualities, it seems, which I failed stupidly to recognize in my acquaintance with them. Both Pulz and Perdosa appear to have been handy men where locks were concerned. First Pulz sneaks down and has his turn at the chest. He gets it open. Small profit for him in that. The next we know of him he is scandalizing Handy Solomon by having a fit on the deck."

"That is what I couldn't figure out to save my life," said Slade eagerly.

"If you recollect, I told you of the professor's plunge in the cold spring in a sort of paroxysm one day," said Darrow. "That was the physiological action of the celestium. At other times I have seen him come out and deliberately roll in the creek, head under. Once he explained that the medium he worked in caused a kind of uncontrollable longing for water, something having none of the qualities of burning or thirst, but an irresistible temporary mania. It worried him a good deal. He didn't understand it. That, then, was what ailed Pulz. When he opened the chest there was, as I surmise, a trifling quantity of this stuff lying in the inner lid. It wasn't the celestium itself, as I imagine, but a sort of byproduct with the physiological and radiant effects of the real thing, and it had been set there on guard, a discouragement to the spirit of investigation, as it were. So when the top was lifted our little guardian gets in its work, producing the light phenomenon that so puzzled Slade and inspiring Pulz with a passion for the rolling wave, which is only interrupted by Handy Solomon's tackling him. As he fled he must have pulled down the cover."

"He did," said Slade. "I heard the clang. But I saw the radiance on the clouds, and the whole thickness of a solid oak deck was in between the sky and the chest."

"Oh, a little thing like an oak deck wouldn't interrupt the kind of rays the doctor used. He had his own method of screening, you understand. However, this inconsiderable guardian affair must have used itself up, which true celestium wouldn't have done. So when Perdosa sets his genius for lock picking to the task the inner box, full of the genuine article, has no warning signpost, so to speak. Everything's peaceful until they raise the compound filled hollow layer of the inner cover, which serves to interrupt the action. Then comes the general exit and the superior fireworks."

"That's when the rays run through

the ship," said Slade. "It seemed to follow the deck lines."

"The stuff had a strange affinity for tar," said Darrow. "I told you of the circle of fire about Professor Schermerhorn's waist the day he gave me such a scare. That was the celestium working on the tarred rope he wore for a belt. It made a livid circle on his skin. Did I tell you of his experiments with pitch? It doesn't matter. Where was I?"

"At the place where we all jumped," said Slade.

"Oh, yes. And you dove into the small boat, trying to reach the water."

"Wait a bit," said Barnett. "If that was the exhibition of radiance we saw, it died out in a few minutes. How was that? Did they close the chest before they ran?"

"Probably not," replied Darrow. "Slade spoke of Pulz taking to the maintop and being shaken out by the sudden shock of a wave. That may have been a volcanic billow. Whatever it was, it undoubtedly heeled the ship sufficiently to bring down both lids, which were rather delicately balanced."

"Yes, for Billy Edwards found the chest closed and locked," said Barnett.

"Of course. It was a spring lock. You sent Mr. Edwards and his men aboard. No such experts as Pulz or Perdosa were in your crew. Consequently it took longer to get the chest open. When at length the lid was raised there was a repetition of the tragedy. Mr. Edwards and his men leaped. Probably they were paralyzed almost before they struck the water. Your boy's, whom Slade picked up, was the only one who had time even to grab a life preserver before the impulse toward water became irresistible. There was no element of fright, you understand—no desertion of their post. They were dragged as by the sweep of a tornado." Darrow spoke direct to Captain Parkinson. "If there is any feeling among you other than sorrow for their death, it is unjust and unworthy."

"Thank you, Mr. Darrow," returned the captain quietly.

"We found the chest closed again when the empty ship came back," observed Barnett.

"Being masterless, the schooner began to yaw," continued Darrow. "The first time she came about would have heeled her enough to shut the chest. Now came the turn of your other men."

"Ives and McGuire," said the captain as Darrow paused.

"The glow came again that night, and the next day we picked up Slade," said Barnett.

"You know what the glow meant for your companions," said Darrow.

"But the ship! The Laughing Lass. man! She's vanished. No one has seen her since."

"You are wrong there," said Darrow. "I have seen her."

In a common impulse the little circle leaned to him.

"Yes, I have seen her. I wish I had not. Let me bring my story back to the cave on the island. After the volcanic gases had driven me to the refuge I sat near the mouth of the cave, looking out into the darkness. That was the night of the 7th, the night you saw the last glow. It was very dark, except for occasional bursts of fire from the crater. Judge of my in-

credulous amazement when in an access of this illumination I saw plainly a schooner hardly a mile offshore, coming in under bare poles."

"Under bare poles?" cried Slade.

"The halliards must have disintegrated from some slow action of the celestium. It could be destructive, terrifically destructive. You shall judge. There was the schooner, naked as your hand. Possibly I might have thought it a hallucination but for what came after. Darkness fell again. I supposed then that Handy Solomon's crew were managing—or mismanaging—the Laughing Lass without the aid of their leader, whom I had satisfactorily buried. I hoped they would come ashore on the rocks. Yes, I was vengeful then."

"Of a sudden there sprang from the darkness a ship of light. You have all seen those great electric effects at exhibitions. Some one touches a button, you know. It was like that, only that the piercingly brilliant jeweled wonder of a ship was set in the midst of a swirl of varicolored radiance such as I can't begin to describe. You saw it from a distance. Imagine what it was, coming close upon you that way, dead on, out of the night—a living glory, a living terror."

His voice sank. With a shaking hand he fumbled amid his cigarette papers.

"It came on. A human figure, glowing like a diamond ablaze, leaped out from it; another shot down from the



The little craft dissolved in a glow of radiance.

foremast. I don't know how many I saw go. It was like a theatric effect, unreal, unconvincing, incredible. The end fitted it."

Darrow's eye roved. It fell upon a quaintly modeled ship hung above the door.

"What's that?" he cried.

"Fool thing some Malay gave me," grunted Trendon. "Pretended to be grateful because I cut his foot off. No good. Go on with the story."

"No good? You don't care what happens to it?"

"Meant to heave it overboard before now," growled the other.

Some one handed it down to Darrow.

"If I had something to hold enough water," muttered he, "I'd like to float it. I'd like to see for myself how it worked out. I'd like to see that devil work in action."

He spoke feverishly.

"Boy, fill the portable rubber tub in Mr. Forsythe's cabin and bring it here," ordered the captain.

"That will do," said Darrow, recovering himself.

He floated the model in the tub.

"Now, I don't know how this will come out," he said. "Nor do I know why the Laughing Lass met her fate under the stars and the moon and the fog. I'll be glad to see the doctor's

ger—long enough, anyway. We'll try it."

From his pocket he took a curious small vial.

"Is that what Dr. Schermerhorn gave you?" asked Slade.

"Yes," said Darrow. He set it carefully inside the little model and slipped a lever. Slade quietly turned down the light.

A faint glow shot up. It grew bright and eddied in lovely variant colors. As if set to a powder train, it ran through the ship. The pale faces of the spectators shone ghastly in its radiance. From some one burst a sudden gasp.

"There is not enough for danger," said Darrow quietly.

"As a point of interest," grunted Trendon.

Every one looked at his outstretched hand. A little pocket compass lay in the palm. The needle spun madly, projecting blue, vivid sparklings.

"My God!" cried Slade and covered his eyes for a moment.

He snatched away his hands as a suppressed cry went up from the others.

"As I expected," said Darrow quietly.

The little craft opened out. It disintegrated. All that radiance dissolved, and with its going the substance upon which it shaped itself vanished. The last glow showed a formless pulp, spreading upon the water.

"So passed the Laughing Lass," said Darrow solemnly.

"And the chest is at the bottom of the sea," said Barnett.

"Good place for it," muttered Trendon.

"In all probability it closed as the ship dissolved around it," said Darrow. "Otherwise we should see the effects in the water."

"It might be recovered," cried Slade excitedly. "Could you chart it, Darrow? Think of the possibilities!"

"Let it lie," said the captain. "Has it not cost enough? Let it lie."

The water in the tub fumed and sparkled faintly and was still. Darkness fell except where Darrow's cigarette point glowed and faded.

THE END.

The Ordeal by Fire.

The really strong scene of the play had arrived and the amateur hero braced himself for the effort. The house into which the wily villain had entrapped him was on fire, and his thrilling escape from the burning structure was where he was going to bring down the house.

"I am choking!" he cried. "The smoke is overpowering me!"

That would have been all right except for the fact that there was no smoke, and it seems unreal to choke with smoke when there isn't any smoke to choke with.

"The flames!" he cried. "The flames—I feel them!"

But the flames were absent also. He glanced into the wings and realized what had happened. Some one had damped the red fire.

It was a moment of terrible strain. Nothing relieved the situation, and he lost his head and rambled on about the fire that no one could see. It was awful, and it was worse when a big brute in the gallery bellowed forth:

"Never mind the fire, gov'nor! Get on with your job!"

And then the actor laughed a wild, maniacal laugh, and the kindly curtain came down.—London Tit-Bits.

T. J. Tredway who was here on Saturday from the plains stated that cotton in the Mesquite neighborhood was seriously damaged by worms, and the crop would be very light, but with a late fall they might realize about 1-4 of a bale per acre.

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"The life story of 'Sunny' has never been told in English. This is curious, because there probably is not a person in the world who would not like to hear the wonderful romance of how a poor little German princess became a great sovereign, the co-ruler of one of the vastest empires on earth, the mistress of a fabulously rich and bewilderingly extravagant court, and perhaps the most powerful woman in Europe. 'Sunny' was the childhood nickname of this poor little princess, and after a quiet girlhood, where there was a constant struggle to maintain appearances, she was courted by a wayward gallant who was heir to a mighty crown. 'Sunny' lost her heart to the royal wooer, and he, putting aside the less noble loves of his reckless, youthful days, pledged himself to her—persistently courted her against wide opposition—turned a deaf ear to the councils of emperors and queens who tried to discourage the match, and after years of battling with diplomatic intrigue and personal restraint he carried his purpose, married the German princess, who was truly the bride of his heart, and raised her from the

obscurity and poverty of her own home to the rank of Empress. This is the story of Princess Alix of Hesse whom Nicholas II. made Tsaritsa of Russia."

PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF TEXAS.

Adopted by the State Democratic Convention in San Antonio, Wednesday, August 12, 1908.

1. Declaring our devotion to those principles of government for which the Democratic party has ever been the most valiant champion and defender, we pledge ourselves to every effort necessary to perpetuate the rights, guaranteed by our Federal and State Constitutions, and look with confidence to a brilliant Democratic victory in the coming election for their vindication.

2. We indorse the platform adopted by the National Democratic convention at Denver, and heartily ratify the nomination of William Jennings Bryan and John Worth Kern for the presidency and Vice-Presidency of the United States.

3. We heartily indorse the present Democratic administration, the official acts of Governor Thomas M. Campbell and the acts of the Thirtieth Legislature, enacted in obedience to the platform demands, and we rejoice at the emphatic indorsement given said laws and administration by the Democratic voters in the recent primary election.

4. We endorse the official course of our Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress and commend their faithful discharge of official duties.

5. We recommend that the Thirty-first Legislature re-submit for adoption by the people a Constitutional amendment making provision for the indigent wives

and widows of Confederate soldiers.

6. In harmony with the National Democratic platform pledging the party to legislation for the guaranty of National Bank deposits, we favor the prompt establishment of a system under supervision and control of the State for the guaranty of the deposits of State Banks in Texas.

7. We recommend such amendments to and changes in laws governing court procedure as will reduce the expense of litigation and tend to speedy administration in civil as well as criminal cases.

8. The Democratic party believes that ignorance is a misfortune and that education is a blessing, and we therefore, favor a wise and liberal financial support of our public schools and all our State educational institutions. We favor the adoption of the pending amendment to Section 3, Article VII, State Constitution, relating to public free schools, and commend the support of said amendment to the voters of Texas.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Baird independent school district case invalidates outstanding bonds of such districts to the approximate amount of \$3,500,000. These bonds are held by the State permanent school fund and other innocent purchasers. There should be no repudiation of any public debt in Texas. We, therefore, favor a Constitutional amendment validating said bonds.

9. We repudiate the charges that have been made that Texas legislation is unfriendly to capital, and we invite a comparison of our laws affecting capital, private or corporate, with the laws of other States on this subject.

We declare the Democratic party of Texas to be one of progress, looking well to the material interests of the people and in favor of an early and rapid development of the natural resources of the State. The party invites the investment of friendly capital, by both individuals and corporations, and guarantees full and complete protection of all such investments. The party recognizes the necessity for the construction of many miles of new railroad to bring into market and use at an early date our unoccupied lands, the timber growing thereon, and the minerals and other valuable deposits therein, and heartily invites the construction thereof under proper regulations and guarantee of protection by just and fair laws intelligently and honestly administered.

10. We favor decreasing the number and increasing the compensation of the legislators of this State.

11. We favor the establishment of additional experiment stations especially in Central, West and Northwest Texas.

12. We recommend that our State Health Department be granted adequate authority and ample means to properly safeguard the public health. In order to secure greater efficiency in our public health agencies, so as to maintain the reputation of our State for healthfulness, we favor such legislation as will effect this purpose.

13. Recognizing that the oil and rice industries are of great importance in the growth of the State, we recommend legislation that will conserve and protect them and we also recommend that adequate provision be made for fixing and regulating the charges of canal and pipe line companies.

14. Realizing that one of the most important industries of our State is involved in the fish and oyster industry and that our bays furnish in a limited quantity and inadequate at the same time, a supply of these foods to the people, and that adequate laws ought to be enacted to protect the limited supply that we have, and viewing the situation from foreign States and with regard to the laws that they have passed to protect their food supplies, we ask that the State Legislature be instructed or requested to pass such laws or amendments to the present statutes on those questions that would enable the Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his deputies to properly protect the interests of the people in this great food supply, and we desire further to have such legislation as will increase and protect the fisheries of Texas.

15. We demand the submission by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas of a Constitutional amendment to the people of the State of Texas for their adoption or rejection prohibiting within the State of Texas the manufacture, sale, gift, exchange, and interstate shipment of spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors and medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, except for medical and sacramental purposes.

We recommend that the prohibition amendment demanded by the recent primary election be submitted to all qualified voters at a special election to be held in 1909. We declare that at such election a vote for or against the amendment shall not be considered a test of Democracy, as it is not the purpose of this convention to commit the Democratic party for or against prohibition.

Issued by The Conference for Education in Texas, Austin, August 22, 1908.

DIRECTORY.

District Officers.

J. L. Shepherd Judge
M. Carter Attorney
Court convenes eighth Monday
after first Monday in February and
September.

County Officers.

E. R. Yellott Judge
W. K. Clark, Sheriff & Tax Collector
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D. Dorward, Jr. Treasurer
S. L. Jones Tax Assessor
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Pastor.

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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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Commercial Secretaries Will Dis-
cuss Improvement of Public
Highways at Ft. Worth
Sept. 9-10-11.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 24.—
Good Roads will receive a great
amount of attention at the Con-
vention of Commercial Secretaries
in this city September 9-10-11,
and it is likely the organization
will devote considerable effort
during the year to perfect a com-
prehensive system of road build-
ing; nothing is worthy to super-
sede it at this juncture.

We are deficient in both quality
and quantity of our roads. We
now have 69,500 miles of public
highways in the state, and while
this is sufficient to encircle the
globe three times, it is quite in-
adequate for Texas. If we had
the road mileage the state of Iowa
has, as compared with our area,
we would have 1,050,000 miles.
of public highways. We have 245
counties in the state and only nine
are building roads this year, and
probably less than 700 miles of
permanent highways will be con-

structed during 1908. At this rate
it will take us 1,000 years to build
our roads. Good gravel roads can
be built for \$1.000 per mile. T.
W. Larkin, Secretary of the
Denison Board of Trade, will lead
the discussion on Good Roads at
the convention, and he is recog-
nized authority on this subject.

Senator Bailey is said to be suf-
fering from a cancer of the throat
and this is given as the reason he
didn't attend the San Antonio
convention. There seems to be
quite a number of old time poli-
ticians in Texas that are suffering
from cancer of the throat or some
other trouble equally as handy
that kept them from the San An-
tonio convention. The situation
at San Antonio was not very in-
viting to the average politician.
This prohibition question has
them all guessing. The strength
developed by the submissionists
has astonished "even the oldest
inhabitants." The average poli-
tician looks on the discussion of
the prohibition question a good
deal like Mark Twain answered
when asked what he thought of
the existence of a heaven and hell.
His reply was that he did not like
to discuss the subject because he
had friends in both places. The
politician has friends on both sides
of the submission question and he
does not care to lose either gang.
From the list of the new "stars"
at the San Antonio convention
and the list of absentees among
the old heads it is clearly evident
that the old heads have had their
ear to the ground and they had
not lost anything in San Antonio
and had better not go there for
fear they would lose something.—
West Texas News.

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Local and Personal

Aaron Birdwell of Scurry county drove 240 head of stock cattle through Gail Friday to ward Snyder for shipment. They were picked up here and there on the plains.

D. R. Campble, W. F. Smith and Mr. McBeth of Coke county after a prospecting trip to the plains returned on Friday on their way home, through Gail.

T. M. White of Mitchell county made a flying trip in an auto with three other parties to his ranch West of Gail and back, on Friday last.

C. S. Ramzel who cultivated a portion of the J. J. Curry farm, on the plains was in Gail Friday. Mr. Ramzel says he had two hail storms one on the 1st of July and the other on the 14 of Aug. which were very disastrous to his cotton and he will make a failure in cotton, but his feed crops have recovered from the effects of the hail and are very promising. The hail ruined the cotton on only 2 or 3 farms, among them that of H. S. Street 1-2 a mile distance from the Currie farm was ruined, but the forage crops now are promising.

Master Roy Everett left Tuesday for Haskell Texas to attend the public school of that place.

Mr. J. L. DeShazo moved his family to town last Saturday to receive the benefits of the school.

School started here on last Monday and so far has proved a success.

Dillard Denton was in our burg Saturday.

Mrs. M. A. Lyons and son Roy Lyons of Dawson county came over Saturday to attend the meeting here of Eld. J. P. S. Rickland.

Prof. Ira I. Isbell's singing school at Mesquite will close on Tuesday the 15. There will be a musical concert on the night of the 15 to which every body is invited.

Chas. Morrow from Post City is visiting his sister Mrs. Harvey Everett, this week.

F. W. Park was looking after his interests here last Friday.

Grandpa Orson was in from his ranch on last Friday.

Charlie Morrison from the plains was visiting friends and relatives in town Saturday.

Mr. J. Y. Everett was here on Saturday, looking out, perhaps for a profitable trade of most any kind of property.

W. H. Willis of the Durham neighborhood was trading in town on last Saturday.

Grandma Cathey, and grand daughter, Miss Zettie Cathey, who have been visiting relatives at Pride, returned Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mat Cathey and attend the meeting which began here Sunday.

J. W. Chandler and little daughter Dovie left Saturday morning on the mail coach for Big Springs, en route to Dallas.

Prof. E. Bills who has been in Gail some time went to Julia Monday where he will teach school this year.

Mr. Mrs. Conovers from Durham were in Gail Saturday.

Mr. Hester was trading in Gail on last Saturday.

Messrs J. I. Wilbourn and Tol Ivy were shaking hands with friends in Gail on last Monday.

Mr. Sealy and family are numbered among the Gailites now. They live in Mr. B. N. Green's house in the East part of town.

Messrs. H. T. Dodson and T. C. Gober made a business trip to Big Springs this week.

J. M. Kincaid and Nephew H. A. Kincaid left town on last Monday on their way to Corpus Christa to prospect in that part of the country for a few months.

Mr. Bryan Williams left Saturday morning to gather up cattle which he will take to Kansas City.

Mr. Graham Whitaker was transacting business in Gail on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benton were visiting in town on last Sunday.

Mr. Bob Whitaker and Miss Hettie Kincaid attended church in Gail on Sunday.

Miss Ethel Attwood from Big Springs arrived in Gail on last Saturday and will teach the primary department of our public school again this term.

Messrs. Eli and Ruff Whitaker were in town Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Berry who went to Dallas last week, has returned with a nice stock of fall and winter goods which will be opened to the public today.

Homer Nisbett and sister Miss Eunice, were here Sunday.

Mr. Roy Haynie from Post city was among friends in Gail on last Monday.

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For Tax Assessor.

S. L. JONES

For Commissioner Prec. 1

F. M. CHRISTOPHER

For Commissioner Prec. 2

WALTER BISHOP

For commissioner Prec. 3

WALTER BISHOP

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cotten returned Sunday from a visit to their brother, Mr. Willie Cotten in Upton county. Mr. T. W. Cotten is closing out his business here this week, and expects to return to Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clebourn Stevens from near Tredway are attending the meeting here this week.

Misses Bertha and Cordie Wilbourn from near Post city was shopping in town on last Tuesday

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Labor for Bryan.

The statement of Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, upon the occasion of a reception tendered him in Fort Worth Monday, that he had been over the country and never before had he seen such a unanimity of sentiment for Bryan among labor men is entitled to no little weight, as from his position a head of the affiliated labor organizations of the country. Besides, his statement is borne out by frequent observations of the conservative and independent press of the country, based as they are upon investigations made by their own trained workers.

It is becoming more evident every day that as the campaign progresses, the conviction is growing in well informed circles that Mr. Bryan will be the next president of the United States. As the business world, whence arose the strongest antagonism toward

him during his two previous campaigns, comes to understand his purposes better, its opposition weakens and manifests a decided inclination to fall to pieces of its own weight. With the former democratic portion of this element of the country's voting strength won to his support, as seems altogether likely, and the bulk of the labor vote thrown to him his triumph will become almost a certainty.

In the present campaign the republican party is in many respects at a decided disadvantage, and appreciating the awakening intelligence of the masses as to its sins of omission and commission, Mr. Bryan with magnificent generalship is pressing an aggressive fight against the weak points in its line of defenses with fierce and determined persistence.

As Mr. Bryan has well observed Roosevelt's aggressiveness has made it possible for the democratic nominee to appeal with confi-

dence to certain heretofore antagonistic elements in the business world for an unprejudiced hearing, and it is already becoming evident that this appeal is having its proper weight.

As between the policies to which the two leaders stand committed those represented by Mr Bryan are clearly imbued with a broader and more unselfish patriotism than those of his opponent, which in several particulars are evasive and ambiguous to such a degree as excite grave suspicion as to their intent.

If the democrats can only manage to throw such publicity upon republican movements as to prevent the amassing of an enormous fund for the corruption of the ignorant and purchasable vote of the country, it is reasonably sure that Bryan will be overwhelmingly elected.—Houston Post,

Little Opel Burnett is on the sick list this week.

Have you attended the tent meeting here? Elder J. T. Strickland of Anson is preaching a series of Sermons, assisted in the song service by T. P. Burt, an experienced teacher of vocal music. Come and you will be both entertained and instructed.

Postmaster W. S. Cathey is in charge of the Chandler store during Mr. Chandlers absence.

N. H. Graham and W. T. Ivy of Garza were here Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Tom Benton is visiting her aunt Mrs. Lizzie Kincaid this week.

Messrs. Jim York, Graham Whitaker and Misses Kate Willis and Bessie Waskom from Durham attended church here Tuesday night.

A grist mill is being erected here an enterprise that is very much needed in our town and community, as it requires good meal to make good corn bread, and the steam ground bolted article does not give satisfaction.

That the Rosco & Snyder R. R. will be extended to Fluvanna in the near future, can now be reckoned as a certainty. A force is now at work grading about a mile from Fluvanna toward Snyder, and the gap should be completed in the next six months.

For the last week the thermometer has registered about 94 degrees at noon. The nights however are very pleasant.

Eld. F. N. Coleman of Snyder will begin a meeting at the Graham school house in Garza county next Saturday night. Elder Coleman is an able gospel preacher.

Tuesday morning a daughter of L. V. Hood was bitten by a rattle snake, and Dr. Hannabass was called to see her and administer medical relief. We regret to hear that she is worse this morning, a message having come in hurriedly for the Dr.

We regret very much to hear of the killing of J. C. Horn of Big Springs on last Friday. In an altercation with Mr. Carter former proprietor of the T. P. Hotel he was shot by him on Friday night and died Sunday. Mr. Horne had many friends and will be greatly missed