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ANNUAL MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

ONLY TWO CHANGES MADE AMONG DIRECTORS OF WICHITA FALLS BANKS.

RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

Banks Have Had Good Year Despite Drought and Outlook Was Never More Promising

From Wednesday's Daily. Annual stockholders meetings were held by Wichita Falls four banks yesterday when directors and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Reports for the year show that all of the banks had done exceedingly well during the past year, especially when the unprecedented drought is taken into consideration. Conditions at the opening of the new year were declared most promising for a prosperous business during the coming six months.

The old officers were re-elected at all of the banks and only two changes were made among the directors. At the First State Bank and Trust Company, W. J. Bulloch will succeed O. C. Robertson as a director and at the Wichita State Bank, T. J. Waggoner becomes a director.

First State Bank & Trust Co. A four per cent semi-annual dividend was declared at the meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank & Trust Company and \$600 was carried over to the surplus fund. The remainder of the earnings on hand were placed in the undivided profits fund. W. J. Bulloch was elected a director, succeeding O. C. Robertson, resigned, and the same officers were re-elected. The officers and directors are: T. J. Taylor, president; J. T. Montgomery, vice president; J. F. Reed, vice president; C. Thatcher, cashier; R. Hyatt, assistant cashier; directors, T. W. Roberts, W. J. Bulloch, Joseph Hund, R. H. Suter, C. W. Bean, J. A. Poohee, and H. G. Karrenbrock.

Wichita State Bank. T. J. Waggoner was elected a director of the Wichita State Bank at the annual meeting of the stockholders yesterday. The officers remain unchanged. The directors are as follows: B. J. Bean, J. M. Bell, W. W. Liville, T. J. Waggoner and W. R. Ferguson.

City National. All the old directors were re-elected and no change was made in the banks' officials.

First National. The stockholders meeting of the First National Bank was postponed yesterday and is being held this afternoon.

SOCIALIST CONVENTION SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A convention of the Socialists of Wichita Falls has been called to nominate a city ticket for the April election. The convention will be held in the Labor Hall Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

A mayor and candidates for alderman will be named, but it is yet uncertain whether candidates for city attorney and the other elective officers will be named.

Manager Fred Lake, of the Providence team, has done quite a lot of hot-footing during his 22 years in baseball. Starting in 1890, in the diamond at Moncton, New Brunswick, in 1890, Fred moved up to the Boston Nationals in 1891. After quitting Boston he was with Milwaukee and Providence in 1892. Wilkes-Barre, 1893-4; Toronto, 1895; Kansas City, 1896; Boston Nationals, 1897; Syracuse, 1898; Manchester, 1899; Manchester, 1899; Lowell, 1901; Nashua and Lynn, 1905; Little Rock, 1906.

Clemenceau Again Breaks The French Cabinet During A Stormy Session Tuesday

By Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 10.—Theophile Decasso, until now minister of marine in the French cabinet, has accepted the portfolio of minister of foreign affairs in succession to Justin De Selves, who retired yesterday after a dramatic scene during the meeting of the committee of the Senate on foreign affairs. There were rumors today of other changes in the ministry. It was the "cabinet breaker," George Clemenceau, who brought about the ministerial crisis, as he has done on many previous occasions. He has been the thorn in the side of Premier Calliaux for some time and was aware that there was some dissension between the foreign minister and the premier. When during the meeting

DR. EZRA PUCKETT DIES IN FORT WORTH

Prominent Wichita Falls Physician Succumbs of Heart and Liver Troubles at Fort Worth

Dr. Ezra Puckett, aged forty-three years, a prominent practicing physician of this city, died between two and three o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Infirmary, in Fort Worth, where he has been for more than six weeks, seeking to recover his health. The direct cause of his death was heart disease and kidney trouble, from which he has been a sufferer for many months. He leaves a wife, and two children, a boy and a girl, eight and ten years respectively, to mourn his loss.

The funeral will probably be held tomorrow morning, and the remains will be laid to rest at Nevada, Collin County, Texas, which was his old home. Drs. J. C. Guest, R. L. Miller, Hartsook, Walker and Amason will leave today for Fort Worth to attend the funeral services, which will probably be held at Fort Worth tomorrow at 10 o'clock, after which the remains will be escorted to the train for Nevada.

Dr. Puckett has only been a resident of Wichita Falls for about a year, but during that time he has won for himself many friends, who will regret to hear of his death. He formerly resided at Henrietta, where he was engaged in the general practice of medicine for a number of years.

The medical association of this city soon after hearing the sad news, sent a telegram of condolence to his widow. Dr. Puckett was appointed, Dr. Miller, Gaston and Jones as a committee to draw up resolutions of respect and regret.

Until a few moments before his death this morning, it was believed by those who were in attendance upon Dr. Puckett that his condition was improving and that he would soon be well. In fact, he had remarked to the nurse a few moments before that he was feeling as well as he had ever felt in his life. Suddenly, however, he was seized with a stomach cramp, and in a few minutes, without ever regaining consciousness, he died.

Mrs. Puckett has been in Fort Worth ever since the beginning of the Christmas holidays, and has been in attendance at his bedside.

S. M. SNODDY BRINGS HOME A BRIDE

County Engineer S. M. Snoddy, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in the state of Kentucky, surprised his many friends in this city today, by returning here with a bride. The wedding took place on January 3rd, at the home of the bride's parents, in Bowling Green, and was a quiet affair. Mr. Snoddy says that as soon as a suitable location can be secured, that he and his wife will be at home to friends in a house of their own in this city.

The following day was taken from the Park City Daily Times, of recent date in Bowling Green, Ky., will more fully explain the event:

H. M. Snoddy and Miss Nora Drake were quietly married this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Dr. Ben Helms, of the Twelfth Street Methodist Church, officiated. They left immediately for Glasgow to visit friends for a few days. Miss Drake is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Drake, on Laurel avenue, and is a very lovely young woman, while Mr. Snoddy is a civil engineer in Wichita Falls, Texas, and is well known here where he attended the State Normal school.

Carrie Reynolds has left John Cort's "Jaquina" company, and will go into vaudeville.

Gilbert and Sullivan's greatest works were produced in this country without netting the authors a penny.

Chapa Found Guilty

Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 10.—F. A. Chapa, charged with the violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, was found guilty in the Federal District Court here today. The jury was out 24 hours.

PRIMARIES ENDORSED

NATIONAL COMMITTEE SELECTS BALTIMORE AND JUNE 25 FOR HOLDING CONVENTION

WILSON BOOM IS GAINING

Burlison Believes Voters of Texas, if Permitted, Will Overwhelmingly Favor New Jersey Governor.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The Democratic National convention will be held at Baltimore on June 25, just one week after the Republican National convention, which convenes at Chicago on June 18.

At first it appeared that money alone would determine which city should get the National convention, and on this score it seemed as though Baltimore would win. Then it was discovered, according to Wilson men, that the Harmon-Underwood-Clark influence was pulling to place the convention in St. Louis, whereupon the Wilson men on the National committee were over to Baltimore and the Monumental City got the convention by a vote of 29 to 22. Nothing was heard of the rumored resolution to abrogate the two-thirds rule, but the Presidential primary resolution went through unanimously.

"There is no need abrogating the two-thirds rule to nominate Mr. Wilson," said W. F. McComb, today. "Because Gov. Wilson will go into the convention with the necessary two-thirds votes pledged, and then some to spare. If it had been necessary to get an expression of the National committee in favor of the abrogation of the rule, it would have been an easy matter to obtain it, because I was feeling as well as he had ever felt in his life. Suddenly, however, he was seized with a stomach cramp, and in a few minutes, without ever regaining consciousness, he died."

It is significant that besides adopting the Chamberlain resolution authorizing the selection at primary elections of delegates to the National convention, when State, Territory or District committees so desire, the National committee also named Norman Mack instead of Tom Taggart as chairman of the arrangement committee which has the selection of the temporary chairman of the convention.

In the executive session this afternoon Senator Owen of Oklahoma is said to have introduced a resolution proposing that the National Democratic organization recognize the Fearst Progressive League. Mr. Owen explained that his idea was to make his league an auxiliary to the party and that the Democratic party should resist the league in its precinct organization.

The adoption of the Chamberlain resolution, authorizing the holding of primary elections for the delegation to the National convention whenever so desired by State, Territory or District committees, has given the primary movement a strong impetus and it is regarded as probable that not only will a large number of delegates to the National convention be named by primary elections, but a number of States will probably pass laws requiring the election of these delegates by direct vote.

"Direct" that the Democratic National Committee has spoken," said Representative Burlison last night. "I hope the State Democratic Committee will respond to the recommendations and resolutions that the two houses of the Legislature adopted, so overwhelmingly and in order, a resolution primary to determine the Presidential preference of the Texas Democrats and elect the delegates to the National convention. I want to see this primary because I am for Woodrow Wilson for President, and I feel that if the Democratic voters are permitted by the State committee to express their sentiments in a direct vote the State of Texas will be overwhelming for Gov. Wilson for President."

The primary resolution adopted was a modification of one proposed by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon. It was framed by a subcommittee headed by Clark Howell and was as follows: "That in the choice of delegates and alternates to the National Democratic convention of 1912 the Democratic State or Territorial committees may, if not otherwise directed by the National committee, determine the primary for the direct election of such delegates or alternates if, in the opinion of the respective committee, it is deemed desirable and possible to do so with proper and sufficient safeguards. Where such provision is not made by the respective committee for the choice of delegates and alternates and where the State laws do not provide specifically the manner of such choice, then the delegates and alternates to the said National convention shall be chosen in the manner that governed the choice of delegates from the respective States and Territories to the last National Democratic convention."

WORST BANKING SYSTEM IN WORLD

Carnegie An Involuntary Witness Before Steel Investigating Committee Today.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Andrew Carnegie was an involuntary witness before the House steel investigating committee today, being peremptorily summoned to Washington. Carnegie made a statement regarding the steel industry and denounced the banking industry of the United States as a disgrace to civilization. "He said the parties were due to the 'worst banking system in the world.'"

In his statement filed with the committee, he points out that the steel companies task had arisen out of the fact that the law on competition in business had recently seemed to be lapsing in certain fields, notably those of natural oil, steel and tobacco. Even now a gigantic railway system embracing nearly one-half of the world's railway mileage has been affected, and several retail companies had been tried and convicted under the Sherman law, he stated. Mr. Carnegie had once expressed a willingness to appear, but recently declined to testify on the ground that his name was as a defendant in the government's suit against the steel corporation.

Miss Lillian Avis, a student of Kidd-Kay College, in Sherman, La., has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Avis, on Austin street, left last night for Sherman to resume her studies.

\$72,064,986.72 BUSINESS BY LOCAL BANK LAST YEAR

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank was held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the offices of the bank. Out of a total of 2000 shares of stock, 1738 were represented. The reports of the officers for the past year were most flattering, showing an increase in the volume of business over last year and placing that institution among the leading banks of North Texas. As part of these reports are interesting to the public as they serve to show the general prosperity of the city. During the year the bank had on its books individual deposits of \$18,570,894.45, and bank deposits of \$3,500,000, making a total of approximately \$22,000,000. The institution has a total of 2500 customers, and made \$129 loans, aggregating \$3,350,886.71. The total volume of business for the year including deposits, loans, collections and exchange amounted to \$72,064,986.72.

At the stockholders meeting the following directors were elected: J. A. Kemp, Frank Kell, P. P. Langford, Wiley Blair, J. J. Perkins, W. L. Robertson and C. W. Snider and at the directors meeting all of the old officers were re-elected. These are: J. A. Kemp, president, P. P. Langford, vice president; C. W. Snider, cashier and W. L. Robertson, assistant cashier.

The bank employs fourteen persons in its various departments, and the most modern banking equipment has been installed. The requirements of its business in the best and quickest possible manner.

SECURITIES VALUED AT \$1,500,000,000

In the Ruins of the Burned Equitable Building—White Hot Furnace Still Glows in Basement

New-York, Jan. 10.—A red hot white furnace still glowed today in the cellars of the ruined Equitable Building resisting all efforts of the firemen to drown it out. Chief Kenton doubted whether the fire would be completely extinguished before nightfall. The blaze is now confined to the ruins in the cellar. There are securities and papers valued at \$1,500,000,000 in the vaults.

A rigid police line is maintained about the ruins, and the cordon covers so wide an area, that sightseers who flocked to the scene are unable to obtain more than a glimpse of the wreckage. In addition to the 100 policemen forty detectives are assigned to the task of preventing the theft of any money or securities still in the burned building. No admission was made to the list of casualties during the early morning hours today. The police blotter give 6 dead, 2 miss and 23 injured. One of the dead is still unidentified, and the body of Walsh, battalion chief of the fire department, was not yet found. The body of William Champion, captain of the watchmen of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, was visible at daybreak through the iron grating at the entrance to the company's vaults.

S. M. FOSTER FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Times is requested to announce Hon. S. M. Foster as a candidate for district attorney for this, the 30th judicial district. Subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held on July 27th. Mr. Foster is now serving the 5th year of his first term in this office, and in seeking for re-election, or the customary second term usually given those public officials who have performed their duties in an able, efficient manner, refers to the record he has made as a prosecutor—as his best recommendation for a second term. As a citizen, he is honorable and upright, and it is not likely that given fair consideration, and he presents the claims of Mr. Foster to the voters of the 30th Judicial District with the hope that they will be careful in his consideration, and believe that should they re-elect him he will make even a better record as a prosecuting attorney during his second term than he has the first.

GOOD RESULTS WERE OBTAINED

DATA COLLECTED BY J. W. CAMPBELL SHOWS KAFFIR CORN PROFITABLE

RAISED AT LOW COST

Much Interest Taken in Girl's Tomato Club and Boy's Corn Club

Surprisingly good results in the growing of kaffir corn planted after the destructive hail storm last July are shown in the reports being collected by J. W. Campbell in charge of the agricultural demonstration work in this section. After the hail storm a number of farmers planted their devastated fields in kaffir corn. Reports collected by Mr. Campbell for the government shows a yield of from twenty-five to fifty bushels an acre. The reports of J. D. Cooper who lives on Red River, north of town shows an average yield of fifty bushels per acre grown at a cost of a fraction over fourteen cents a bushel. Another man reported a yield of forty bushels at an average cost of seventeen cents. A number of demonstration tracts will be planted in kaffir corn by farmers this season and cultivated according to the instructions of the government experts. For results obtained under the Y. M. C. A. conditions last year it is believed that kaffir corn will become a very profitable side crop here. Mr. Campbell is now very busy in getting things lined up for the coming season. He is organizing a boy's corn club. Already over 100 members have been enrolled and others are joining daily. A girl's tomato club has been organized with over sixty members and greater interest than ever is being manifested among the farmers in this work this year than ever before. Mr. Campbell says that the boy's corn club is still open for members and any boy wishing to enroll should send in his name and address. Boys from 14 to 18 years of age are eligible.

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Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN NOW ON

Last night at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters, a luncheon was given to stir up interest in the membership campaign which opened this morning; and judging from the enthusiasm manifested at the affair last night, the present campaign will indeed be a successful one.

A special rally will be given this evening at 8 o'clock, when reports on the first day's progress will be read, and results compared. Refreshments will be served at this time by a committee composed of a number of girls, and a luncheon will be served every night thereafter during the further progress of the campaign, which ends Saturday night. One of the interesting features of the campaign is the placing of a large thermometer on the corner of Ohio avenue and Eight street in front of the City National Bank, which method will be used to inform the public of the speed with which the coveted goal of two hundred new members is being approached. When as many as ten new members are secured, the thermometer will be painted to represent the mercury as having risen ten points, and so on until the two hundred mark has been reached, or passed. The members of the winning team in the contest will be treated to a big banquet, at a date to be announced later, at which they will be the guests of honor. At this banquet, a number of outsiders will be invited in addition to all of the Y. M. C. A. members, both old and new. Next Friday night, it has been decided to hold open house at the new quarters of the Y. M. C. A., corner of Tenth street and Scott avenue, and at that time everybody is urged to attend and inspect the new home of the association. All are cordially invited to be present, and will be made welcome. Features of entertainment will be provided for those who are present.

BLAZE IN BONHAM DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Dry Goods Firm of White, Blakeney & Fuller Are the Principal Losers.

Bonham, Tex., Jan. 10.—Fire which broke out last night about 11:45 o'clock in the building occupied by the dry goods firm of White, Blakeney & Fuller, had at 1 o'clock this morning consumed that building with its contents, entailing the entire loss of both. The loss is expected to be \$46,000 to \$60,000. The stock was valued at \$30,000 to \$50,000. The building was valued at \$8,000. At 1:40 o'clock this morning the fire is under control. The loss is confined to the building in which it started.

CANDIDATE FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

In this issue E. W. Napier announces as a candidate for joint representative in the 101st legislative district comprised of Wichita and Wilbarger counties. This is a new district created by the last legislature and comprises one of the most progressive communities in the entire State, and is a district which any man would be proud to represent. That Mr. Napier would represent the district with credit to himself and to the pride of his constituents none who have known him will doubt. He was born and reared in Wichita county and his record has always been clean. He has studied at the State University and intends to complete his course there before serving out his term in the legislature, if nominated. He has practiced law in Wichita Falls and to practice his profession there. The Times takes pleasure in presenting his claims to the voters of Wichita and Wilbarger counties as one worthy and qualified to be their representative.

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NEW LAW INVOKED -- BOOTLEGGER SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL GETS HIS SENTENCE SUSPENDED

For the first time in Wichita county, the law enacted at the last session of the legislature by which the judge may, upon request, submit the suspension of a sentence found against a defendant to the jury was invoked today by G. E. Drake, who had just been found guilty of the illegal sale of liquor and his punishment fixed at one year in the penitentiary. The indictment charged Drake with selling only one pint of whiskey at Electra; and he testified that his age was fifty-seven years. The jury after consideration of his request recommended that his sentence be suspended and that he be placed under bond of \$500 to appear in the district court two years from date and if he can show that he had been a law abiding citizen during the two years, the charge will be expunged from the record. This afternoon Judge Martin is hearing an application of habeas corpus from Jim Jones, charged with the murder of C. Mofgan at Electra on Christmas day. At Jones' preliminary hearing before Justice Ashworth at Electra, he was bound over to the grand jury without bond. The trial of H. C. Conway of Baird, charged with forgery is set for tomorrow and Friday the State vs. Emmett Macon, charged with assault and murder will come up for trial. It is alleged that Macon assaulted his wife before several months ago, seriously injuring her.

STAYS TO FIGHT MENINGITIS

NOTED PHYSICIAN REMAINS IN DALLAS TO FIGHT MALADY WHILE MOTHER IS DYING

FIVE DEATHS REPORTED

Seventy Deaths So Far Reported in Dallas, 170 in Anglo-Franco

By Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, Jan. 10.—Ten new cases and five deaths from meningitis have been reported here since yesterday noon bringing the total up to 160 cases and 59 deaths. Dr. Abraham Sophian, the New York expert who is here helping fight the outbreak received a telegram today saying that his mother was dying in New York City, but he says he will remain here to continue the fight as he thinks it his greatest duty. An effort is being made to secure serum for distribution throughout the state by the state health authorities who have called upon the authorities over the state to rigidly prosecute the practice in meningitis cases by unauthorized persons.

Refugees Reach Austin

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Jan. 10.—Fifty families arrived here this morning from North Texas points. They are reported to have left their homes on account of the meningitis situation. Many children here have been taken from the schools on account of the contagion. There has been no material development in the meningitis situation in South Texas reported to the state health department, but information from the north part of the State and from Central Texas shows more than a dozen cases developed mostly among negroes between here and Waco.

Schools Closed At Marshall

By Associated Press. Marshall, Texas, Jan. 10.—The city schools are closed on account of meningitis although no cases are reported here now. There was one death yesterday.

Fifth Case At Houston

By Associated Press. Houston, Texas, Jan. 10.—The fifth case of meningitis developed here last night.

A Case At Terrell

By Associated Press. Terrell, Texas, Jan. 10.—A case of meningitis is reported here.

OPERA HOUSE BASEMENT FLOODED WITH WATER

When the opera house was opened up this morning preparatory to getting ready for the wrestling match tomorrow night, it was discovered that some one had broken open a window in the rear of the house and had seemingly deliberately turned on the water. The emergency fire plugs in the basement, thus allowing the water to flood that part of the opera house to a depth of more than three feet. Considerable damage, which is covered by insurance, was the result. The services of the fire department were called in pumping out the water, and the auto fire engine, hand-pumped by a rather small sized hose, occupied more than two hours this morning in pumping out the water from the basement of the building. Officers are searching for the person who broke open the window leading to the basement, and who is supposed to have turned on the fire plug.

New Law Invoked -- Bootlegger Sentenced to One Year in Jail Gets His Sentence Suspended

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WILSON'S LETTER IS PUBLISHED

WROTE LETTER TO AGRICULTURAL LINE, WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF KATY BOARD.

JUST NOW MADE PUBLIC

Given Out in New York Following Comment and Speculation as to What It Contained.

New York, Jan. 8.—The Times says today:

The letter from Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey in which he had objected to say a harsh thing on the subject of William J. Bryan may now be read as it was written back in the days when the writer was president of Princeton University. For the last two days politicians and political onlookers the country over have been speculating as to its tenor and its possible effect on the fortunes and friendships of the New Jersey candidate for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket. Very reluctantly and through a fear that it goes the rounds of word-of-mouth it would excite Adrien H. Jolliffe, to whom the now famous letter was written, allowed a transcript to be made last night. This is it.

Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., April 29, 1908.—President's Room.

My Dear Mr. Jolliffe: Thank you very much for sending me your address at Parsons, Kans., before the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company. I have read it with relief and entire agreement.

Would that we could do something at once dignified and effective to knock Mr. Bryan once for all into a cocked hat.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

Mr. Adrien H. Jolliffe.

Mr. Jolliffe was chairman and president of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company at the time he made the address to the board of directors April 4, 1907, the address which is referred to in the letter and which interested me.

Mr. Jolliffe discussed the epidemic of untruth to the railroads and said that he thought of the opinions expressed by some of the railroads' leading critics. He took issue with Mr. Bryan, classing him among the "badly informed" and among those who do not appear to have given the subject any intelligent attention, and himself called the address "what is perhaps a feeble protest against the blind and foolish outcry against all railways."

The speech was reproduced in a St. Louis newspaper. It was the spring before the panic and many people were acutely interested in the subject. A number of men wrote Mr. Jolliffe to ask for a copy. In response he issued the address in pamphlet form. Dr. Wilson in Princeton received a copy and was minded to write the letter which has now risen out of the past to confront him. That it was still able to rise thus "specter-like" that such a casual note of acknowledgment and expression of sympathy in a newspaper should have been preserved through the passing years; was due to no one's foresight as to the significance and interest it would acquire later on. Besides being a lawyer, a reorganizer of railroads and a writer, Mr. Jolliffe happens to be a collector of autographs. In the course of years he has gathered together a collection of important value and the "Meditations of an Autograph Collector" was from his pen. So instead of destroying the little note he paid Dr. Wilson the compliment of preserving it as an interesting autograph.

In the early months of last year, at a time when it seemed to Mr. Jolliffe that Gov. Wilson was fraying with Mr. Bryan in an interesting fashion, when it struck him that the two men were patting each other on the back, speaking on the same platform and generally harmonizing, he happened to chance upon that forgotten letter of four years before.

He was mildly diverted at the contrast. It just goes to show, he thought, how one's views will change with the years and perhaps with one's becoming a candidate for office, it was with some such amused reflection as this that he took the letter out and showed it to a friend. But that started the speaker walking. It stalked about through the land. The anecdote spread and spread. It was too good to keep and the first thing Mr. Jolliffe knew hints as to the existence of the letter were in the newspapers with the story that Otto T. Bannard had reported it to President Taft and others with the story of its circulation among the gathering clubs in Washington. Sunday papers were out with the version that was in the air, somewhat twisted and diluted in the process of retelling.

Mr. Jolliffe was much disturbed. He had attached no such importance to the letter; it had not seemed to him a startling thing that Dr. Wilson should show a change of heart toward Mr. Bryan once he had changed his political principles as illustrated in the matter of the initiative and referendum. He certainly did not wish to be put in the position of one who would seek to harm Gov. Wilson in any respect or to embroil him in any squabble with the Nebraska leader. When news on Saturday he finally declined to show the letter, or to quote it.

It was not until Sunday when the revelation from memory was taking on strange proportions in some quarters that it seemed fair all around to furnish the real text and thus divert it from the chaff and expansive qualities of mystery.

A few members of the Democratic National Committee are studying with deep interest another letter from Gov. Woodrow Wilson. The letter

WATER HEATER BOILER EXPLODED

Mrs. T. J. Taylor Slightly Scalded and Her Daughter's Vera Cut on the Hand.

From Monday's Daily.

Frozen water pipes caused the explosion of a sixty gallon water heater at the home of T. J. Taylor on Lanny avenue at about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Taylor who was in the room at the time was painfully scalded on the forehead and on her right side and her daughter, Vera suffered cuts on her hand from the breaking of dishes which she was handling at the time.

The boiler was split from top to bottom and was blown across the room and into a pantry adjoining, and the whole house was filled with steam.

Sunday afternoon a water pipe in the Elks hall burst on account of the water freezing and the Palace drug store was flooded before the water could be cut off.

was written on July 6, 1911—a little over four years after his letter against Mr. Bryan and addressed to E. W. Grogan of Bryan, Texas. At that time Texas was in the throes of a great political fight with prohibition as the chief issue.

Mr. Grogan was interested in the matter and he wrote to the Democratic Governor of New Jersey for an opinion. This is the answer that he got:

"I believe that in some States Statewide prohibition is possible and desirable because of their relative homogeneity, while for others I think that Statewide prohibition is not practicable."

"I have no reason to doubt from what I know of the circumstances that Statewide prohibition is both practicable and desirable in Texas. In replying to you I was only trying to state what I think must always be kept in mind—the wide divergence of conditions which makes it impossible to reply to any single question like prohibition in terms which would fit the whole country."

MEETING OF STATE BOARD

STATE HEALTH OFFICER STEINER ASKS FOR MEETING HERE WEDNESDAY.

ADVICE TO PHYSICIANS

Makes Suggestions to City and County Health Officers Regarding Precautions to be Urged.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 9.—There were two important developments here today in the meningitis situation. Dr. Ralph Steiner, State health officer, called a meeting of the State Board of Health, of which he is president, to convene at Dallas Wednesday, and as State health officer, he addressed some pertinent suggestions "To All City and County Health Officers," as to what should be done in the fight against meningitis.

The State Health Board is called to meet in the Oriental Hotel next Wednesday morning to generally discuss the situation with reference to meningitis in this State, precautions to be taken, action necessary and recommendations. Dr. Steiner hopes for a full attendance of the board because of the importance of the meeting.

The latest places to report new cases are Taylor and Austin, each with an additional case. Dr. Steiner did not think it necessary to close here. But private advices from Taylor are to the effect that the schools were closed and all parties and public gatherings are called off, there being something of a scare there.

R. L. Steiner, a Tulsa operator is unloading machinery at Vernon for a well east of that place. Drilling has started on a well on I. M. Smith's farm seven miles east of Vernon and a contract is reported to have been let for a well on Pease River seven miles east of that place, which will be well drilled by the Pease River Oil and Gas Company, four miles west of Vernon, which will make four wells within a short distance of that town, and that section will receive a thorough test.

The Fowlkes Toyette Company has contracted for a well at Fowlkes, a station between Iowa Park and Electric.

The Stanford Oil and Gas Company is expected to start drilling on their tract in the southeastern corner of Haskell county.

The Corsicana Petroleum Company is erecting a rig to drill a test near Burk Burnett and also one northeast of Henrietta, and the next ten days will see work started on a number of new wells.

Price of Shoes to Go Up.

New York, Jan. 9.—The family shoes will cost more this year than they did in 1911. According to the statements made by members of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association, who began their annual meeting in this city today, an advance is absolutely necessary because of the increase in the cost of raw material. I expected that an advance of from five to seven per cent will be made in the wholesale price of shoes, after the fall samples have been sent out in March.

The first extra session ever held by the Idaho legislature will meet this month to revise the revenue laws of the State.

BRYAN THREATENED TO APPEAL "TO THE PEOPLE"—THIRD PARTY IS BEING GIVEN CREDENCE

Nebraskan Becomes Storm Center in Fight to Unseat Col. Guffey and Meeting of National Democratic Committee in Washington—The Lie Was Passed.

Bryan Loses. (Flash)—Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Guffey is retained as National Committeeman from Pennsylvania. Bryan has lost.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—William Jennings Bryan became a storm center at the meeting of the Democratic National Committee here this morning soon after the opening of the session when he attempted to have James M. Guffey of Pennsylvania thrown out of the committee.

When Mr. Bryan holding Nebraska's proxy reached the committee room he was greeted with applause. No other member of the committee was accorded any demonstration.

The roll call of the states had just started when the trouble began. Jas. A. Weatherly of Alabama, was recently selected by the Alabama state com-

mittee to succeed John T. Thomson, deceased. When his name was called Mr. Bryan asked if there was any protest. None being received the Nebraska man moved that his selection be approved. National Committeeman Brown declared that affirmative action by the National Committee was not necessary. Chairman Mack sustained him.

"I appeal from the decision of the chair," shouted Bryan, declaring it a plan to head off the protest against Col. Guffey.

At this juncture the committee went into executive session.

The lie was passed in the Democratic National Committee, and Wm. Jennings Bryan made a threat to "appeal to the people" if overridden by the committee in his fight to unseat Col. J. M. Guffey, the national committee man from Pennsylvania.

This threat, coming immediately after the Bryan-LaFollette conference of yesterday, renewed gossip as to the possibility of a third party.

Col. Guffey hurled the charge of "liar" at Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, who is contesting his seat. The latter replied that he had spoken the truth and that only Guffey's age prevented him from making a personal matter of the affair. Mr. Palmer, had freely charged in his speech to the committee that Col. Guffey had affiliated with Senators ~~Barrow~~ and the Republican leader of Pennsylvania, and he had been disloyal to his party. Mr. Bryan took up the argument in Mr. Palmer's behalf. He declared that he had been thrice been the candidate of his party for the presidency, and that many millions of people had expressed their confidence in him. If the National Committee declined to listen to him he would appeal to the people. The private secretary to Senator Cummins, one of the Republican insurgent leaders, was at the hotel where the committee met and talked with several of the members.

COLD STOPS OIL DRILLERS

NO NEW WELLS HAVE BEEN DRILLED IN SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

NEW TESTS ARE STARTING

Four Wells Going Down Near Vernon—Hardeman County Company Organizing.

An account of the severe cold operations in the oil field are practically at a standstill today and there have been no important developments during the past five or six days. However, if the weather moderates several wells may be brought in within the next ten days. The operators were in no hurry to bring in wells before the first of January and since that date the weather has been so cold that work has progressed slowly.

A dispatch from Devol, Okla., says that a derrick has been erected on the George Cadeika farm, five miles north of that place and that drilling will start this week. Parties are under contract to start drilling not later than January 25th.

The Steel City Oil Company has unloaded thirty car loads of material at Apestone, Okla., and will start drilling northeast of that place as soon as a rig can be erected. The Steel City Company has several thousand acres under lease near Apestone and it is reported will sink a number of tests in that section.

The Comanche Oil and Gas Company has started a rotary on the Kuntz farm, five miles west of Lawton and will get started to drilling in earnest. It will be placed on the ground for a test well north of Rocky Ford on the Deep Red.

At Quannah, Texas, the Hardeman County Deep Well Company is being organized to sink a well near that city. A tract of 136 acres has been platted into lots which will be sold to pay for the drilling of the well. An interest in the well will be given with every lot sold. Payments for the lots are to be made as the well progresses, forty per cent when a depth of 200 feet is reached; twenty per cent at 1000 feet; ten per cent at 2000 feet; ten per cent at 2500 feet and ten per cent at 3000 feet.

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RICHESON WAS SENTENCED TODAY

FORMER PASTOR WHO CONFESSED TO MURDER TO DIE DURING WEEK OF MAY 19th.

HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY

Lead Guilty to First Degree Murder. Only Hope Now With Governor.

Associated Press. Boston, Mass., Jan. 9.—Clarence Richeson in court today, confessed to a murder and was sentenced to electrocution during the week of May next. He made no statement.

Richeson's formal pleading to the first degree murder charge followed his written confession of guilt given last Saturday by which he acknowledged he sent cyanide of potassium to Avis Linnell, a pretty music student, in the guise of a drug assigned to relieve her of an embarrassing physical condition.

The sentencing of Richeson today in his case, should there be an attempt to appeal, up to the Governor and executive council who might alter Richeson's fate to life imprisonment.

Richeson answered the formal questions simply and when asked if he had anything to say, replied, "I have nothing further to say than my written confession."

FAMOUS MURDER CASE IS ON TRIAL

Houston, Texas, Jan. 8.—The case of C. B. Meadows, charged with the murder of Alice Eastup of Commerce, three years ago, will be called for trial today. The woman's body was found in a trunk floating in the ship channel near Houston. On two previous trials the jurors failed to agree on a verdict.

The body when found had been crumpled in a trunk and was identified by a paper found in the trunk. It was later discovered to be that of a woman who had resided in a house of one of the city's most fashionable districts with a man giving the name of Meadows and supposed to be her husband. Meadows was arrested and first denied any connection with her death on the disposition of the body.

Later he admitted he occupied the house with the woman. He said she was addicted to the use of morphine, and said he found her dead one night and fearing charges would be placed against him, placed the body in a trunk and had it thrown into the ship channel. He strenuously denied responsibility for her death. The state contends that the woman had a large sum of money and Meadows strangled her to death to secure it. An inspection of the house, the state claims showed evidence of a struggle and in suit trials possession of considerable money just after the woman's death.

Robert P. Bass, the first direct primary governor of New Hampshire, and who is now mentioned for United States senator from the Granite State, is to be married in a few weeks to Miss Edith H. Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Bird of East Walpole, Mass.

Janesville, Wis., will vote this month on a proposal to adopt the commission plan of government.

Baltimore Gets Democratic Convention

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Baltimore was chosen by the Democratic National Committee today as the place for holding the National Democratic Convention. The date was set for June 25.

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DEMOCRACY IS THE ONLY HOPE

Champ Clark Makes Ringing Appeal For Unity in the Party

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Speaker Champ Clark's speech at the Jackson Day Dinner here last night was an appeal to all those who are opposed to "standpatters" and to "standpat" politics to "stand together, pull together and work together." The only hope of the country for progressive legislation, he declared, lies in the Democratic party because the "standpatters" are in the majority among the Republicans. Referring to the split of the Republican party, the Speaker said it looked as though nothing short of a miracle could bring the warring factions together, but at the same time he warned against depending for success upon opponents' dissensions.

"Democrats desire progressive legislation," said Mr. Clark. "Independents and divers Republicans want it. The majority of the American people favor it. The only way to achieve it is at the hands of Democrats. The insurgent Republicans could, no doubt, enact some remedial legislation if they could, but the standpatters are in the majority in that party and it looks as though they will continue to dominate it indefinitely. It may be for years and it may be forever. They have control of the Republican machine and they will run it over the insurgents ruthlessly. The Independents having no separate party organization will make their influence felt at the polls by voting for those candidates who appear to most nearly approximate their standard; but as they can entertain no reasonable hope of remedial legislation from the Republican party so long as it is dominated by the Standpatters, it is to be hoped that they will give us their aid and comfort by voting for democratic candidates this year. As the insurgent Republicans can achieve nothing except when working in conjunction with Democrats they would most easily and most certainly accomplish their purpose by voting for Democrats all along the line. We are politically somewhat in the same condition which wise old Ben Franklin described himself as being in when, after signing the Declaration of Independence, he exclaimed: 'Now we must all hang together or we will all hang separately.'"

"One thing is clear as crystal," continued the speaker, "in order to win we must hold all the voters we can in this and draw to us about 500,000 who were against us when we were in the majority. Pursuing that line of conduct, victory will perch upon our banners whether the Republicans patch up their differences or not."

"We owe the present Democratic House to the splendid record of the House Democrats of the first Congress and we owe our present improved and improved status in the Congress to that record plus the magnificent record of the Democrats in both House and Senate at the extraordinary session of the present Congress. It was a record gloried by unparalleled unity of purpose and of action and by constructive, manly and unimpaired status in the face of future Congresses. A quantity and quality of legislation work done. It detracts nothing whatsoever from our record that the President nullified by his vetoes the beneficial results which would have flowed from our enlightened and patriotic endeavors.

"We made our record," he made his people—the court of last resort in politics—must decide the case upon those records next November. We wait their decision with confidence and hope, believing that as we stand by our friends here, they will prove to be our friends at the ballot box.

"There is no reason why we should not make as splendid a record at this extraordinary session as we made at the important and momentous session of the end and in the expectation that I will present a united front during this session and go on redeeming our promises as we did at the extraordinary session. Democrats everywhere will present a united front in the campaign and on election day and hereby win a sweeping victory in the cause of good government.

"None was not built in a day and it is impossible to expect a nature of things to enact into law in a few days a few weeks or even in a few months all the reforms for which we declared in the Denver platform. Some timorous persons fear we have revealed too fast, some important ones assert that we are too slow. Judging, however, by expressions of individuals and of the public press, it may be reasonably concluded that we not only receive but what is far better, that we deserve the approbation of nearly all Democrats and Independents, as well as the endorsement of many patriotic Republicans.

"The results of the November elections demonstrate conclusively that the Republican campaign canard which has been overworked many a time to the effect that Democratic 'clouded' reforms panics has been exploded forever for the places where National issues and National issues alone were considered were the very places where Democrats did the best. This was notably the case in Massachusetts and in Joe Tarkenton's Congressional district in Kansas and in Dan V. Stephens' district in Nebraska.

"Evidently the people believe that the plan we agreed upon and proceeded to revise the tariff schedules by schedule is wise. That being the case we will go on and have begun revising the Tariff on Democratic lines, proceeding as rapidly as it is possible to revise it in a careful, scientific and painstaking way. In performing this patriotic and difficult task and in performing other

WILL PRONOUNCE DEATH SENTENCE

JUDGE WILL HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE IN THE CASE OF REV. RICHESON.

GOVERNOR ONLY HOPE

Richeson's Counsel Believed Confession Will Save Life of Minister.

Associated Press. Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Broken in spirit and with his signed confession in the hands of the district attorney, Rev. Richeson is expected to plead guilty to the poisoning of Avis Linnell when he is placed on trial today.

While the court has no option except to pronounce death sentence, counsel for Richeson hope his confession when commutation of death sentence is asked of Governor Foss and the executive council. The Governor cannot act without the consent of the majority of the council.

(Bulletin)—Boston—Richeson did not plead today, his case being postponed at the last minute until tomorrow.

patriotic and difficult tasks we invite the aid, comfort and assistance of all Democrats and of all who love justice and who desire the prosperity of the people and of all the people.

"On matters of principle there should be absolutely no compromise even to secure and retain unity but each and every one should be willing to yield on non-essentials which are not matters of principle for the general good in the efforts which we are making for better government.

"The Republicans seem to be utterly demoralized and split to pieces. It looks as though nothing short of a miracle will reunite them. It is not, however, the part of wisdom for us to rely for success upon their dissensions for they may accidentally get together. That their quarrels, unless composed, will help us there can be no question. Our chief reliance for success is to give to the people such a record for honest, intelligent, courageous constructive statesmanship as to convince the country beyond the shadow of a doubt that we are worthy of the continued and enlarged confidence of the public. That is the straightest, plainest, shortest and easiest road to complete success. Pursuing that line of conduct, victory will perch upon our banners whether the Republicans patch up their differences or not."

20,225 BALES GINNED IN WILBARGER

Vernon, Texas, Jan. 8.—Drilling in the test well for oil or gas is progressing very satisfactorily, a depth of about six hundred feet having been reached. Several "gas pockets" have been encountered, but the show of gas was not sufficient to amount to anything worthy of mention.

FUNERAL OF MRS. EDNA HARDIN-CLARK

From Tuesday's Daily.

The funeral of Mrs. Edna Hardin Clark, who died at Colorado Springs, last Saturday night, took place from the residence of W. E. Brothers on 10th street at 10 o'clock this morning. Rev. T. R. Boies conducting the funeral service, after which interment took place at Riverside Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Clark was held yesterday afternoon, but was delayed on account of the train from Colorado Springs bearing the remains being several hours late.

She leaves a young husband, Mr. O. L. Clark, of Burk Burnett, who had been residing with his invalid wife at Colorado Springs for the past two years.

The funeral was attended by quite a number of friends and relatives, many coming here from Burk Burnett, (at which place deceased resided, before her illness,) to pay respect to her memory and as a slight token of the high esteem in which she was held by those who had known her longest.

INSTRUCTED VERDICT FOR THE DEFENDANT

From Tuesday's Daily.

Submitting the case solely on the evidence offered by the State and without introducing a single witness, Alex Sanders, former deputy constable, was acquitted this afternoon of the serious charge on which he had been indicted. At the conclusion of the State's testimony Mathis & Key demurred to the indictment which was sustained by Judge Martin who gave peremptory instructions to the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, which was done without the jury leaving the box.

This morning the chief witness for the State refused to testify and was sent to jail for an hour and a half. Her testimony utterly failed to make a case against the defendant Sanders.

U. S. Troops to China

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News From Oil Fields

Oil and Gas Journal:

Electra, Tex., Jan. 2.—The Electra field continues to make good, binding in some nice wells right along. The Red River Oil Company has just completed Nos. 10 and 11...

There is a bunch of wells drilling and a lot of rigs up and as soon as the weather, which is very severe just at present, loosens up a little there will be a lot of work here...

The Corsicana Petroleum Company's No. 6 on the Woodruff-Putnam is being tested at 1,900 feet and looks as if it would have to go into the dry hole column...

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of the farm. It made three nice flows before it could be connected up with the tanks and will probably make 200 barrels, the first twenty-four hours after being put to pumping...

It was reported late this afternoon that the test of Neff and Overman on the Flusche land in lot 229, about two miles north of the field, had found some good looking sand at 1,700 feet...

The oil, if any of course would not show until the casing had been put in and the water pumped out but the finding of sand at that depth leads one to think that possibly there may be oil in it...

The test of the Producers on the Flusche land, lot 255, Wagonway survey, half mile east and the same north of the Flusche well is shut down with the hole full of water at 2,000 feet but is said will be drilled deeper, possibly to 2,500 feet...

Hut Reed and associates test on the Jennings triangle, a quarter of a mile south west of town is just getting nicely started being about 300 feet...

This well looks to be right in line with the field and ought therefore to come in a winner. Russell, Flanagan and Flivick have a rig up on the Fisher No. 1 in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of lot ten...

one mile east of Electra. The Corsicana Petroleum Company's number 3 on the Allen lot 225, is 750 feet; No. 2 on this lease is making 2755 barrels. The same company's drilling one well on the Cross & Brown land has three rigs on same land...

Its No. 6 on the Woodruff-Putnam land is 1,940 feet and is being tested, having had a show of oil at that depth. On the same farm No. 12 is making 200 barrels...

No. 16 is drilling and a rig is up for No. 11 same people have a rig up on the Brewer lot 223 and are drilling No. 1 on the Brewer lot 255; and is down about 950 feet...

Same company's No. 1 on the A. F. Dennis, lot 38, Wilbarger County is being tested at 1,150 feet, where it got a showing of oil and has one well drilling at 1,200 feet and two rigs up on the Powers lot 234, also a rig up on the Allen lot and is testing their No. 6 Woodruff-Putnam well at 1,950 feet...

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lows; Kansas and Oklahoma advanced from 42 to 44 cents, January 2. On January 3, the price of Caddo was advanced from 42 to 44 cents, and on March 13 the oil was graded, the price established being 60 cents for light and 44 cents for heavy...

On May 2, advances were made as follows: Illinois light from 60 to 63 cents, Illinois heavy from 52 cents to 55 cents; Princeton, Ind., from 60 to 63 cents; Kansas and Oklahoma from 44 to 46 cents; Caddo, under 40 degrees, from 41 to 50 cents...

On June 14, advances were made as follows: Illinois light, from 63 cents to 65 cents; Princeton, Ind., from 63 to 65 cents; Kansas and Oklahoma from 44 to 46 cents; Caddo above 40 degrees, from 55 to 60 cents...

On August 5, the price of Caddo under 40 degrees was reduced to 40 cents. On September 15, the prices of the following grades of oil were advanced two cents per barrel: North and South Lima, Indiana, Princeton, Somerset, Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma, Caddo light and Canada...

On September 19, the price of Illinois heavy oil was advanced two cents, December 26, the price of Pennsylvania, Mercer black, New Castle, Corning, Cabell and Somerset advanced five cents and Ragland advanced three cents. Kansas and Oklahoma, January 2, 1912, advanced three cents to 53.

The prices paid for oil of various grades by the purchasing agencies are: Pennsylvania, \$1.35; Mercer black, .92; Cabell, .09; New Castle, .89; Corning, .82; Cabell, .96; North Lima, .84; South Lima, .79; Indiana, .79; Princeton, .67; Somerset, .78; Ragland, .48; Illinois, above 30 degrees, .47; Illinois, under 30 degrees, .57.

Mid-continent Quotations: Prairie Oil & Gas Co., .57; Petroleum Products Co., .55; Texas Company, .57; Gulf Pipe Line, .53; Corsicana, light, .55; Corsicana, heavy, .56; Henrietta, Texas, .57; Caddo, 40 degrees and above, .62; Caddo, under 40 degrees, .46; Canada, .72.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gentlemen:—Members of the Chamber of Commerce:

As the retiring secretary of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and by accordance with custom which attaches to the office, I have the honor to submit the Annual Report for the year 1911, which shall be in the nature of a review of the work and activities of the year, and such information as may be deemed of general interest to the members.

Financial Statement (Abridged) Receipts: Cash on Hand Jan. 10th, 1911 \$843.14; Dues and Donations 1911, 11,329.85; Total \$12,172.99

Disbursements: Operating Expense \$4,608.76; General Expense 7,028.13; Total Disbursements 11,636.89; Cash on Hand Jan. 8, 1912, 536.10

Never in the history of the organization has the financial support been stronger for its equipment in a more prosperous condition than at the present month.

This you will please understand has been done during one of the most trying years Wichita Falls and its contiguous territory has ever experienced. A great many business houses in this city cannot show a record, and are classes to foster and cherish this organization as one of the large assets of Wichita Falls, regardless of whom its directors and officers may be.

It will never be possible to elect officers who can please each and every member, but from the record you cannot but see that your interests have been well served and that the organization, not men personally, should have your co-operation and continued support.

When curtailing the expense of your business for any reason, the non-payment of dues is a reflection on the Chamber of Commerce, instead of being the first act, as has been done during the year in a number of cases, should be the last item of expense that you should see fit to do away with, because when business is dull and the general situation bleak, the work of the organization is not relaxed, but on the contrary, more energy is necessary and more expense incurred to do everything possible to make conditions better.

The amount of delinquent dues and unpaid subscriptions is not a disgraceful condition, but a fact that has prevailed. Every effort has been made to collect this amount, which could have either been profitably spent in advertising or in some advantageous way to promote your industry, but at least have a large cash balance with which to begin the new year.

Your retiring secretary urges your continued support to your new directors and that those members who have not yet paid their dues, do so at once and give them encouragement to surpass all previous records during the ensuing year.

The total enrolled membership for 1911 was 356, with a net contributing membership of 298, the support having held up well in view of the depression in business affairs during the twelve months just past.

Eighty-eight originally subscribed, but many of these have since failed to fulfill their obligations and pledge.

The financial support being in excess of any previous year, shows a rate of \$1.20 for every man, woman and child in this city based upon the present population and establishes a new challenge to every citizen in this country.

Those members who have persistently and faithfully supported the Chamber of Commerce deserve and have the sincere congratulations and appreciation of the retiring secretary and board of directors.

It is regretted that any citizen, whether he receives a direct or indirect benefit, and we are all indirectly benefited by the work of this organization, should expect and permit 300 men to bear the entire expense of the efforts put forth for the upbuilding of the capital of this city.

The farmers of Wichita County who receive some of the greatest direct benefits of the work of this organization pay ridiculously small amount toward the support of this organization. It is the duty of the farmers to support this work just as much as any other citizen.

Support the Chamber of Commerce should be the slogan, and then get out and help do the work. Join and meet together in membership-at-large gatherings of an informal character as frequently as you can for a free and open discussion of what has been done during the quarter and plan for the common good.

There should be no small policies or narrow principles insisted; it should be big, frank and straight, asking favor not for oneself but individually or for the city in the name of the city and community alone.

On that high level there has been an endeavor to build up the Chamber of Commerce. Whether the man who pays one of seventy-five cents membership fee or one of one hundred dollars, all are treated on the same fair treatment from this body, no personal interests are recognized and all are allowed the same voice in its affairs.

There has been no attempt to show a man that he is going to get a dollar and ten cents in actual money or trade for every dollar he puts into membership in this organization. At the moment that you undertake to serve the Chamber of Commerce a financial proposition, or membership in it an investment security, you eliminate civic pride, and that membership avails you nothing.

Look upon the work of the organization from the proper view point, namely, the good that is accruing to the community.

The membership committee works with the idea in mind—what good can each member do for the organization to enable it to do the many things...

the Y. M. C. A. effected. In everything looking to the betterment of local conditions the organization has taken a leading part.

Entertainment, Conventions, Etc. In reviewing this branch of the work for the past year, the records show the entertainment of the Wichita Falls Boosters to the number of 175 and the bonds of friendship strengthened with that live community which should be made more accessible at an early date through the construction of a direct line railway.

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce Trade Extension expedition was given a hearty and eloquent welcome at the existing good will of Dallas business interests strengthened through the entertainment of 125 representative Dallasites.

Among the numerous conventions entertained in this city during the year 1911, the most important doubtless was that of the state association of Retail Merchants who all went away singing the praises of the city and pronouncing their every desire satisfied along lines of entertainment.

Another state convention held in the city was that of the Texas Christian Endeavor Association and in addition to this for a period of one month an ad was carried in the classified columns of one hundred leading dailies throughout the country.

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has been changed weekly thus circulating over 4000 copies of approved medium of publicity. Articles of interesting reading and illustration have been furnished and published in the Dallas News, Fort Worth Record, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Chicago Record-Herald, the Manufacturers Record, the Tradesman, the New York Commercial, the Voice, the Pittsburg Dispatch, the Texas Magazine, the Texas Trade Review, the American City, Municipal Development, Southwestern Retailer, Cotton News and a number of other publications.

Full page display ads have appeared in the Chicago Record-Herald, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the former with a guarantee that 250,000 copies of which many inquiries were received and the latter was distributed direct to every prominent advertising man in America and abroad in addition to the regular circulation.

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It now appears that Mr. Johnson, member of the Democratic National Committee, did call on Governor Harmon while in Washington, and did pledge the convention of Texas to Harmon. Either he did this, or that Congressman from Ohio, who says he was present at the time, has grossly misrepresented Mr. Johnson. At any rate, it now looks as if it was up to Mr. Johnson to do some explaining.

The time for candidates to announce for city, county and precinct offices is now here, and some of them, realizing the best way to get before the voters is through the Times, have handed in their announcements. At the very beginning, the Times will say that, as a newspaper, it will take no part in any local contest where only Democrats are the contestants, and the announcement column is open to all alike at the following rates:

County office, daily and Weekly Times, \$10.00; precinct offices, daily and weekly, \$10.00; city offices, daily only, \$5.00.

If you want to vote in the city election to be held in April, the primary election on July 27, or at the general election in November, you must have a poll tax receipt showing payment before February 1st, 1912. This is the law, and whether good or bad, it must be complied with at least until it is changed or amended. The July Primary election will be of great interest, and most every man will want to vote at that election. Fix yourself now in order that you may be entitled to vote.

Quannah is threatening to put in a second telephone system. This is caused by the present company making a raise in its rates on account of improved service. Two telephone systems in any town or city, it must be admitted, are not desirable, but it is a noticeable fact that where there are two systems the rates are only about one-half of that charged by one system. Telephone companies are entitled to a fair profit on the money invested, but there should be a way to force them to give service at a moderate rate without the putting in of a second system. The fact that they do lower their rates in towns and cities where there are two systems is tolerably good evidence that they are overcharging before the competing system is put in. The best and cheapest way for Quannah to handle the question is for the city council to determine how much the present company has invested in the local system, the cost of operating same, and then fix a rate that will allow a reasonable profit on the investment to be earned. Then if the present company does not see proper to accept the proposition, there will be others that will. It is the duty of the city government to protect the people who made the government possible.

This can be done by revoking or refusing to grant franchises. If this is done, Quannah and no other town or city will have need for but one telephone company.

The Index was shown a circular letter a few days ago, which is being sent out by some Catholic organization, requesting all Catholic to work and vote against Hon. John H. Stephens. The ground for the light is the position taken by Mr. Stephens in opposing that the money of the Indians in Oklahoma, or other parts of the United States, be paid to sectarian schools for teachers. It is claimed that the Catholics were receiving about 80 per cent of the money being paid out for the education of the Indians in Oklahoma. The circular was addressed to a paper published by the Catholic churches, and if requested that all Catholics get to work at once and see that Mr. Stephens was defeated, as he would cause them to lose a large sum of money. There is not much danger of Mr. Stephens being defeated by the actions of the Catholics in this district, as there are not enough of them to do harm or send to any candidate—Children's Index.

There must be some mistake about this. The Catholic church should not be held responsible for the individual acts of some of its members, or even some of its institutions. In the first place, even if the church as a whole should endorse that kind of action, it could not win in any political contest in a particular section, simply for the reason that such action would naturally array against it the Protestant churches, which outnumber the Catholics, both in membership and institutions. The Catholics, as a rule, have knowledge of this fact, and are in a better position to know their strength and the effect of such a campaign. It might, and probably would lose Mr. Stephens a large part of the Catholic vote.

more than made up or over-balanced. Mr. Stephens is a hard, faithful worker in congress. There might be and doubtless are others who would prove just as faithful, but they hesitate to contest with him for the office, and so long as they do not, he will continue to be re-elected as often as he asks. The index need not be blamed for his political welfare. If he waits until the Catholics in this district defeat him, he will be our congressman for quite a number of years to come.

The women voters in California outnumber the men voters by over 100,000, it is said. If they could agree to vote the same ticket they have it in their power to show to the world the kind of government that women can run.

That peace meeting held in New York Saturday night seems to have been named wrong. It has had more to do with string things up in a political way than anything that has happened recently. Several foreign diplomats received instructions from their government to remain away, even after the invitation had been accepted. As the affair was given in honor of President Taft, their act is considered by some as an insult to the United States, and it is more than likely that if such an insult had been directed at any other than the man who is now our president, those representatives of foreign countries would have been given their passports with the result that some apologies would have to be made, and in the event they did not comply threats of war would have followed. It was a most splendid opportunity for a fellow with the disposition of ex-President Roosevelt. He could have hardly turned it down. But Taft is different, and it is perhaps best that he is.

There is great need of a reform in the laws of the United States. Though we may denounce reformers all we may, we must admit after all that the man who is not a reformer generally amounts to nothing, and often is a degenerate—a fellow who does not want to disturb conditions as they now exist, who does not want to make corrections where there is a need for them. For instance there was a large building destroyed by fire in New York some time last year, and the lives of about one hundred working girls were snuffed out. The proprietors of that fire-trap were arrested on the charge of criminal negligence, or something of that sort, and the other day were tried and acquitted. Their defense was that the girls who lost their lives had, prior to accepting the positions carrying with them wages barely sufficient to keep soul and body together, even if they got in full time, something like 50c per day, or \$3 per week, signed some sort of an instrument that waived all deficiencies in the construction of the building, and on that account and under such a contract, the honorable court held they (the girls) were guilty of contributory negligence. There are some who no doubt will say "that is nothing the matter with a law like that, but the man who does hold to a view is nothing more nor less than an ignorant or worse still, a murderer at heart. The proprietors of that building know it was unsafe, and knowing this should have held responsible for the lives lost in the burning of that building. For a few hundred dollars the building could have been made comparatively safe, but they, for a few dollars, preferred to take the chances, and to guard against financial loss in the courts had to girls sign papers which, under the rotten law, would exonerate them in the case of just such a horrible affair as that which happened. The McNamara's destroyed lives and property because of their over zealousness for the cause of labor. They were guilty of murder and should have received the extreme penalty of the law. The proprietors of that destroyed building are just as guilty of murder, and the strongest evidence of their guilt is the very fact that they had knowledge of the faulty construction of the building, but instead of having it made safe, contemplated what might happen at any time, and guarded themselves against financial loss by having the working girls place their signatures to contracts, the contents of which they could not have been capable of placing the proper or legal construction.

Some Political Observations. Judging from local indications, the political pot will soon be boiling. Each faction has already begun to make medicine and before many moons there will be something doing in city and county politics. Whether or not there is any just complaint against existing conditions is a question subject to discussion, and no doubt each individual is prepared to express his own views from a standpoint in which he takes an interest in public affairs.

As to what extent political parties, unions and civic clubs will take in the coming elections will depend largely upon the voting strength they can muster at the polls to back up their demands. This much is fore-shadowed in the news items that appeared in Friday's issue of the Times, which opens up the whole situation for general discussion, and ought to clarify things before the day of election. From an abstract point of view, personal and unpolitical, the Times desires to make a few observations. The object of municipal corporations is, under the law, and ought to be in practice, to be of the greatest good to the greatest number, regardless of any special interests, political machines or factional demands. Even an exact justice to all men under the law, administered by honest, conscientious and capable officers, ought to satisfy any patriotic citizen, no matter what may be his political affiliations or fraternal relations.

The only safe man, who can be trusted by all the citizens alike, whether they be rich or poor, capitalist or laborer, union or non-union, Democrat, Republican or Socialist, is the officer who will first go to statute books and ordinances, and there read and learn his duties; rise above his own personality, lay aside his personal views, his friendships and enmities and perform his official acts without fear of political punishment or hope of political reward. That is the kind of an ideal officer in whom all citizens can trust, resting assured that while they are attending to their personal and commercial affairs in pursuit of their business, the municipal affairs of the city and the legal affairs of the county are being conducted in a satisfactory manner. Any officer who is purely selfish and a very dangerous one that will prove disastrous in the end. We must all remember that our officers are only our business agents, entrusted with the community property, and conduct to community, business and render an account to the people.

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companied by a press agent, and begun to throw plates? We shudder to think of the riot that would follow.

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According to a statement made in a speech recently by Senator La Follette, the entire business interests of the country are controlled absolutely by less than one hundred men. Now, if he will name them, we can know beyond a reasonable doubt who is to blame for the present high cost of living. Doubtless the first names on the list will be John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Andy Carnegie, and then will come quite a number of U. S. Senators, starting them in alphabetical order with Aldrich. But we hesitate to go down the line further. Aldrich is no longer in the Senate, having retired because he did not want to serve longer. But those who are still serving are rather sensitive when it is even intimated that they have "played in" with "big business" for the money they could see in such tactics, regardless of how their constituents whom they are misrepresenting thought.

When the time comes that the people will be allowed to elect their United States Senators by a direct vote, it will not be quite so easy for "big business" to buy seats in the highest law-making body in the United States. Even if only one-tenth part is true that is being charged, there are several states, both Democratic and Republican, that have U. S. Senators who hold their positions for no other purpose other than to serve the rich, and all of them are being well paid for their time and services. This has gone on so long until now little or nothing is thought of a man who can be elected to a seat in the United States Senate a poor man, and after serving a term or so is able to retire and be in the millionaire class. This will probably always be the case, simply from the fact that the people will never learn that the money which it requires to buy legislation is eventually paid for by them in the increased cost of living.

Organized labor has learned a lesson—it will be more careful in the selection of its leaders, and society will pause and inquire if there is anything wrong in the conditions which led these men to enter into so dastardly a conspiracy against life and property.—Bryan's Commoner.

The candidate crop promises to be exceedingly heavy this year. There are several fat, juicy offices, any one of which is well worth trying for, and there are many who are going to enter the contest. For instance, there is the office of county clerk, the best in the county, and it having become known that the present incumbent, Mr. Walter Reid, an able and efficient officer, will retire at the end of the present term, the list of those who have aspirations to succeed him, if posted, would look like that of a delinquent tax record after a three years drought. But every man has a right to offer for office, and it is not for the newspaper man to discourage the contest. The more that get into it, the better, and his sympathies generally, are always with the fellow who fails to land the plum.

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Organized labor has learned a lesson—it will be more careful in the selection of its leaders, and society will pause and inquire if there is anything wrong in the conditions which led these men to enter into so dastardly a conspiracy against life and property.—Bryan's Commoner.

The candidate crop promises to be exceedingly heavy this year. There are several fat, juicy offices, any one of which is well worth trying for, and there are many who are going to enter the contest. For instance, there is the office of county clerk, the best in the county, and it having become known that the present incumbent, Mr. Walter Reid, an able and efficient officer, will retire at the end of the present term, the list of those who have aspirations to succeed him, if posted, would look like that of a delinquent tax record after a three years drought. But every man has a right to offer for office, and it is not for the newspaper man to discourage the contest. The more that get into it, the better, and his sympathies generally, are always with the fellow who fails to land the plum.

As to what extent political parties, unions and civic clubs will take in the coming elections will depend largely upon the voting strength they can muster at the polls to back up their demands. This much is fore-shadowed in the news items that appeared in Friday's issue of the Times, which opens up the whole situation for general discussion, and ought to clarify things before the day of election.

From an abstract point of view, personal and unpolitical, the Times desires to make a few observations. The object of municipal corporations is, under the law, and ought to be in practice, to be of the greatest good to the greatest number, regardless of any special interests, political machines or factional demands. Even an exact justice to all men under the law, administered by honest, conscientious and capable officers, ought to satisfy any patriotic citizen, no matter what may be his political affiliations or fraternal relations.

The only safe man, who can be trusted by all the citizens alike, whether they be rich or poor, capitalist or laborer, union or non-union, Democrat, Republican or Socialist, is the officer who will first go to statute books and ordinances, and there read and learn his duties; rise above his own personality, lay aside his personal views, his friendships and enmities and perform his official acts without fear of political punishment or hope of political reward. That is the kind of an ideal officer in whom all citizens can trust, resting assured that while they are attending to their personal and commercial affairs in pursuit of their business, the municipal affairs of the city and the legal affairs of the county are being conducted in a satisfactory manner. Any officer who is purely selfish and a very dangerous one that will prove disastrous in the end. We must all remember that our officers are only our business agents, entrusted with the community property, and conduct to community, business and render an account to the people.

If it were otherwise, the general interests would be subordinate to special interests, and there would be divisions and dissensions that would soon destroy the city.

Canal Free From Toll Would Increase Trade



Director General of the Pan-American Union

Would Pay For Cost of Construction In Short Time

If the United States would experience the largest benefits possible to its foreign commerce from the Panama canal it will make this interoceanic WATERWAY AS FREE TO THE SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS AS ARE THE TWO OCEANS WHICH IT WILL CONNECT. The only valid reasons for charging tolls are, first, to pay the cost of operation, maintenance and interest on investment, and second, to protect the transcontinental railways from the COMPETITION of a free canal. If, then, corresponding and compensating advantages in each case will result from a free canal, it should be made FREE. The increase of the trade of the United States through a free canal will be so much greater than that through a toll canal that this increase in the first year would EQUAL THE REVENUE FROM TOLLS FOR FIVE YEARS, while in ten years the increase resulting from a free canal over that of a toll canal would pay nearly twice over the original cost of the canal, or fifty times the cost of annual operation.

What Makes Parasites of Women?

WE MUST ADMIT THAT THERE ARE VERY MANY WOMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO ARE GETTING A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN THEY GIVE IN RETURN. SUCH WOMEN ARE PARASITES. THEY EXIST IN EVERY CLASS AND ARE NOT CONFINED TO THE RICH. THERE IS IDLENESS IN THE TENEMENTS AS WELL AS ON FIFTH AVENUE. Is the housewife of today a degenerate weakling as compared with her great-grandmother? Our great-grandmothers contributed to the national wealth as the women of today cannot. They did all the spinning and weaving; they cared for the sick and the old and the weak-minded. Today the FACTORY HAS TAKEN WOMAN'S HOME INDUSTRIES AWAY FROM HER, and the hospital and the trained nurse have assumed the care of the sick and the infirm. She is left with a great deal of leisure, and her activities, except in a small class, are not worthy of her opportunities.



Woman Suffragist

THE EXTRAVAGANT DRESSING OF TODAY IS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE IDLENESS OF THE PARASITIC WOMAN. WOMEN HAVE NEVER BEFORE SPENT SO MUCH MONEY ON THEIR GOWNS OR WORN SUCH EXTREME FASHIONS AS PREVAIL TODAY. LAVISH ENTERTAINING IS ANOTHER REGRETTABLE RESULT OF FEMININE LEISURE.

Dissolution of the Trusts Is Not a Solution of the Question

How It Can Be Solved By Us
By GEORGE W. PERKINS, Prominent Financier

Half a century ago the introduction of machinery caused riot and bloodshed, so the appearance of trusts aroused the utmost hostility, but the DISSOLUTION OF TRUSTS IS NOT A SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION, as we are after substance and not form. Moreover, the United States must have large business concerns, and it is not the size of these corporations, but their PRACTICES AND METHODS, that people are afraid of.

THE EVILS, OF WHICH THERE HAS BEEN JUST CAUSE OF COMPLAINT, ARE OVERCAPITALIZATION AND STOCK WATERING, UNBRIDLED CONTROL BY A FEW MEN OF HUGE AGGREGATIONS OF CAPITAL, SECRET UNSCRUPULOUS BLIND POOL METHODS AND THE UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS. The present chaotic condition must not only be amended, it must be ENDED. Personally I believe the following to be a constructive suggestion: That we retain the basic idea of the Sherman law in so far as it strikes at actual RESTRAINT OF TRADE and the acquisition of monopoly; that we strengthen its purpose materially by making clear that crime and guilt are PERSONAL, and not corporate by making the punishment fit the crime.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The following rates will be charged for announcements appearing in The Daily and Weekly Times: District Offices \$15.00 County Offices 15.00 Precinct Offices 10.00 City Offices 5.00 These rates are cash and must be paid in advance.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

All nominations under this heading are subject to the action of the Democratic primary. For District Attorney 30th Judicial District S. M. FOSTER For Representative 145th District E. W. NAPIER For County Judge C. B. FELDER re-election. H. A. FAIRCHILD For Sheriff R. L. (JOHN) RANDOLPH LEWIS JERNIGAN For County Tax Collector W. H. DAUGHTERY For County Tax Assessor JOHN ROBERTSON For County Clerk E. P. WALSH CARL YEAGER For County Treasurer T. W. McHANN For County Attorney B. T. (BOB) BOONE T. B. GREENWOOD For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1 JOHN GLEN W. J. HOWARD For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1 R. T. (TOM) PICKETT HENRY M. ALLEN

CORN NOT NECESSARY AS A HOG FEED

Wichita Falls, Texas, Jan. 10, 1912. To the Editor of the Times On January 4th there appeared in "The Corn Belt Farm Daily" of St. Louis an advertisement signed by a gentleman whose address is Wichita Falls, offering lots of 200 or more fine pigs and giving as his reason—"Loss of corn crop reasons for selling." Yesterday we received the following letter from Mr. J. W. Allison, Ennis, Texas, one of the celebrated hog raisers of Texas. "The day is long past when the loss of a corn crop means disaster to any feeder in the cotton belt, for in meal and hulls he has got a better hog feed than corn even at the price it commands in good crop years. Let him make a mixture of 100 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal \$1.60 100 lbs. Cotton Seed Hulls .50 100 lbs. Corn chops 1.50 300 lbs. Mixed Feed - \$3.60 or if they can be bought as cheap or any cheaper he can substitute for the corn chops a rice bran, wheat bran, middlings or oats. Wet this mixture thoroughly and let it sour. At the time of feedings thin to about the consistency of buttermilk, and give the hogs all they can clean up. This makes the cheapest, safest and best ration for hogs in the world, and will give more growth, fat, lean meat and better pork than any amount of corn and at less cost. If he don't believe it, send him down here and I'll show him the hogs eating every day, only I use rice bran instead of corn chops. Of course he would like to set 50 pound pigs at \$4.00 each—so would I, but not because we have no corn, but because I get meal and hulls, and by the use of it can grow better pigs and cheaper pigs than any corn raiser can."

It can be seen from the foregoing that no hog raiser in this section should give up because the corn crop failure, in fact has a better hog feed in meal and hulls even if he had a good corn crop. Yours truly, D. P. Talley, Gen'l Manager Wichita Cotton Oil Company. Bill Panke has joined the "come backs" and figures that he is still good for another crawl between the ropes. Willie Lewis will leave for Paris soon, where he has a boat scheduled with George Carpenter, who defeated Harry Lewis. Frank Baker, the clean-up swatter, has purchased another farm. If the Athletics continue to win champions, ships "Good Night" will own the State of Maryland. The Washington team will train at Charlottesville, Va. Four Boston teams won championships after working out at Thomas Jefferson's out some which fact should boost the

ABOUT 2200 POLLS YET TO BE PAID

BUSY TIMES AHEAD IN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IF FULL VOTE STRENGTH IS QUALIFIED.

A NEW RULE IN EFFECT

Tax Collector's Office Not Permitted to Mail Out Receipts After Midnight on January 31st.

If all the eligible voters in Wichita county qualify themselves for the coming elections there will be some busy times at the county tax collector's office between now and midnight on January 31, for over two thousand poll tax receipts are yet to be issued if all the voters qualify themselves.

It is estimated that there are about 2600 polls in the county. Of this number only about four hundred had qualified by the payment of their poll tax today, leaving about twenty-two hundred who must secure their poll tax receipts within the seventeen days that the tax collector's office is open, if they are to participate in the municipal, county, and state and national elections and the primaries.

Under a new ruling no poll tax receipts may be mailed out from the tax collector's office after midnight January 31st and the tax must be paid in person or through some one who holds a written and duly acknowledged power of attorney.

Exemptions are required from voters who will become of age between January 1 and the date of the elections.

With the statewide prohibition election pending last year nearly every voter paid his poll tax. This year there is less pressure being brought to bear upon those who have been slow in paying the tax, but important elections will be held during the year and it is not safe for any man either pro or anti to permit his franchise rights to become delinquent as there can never be any certainty at what time a local option election may be called after the two year limit has expired.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF.

Which is Better—Try an Experiment or Profit by a Wichita Falls Citizen's Experience.

Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented.

The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof of merit.

But the endorsement of friends is now supposing you had a bad back. A lame, weak or aching one. Would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures.

Endorsed by strangers from far-away places.

It is not what when the endorsement proved itself a local testimony.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills.

slie Kent Webster away from Chicago on the pretext that he wished her to meet his parents who resided near the town of Dixon. Arriving at Dixon the couple drove away in an automobile and that was the last time the young woman was seen alive. Some days later her body was found concealed in a ravine. The victim had met death through a knife wound in the back of the neck which the medical examiners declared could have been inflicted only by a person having a knowledge of surgery. There was evidence that the young woman was drugged before she was killed.

INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR DINES WITH POOR

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 10.—Mayor Shank yesterday took it upon himself to see that the poor did not suffer from the pangs of hunger as well as the cold. In the basement of the Market House, the Mayor personally conducted a free lunch counter, where he served coffee and bread. Today he will add soup to the menu.

T. W. McHAM FOR COUNTY TREASURER

The Times is authorized to announce T. W. McHam as a candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer of Wichita county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held July 27, 1912. Mr. McHam has served two full terms in that office and is now serving his third, and is too well known to the people of Wichita county to need any further introduction at the hands of the Times, except to say that he is courteous, obliging and efficient, and has discharged the duties of the office faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of the people.

Van Gregg, the Nap south-w, has one back to his trade of plastering at Gulesaee, Idaho, for the winter.

With Falkenberg and Hingeborn on their pitching staff, the Toledo Club has the highest rate of being in the American Association. Falkenberg is six-foot-four inches in height, while Hingeborn is an inch taller.

Fads and Fashions

New York, Jan. 4.—The extensive use of furs is by far the most striking feature of the present day fashions. Paris has decreed that fur is to be used even more lavishly this season than last and this command is being unpretentiously obeyed. The use of velvets, chiffons and silks combined with fur assures a winter of rich and becoming costumes. Fur trimming appears on the richest satins, velvets and brocades, adorns the finest laces and tulle and may even be noticed upon the flowing negligee.

If one can afford to be extravagant, a coat suit of fur would not be conspicuous. Mole skin or baby lamb will be the fur chosen for this costume, but if grace is desired other material must be selected. There are, however, models in which the supple furs are used in considerable quantity and with very good effect. These are combined with velvet, satin or chiffon of the same tone in color, which offsets the contrast in material.

Sometimes a soft dull blue, rose or violet is introduced to relieve the neutral tone. Any of these colors harmonizes exquisitely with the taupe. A handsome suit of this class had a short-waisted coat, buttoned straight up the front to the throat. A close fitting peplum was slashed up to the girdle on the left side, where a large buckle of dull blue cloth embroidered in silver finished the tierce. The same coloring and material appeared upon the collar, cuffs and buttons. This coat was worn over a dress of taupe velvet and chiffon, with touches of blue and silver about the bodice. A deep band of mole skin finished the bottom of the skirt.

There are delightful models of taupe satin trimmed with black velvet or black and white combinations of any material. Usually this is applied in bands, being far less expensive to be used lavishly. A frock of black velvet and satin had a teal lace collar edged with ermine. This was an exceptionally successful dress. Bands of ermine are often used on evening frocks, but a dark fur usually proves more effective. On the deep purple and mulberry velvets skunk is used in great profusion. Mole skin also combines well with these velvets.

Furs are not only used for entire toques, coats, capes, neck pieces and wraps and coats but are equally popular as trimming in millinery. Both the long and the short haired varieties are in use. Skunk is perhaps the most popular. Imitation seal is frequently seen, and ermine and mole are much used, in addition to real seal on high class models. Skunk and opossum are employed in wide and narrow bands, the narrower bands being used like a fringe on the edge of the brim and to outline the edges of loops of donkey ears of velvet, lace, moles, etc. Frequent use is made of a narrow roll of skunk, opossum, mole or ermine around the crown, with a flat row of

the same fur at one side of the crown.

Not only are small turbans and close fitting hats shown in fur of all kinds, but large trimmed models are entirely covered with one of the short-haired furs. In the every large picture shapes are crown and upper brim are covered with seal, mole skin or ermine, while the under brim is faced with velvet, silk moles, lace or some such material.

A French model with broad brim and low round crown had the crown and upper side of the brim covered with imitation seal, while the under brim was faced with cerise colored velvet. Gold roses with cerise velvet hearts formed the only trimming. Many models are shown with crown of fur and a flange of the same edged the brim. In addition to such furs as seal, mole, beaver, ermine, skunk, opossum, fox, lynx, etc., the more novel furs like raccoon, leopard skin and civet cat are also being employed.

Fur, combined with gold or silver lace, is an attractive combination. Velvet hats show the crown covered with gold lace, or an edge of lace will be applied on either the upper or the under side of the brim, while a band of fur may be passed around the crown and edge loops of velvet ribbon or ears of heavy lace, velvet, satin or other material.

The white or ecru-face which is used for hats is usually of the heaviest variety, such as Macrame Venice, Irish, etc., while the black laces are favored in the lightest varieties, such as Chantilly and the like. A large French model in black velvet had a flounce of black shadow lace gathered around the base of the crown, permitting the edge to fall over the brim. Around the base of the crown was a narrow strip of skunk with a second strip encircling the upper side of the brim midway between the crown and the edge. At the side was a bunch of black para dise aigrettes.

There is a return to favor of the dresy waist of lace or net and its variations. Cream and ceru shade prevail, and about an equal proportion of light and heavy laces are seen in the combination. Lace will be used for the best evening dresses. Several tones will be used together as well as several kinds of lace. Blond lace in half heavy evening dresses will be worn. A most lovely Princess gown recently seen was made with the top of cream moles lace. The trim was an extension of the same and this was over a flesh pink Chantilly lace, which in turn was put over a black chiffon skirt. Everything was in points. The trim was cut in points finished with tassels, and the train fell in two points at the side and had black tassels. Imitation laces are now made with such perfection of work as almost to equal the design and make best adapted to their use.

The crocheted and flat lace waists, or frocks combined with hand embroidery, have been worn recently with the dresy velvet suits. These waists are quite a departure from the fl over Irish crocheted models previously seen, as the flat and French embroidery on batists are used in about the same proportion as the crocheted in working out the garment. These combinations are most effective, as the designs are worked out in a way to show off the different patterns to the best advantage. Other novelty lace waists for wear with the two-piece suit have a cutaway coat effect beginning at the sides, front. Dresden ribbon in suit coloring frequently finishes off the revers and cuffs.

To Elect Two Senators. Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—The general assembly of Virginia convened today and organized for its regular biennial session. Early in the session will come the election of two United States senators. There will be no contest for either toga, both senators Swanson and Martin. The former will get the short term and the last-named the long term. Following the election of senators the legislature will elect a score of judges and various other officials.

The legislative business of the session promises to be of more than ordinary interest and importance. Over

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Handle Everything in the Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Buggies, Wagons and Farm Implements, Also Grain, Hay and Coal

We buy in large quantities, and sell on a close margin in that way we are able to serve our patrons with the best goods, and at a saving to them. We run two delivery wagons, and groceries purchased of us are delivered to any part of the city free of charge.

A trial is all we ask, and a trial will convince you that we are in a position to do all we say.

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showing all other measures will be those relating to taxation, the liquor question and the contract system of prison labor.

Sheriff's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued on the 22nd day of December, 1911, in cause No. 53235, of the 61st District of Harris county, Texas, in favor of I. H. Mesteron for the sum of five hundred, seven hundred and eighty dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$578.28) principal, with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 29th day of November, 1911, together with the sum of twenty-one dollars and ninety cents (\$21.90) costs as taxed on said execution, and be further cost of executing the same; and in favor of H. Mesteron against Reece S. Allen for the same amount, I have levied on the ninth day of January, 1912, and will sell on the first Tuesday in February, 1912, same being the 6th day of February, 1912, at the door of the court house of Wichita county, Texas, in the town of Wichita Falls, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., any and all right, title, interest and claim which the said defendants, Reece S. Allen and H. 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