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Floydada On His Mind

J. W. Blair has not forgotten Floydada since he has gone to live in Haskell county. In fact Mr. Blair lived so long in Floyd county that it got to be a habit with him and our people may expect to see him coming home most any time. This is not hinted in a letter of recent date to the Hesperian office from Mr. Blair, but reading between the lines it may be inferred that his good humored "knocks" are merely his attempts to keep himself steeled against the day he must return, and must not be taken too seriously by our readers. Every one of his friends will be glad to hear what

he has to say. He writes:

"As Floydada is on my mind today, I will write you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten all my old friends there.

"Some two weeks ago I was on the plains on a trading tour with my partner, W. K. Bagwell of this place. I traded him the east half of section 8 in the V. A. Leonard pasture for his interest in the Rochester Mercantile Co., providing the title of the land comes up all right. I would have been glad to come to Floydada, but I didn't think I had time. We went to Crosbyton. I met some of my friends there. One of them was Mr. Houghton, of

Floydada. He told me all the news he could think of and that everything looked lovely at Floydada.

There was a fresh norther caught us at Crosbyton and it didn't suit for my clothes. I had pulled off my Floydada clothes and put on some summer clothes—short sleeved fellows. Fool-like I didn't take an overcoat, just a light dress coat without

any vest. I liked to have frozen to death. My partner, Mr. Bagwell, told the people here when we got back, that there were icicles at Crosbyton a foot long.

"Well, I have nothing more to write, except we are all having good health and a big plenty of rain.

J. W. BLAIR.

Swat the fly.

NEW WORK FOR AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Farmers' Union Would Have Commissioner of Agriculture Organize Co-operative Association of Farmers.

A Practical Farmer Demanded to Head Agricultural Department—No Lawyers Wanted.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The Commissioner of Agriculture has greater opportunities for service than any other official in State government. In addition to the important duties which have already been assigned that department by the Legislature, it is generally conceded that the Legislature will devote itself almost exclusively to agricultural problems and the proposed system of new and untried laws must be adjusted to working conditions by the next Commissioner of Agriculture in co-operation with the farmers.

The next administration will be confronted with the enactment and application of agricultural legislation and the Commissioner of Agriculture must be a practical farmer. The law requires, and public necessity demands, that he be a man who has first-hand knowledge of farming conditions.

We Stand for Law Enforcement.

We quote in part from the law on this subject: "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have a knowledge of agriculture, manufacturing and general industry; shall be an experienced and practical farmer, etc."

We are going to put up a "posted" sign on the Agricultural Department against lawyers. There is no more reason why a lawyer should run for Commissioner of Agriculture than why a farmer should be a candidate for Attorney General. We know of no lawyers who contemplate entering the race, but we want to notify them not to hunt on our preserves in this campaign. We stand for law enforcement and call on all good citizens to see that the constitution is upheld and that no lawyer is permitted in the Department of Agriculture.

The Farmers' Union takes science by the hand and welcomes progress. We have been the pioneers in the movement for improved cultural methods but increasing production is not sufficient. The farmers have many important problems that cannot be solved by free garden seed, skillfully written bulletins and eloquent lecturers. We will mention a few of them:

Organization and Co-operation Needed.

The farmer has the best security on earth, yet he pays an average of from 10 to 30 per cent interest on his money, against four to eight per cent paid by other lines of industry on less stable securities. Is it education the farmer needs to reduce his rate of interest? We think not. He might raise the largest pumpkin; the biggest bushel of corn and enough vegetables per acre to fill a silo, but his rate of interest would remain the same.

The farm laborer works an average of 12 hours per day the year round at 11 cents per hour and boards himself. The brick mason in Texas receives 87 cents per hour, the highest of any State in the Union, and farm labor ranks thirty-fifth. The laborers in all other trades work approximately an average of 9 hours for 25 cents per hour. Is it education the farm laborers need to bring their earning power up to that of their city cousins? We think not. He might read farm bulletins every night until the chickens crows for day and he would not increase his wages one penny.

The average farm yields a net

income on the investment of 4 per cent and the average business 10 to 30 per cent. Will any one contend that this difference is due to ignorance on the part of the farmer? We think not. He might listen to agricultural lectures until he became gorged with knowledge and he would have no more to say in fixing the price of his products than he has today.

The world is one great corporation of which the farmers are the largest shareholders, but when we call at the counter of industry for our dividends we are handed a package of education and the other fellow gets the gold. We are glad to get the suggestions, printed and otherwise, but we want in on the dividends and a voice in fixing the price of our products.

The Remedy.

We must further improve our cultural methods and move forward more rapidly in all branches of practical science of production, but the remedy for the present difficulties must come through organization and co-operation, and it is this new field of activities that the agricultural department must enter. Legislative permission to form rural credit associations; to build warehouses; to form co-operative cotton gin companies, to organize market associations, etc., is necessary, but it is not sufficient. To get the full benefit of these laws the farmers must be encouraged and directed in the organization of the respective associations needed in his community and this work properly belongs to the Department of Agriculture. It is as important a function of government to demonstrate the advantages of organization for the transaction of the business of farming as to demonstrate the advantages of cultural methods, and far more profitable. The formation of co-operative associations that will introduce economies in farm operations, reduce rates of interest, and afford facilities for the more profitable marketing of the crops, are what the Texas farmer needs today and needs badly.

The farmer has so often become the victim of designing promoters who operate under the guise of agricultural philanthropists that he very properly hesitates to enter into any voluntary organization that binds him financially. We have a very recent instance in which the farmers of this State were fleeced out of a few hundred thousand dollars by promoters, which illustrates the willingness of the farmers to cooperate in an effort to better their condition and demonstrates the disadvantage of no authoritative plan of action. He is entitled to the sanction of State and the endorsement of its authorized representative to co-operative contracts, in which his property and that of his neighbors are involved, and his faith in government will encourage him to enter into these new forms of business transactions when its seal of approval is placed upon them.

The appropriation should be made with a view to extending the work into rural credits and marketing, which is the most needed and most neglected factor in agriculture at this time. The farmers pay more into and get less out of government than any other class of citizens and have less to do with its management.

The next Commissioner of Agriculture should not only be a capable producer but a successful organizer as well. He should be a man who understands the business side of farming and of proven ability in co-operative work, and one who enjoys an extensive acquaintance and possesses the confidence of the farmers of Texas.

It is as important that we select the right man for Commissioner of Agriculture as that we enact constructive legislation on the subject, for laws that are not properly used are worse than no laws at all.

W. D. Lewis, President.
Peter Radford, Ex-President.
Texas Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

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The next time you contemplate making a purchase, elsewhere than in the stores of your local merchants, we want to ask as a special favor (to us, to yourself, and to this community) that you consider carefully the following facts and conditions before making a decision:

Will you save an appreciable amount of money by sending or going away?

The only way for you to find out is to compare both the quality and prices to be obtained elsewhere with those of your local merchants. In doing this, you must also add to the prices of the out-of-town purchase whatever carrying charges you will have to pay to get the goods delivered to you.

Is it at all possible that the mail order concern or the distant city store will in turn patronize you, or any of your neighbors?

The fact that your local merchants, and their employees, do

reciprocate your patronage is a real reason why you should trade at home. There are probably some isolated instances of merchants who refuse to cooperate in the upbuilding of their respective communities, but if their competitors are progressive and loyal, the community can either bring them to the right ways of thinking and acting or drive them out of business.

Your personal welfare and prosperity is a small but inseparable portion of your community and anything that affects the latter must necessarily affect you likewise.

Your merchants owe it to your community to offer you the same high-class brands of goods, and at the same prices, that can be obtained elsewhere, and, under these conditions, they are entitled to your patronage and it is to your personal interest to trade with them.



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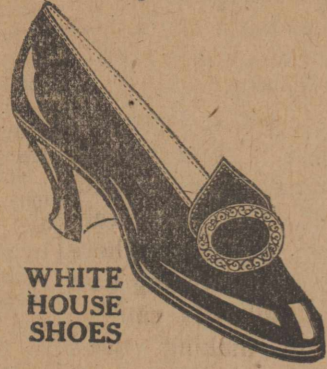
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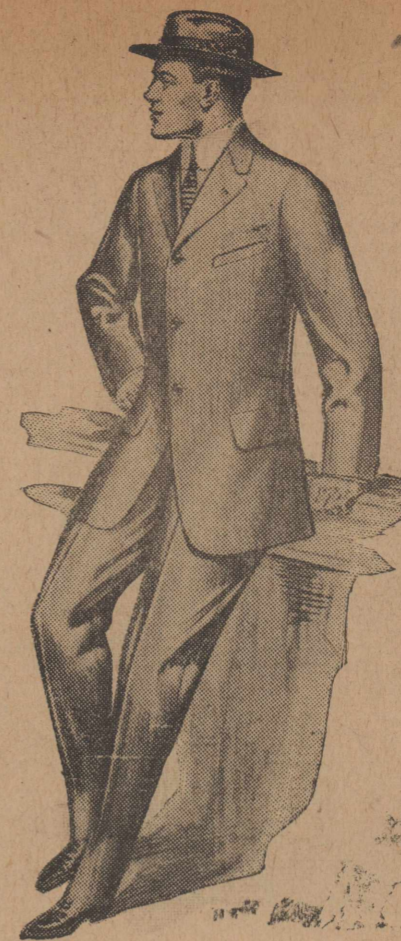
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Striking Resemblances

Mexican Situation and Political Complexion of 1846 and 1914
Very Similar Throughout.—Motives of Polk and Wilson.

The present difficulty between the United States and the Huerta Government of Mexico presents some striking parallels to the beginnings of the war with Mexico in 1846. Indeed, events have been so very similar that one can almost read history repeating itself.

Then, as now, the President of the United States disclaimed warlike intentions. Then, as now, long efforts at mediation began after the first blows had been struck. Then, as now, the people of the United States were not in complete accord with a militarist program. Then, as now, the Mexican people were torn by revolution and a leading revolutionary chief at the outset professed friendliness for the United States.

Polk was President then and

in Mexico at that time than John Lind was later. Actual intercourse was carried on there for the United States by Charge d'Affaires Black, the Nelson O'Shaughnessy of that time. As President Wilson did several months ago, President Polk first sent a strong force of soldiers to the border county and had the fleet in readiness for a descent upon Vera Cruz and a blockade of the Mexican coast. The Leonard Wood of the army then was Zachary Taylor.

Mexico started hostilities by attacking a small force of American soldiers, many of whom were slain. Polk sent a message to Congress declaring the flag had been attacked and American blood shed on American soil. The House of Repre-

force was Lieut. U. S. Grant as today Capt. U. S. Grant III is with our army at Vera Cruz. Then, as now, the Secretary of State was unqualifiedly an advocate of peace at any price consistent with national honor. The William J. Bryan of 1846 was James Buchanan.

Just as happened when the American forces took Vera Cruz and the way to Mexico appeared open to them a few weeks ago, the American forces under Scott, when the City of Mexico was within their grasp, were halted by propositions looking to mediation. Then the halt proved to be mere temporizing on the part of the Mexican Government. Scott finally captured the capital, but at a cost of life, time and treasure that might have been spared but for the delay.

From what can be learned of the Wilson plans of campaign, in case things should come to the worst, a war of invasion in 1914 would follow the same general direction as that of 1846-48.

In some respects, Commodore

Texas Intelligences.

Wichita Falls—On May 26 the doors of the National Bank of Commerce, a new banking institution at this place, were thrown open to the public. The new concern is capitalized at \$100,000.

Coleman—The local Chamber of Commerce is planning to secure 500 laborers to assist the farmers in this section in working and harvesting their crops.

Kaufman—June 20th the citizens of Kaufman Justice Precinct will vote on the issuance of highway bonds in the sum of \$200,000.

Dallas—The Stone & Webster corporation will begin immediately the expenditure of \$1,500,000 in improving its properties in this city.

Lockhart—The railroad to be built from Harbor Island to Seymour, Quanah and Belton, via this city, is practically assured, as all financial arrangements have been made. The construction of this line will start immediately.

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Austin—The Woolworth Company is preparing to locate a five, ten and twenty-five cent store in this city and is erecting a handsome home on Congress Avenue.

Waco—A charter has been applied for by the Texas Steel Range Company with a capital of \$10,000. It is the purpose of the concern to sell steel ranges in Texas and maintain headquarters in this city. A little later on the stoves will be manufactured in Waco.

Rockwall—The citizens of this place will get the chance to vote on the issuance of road bonds in the sum of \$20,000 June 13th.

Baird—Plans have practically been completed by local parties for the erection of a large cotton oil mill here.

San Angelo—Eastern buyers paid 19½ cents per pound for several thousand pounds of wool here last week. The product was of this year's clip.

Houston—On account of the heavy fig crop in this section, additional preserving plants will have to be erected and plans are about complete for the building of a preserving factory. Work will commence immediately.

Organize Tom Ball Club

Special to The Hesperian.

On Saturday, May 30th 1914, the Progressive Prohibition Democrats of Lockney, Floyd County Precinct No. 2 organized a Tom Ball Club of 54 members. Prof. E. C. Nix was elected chairman and L. S. Kennedy Sec'y.

Much interest was manifested and it bids fair to grow to a membership of 100 in the next week.

Mr. Ball was invited to address the people at this place on Monday June 8th 1914.

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Herrera, the Huerta of 68 years ago, was the chief governmental power to be reckoned with in the southern republic. The Villa of that day was Santa Anna, who had been strikingly successful as a revolutionist, whose friendly protestations were so strong at the beginning as to lead the American Government to believe it could count upon his good offices, but who subsequently became the commander in chief of the Mexican armies.

The trouble at that time was over a boundary dispute at the north. The United States was anxious to get control of California, which, it was believed, Great Britain was trying to buy from Mexico. In order to treat with the Mexican de facto Government, Polk sent his John Lind, who was John Slidell, to the Mexican capital.

Herrera adopted the manana policy until the patience of this country was well-nigh exhausted. Slidell was no more recognized by the official Government

representatives passed the resolution he asked for by a vote of 173 to 14, just as the present House passed President Wilson's recent resolution by a vote of 337 to 37. Then, as in 1914, the Senate took two days to vote on the resolution. John C. Calhoun was the Senator Lodge of that time, who found fault with the wording of Polk's resolution, as Lodge found fault with Wilson's, although the reason actuating the two men was different. Polk had waited as long as possible before calling out the army and navy, his theory being that recently held by President Wilson, that the bankrupt condition of Mexico would compel a peaceful capitulation to our terms.

Polk sent Commodore Connor to Vera Cruz, just as the present administration sent Admiral Badger. Subsequently, reinforced by the army, the navy helped materially in the capture of that port, which became the base of General Scott's army of invasion. In the expeditionary

Sloat who was in charge of the American battleships on the Pacific coast, resembled Admiral Mayo. Just as Mayo went ahead without orders at Tampico, Sloat without orders, seized San Francisco and Monterey, Cal. When orders came to him to take all of Upper California and to seize San Francisco, he did not have to make a single move, because he had already done both.

The President and his cabinet were harshly criticised by anti-administration political leaders then, just as Wilson and his Cabinet are criticised at present. There were those who charged that Polk all the time was playing a game—that he was merely looking for a pretext to declare war, so that he could seize California. Similarly of late it has been charged that President Wilson has had ulterior motives, and that his activities were due not so much to a desire to preserve the honor and dignity of the United States as to dictate in Mexican internal affairs.—Ex

plant at this place has been opened and has proved satisfactory so far. The filter has a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per day.

Waxahachie—A campaign to secure 200 new members has been started by the local Commercial Club.

Hillsboro—The Young Men's Business League of this city is striving to get another interurban for this place and is utilizing every effort to have the Fort Worth-Cleburne line extended from Cleburne to this point. The matter is receiving consideration.

Freeport—The "Freeport Facts" has been purchased by C. P. Kendall. The paper, under the new management, has been enlarged to eight pages.

Marlin—The Commercial Club is promoting a proposition to get a handsome, up-to-date pleasure pavillion constructed in this city.

