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# Col. Tom Ball Under Grand Jury Indictment, Charged With Theft of \$223,000.00

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 6.—Col. Thomas H. Ball, popularly known in Senate Would Let the past as the "father of Port Houston," formerly Congressman and onetime candidate for Governor, was under \$5,000 bond tonight on an indictment charging him with the theft from the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of warrants aggregating approximately \$223, 000.

The well-known Houstonian technamed in an indictment returned capias warrant had been issued for his vote was 15 to 9. arrest when newspapermen discovered a typographical error in the figures contained in the bill. The capias warrant was hastily cancelled and Deputy Sheriff George Andrew, who had departed to serve it upon Col. Ball, was notified by telephone at Col. Ball's law office not to serve it.

up and presented to the grand jury, which returned it about 3 p.m.

Criminal District Judge Langston D. King, who had set bond for the former Congressman at \$5,000 on the first indictment, fixed a similar bond on the secand.

**Bail Papers Filed** David Ball, son of the accused man. secured a bond blank after he had been informed of the grand jury's action and returned it, filled out and Frank Andrews and James A. Baker the bond on the second bill of indictment.

The indictment was returned follow-

R. R. Commission **Settle Their Row** 

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.-The

indefinitely a resolution calling upor ically was under two indictments for members of the Texas railroad comthe same alleged offense as a result mission to iron out their intra-comof a typographical error. He was mission "animosities" or resign. Senator Pink L. Parrish of Lubshortly before noon Thursday, and a bock led the fight to postpone and the

Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston, co-author, with Senator Archie Pharr of Benavides of the resolution, addressed himself to it for half an hour from the floor of the Senate. He demanded that the situation in the commission be righted and shoutrighted.

Senator Parrish said it would be "foolish" to call on the commissioners to resign and said if let alone they would compose their differences. The resolution charged that "conditions have come about in the con-

usefulness to the people almost nil. "Personal animosity and petty signed by Col. Ball as principal and jealousy between the members have contributed largely to this condition

destroyed." It was to the "best interest" of

I Be Damned "Agin" Gov. Murray Makes Good His Threat to Close Oil Wells

Good manners will perhaps prevent me from making it any stronger. But most of you boys will understand.

Things do move. Following the disclosure of Ross Sterling getting \$300,000 Wickersham Wants from the Humble Oil Company, about the same time last year that the Houston Chronicle announced Sterling as its candidate for governor, comes the startling dispatches from Houston, that the Harris County Grand Jury has indicted one Thomas H. Ball for a crime of the degree of a felony carrying a penitentiary punishment.

It is alleged that Tom in some way got some money of the Houston Harbor Board, (of which Sterling was the chairman) mixed up to the tune of about \$162,000, which State Senate today voted to postpone he could not or did not produce.

> It is also rumored that the same grand jury is digging into some insurance matters that happened about a year ago. I saw Will Hobby in Austin last week and he looked courts with a report that prelimibad. If anything happens next week I just don't know what the headline will be.

The news about Tom Ball reached Dallas and some of the boys called on Cullen Thomas to recite those euphonious lines of: "All for Ball, and Ball for all," that he recited all over Texas in 1914, and they say that Cullen has lost his voice.

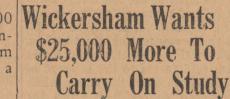
Now I am really sorry that old Tom is in trouble and at his age of 72 we all should Chairman Wickersham said the com- establish and maintain military conregret his misfortune. I can't think he is wholly bad and I trust that he will come out a wiser man even if sadder. Tom's misfortune is largely the result of conditions. For 20 years Tom Ball, with a full knowledge of every political preacher in Texas has been quiet- would be turned over to the American y drinking one way and voting the other. Nobody in Texas has been louder than Tom Law Institute. A new indictment in which the mis- ed it was the duty of the legislature Ball in demanding a law to send somebody else to the penitentiary for having a quart of li-

take was corrected, was hastily drawn not to "sitby," but to see that it was quor on or about his person, while at the same time he was drinking all the liquor he wanted and at the same time shouting prohibition. Although he has done this for years, all the in Connecticut in which it was asprohibitionists that were prominent in the cause, went out of their way to support brother Ball for office and make him their idol at every prohibition meeting and convention. This thing has gone on so long, that Tom just got the idea that he could do no wrong and that he could not be bothered or questioned. Therefore his disagreement with district were not enough to justic. tect the school children of the State, the grand jury must have been a rude awakening. But anybody that continuously conclusions for all, the report said conserve its natural resources and duct of the business of the railroad preaches prohibition and at the same time continuously drinks bottleg liquor is just in nevertheless that the prohibition law prevent their exhaustion and waste; commission which have rendered its some degree fundamentally wrong and every sane man knows it.

Just take this from me: "Prohibition will never amount to a tinkers dam until the in which fines played a heavy role as etsablish the guarantee of the Fourprohibitionists banish the Tom Ball stripe and kind from their ranks.

But let me get back to the legislature and the governor. Although, the governor at as sureties, to the sheriff's office in and if continued will eventually para. the Governor's conference here in Austin last spring announced his approval of market the courthouse. It was accepted as lyze the commission to such an ex- demand and price fixing, for some reason has now changed his mind and serves notice on the \$50,000 needed to carry on the establish justice and equity for them tent its usefulness will be completely the legislature that he will have to give any bill the axe that contains these two items.

Now most members of the legislature are saying that if that was or is his view then would be raised from the sources monopolistic control of their natural ing a probe by the grand jury into the people, the resolution went on, why did he call the legislature in special session. It has all along been known that present laws are sufficient to prevent physical waste of gas and oil. This being true, it is now



its incompleted study of the federal or less.

nary investigation had shown prohibition cases to dominate the entire jutant General of the Oklahoma Navolume of criminal proceedings in one tional Guard, was directed to post state

In a letter to President Hoover, and the guardsmen were directed to mission had thought it "inexpedient trol against all orders except from to apply to congress" for more funds. the President or the Supreme Court He indicated the needed sum, if raised, of the United States.

The report included as a sample "tentative analysis" of conditions] serted that "the total increase in the been spurned by purchasers of oil, number of crimes has been taken up said the order was necessary under by prohibition cases."

Warning that the results from one ed by Constitution, in order to prohad given rise to "a very special protect the rights of taxpayers in and treatment" of its cases in the courts to the revenues from such resource; compared with actual imprisonments. teenth Amendment of the United In his letter Wickersham informed States Constitution to independent the president that the Rockefeller producers against taking their propfoundation had agreed to donate half erty "without due process of law," to court study, provided the other half and to protect citizens from "general

and the American Law Institute step resources by corrupt combinations of "into the shoes" of the now distanded capital who produce, transport, refine

homa and establishing martial law for a distance of fifty feet around each The order included all oil wells under proration orders of the State WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.-The Corporation Commission and excluded Wickersham commission today cou- stripper wells, which are defined as

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., Aug. 6,-Gov. William H. Murray late Tuesday

issued an executive order shutting

down 3,106 prorated oil wells in Okla

To Save State's Resources

led a plea for \$25,000 to carry on producing twenty-five barrels a day Guardsmen Put on Duty

Brig. Gen. Charles F. Barrett, Ad-National Guardsmen in the oil fields

The troops, the order said, are to be under direct control "of the commander in chief," who is the Governor. Says Order Necessary

Governor Murray, whose demand for a \$1 a barrel crude oil price had "the supreme executive power" grant-

chase by Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of of approximately 500 acres of land from the Greater Houston Improvement Company of which Col. Ball was president. The deal was arranged through Col. Ball as president of the company, and title to the land was approved by him as attorney for the navigation district.

When apprised of the action of the inquisitorial body, Col. Ball declined ly divorce from their minds these anito discuss the land deal. He issued moities and enter into a whole heartthe following brief statement:

the action of the grand jury. When properly. the facts are ascertained through the jury was not justified. resign.'

"I believe it would be improper for me to make further statement at this M. Neff today fired another broadside time.

expects to bring the 72-year-old leagues for appointing Laten Stanformer Congressman to trial charges berry head of the gas utilities division him with the theft of three warrants in his absence. of the navigation district aggregating \$222,996.76.

man of the port commission, H. S. Cage and County Auditor Charles H. (Continued on page 4)

#### Shame On Us

#### To The Forum

Jas. E. Ferguson has an essay in Ferguson Forum contains these pathetic words: "The wail is so loud and distressing that we can almost hear the cry of the hungry orphans, the prayers of anxious mothers, the groans of strong men pleading for bread and meat to arrest the approach of death and starvation." These words would have melted the heart of Nero, who does not cuss-Herod for killing those innocent babies under two years of age. Be slow kind reader. Are we who call ourselves Christians doing the same cruel deed, by allowing children in this and other countries to die of star. vation, when our graneries are bursting with food. Shame on us -What would Christ the lover of children order us to do if He were in our midst? Where are our public officials whose duty it is to see after the welfare of all our citizens. Have they no hearts for starving children and mothers.

RAYMOND VERNIMONT Denton, Texas.

hat the commissioners "work together in peace and harmony. "A much better condition would

evident to the legislature as well as all others who have observed developments, that the

passage now of any law that does not give the Railroad Commission the right to take into consideration the market demand for oil in determining waste will amount to noth- Oldest Railroad now prevail in the oil and gas industries, which the legislature now is investigating, than now prevails if the ing and will bring no relief to the oil industry or business conditions, and this session of commissioners had exercised the pow- the legislature has been a waste of time and money. If the governor had declared his position at the beginning of the session when he told the legislature that he had no plan, ers and authority vested in them. "It is the sense of the legislature policy or suggestion to make, the legislature would have promptly adjourned and saved and it so states, that the three rail the people the time and money in a special session, which it now appears was on a wild road commissioners should immediate goose chase from the beginning.

Of course, I still think that my plan of a graduated tax on oil production is the only est steam railroad in the country has power beyond the sovereign power of ed and co-operative effort to the end plan offered that will produce revenue, prevent waste and cut down production success- succumbed to motor truck competi- the State of Oklahoma and its two "I was greatly grieved to learn of that the commission may function fully

I hope the legislature will pass Milton Wests's bill on the subject, but I realize that sion Monday authorized the Delaware "Unless the commissioners do this regular legal channels, it will be it would be to the best interest of the it will be fought bitterly and likely vetoed by the governor. But why he don't see that & Hudson Railroad to abandon twenknown that the action of the grand best interest of the state that they my plan will produce the revenue that his administration needs so badly and conserve the ty-four miles of its Honesdale branch. natural resource of oil and gas, is beyond my comprehension. He certainly is getting The road, built about 1829, was the

On the heels of the resolution Pat some bad advice.

at the two other members of the com-The indictment on which the State mission. Neff criticized his two col-

# Gov. Ross S. Sterling, former chair- Sen. Jas. A. Reed **Asked to Address** The Legislature

tion in the House Monday by T. H. McGregor inviting former United States Senator James A. Reed of Missouri to address the Legislature was adopted. A resolution by Sam A. izing President Hoover to call Congress in extraordinary session "again to assume the power, duty and reand the value of money, restore it to a value approximating its value at the time our debts were contracted, and so regulate it that it may not work a repudiation of debt nor a confiscation of property," was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Panhandle Wheat

**57** Million Bushels

AMARILLO, Aug. 6.-The Panhan-57,000,000 bushels, of which amount 43,000,000 have been shipped. Movements during the last week were little more than 2,000,000 bushels.

Walter Barlow, director of the Ama- out of their oil lands. Instead of going back home and having to tell the people that I rillo Grain Exchange, said 25 per cent of the crop was still in storage.

But if I can't get my idea adopted then I would like to see the legislature pass a train in this country. conservation law that will have teeth in it. Yes, I know it is a price fixing attempt to The road extends from Honesdale

raise the price of oil and we all want to see it. It will benefit everybody that owns a to Lookout Junction in Carbondale, piece of oil land in Texas. It will save many school district values that will melt if oil Pa. Monday's order authorized abanit not raised in pirce and kept from being wasted. Yes, I know it will help the oil companies, big and little if oil goes up and I hope it will so the oil business can continue to The road originally was built to down." pay 56 per cent of all our taxes, which we farmers will have to pay if oil business blows haul coal out of the Pennsylvania

Don't we farmers want a law passed that will raise the price of cotton if we can get said "the road seems in the main to law to the effect that taking of crude oil, when there is not a market det. Don't we want to establish orderly marketing, which is a twin brother to ratable taking have outlived its usefulness." by the pipe lines, so that we can boost the price of cotton. I am sorry to see some of our It added that through coal traffic, friends in the legislature shying off and voting against market demand because perhaps for which the line was originally built is prohibited.

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.- A resolu- they think that the people back home might vote against them if they do anything to has long moved to the northeast by raise the price of oil. Let me say in reply to such an idea that the people back home are other channels and "now so much of conserve income from school lands the other traffic is moving by motor for common schools and named the not fools and they are watching this legislature. They are not opposed to oil going up. the other traine is moving by motor for common schools and named the truck that what is left for the rail- Sinclair company, leaseholder of oil They want it to go up and they will be glad to see this legislature do something to make road is wholly inadequate for its sup- producing school land. it go up, and then maybe they can get the price of cotton up. Nobody knows better port."

Bryant and Mr. McGregor memorial- than the boys back at home that as long as the price of oil is kept down the price of cotton The four miles to be continued ser- has leased certain of said public will be kept down, too. I urge the cotton boys and the oil boys in the legislature to get ves a group of anthracite coal mines school lands for the purpose of drilla little closer together and begin to pool interests and help each other and maybe somesponsibility of controlling the volume thing can be done yet to help cotton and oil prices.

> Don't pay any attention to the fellers who keep howling about it being impossible freight trains have been operated only to change the law of supply and demand.

Yes, everybody knows that. But that does not effect the right to cut down supply so we can create a demand that will bring higher prices. Let us apply the law of supply and Couple Showered demand both ways. Instead of letting everybody run wide open on producing oil and cotton, let us begin to study how to cut down supply and then demand and price will take care of themselves.

Instead of our friends being scared about somebody critizing them if oil went up, let us meet the issue and do something to raise the price of oil. If oil can be raised to a

dollar in the 9 oil states of the union cotton would go up \$10 a bale. Grain would go DODGE CITY, Kan., Aug. 6.dle's 1931 wheat crop was unofficially up 25 per cent. Eggs would go up 20 cents a dozen, hogs would go to 10 cents on Frank Craig Lakin gave probate estimated by grainmen Monday at foot, and business would pick up in all lines. If the legislature don't put teeth in the oil Judge Richard W. Evans 10 bushels law then every saphead operator in East Texas that has had more luck than brains that of wheat as a fee for performing the marriage ceremony for his and Miss continues to let his durned old well run at 10 cents a barrel, will just destroy the oil bus- Faye Marie Rinehard of Augusta, iness and there won't be two dozen people in all East Texas that will ever get anything Kan., this afternoon.

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**Succumbs to Motor Truck Competition** 

tion.

The Interstate Commerce Commisone over which ran the Stourbridge Lein, the first locomotive to pull a

donment of all except four miles on

hills. It has been operated at a loss

near Carbondale.

abandoned several months ago and certain per cent of the market price three times a week.



of wheat as a fee for performing the

The county employes then opened one of the sacks and showered the bride and bridegroom,

and sell oil.

Attacks Big Companies Praising the independent producers as having made possible development of the State's natural resources, the Governor attacked the Sinclair Oil and Gas Company, the Champlain Refining Company, "and their associates and the pipe line companies," who he said had access to the courts "and have acted upon the assumption that WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 .- The old- they are superior to and possessed

and one-half million people. Protection "by judicial juggling, through injunction," has been denied the independents, Governor Murray said. He asserted these companies have promised to keep men employed while "monopolistic companies have cut down wages and reduced the number of employed . . . which has caused theats of dynamiting their pipe lines. and other destruction of their properties . . . to the extent that continuation of present conditions and markets is liabel to produce mob violence unless all these wells are at once closed

**Quotes Conservation Law** 

He quoted the State conservation mand at the well at a price equivalent to the actual value of the crude,

He said the State was obliged to

"The Sinclair Oil and Gas Company ing for of and gas, agreeing to pay Passenger traffic on the line was the State, under contract therewith a of said oil and for lack of market this legacy to the school children is filched by said company," the order said.

> It further charged the Sinclair company conducted a lobby in the last Legislature," and spent many thou-(Continued on page 4)

"Well, I Be Damned

Having received orders for more than 10,000 extra copies of last week's issue of the Forum, and not being able to supply this demand, we are reproducing the article 'Well, I Be Damned" on page 3 this issue. 

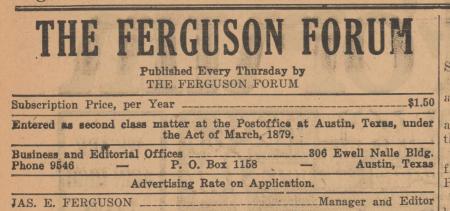
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**Charges Lobby Maintained** 

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#### THE FERGUSON FORUM

#### Thursday, August 6, 1931



### GOV. MURRAY-GOV. STERLING

public paying the crossing fee when a free bridge was already for still be fed, but I don't know on what terms. use. Governor Sterling blocked the free bridge to compel people to pay the toll bridge fee or stay put while the toll bridge owners and the Texas Highway Department settled a dispute. It is true the toll bridge owners secured an injunction to prohibit the Texas Highway Commission from opening the bridge but Mr. Sterling was just too entirely solicitious about supporting this federal injunction when there is no law requiring state Rangers to thus serve. Since the Texas governor violated no law, injunction or propriety in Governor Murray's removal of approaches on the Texas side it is passing strange he should be so solicitious in the fight of the toll bridge owners who were getting the money as result of a wrangle while his own people, by the thousand, were paying the bill. It is alright to desire order and regularity and to cultivate respect for court orders. But, is also just about as nearly alright to throw governmental forces into service for the public as to rush said forces to the support of private interest wrangles where said interests bleed the public while they wrangle. Let that toll bridge crew collect four times the amount claimed from the public and they would still wrangle and bleed the public if capable of doing so, with no notion of reducing the claim made a pretext for the wrangle. In effect Governor Murray said: "If we can't use our own bridge, you shall collect no toll on your private bridge." Mr. Sterling's actions said: "You shall not use the free bridge until the toll collector is satisfied.

Governor Sterling was head of the Texas Highway Commission and running for governor when he signed that Red River bridge contract with the toll bridge owners. The Attorney General says threshed it over a pole. this contract illegal but the governor goes wonderfully out of his way to serve the toll bridge interests. When Highway Commissioners get in the race for governor they should get out of office in the Highway Department where they control so much public money. has Pady for a job. Mr. Ely did not sign, it is stated, but Sterling and Johnson did .-Greenville Messenger.

#### **GOD'S MASTERPIECE**

There is a woman in this town and she is also in your town. Just a plain, everyday sort of woman. She goes about her work cheerfully, seldom if ever complains, never slanders or says mean things about her neighbors. Her days and nights are taken up with her household duties, the care of her children, and with helpful deeds to others. She seems to get pleasure out of life and has a smile for you that is not artificial but genuine. Some way you feel better by having met her. Yes, she has known sorrow and been acquainted with grief but it has never soured her disposition and as the joys of life have come to her she has taken the hardships as burdens that must be carried over some parts of life's road. She wears to provide for the diversions and pleasures sought after by so many. gard for character and honesty. Some she will go peace- Federal Reserve Banks, to be loaned out to our FARMERS at from fully to rest and hundreds will remember her life with grati- 2 to 3 per cent on LONG TIME LOANS-that it takes to print the tade while loved ones will hold her memory as a blest benediction bonds and said bonds are sold to the money speculators who draw

## THE PASSING OF THE MULE

The subject of this sketch is well known to the farmer of the South.

In fact, he has been in the family quite awhile and has played in important part in the devolopment of this country.

Before the Civil War he was closely associated with the negro a wonderful country! and the only change the war brought was giving him a new partner he tenant farmer.

At the opening of the World War he had become a national igure as is shown by the song the boys sang : "Goodby Ma, Goodby Pa, Goodby Mule and Your Old Hah Hah.

It seems that all the farmers are ready to join in the national ymn and bid the mule adieu.

I am no pessimist. I believe in progress. I believe in the next believe when the land is owned by the few and cultivated by ma-Governor Murray blocked a toll bridge to prevent the traveling chinery drawn by motor power instead of the mule, that people will

Their bread may be cheaper but their liberties curtailed. He ner. sure to have to occupy quarters privided by the landlord and may have to feed at the public trough.

to make three trips a day to the mess hall followed by his children ike so many pigs, but he will soon become accustom to it and enjoy . But don't worry. Your existence is essential to capital and will e preserved. Even your children that shows genius and skill for ous defects that should be recognized and effectively attacked somemachinery will be cared for by the boss like you used to care for time in the future. But if we are so blind that we refuse to recognize their fathers knelt, and asked divine the black mealy nosed mule colt and for the same purpose; what he cur imperfections, they will never be remedied. xpects to get out of them.

ractor and then putting the garden, cowpen, orchard and yard into the field to lengthen the row for machinery raised cotton

yes to pick it.

Talk all you please about co-operative marketing, but when you bick cotton by machinery the little man is out.

can pay for, keep his mule and raise something he can eat and let books. The public is blinded by these endless enactments; they con- vasion, drouth and low prices of procotton go to the capitalist who has the broad acres and the machin- fuse judges and juries. ry to cultivate it. The little farmer bears the same relation to the cotton industry that our granfather's way of raising wheat does to the present wheat industry. He cut his with a reap hook and them! They are unspeakably rotten in many sections of the coun-

That is what you little farmers are doing for cotton. Another few years ago. Since the advent of the steam shovel what chance

tusiness companies, corporations or organizations.

All other vocations have surrendered.

erything is monopolized but farming and we are next.

We can only boast that we were the last to surrender. When it is too late the farmer will sadly cry "Where's My Mule. We should fight to the last ditch and that is a garden and a

mule to tend it. J. F. ALSUP, Sr.

Little River, Texas.

#### **COMMON HORSE SENSE**

When any man "hits," you with a piece of common "Horse no diamonds and knows little of the luxuries of life. Her clothes Sense'' listen to him and repeat what he has to say. Will you do are plain and simple her house always well kept but showing no that when you talk to your neighbor about printing of U.S. Bonds signs of wealth. She makes the funds allotted take care of the to be sold to those who want the interest—want to dig the United needs of the family and has no regrets if the money is not sufficient States taxpayers for interest they get when they buy U. S. Bonds? Now, Brother, it would take about the same amount of good She takes pleasure in attending religious serives and en-paper, printing machinery and labor to print several million doldeavors to bring up her children with the highest re-lars in actual currency, by our government, and place same in the

### OUR NATIONAL EGOTISM

Fourth of July orations are still fresh in our memories. We are the greatest nation in the world!

Our system of government is absolutely perfect! We should consider it almost a divine privilege to live in such

We are lucky to have been born within the confines of its glorious precinct!

We have all listened to these fiery orations, couched in language brown fields, cut down as by a giant to make us feel that we are the chosen people. That is the regular fiery blast, tonight bore testimony Fourth of July bunk that we are fed on every year. Extravagant to a scourge of grasshoppers in Iowa, statements that nobody believes if they have an atom of intelligence. Nebraska and South Dakota.

Patriotism is all right and we cannot acquire too much of it, but In Nebraska 63 of the state's 93 we would have to be fools to entirely accept this Fourth of July counties have been infested. In one glorification that we hear every year. As a nation, we are entirely South Dakota field of 1,600 acres, Iotoo conceited-we have too much self-assurance-we are too sure of wa State Entomologists found not ourselves, and the unpleasant situation from which we are now suf- enough remains to feed a single anifering is, at least partly, the result of fooling ourselves in this man- mal. In Iowa, state officers are seek-

This may be the best government in the world-and it may not. fight the pests, moving relentlessly in The only way we could learn the truth would be by a series of pro-It would be somewhat embarrassing to the ordinary American longed investigations. Merely shouting from the housetops and 'blowing our own horn'' is not entirely conclusive.

We are a great nation and we are rightly credited with truly marvelous achievements, but we are suffering right now from seri-

Overweening egotism is a serious fault in an individual, and it All the small farmer can do is to put off the evil hour as long is just as bad in a nation. In fact, it is much worse. National s possible. This he cannot do by selling his mule and buying a egotism blinds us to our shortcomings. We go on suffering, generation after generation, because of our inability to see them. There are many outstanding defects in our governmental system today and All that ever made cotton the poor man's friend was it took no intelligent citizen would have trouble in recognizing many of them.

One of our greatest transgressions at the present time is the craze for lawmaking. Every legislator in state and federal gov-The only solution for the little farmer is to hold what land he ernment wants to be credited with putting a law in the statute almost to poverty by the insect in-

And our politics?

But few of our citizens would have the temerity to boast about

But there are our railroads, our tall buildings, our huge manu- entomologists and agricultural leaders example is the monopoly the Irish had on ditching in this country facturing interests-we have become the greatest commercial na- to discuss means of combating the tion in the world—no other nation can compete with us, etc., etc.

While visiting in foreign countries, the writer has often listened It is only a matter of time that all farming will be done by big to his boastful American brethren. Whatever they would see in damage done by a similar invasion in Europe, a comparison was made to the disadvantage of Europe. That 1874 to 1877, when a large section of may be the right spirit if one will apply it intelligently, but when Northwest Iowa was hard hit. The blacksmith, the shoemaker, the miller, the carpenter, all- it is quite evident that prejudice and flaming national egotism is the guiding influence, one is inclined to be disgusted. We can learn missioner, in telling of the widespread much from Europe-there is much they do over there that is bet-damage in those years, said that ter done than here.

And Europe can learn as much or probably more from us; but from no one knows where. When they there is no reason why we should belittle everything European just had done their thorough work of debecause it is outside of our own country.

The habit of patting ourselves on the back can be carried too knows where-or why. They defar. It is a bad mistake to over-estimate one's own value and im- posited their eggs years before, in portance, individually or nationally.

The ability to learn from criticism is an invaluable character-The independence that we won, and which we celebrate on left, with havoc behind them, in the istic. the Fourth of July, gave this nation marvelous opportunities. We same unaccountable fashion." have profited by them gloriously!

But why not keep an open mind and learn from every possible South Dakota, county agents have said source? It is all right to make up our minds that we are the best that more than half the farmers there people on earth; but it is foolish to refuse to listen to every argu- are dependent now for income on butment that might prove otherwise.-Liberty Weekly.

WOULD MAKE PROPOSED OIL **COMMISSION ELECTIVE** 

**Grasshoppers** Eat **Feathers Off Of Flock of Turkeys** 

DES MOINES, Aug. 6.-Sere,

ing an appropriation of \$50,000 to battle lines from the Missouri River eastward.

Prayers and poison were resorted to as weapons. More than a thousand Union County, South Dakota farmers knelt on the spot where 60 years ago scourge. One Pierre, S. D., farmer, hearing that turkeys would eat the grasshopper, sent his flock into the fields. He said they came back featherless.

R. D. Springer, traffic commissioner of the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, said the Milwaukee Railroad has promised to lower freight rates to ducts.

While state officials said Iowa has not felt the loss occasioned by Nebraska and South Dakota, plans were being made tonight for a meeting of horde.

Old residents recalled the extensive

A. B. Funk, Iowa industrial comthen, as now, "the grasshopper came predation, they disappeared, no one

mild winter and cold.

"They came mysteriously, and they

In Lyman and Kenneback Counties, ter and eggs-their field crops ravaged by the grasshoppers.

In may sections of Nebraska total loss of small grain crops has been reported, while in others application of poison has adverted extensive dam-

achievement but in every footprint made on the sands of time there nation. Common horse sense tells the most unsofisicated that to bloom the fragrant blossoms of love and kindness and whatever re-ward there is in the life to come will be hers, even as was the love and other business men are ward there is the block of the base and esteem of all who know her well on earth .-- Uvalde Leader-News. needing millions of dollars in ACTUAL CIRCULATION, to make

#### A GOVERNOR FOR THE PEOPLE

Much has been said about the toll bridge controversy between Oklahoma and Texas. Oklahoma's governor is "up in the harness' and working for the interest of the pepole. Looks to us like he should get more co-operation from our governor. The toll bridges have been holding up the people long enough and the two states have kind of money in circulation, but at this time, when your circulat been to the expense of building bridges to take the place of the toll ing medium-MONEY-has been reduced to less than half what it bridges. These are finished, yet the toll collector continue to practice their toll collecting-or rather did until Murray had the road leading to them from Oklahoma side plowed up. Although Murray has not succeeded in opening all of the bridges on the Texas side he most certainly has closed the toll bridges and in the long run we know he will win. More power to him and his fight for the right Now, if we had "Ma" or "Pa" in the governor's chair of Texas-a governor for the people and not corporations-what a relief we could rightly expect; toll bridges would be history, farmers/would get recognition, the masses would be benefited and the people would enjoy traveling on the state and national highways without being "held-up" at these toll bridges.-Holland Progress.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS

The essential difference between poor-farm and old age pension is the difference between sentence assessed and honorarium awarded. However well managed a poor-farm may be, it is alway shrouded in a cloud of hopelessness. Little self respect and much remorse are the lot of its inmates. The pension detracts not a whit the constitutional inhibition" against passing bills under the guise from the recipient's self-respect and he is enabled to live happily among his family and his friends. That the pension system happens to be more economical for the state only adds to its desirability.

When old age pension bills were first offered to the Texas Legislature there were few facts and figures to be marshalled for or against the plan. But now the day of experimentation is past; the recorded experience of more than one-third of the United States testifies to the economy and practiability of the old age pension. It is entitled to the serious consideration of the people of Texas.

#### HURRAH FOR MURRAY

Hurrah, and three cheers for Governor Murray. For lo, these many years the toll bridge nuisance over the Red River between Texas and Oklahoma has been a disgrace to both states. Governor Murray may not be following all the bypaths and intricate legal nysteries, but he seems to be getting results and accomplishing some good. Penny-a-liners can make their wise cracks all they want to about his style and his methods, but let's hope more governors will adopted a commendable policy in showing no leniency to a person pattern after Murray .-- Duval County Facts.

rather than live under the penalties of a toll bridge. And one who has been subjected to the high tolls can hardly blame them. If of their faculties. If a penal farm sentence will serve as a deter-Alfalfa Bill can dig up that little Spanish treaty it may be that after rent, it should be imposed whenever a drunken driver is brought all old Grayson is in Oklahoma.

Governor Sterling may be right in his attitude toward the opening of the Red River bridge at Denison, but he will find most Texans siding with Governor Murray of Oklahoma. And too, Texans will thing to figure out is why with oil selling at twenty cents a barrel, have no divided allegiance-no master but the rank and file of wonder just what authority the highway commission had to guaran- oats selling at 18c a bushel, wheat being poured out in the street for Harris County's citizenship.-Houston Labor Journal. tee the toll bridge operators certain amounts of money. During the lack of a market, bread at three loaves for 10c, big watermelons number of years the toll bridge had been operated it has undoubted- for a dime, and clothing, groceries and many other things at almost ly paid for itself many times over and just why the commission should pre-war prices, that electrical rates, telephone charges and natural Review.

nterest on said bonds from the TAX-PAYING PUBLIC of this

the price of all farm products sell at a live and let live price. Why go to the expense of printing bonds and FORCE the tax-paying pubic to pay interest on these BONDS, when we can use the same paper, the same printing presses and the same labor and print currency to be placed in the Federal Reserve Banks to be loaned to needy farmers and business men at low rate of interest on LONG TIME LOANS? Now, we do not believe in placing too much currency or any other was when we had good times, you can see that we are able to put several million dollars in circulation and still not make money too cheap. Again, we say, why print bonds and sell them to the money speculators and pay them interest when we can just as easily print the money and pay no interest whatever?-Claude News.

#### LEGISLATIVE BLUNDERS

It does seem that by taking the precaution of having the bills passed on as to their constitutionality before their passage, either y the attorney general, the hired lawyers of the Senate and House

ome of the learned lawyer members of either body, the janitors or the expense of passing and printing some 56 local bills only to have seeking to develop the natural resources of our country and thereby them declared unconstitutional by the attorney general after all the help to supply the pantry of hundreds of families expense had been incurred.

The attorney general very mildly says that these laws are evasive, vague, illusory, arbitrary and a plain attempt to evade general laws, yet they got by all the lawyers hired and elected in both branches of the legislature.

WILL H. MAYS.

## DRUNKEN DRIVERS

A sentence to serve sixty days in the penal farm for an intoxicated driver who injured a young girl in an automobile accident is not a heavy punishment. The offender gets off entirely too easy when one thinks of the suffering which he inflicted. The victim of his incapacity to handle his car is lying in the hospital suffering from a fractured leg. Her parents will be compelled to pay the surgeon's fee and the hospital bill, for it is unlikely that the intoxicated driver carried public liability insurance. A reckless driver is a menace to the safety of other motorists and to pedestrians. A drunken driver is worse still, for his senses are befuddled and neither he nor any one else knows what he will do. The local courts have who drives while he is under the influence of liquor. The accident in which the girl was injured Sunday might have been a tragedy. Grayson County citizens have agreed to secede from Texas It is difficult to prevent intoxicated persons from entering their cars into court,-Richmond (Ind.) Palladium.

> -Honey Grove Signal-Citizen. . .

From Dallas News

Our Legislature now in special session for the sole purpose of investigation of the facts. Among other things, it is proposed to ppoint a commission to plan and execute such orders as will pre serve the oil from waste and conserve the best interests of a great industry in which the whole people are in some vital measure interested.

The experience of the ages in government by commissions and poards appointed by the executives has taught us that government by proxy is a dangerous shirking of responsibility.

Not so many years ago Jim Hogg waged a battle for the people against corporate wealth, out of which came our great Railroad ceived a sentence of two years in the Commission. Of course, it was first appointive, but the great penitentiary today from Judge A. friend of the people and a staunch believer in the rights of men Stanford Lyon. as compared with the rights of property had the Legislature to make the members of the Railroad Commission elective. In his wise Moines while he was negotiating with statesmanship he discerned the dangers lurking in leaving this the Des Moines Street Railway Comgreat commission appointive.

No charge of scandal, graft or corruption has ever been lodged jury claim. He confessed he had against this honorable body. The people are vitally interested in been "injured" in Denver, St. Louis, the work of this proposed new commission and should have the privil- Houston and Kansas City, each time ege of selecting its personnel.

This is simply a battle royal by the big oil companies to continue caused him to lose his balance. Each to dictate the price of crude oil, as well as its products. waged time he obtained a settlement of \$25 somebody else, the Texas Legislature could have saved the State against a bunch of men termed independents, who are earnestly to \$200.

H. M. WADE.

Rockwall, Texas.

#### UNDIVIDED ALLEGIANCE

In the state senate's quest for information preparatory to the enactment of oil legislation, among other witnesses before a commit- 300 acres in this area, on which yields tee of that body was R. C. Holmes, president fo the Texas Corpora- range from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds per tion, who was subjected to a rather searching examination.

Against the manner and method of questioning Mr. Holmes, Sen- firm which furnished the seed and is ator Walter Woodul, of Houston, entered a vigorous protect, chid- paying 21/2 cents a pound. The first ing one of his colleagues for "not permitting the witness to answer car was shipped on the ear, but the questions fully." This paper would be the last to attempt any de- others will be of shelled corn. While ense of the insultingly belligerent manner assumed by some of our returns probably will be higher than riends of the legal fraternity, but in this particular instance one cannot help but take cognizance of the source from which the defense become a staple corp, growers say, as of Mr. Holmes came. For years and years General Wolters, and pre- demand this year was above normat sumably his law firm, of which Mr. Woodul is a member, has repre- because of the drouth in other sec-

sented the Texas Corporation. In saying this we intend no reflec- tions. tion on Mr. Woodul, whom we believe to be a man of unquestioned integrity, yet at the same time we believe it contrary to the public interest to have any man, however honorable he may be, to represent Harris County in the legislature of Texas, and at the same time, either for himself or his senior partner to represent any individual, orm or corporation whose interests may at any time conflict with he interest of the public. In saying this, we also disclaim any intention to reflect on our great and public-spirited local concern, the Texas Co. Indeed, we, along with all other citizens of Houston, take a pardonable pride in the greatness of that corporation, but at tion-cash with order. No ad for less the same time, in the very nature of its bigness, it is inconceivable that its interests and the public interest should not sometime con-It's rather hard to understand some things, but the hardest flict, and when such occasions arise, then our representative should

Federal Prohibition Commissioner Woodcock announces he will classified column of the Forum. prosecute anyone selling grape esence if there is proof that it is to Forum subscribers are in the market guarantee them additional returns is beyond the public.-Athens gas are still being charged for at the old-time Jesse James prices. be used for making wine. Wonder what he thinks they want with for every thing, and have everything it, to use it for-shampoo or furniture polish ?-Lockwood Luminary. for sale. 2 cents a word.



KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.-Edward R. Vanden, whose business, he con-

fessed, was falling off street cars, re-

Vanden was apprehended in Des pany of settlement of a personal in-

because a sudden start of the car

#### Ship 12 Cars of Pop Corn From Harlingen

HARLINGEN, Texas, Aug. 6 .--About twelve cars of popcorn are expected to be shipped this season from acre. The crop was contracted to a for cotton, popcorn is not likely to



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#### Thursday, August 6, 1931

# WELL I BE DAMNED

To supply orders for more than 10,000 extra copies of last week's issue of the Forum, we are reproducing the following article that created the demand for that issue.

When in 1917 I borrowed \$150,000 from men who were engaged in the brewery business and paid it by the conveyance of some 1300 did nothing I had rather take my chances on telling them that I had tried to do someacres of land in Central Texas then worth \$125 an acre the "Holier Than Thou" crowd in Texas held up their hands in holy horror and farm products as well as preserve the taxes for the schools. shouted from the house-tops that it was just awfully awful and dis honest and corrupt and the same pussilanimous aggregation of news papers of Texas that we still have in Texas belched forth in full the governor and let him assume responsibility for what he does. page headlines on two or three pages of the same issue and howled and growled all about what a bad man Jim Ferguson was, although facts of the case are always the law of the case.' I had done nothing but borrow money which I paid.

But time rolls on and chickens come home to roost. Last week in the legislative hearning in Austin the president of the Humble Oil Company, which is owned and controlled by the Standard Oil Comcorrectly construe the constitution and nobody need be afraid. pany, testified under oath that said company had in 1930 loaned R. S. Sterling, now governor, and his lawyers \$400,000 (one-fourth to the lawyers and three-fourths to Sterling) on a 1500 acre lease which had a well on it and it was not thought to be wise to develop the field further and by agreement and the payment and loan of the grave issue and responsibility that now rests on the legislature. \$400,000 the well was shut in and has not been developed yet. A \$400,000 known wild cat well forms the basis for a \$400,000 loan ket demand, economic conditions and physical conditions in determining whether oil and from the subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company to Sterling in gas is being wasted. Physical waste and financial waste are inseparable anyway. If January 1930 just a few months before he announces for governor and less than six months before the first democratic primary.

If there ever was a news story and a big head line items this was one. But did they? No, no, the juicy fees of full page and double page political advertisements for cash in last year's campaign was yet to green on memory's page for them to publish anything that might cause a discussion of the governor's relation with those seeking special legislation. The old San Tone Distress never mentioned the testimony. The old Houston Boast, now owned by the governor, never chirped even in small type about their chief and his \$400,000 deal with the Standard Oil Company. The old Dallas News printed about 8 lines on the item and placed it away over in an isolated column of Jew dry goods and jewelry and sore eye treatment advertisements but never a head line but all in the slack in your suspenders, take a fresh "chaw" tobacco and prorate this trouble and meet small reading type. The Fort Worth Star Telegram that also ran the issue and Sallie and the babies will be powerful proud of you when you go back to Waddell Brothers. them big political advertisements last summer at several hundred them. dollars an issue just scuttled the whole item in one paragraph on a page of false teeth and rat killing advertisements and ignorant cartoons by ignorant cartoonists.

Oh, you news fakirs ought to pull down your signs and brags about publishing the news and send everybody their money back. that you dam hounds would have been yelping and headlineing June Livestock yet about the awful doings of Jim Ferguson.

This is the same crowd that sprung all them crooked claims in big head lines about three years ago about the amendments all carrying 3 to 1 in big first page head lines on the first page when in fact all the amendments were beat to a frazzle.

Now frankly, I think Sterling is a better man than these newspaper magnets. He knows that they can be gotten and he goes and gets them and that is all there is to it.

The main thing that I blame Sterling for is the way he has treated his friends. Bill Farrish who testified that he had been a close personal friend of Sterling for many years and that he succeeded Sterling as President of the Humble Oil Company in which Sterling says he owns stock in trust for other people. I think that under these conditions Sterling ought not to have out- port shows. traded his friend Farrish and unloaded that 1500 acre wild cat lease and that worthless well on his old time friend for \$400,000. head, compared with 62,634 a year ty farm women have bought sventy-It just don't seem right for him to do this when he knew that ago; calves were 31,950, against 28,- two sets of canning equipment in the 1931 is estimated at 5,328,000 bushels The crop is spotted throughout West his friend Farrish didn't know any better. Since the thing came 302; swine were 16,530, against 19,- last two months and will buy more from a condition of 76 per cent of nor- Texas and late in places. out some people are criticizing the governor and I don't think it 159, and sheep were 111,411, against than 100,000 tin cans, in addition to mal on July 1, and 67,000 acres plantis the thing to do. Let us give him a chance maybe he will make 58,010 last year. Receipts were: glass containers, from local firms to ed. This compares with 5,012,000 two or three trades like that for the State and make enough to Cattle 20,126, against 24,253; calves meet their canning needs, County bushels last year from 57,000 acres. prices, home-grown feed brought \$20 wipe out the overdraft that Dan Moody wished off on him. If 7,101, against 12,441; swine 11,717, Agen C. M. Knight estimates. he can skin the other oil companies like he put over the Humble against 12,404, and sheep receipts and let us in on it he will soon get us out of debt. I am for him. were 7,564, compared with 20,525 head

I have been thinking about this bill in the legislature on oil received in June, 1930.

#### THE FERGUSON FORUM

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Let the law be written so as to give the railroad commission power to consider mar-

Yes, I know most of the big companies want it, but they don't want it one-tenth as

waste. And likewise if there is financial waste there must of necessity be physical waste



MIDLAND.-More feeder calves than ever before are promised by West Texas ranchmen for exhibit at

**Farm Activities** 

thing to raise the price of oil in the hope that it would raise the price of cotton and other the State Fair of Texas this year, John M. Gist, legal cattleman, says 350 DeWitt County farm families after a tour of that section. Let the legislature fearlessly meet the issue and do its duty and put the issue up to

Old Alcalde Roberts, the greatest judge that Texas ever had always said that, "the Let an aroused people in the oil business and the farm business stand together in a demand and a struggle for their existence and nobdy need fear that the courts won't products, will be held Oct. 22-24.

In all kindness and with all due respect I want to suggest that the legislature is taking fright and is running away from the issue and too much attention is being paid to those who are appealing to unfair prejudice to divert the minds of the members from the section by the local milk plant.

considerable acreage in sweet pota- bers must kill a yearling as their aloes in Liberty County, expecting to lotted time comes. there is physical waste there is bound to be financial loss which is economic or financial make a fair late crop.

> BRYAN.-A total of 280 farmers n Brazos and Madison Counties attended night schools conducted by vo-

bad as the poor people of this country need it. If this legislature adjourns and don't pass cational agriculture teachers at Colthis law designed to raise the price of oil, then this winter when the poor hungry children lege Station. Twenty major farm T. A. Kincaid of Ozona was re-elected of the unemployed oil workers look over the fence and see the children of the farmer dragproblems were discussed. ging that old cotton sack down a 5 cent cotton row to keep from starving and freezing

cre ranch in Winkler County was Rio was selected as next year's concompleted last week. The ranch was vention city. Say boys, pull this old legislature out of the hole. Pull up your pants, take up the bought by Ben Jenkins, Edd Cole and

> BASTROP.-Disease has reduced the turkey crop in this section considerably in the last ten months.

WACO .- Pecan case borers have damaged the McLennan County crop from 25 to 50 per cent. R. S. Miller, county agent, estimated. Infestation is practically completed, however, and no further damage is expected unless

PLAINS .- Recent rains have aided crops greatly in Yoakum County and ranges are in good condition. Cattle are fat, but demand for calves is light. Farm produce prices are low, eggs selling for 7c per dozen.

BALLINGER .- The mesquite bean crop is excellent in Runnels County and will provide feed for many cattle.

QUITMAN.-In spite of low milk Texas' fall production is estimated at 'a ton when marketed through grind-210,000 bushels, lower valley early ing and feeding to Jersey cows WOODVILLE.-On poor sandy production estimate is 996,000, and James F. Taylor, Wood County, found.

land that has been terraced and made fertile by turning under legumes and Lake Sugarland Whenter area, in-

**Meat Ring Keeps Farmers Supplied** With Fresh Beef

CUERO, Texas, Aug. 6.-Nearly

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never lack fresh beef during the sum. mer and fall, as sixteen "meat rings" MERIDIAN .- Meridian's third an- are in operation. some of them having nual diversification display, including operated continuously for nearly forty exhibits of cattle, cotton, small grains, years. For twenty-four weeks, becoultry, turkeys and other diversi- ginning May 1, a beef weighing not fied products, as well as of 4-H club less than 200 pounds or more than 315 pounds, exclusive of soup bone, is killed each Saturday and divided LAMESA .- Powdered milk, recom- into twenty-four numbered portions. mended as a preventive for pellegra, The numbers are rotated so that each is being sold in retail stores in this member receives a different cut each week and receives all of the cuts during the season. In addition, each re-LIBERTY .-- Farmers are taking ceives a soup bone one week and a advantage of wet weather to plant piece of neck the next week. Mem-

#### Del Rio Picked by Sheep, Goat Men

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Aug. 6.president of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at the closing session MIDLAND.-Division of a 64,000- of their convention here today. Del

> A resolution asking that handling charges at stockyards be reduced 25 per cent was approved today. The agricultural marketing act was also approved by resolution.

> > PELLAGRA

Have you these symptoms? Many people are unaware that they have Pellagra because in its early stages it may be so mild. If you are tired and drowsy, feel lazy, have head-aches, suffer from depression, have dark and rough skin, skin eruption, sore mouth, trouble with your stomach and bowels, short breath, giddy feeling, lose of weight-no doubt you have Pellagra.

Herrington's Rx 139 gives relief. Hundreds vouch for com-plete treatment. Write for testimonials, 30-day treatment reduced to \$5.00. Herrintgon's Laboratories, Texarkana, Texas. Try your drug store or order direct.—Adv.

APPY

between going there and writing there is telephoning. Quicker

and cheaper than going. Friend-

lier and easier than writing. Try

LIQUID OR TABLETS

EUROPEON PLAN

AT AUSTIN

the Hotel



then the people will know who were their friends and who were not.

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.-Texas' June shipments of all classes of live-stock, except swine, were above the loss than shipments in May, 1931, reports

the bureau of business research, University of Texas. Receipts of all Caldwell County were terraced last bushels last year from 51,000 acres. classes were below those in June, year through the work of W. H. Forecast for the entire United States 1930, and those a month ago, the re- Avery, vocational agriculture teacher. is for 74,067,000 bushels from 871,000 Cattle shipments totaled 85,892

or the loss could not take place.

son please pray.

**Kansas City Price** 

on Roasting Ears

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Aug. 6.-

The hot dry weather has maturned

KAUFMAN.-Both town and farm

I just believe you are going to do it.

Yes, I knew you would. Thanks. Par-JAS. E. FERGUSON.

68 per cent of norman on July 1. This LULING.-More than 400 acres in compares with production of 3,570,000

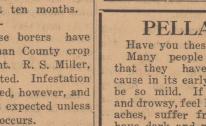
acres, compared with 62,230 bushels CLARKSVILLE.-Red River Coun- from 722,000 acres last year. Irish potato production in Texas in

**Not Donate Wheat** 

Large Texas Yam

**Crop Is Forecast** 

a second infestation occurs.





WASHINGTON, Aug 6.-Texas'

proration. In light of the Federal court decision last week it looks Shipments of eggs from Texas stalike the thing may not be constitutional. It looks like the boys in tions totaled seventy cars during the County made a net profit of \$80.00 on the House and Senate are about equally divided on the question, month, including thirty-three intra-one acre of tomatoes and now has he-duction forecast is 396,451,000 bushels especially on the questiin of a new conservation commission. The state shipments and thirty-seven in- gari growing on the same land. question of market demands which is a half brother to price fixing testate. Seventy-five cars of dressed is also troubling the boys. The item of overproduction is messing chickens and fourteen of live chickens up the cards mightily and the records has been flooded with dope were shipped interstate, and two cars of stored wheat and barley have been that proves anything you want, but don't prove anything for sure. of live chickens were shipped to treated to control weevil and a total Lots of the boys are saying that they don't want to see crude oil go points in the state. Receipts were of more than 800,000 bushels will be Farm Board Will up to a dollar a barrel and gasoline go up to \$10 a barrel. They say forty-four cars of eggs, twenty-three treated, James D. Prewitt, county they can't explain it when they go back home and ask for re-elec- from within the state and one car of agents, estimates. Four pounds of live chickens. tion.

The governor is dead set, if not hell bent on a proration law. He is as equally strong for a separate conservation commission to be **Penny for Dozen** appointed by him. He thinks if he is given a free hand he can do good-even raise the dead oil business. So here we are. I have discussed the matter with several of our friends. What shall we do?

I have come to the conclusion after looking the situation over and giving the matter some thought, that if I was a member of the iegislature and was not goaded too much with constitutional conscience, I would just pass the buck up to Mr. Sterling by voting for his entire program of proration, separate commission and all. In other words, I would give him his baby and tell him to raise it. He has a mighty sick child-I don't believe even oil and salts will get even a bowel passage. But if he can let us wish him well, yea, let's ears of sweet corn here today. help him.

the "roasting ears" rapidly, making If our friends block the governor in his move to clear up the oil trouble and defeat his law and wishes, then when the situation an abundance of corn available for blows up as it is sure to do, then the governor and his friends will market. One merchant bought an blows up as it is sure to do, then the governor and his friends will anibi out of it by saying that the opposition stood in the way of the entire field so cheaply he was enabled the entire field so progress and accomplishment and they will actually make a lot of to retail his wares at the record low good. people believe that we killed cock robin. Let us give him and his price. friends no such opportunity. Let us take his medicine and if it 1. don't cure then we can rest assured that the people will give them | Trench Silos Cheap some medicine that will move things out.

We have a desperate situation in nearly every oil field in Texas. The wail is so loud and distressing that we can almost hear the cry cf the hungry orphan, the prayers of anxious mothers, the groans of strong men pleading for bread and meat to arrest the approach of death and starvatoin. We who may feel like opposing Governor Sterling and who may think his plan is illegal and unworkable must remember we are not in power and we can do nothing, however cording to M. R. Bentley, farm en- quality fruit. County production 'esmuch we would like to do something. He is in power and his friends gineer in the extension service of timated at more than forty cars. are in the legislature. They have the power to do something. Let Texas A. & M. College. These silos us make them use it. Let us fall in line and make them shoulder are usually 12½ feet wide at the top, YOAKUM.-Because of prices as their responsibility without let or hindrance from us.

Not that I believe in or approve the Sterling programme, but varying according to amount to be shipments have been made this year most county agents include this in under the desperate needs of the hour it is no time for an argument. stored, figured on the basis of one cu- from the heaviest production ever So Mr. Governor stick the feather in your hat, mount your stead and bic foot of ensilage weighing 25 made in this section. lead the charge. We are behind you to follow to the fray and hold pounds. Wastage averages about 51/2 up your hands.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

### PRORATION, CONSERVATION AND TAXATION

#### To The Forum:

If the legislature had adopted Jim Ferguson's suggestion on silage. Complete details for building cotton and the output on oil, it would have cut down over produc- them can be obtained from county tion of both cotton and oil and raised some revenue. It would have agents or from Bulletin MS-78 crop and many pickers from other to four pounds of feed. covered the matter of proration, conservation and taxation-it would "Trench Silos in Texas," distributed drouth-stricken sections found work The type of feeder recommended is have helped the little man and held back the big devil. No bill by the Extension Service at College here, but this year's crop will likely four to six feet long, three or four now before the legislature on these subjects are worth a ram's skin Station. with the wool rubbed off. Jim Ferguson's proposition is the correct

solution-adopt it, adjourn and go home. Not for God's sake, but for the people's sake. LEE BEATY.

-Lockhart, Texas.

and must be used carefully, he says.

from 80 to 368 pounds more of milo to private agencies for distribution to maize heads per acre from pure line the poor and needy. However, it has seed than from ordinary seed.

One cent was the price of a dozen crop of about 625 cars of watermelons enable the use of the wheat for relief CORPUS CHRISTI.-Two acres of from Wilson County is almost com- purposes. The agricultural market- beets planted last October by A. M. pleted. Prices paid growers are the ing act specifies that the grain stab-i- Stone of Nueces County completely

> movements began this week in Red it. River County, with Annona the only Last winter the board was besieged

Feed Storgae point making carlot shipments. Yield to distribute the wheat to the unemis fair to good and quality above aver- ployed through the Red Cross and

Pickers Not Needed

age. COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Aug. 6.—Trench silos, of which there are

MOUNT PLEASANT. - Peaches believed to be less than 100 in Texas, cost little and are fairly satisfactory started moving last week from Titus More Texas Hogs Fed method of preserving feedstuff, ac- County at 75c per bushel for the best

per cent, a survey shows, but agents believe it can be reduced by building concrete walls or making dirt walls smoother.

Advantages of these silos are their features and the ease of removing en-

melons were shipped this week from in close touch with conditions through- flaps. The walls are perpendicular Anderson County, the first carload out the country, concurred in the ac- allowing the feed to settle down more from Palestine selling for \$110. tion of the local business men. freely than in the "V" type feeder.

rotating crops, Ben Best of Tyler from 3,506,000 acres, compared with 343,236,000 bushels from 3,167,000

acres in 1930. BRADY.-More than 50,000 bushels

carbon bisulphide are used over evry 1,000 cubic feet of grain in a tight bin. The gas is inflammable however,

any of them. FLORESVILLE .- Shipment of a Only Congressional action would

CLARKSVILLE. - Elberta peach at a low cost below the price paid for Lightning Returns

also to starving Chinese.

From Self Feeders

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Aug. 3-Hog feeding by means of self-101/2 feet wide and 91/2 deep, length low as 10c each for watermelons, no feeders is increasing in Texas and plans for feeding demonstrations, says E. M. Regenbrecht, swine specialist of the Texas A. & M. College extension service. Tests show this method gives the most economical gains where corn or grain sorghums are fed free choice with a protein supplement KARNES CITY, Texas, Aug. 6 .- of equal parts of cottonseed meal and The directors of the Karnes City tankage. Grains can be fed economlow cost of construction, convenience Chamber of Commerce passed a res- ically unground if a self-feeder is used olution advising cotton pickers not to and hogs digest a larger percentage come to ths section expecting work. of the grain, a pound of grain being Last year the county grew a bumper mixed with three and three-quarters

not exceed one-half of last year and feet high and one foot wide, with a can be gathered by the local labor. feeding trough at the bottom twelve PALESTINE .- Four cars of water- County Judge Thomas Smiley, who is inches wide, covered with wooden

Lake-Sugarland-Wharton area, is 1,- Bermuda hay, five pounds of peanut 706,000 bushels. United States pro- vines and two and one-half pounds if cottonseed meal daily.

> BRADY .- Harvesting of the largest oat crop ever grown in McCulloch is getting under way.

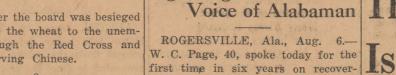
BRYAN.-A market center has been opened to enable Brazos County farmers to dispose of their diversified farm products.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.-The LOCKHART .- Prospects are good Farm Board has received a variety for a large pecan crop in Caldwell of suggestions from many sources County. Figs that were kllied to the COLORADO .- Mitchell County 4-H that the 200,000,000 or more bushels ground by freeze two years ago will club boys have found that they get of stabilization wheat be turned over make a good crop this season.

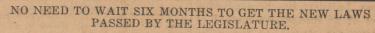
> BEEVILLE.-A . A. Huegler & Son no authority under the law to adopt will erect a modern turkey dressing

lowest in years, thirty-pound melons lization corporration shall exert every fed 110 hogs and were used in feedselling at 12c to 15c per 100 pounds in effort to realize a profit from its op- ing forty dairy cows, fifteen sheep unlikely that the wheat would be of 3,000 pounds of beets was fed.

sold to private or state relief agencies



ing consciousness after being struck yesterday by lightning.



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#### THE FERGUSON FORUM

against J. B. Price of Bastrop, vener-

claims of sheriffs.

#### Thursday, August 6, 1931

#### **This Man Wanted Advance** Mr. John Manley, **Royalties From Humble Oil** Too, But He Didn't Get'Em To The Forum:

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 6.-Humble Gov. Murray Makes Oil & Refining Company has declined to pay advance royalty on a 42 acre producing lease in Rusk County in a letter which F. L. Hargis, San

Angelo insurance man, received today sand of dollars for said lobby and in from W. S. Farish, president of the procuring a petition to overawe the Humble

Mr. Hargis Wednesday asked the ment, holding numerous secret meet-Humble by letter if it would advance ings with seditious intent and intrigue \$42,000 in royalties on the 42 acre against the State Government." near London, in Rusk County, leased from Mrs. E. S. Thrash, his mother. meetings was held at Tulsa last because a well on the property is not March, "attended by Sinclair, the being produced to capacity. He company's attorney and two of its wrote following Humble's announcement that it had advanced royalty peaching the Governor who had blockpayments to a number of royalty own- ed the company's effort to repeal the ers, including Governor Sterling, on

1,500 acres in Chambers County. Mr. Farish advised that the prop. erty is being "produced in accordance with the proration program and orders of the railroad commission," is the State holds a vested property in-

being protected against drainage by terest." offset wells and is being developed, **Independents Imperiled** he thinks, in the same manner as Governor Murray said that crude surrounding properties, thereby fuloil "has been by such methods of filling Humble's lease obligations. the Sinclair Oil and Gas Company, in In reply, Mr. Hargis wrote Mr. combination with other monopolistic Farish Saturday that Humble's com- oil corporations, reduced to such a pliance with its lease obligations low price that the independent pronever had been questioned but cited ducer has not been able to obtain a that "the federal court recently held price equal to the cost of production that a field could not be prorated while the monopolistic purchasers and legally, and we have been unable to producers, who produce oil control sell our royalty at a fair price be- pipe lines, own and operate refineries

not open up their wells.

trol increased their earnings and Mr. Hargis concluded, "we think threatened utter destruction of the inwe are entitled to the consideration requested in my letter of July 29, as our governor testified in Austin that pipe lines, refineries nor filling stahe had received advance royalty monies and I understand that your company's policy is very liberal to

its royalty owners."

# \$2,000,000 For **Bank Depositors**

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.-J. D. \$2,000,000 - available to claimants said. against the depositors' guaranty fund law early in 1927.

Distribution had been delayed more than four years by litigation. James V. Allred, Attorney General, drawn and sent out."

At present prices, the order stated

for pleading with wheat grow-(Continued from page 1) ers to send 250,000,000 bushels of wheat to European nations. Is that suggestion not an inspiration from above? Would Legislature and the State Governnot ship loads of American

Good His Threat

wheat taken to Europe for the poor be more conducive to the promotion of peace and universal good The order added that one of the will than warships that terrorized the nations. Which ship would please the angles most, warships or ships loaded with wheat? Over lobbyists" to consider means of "improduction is a word that should be heard no more, it is an insult to God. When all are fed in this oil laws-all in order to depress the price of oil, against the best interests country, in Europe, in China and other countries our graneries will of the school children in this State be empty. God gave us wheat to and against the interests of the citizens ...'. in that it reduced to a be distributed and should not be minimum the taxable values in which given to the nogs.

RAYMOND VERNIMONT. Denton, Texas.

# **Bakers** Pondering **Murray's Threat**

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 6 ..- Leaders mended that Judge Price's conduct \$60,000 in cash and giving vendor's of Oklahoma's organized bakers talk. be examined.

Enid, Oklahoma

The Ferguson Forum July 30 on front page carries this remarkable headline: "Ask farm board to

give Europe wheat." God bless

Mr. John Manley, of Enid, Okla.

bread prices here today, concluding approval of claims allegedly made by On Dec. 31, 1927, the company concause the operators in the field would and filling stations-have through that best efforts possible are being John T. Carlisle, former sheriff of veyed approximately 500 acres of the made to give consumers full value. Meanwhile, Governor Murray at Lewis of Burleson County, John J. consideration of approximately \$450 Oklahoma City, displayed two big Burttschell of Lee County and Woody an acre, the price Col. Ball had quoted loaves of bread made at the State Townsend of Bastrop County.

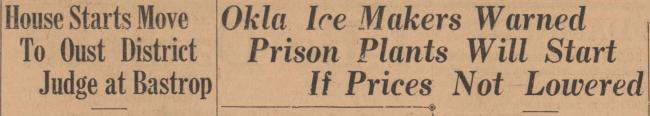
One of the 13 charges said Judge A two-pound, 10-ounce loaf, he said, Price approved an acount of the sheriff of Burleson County for the A. R. Cox, Henryetta, president of May, 1930, court term wherein the sheriff claimed he traveled 4,800 miles said after an executive committee in two successive days in arresting three defendants when the three dewould ask the governor if labor, de- fendants were arrested at the same livery, rent and other items were fig- time and one on day and the distance

nesses."

He said the bakers were "not seeking

"We have made a thorough investigation of prices throughout the state ed to have traveled 78,918 miles in 11 and find that bakers everywhere are days and subpoenaed 800 witnesses. Roosevelt Donates doing all possible to give the con- It was charged "most of the process sumer full value for price received." | that was issued demanding the sheriff

Last month the governor threat- to summon witnesses was done by the



AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.-Im- Col. Tom Ball Under peachment charges were filed today Grand Jury Indictment threat that the State will manufacture in the House of Representatives

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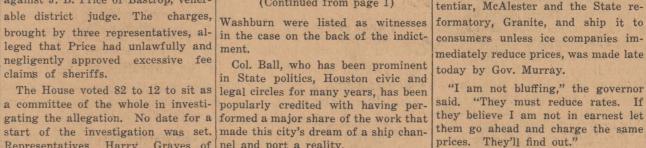
brought by three representatives, al- in the case on the back of the indictleged that Price had unlawfully and ment. negligently approved excessive fee

in State politics, Houston civic and

a committee of the whole in investi- popularly credited with having pergating the allegation. No date for a formed a major share of the work that start of the investigation was set. made this city's dream of a ship chan-Representatives Harry Graves of nel and port a reality.

Fredericksburg, along with Grady dictment was consummated in 1927. Sturgeon, assistant attorney general, In that year the navigation district Hughes, members of the State Corwere named counsel for the House. Indications were that the 66-year. the channel for a dumping site for old jurist, would fight the move with silt being dredged from the channel. all his might. R. L. Batts, chairman Col. Ball, attorney for the district, inof the board of regents of the Uni- formed the port commission that land increase the size of the plant at Mcversity of Texas, and Paul D. Page owned by Mrs. Rosa Allen near the Alester. If they fool with me I'll put of Bastrop, former state senator, will scene of the dredging probably could a plant at the State reformatory and direct the defense with counsel in- be purchased for \$450 an acre, and he ship the ice."

Judge Price's district.



Georgetown and Alfred Petsch of | The deal that resulted in his incharged that C. C. Childers and E. R. poration Commission, had declined to needed about 500 acres of land near join Paul Walker, commissions chairman, in a rate reduction order.

cluding lawyers from every county in was instructed to purchase it. Later, however, he discovered that furnish cheap ice to the City of Mc-

the price asked was \$475 an acre, and Alester from the penitentiary came The charges were brought by Rep- it was required that the entire tract after attorneys for the company servresentatives Graves, J. Turney Ter- of Mrs. Allen, 1,388 acres be pur- ing that town had advised the comrell of Del Rio and Phil Sanders of chased. The Greater Houston Im- pany not to reduce prices to the 35-Nacogdoches after the Senate com- provement Co., of which Col. Ball was 45 cent rate requested by the governor mittee investigating fees had recom- president purchased the tract, paying and that Murray was "bluffing."

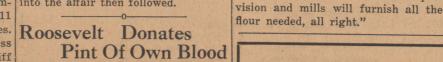
lien notes for the remainder of the to the McAlester public for 30 cents The action was based on asserted consideration.

Lee County, and Sheriffs Clint D. land to the navigation district for a to the commission. The district paid

the company \$60,000 cash and gave vendor's lien notes for the balance. Later the district paid the company the balance of the indebtedness, and McAlester prison and the cost of secured a release, but did not secure manufacturing bread there on a large a release from Mrs. Allen of the the output should be for consumption lien she held on the entire acreage. Athtorneys for the Allen estate of citizens.

everal weeks ago began to press for Asked if millers in the State would decline to furnish flour to the prison, payment of the notes due on the land by the company, and navigation dis- if the move would run ballers out of

The ninth charge alleged Prive ap. trict officials discovered that the dis- business, he replied: proved on account of Burttschell for trict did not have a clear title to the the spring term of 1931 for \$1,705.45, land. The probe by the grand jury the account showing the sheriff claim- into the affair then followed.



ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 6 .- Gov. Roosevelt, of New York, who was a sheriff so he might place the names victim of infantile paralysis 10 years "just as soon as the checks may be in keeping with the law conserves ing experiments were tried at the of such people as he might see proper ago, has donated a pint of his own prison, where already ice is being sold and the sheriff did not travel 18,918 blood to aid state health department miles and did not summon 800 wit- in its present fight against the disease, it was announced today. Health authorities recently appealed to all persons who have been victims of this disease and who have recovered to give their blood to aid district were here today. C. B. May-Dr. Thomas Parran, Jr., state health commissioner, who announced the governor's donation of blood recalled that Roosevelt did the same thing in 1926 when there was an outbreak of the disease.

\$10 Coffins Added To Murray's Plan For Cheap Living

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 6 .- Okla homa will even make coffins "for \$10" if it is necessary to lower retail prices, Governor Murray said today'.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 6.-A

ice at huge plants at the State peni-

At the same time the governor

"If necessary," Murray said, "I will

for 100 pounds.

were making 11 per cent profit.

cent profit for corporations."

The Constitution provides a 6 per

"There will be no trouble from that

source. There is a constitutional pro-

Informed a Chamber of Commerce group had passed a resolution conconsumers unless ice companies im- demning the Governor's action in havnediately reduce prices, was made late ing ice made and sold at the State penitentiary, he said:

"We'll show these chambers of commerce. If they want to line up that way, all right, there are just two sides, one for the people and the other for corporations and high prices."

"We'll make ice and we'll make bread and we'll make coffins for \$10 that are selling for all kinds of prices now and we'll run the furniture men out of business if we have to.

"I'm going to fight anything that fights me.

#### Senate Bill Would **Amend Peddlers' Act**

He pointed out that his move to AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.- A bill ntroduced in the Senate Monday by Senators Deberry, Woodruff and Holbrook seeks to amend the pedlers tax law enacted at the regular ses sion of the 42nd Legislature by taking the tax off farm products and making it possible for the farmer to Prison-made ice now is being sold sell his products to whomsoever he desires for the purpose of resale.

Under the present law a farmer Turning to cotton gin rates, Murwho sold his farm products to a ray said he was informed that ginners trucker for the purpose of resale, even though the resale be to a retail "That is entirely too high," he said. merchant, the trucker was required to pay a state occupation tax in each ounty in which he peddles. Besides Murray said he was now determinthe state tax he has to pay, each ng the capacity of the bakery at the county can assess a tax in the amount of half the amount of the state tax. Then the city can charge him the same scale. Then he will decide how much amount if it so desires.

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dependent producers who own neither He spoke of the voluntary shutdown in the Oklahoma City field by numerous producers and said the Champlin and Sinclair companies had continued to take oil from their wells "to the detriment of the adjoining

lands operated by the independent producers.' **Conservation Measure** 

such monopolistic production and con-

Shutting down of all but stripper

vells, the order stated, "is a measure of conservation" and does not injure Moore, district judge here, today en- the wells. If closed down the stripper tered an order making more than wells, however, would be ruined, it

The shutdown, it was alleged, "does not take from interestate commerce any oil because it has never reached said the money would be distributed any owner any valuable property, but ered. More recently the bread-makthe natural resources of the State."

a fight with Governor Murray, but we do await his suggestions."

the pipe line for the purpose of inter- ened to organize co-operative bak- district clerk signing the process book state commerce, nor does it take from eries if prices of bread are not low- in blank and turning it over to the

ed over Governor Murray's fight on

penitentiary for less than 5 cents. cost 4.75 cents. the Oklahoma Bakers' Association,

meeting here that the committee

ured in the cost of prison-made bread. traveled was only 210 miles.

will be back in the channels of com- tax collected from oil and gas remerce within from 30 to 60 days from sources "is too insignificant for the this date," he stated.

weeks each bank will receive a report of what amount it will receive, Allred said. Everett Looney was the Assistant Attorney General representing the state in the litigation. Under Judge Moore's order today, under discussion to call out the Namaximum fees of attorneys for de-

positors were reduced from 25 to 13 per cent.

60 Million Stamps For Cirgarettes

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 6.—As a starter for putting the cigarette tax law sumed to give corporations a footing into effect Aug. 22, State Treas. Charabove the sovereign State . . . through lie Lockhart has received 60,000,000 the abuse of injunctions, doubtless beof the stamps that are to be placed on cause of the well-known fact that the cigarette packages.

The initial supply of stamps will be to the influence of corporations; theredistributed to approximately 1500 fore, in a contest between them and Texas banks so that local dealers can the welfare of a sovereign State and buy the necessary number to put on its people there is but one course for tion to the brink of ruin."

remaining stocks when the law be- an officer sworn to obey the Constitucomes effective. The stamps also will tion of his State and the United be available from the treasury depart- States-usurpation by Judges, nulliment for purchase by retailers and by fying legislative acts, may take from the distributors or other agencies. the citizen, for a time his constitu-

The law requires the stamps to be tional guarantees but does not change supplied by the first seller in Texas. the Constitution or the law."

After the unstamped supplies already in hands of the dealers are exhausted, it appeared probable that the wholesalers will have the cigarette prestamped, and that some of the principal manufacturers will be furnished magistrate who shall be styled 'the correspondent. The vote was 115 to the stamps to be applied before the

cigarettes are packed in cartons. the Governor shall be commander in Treas. Lockhart has been advising chief of the militia of the State . . . dealers of an inexpensive method of and may call out the same to execute bers left their desks to shake hands attaching the stamps to the cello- the laws" and "the Governor shall with the reporter. phane and glassine wrappers on sev- cause the laws of the State to be eral brands of cigarettes, and this faithfully executed and shall conduct Charles McCombs of Dallas characteradvice has been taken to be accept- all intercourse and business of the ized a story written by Vaughan as

applying the stamps outside the trans- the peace throughout the State." parent outer wrappers.

Seek to Segregate Juvenile Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 .- The next right, Seminole, East Seminole, St. Congress will be asked to approve Louis, Carr City, South Earlsboro, of Vaughan, Mathis said, "instead of drew up the covenant for the League legislation which would permit the Konawa, East Earlsboro, West Asherremoval of all Federal juvenile Wanette, West Seminole, Wewoka, prisoners from jails to more "health- Tatums, Chandler, West Perry and

ful surroundings." Orlando. Senator Davis (Rep.), Pennsylvania, made this promise today with the assertion that conditions as revealed Don't you know this is only a oneby the recent Wickersham Commisway street?" sion report were "a disgrace to American civilization.' coming back."

wholesome public benefit to which the Davidson Plans Within the next 10 days or two State is entitled." Authority for Using Troops An act by the Fifth State Legislature, approved by former Governor DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 6 .- A state Williams, was cited as authorizing the Governor "in such cases as that now

Many Fields Included

The order begins with quoted sec-

Governor of the State of Oklahoma; 9.

Fields named by the Governor in

Allen, Two Sands, Bowlegs, Earlsboro

proper, Earlsboro townsite, Little

River, East Little River, Marshall-

Lovell, Maud, Mission, Sasakwa, Sea-

Policeman (yelling): "Hey, there!

call for formation of a Roosevelt-for-President organization by Democratic tional Guards or the State militia." leaders was issued here today by T. "A corporation (an artificial per-Whit Davidson, former lieutenant son) is created by law and has no powgovernor. Twenty Texas Democratic

of the law," the order went on, "while ganization luncheon here Thursday. a sovereign State or the people there-Davidson was joined in the call by of possess all powers not delegated Earnest May of Fort Worth, former away, although some of the inferior assistant attorney general under Gov. Federal courts have for decades as-Dan Moody. Plans will be made for

Fair in October. Governor Roosevelt will be invited. Davidson in the call scored Andrew many such Judges owe their positions his "selfish, incompetent and narrow viewpoint which has brought the na-

read before the body.

gentlemanly."

anybody was.

Move to Bar Houston **Reporter From House** 

Accounts which Price allegedly approved were claimed to be excessive by \$20,000 or more. Many lawyers from Judge Price's **Roosevet** Club

nard of Bastrop, county attorney, said the bar of Judge Price's district was

99 per cent behind him. Price has been district judge for the past seven years.

The Senate committee said that in a few days, as soon as circumstances ers outside of the expressed authority leaders are expected to attend the or- warrant, "a fuller and more complete report will be made by this committee showing numerous violations of the law.'

> The Senate committee was named after investigation had revealed disa Franklin Roosevelt Day at the State crepancies arising from the fee system. One man had been sentenced to the penitentiary and another had been indicted for witness scrip forgeries. Mellon, Secretary of Treasury, for Two others, alleged to have committed the same offense, had killed them. selves.

#### Colonel E. M. House Married Fifty Years

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.-Col. Edward M. House, confidential advisor to President Wilson during the war, and AUSTIN, Aug. 6 .- The Texas Mrs. House will celebrate their gol-

House late today defeated and exden wedding anniversary tomorrow. tions of the Oklahoma Constitution punged from the record a resolution No plans for the day have been providing "the supreme executive proposing to deny the privilege of the announced. power shall be invested in a chief floor to Dick Vaughan, Houston Press

Mrs. House is the former Loulie Hunter of Austin, Texas, where she and her husband still have a home. There was cheering when the vote They have two children Mrs. Nona was announced and a number of mem- Tucker and Mrs. Janet Auchingloss. Colonel House, who is 73, has been active in State and national Demo-The resolution by Representative cratic circles for years. He was a personal representative of President ance by the state of the method of State and shall be the conservator of "scurrilous." The story itself was 1915 and 1916. In 1917 he was a special representative of the govern-McCombs addressed himself briefly the order include: Oklahoma City, to the resolution saying the story had premiers and foreign ministers at ment at the inter-allied conference of been "unfair, unsportsmanlike and un- Paris where plans for the continuance of the war were made. Later he act-Representative John Mathis of ed for the United States in the nego-Houston, one of the Harris County tiation of the armistice and was a delegation, took the floor in support member of the commission which

> we ought to give him a bouquet." Mathis, who was grinning, said he An Irishman stopped before a grave thought he ought to be offended if in a cemetery containing the tomb. The story itself made references to stone declaring: "Here lies a law-

members with their feet on their yer and an honest man." lesks, reading newspapers, to the free "An' who'd ever think" he mur-Dud: "That's all right-I ain't stamps provided by the State to legis- mured, "there'd be room for two men lators and to other matters. in that little grave."

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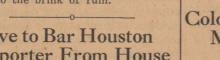
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