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Boydston's - Bargain - Feast

We have just completed our semi-annual inventory and find left a number of remnants and other items that we do not care to carry over and in order to dispose of them we offer two days of Bargain Feasting.

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Cottonwood, July 26th.—Ring, ring, ring! "Hello! is that Baird Central?" "Yes; who is that?" "This is a defeated candidate from Eastland. I came up on the 12:40 train last night. How is the election in Callahan?" "Why it is all over, and all is quiet today. The smiles and warm hand shake have turned to cool looks and nods. "How did the Sheriff's race go?" Will tell you the whole thing. McGowen is out of the race and will rest awhile. Ely will continue the practice of law; Uzzell will go back behind the counter to sell goods; Bennett will teach

school and save Johnson grass hay; Joe Shackelford will go back to buying chickens and selling lumber; Coates continues to farm and does not seem to be the least bit disturbed. All is now settled and the best of feeling seems to prevail. The writer is now an old man and has passed through many campaigns. I saw the Greenback party rise and fall; likewise the Grange and the Third or People's party and the Farmers' Alliance and the Democratic party still lives. I cast my first vote for sheriff for the late lamented Capt. W. J. Maltby in Burnett county. The Christian meeting has closed with many conversions. The Liber-

ty Baptist meeting closed with three baptisms. The methodists are now holding with large congregations. Several professions of faith up to date.

All crops are fine. Corn could not be better. The farmers are busy saving the fodder, as the past season has been one with a scarcity of feed stuff of all kinds. So little corn was made last year that most people now have to buy bacon and lard, which adds much to the store account.

The Cottonwood picnic was the most pleasant entertainment of its kind that has ever been held at this place.

The Fruit and Farm Exhibit was splendid. As only those with phones were allowed to take part in the exhibit not near all the farms were represented and there was much in the country not exhibited. We think the Cottonwood country can produce as good fruit and garden stuff as any place in Middle Texas.

The health of the country is good; little sickness being reported by our doctors.

His Honor J. H. Robison, had a case of aduaction before him last Saturday, one Smith, and he was bound over to await the action of the next grand jury.

The baby boy of Charley Worthy

ran against the fence last Saturday and was knocked senseless and remained in that condition for several hours. At this writing he is resting easy.

With much good feeling for THE STAR man and that he may be successful I will close KALAMITY.

Mrs. W. E. Hunter and daughter, Miss Frankie, of Ft. Worth, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. John Johnson who has been visiting her son, C. E. Johnson and family, has returned to her home at Santo. She was accompanied home by Master Edgar Johnson.

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SENSATION IN ARKANSAS

Brought About by the Arrest of Prominent People.

BRYAN VOTED FOR CRISP.

So Writes Son of Late Speaker—Negro Preacher Involved in Financial Matter That May Cost Him a Term in State Prison.

Quite a sensation has developed at Harrison, Ark.

The arrest of Dr. L. W. Blanchard, a prominent physician and church worker, and of his aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blanchard, has revealed probably the largest and most complete counterfeiter's outfit ever found in the state. Dies, moulds and hundreds of spurious coins of various denominations were found by the officers, counterfeit money being buried in the fields and concealed in the house and garden.

J. H. Blanchard and his wife admitted their son had made counterfeit money, but denied having attempted to pass any of it themselves. Mrs. Blanchard said her son had practiced medicine successfully in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. Some time ago he purchased a 400-acre plantation in Arkansas to live with his parents. The arrests have caused a sensation.

All were bound over to the grand jury. The parents furnished bonds.

Bryan Voted For Crisp.

Judge C. R. Crisp of Americus, Ga., the son of the former speaker of the United States house of representatives, has received a letter from Hon. Wm. J. Bryan with reference to the charge that Mr. Bryan failed to support Mr. Crisp's father in his contest for speaker. Mr. Bryan says that while he voted for Mr. Springer in the caucus, as he lived in Springer's district and had promised to support him, he had voted for Crisp when the election was held in the house. Mr. Bryan says:

"Nothing but the most malignant enmity can account for the circulation of the charge that I am prejudiced against the southern Democrats. Every southern man with whom I have served in congress is able to contradict this. I have no more loyal friends than those men from the southern state. I have insisted for years that it does not matter where the candidates come from, but that what he stands for should determine his selection."

Wonderful Clock.

A New York telegram says all movements of the earth are represented by a remarkable astronomical clock which has been placed on public view at the American Museum of National History. It was designed by Dr. Herman C. Bumpus, director of the institution, and is the result of months of patient experiment.

It not only shows the daily rotation of the earth upon its axis but the motion about the sun, and also demonstrates through all the year the changes which cause the march of the seasons.

The earth is a globe of paper composition four feet in diameter, while the sun is a stereopticon placed at a distance of ten feet. The light from the stereopticon shines on the sphere in such a manner as to illuminate half of it at a time. The shadow of a wire which is back of the lens corresponds to the meridian of New York.

The earth is caused to revolve by means of a shaft which drives its power from a small clock. This shaft passes through a wooden tunnel and communicates its power to bevel gears, which cause the sphere to be always changing its position.

By watching the meridian shadow the observer can always tell the time of day with mathematic accuracy. No device of its kind has ever been exhibited in a museum for the instruction of the public and this astronomical clock rivals in its accuracy and in the painstaking way in which it is constructed the most delicate instruments to be seen in well equipped observatories.

The contrivance is by Al. H. Peers, an expert mechanic connected with the museum.

Negro Preacher in Trouble.

At Natchez, Miss., the Rev. James A. S. Cosgrove, a negro preacher, who has charge of China Grove Baptist church, and organizer of a number of fraternal organizations, was arrested and lodged in jail on a charge of embezzling \$20,000, which amount may be raised in the affidavit to \$28,000 when Cosgrove appears for preliminary examination on Aug. 8.

Among the organizations under Cosgrove's control is the Independent Sons and Daughters of Charity of America, whose field of operations cover Louisiana and Mississippi. One hundred and ten negro preachers and deacons of Louisiana appeared before a local attorney and charged that Cosgrove has been receiving \$12,000 a year for four years as dues and payments from members of the order, paid out

to the sick and death benefits, and the treasury is said to be empty. His bond was fixed at \$25,000, in default of which he was lodged in jail.

Child Fondles Snake.

In Benton county, Arkansas the three Rogers, in Benton county, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. W. T. Despain came into the house, playfully fondling a poisonous reptile of the copperhead class. The child dropped the reptile at the command of the frightened parents and the snake then made an attack on those who had dared speak to the baby in such a manner. It was soon killed. The child was not bitten.

Bomb Throwers at Work.

Bomb throwers attempted to wreck the banking house of S. D. Auria at Newark, N. J.

They did not succeed, but managed to blow up the big stone stoop leading to the bank. The explosion also blew out the plate glass windows of the saloon of Domalik Dillone in the basement beneath it.

There was a panic among the five clerks in the bank two of whom were women.

The explosion was heard three blocks away at a police station and the reserves ran out. They learned that two men had been seen to throw something with a light on the end of it under the bank steps a few minutes before the explosion occurred. Citizens who saw it believed it was a cigar, but the police are satisfied it was a bomb with a fuse burning.

Auria, the banker and his brother-in-law, Suvanrie, who lives in the adjoining house, have recently been receiving threatened black hand letters and have called the attention of the police to it. It is thought the attempt to wreck the bank is the outcome of their refusal to meet the demands of the blackmailers.

Fifer's Fearful Deeds.

Jesse Fifer, a gripman, took at Seattle the life of his six eight-year-old daughter, Hazel, and Mrs. Dennis Nihoul, a confinement patient; fatally wounded his wife, Mrs. L. Fifer, and seriously wounded Mrs. Ethel Warren, his sister-in-law, in a private maternity hospital here. He then turned the revolver upon himself and committed suicide.

Fifer and wife had been separated and she lived at a hospital. Although forbidden to go near the house, he made his way into the place through the basement. After finding his wife seated in a front room at that place, he started to shooting. The lights went out after the first shot and he had to light matches to see his victims to shoot at. His daughter and Mrs. Nihoul he drove into the street, where he shot them.

Indefinitely Postponed.

The trial at Little Rock, Ark., of Senator J. H. Holland of Sebastian county, charged with perjury in testifying before the grand jury that he did not receive money from T. L. Cox, corporation agent, for his vote in the legislature of 1905, was postponed indefinitely on account of illness and absence from the state of Cox and Senator Hinkle, the most important witness for the state. Holland endeavored to make a speech giving his reasons for demanding immediate trial, but was forced by Judge Lea to take his seat.

Grubb Crosses Over.

At city of Tacoma, Wash., Stephen B. Grubb, a civil war veteran, whose action at a critical moment is said to have saved General W. T. Sherman's entire store of ammunition just before his march from Atlanta to the sea, is dead, aged seventy-six. According to the story, just before the battle of Resaca, lightning struck a telegraph pole standing in the midst of 3,000,000 rounds of infantry and 300,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, the entire supply of General Sherman's army. The lightning set fire to the pole, and Lieutenant Grubb, assisted by Private Anderson, mounted the pole and put out the fire in the peril of being blown up.

Bitten Forty Times.

At city of Sherman, Tex., the three bulldogs of J. E. Johnson tore a stray canine to pieces. Mr. Johnson started to fasten them up and struck one, a female. The latter and the other two attacked him. He was bitten fully forty times and badly hurt.

One of the brutes fastened its teeth in Mr. Johnson's neck, barely missing tearing open a large vein. Once when the large male dog lunged at Johnson his muzzle struck the unfortunate man in the mouth and knocking out a tooth. Mrs. Johnson ran to her husband's assistance and with difficulty pulled the largest dog loose from a grip he had on his victim's arm, which, when dressed by a surgeon, was found to be lacerated from shoulder to wrist. The dogs made no attempt to injure Mrs. Johnson.

Home For Indigent Members.

About one and one-half miles west of Arlington, Tex., a tract of land has been purchased for \$7,500 by the Masons. On it will be erected a home for indigent members. It is stated that about \$100,000 will be invested in buildings and other improvements. The site is also said to be ideal. The formal transfer of the grounds will take place Nov. 19. It is the purpose

of the order, it is said, to divide the tract of land into small plots on which cottages will be erected for aged members and their wives, so that they may in a manner be self-supporting and live independently.

Mrs. James Park Is Dead.

Mrs. James Park, eighty-three years, James Park, aged eighty-three years, wife of Rev. James Park, for over forty years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Knoxville, is dead. She was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia in 1825. Last year Dr. and Mrs. Park celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Besides her husband six children and thirty grand children survive her.

Hog Causes Man's Death.

Near Georgetown, Tex., Aaron Johnson, a well known Swedish farmer, was attacked by a vicious hog and received three great gashes in his thigh and left leg. The artery in his leg was severed and he died in a few minutes before the physician could arrive.

Seriously Stabbed.

At Dallas, Tex., in a desperate encounter on Elm street Joe Watson received a number of cuts and stabs. Another negro named John Young surrendered to Sheriff Ledbetter.

CHAFIN'S CAMPAIGN.

Prohibition Candidate Has Decidedly Novel Plan.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—A unique campaign, in which voters, sympathizers and all others who wish to listen to orators will have to pay 25 cents each for the privilege was announced by the Prohibition national committee as the basis of the party's activities from now until November. The innovation was devised by Eugene W.



EUGENE W. CHAFIN.

Chafin, Prohibition candidate for president. The members of the national committee are jubilant over the device, seeing in it prospects of a campaign "barrel" which will never be empty unless the public does not go to the meetings. This contingency, in the opinion of the committees, has been provided for ably.

"PSYCHIC CRUELTY."

Alleged Reason Actress Gives For Leaving Her Husband.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—"Psychic cruelty" is what is alleged that forced Charlotte Walker, leading woman in "The World," now playing at the Chicago opera house, to sue for divorce from her husband, Dr. John B. Haden of Galveston. Miss Walker states the rumored engagement between herself and James K. Hackett had nothing at all to do with the separation from her husband.

Sixty Bombs Located.

El Paso, Aug. 1.—Deputy United States Marshal Hillebrand located sixty bombs three miles northwest of El Paso, where it is believed Mexican revolutionists had hidden them. A secret officer from San Antonio traced bombs from Ysleta, below El Paso, to the place where they were found.

To Be Enlarged.

Fort Worth, Aug. 1.—North Fort Worth stockyards at an early date are to be considerably enlarged, being taxed to the utmost. The plans as formulated provide for an addition of sixty-two new pens at the north end of the yards and for the construction of a number of new pens and sheds at the south end.

Artery Penetrated by Nail.

San Angelo, Tex., Aug. 3.—In trying to adjust a window A. J. Fritz fell from a step ladder and struck his wrist against a nail in such a manner as to penetrate an artery. The service of a physician was required to stop the blood.

Kills Wife, Baby and Wounds Man.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 3.—Clay Harris, a white man, shot and instantly killed his wife, part Indian, their one year old baby and fatally wounded

water wagon driver of an express wagon, who attempted to capture him. Harris then escaped after stealing a horse and buggy.

Doc Williams Confesses.

San Antonio, Aug. 1.—Doc Williams, convicted of the murder of a white man, Thomas J. Turner, was hanged. He made a complete confession on the gallows. Owing to his broken leg he was carried to the scaffold in a chair.

Boy Loses Arm.

Dallas, Aug. 3.—Robert Edda, a thirteen-year-old boy, whose home is in Chambersburg, Pa., was struck by a South Belt street car and so badly injured that amputation of the right arm at the shoulder was necessary.

Lightning Kills Cow.

Terrell, Tex., Aug. 1.—A furious thunder storm wrecked the home of Dock Turner, three miles south of town, and lightning killed a fine cow belonging to C. C. Phillips, in the same neighborhood.

Beatty Defeated.

Austin, Aug. 1.—Representative Beatty of Lockhart, a member of the legislature five terms and an anti-Bailey man, was defeated in the recent primaries by seventy-five votes, the successful man being W. M. Schofield.

Found Dead In Chair.

Vernon, Tex., Aug. 3.—In a chair at a local hotel James Burke was found dead.

Killed by Train.

Humphrey, Ark., July 31.—W. A. Simpson of Roe was run over and killed by a train.

Campbell to Speak Labor Day.

Austin, Aug. 3.—Governor Campbell will address the trades unions Labor day.

\$50.00 Reward.

We will give \$50.00 to anyone furnishing evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons violating the Local Option Law.

T. A. IRVIN, Sheriff.
W. R. ELY, Co. Atty.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS.

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

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

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

Each organized county in the State, now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people, into justice precincts, not less than four and not more than twelve. The present county courts shall make the first division. Subsequent divisions shall be made by the commissioners' court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected, at each biennial election, one justice of the peace and one constable, each of whom shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided, that in any precinct in which there may be a city of eight thousand or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two justices of the peace. Each county shall in like manner and in the first instance, be divided into four commissioners' precincts, in each of which there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof one county commissioner, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Subsequent divisions of a county into commissioners' precincts shall be made as is now or hereafter may be provided by law. The county commissioners so chosen, with the county judge as presiding officer, shall compose the county commissioners' court, which shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed.

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

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DISASTER IS DREADFUL.

Conflagration One of the Most Terrible on Record.

LIST OF FATALITIES LARGE

Property Loss It Is Thought Will Foot Up Fully Five Millions of Dollars and Fernie Is Probably the Town to Suffer Most.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 3.—The most dreadful conflagration in the history of Canada has swept the Elk River valley, east of Kootenai. For forty miles a tremendous bush fire has burned everything before it. Estimates are that perhaps 150 people have met death in the flames.

Following places have been destroyed: Fernie, with population of 3,500; Coal Creek, with population of 1,500; Michel, with 50; Hosmer, with 50, and other Crow's Nest Pass towns.

Fernie is gone, but one dispatch said Hosmer and Michel are still fighting at noon Monday.

The homeless number over 6,000. Ten cottages and two coal offices of the Western Canada grocery, and the coal company's new warehouse are all that remain of Fernie. Within fifteen minutes after the fire broke out in the city, the place was a mass of swirling flames.

Five families at Fernie were hemmed in and every soul perished. At least seventy lives were lost at Fernie.

The property damage is between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company had \$1,000,000 of property at Coal Creek, which is reported destroyed.

The disaster is unequalled in the history of western Canada, in that an entire section of country, railways and bridges were swept away.

The property loss is \$5,000,000 at Fernie. Residents have been taken on trains to places of safety. One thousand dollars was sent by western Canadian cities to the relief of the destitute. Medical supplies are greatly needed. Fernie, with its lumber mills and railway terminals is wiped out.

SHOOTING AT AUSTIN.

Prominent Man Wounded, Another Under Bond.

Austin, Aug. 4.—Two prominent Texans created a sensation by a shooting affair.

Frank Glover, a well-known capitalist of Austin and Hays county, received two wounds from a large caliber pistol, but neither is considered dangerous unless blood poison occurs. Warren W. Moore, a practicing attorney and former district attorney, is held by the police and is said to have fired the shots.

The shooting occurred in front of the Western Union Telegraph company's office, in about the most central spot in town and at a time when the streets were crowded, having been about 7:30 o'clock Monday evening.

Moore shot twice and walked up the street for a block before being taken into custody. Glover was hit both times, once near the right thigh, considered a flesh wound, and in the left leg near the knee. The leg was pierced, but not broken. Glover fell to the ground and off the sidewalk, but was able to rise and walk to a doctor's office across the street. However, from there he was removed in an ambulance. Glover did no shooting.

The names of Glover and Moore figured prominently in the so-called bribery suits in Travis county some three years ago, and it is said that intense feeling has existed between the men since that time, and heightened by some recent developments.

Glover's wife and two daughters were in a restaurant at dinner less than half a block from the shooting and the shots caused the wildest excitement in the place.

Deputy Sheriff Townsend preferred a charge of assault to murder against Mr. Moore and his bond was fixed at \$500, which he gave.

PETTIBONE NO MORE.

Passes Away at Denver After an Operation For Cancer.

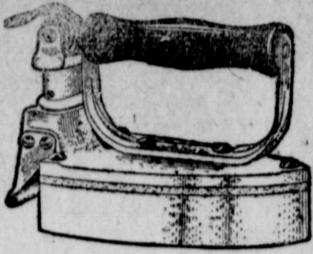
Denver, Aug. 4.—George Pettibone for years prominent in the councils of the Western Federation of Miners and charged with President Moyer and former Secretary Haywood with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, died at St. Joseph's hospital from the effects of an operation for cancer.

Mr. Pettibone had been ill practically ever since his confinement in the Idaho penitentiary, which began more than a year previous to the famous trials at Boise. Pettibone was tried and acquitted. He leaves a widow.

Death of Dr. Mills.

Corsicana, Tex., Aug. 4.—Dr. N. J. Mills, brother of ex-United States Senator Mills, and one of the best known and most prominent citizens of Corsicana, died at his home here Monday morning, after a long illness. Dr. Mills was an ex-Confederate soldier, and served with distinction in the army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee.

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Car Cuts Off Arm.

Fort Worth, Aug. 4.—A. O. Buffalo had an arm cut off by a Rosen Heights car about one block north of the court house. It is claimed that the injured man was lying on the track and that the motorman failed to see him until too late to stop the car.

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The Waco Times-Herald asks: "Did the dear old Houston Post save anything from the wreck?" Did not the Post "save" Tom Campbell from defeat by the "unknown?"

Judge Pressler quit a sure thing to run for congress, but he does not seem to have set the woods afire. He was the hindmost man in the race; another proof that a good man does not always make a good race.

Some people have a queer idea of loyalty to party. Bailey's organs, Statesman, Post and Record, contended that Bailey was already elected and to attack him was an attack on the party; but to show how little these three so called leading democratic papers, regarded their own theories they have continuously attacked Davidson from the day he made public the Bailey vouchers, notwithstanding he was just as much a Democratic official as Bailey. The inconsistency of these organs has finally landed them in the soup where they can reflect on the uncertainties of life, and especially the uncertainty of a primary election. The vox populi do not always play the same tune as the organs. They did not in this instance, be it said to the credit of the unterrified democracy and the good name of the State.

Levi Mercer, the reputed campaign manager of Hon. R. R. Williams, in an interview says: "In the recent election we accomplished four things. We punctured Tom Campbell's senatorial aspirations; let the water out of Tom Love's boom for governor; diverted the attention of the administration from Davidson and kept the office holders busy saving Campbell so Davidson could be elected and fixed Uncle Bob so that he will never run for office again in Hopkins county." The interview is probably a fake, or spoken in jest; but it is probably true that Williams' race has destroyed more incipient booms than named. For instance Davidson's election has knocked the everlasting wind out of Wynn's boom for governor, provided of course, Williams' race had any effect on the attorney-general's race. There was a wide-spread belief that Gov. Campbell did not want Davidson re-elected. If that was true, they certainly found a way to keep him busy saving his own bacon. While some friends of Davidson might have helped Williams for this reason THE STAR does not believe any great number supported him for this alone. The vote for Williams was a protest against some of the platform demands, extravagance in the state administration, and last, but not least, a whack at the State machine that has run things so long in the Democratic party in Texas. But for fear that Williams was not qualified, which Campbell's friends played so effectively with the people, he would probably have defeated Gov. Campbell. The terrific fight the administration made on him the last ten days of the campaign was too much for the old blacksmith, who had but one man out speaking for him. It was a remarkable campaign and it will give the politicians something to ponder over for years. With a man of unquestionable ability and integrity and able financially to make the fight Campbell would very likely have gone down in disastrous defeat. No one questioned Williams' integrity or honesty but many feared he did not have the ability to fill the office. This fear saved Campbell and that is all that did save him.

There is one gratifying result of the primary that ought to be pleasing to every democrat who loves his party better than any individual, and it is the fact that wherever parties on either side sought to inject the Bailey issue for their own benefit they were almost invariably defeated. One candidate for county judge in Tarrant county made the Bailey question his sole issue, espousing Bailey's cause and he was defeated by over two thousand majority. Our old friend, Bill Adams, of Brownwood, an ardent Bailey man, undertook to unhorse Senator Grinnan, anti-Bailey, and Bill went down with about 1800 majority on top of him. One candidate in East Texas made the race on the anti-Bailey ticket and he bit the dust. The people simply refused, in most instances, to make Bailey an issue. Bailey's threat that not four of those who opposed him would go back to the legislature was not fulfilled. More of his friends who stood for re-election were defeated than his enemies.

The anti-Bailey ticket for the legislature was defeated in Houston, but Davidson carried the county and city, so there you go. THE STAR said all along that the Democratic party in Texas was bigger than Joe Bailey or any other man, and the primary has proven it. Now let us have peace.

Galveston Davidson's home, answered the slanders of the Austin Statesman by voting for Davidson more than four to one. Travis County the home of the Statesman repudiated the Statesman's charges against Davidson by a vote of more than two to one. Harris county, the home of the Houston Post, went for Davidson by over twelve hundred majority. In Tarrant county, the home of the Record and Dick Wynne, and boasted banner Bailey County of Texas, cast 2800 votes for Davidson 6000 for Wynne, or nearly twice as many in proportion to the vote as Galveston County, Davidson's home county, gave Wynne. The triumvirate of democratic dailies have mighty little comfort coming to them. The Democrats of Texas repudiated the whole lay out.

There is something better in life than being elected to office, or winning out for ones political favorites. Political honors, as a rule are fleeting, an rarely worth the cost of acquisition. If the people of Texas could be worked up on the good roads question as they have over politics for the past year or two every county in Texas could have built many miles of macadamized roads. It is well enough for people to take an interest in politics to the end that good men be elected to office, but the thing of trying to prove ones opponent worse than a hog-thief should be discouraged. Let men run on their own merits, not the demerits of their opponents. The friends of Dick Wynne have learned a lesson on this line that ought to prove beneficial to them. They sought to elect him on the alleged demerits of Davidson his opponent, and they got their man gloriously snowed under. Honesty and fair dealing in politics is everything else, is the best policy. Col. Wynne is a good man but out side of that he has nothing to commend him for the important office he sought. He worked the Bailey question and the old soldiers racket to a finish; fearing this was not sufficient he and his friends attacked Davidson's private character and the people of Texas resented the insult in such a way that they will not soon forget. Dick Wynne is about the dearest political corpse in Texas, though he says he will come again. Let him come, it will end just as they always end for him—in defeat, unless he changes his tactics.

Bay City, Texas, July 27.—The Anti-Bailey Democratic club of this city today sent this telegram to Joseph W. Bailey:

"Joseph W. Bailey, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City: Attorney General Davidson was renominated by the Democrats of Texas."

"ANTI-BAILEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB."
To make this telegram entirely accurate it should be amended so as to read: "Attorney General Davidson was renominated by the breweries, the whiskey men, the railways, the lumber and oil companies and other corporations of Texas."—Houston Post.

My, isn't the Post sore though! According to the Post a majority of the Democrats of Texas are controlled by the breweries, whiskey interests, railways and lumber and oil men. This is a pretty serious charges for a "Democratic organ" of Texas to make against its own party. To show how some of the interests mentioned lined up in the attorney general's race, there was the Post's good friend, John H. Kirby, reputed head of the lumber trust in Texas and owner of the Austin statesman, on the stamp for Wynne. Poindexter and every other Waters-Pierce Oil attorney for Wynne, the Post's candidate. THE STAR does not know how it was in other counties, but Wynne's strength in this county was mainly in railroad towns. Three towns, Baird, Putnam and Clyde give him more than half his vote in the county. He only carried two small country boxes out of the 15, and his majority at both was only by a few votes. This proves, if it proves anything that the railroads were for Wynne, not Davidson.

The county is under local option. Baird was the last town in west Texas to go dry, and the anti's are in the majority by two to one, yet, Baird went for Wynne by a small majority, but according to the Post, Baird should have gone for Davidson, and the county for Wynne, while it was exactly the reverse.

The truth, that the Post cannot explain a way is that the untrammelled democrats of Texas have repudiated the Post's candidate for attorney general and elected the man whom every trust in Texas wanted defeated. No wonder the Post is sore.

Factional lines were strictly drawn Saturday at Fort Worth. The Baileys refused to allow any but Baileys to go as delegates to the State Convention; and also refused to accept the election of many precinct chairmen from the country because they were anti-Bailey. As the state has assumed to control party machinery, if this is not violation of the Terrell law it should be made so. But the idea of a body of men calling themselves democrats, whether Bailey or anti-Bailey, who will deny a precinct the right to select its own chairman have none of the spirit of democracy about them. They are blind partisans and not consistent democrats, no matter what they claim.

Less than two-thirds of the democrats of Tarrant County, the so called banner Bailey County of Texas, disfranchised more than one-third of the party Saturday by refusing to allow any one who opposed Bailey going as a delegate to the State Convention. But the worst and most flagrant violation of all democrats precedents was when the county convention refused to indorse some anti-Bailey democrats in the county precincts who had been elected chairman of their precinct and proceeded to elect Baileys in their places. The Baileys of Fort Worth are riding for a fall certain. No party can succeed that refuses to in any way recognize the rights of the minority in its own ranks. What the party needs in Fort Worth is a good healthy opposition and such high-handed measures as carried out there Saturday will certainly bring it into existence. The idea of men, who in

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time past bolted Bryan, now refusing recognition of, perhaps, the very men who stood by the party when some of the leaders at Fort Worth knifed the national ticket. Prof. J. M. Carlisle of Arlington, former state superintendent of Public Instruction, and life long Democrat, was defeated as a delegate in the state convention though his precinct elected him. The excuse was that he opposed Bailey and they did not want any man with his influence who was opposed to Bailey to go as a delegate.

Our State University.

With the beginning of the session 1908-09, The University of Texas enters upon the twenty-fifth year of its existence as an institution of learning. Exercises in celebration of this quartercentenary will be held at an appropriate time—the coming Thanksgiving season. While a review now of the history and achievements of the university will not be attempted, it is proper to say that the hopes and aims of the founders of the Republic, who incorporated provisions for the University in the fundamental law of the land, have been amply realized. Past accomplishments, however, are but predictions of future successes. The ideas and ideals now embodied in our great institution must and will be enlarged and perpetuated for all coming time. Standing as it does at the head of the State's educational system, the University has led the way of progress in our educational history. She is allied to our public schools with an indissoluble tie, and regards their success and welfare as vital to her own progress. Her thousands of sons and daughters over our wide domain are deeply interested in every movement that seeks to promote the welfare of the State, and especially in those plans for the enlargement and betterment of our educational system.

Twenty-five years ago the University was launched with only two departments, academic and law, in inadequate quarters. Today the University maintains five well-equipped departments, each with its own especially adapted buildings. From a student enrollment of 221 the first year, it has now reached a total of 2462. The present is the greatest area of expansion in the institution's history, and how to provide for the large influx of students is a difficult problem for the Board of Regents to solve. In their care for the interests of the University and in their endeavors to subserve and promote them, they should have the hearty co-operation and backing of the people of Texas, whose servants they are. More and more the University is winning its way into the confidence and affections of our people. It richly deserves their support and devotion to its interests.

We call attention to the ad of the new business Tinner and Plumbing establishment, of C. J. Tender, Mr. Tender has opened a shop in the Odd Fellows building, old Post office, where he is prepared to do all kinds of tin work and plumbing at short at short notice. See him before letting contracts.

"IN MEMORIAM."

Ex-Gov. S. W. T. Lanham.

It is with sorrow that we learned of the death of this remarkably gifted and pure man, at Weatherford on the 29th day of July 1908. His death causes a vacancy most difficult to be filled. In him was one of Nature's noblemen, and most truly, it can be said, "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this is a man."

When but a mere stripling he joined the Confederate army under the command of his beloved leader, Gen. R. E. Lee; fought through the entire war, and when the dreaded hour of surrender came, saddening the hearts and crushing the long cherished hopes of that band of patriots, broken in health, he set his face towards Texas, his adopted State, and in her cast his lot for weal or woe. He was the favorite of all who knew him, and for the most of his life, the successful and trusted servant of his people. His path was not one of roses; he fought for his victories, and with his magnificent ability, his will and determination, his honor and a personality rarely equalled, ever tempered with unselfish motives, and guided by the promptings of a pure conscience, he richly rewarded his people and gained the goal of his manly ambition. In his many high, responsible and commanding positions, given to him by his trusting people, it is said of him that he never commanded, for he was so possessed of gentleness, kindness and consideration for the feelings of others, that to be obeyed, he had only to express his wish. It can truthfully be said of him that none came within his sphere but to love and admire him. The writer has seen him superior the most unruly, solely by his characteristic gentleness and sweet words of persuasion. He verily lived in an atmosphere of faith, friendship and love; and his faith shown brightest when the lamp flickered most. The old and the young, the rich and the poor did homage to the memory of their departed friend and even little children gathered beautiful flowers for the silent form, which, for the first time failed to respond to their innocent tears. The same love for his family and interest in his friends which flowed from his gentle heart, shown beautifully and brightly to the last rays of his consciousness. He breathed his last at his own fire-side, with sorrowing family and friends around, all eagerly watching to catch the last look of recognition.

"Hence forward listen as we will,
The voice of that hearth is still;
Look where we will the wide earth
o'er,
That lighted face smiles no more."
F. S. B.

Editor Dead

R. J. Hatcher, editor of the Frost Star, died last week after a long illness. Mr. Hatcher lived in this county ten years ago and for a while published a paper at Putnam. Several years ago he went to Frost Navaro County and founded The Star. It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death of our old friend. He was a man of strong character and decided convictions, though gentle as a woman and of a kindly disposition. It was not his fortune to accumulate much of this world's wealth but lived an independent, honorable, clean life. May his soul rest in peace in the great beyond. THE STAR tenders sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hatcher and children in their hour of sorrow.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND

Arrives.
No. 4. Through train, Mail. 11:15 a. m.
No. 6. Mail. 12:50 a. m.
No. 8. Ft Worth local, no mail 9:45 a. m.

WEST BOUND.

Arrives.
No. 5. Toyah local, mail. 4:10 a. m.
No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail. 4:00 p. m.
No. 3. Through train, no mail 7:10 p. m.
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PERSONAL

Will Dawkins, of Admiral, was in town Tuesday.

J. I. McWhorter from the Bayou was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Geo. Cholar and children are visiting in Fort Worth.

Miss Maud Austin has resigned as a teacher in the Baird Public School.

Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones came up from the ranch on Clear Creek yesterday.

Mike Sigal, of Fort Worth, was here the first of the week to see the home folks.

Mrs. H. N. Ebert, of Vigo, was a pleasant caller at THE STAR office last Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Boydston returned home Tuesday from Sulphur Springs and other points.

Mrs. Gussie Surles has returned from Austin, where she attended the summer normal at the State University.

H. Windham, of Tecumseh, was in town Wednesday. Tod says they are needing rain some, but crops are fine.

Miss Mable Daniel, of Ft. Worth, is visiting friends here. Miss Mable will teach a class in music here again this fall.

Miss Mable Reese, who has been visiting her aunt, Mr. Geo. Cholar, for sometime has returned her home at Fort Worth.

County School Supt., R. D. Green has gone to Austin to the annual meeting of the County Superintendent's Association. He will return Saturday.

"Grandma" Powell, Mrs. T. E. Powell's little son and daughter, Karlton and Irma, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell, at Caps in Taylor county.

Mrs. Mary Brightwell returned home Monday after spending several days with her brother J. E. Gilliland, who has been quite sick, but is now able to be up again.

A light rain fell at Baird Tuesday, and again early Wednesday morning. Heavy rains were reported down on the Hall ranch, and other parts of that country.

The Daughters of Confederacy were entertained by Mrs. Wathen Tuesday evening. A nice write up of the affair was sent in, but too late to appear this week. It will appear next week.

Miss Saffie Cowen, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. V. H. Cowen and family for sometime left last Saturday for her home in Ashville N. C. Mr. Cowen went as far as Fort Worth with his sister.

John Castles, the well known jeweler, with his family has moved to Abilene, where he has accepted a position in a large establishment. John is a splendid workman and THE STAR hopes he will do well.

The play, "Scenes In Union Station" presented by the Ladies Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church at the opera house last Friday night, was a splendid success, financially and otherwise.

Judge E. E. Solomon, formerly of Baird now living at Pueblo, Colo. was in town the first of the week. Judge Solomon is settling up the Texas business of the Denver Loan Company, of which he was formerly agent. Judge Solomon looks just as natural as in ye olden days.

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FISH ITEMS.

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Maize heading will soon be the order of the day.

The health of our community is very good at this writing.

Our protracted meeting closed last Sunday night with 23 conversions. The meeting was conducted by Rev. John P. Hardesty, Rev. A. L. Johnston and Rev. Daniels, all of Clyde. The Baptist people organized a church with 16 members.

Mr. Wade Hampton and Misses Nannie Johnson and Corinthie Quillin went to Elmdale Sunday night. They report a pleasant time.

Mrs. B. J. Quillin, daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moses visited at Elmdale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young Jr. are attending the meeting at Elmdale this week.

Mr. J. H. Moses, of Elmdale, visited B. J. Quillin and family Saturday.

Mr. John Johnson visited at Mr. Hamptons Saturday. Don't know who he went to see.

Mr. J. A. Gober and family spent Sunday in Abilene with Mrs. Gober's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hampton's little son, Babe, got over heat Sunday and was very sick, but was better the last report.

Mr. W. A. Young and brother-in-law and family are off on a prospecting tour this week. They are prospecting in Stephens county.

As our burg is small news is a little scarce so I will desist for the present.
DAISY.

The above communication was received too late for publication last week. Please mail communications so as to reach us not later than Tuesday.—[Ed.]

Mrs. Lillie Leech and children are visiting Mrs. Leech's brother, Dick Kane and family in Fort Worth.

Miss Laura Thompson returned from a month's visit to friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Marshall. She was accompanied home by her mother and sister, Mrs. Walker and Miss Blanche Thompson, of Fort Worth.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the P. O. at Baird Texas, for the week ending Aug. 1, 1908. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

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Wm. Dean Howells.
5. Old Mother Goose,
Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

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Residence For Sale:—My place in West part of town for sale at a bargain if sold at once. Geo. A. Clements. 34tf

Squire J. H. Finch, of Admiral, was in town yesterday.

The Lawns at Boydston's are the prettiest in town and the price has been reduced so much. 32-4f

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Prof. J. E. Smith and family left this week for Snyder, where Prof. Smith has been employed as principle of the Public School. Prof. and Mrs. Smith have a host of friends at Baird, who regret to see them depart. The best wishes of THE STAR and all their friends go with them to their new home.

J. C. Mc Neal, of Hamilton county is in the city, visiting relatives.

County Clerk Geo. B. Scott, with his family, returned Wednesday, from a visit to Mr. Scott's parents at San Angelo. George had the misfortune to lose his fine buggy horse, which died on the way out to Angelo.

You need something to put under your new carpets, get old newspapers at THE STAR office 25cts a hundred.

The VANISHING FLEET

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Seigo hesitated a minute before deciding; but it was obvious that no better means was available. Together the two men crept through alleyways and back streets to the outskirts of the city, until they came to the hovel where lived the truck farmer on whom they placed their hope. He, experienced in the ways of the Americans through long residence in California and standing in dread of the law, was at first loath to undertake the part assigned to him; but the clink of gold soon overcame his fears, and in the end Seigo sought sleep in the bottom of a covered wagon while being driven to the place where he was to assume a new role. He felt alone and deserted when the gardener departed, leaving him standing at an intersection of railway tracks waiting impatiently for a freight train on which he was to make his first excursion into trampdom.

It came at last, a heavy snorting locomotive pulling a long trailer of empties. It whistled shrilly for the crossing, watched for a signal from the lonely little tower, and came to a full stop. Seigo, with his heart in his mouth, clambered through the side door of an empty car and was soon traveling westward to the rhythmic clank of wheels on rails. Fatigue at last overcame him and he slowly dropped into a restless sleep in which he was pursued by demons and confronted by unknown terrors. He was aroused by a brakeman, who roughly punched him in the ribs with the toe of his boot and told him to "Hike out!" He sat up and blinked his eyes until again ordered to vacate, and then came to his senses sufficiently to make a plea for himself, which was unavailing. The brakeman was obdurate and threatening, until the spy crawled stiffly out.

He sat wearily down on a pile of ties, and the brakeman, still watchful, stood in front until the long train dragged past, then reached out a grimy hand, swung lightly onto the steps of the caboose, and shook his fist at the supposed Chinaman as he disappeared. A tramp of the most degraded sort approached him and with the camaraderie of the homeless dropped



Clambered Through the Side Door of an Empty.

into conversation with him. Food and rum made him an ally, and, finding an easy source of assistance without effort, the tramp avowed that he, too, was bound for Chicago.

Under this expert tutelage the Japanese reached the metropolis of the west, where he bade his friend good-by and sought the Chinese to whom he had letters. Again he faced a reverse; for these men with one accord told him there was no possibility of evading the sentries to the north, and that his only means of escape must of necessity be in the far northwest. Sympathizers first, but traffickers always, they mulcted him of his money, and in return made it possible for him to travel to Seattle. They bought a ticket, provided him with a Chinese certificate of entry whose pictured corner was sufficiently close in resemblance, and saw him off on his journey.

Time and again in that long trip he was dragged out and compelled to show his papers, proving that he was always a suspect. Once a threat was made to hold him over; but his persuasive tongue secured immunity from arrest.

In constant terror until his nerves became shreds to torment him, alert by night and day, he traversed the

continent, and at last entered the gateway of the northwest, where so many of his countrymen had resided prior to the outbreak of hostilities, but where now he might claim neither friends nor sympathizers. Here indeed was a No Man's Land where none extended a welcome. From then on he must depend entirely on his own resources, and he understood perfectly well that he was nearing a hard finish of a long race. He lost no time in making a start.

Under the pretext of going to a camp where he was to cook he induced a launch that was starting out toward the mouth of Puget sound to take him aboard as a passenger and land him at its journey's end a short distance from Port Townsend. He was dropped off late in the evening at a tiny landing, and later saw the little boat speed back toward Seattle. He was without food save such as had been given him, and tightened the belt beneath his Chinese garb in anticipation of a hard trip. Unused to the rougher life, he made painful progress, and nothing save his desperation enabled him to traverse the primitive strip between him and the city. Footsore and dependent, he forged doggedly ahead, until at last, by sheer will power alone he gained the outskirts of the port. Its wooden wharf was deserted, and many of the houses were closed and vacant, the fear of Japanese shells and government weakness having driven the more prosperous inhabitants away.

Thoroughly worn out, he waited until night fell, then crawled into a coal shed and slept as only the worn and weary can sleep. He rose refreshed and jubilant because he had gained thus far without accident, hunger being his only immediate discomfort. From his depleted store cloth he extracted the smallest coin, bent on seeking food before the city was awake. He made his way down the hillside to the business section without attracting attention, and entered the doorway of a grocery store, where a sleepy-looking youth was sweeping away the previous day's waste. In broken English he made known his wants, and then, finding the salesman apparently friendly and stupid, lost some of his native caution and began to ask questions regarding the watch kept along the frontier. At his first query the boy looked at him slyly; but after a moment's hesitation fell in and answered everything readily, assuring him, however, that it would be difficult for any living thing to get past the soldiers who kept watch and ward over the boundary line.

Elated by the apparent ease with which he had secured provisions, he again retreated toward the edge of the city, mentally formulating plans for stealing a boat when night came, and by this means to make his way to Vancouver, where he would be on British soil. Had he looked back he would have seen that the boy, broom in hand, watched him with an assumption of mere idle interest for a moment only, then hurriedly threw off his apron, banged the door shut and ran as fast as his legs would carry him to a big building farther down the street. It was where the officials of the port held forth. The alarm had been given!

Seigo rested in a thicket at the edge of a forest and partook of a leisurely breakfast, laughing meanwhile at the dullness of the Americans and the boy in particular. He regretted the loss of his handkerchief, which he feared must have been dropped in the grocery store, but smiled at the thought of being within so few miles of a refuge where others might be bought and where he could find ease and comfort.

From back of him a deep bellowing sound came faintly through the trees, and he wondered what the unusual noise could be. He rose to his feet, still holding a remnant of food in his hand, and waited for a repetition of the noise, which, borne on the breeze, was heard more sharply. Only once before had he ever known that same sullen bay, and then it was when as a visitor in a southern village he had seen a pack of hounds followed by excited men pass him in quest of a negro criminal. His memory harked back to that time, and his hair raised itself in terror. He threw away his food and dashed madly into the woods, seeking to escape that menacing undertone which his consciousness told him could have but one quarry. He knew in an instant that the boy had betrayed him, and that he, Count Seigo, a nobleman of Japan and descendant of the Samurai, was being

hunted by dogs like a wild beast of the woods.

For a few minutes he ran in a panic, taking no heed of direction, and bent only on gaining time to think, and putting space between him and his pursuers. A tangle of undergrowth compelled him to stop and seek for avenues through the wilderness. He ran down what seemed an old deserted road; but on neither side could he find a place favoring a change of course. He was doubling back along the side of a triangle, and was so close at one time to the hounds that he momentarily expected them to break cover, drop the scent afforded by the handkerchief and cut across to where he was. He could even distinguish the shouts of the men behind, continually encouraging the animals in the chase, and heard one exclaim: "It's the Jap, all right, or he wouldn't have lit out so quick!"

His teeth came together with a click at this confirmation of his suspicions, and now he realized that wherever an officer of the law was posted warning had been given of his coming. He swore that he would yet escape, and urged himself in the name of his country to rush ahead; and thus for many minutes the fate of Japan rested on a race between bloodhounds and a fugitive who tore headlong through the undergrowth, careless of thorns which reached out and scared his face, ripped the false queue from his short cropped bristling hair and rent his clothing.

Once, blinded with perspiration, he plunged into what appeared to be a pathway; but fell through a tangle at the end, to find himself beside a wayside spring. He gulped three or four swallows of water and retraced his steps, cursing fate for the loss of time, and ran with renewed energy down the roadway. A flash of reflected light smote him in the eyes, and he saw that he had reached the water's edge. At his feet stretched only tossing waves, and like a stag at bay he was driven to the open.

The end seemed very near now; for back of him the harsh clamorings broke out into a triumphal wailing note telling those behind that the quarry had been sighted. The hounds were coming on the run, and round the bend of the road emerged an excited but grimly determined lot of men of that stamp which makes a frontier, set jawed, lean visaged, and running with the long, loping stride of those accustomed to sustained violent exertion.

Seigo, distracted and desperate, took a few steps in either direction, uncertain which way to turn, and then discovered but a short distance below a boat in which lay a pair of oars. It was the only way to gain a moment's respite from those great brutes which, with bellies low to the ground, with lolling jaws and flaming eyes, whose red he could discern, were closing in on him. He made three or four frantic leaps and threw himself into the craft, shoving it off almost as the animals were upon him, and then with maniacal energy threw the oars into the locks and bent himself double pulling against them. Even then at the last he experienced one brief moment of exultation as he heard the swish of parted waters against the bow and saw the space widening between him and the beach on which stood his baffled pursuers. He saw the men halt on the shingle and heard them shouting to him; but never ceased pulling, hoping and half believing that he could put himself beyond range. It was Seigo against them all now, and he began to glow with triumph, not knowing the character of those men of the west who still gave him a chance for his life. Drunk with excitement, he shouted back a taunt in his own tongue.



Two of the Men on the Beach Kneel Down and Aimed Their Rifles.

Two of the men on the beach knelt down and aimed their rifles calmly and steadily at that moving target which was drawing away. They were as cool as they would have been if covering a grazing deer in the hills. The rising sun made of the Japanese a fair mark, lighting up even at that

distance the snorting face. There were two quick puffs of smoke, which rose simultaneously into the air and floated away in little wisps, two short sharp reports, and Seigo sprang to his feet, dropped his hold on the oars, and clutched his breast in agony, whirled round in his wildly bobbing craft, and then slowly pitched forward and over into the waters of the sound, his days of effort terminated in defeat and his mission at an end.

CHAPTER VII. The Missing Fleet.

Japan, grown arrogant through easy success and confident of the supremacy of her navy, cast aside the cloak of secrecy and boldly announced her intention to attack the seaport cities of the western coast of America. No word had come from Seigo to bid her pause. The most formidable armada that ever sailed the seas, attended by lighters that were to provide coal, and accompanied by transports conveying an army of men, steamed away to the land of easy conquest. In the hope of striking terror into the hearts of those they would subdue, the Japanese announced their purpose, and gave a somewhat exaggerated account of the forces being sent. The newspapers of the world teemed with stories of the sailing of this monster fleet, told how all Japan had shouted "Banzai!" described the flower garlanded maids who sang gay songs, and pictured the remarkable modesty and valor of the admirals in command.

In some quarters of the globe great sympathy was expressed for the United States, which apparently had no chance whatever in such an unequal contest, and was foredoomed to calamity and dissolution. The wise-eyes of European powers rose as a unit and told how for more than 50 years it had been repeatedly pointed out that the over-sea colossus was facing destruction through neglect of her navy. Monarchical adherents saw deeper into the cause of a nation's obliteration, asserting that the proof had again been given to the world that a republican form of government was one which, by its very lack of cohesion and unwieldiness, could not exist.

Other advanced thinkers, who looked far into the future, began a discussion as to the final outcome, what partition would be made of the conquered territory, and whether Japan would hold it as a colony for her own surplus population under a regulation colonial government. English writers expressed grave doubts as to Japan's ability to conduct colonies successfully, and were rather of the opinion that the country should be given to Great Britain, whose remarkable success in India and elsewhere had made her the fountainhead in this branch of government. New maps of the world were published in the most progressive periodicals, and souvenir buttons were sold in the streets of Tokyo depicting a very valiant little Japanese soldier kicking Uncle Sam into the sea and taking possession of the United States, which their statesmen sometimes spoke of as being a nice little country and capable under reasonable rule of becoming quite a place.

The nation under discussion remained in the same astounding condition of silence and inaction. At first it had seemed that a clash along the Canadian border was inevitable. The massing of such great bodies of troops in such a position appeared almost a threat, and Great Britain in the first instance began hurriedly concentrating forces at points where they would

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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

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

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

Section 5. He shall at stated times

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

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

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

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, to be voted upon on the day of the next general election of the State of Texas, which will be held on the day fixed by law therefor. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation and election.

W. R. DAVIE,
Secretary of State.

TAXATION—SUBMITTING AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

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

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

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

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

W. R. DAVIE,
Secretary of State.

