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REPUBLICAN RULE 12 YEARS.

Will It Be 16.

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The Democrats stand a good chance to win the coming election. Twelve years of Republican rule, when they have had full control of all departments of govern ment and have done nothing fort he people seem to have satisfied the most sanguing and they are ready for a change, During this time trusts have grown wonderfully, expenses of running the govern ment have doubled. extravagances. have been rampart in every dealmost doubled, and the worst panic in the history of the coun- led. try is on us.

"All this goes to show their in - strong, backed up the band it ability to manage the affairs in was 10:50 o'clock when the Oklathe interest of the people and the homans reached the building, af. people will welcome a change. Mr, ter a parade through the down-Bryan and Mr. Taft are likely to town streets. The Board of Trade be the opposing candidates, and pulice-man had not been apprised Bryan leaning towards the people of the coming of the Boosters, and York have transferred 433,000 acres North West and No. 11' in the and Taft towards Wall street will at first was inclined to show fight. give Mr. Bryan a great advantage. It took the Boosters about one Cattle Co. of London England for tablished, and the quarterly re-The Democrats favoring a re- minute to surround the policeman a consideration \$2,590,000 in cash. ports of the several county officiduction of the tariff, regulating and bear him almost bodily into Fusts and railroads, and economy the lobby. The invitation of Presithe expenditure of public funds dent Hiram N. Sagar end Secremany other reforms and Re- tary Stone of the Board was ublicans with their record for enough.

the last dozen years to defend, will help our party. The labor element will be with the Democrats if Mr. Taft is nominated as whis sympathies seems to be against labor organizations. If the Demcrats make a strong platform in favor of reform, with Mr. Bryan as leader they will likely be succesful.-Bellview News.

Chicago, Ill, April 25 .- Oklahoma captured the Board of Trade today and for five minutes everything stopped. The brass band of the Tulsa "Boosters" let itself loose on the main floor, and partment, the cost of living has for once the Chicago traders acknowledged themselves vanquish-

The Tulsa Commercial chub, 130 ing back over the wire.

Snyder,

Before anybody was aware what was happening the band had for- The State of Texas

med in a circle and was giving vent to some Indian music that made more noise in a minute than the Chicago traders could make in an hour. Then it was that buythe telegraph instruments on the The floor were drowned out, market stood still. Over the whole mechanism of the Board a wave of sudden rest set in. New York felt the break in the usual with as the law directs. tension. So did London and

"What's the matter?" wired New York, London and Paris. 'Oklahoma 'arrived" went flash-Business will be resumed when Oklahoma goes away.-Ex.

Paris.

Big Land Deal.

A deal has just been closed in which the Swinson Bros. of New sections. Hermleigh Herald.

Estray Notice.

County of Borden [Taken up by A. R. Gray and Estrayed before J. A. Scarlett Justice of the Peace precinct No. 1. Borden county: One iron gray pony, about 4 years old, branded T on ing stopped Selling stopped. All | left shoulder, 4 N E on left thigh, 12 or 13 hands high. Appraised at twenty-five dollars.

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Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 4 day of may, 1908

> **RODWAY KEEN**, Clerk County Court Borden County.

Commissioners Court Proceedings A regular term of the Commissioner's Court was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week, the members were all present.

School Districts No. 10 in the of land to the Espula Land and East part of the county were es-This land lies in the counties of als were examined and approved, Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza It was ordered that notice be which will be thrown open for set- given of the meeting of the court tlement and cut up into guarter as a board of equalization in June after which the court adjourned.

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TRIBUTE TO A TEXAN.

The Houston Chronicle's staff correspondent, Frank Putman, who spent years in the newspaper work in Washington and elsewhere before coming to Texas, and who is a veteran of many political campaigns, pays this tribute to a Texan:

"[have heard many orators-Bryan at his best, in the convention hall in Chicago in that early morning hour when he roused a jaded national convention out of sleepy lethargy and flung it battle-mad against the enemy's battle line; the cold and classic Lodge of Massachusetts; the fiery radical, Pettigrew of Dukota; the burly impetuous Roosevelt, hurling his short Saxon words like bullets at his auditors; the suave and sweet McKinley, luring men with sugared sophistries; the blunt and stubborn LaFollette, beating down all opposition with a swift, steady fire of unanswerable facte the stately Beveridge, presenting our day's platitudes in the in the echoed phrases of old dead Demosthenes; the huge and rotund Dolliver, in honey utterances making the worse appear the better reason; the wily Spooner of Wisconsin. All these and many more have I heard, and I want to say that Cone Johnson, in his mastery of the art of public oratory, in his shining obvious loyalty to high ideals and in his tremendous convincing power of moral earnestness, is the peer of the greatest

of these men, a fit and worthy representative of the best in Texas life or in the Nation's life."-The Plainsman.

Serious Migtake

A father who raises a son to man, hood and neglects to teach him some avocation by which he can earn a living makes a serious and sometimes fatal mistake. The big brawny, strapping young fellow in blue overalls and bare arms. black with coal dust and grease. who slings a ten pound sledge hammer eight or ten hours a day, or heaves tons of coal into a flaming furnace, may not look quite so neat, sweet and kissable as the spider-legged dude in tailor made clothes, but when it comes to a real bread and meat proposition the latter is lost in the shuffle. No matter particulary what trade or avccation a man follows, just so it is honest and legitimace, and the man has the inclination and the ability to do the task well. A first class ignorant wood chopper who is willing to work is worth all the educated vagabonds you could pack in a 40 acre lot Young boys should be educated but they should be taught something practical. That in any event renders them independent so far as making a living is concerned .- Denison Gazette.

SMITH SCORES REPUBLICANS The Reply to Mr. Townsed Shows up a Surprising Line of Figures. A Hit With Democrats.

Washington, April 11,-Rep. resentative William R. Smith of Texas. in a speech in the house today, presented some surprising erning rates. figures. He showed that in the eighteen years the Sherman anti trust law has been in force only 53 proceedings have been instituted under it, and that the results have been very meager.

Only eight convictions have been secured in criminal cases and the total fines imposed aggregate only \$90 000, which he said, is less than the people are robbed of by the trusts evry day in the year. The auti-trust law was enacted during Harrison's administration yet Cleaveland had more anti-trust suits instituted than either McKinley. or Harrison.

H. Reagan of Texas in 1878, and when continued to press it until 1887, when it passed a democratic house. The senate substitued the bill introduced by Senator Reagan's bill provided that the courts should have the power to enforce the law gov-

Senator Cullom's bill created the interstate Commerce Commission, and after ten years the Supreme Court decided that the commission did not have the power to enforce its orders. Notwithstanding this, it was another decade before the Republican party would undertake to increase the powers of the commission, altho petitioned to do so, and though the Democrats in the national platforms declare for such legislation.

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Mr. Smith's speech was in reply to one by Representative Townsend of Wisconsin, delivered some weeks ago, in which all the credit for anti-trust legislation and railway rate legislation was claimed for the Republican party.

RECOUNTS REAGAN'S EFFORTS. Mr. Smith showed that the first bill toregulate railroad rates was it in their districts as a campaign introduced in the house by Judge document .- The Avalanch.

RATE LAW OF 1896.

"And when the Republicans at last allowed a rate law to be enacted in 1896," said Judge Smith "they were so afraid of doing something which would hurt the roads that they actually left to the roads themselves the power to fix rates, since the law expressly provides that no rate shall be interfered with except upon complaint to the commission,"

The speech received close attention and many Democraty have said they would distribute

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kies or with voluminous bursts or fractured English from Perdosa. Pulz had nothing to offer, but watched from his pale green eyes. The light shifted and wavered from one to the other as the ship swayed; garments swung; the empty berths yawned cavernous. I could imagine the forecastle filled with the desperate men who had beaten off the Oyama. The story is told that they had swept the gunboat's decks with her own rapid fires turned in.

No one knew where we were going nor why. The doctor puzzled them and the quantity of his belongings.

"It ain't pearls," said Handy Solomon. "You can kiss the book on that. for we ain't a diver among us. It ain't Chinks, for we are cruising sou-'sou'west. Likely it's trade-trade down in the islands."

We were all below. The captain himself had the wheel. Discipline. while strict, was not conventional.

"Contrabandista," muttered the Mexican, "for dat he geev us double pay." "We don't get her for nothing." agreed Thrackles, "Double pay and duff on Wednesday generally means get your head broke."

"No trade," said the nigger gloomily.

They turned to him with one accord. "Why not?" demanded Pulz, break ing his silence.

"No trade," repeated the nigger. "Ain't you got a reason, doctor?" asked Handy Solomon.

the life bie haus" was included in the collection. The nigger had his copy of "Duvall on Alchemy." haven't the slightest idea where he could have got it.

While Pulz read, Handy Solomon worked on the alteration of his claw He could never get it to hold, and 1 remember as an undertone to Pulz's reading the rumble of strange, exasperated oaths. Whatever the evening's lecture, it always ended with the book on alchemy. These men had no perspective by which to judge such things. They accepted its speculations and theories at their face value. Ex-

tremely laughable were the discussions that followed. I often wished the shade of old Duvall could be permitted to see these, his last disciples, spelling out dimly his teachings, mispronouncing his grave utterances, but believing utterly.

Dr. Schermerhorn appeared on deck seldom. When he did often his fingers held a pen which he had forgotten to lay aside. I imagined him preoccupled by some calculation of his own, but the forecastle, more picturesquely, saw him as guarding constantly the heavy casket he had himself carried aboard. He breathed the air, walked briskly, turned with the German military precision at the end of his score of strides and re-entered his cabin at the lapse of the half hour. After he had gone, remained Percy Darrow leaning indolently against the taffrail, his graceful figure swaying with the ship's motion, smoking always the torn husk Mexican cigarettes which he rolled with one hand. He seemed from that farthest point aft to hold in review the appliances, the fabric, the actions, yes, even the very thoughts, of the entire ship. From them he selected that on which he should comment or with which he should play. al-His inner knowledge, viewed by the light of this manner or mannerism, was sometimes uncanny, though perhaps the sources of his information were commonplace enough after all. Certainly he always viewed with amusement his victim's wonder. Thus one evening at the close of our day watch on deck he approached Handy Solomon. It was at the end of ten days, on no one of which the sea man failed to tinker away at his steel claw. Darrow balanced in front of him with a thin smile. "Too bad it doesn't work, my amiable pirate," said he. "It would be so handy for fighting- See here," he suddenly continued, pulling some obpresent to me. I don't smoke 'em. Twist her halfway, like that, she comes out. Twist her halfway, like this, she goes in. That's your principle. Give her back to me when you get through." He thrust the brier pipe into the man's hand and turned away without waiting for a reply. The seaman looked after him in open amazement. That evening he worked on the socket of the steel hook, and in two days he had the job finished. Then he returned the pipe to Darrow with some growling of thanks.

CHAPTER XII.

APTAIN SELOVER received as his due the most absolute and implicit obedience imaginable. When he condescended to give an order in his own person, the men fairly jumped to execute it. The matter had evidently been thrashed out long ago. They did not love him, not they, but they feared him with a mighty fear and did not hesitate to say so vividly and often when in the privacy of the forecastle. The prevailing spirit was that of the wild beast cowed but snarling still. Pulz and Thrackles in especial had a great deal to say of what they were or were not going to do, but I noticed that their resolution always began to run out of them when first foot was set to the companion ladder.

One day we were loafing along, everything drawing well and everybody but the doctor on deck to enjoy the sun. I was in the crow's nest for my pleasure. Below me on the deck Captain Selover roamed here and there, as was his/custom, his eye cocked out like a housewife's for disorder. He found it, again in the evidence of expectoration, and as Perdosa happened to be handlest fell on the unfortunate Mexican.

Perdosa protested that he had had nothing to do with it, but Captain Selover, enraged as always when his precious deck was solled, would not listen. Finally the Mexican grew sulky and turned away as though refusing to hear more. The captain thereupon felled him to the deck and began brutally to kick him in the face and head.

Perdosa writhed and begged, but without avail. The other members of the crew gathered near. After a moment they began to murmur. Finally Thrackles ventured most respectfully to intervene.

"You'll kill him, sir," he interposed. "He's had enough."

"Had enough, has he?" screeched the captain. "Well, you take what's left."

He marked Thrackles over the eye. here was a breathless pause, and then Thrackles, Pulz, the nigger and Perdosa attacked at once.

men sullenly assisted each other. Then they went immediately on deck and to work.

After this taste of his quality Captain Selover enjoyed a quiet ship. We made good time, but for a long while nothing happened. Finally the monotony was broken by an incident.

One evening before the night winds sat in the shadow of the extra dory



Sclover was aboot again, the four hanging to him like dogs.

on top of the deckhouse. The moon was but just beyond the full, so I suppose I must have been practically invisible. Certainly the nigger did not know of my presence, for he came and stood within three feet of me without giving any sign. The companion was open. In a moment some door below was opened also, and a scrap of conversation came up to us very clearly.

"You haf dem finished?" the doctor's voice inquired. "So, that iss

"No trade," insisted the nigger.

An uneasy silence fell. I could not but observe that the others held the nigger's statements in a respect uot due them as mere opinions. Subsequently I understood a little, more of the reputation he possessed. He was believed to see things hidden, as their phrase went.

Nobody said anything for some time. Nobody stirred except that Handy Solomon, his steel claw removed from its socket, whittled and tested, screwed ways with a sardonic, half serious. and turned, trying to fix the book so | quite wearled and indifferent manner. that, in accordance with the advice of Percy Darrow, it would turn either way.

"What is it, then, doctor?" he asked softly at last.

"Gold," said the nigger shortly. "Gold-treasure."

"That's what I said at first!" cried Handy Solomon triumphantly. It was extraordinary, the unquestioning and entire faith with which they accepted as gospel fact the negro's dictum.

There followed much talk of the nature of this treasure, whether it was to be sought or conveyed. bought, stolen or ravished in fair fight. No further soothsaying could they elicit from the nigger. They followed their own ideas. which led them nowhere. Some one | ject from his' pocket, "here's a pipe; lit the forecastle lamp. They settled themselves. Pulz read aloud.

This was the programme every day during the dog watch. Sometimes the watch on deck was absent, leaving only Handy Solomon, the nigger and Pulz, but the order of the day was not on that account varied. They talked. they lit the lamp, they read. Always the talk was of the treasure.

As to the reading, it was of the sort usual to seamen, cowboys, lumbermen and miners. Thrackles had a number of volumes of very cheap love stories. Pulz had brought some extraordinary garish detective stories. The others contributed sensational literature with paper covers adorned lithographically. By the usual inconcenity a fragment

"That's all right." said the young man, smiling full at him. "Now, what are you going to fight?"

They caught the master unawares and bore him to the deck. I dropped at once to the ratifnes and commenced my descent. Before I had reached the deck, however, Selover was afoot again, the four hanging to him like dogs. In a moment more he had shaken them off, and before I could intervene he had seized a belaying pin in either hand and was hazing them up and down the deck.

"Mutiny, would you?" he shrilled. "You poor swabs! Forgot who was your captain, did ye? Well, it's Captain Ezra Selover, and you can lay to that! It would need about eight fathom of stuff like you to tie me down." He chased them forward, and he chased them aft, and every time the pins fell blood followed. Finally they dived like rabbits into the forecastle hatch. Captain Selover leaned down after them.

"Now the yourselves up," he advised. "and then come on deck and clean up after yourselves!" He turned to me.

"Mr. Eagen, turn out the crew to clean decks,"

I descended to the forecastle, followed immediately by Handy Solomon The latter had taken no part in the affair. We found the men in horrible shape, what with the bruises and cuts, and bleeding freely.

"Now, you're a nice looking Sunday school!" observed Handy Solomon, eying them sardonically. "Tackle Old Scrubs, will ye? Well, some needs a bale of cotton to fall on 'em afore they learns anything. Enjoyed your little diversions, mates? And w'at 'do you .pect to gain? I asks you that now. You poor little infants! Ain't you never tackled him afore? Don't remember a little brigantine, name of the Petrel! My eye, but you are a pack of fools!"

To this he mained no reply. The

well." Papers rustled for a few moments. "And the r-result-ah-exactly -it iss that exactly. Percy, mein sou, that maigs the experiment exact. We haf the process"-

"I don't see, sir, quite," replied the voice of Percy Darrow, with a tingeof excitement. "I can follow the logic of the experiment, of course; so can 1 follow the logic of a trip to the moon. But when you come to apply it how do you get your re-agent? There's no known method"-

Dr. Schermerhorn broke in: "Ach, it iss that I haf perfected. Pardon me. my boy; it iss the first I haf worked from you apart. It iss for a surprise. I haf made in small quantities the missing ingredient. It will form a perfect interruption to the current. Now we go"-

"Do you mean to say," almost shouted Darrow, "that you have succeeded in freeing it in the metal?"

"Yes," replied the doctor simply. I could hear a chair overturned. "Why, with that you can"-"I can do efferything," broke in the

doctor. "The possibilities are enormous."

"And you can really produce it in quantity ?" "I think so. It iss for us to discover.

A pause ensued.

"Why!" came the voice of Percy Darrow, awestricken. "With fifty centigrams only you could-you could transmute any substance - why, you' could make anything you pleased almost! You could make enough diamonds to fill that chest! It is the philosopher's stone!"

"Diamonds-yes-it is possible," interrupted the doctor impatiently. "If it was worth while. But you should see the real importance"-

The ship careened to a chance swell. A door slammed. The voices were cut off. I looked up. The nigger's head

was incust forward fairly into the glow from the companionway. The mask of his sullenness had fallen. His eyes fairly rolled in excitement. His thick lips were drawn back to expose his teeth. His powerful figure was gathered with the tensity of a bow When the door slammed he turned silently to glide away. At that instant the watch was changed, and in a moment I found myself in my bunk.

Ten seconds later the nigger, de tained by Captain Selover for some triffing duty, burst into the forecastle. He was possessed of the wildest excitement. This in itself was enough to gain the attention of the men, but his first words were startling.

"I found de treasure!" he almost shouted. "I know where he kept!" They leaped at him-Handy Solomon and Pulz-and fairly shook out of him what he thought he knew. He babbled in the forgotten terms of alchemy, dressing modern facts in the garments of mediaeval thought until they were scarcely to be recognized.

"And so he say dat he fine him, de philosopher stone, and he keep him in

dat heavy box we see him carry aboard, and he don' have to make gol' with it-he can make diamon's-diamon's-he say it too easy to fill dat box plum full of diamon's."

They gesticulated and exclaimed and breathed hard, full of the marvel of such a thought. Then abruptly the clamor died to nothing. I felt six eyes bent on me, six unwinking eyes moving restless in motionless figures. suspicious, deadly as cobras.

Up to now my standing with the men had been well enough. Now they drew frankly apart. One of the most significant indications of this was the increased respect they paid my office. It was as though by prompt obedience, instant deference and the emphasizing of ship's etiquette they intended to draw sharply the line between themselves and me. There was much whispering apart, many private talks and consultations in which I had no part. Ordinarily they talked freely enough before me. Even the reading during the dog watch was intermitted-at least it was on such days as I happened to be in the watch be-

A Statement.

The following statement, signed by officers and members of The El Paso Valley Water Users' Association, which was incorporated under the Act of Congress introduced and secured by Congressman W. R. Smith, for the reclamation of the Rio Grande Valley by ir. rigation projected by funds advanced by the Federal Govern. ment for the purpose, is self explanatory.

share of stock represented by farmer in the district can be forcthat his private irrigation system every single vote was cast in favor poration, and that the same law government project shall, in no gestions and the following statewill govern under the general reclamation act which Congressman Smith is about to get extended so as to include the entire State of Texas, and that any community of farmers in the State can incorporate under the same terms if they are situated favorably for the purpose; that under the present private system of irrigation, it costs at least \$7 an acre, year in and year out, to secure irrigation, and that under the system secured by Congressman Smith the plant is installed by the Government, and the farmers pay the Government back the actual cost of construction, in ten equal annual payments, without any in terest whatever, after which the plant becomes the absolute property of the farmers, and that thereafter it will only cost about lect their interests in order to re-75 cents an acre a year, instead ot \$7 an acre a year, as now.



owning more than 160 aeres can first step in his campaign he took become a member of the corpor- by going to El Paso and visiting ation or share in the benefits of in person the chairman of the ex-It will be noted that every offi- the act; that the corporation in erutive committee and other officer and member of this corpora- question is a foreign corporation, cers of this very same "foreign tion resides in the State of Texas which is answered by the fact corporation" he is now attacking, and owns lands to be irrigated every member of the corporation He showed them his platform under this project; that in order mustbe an actual bona fide settler wherein he favored the putting to be a member of this corpora. in good faith on land to be irri. into immediate operation the protion a person must necessarily gated, and to remain so, and that visions of this same Act referred own land, and be a bona fide if he removes from the district, to, and on such ground solicited actual settler in their district to be at any time or acquires more the support of said officers and of irrigated, and that he cannot own than 160 acres in the district. the people of El Paso. But the more than 160 acres of such land he loses his interest in the project; people of El Paso turned a cold and can vote only his individual that the corporation will collect shoulder to Mr. Cunningham, tellmore money from the farmers ing him that Congressman Smith such 160 acres or less; that no than the cost of the project and had made a splendid record in pay the government less than it | Congress and that they saw no ed to go into the corporation, and collects from the farmers which reason for making a change at is answered by the fact that the this time. Seeing that he could cannot be disturbed in any way farmers pay the money directly to not get the support of El Paso by the law without his consent, the Government, and do not because of his hearty support of and that out of the 37,000 votes pay the corporation a cent at any the reclamation Act, he returned of the farmers and land owners time: that the small land owner to the eastern end of the district, in the district is forced into the changed front, and has since based of the articles under which the plan and is deprived of what pri- his canvass on criticism and bitter Association was incorporated, and vate irrigation system he has, opposition to the very same identhat the money for the erection of which is answered by the fact tical Act which he so heartily supthe irrigation plant is to be paid that no man or landowner or far- ported in his original annoucedirectly into the hands of the mer can be in any way forced ment or platform, and which is Government, and not to any cor- into the corporation, and that the the subject of the foregoing sug-

If Mr. Cunningham. or any one without the consent of the owner. for him, denies this statement, or The distribution of the following any part of same, he, or any one vouch for every word here stated. Another thing: The reclamafurther fact that Congressman tion act introduced by Mr. Smith Smith is at his post of duty at and which has passed the House over the strenuous opposition of terest of the people who sent him the Republican leaders in that there, and because as an honest body and is now pending in the man he will remain there until senate upon a favorable commithis duty is fully performed; re- tee report, is heartily endorsed gardless of the number of men | and supported by every membor Smith considers that the people every member of both houses Are Bailey, Culberson, Henry, Shepperd, Russell, Burleson, Burgess, Fields, Moore, Gregg. Ste Is every Southern member of both House and Senate a grafter? Or is Mr Cunningham opposing facts merely as a means of getting into Congress from the Jumbo

But twice I caught the nigger and Handy Solomon consulting together over the volume on alchemy.

I was in two minds whether to report the whole matter to Captain Selover. The only thing that restrained me was the vagueness of the intention and the fact that the afterguard was armed and was four to the crew's five. An incident, however, decided me. One evening I was awakened by a sound of violent voices. Captain Selover occasionally juggled the watches for variety's sake, and I now had Handy Solomon and Perdosa. The nigger, being cook, stood no watch. "You drunken greaser swab!" snarled Handy Solomon. "You son of a Yaqui! I'll learn' you to step on a

seaman's foot, and you can kiss the book on that! I'll cut your heart out and feed it to the sharks!"

"Potha!" sneered Perdosa. "You cut heem you finger wid your knife."

They wrangled. At first I thought the quarrel genuine, but after a mo ment or so I could not avoid a sort of reminiscent impression of the cheap melodrama. It seemed incredible, but soon I could not dodge the conclusion that it was a makeup quarrel designed to impress me.

Why should they desire to do so? I had to give it up, but the fact itself was obvious enough. I laughed to see them. The affair did not come to blows, but it did come to black looks on meeting, muttered oaths, growls of enmity every time they happened to pass each other on the deck. Perdosa was not so bad. His Mexican blood inclined him to the histrionic, and his Mexican cast lent itself well to evil looks. But Handy Solomon for the first time in my acquaintance with him was ridiculous.

About this time we crossed into frequent thunders. One evening just at To be continued.

This statement becomes particularly important in view of their facc. the fact that Mr. J. F. Cunningham, a candidate for Congress ago, when Mr. Cunningham first Irrigation and misrepresenting the against Congressman Smith, is for campaign purposes telling the posed and published a platform, people wherever he goes that the or announcement, to the effect district of Texas? irrigation act fosters graft, and that he was heartily in favor of was procured to aid the rich at putting into immediate operation the expense of the poor, which is the provisions of the identical By P. C. COLEMAN, Chairman, answered by the fact that no man Act he is now attacking; and the Colorado, Texas, June 1, 1906.

way whatever, interfere with any ment.

existing private or state system statement isdeemed advisable at else, may have the names of leadthis time because of the misrepre- ing citizens of El Paso, who will sentations of Mr. Cunningham, as shown below, and because of the Washington, laboring in the inwho are going over the district of the Texas delegation in both misrepresenting his work. Mr. House and Senate, as well as by elected him to Congress for the from the entire South. purpose of representing them there and he does not propose to negturn home and spend the people's phens, Slavden, Garner. Gillespie. time refuting misrepresentations Randell and Broocks, all grafters? that are ridiculous. and false on

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up. The Methodists have erected a handsome church building at Durham in the South-Eastern part of this county.

Gail, the county seat is a small town but is building fast. There are eight business houses, besides a bank, two hotels, a restaurant, a livery stable and a wagon yard, two blacksmith shops and a new gin. Several of these improvements have been recantly erected. Borden county is almost sure to average one-half bale per acre to all lands planted in cotton. I have lived in Borden county for eight years and have never witnessed a complete failure in crops. The lands about Gail have not hereto fore been for sale, hence the slow development. At present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

J. F. Alasworth Droward May 1 1903.

While attemptng to cross the Concho at San Angelo last Sunday evening, J. F. Ainsworth, candidate for District Attorney was drowned. When he reached the river in his buggy, parties warned him that a six foot rise was on and it would be dangerous to attempt to cross, but he drove in and his buggy was over turned throwing him in the water. He swam to his horse's head and attempted to lead him out, but was soon exhausted and struck out for the shore but sank to rise no more before he reached it. - A man on the bank attempted to throws rope to him before he sank, but it was too short to reach the poor fellow, Three days were spent by searchers before the body was recovered two miles below where it went down. Mr. Ainsworth was a bright den under the foot of the luffalo young man and was universally and mustang pony, and the howl loved by all .- Sterling City News

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EORDEN COUNTY.

Borden county is located partly below and partly above the "cap rock". The altitude below the cap rock is about 2300 feet. Soil fertile, climate pleasant. A bout 25 per cent of the land to scme extent is rough and better adapted to stock raising than to farming. Timber for fuel is mulberries. At present orchards ity. plentiful, below the foot of the are comparatively few, but bear plains, mesquite being the most good and abundant fruit. Agri- has been quite rapid the last six abundant. This country is well culture is fast becoming the lead months. During that time there set in good grass, the principal ing industry. The lands which has been a nice little town built

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grasses being the needle and mes- | only a few years since were trodquite.

The rainfall here is sufficient for abundant and successful farming. The products of the farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat and oats have not been grown extensively in this county, but some parts are specially adapted to the raising of small grain. We find the gardens bedecked with beans, peas, turnips, onions rad ishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts and watermelons. The orchards furnish peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and apricots. The wild fruits are grapes, plums and

of the lobo and the yelp of the Record. coyote were the only signs of life now are under fence and the soil beneath the plow. At present the whistle of the farm boy, the songs of the milk maid, the bark of the neighbor's dog, the rattling of wagons, and the hum of gins are some of the indications of life and civilization.

Stock raising is still a leading factor in the progress of our county. Borden county takes pride in raising some of the best horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry does extremely well in this local.

The development of this county

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The man who falls out with an editor because he writes something which does not fit the bump of his little old cocoanut exactly, hasn't good sense But few men see things alike; they are just built differently and it is not and regular demand. The result and should not be an unpardon- is that some of the consumers able sin to be natural-to say what you think. It is often the case that you can voice the sentiment of a fellow for twelve long months, and then cross him in a single instance and lose his good inability to reach the market will entirely. I have in mind a man right now who used to laud The cost of delivering products every home on earth jammed right roads.

legal test will be made of the law rassed by the thirteenth legislature providing, for a prohibitive license on the sale of pistols in Texas. A fund of \$850 has been subscribed for that purpose and more has been promised. A test case will be made and the fight taken to the court of last resort: -The Plainsman,

Importance of Good Roads. One of the most important and pressing social and economic questions before the people tohighways. Its importance can hardly be overstated. The food supply of the world passes on wagons over country roads. In

tennage it equals or exceeds the aggregate of railway traffic. The condition of the public roads affects the market; conditions and thru these it reaches every Bad roads interfere citizen. with the regular distribution of food products, supply for a fixed must go without certain articles for the time being, while others are forced to pay higher prices therefor. The farmer in the meantime suffers loss from his with what he has to sell.

me to the skies because I opposed over bad roads is two or three club houses. He said my paper was times greater than performing worth \$5 a year and ought to be in the same service over good The general improveup by the Bible. One day he want- ment of the highways of the ed me to print a long article in de- country is vastly more imporfence of faith healing; I refused tant to the people as a whole

injuriously by rain or frost. grees depending upon weather water better and lasts longer. must needed.

enough to be generally used they A manadam road is usually more Stock World.

expensive than one made of 3. It must be good and usable gravel, but it is correspondingly at all times. A road that is better. The crushed rock is good at certain seasons only and more uniform, the road made of bad at others in varying de- it requires less repairing, it sheds

conditions cannot be classed | The materials of which a road as a good road, even if it be so, should be built depends largely at times, Such a road has only upon the cost and accessibility of the virtues of a balky horse; it materials. In a general discusscannot be depended upon and it ion of the good roads, stone or more than likely fails when it is gravel roads are meant unless otherwise specified. While earth

Practically speaking, a good roads carefully drained and proproad-one every day in the year; erly dragged after rains can be -is road surfaced with maca- kept in good condition much of dam or gravel. These are the the time, such highways cannot only materials that are cheap he regarded as good roads as periodically fail,-Live



and from that day to this he has than the building of the Panama branded me a viper. He guards his canal, the improvement of the door against the paper and says he inland waterways, the irrigation would shed the last drop of his of the semi-arid lands, or the heart's blood before it should 'en- building of the lakes-to the-gulf ter his home, Well, I'm not a waterway.

fighting man, but the darn thief will have to pay his back dues before there would be any warlike by road conditions, therefore effort to send it there. You can feed a dog on liver for a week and but one that concerns the whole then throw him a hard old bone and he will show you his appreci- people to solve.

ation by making the best out of it possible. But, Oh, my! How road?" will be answered by dijmuch better a faithful dog is than ferent individuals in the light of a man who is an ingrate. The dog their experience. The woman in will look at you and wag his tail as Arkansas who had been driving if to say: This is poor chewing for a good sweet tempered dog like I tom land road, said to her comam but you have heretofore been panion, upon reaching a stretch very kind and I'll not complain, But the man will forget the past to bump over the logs. compostear his shirt off and want to fight ing it," Gee, but it's nice to get on if you don't dish up just what his a piece of good road. I don't appetite calls for. Some people see why they don't make more would be better if they were only on ,em." as good as a dog- Jones County falk-

To Test Gun Law.

San Antonio, Texas, April 20. -It was learned from the mem. bers of the Hardward Jobbers' Association, who have been in

Every man, woman and child in the land is directly affected the question is not a local issue, people, and is one for the whole

The question, "What is a good laboriously along a muddy botof corduroy road and beginning

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Local and Personal-

John Mason was transacting Business in Gail last Thursday.

Jno. and Chas. Smith from Snyder were visiting friends in week.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bostick entertained a number of friends delightfully last Thursday night.

last Thursday.

John Freeman was in Gail last tic.

Charlie and Wesley Berry, who have been in Post City for some time returned to their h me in Gail on last Thursday,

We are sorry to state that called to see us while here Mrs. W. K. Clark is ill this week. Mrs. Montie Hudson was in Gail visiting her mother, Mrs. Taylor, last Thursday.

Mr. and. Mrs. Martin from near Lou were in town last week, visiting grandpa and grandma Cathey.

her cousin Miss Zettie Cathey of to fit glasses carrying quite a fail this week.

Mr. D. C. Stevens, near Tred. way had a telephone put in his house last week.

Winnie Chandler is visiting the Misses Crantills this week.

Tolbert Benton was trading at

Quite a number of men went fishing last Monday.

The singing at the church Sunday night was well attended and Gail last week and part of this the singing was reported good.

> Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Everett were trading at the Blue Front Satuarday last.

Mr. York and Miss Griggsby Dan Bostic returned to Guil from Durham were shopping, in Gail last Saturday.

Mr.T.R. Mauldin was in Gail week visiting his sister Mrs. Bos- last Saturday, visiting home folks.

> Col.C.C. Poole, repersenting the Stockman Journal and the Daily and Weekly Telegram, spent last Thursday in Gail and The Colonel was returning home from a trip to the plains to his home at Aledo, and was quiet unwell from a case of La-Grippe when here,

H. H. Haley of Robert Lee, arrived Friday evening from Snyder. Mr. Haley is a travel-Miss Neve Cathey was visiting ing oculist and comes prepared stock in this line.

> W. S. McClung who is surveying our county line came in from the field Sunday. He reports that the work is progress. ing well, although they have en

Plainview Community,

Plainview Community, May 5,-Singing at Mr. Andrew Best's of Six Mile community last Sunday eve. Several of this community attended and report a pleasant good. time.

Mrs. Laura Salvers and Miss Jimmie Brown spent last Friday with Miss Sallie Beach.

Messrs Iri Willis and Harvey Simpson with their families, also Mrs. W L. Davis and family spent last Sunday with R. I. Rains and family.

A. H. Berry made a trip to Big Springs last week returning Saturday eve with his mother in-law,

The party last Friday night at Mr. Ellis Tredway was well attended and a pleasant affair. Mrs. W. L. Davis visited Mrs. Beach last Saturday.

Mr. Montgomery Simpson and sister Miss Mildred spent last Saturday night with Mrs. Jno. Berry Mr. M. L. Davis and daughter Alta, and sister-in-law Mrs. Annie Davis accompanied by Miss Sallie Beach went to Lamesa Saturday returning Sunday.

Mr. John Berry and wife visited their grand mother last Sunday. Harvey Simpson and wife visit

ed Mrs. John Berry Sunday,

W. L. Davis and daughter Alta visited Mr. Beach and family Sunday.

H. E. Baldridge started for Plainview Sunday with cattle. Cotton planting is about over

Moyers last Tuesday a girl.

Mrs. Tom King spent last Wed nesday with her mother Mrs. Beach.

General health of community is

Mr. and Mrs J. D. Brown have suffered a sad affliction in the loss of their infant child, whose little spirit took its flight before the eyes of the innocent one had ever beheld the light of day. The burial took place Monday evening. We wish to express our sympathy and condolence to the parents, and the hope that they will take comfort from the thought, that their loss is its gain.

All parties are warned against depredating in any manner on the Munger ranch property, . especially cutting wood.

R. F. POWELL, Mgr.

NOTICE.

All persons getting wood on the pastures of A. J. Long are notified that they will hereafter be prosecuted to the extent of SAM SANFORD. the law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For District Judge JUDGE JAS. L. SHEPHERD For District Attorney. J. S. CRUMPTON

number of her little friends tast Thursday night. Mrs. Tom Hale who has been visiting friends in Tahoka, re- turned to Gail last Friday. Miss Mary Leake, left Gail	continue with him, until the survey is completed. Whilst the east line was run Mr. Good- win the Scurry county surveyor Beach last week.	T. P. BLANKENSHIP E. R. YELLOTT For County and District clerk. T. R. MAULDIN RODWAY KEEN J. S. WEATHERFORD
 Avalarche. Misses, Wilson and Miller were in town last Saturday. Mr. Eckle Park had business in Gail last Saturday. Misses Bee and Ruby Burnett were shopping in town Friday. Mrs. Sam Sanford was visiting her sister in Gail Friday. L. L. Williams, who has been 	At Adams store Best prices in the Country	
here for some time, returned to his home near Tahoka last Sat- urday. Mr. Jack Rogers and family were visiting friends and rela- tives in Gail Saturday. Mr, W. N. Collier was trading in town Saturday. Mr. S.L. Jones was shakeiog hands with friends in Gail last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Smith went down to the Colorado river to fisb, last Monday.	Is the only First Class restaurant in Big Springs with Ladies dining room. Cold Drinks and Ice Cream. Regular Dinners 25 cts. Short orders day and night. Come and See Us. J. C. Horn, Pro.	W. A. BEDELL J. C. HOWE S. L. JONES For Justice of Peace prect. 1. T. M. JONES. For Commissioner Prect. 1 F. M. CHISTOPHER. For Commissioner Prect. 2 For commissioner Prect. 3 WALTER BISHOP For commissioner Prect. 4



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IREDWAY HAPPENINGS.

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Furniture

Mrs. Tom Hudson is visiting friends and relatives in Gail this week.

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Mrs. H D Pruett was quite sick on Monday and Tuesday but we are glad to say that she is well enough to be up and able to at- ing in town last Tuesday. tend to household work again.

Mr. and Mrs Dave Dorward were both very unwell during the week.

J. B. Stokes is having a well dug on the hotel lot as the 'supply of water from his cistern can not always be depended upan. The well digger is encoun- Gail and usta the Che tering some ruck and the blasting is occasionally heard reminding us of the cannons roar,

A drowth is on, tho the weath er otherwise is all right, as the breezes are cool and pleasant, trade is quiet, farmers buying to remain for some time. cautiously, to supply actual necessities, until they have assurance of good crops.

J. L. Mann was here yesterday from Snyder representing the J. J. Pettus Mercantile a paper yesterdar. Mr. Davis was house of that city. Mr. Mann traveling to San Antonio on acis advertising a sales day of the count of his wifes health. and will firm at greatly reduced prices. A be only temporarily absent

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Texas

Miss Lida Kennedy was shop. ping in Gail last Tuesday.

Miss Lottie Cranfill was visit-

D. W. Godwin was in town on business, last Wednesday.

J. N. Hopkins made a business trip to Big Springs this week.

Mrs A. Simmony of Valley Mills arrived yesterday evening on a visit to the family of her son-in-law, J. G. Taylor and ex-pects to spend the summer in

Miss Zettie Cathey visited Miss Josie DeSbazo last Tuesday returning Wedneeday.

The family of S. A. Morrow, who has been resideing in Gail for some time, started for Post City Tuesday where they expect Miss Josio DeShazo is visiting Miss Zettie Cathey of Gail today, Mrs. Jim Dorward and family were visiting the family of Dave Dorward Wednesday,

A. W. Davis of Post called toget

as well as other valuable minerals. mick, clay or other substance "out of the erdi-'and may pass for days with a fortune nary," and may pass for days with a fortune under your feet. Send me samples of these out of the ordinary" stones, clays and earths. A pound package by mail will cost you 16 cents in postage. I may be able to help you to a for-tune. No charges to you. Buyers pay all charges. Address nary,' Milton Everett, Bex 1065 Daflas, Texas

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Texas,

The long wished for, has at last happened to Snyder. We learn the Roscoe & Snyder railroad began delivering and receiving freight at the ice plant in the subburbs last week, and we presume will begin the erection of, a passenger and freight depot at once.

Atttorneys M. L. Harkey of Post, and J. S. Crampton of Lacourt here last Friday.

E. W. Howell and Ellis Tredway made a flying trip to Gail Monday.

Mrs. Kincaid and daughter of near Post City are visiting at J. Moore's.

J. E. Moore who has been visiting his old home in Knox county has returned home.

The singing Sunday night at W. F. Seiglers was the best we have had for some time.

Mr. D. Birdwell and wife have returned from a short visit to Scurry county.

Mrs. Elmer Russell and Mrs. Susir Jones have returned from s visit to Troy. Bullard's near

Thad Durat of Gail will complete the telephone line from Gail to Tredway to day.

The party at J.E. Moore given in honor of Miss Maud Kincaid was a howling mocess.

William Tredway made a businees trip to Util last week

JUPITER,

J. P. Marrs a lawyer, iprmerly of Colorado, Texas now lonated mesa had business in the justice at Tahoka, is here locoking after some busicess matters

