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 June 25, 1908. Sealed Bids will be received up to and including the 12 for lemonade stand.
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J. C. HOWE.
To The Voters of Borden County,
 For some time it has been known that the Hon. W. J. Bryan of Abilene, would be a candidate for senator of this, the 28 Senatorial District, and we are authorized to announce his candidacy to the voters of Borden county.
 Mr. Bryan is an educated, high toned and refined gentleman, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people of his district, who have elected him several times to the State Legislature. The district is a large one, comprising 82 counties, so that it will be physically impossible for him to visit every county of the district and address the people; he therefore takes the method of soliciting your support.

Road to Success.
 The following article, clipped from the editorial page of the Garland News, is one of the best of the thousands of articles we have ever read on the method of attaining that much desired end in life; Success. Read it carefully. It might be of benefit to you, and then if it benefits you, why shouldn't it help your neighbor? Try it on him. Pass a good thing along.
 The world is wide. If you wish to be somebody, "pitch in." The brave always have friends. Where others have gone you can go. If the old track don't suit you, make a new one; somebody will walk in it. Don't hurry too fast, especially till you know the road or become acquainted with your team.
 Mind your own business and look after yourself. Don't stop to club whiffs or to retail gossip, you may grow weary, but remember this is not a world of ease, and success lies beyond quantity. Never obtained in a quantity. Make this without effort. If you fail once, try again. If you fall down get up. If it is dark, strike a light. If you are in the shade, move around. If there is shade on one side there

is sure to be sun shine on the other. It takes longer to skin an elephant than a mouse, but then the skin is worth something. Never be content with doing what another has done—excel him. A trade is a good thing to have; it is better than gold—brings a larger premium. But to make a premium, the trade must be perfect—no silver plated affair.
 Determine in your mind to be a good workman, or let the job out. Learning a trade is different from eating mush and milk—mechanical education does not slip down without chewing. Never slight your work, never. Every job you do is a sign. Poor signs are against success. People always speak well of a boy who minds his own business and who seems to be somebody in time. This is a queer world; many people are watching us, and help often comes when and from whom we least expect. Confidence is the safe in which men often deposit rich treasures, and you prove worthy so will your reward of success be.
 There is a reward in success, which none but those who strive can enjoy. Deserve success and it will come.

The Union Prayermeeting
 The regular program for the Union prayermeeting has been changed, and the new arrangement will no doubt make it more interesting. It will be conducted on these lines: A leader will be appointed each Wednesday night for two weeks in advance. He selects a passage of scripture to read, and announces it the next prayermeeting night so that we may all know what it will be, read it, and prepare to tell some lesson we receive from the passage.
 The leadership will not be confined strictly to members of the church, or either men or women, but any one who wishes may participate. We think the new program will be appreciated and everyone will be expected to take more interest in the meetings.
 Services will begin at 9 o'clock and everybody invited to attend.
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Precinct prohibition was only a partial success as long as the county seats were distributing points. It took county prohibition to make precinct prohibition effective. It will take State prohibition to dry up Fort Worth Dallas San Antonio and Houston and other large distributing centers, which prevent the full success of county prohibition in dry counties. Do not be deceived for one moment by the many sudden conversions to "local option" from the ranks of the old anti crowd. It is a subterfuge to distract attention from the old issue—State-wide prohibition. There is no sincerity in their outcry.

Some have counseled delay, in the false hope that the Baskin-McGregor law would put a new lot of men in control, reduce the delusion. Every so-called renumber of saloons and insure law-abiding and proper conduct of the business. The hope has proven vain. The law is a snare and

strictive clause had its "joke." There are more saloons in Texas today than for years past. The same crowd has charge, and so emboldened have they become that they as fighting the constitutionality of the few good sections the law contains, and long ago boldly proclaimed their purpose to capture the next Legislature.

The liquor business is utterly unworthy of sympathy, incapable of reform. Knowing their lease on life is brief, they grow more reckless and desperate every day. In the James amendment to the Terrell election law providing for the referendum of party demands to the people, the prohibition Democrats of Texas have a means of instructing the Legislature such as they have never before, and do not know they can retain in the future. Let's use it while we may.

A reasonable estimate published in the Texas dailies on April 26, indicates a prohibition victory of over 100,000 majority, while the most conservative forecast possible from an analysis of the 1908 poll tax payments assures a majority

of nearly 50,000. In the face of this, further delay is folly.

The bugaboo of business disaster with which the liquor people would scare us has lost its terrors. As we have outgrown the graveyard ghosts and pumpkin-faced goblins of our childhood, so the country through experience has outgrown the spooky terrors of this old story. More than a dozen cities in the Nation as large, or perhaps larger than any city in Texas, have tried prohibition without disaster. In the recent panic which so severely tried business institutions, the splendid manner in which the prohibition cities weathered the storm was a matter of comment. Evidence is heaping upon evidence every day that nothing is so blighting and blasting to commercial prosperity as the liquor traffic.

Today, by far the most prosperous and inviting sections of our State are those under prohibition, Birmingham Ala.; Atlanta, Ga.; Oklahoma City, Ok.; Knoxville, Tenn. and Kansas City, Kans., are cities comparable in size and commercial importance with the cities of Texas that would be affected by the adoption of State-wide prohibition. Ample evidence comes from all these that prohibition, far from affecting commercial interests adversely, seems to have stimulated legitimate business far beyond the ordinary, proving that the liquor business is an incubus that

weighs with an awful burden the car of progress.

It has been demonstrated over and over again that prohibition laws can be enforced and the larger territory and control given by State-wide prohibition will give far better results.

State after State has overthrown the liquor traffic and county after county condemned it until nearly half the population and area of the Nation is under prohibition, and still the glorious news of victories comes, Georgia, Oklahoma, Alabama and Mississippi within the last year, with North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas sure to follow soon, and Florida, Kentucky, Virginia, South Carolina and Louisiana but a yard behind, it is high time Texas took a forward step. Let every free man and every patriot who loves home and fireside and the fair name of our grand State take up the cry, "For a Stainless Flag, and Texas Dry in 1909, with united front we can but sweep the field."

We believe the foregoing statement will meet your approval, and that you will want to help us. We here suggest ways in which you can help us.

We need 10,000 speakers—preachers, lawyers, teachers and all patriots who hate the liquor traffic and desire its overthrow—who will volunteer to give us some portion of your time between now and July 25. Send your
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By STEWART EDWARD WHITE
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Handy Solomon was coming in last. Instead of dropping to his place he straddled the fire, stretching his arms over his head. He let them fall with a sharp exhalation:

"Lay aloft, lay aloft, the jolly bo's'n cried."

Blow high, blow low, what care we!
Look ahead, look astern, look a-windward, look a-lee,
Down on the coast of the high Barbare-e-e."

The effect was electrical. We all sprang to our feet and fell to talking at once.

"By God, we're through!" cried Pulz. "I'd clean forgot it!"

The nigger piled on more wood. We drew closer about the fire. All the interests in life, so long held in the background, leaped forward, eager for recognition. We spoke of trivialities, almost for the first time since our landing, fused into a temporary but complete good fellowship by the relief.

"Wonder how the old doctor is getting on?" ventured Thrackles after awhile.

"The devil's a preacher! I wonder?" cried Handy Solomon.

"Let's make 'em a call," suggested Pulz.

"Don't believe they'd appreciate the compliment," I laughed. "Better let them make first call. They're the longer established." This was lost on them, of course. But we all felt kindly to one another that evening.

I carried the glow of it with me over until the next morning and was therefore somewhat dashed to meet Captain Selover with clouded brows and an uncertain manner. He quite ignored my greeting.

"Eagen," he squeaked, "can you think of anything more to be done?"

I straightened my back and laughed. "Haven't you worked us hard enough?" I inquired. "Unless you gild the cabins I don't see what else there can be to do."

Captain Selover stared me over. "And you a naval man!" he marvelled. "Don't you see that the only thing that keeps this crew from getting restless is keeping them busy? I've sweat more with my brain than you have with your back thinking up things to do. I can't see anything ahead, and then we'll have trouble. Oh, they're a sweet lot!"

I whistled, and my crest fell. Here was a new point of view and also a new Captain Ezra. Where was the confidence in the might of his two hands?

He seemed to read my thoughts and went on.

"I don't feel sure here on this cussed land. It ain't like a deck where a man has some show. They can scatter. They can hide. It ain't right to put a man ashore alone with such a crew. I'm doing my best, but it ain't goin' to be good enough. I wish we were safe in Frisco harbor—"

He would have maundered on, but I seized his arm and led him out of possible hearing of the men.

"Here, buck up!" I said to him sternly. "There's nothing to be scared of. If it comes to a row, there's three of us, and we've got guns. We could even sail the schooner at a pinch and leave them here. You've stood them off before."

"Not ashore," protested Captain Selover weakly.

"Well, they don't know that. Don't let them see you've lost your nerve this way." He did not even glance at the accusation. "Put on a front."

He shook his head. The sand had completely run out of him. Yet I am convinced that if he could have felt the heave and roll of the deck beneath him he would have faced three times the difficulties he now feared. However, I could see readily enough the wisdom of keeping the men at work.

"You can wreck the Golden Horn," I suggested. "I don't know whether there's anything left worth salvage, but it'll be something to do."

He clapped me on the shoulder. "Good!" he cried. "I never thought of it."

"Another thing," said I, "you better give them a day off a week. That can't hurt them, and it'll waste just that much more time."

"All right," agreed Captain Selover. "Another thing yet. You know I'm not lazy, so it ain't that I'm trying to dodge work. But you'd better lay me off. It'll be so much more for the others."

"That's true," said he. I could not recognize the man for what I knew him to be. He groped, as one in the dark or as a sea animal taken out of its element and placed on the sands. Courage had given place to fear, decision to wavering and singleness of purpose to a divided counsel.

He who had so thoroughly dominated the entire ship eagerly accepted advice of me, a man without experience.

That evening I sat apart considerably disturbed. I felt that the ground had dropped away beneath my feet. To be sure everything was tranquil at present, but now I understood the source of that tranquillity and how soon it must fail. With opportunity would come more scheming, more speculation, more cupidity. How was I to meet it, with none to back me but a scared man, an absorbed man and an indifferent man?

CHAPTER XV.

PERCY DARROW, unexpected, made his first visit to us the very next evening. He sauntered in with a Mexican corn husk cigarette between his lips, carrying a lantern, blew the light out and sat down with a careless greeting, as though he had seen us only the day before.

"Hullo, boys," said he, "been busy?" "How are ye, sir?" replied Handy Solomon. "Good Lord, mates, look at that!"

Our eyes followed the direction of his forefinger. Against the dark blue of the evening sky to northward glowed a faint phosphorescence, arch shaped, from which shot, with pulsating regularity, long shafts of light. They beat almost to the zenith and back again a half dozen times; then the whole illumination disappeared with the suddenness of gas turned out.

"Now, I wonder what that might be?" marvelled Thrackles.

"Northern lights," hazarded Pulz. "I've seen them almost like that in the Bering seas."

"Northern lights your eye!" sneered Handy Solomon. "You may have seen them in the Bering seas, but never this far south and in August, and you can kiss the book on that."

"What do you think, sir?" Thrackles inquired of the assistant.

"Devil's fire," replied Percy Darrow briefly. "The island's a little queer. I've noticed it before."

"Devil's fire" repeated the nigger.

Darrow turned directly to him.

"Yes, devil's fire, and devils, too, for all I know, and certainly vampires. Did you ever hear of vampires, doctor?"

"No," growled the nigger.

"Well, they are women, wonderful, beautiful women. A man on a long voyage would just smack his lips to see them. They have shiny gray eyes and lips red as raspberries. When you meet them they will talk with you and go home with you. And then when you're asleep they tear a little hole in your neck with their sharp claws, and they suck the blood with their red lips. When they aren't women they take the shape of big bats like birds." He turned to me with so beautifully casual an air that I wanted to clap him on the back with the joy of it.

"By the way, Eagen, have you noticed those big bats the last few evenings over by the cliff? I can't make out in the dusk whether they are vampires or just plain bats." He directed his remarks again to the nigger. "Next time you see any of those big bats, doctor, just you notice close. If they have just plain black eyes they're all right, but if they have gray eyes, with red rims around 'em, they're vampires. I wish you'd let me know if you do find out. It's interesting."

"Don't get me near no bats," growled the nigger.

"Where's Selover?" inquired Darrow.

"He stays aboard," I hastened to say. "Wants to keep an eye on the ship."

"That's laudable. What have you been doing?"

"We've been cleaning ship. Just finished yesterday evening."

"What next?"

"We were thinking of wrecking the Golden Horn."

"Quite right. Well, if you want any help with your engines or anything of the sort, call me."

He arose and began to light his lantern.

"I hope as how you're getting on well there above, sir?" ventured Handy Solomon insinuatingly.

"Very well, I thank you," replied Percy Darrow dryly. "Remember those vampires, doctor."

He swung the lantern and departed without further speech. We followed the spark of it until it disappeared in the arroyo.

Behind us bellowed the sea. Over against us in the sky was the dull threatening glow of the volcano. About us were mysterious noises of crying birds, barking seals, rustling or rushing winds. I felt the thronging ghosts of all the old world's superstition swirling madly behind us in the eddies that twisted the smoke of our fire.

We wrecked the Golden Horn. Forward was a rusted out donkey engine, which we took to pieces and put together again. It was no mean job, for all the running parts had to be cleaned smooth and with the exception of a rudimentary knowledge on the part of Pulz and Perdosa we were ignorant. In fact we should not have succeeded at all had it not been for Percy Darrow and his lantern. The first evening we took him over to the cliff's edge he laughed aloud.

"Jove, boys, how could you guess it all wrong?" he wondered.

With a few brief words he set us right, Pulz, Perdosa and I listening intently, the others indifferent in the hopelessness of being able to comprehend. Of course we went wrong again in our next day's experiments, but Darrow was down two or three times a week and gradually we edged toward a practical result.

His explanations consumed but a few moments. After they were finished we adjourned to the fire.

Thus we came gradually to a better acquaintance with the doctor's assistant. In many respects he remained always a puzzle to me. Certainly the men never knew how to take him. It was evidently not only unkind to them, but genuinely unkind to them.

Yet he displayed a certain interest

in their needs and affairs. His practical knowledge was enormous. I think I have told you of the completeness of his arrangements. Everything had been foreseen from grindstones to gas nippers. The same quality of concrete speculation showed him what we lacked in our own lives.

There was, as you remember, the matter of Handy Solomon's steel claw. He showed Thrackles a kind of lanyard knot that deep sea person had never used. He taught Captain Selover how to make soft soap out of one species of seaweed. He initiated in the art of fishing with a white bone lure. Our camp itself he reconstructed on scientific lines so that we enjoyed less aromatic smoke and more palatable dinner. And all of it he did amusedly, as though his ideas were almost too obvious to need communication.

We became in a manner intimate with him. He geyed the men in his indolent fashion, playing on their credulity, their good nature, even their forbearance. They alternately grinned and scowled. He left always a confused impression, so that no one really knew whether he cherished rancor against Percy Darrow or kindly feeling.

The nigger was Darrow's especial prey. The assistant had early discovered that the cook was given to signs, omens and superstitions.

From a curious scholar's lore he drew fantasies with which to torment his victim. We heard of all the witches, warlocks, incubi, succubae, harpies, devils, imps and hauntings of Avitchi, from all the teachings of history, sacred and profane, Hindoo, Egyptian, Greek, mediaeval, Swedenborg, Rosicrucian, theosophy, theology, with every last ounce of horror, mystery, shivers and creeps squeezed out of them. They were gorgeous ghost stories, for they were told by a man fully informed as to all the legendary and gruesome details. At first I used to think he might have communicated it more effectively. Then I saw that the cool, drawing manner, the level voice, were in reality the highest art.

He told his stories in a half amused, detached manner, which imposed confidence more readily than any amount of earnest asseveration. The mere fact of his own belief in what he said came to matter little. He was the vehicle by which was brought accurate knowledge. He had read all these things and now reported them as he had read. Each man could decide for himself as to their credibility.

At last the donkey engine was cleared and reinstalled atop the cliff. The nigger built under her a fire of black walnut, Captain Selover handed out grog all around, and we started her up with a cheer just to see the wheels revolve.

Next we half buried some long hatches, end up, to serve as bits for the lines, hitched our cables to them and joyfully commenced the task of pulling the Golden Horn piece by piece up the side of the cliff.

The stores were badly damaged by the wet, and there was no liquor, for which I was sincerely grateful. We broke into the boxes and arrayed ourselves in various garments—which speedily fell to pieces—and appropriated gimcracks of all sorts. There were some arms, but the ammunition had gone bad. Perdosa out of forty or fifty misfires got one feeble sputter and a tremendous bang which blew up his piece, leaving only the stock in his hand. A few tinned goods were edible, but all the rest was destroyed. A lot of hard woods, a thousand feet of chain cable and a fairly good anchor might be considered as prizes. As for the rest, it was foolishness, but we hauled it up just the same until nothing at all remained. Then we shut off the donkey engine and put on dry clothes. We had been quite happy for the eight months.

It was now well along toward spring. The winter had been like summer, and

To be continued.

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ber.

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C. E. Reader Precinct No. 4

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Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

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farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane
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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
mulberries. At present orchards
are comparatively few, but bear
good and abundant fruit. Agri-
culture is fast becoming the lead-
ing industry. The lands which

only a few years since were trod-
den under the foot of the buffalo
and mustang pony, and the howl
of the lobo and the yelp of the
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-
ity.

The development of this county
has been quite rapid the last six
months. During that time there
has been a nice little town built

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 recently 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 here-
to fore been for sale, hence the
slow development. At present
some of the pastures are for sale
in small tracts.

Estray Notice.

The State of Texas }
County of Borden } Taken up
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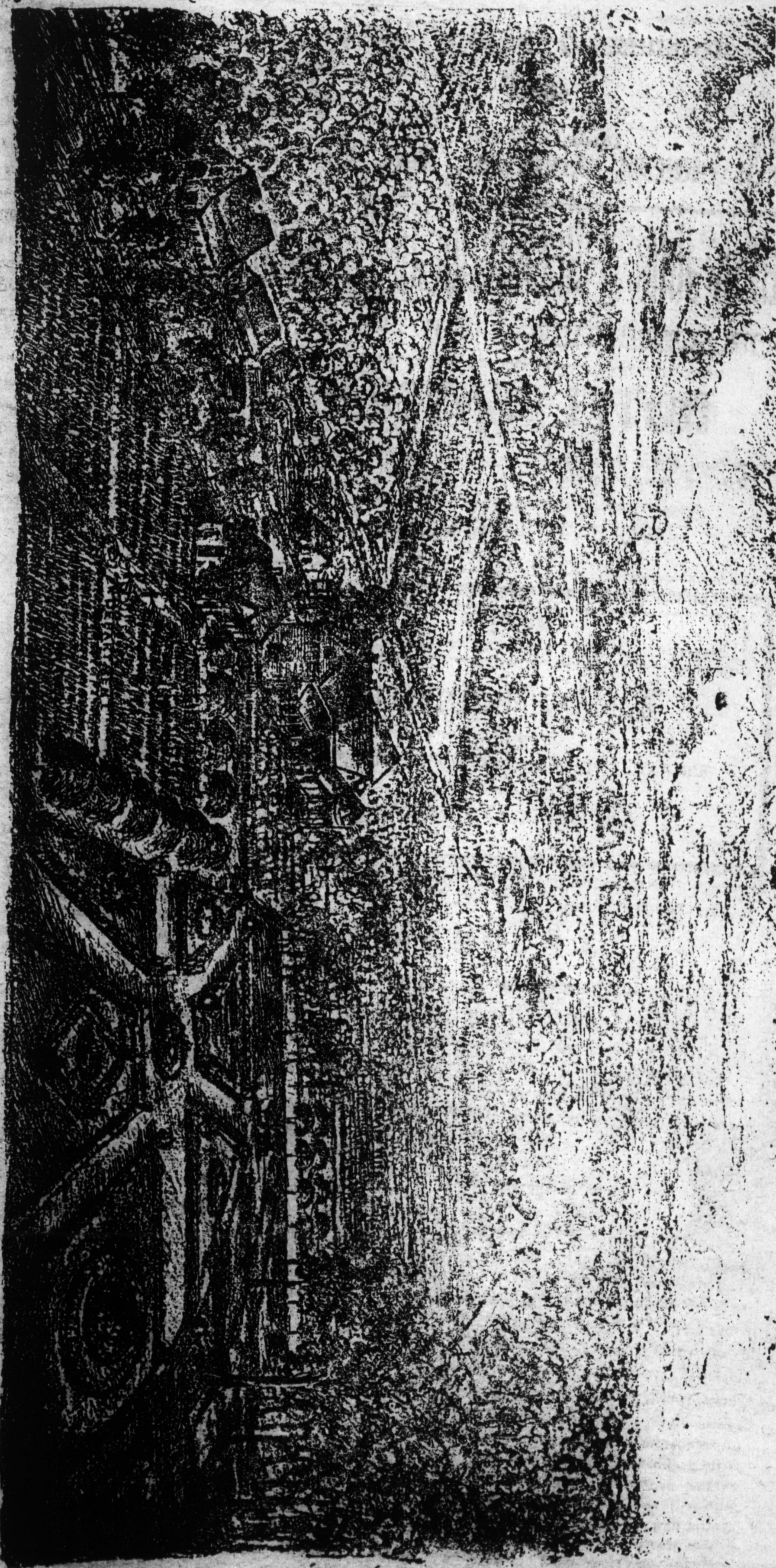
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They're Common Out Here

It would be a great mistake for the downeaster to suppose that the automobile is regarded with fear, suspicion or curiosity by the citizens of the wild and windy south-west. It is likely there are more autos in Texas, in proportion, than in a majority of the eastern or northern states. In Texas, it is held not so much as a luxury for the few rich, as a business investment. It is used to transport passengers, mail, freight and on some of the big ranches it is superceding the horse for range riding and heading cattle. In and around the little town of Midland there are about 300 automobiles, which with three or four exceptions, belong to cat-the man and cowboys, who regularly use them in moving and rounding-up herds of cattle. So expert have many of them become in handling their machines that the festive jack rabbit and fleet-footed cayote are often run down or roped as a diversion.

But Mr. Sam Wilkes, of Garza holds the belt in Auto hunting. He and a physician were riding over the open recently when an antelope was jumped half a mile ahead and going like the wind. The doctor worked the machine and Mr. Wilkes handled the rope. In describing the race Mr. Wilkes said if anything had happened, there wouldn't have been enough fragments left to guess the manner of their departure. But nothing happened except a slight burning of his hands when the rope caught the antelope around the neck.—Colorado Record.

Attorney General Davidson has no claims on The Star whatever. The Star is for Davidson because of the firm belief and conviction of certain trusts that have plundered the people of Texas for years have marked him for slaughter because he has successfully prosecuted them. If the people of Texas listen to the howls of these outlawed concerns and defeat Davidson, the Democratic State convention should demand the repeal of every anti-trust law and every other law, organic or statutory, heretofore passed to prohibit trusts and control corporations. The Star will never believe they will throw down the man of all men, Crane excepted, that has given the trust magnates more trouble than every other attorney general Texas ever had. The fight is not Davidson's fight personally, it is the people's fight against the unlawful combinations that seek to throttle the State. That is the way The Star sees it, and so believing would support Davidson, a man whom we never met, against the best friend we ever had. It is a fight for principle, not men. That now confront the people of Texas.—Baird Star.



Bird's eye view, showing the home of M. G. Black, known as the Vine Hill Nurseries, one mile north of Court House Mt. Pleasant, Ttius County Texas.

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STATE PRESS MEETING TAKES A STAND ON "FEWER LAWS, BETTER LAWS."

Mineral Wells, Texas., May 23,
—The following resolutions was passed at the State Press Association by a rising and unanimous vote and amid enthusiasm, "Resolved that the Texas Press Association commend the movement inaugurated by the united agricultural and commercial interest as expressed in their demand for 'fewer and better laws' and that all its members be urged to support this movement to the end that every enterprise having for its aim the development of Texas resources and the advancement of Texas civilization, may relieve the constant and intelligent attention and concern of the Texas press, which is exceeded in the quality of its patriotism and in the soundness of its conscience by the press of no state of the American Republic."

Signatures to the resolution: C. F. Lehman, Louis J. Wortham, R. H. McCarty, L. B. Shook, R. E. Yantis, O. P. Thomas, Homer. D. Wade.

In support of the resolution it was said that the passage of the anti-pass law was a direct reflection on the press of the State. Knowing that the least restraint that can be put on the press of the State is good for the commercial and industrial resources of the state, the same resolution was introduced and passed by West Texas Association of commercial Clubs.

A Sample of Bryan's Wit.

Bryan was making a speech in his last presidential campaign in a community that was strongly pro-McKinley. There was a disposition during the evening to make matters uncomfortable for him. One inebriated Republican in the gallery was particularly offensive. Early in the proceedings he bellowed out: "Go to h—ll!"

Bryan paid no attention to the interruption, and in a few minutes later the same strident voice was heard again. Bryan still ignored the man who kept quiet for exactly four minutes. Then he broke loose again with: "Go to h—ll!"

Bryan fixed the alcoholic one with a steady gaze. Then he said: "This is the third invitation I have had in the past ten minutes to join the Republican party."

The crowd broke into laughter and the interrupter was squelched for the evening.—Terry County Herald

Fruit Growing in West Texas.

Sizing up climatic conditions in Western Texas and comparing them with those which have made California famous, the editor of the Southwestern Farmer has, for years, been claiming that all Western Texas available for irrigation lacks of becoming a great fruit country is a lot of fruit people.

It is a pleasure to note that Prof. Kyle, horticulturist of our A. M. college, is beginning to see and to call attention to the possibilities of Southwest Texas as a fruit country. Out in the Barstow country they are actually demonstrating what may be done in the way of producing fine table grapes such as Tokay and Muscat of Alexandria, for instance. They have been at it long enough to learn that it is not good business to grow a three-year old crop upon two year-old vines.

In Southwest Texas they have not learned this yet, no more than the average East Texas peach grower has learned that it does not pay to grow a four-year-old crop of peaches upon a three-year-old peach tree.

Profanity.

Profanity is one of the most contemptible vices in the category and one that is well nigh universal. Certain forms of it are prevalent even among women who are educated and refined, but nobody can be surprised at this when it is remembered it is now impossible for a girl to grow up in an American city without hearing the vilest oaths almost every day of her life.

Boys begin to swear almost as soon as they are able to crawl, and it becomes a habit that clings to them through life. It is impossible for women and children to walk the streets without hearing the loungers ripping out oaths of the most disgusting nature. Naturally, the time comes when such profanity fails to shock them.—Breckenridge Democrat.

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Local and Personal

Prof's G. D. Brogdon and E. Bills of Cisco arrived here Friday evening. The former will teach at Plainview, Hale county.

Mr. Robert Whitaker was in town on last Saturday.

Quite a number of our young people attended services at the Park's school house Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Childers, our Methodist minister, preached at the Park's school house on last Sunday. Julia and Gail were well represented. Every one brought a basket and a nice wholesome dinner was spread.

Mrs. B. N. Green is on the sick list this week.

W. A. Bedell was in town on business last Saturday.

Miss Mae Coleman was shopping in town on Saturday last.

Miss Alma Sealy was trading with the Blue Front last Saturday.

Misses Grace Hopkins and Cora Berry made this office a pleasant call on last Thursday.

Miss Ethel Blankenship, who has been visiting friends and relatives in and near Big Springs for the past two weeks, returned to Gail last Thursday.

Mr. Townsley from Abilene, who is representing The West Texas Business College at Abilene, was making calls in Gail this week.

J. C. Howe and wife, who have been visiting Mrs. Holler for the past two weeks, returned home last Thursday.

Mesdames. Pierce and Clark were shopping in town last Thursday.

Messrs. Pierce, Kincaid, Dodson, Chandler and Hannabass went down on the Colorado river to fish last Thursday returning Friday.

They report a pleasant trip and plenty of fish.

Mr. Jim Cathey went to Post City last Wednesday on business returning to Gail Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Benton were visiting relatives and friends in Gail last Friday and Saturday.

TREDWAY HAPPENINGS.

Farming is the order of the day, for the farmers are certainly making use of this beautiful weather.

The ball game Saturday eve between Moore's Draw and Tredway resulted in favor of Tredway.

Tredway was well represented at Plainview, all seemed to have an enjoyable time.

J. S. Weatherford of Gail passed through here one day last week with some cattle.

Frank Eubanks who has been attending school at Stamford has returned home.

The school over at Plainview has suspended for two weeks to enable the farmers to catch up with their work.

Prof. Z. T. Stevenson, William Tredway and D. C. Stevens and family are going to Snyder to attend the barbecue at that place.

Seb Jones is mail carrier this week in place of Mr. Stevens,
JUPITER.

NOTICE.

To Candidates:

Any person desiring his name to appear on the official ballot for the general primary as a candidate for nomination for any office to be filled by the qualified voters of a county or a portion thereof, or for county chairman shall file with the county chairman not later than the Saturday before the third Monday in June, a written request for his name to be printed on the official ballot as a candidate for the nomination or position named therein, giving his occupation and post office address. Said request must be signed and acknowledged by him before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments.

June 13 is the last day the above request can be filed. If you fail, your name can not go on the official ballot.

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You buy your shoes; you have an advantage in that; if you make a mistake, you can stop it quick; if you make a hit, you can push it quick. We've had to go slow; it's hard to pick-out one's own mistakes, and nothing but fun to correct the mistakes of others.

You know where to go for leather that keeps its shape, feels good, looks new, and wears a long time. What a comfort it is to be comfortable from making one's customers comfortable!

We also have a unique advantage—unique, you know, means that nobody else has anything like it. We make a strong paint that takes less gallons, saves half the cost of painting your house, and it's like that leather of yours for wear. It is all paint and the strongest of paint. Paint is usually adulterated and weak.

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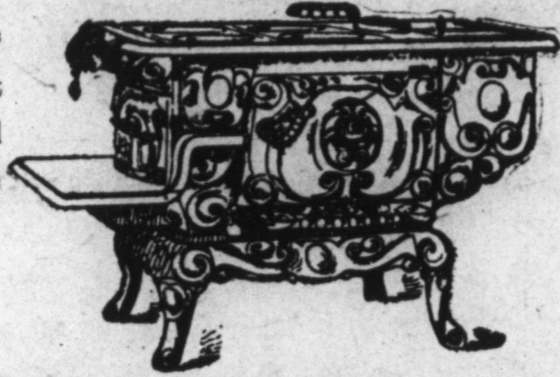
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If your county is not yet organized for the prohibition submission campaign do not wait longer on others. Go yourself, go at once and gather your Democratic prohibition friends and start a movement for county organization. You can get petitions for circulation by sending for them. Notify us as soon as organized.

Write us freely and fully everything in your section that might affect the campaign.

A movement is on foot in Texas to take advantage of the agitation for State-wide prohibition and push the party prohibition by securing "National issue" pledges. Of course each individual is free to choose his political party, but do not forget that if prohibition

ever comes in Texas it must come through a Democratic Legislature and that such a pledge as you are asked to make may shut you out of the primaries July 25 and deprive you of the greatest opportunity of your life to help the prohibition cause. We advise you to keep your Democratic standing straight.

Other organizations, for reasons best known to their officers, are seeking without authority to play the role of leaders in the campaign for State-wide prohibition, but do not forget that the prohibition Democrats have selected Sterling P. Strong to manage this campaign, and no money should be paid out for campaign purposes save to him or such workers as may carry written authority from him. This is important and means just what it says—do not overlook it. We expect the help of all, but shall insist that the leadership vested by the people in

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The Champion Reform State.

We hope that Oklahoma will prove an exception to the general reformer, who always over does the thing and degenerates into a common grafter; because the new state starts out pledged to several good public policies. Having inaugurated all the reforms possible under its own constitution, the infant state now wants the constitution of the United States amended to fit the Oklahoma idea. By proclamation of Governor Haskell May 7th, was declared a legal holiday in Oklahoma. The purpose of it was to give the people of the state an opportunity to assemble in their various localities, there to draw up and adopt petitions and memorials to congress asking that steps be taken to amend the United States constitution to permit certain reforms in government which Oklahomans believe to be desirable. The first amendment proposed by the Oklahomans is the election of United senator by direct vote. That would be adopted by an overwhelming majority of the country, could the question be submitted to them. The income tax, the next proposition, is also high in favor with the masses. An amendment that would make an employers liability law constitutional would also receive popular support.

Two other amendments proposed relate to state regulation of railroads and to the right of a state to prohibit the entry from another state of "articles of commerce injurious to public health or morals."

Oklahoma cannot be accused of being too modest. It started in as a reform state and is evidently determined to reform everything in sight, and it can be said for the new reformers that they began at home.—Ex.

Luther Garretson of Snyder is visiting the family of M. H. Leake this week.

Miss Winnie Chandler who has been visiting in Big Springs for quite a while returned home last Tuesday.

M. H. Leake accompanied by Mr. Garretson went to Snyder yesterday to attend the picnic on the 4th and 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holler entertained a number of friends on last Monday night with a candy drawing

Mr. J. A. Smith is improving his house this week by weatherboarding it.

Mex Dillahanty and wife went to Snyder, yesterday to attend the picnic.

Messrs. Chandler, Pierce and Dodson and their families went fishing last Tuesday returning Wednesday with a nice lot of large fish.

Miss Myrtle Smoot who has been attending a music school in Abilene for some time returned to her home in Borden on last Friday.

A subscription school taught by Miss Grace Hopkins started here on last Monday.

Miss Lillie Kennedy made this office a pleasant call last Monday. Miss Lillie recently returned home after almost a years absence visiting relative and friends at McKinney, Plano, Jackboro and Dallas, and was in the last named city during the overflow.

Miss Blanche Cathey of Big Springs is visiting friends and relatives in Gail this week.

Mrs. M. E. Berry and son Frank went to Snyder Wednesday to attend the Barbecue.