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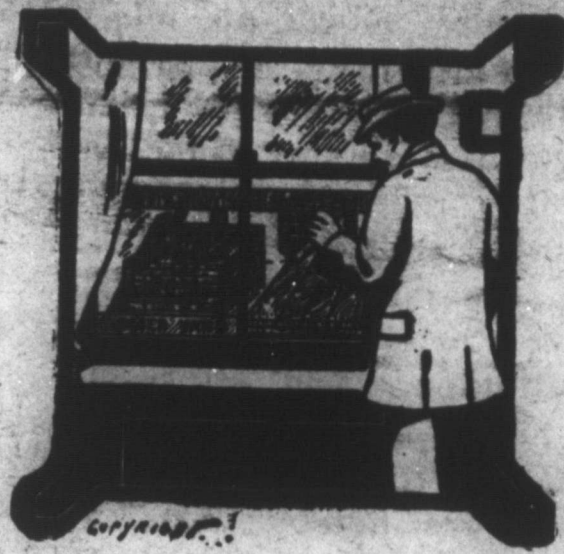
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Legislative News Letter.

Austin, Texas, May 6—The third week of the second special session of the 31st Legislature has kept pace with the first portion of this remarkable session; nothing of general importance, tending to develop the resources of the state having been enacted into law. A few political sky rockets have been sent up in the air and the tax payers have put up \$1300 per day to witness the pyrotechnics.

Senator Holsey stirred up a hornet's nest in the upper house by introducing a resolution

thanking the Attorney General for the shackles garnered from the Waters Pierce Oil Company, but the friends of Senator Bailey saw a bug under the chip and immediately started something. The Bailey issue was fought over again and when the smoke of battle had cleared everybody had been thanked for their connection with the collection of the Waters Pierce fine.

The House appropriated \$1,068,900 of this fine to pay off state bonds maturing July 1st and right there is where the

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House parted company with the governor. The Chief Executive had recommended that these bonds be refunded, expecting the Waters Pierce Oil Company fine to apply to reduction of the tax rate. The defenders of the administration condemned this act as a slap at the Governor, as it prevented an artificial reduction in tax rate which is considered essential for campaign purposes. The House has so far appropriated \$11,518,127 42 to cover the expenses of government for the next two years and if the Senate passes the appropriation bill as sent over from the House the ad valorem tax rate on general property, for this year, according to press reports, will be 15 cents on the \$100 instead of 6 1/4 cents, last year.

The Senate has turned down the Bank Guarantee bill passed by the House and substituted the Alexander-Terrell bill which gives the state banks the right to choose between the Love-Cureton form of bank guarantee and the Senter-Hume method of protecting deposits, and has minor provisions foreign to

either. This hybrid enactment has been in turn refused by the House and if we get a bank guarantee law at this session, it will be through the medium of a free conference committee.

The present session will expire by constitutional limitation on May 11th but another session is freely predicted. This is said to be certain, unless the Legislative branch of government meets the Governor's views in regard to the disposition to be made of the money received from the Waters Pierce Oil Company fine and also on Bank Guarantee legislation. The colons are now on the homestretch and with the influence of the big stick may come under the wire with enough laws to satisfy his majesty for the present.

Miss Myrtle Smoot left Gail last Sunday on her way to Ballinger to see her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Gibson.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State constitution in Regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6
House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas;

Section 1 That section 3 of Article 7 of the constitution of the state of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 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 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 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 by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, 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 school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of

Texas in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such a amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to section 3, of article 7, of the constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to section 3 of article 7, of the constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts,"

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above,

(A true copy,) W B Townsend,
Secretary of State

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State Constitution Validating School Districts and their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the state of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 3a, which shall read and be as follows.

Sec. 3a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act, and whether the territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partially in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been, a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney Gen-

eral and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized to, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected, and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for

the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published. And the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

Sec. 3. That \$500.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.)

W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

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ing a new pair of water boots, he stuffed dry grass inside them, oiled up his six shooter, then slipped out the back way and in five minutes was hidden in the thickets. Half an hour later, having completed a detour of

the town, he struck the trail to the interior, where he found Poleon Doret, equipped in a similar manner, resting beside a stream, singing the songs of his people.

When Burrell returned to his quarters he tried to mitigate the feeling of lonesomeness that oppressed him by tackling his neglected correspondence. Somehow today the sense of his isolation had come over him stronger than ever. His rank forbade any intimacy with his miserable handful of men, who had already fallen into the monotony of routine, while every friendly overture he made toward the citizens of Flambeau was met with distrust and coldness, his stripes of office seeming to erect a barrier and induce an ostracism stronger and more complete than if they had been emblems of the penitentiary. Even Doret and the trader seemed to share the general feeling; hence the thought of the long, lonesome winter approaching reduced the lieutenant to a state of black despondency, deepened by the knowledge that he now had an open enemy in camp in the person of Runnion. Then, too, he had taken a morbid dislike to the new man, Stark. So that all in all the youth felt he had good reason to be in the dumps this afternoon. There was nothing desirable in this place—everything undesirable—except Necla. Her presence in Flambeau went far toward making his humdrum existence bearable, but of late he had found himself dwelling with growing seriousness on the unhappy circumstances of her birth and had almost made up his mind that it would be wise not to see her any more. The tempting vision of her in the ball dress remained vividly in his imagination, causing him hours of sweet torment. There was a sparkle, a fineness, a gentleness, about her that seemed to make the few women he had known well dull and commonplace, and even his sister, whom till now he had held as the perfection of all things feminine, suffered by comparison with this maiden of the frontier.

He was steeped in this sweet, grave melancholy when a knock came at his door, and he arose to find Necla herself there, excited and radiant. She came in without sign of embarrassment or slightest consciousness of the possible impropriety of her act.

"The most wonderful thing has happened," she began at once when she found they were alone. "You'll faint for joy."

"What is it?"
"Lee has made a strike—a wonderful strike—richer than the Klondike. I came as fast as I could, because tomorrow everybody will know about it, and it will be too late."

"Too late for what?"
"For us to get in on it, of course. Oh, but won't there be a stampede! Why, all the people bound for Dawson on the next boat will pile off here. Then the news will go up river and down river, and thousands of others will come pouring in from everywhere, and this will be a city. Then we will stake our town lots and sell them for ever so much money and go around with our noses in the air."

"Hold on! Hold on!" said the soldier, stopping her breathless patter. "Tell me all about this."

"Well, 'No Creek' came in this morning to tell dad and Poleon. Then the boat arrived with an old friend of Lee's, a Mr. Stark, so Lee told him, too, and now they've all gone back to his creek to stake more claims. They slipped away quietly to prevent suspicion, but I knew there was something up from the way Poleon acted, so I made Alluna tell me all about it. They haven't more than two hours' start of us, and we can overtake them easily."

"We! Why, we are not going!"

"Yes, we are," she insisted impatiently, "you and I. That's why I came, so you can get a mine for yourself and be a rich man, and so you can help me get one. I know the way. Hurry up!"

"No," said he in as firm a tone as he could command. "In the first place, these men don't like me, and they don't want me to share in this."

"What do you care?"

"In the second place, I'm not a miner. I don't know how to proceed."

"Never mind. I do. I've heard nothing but mining all my life."

"In the third place, I don't think I have the right, for I'm a soldier. I'm working for Uncle Sam, and I don't believe I ought to take up mining claims. I'm not sure there is anything to prevent it, but neither am I sure it would be quite the square thing. Are you?"

"Why, of course it's all right," said Necla, her eager face clouding with the look of a hurt child. "If you don't do it somebody else will."

But the lieutenant shook his head. "Maybe I'm foolish, but I can't see my way clear, much as I would like to."

"Oh, dear; oh, dear!" she exclaimed brokenly. "I do so want to go. I want you to be rich, and I want to be rich myself. I want to be a fine lady and go outside and live like other girls. Why, it means heaven to a girl like me!" Her eyes were wet with the sudden dashing of her hopes, and her chin quivered in a sweet, girlish way that made the youth almost surrender on the instant.

"We couldn't possibly overtake them if we tried," he said, as if willing to treat with his conscience.

"No, but we could beat them in. I know where Lee is working, for I went up last winter with Constantine and his dog team over a short cut by way of Black Bear creek. You see, his creek makes a great bend to the southward and heads back toward the river, so by crossing the divide at the source of Black Bear you drop into it a few miles above his cabin."

While she made this appeal Burrell fought with himself. There were reasons why he longed to take this trip more than he had longed for anything since boyhood. These men of Flambeau had disregarded him and insisted on treating him with contemptuous distrust despite his repeated friendly overtures, wherefore he was hungry to beat them at their own game, hungry to thrust himself ahead of them and compel them to reckon with him as an equal, preferring a state of open enmity if necessary to this condition of indifferent toleration. Moreover, he knew that Necla was coveted by half of them, and if he spent a night in the

woods alone with her it would stir them up a bit, he fancied. By heaven, that would make them sit up and notice him! But, then, it might work a wrong upon her. And yet would it? He was not so sure that it would. She had come to him, she was old enough to know her mind, and she was but a half breed girl, after all, who doubtless was not so simple as she seemed. Other men had no such scruples in this or any other land, and yet the young man hesitated until, encouraged by his silence, the girl came forward and spoke again impulsively:

"Don't be silly, Mr. Burrell. Come! Please come with me, won't you?"

She took him by the edges of his coat and drew him to her coaxingly. It may have been partly the spirit of revolt that had been growing in him all day, or it may have been wholly the sense of her there beside him, warm and pleading, but something caused a great wave to surge up through his veins, caused him to take her in his arms, fiercely kissing her upturned face again and again, crying softly, deep down in his throat:

"Yes, yes, yes! You little witch! I'll go anywhere with you! Anywhere! Anywhere!" The impulse was blind and ungovernable, and it grew as his lips met hers, while, strangely enough, she made no resistance, yielding herself quietly till he found her arms wound softly about his neck and her face nestling close to his. Neither of them knew how long they stood thus blended together, but soon he grew conscious of the beating of her heart against his breast as she lay there like a little fluttering bird and felt the throbbing of his own heart swaying him. Her arms, her lips and her whole body clung to his in a sweet surrender, and yet there was nothing immodest or unmaidenly about it, for his strength and ardor had lifted her and drawn her to him as on the sweep of a great wave.

She drew her face free and hid it against his neck, breathing softly and with shy timidity, as if the sound of the words she whispered, half frightened her.

"I love you, I love you, Meade."

It may happen that a man will spend months in friendly and charming intimacy with a woman and never feel the violence or tenderness of passion till there comes a psychic moment or a physical touch that suddenly inwraps them like a flame. So it was with Burrell. The sweet burden of this girl in his arms, the sense of her yielding lips, the warmth of her caressing hands, momentarily unleashed a leaping pack of mad desires, and it was she who finally drew herself away to remind him smilingly that he was wasting time.

"My lips will be here when those mines are worked out," she said. "No, no!" And she held him off as he came toward her again, insisting that if they were going they must be off at once and that he could have no more kisses for the present. "But, of course, it is a long trip, and we will have to sit down now and then to rest," she added shyly, at which he vowed that he was far from strong and could not walk but a little way at a time, yet, even so, he declared, the trail would be too short, even though it led to Canada.

"Then get your pack made up," she ordered, "for we must be well up toward the head of Black Bear creek before it grows dark enough to camp."

Swiftly he made his preparations. A madness was upon him now, and he took no pains to check or analyze the reasons for his decision. The thought of her loveliness in his arms once more far up among the perfumed wooded heights as the silent darkness stole upon them stirred in him such a fret to be gone that it was like a fever. He slipped away to the barracks with instructions for his corporal, but was back again in a moment. Finally he took up his burden of blanket and food, then said to her:

"Well, are you ready, little one?"

"Yes, Meade," she answered simply. "And you are sure you won't regret it?"

"Not while you love me."

He kissed her again before they stepped out on the river trail that wound along the bank.

Two hours later they paused where the foaming waters of Black Bear creek rioted down across a graveled bar and into the silent, sweeping river, standing at the entrance to a wooded, grass grown valley, with rolling hills and domes displayed at its head, while back of them lay the town, six miles away, its low, squat buildings tiny and toylike, but distinctly silhouetted against the evening sky.

"Is it not time to rest?" said the soldier laughingly, yet with a look of yearning in his misty eyes as he took the girlish figure in his arms. But she only smiled up at him and, releasing his hold, led the way into the forest.

CHAPTER V. A STORY IS BEGUN.

It's fonna t'ing how two brown eye
Was changin' every'ing—
De cloud she's no more on de sky,
An' winter's jus' lak spring.
Dey mak' my pack so very light,
De trail she's not so long—
I'd walk t' forty mile tonight
For hear her sing wan song.
But now I'm busy mak' fortune

For marry on dat girl,
An' if she's tole me yass, dat's soom.
Bonheur! I'm own de worl!

POLEON DORET sang gayly as the trader came toward him through the open grove of birch, for he was happy this afternoon, and, being much of a dreamer, this fresh enterprise awoke in him a boyish pleasure. Had not this discovery of "No Creek" Lee's been providentially arranged for his own especial benefit? A fool could see that this was a mark of celestial approbation, and none but a fool would question the wisdom of the gods. Had he not watched Necla grow from a slip of thirteen and spoken never a word of his love? Had he not served and guarded her with all the gentle chivalry of an olden knight? Of course! And here was his reward, a gift of wealth to crown his service, all for her.

"Whew," said Gale, slipping out of his pack straps, "the skeeters is bad!" "You bet your gum boots," said Poleon. "Dey're mos' so t'ick as de sum-



Poleon Doret sang gayly as the trader came toward him.

mer day kill Johnnie Platt on de Porcupine." Both men wore gauntleted gloves of caribou skin and head harnesses of mosquito netting stretched over globelike frames of thin steel bands, which they slipped on over their hats.

"Let's see. It was you that found him, wasn't it?" said Gale.

"Sure t'ing! I'm comin' down for grub in my canoe w'en I see dis feller

on de bank walkin' lak he's in beeg borry. 'Ba gar, I say, 'dere's man gorn' so fast he'll meet hese'f comin' home!' Den he turn roun' an' go tearin' back, wavin' hees arms lak he's callin' me, till he fall down. W'en I paddle close up I don' know 'im no more dan stranger, an' me an' Johnnie Platt is trap togeder wan winter. W'at you t'ink of dat?"

"I saw a fellow killed that way at Holy Cross," interpolated the trader.

"Hello! I say. 'W'at's de matter?' An' den I see somet'ing 'bout 'im dat look face familiar. Hees face she's all swell' up an' bleedin' lak raw meat." The Frenchman curled his upper lip back from his teeth and shook his head at the remembrance.

"Jesu, dat's 'orrible sight! Dem fy is drive 'im crazee. Hees nose an' ears is look lak holes in beeg red sponge. an' hees eye are close up tight."

"He died before you got him in, didn't he?"

"Yes. He was good man too."

"I guess you been purty glad for havin' Necla home again, eh?" ventured Poleon after awhile, unable to avoid any longer the subject uppermost in his mind.

"Yes. I'm glad she's through with her schooling."

"She's gettin' purty beeg gal now."

"That's right."

"By an' by she's goin' marry on some feller—w'at?"

"I suppose so. She ain't the kind to stay single."

"Ha! Dat's right too. Mebbe you don' care if she does get marry, eh?"

"Not if she gets a man that will treat her right."

"Waal, waal! Dere's no trouble 'bout dat," exclaimed Doret fervently. "No man w'at's livin' could treat her bad. She's too good an' too purty for have had husban'."

"She is, is she?" Gale turned on him with a strange glare in his eyes. "Them's the kind that get the he devils. There's something about a good girl that attracts a bad man, particularly if she's pretty, and it goes double too. The good men get the hellions. A fellow can't get so tough but what he can catch a good woman, and a decent man usually draws a critter that looks like a sled and acts like a timber wolf."

"Necla wouldn't marry on no bad man," said Doret positively.

Neither man had ever spoken thus openly to the other about Necla before, and, although their language was indirect, each knew the other's thought. But there was no time for further talk now, for the others were close upon them. As they came into view Gale exclaimed:

"Well, if Lee hasn't brought Runnion along!"

"Humph!" grunted Doret. "I don't ink much of dat feller."

The three new arrivals dropped down upon the moss to rest, for the up trail was heavy. Lee was the first to speak.

"Did you get away without bein' seen?" he asked.

"Sure," answered Gale. "Poleon has been here two hours."

"That's good. I don't want nobody taggin' along."

Runnion volunteered nothing except oaths at the mosquitoes and at his pack straps, which were new and cut him already. As no explanation of his

presence was offered, neither the trader nor Doret made any comment then, but it came out later, when the old miner dropped far enough behind the others to render conversation possible.

"You decided to take in another one, eh?" Gale asked Lee.

"It wasn't exactly my doin's," replied the miner. "Stark asked me to let Runnion come 'long, bein' as he had grub staked him, and he seemed so set on it that I ackeressed. You see, it's the first chance I ever had to pay him back for a favor he done me in the Usstar country. There's plenty of land to go around."

It was Lee's affair, thought the trad-

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University Letter.

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Of course, there are results to all conduct. If more than three

classes are missed in one term in one subject, and the absences are unexcused by the dean then the student is not allowed to take the examination in that subject that term. If a student does not make a certain number of courses, he is then canned (not allowed to attend classes at the university any more that year) and so it ultimately amounts to the same thing for both the sincere and the frivolous students. It merely gives the deserving student an opportunity to prove himself worthy of the trust and the undeserving an opportunity to put himself out of the University.

One's word here is considered as good as "gold" until proved otherwise. When an instructor puts a quiz or examination on a board he goes on about his business. A student is free to get up and leave the room, go wherever he pleases and talk to whomsoever he chooses, but when he has com-

pleted his quiz or examination, he is required to state and sign as a pledge that he has neither received nor given any aid on that quiz or examination. Every student is honor-bound to carry out this Honor System, himself, and to see that every other student, carries it out or rather than no other student violates it.

If one student sees another cheating or doing any thing in violation of the Honor System, it is not only his duty, but it is obligatory upon him to report such conduct to the Students Council, which organization I shall take pleasure in describing to you in connection with the other student organizations here in my next letter.

No doubt a system like the one above roughly outlined would be most ruinous to immature students but it is extremely advantageous for a large majority of such students as we have here. It throws out the rope, and for those few who do break their own necks, the condition is to be regretted, but for the student body as a whole it develops self control discretion in action, and a confidence in himself and in his fellow-student under mandatory rules.

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SNYDER, TEXAS.

Tariff and Trade.

The fallacy of high tariff as a promoter of prosperity is strikingly shown in a simple little table prepared from statistics by Gibson Bowles. Mr. Bowles arrived at the tariff scales of various countries by taking the total customs duties levied and finding the percentage the one bears to the other. By the use of the census figures he was then able to ascertain the volume of trade per capita of each country. Here are the figures

	Percentage of Trade per customs Duties.	per Head
Russia	35	\$ 7.50
United States	26	35.00
Germany	81-2	60.00
France	81-2	60.00
United Kingdom	61-5	110.00
Belgium	2	250.00
Holland	01-2	365.00

It should perhaps be explained that the percentage of customs duties is figured on the basis of all imports. In the United States the average rate of duty on dutiable goods entering our ports last year was about 48 per cent. But on all goods, free and dutiable, the customs tax collected was equivalent to 26 per cent of the value.

From Mr. Bowles' table it will be seen that the per capita trade of this country exceeds only that of Russia. Free Trade Holland's commerce is more than ten times, per capita, that of the Protected United States!

Note the unbroken sequence in the tables. As the rate of customs duties falls the trade per capita rises. It is to be regretted that Mr Bowles did not include in his tables Italy, Spain, Austro-Hungary, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Japan and all other countries which levy tariffs. Had he done so the rule would have still held good. The low tariff nations would all have appeared to better advantage in the percentage of trade per capita than the high tariff nations.

Holland and Belgium are frequently referred to by unscrupulous or ignorant high tariff advocates as examples of what the protective tariff will do for the countries adopting it. As a matter of fact, and as Mr. Bowles shows, both Holland and Belgium are low tariff countries—almost, in fact, upon a basis of absolute free trade, and as undeniable and irrefutable figures show, they lead the

European nations in commerce per capita. Their showing, in comparison with that of the United States, is well calculated to make us blush.

These figures are worthy of preservation and study. They are absolute refutation of the protectionist claim that free trade means industrial stagnation and economic ruin. They show, on the other hand, that the tariff wall built around this country has kept and is keeping us out of our fair share of the world's markets. We cannot sell and never buy. Commercial prosperity cannot be conserved by shutting our doors to competition. As matters stand, we are, in international commerce, in the class with poor, benighted Russia. Open the doors and let us take our rightful place with Germany, France, England and little, but progressive and prosperous, Belgium and Holland.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

To the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by special Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Joint Resolution to amend Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand and inhabitants

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

Section 1. That Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:

Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect an annual tax to defray the current expenses of their local government, but such tax shall never exceed for any one

year one fourth of one per cent, and shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures, penalties and other dues accruing to cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purposes shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city, and no debt shall ever be created by any city or town unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall [be] duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published, and the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature.

At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution."

Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy)

W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

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right,
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land.

To Texas Land and Property
Owners, Encourage land pur-
chase, and discourage land ren-
tal. The man who owns his
land and has it paid for will be
a safer man for himself and for
his family, for the community,
for you, for the state and for
the land, than the man who
has no interest in it ex-
cept what he can get out
of it this year. The West-
ern Texas land owner especial-
ly, who encourages land tenan-
try, is sowing dragon's teeth to
be reaped by his children if
not by himself. Hunt the right
kind of people, sell them the
land in tracts large enough for
an honest man to live on, and
give them every reasonable en-
couragement to pay for it. So
deeply is the Farmer impressed
with the importance of this
question that it hopes other pa-
pers will give thought and ex-
pression to it. The evidences
accumulate that the great mid-
dle masses of this country, in
whom repose the virtue and the
safety of the nation, are being
ground between two dangerous
extremes, of gilded anarchy on
the other, causing to the
thoughtful observer of the trend
of events grave fears as to the
future of our great country.
And the country will be safer
for life, property and civiliza-
tion, in the hands of the small
land owners than in the hands
of the small land renter, and the
big land owner.—Ex.

In East Texas a great many
land holders do not cultivate
their lands themselves, but rent
out their farms to those who are
not able to buy themselves
homes; for as a rule the land-
lord prefers to rent out his land
and is unwilling to sell it off at

any price, because he considers
it more profitable to himself to
rent it out for a part of the crop.
He requires his renter to culti-
vate the greater part of the land
in cotton, the crop which re-
quires harder work and a longer
period of cultivation than any
other but the labor is performed
by the renter and not at the ex-
pense of the landlord, hence
the net profit goes chiefly to the
land owner. The poor tenant is
restricted in the quantity of
stock he shall keep and in the
area he may cultivate in other
crops. He mortgages his crops
for supplies and if there comes
a drouth or other disaster to the
cotton crop, he fails to make
expenses that year, and begins
the next crop in debt. Under
this system of renting he has
but little chance to accumulate
enough to buy a home, where
land is high. The poor renter
of the East should secure him-
self a home at once in West
Texas or New Mexico, where
lands are cheap and easy to
acquire. New Railroads are
being built, and every year
brings its new settlers, so that
cheap homes are steadily getting
scarcer, and then the time is not
far off when they will be asso-
ciated with the things of the
past, and among our neglected
opportunities.

WHY?

Why send off for your station-
ary? We keep good material
and guarantee good work, and
present you a copy for your in-
spection before the work is done
thus ensuring satisfaction both
in style, and neatness of work.

Kill Liquor to Purify Politics.

We have also had the evil work-
ing of the liquor interest within
party lines, demonstrated in other
directions during last year. It is
shown that the brewery and sal-
oon interest is the darkest and
most corrupting influence in poli-
tics. Public men are afraid of
their dark-lantern, gum shoe
methods. Public men, in exalt-
ed stations, cringe and be-
come subservient in order to get
the liquor vote. If there is but
a single reason for exterminating
the organized liquor traffic it
should be done in order to purify
politics and to liberate public men
from the deadly blight of this
Upas tree in politics.

WORK OF SUBMISSION CAMPAIGN
NOT LOST.

Last year has not been lost. It
has been one of education. If we

get nothing out of all the money
spent and the labor put forth by
Prohibitionists but the demon-
stration that the liquor trade has
no party fealty, no patriotism,
that it means to control every
public man it can from senator
to constable, from the Legislature
to the jury, we have had good
pay for our labor. To a degree,
but only to a degree, has the
business been unmasked. We
have seen the absolute servility of
public men in large numbers to
the liquor interest, even against
their own party fealty. We have
seen them break with their obli-
gations to their party. We have
seen the truckling of public men;
and all that is very educating to
the public mind.

THE FIGHT WILL GO ON

What next? Certainly Prohi-
bitionists will not repeat their
recent experiment. It will not be
from this time on a matter within
any party.

All through the Submission
campaign, the leaders of Prohi-
bition were exceedingly modest.
They only asked for a chance for
the people to vote. They did not
ask for Prohibition. Prohibition

ists as such, will not undertake
to discipline the recalcitrant mem-
bers of the Democratic party.
Let the party managers look to
that. If we are wise, we will un-
dertake to see that men who can
not be bound by party obligation,
nor by the will of the people ex-
pressed at the polls, do not go to
Austin in any capacity whatever.
The fight will go right on for Pro-
hibition and against the liquor
traffic in every part of the terri-
tory.

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Local and Personal

Mr and Mrs. C. P. Smith went to Colorado last Saturday to see their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith went up on the the plains last Saturday.

Mr. Gibbs Doyle was in Gail last Sunday.

Mr. W. M. Jackson was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Abney were trading in Gail last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark from the river spent the night with.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kincaid returned to their home Saturday with Mr. Hugh Kincaid

W. C. Mullins was in Gail Friday.

Mr. J. M. Rogers and family visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kincaid last Saturday.

Mr. Eli Whitaker was in town Saturday.

J. L. DeShazo attended court in Lubbock this week.

Miss Myrtle Smoot and her brother-in law Mr. Albert Summers were trading town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Everett were trading in Gail on last Friday.

A B. Spears returned home last Thursday night from Texico where he has been for the past month.

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The world's unoccupied area is narrowing at a rate almost of arithmetical progression, and this is specially true of that portion

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Indeed and in truth for many a year

The Pacific alone has stopped its career.

In his progress westward the the rocky mountain and "Great American Desert" regions were neglected for a time by the pioneer, except in the case of the miner and the Mormon, but are today becoming the play ground of the nation, or made to burgeon and bloom by the artificial application of water brought down from the mountains.

Our northwestern territories have become mighty states, teeming with population, while even our Alaskan possessions and the Canadian Northwest are filling up with an adventurous element from the over-crowded regions of all countries.

Latterly, southwestward the star of empire takes its way, its course followed by swarms of the cream of the citizenship of the great Middle West—racing and almost warring for the fertile acres of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. From a wild, uninhabited waste they made a mighty state of a portion of their conquest, the superb character of the new people reflected in prosperous homes churches, schools and progressive cities and towns.

Land for which these people ran horse races and foot races a few years ago is worth \$50 per acre in many cases, while cities and towns, progressive and prosperous, have grown up out of the ground as if by magic.

What more natural indeed, than as the country is developed and the land advances in value by leaps and bounds, that these virile people should sell to later comers and overflow into Texas, where the land is as good, and the climate better? It has really come to pass that Oklahoma and the southwestern territories catch only a small drift from the tide of immigration flowing into Texas, and

in the few cases where a stop is made beyond the Texas border, it is to release for Texas a class of people who have won out in the territories and know a country where the history of their success may be repeated—a country with Resources that are measureless and area that is vast; A present that is mighty and a most historic past; So richly blessed by nature in all

her broad expanse, By lucky combination of most happy circumstance Of soil, and of climate, of hill and verdant plain, Where honest, manly effort returns abundant gain, And where a splendid people are happy to abide, As, erstwhile with the homeless, these blessings they divide. —Southwestern Farmer.

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So much gets into print about the way in which millionaires squander money on things which the reader is sure he would not look at if the cash were his, that it is pleasing to record a different kind of expenditure by some people who have money to burn but don't let it scorch their fingers or souls. A few days ago a daughter of the late Jeremiah Milbank gave the Children's Aid Society a full half million dollars to found a free sanitarium in the country for sick and crippled children. She had already given the city a superb outfit of public baths that cost a hundred and fifty thousand dollars and placed it just where it could be used principally by

people too poor to hire homes with bathrooms in them, and she and her brother have given three million dollars to New York's Barnard College, the great women's school under the wing of Columbia University, which is drawing aspiring girls from every State in the Union and many from Europe and waking nations of Asia. Her father established "The People's Palace" in Jersey City, across the river from New York—a building suggested by Walter Besant in his novel "All Sorts and Conditions of Men." Unlike Besant's heroine, Mr. Milbank gave the "place" to a church, but the thousands of men and women who use it do not find it a bit the worse on that account. Large sums of money for similar purposes are being given from month to month by wealthy New Yorkers but impersonally that the general public do not know anything about it until they chance to see or hear about a great, new, perfectly appointed structure that can not possibly bring any money into the pocket of the founder.

BETRAYED ONCE MORE,

So staunch a Republican paper as the New York Tribune denounces the Alérich substitute for the Payne tariff bill, declaring that it violates the pledges of the Republican platform and the promises of the Republican presidential candidate for a downward revision of the tariff. In fact

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honest Republican papers cannot do otherwise than admit that the Payne Aldrich tariff measure, as it now stands, is a distinct repudiation of the campaign pledges of last fall.

Senator Aldrich has framed a stand-patter's bill. Such slight work of revision downward as the house attempted is undone. The duty on hides is changed back to the Dingley figures, to the eminent satisfaction of the beef trust, Iron ore and steel rail duties are restored in a degree that makes the steel trust smile. Coincidentally an advance of a dollar a ton in the prices of rails was just the other day announced. It is the understanding that the house rates on wood pulp, print paper and lumber are to be raised.

There is no consideration for the consumer in Senator Aldrich's plans. When he and his senatorial understudies have finished with the tariff bill it is quite apt to out-Dingley the Dingley bill in every essential schedule. The cost of living is not to be reduced. Platform pledges and Mr. Taft's oily speeches are to be conveniently forgotten. The people are to be humbugged and betrayed once more and the betrayal is so unblushing and undisguised that respectable newspapers of Aldrich's own party have not the temerity to defend or condone it.

SEE

J. D. McDonald in the Van Gieson building, for new and second hand goods.

Mrs. Mentie Hudson visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Taylor Monday.

Mr. John Wilborn near Post City was in Gail last Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Graham from near Post City was in Gail Monday.

Mr. Frank Maxey of the plains was trading in Gail Monday.

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Gail Mill

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S. H. and Oran McClure of Fisher county arrived here yesterday on a prospecting trip to Edwards county.

O. V. Jones of Dallas who has been in Gail visiting his father the editor of the Citizen returned home yesterday.

NOTICE!

Elder J. L. Roberson of Howard county is here and will preach tonight and continue each night until Sunday, also Sunday morning and evening.