

# The Borden Citizen

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## Railroad Prospects.

### A Chance to Secure Either of Two Lines, Possibly Both. Time To Hustle.

Gail now has a fine chance of securing railroad connection with the outside world.

The Santa Fe is going to build a line from the cut-off to Lamesa and there is an excellent chance for us to secure this road.

W. P. Soash, of the Soash Land Co., has signed up with the Big Springs people to construct a road 50 miles north from that city. No objective point for this road has, as yet, been given out. With the proper effort upon the part of our people we can, no doubt, land this road.

The only thing lacking in the quick development of our town and county is railroad facilities and right now is our golden opportunity to secure the coveted prize.

Let's be up and doing. Show these people that we are alive to our interests, that we want their roads and that we realize what they mean to us, prepare ourselves to "dig up" for them, and who knows but that Gail may secure two good lines of railway. It is at least up to us to try for them. The prize is well worth the effort.

### False Ideas of Life

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### Don't Fail to Vote

On Saturday August 7th our local school election will be held. Don't fail to go to the polls and register your convictions upon this matter.

The high tax bugaboo has long since ceased to scare people when it comes to a matter of public education.

Not a man in the district would notice the slight increase in his taxes under the 30 cent levy. And another proposition is that if we fail to vote the 30 cent levy we are without any special tax whatever and our school could not be run.

Every dollar invested in good schools will come back to you and with good interest. It brings people to your town and community that would locate elsewhere if our school facilities were not what they should be and it enhances the value of your real estate.

Therefore it is to the interest of every voter in the district to go to the polls and support this measure.

We hope to see a full and unanimous vote polled on August 7th and we will thus demonstrate that we are a wide-awake progressive people.

### WHY?

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### News In Brief

The Dallas News will erect an exact duplicate of the famous Alamo upon the fair grounds at Dallas. The building will be completed in time for this year's fair. This is very commendable upon the part of the News as it will afford people who cannot visit San Antonio the pleasure of seeing in duplicate the famous old building.

Galveston's great sea wall has stood the test. No lives lost and comparatively small property damage is the result of their recent disturbance.

The Mayors Association convened at San Angelo last week. Mayor Davis, of Fort Worth, is the new president of the association.

The only surviving daughter of Jefferson Davis passed away last week.

The penitentiary investigating committee is making diligent inquiry into the system.

Work on the Santa Fe out-off is progressing nicely.

Post City is to have a grand celebration on August 5th.

### Camp Meeting

There will be a camp meeting at Soash to begin the 1st Sunday in August and continue two or three weeks. People will come in wagons and camp, bringing provisions enough to supply everybody until it closes. The services will be conducted by Evangelist J. L. Robertson and it is hoped that all will attend who can.

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**How Steel Workers are Protected**

How protection protects the workingman is being strikingly illustrated in the Pittsburg steel district. No industry needs protection less and has received more of it than the iron and steel industry. No other country possesses such vast areas of rich iron ore and easily accessible coal fields as the United States. And, as Mr. Carnegie has shown, labor saving machinery has been substituted for hand labor to so great an extent in the manufacture of steel that wages cut a very subordinate figure in the cost of a ton of the metal. Yet iron and steel have been heavily protected by Republican tariff with the result that the manufacturers have gained enormous wealth—wealth so vast indeed that some of the steel barons find difficulty in disposing, by large bequests, of even the interest on their accumulations, to say nothing of reducing the principle.

But how have the workingmen in the steel industry fared meanwhile? The Homestead strike of 1892 is not so far distant as to be beyond the memory of the present generation. And history is repeating itself. Another strike is on, engendered by conditions similar to those which precipitated that great conflict.

The greater part of the working population in the steel industry consists of the cheapest and most ignorant classes of foreigners. The day's labor is long and hard and the wages of the vast majority are low. The pay envelopes of the strikers refute the statement of the Pressed Steel Car company that 17 cents an hour is the minimum wage. It has been shown that hundreds and thousands of the men have

been working long hours for 50 or 60 cents a day.

Since the strike began the steel manufacturers have been advertising for men to take the strikers' places. I want them to work in an open shop and boldly declares that Syrians, Poles and Roumanians are preferred. Thus the people who are clamoring for protection against the competition of the products of European cheap labor, themselves seek the cheapest kind of labor to the detriment of the self-respecting American workman whom the protective tariff is supposed to bless.

The conditions existing in the steel plants of the Pittsburg district are said to be horrible beyond belief. The Rev. F. F. Tener, a reputable clergyman who spent 19 months at McKee's Rocks, declares the plant there is a slaving house and a thousand times worse. "Men are persecuted and killed," he says, "and their wives are abused in a manner worse than death—obtain or retain positions barely keep starvation from their door."

He affirms that the conditions are a disgrace to a civilized country; that a man is given less consideration than a dog and his bodies are simply kicked about while the men are literally driven to their death.

These are the conditions found to exist in one of the most highly protected industries in the United States. This is the way in which American labor is protected against the competition of the pauper labor of Europe. This is how the workingman fares in the distribution of the robber toll exacted from consumers by the imposition of high tariff duties.

**Beats Daughter**

A fearful event was enacted at Pampa yesterday.

Rev. J. D. White of the Christian church, who is engaged in the pastorate of the church at Pampa and other points over the Panhandle, preached at Pampa yesterday and last night administered baptism to a girl fifteen years of age.

The mother of the girl was at the baptism, but it was stated that the father was opposed to his daughter's connection with the church. It is alleged that when the daughter returned home her wraps were torn away and a severe beating administered with a horsewhip, to such an extent that the flesh was torn and blood burst from the wounds discoloring the clothing.

It is further alleged that Rev. White being met by the father this forenoon was beaten by him for the offense against Rev. White the man was arrested and fined \$25.

Rev. White makes the statement that Pampa is greatly incensed over the affair, both as to the assault upon himself and also upon the child as the result of the baptism. The feeling, according to Rev. White is not confined to members of his church or to those even who are friendly to himself personally or his doctrines.

The preacher was beaten in such manner as to get both eyes and cheeks discolored and other bruises and hurts about the face and body.

Rev. White was formerly a resident of this city, and is widely known in and around Amarillo. He states that he did not strike his assailant but busied himself with warding off the blows as much as possible.—Daily Panhandle.

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F. Yellott                                  Judge

parts of his companions to rescue him.

Finis Seigler was a worthy young man about 22 years of age and much esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were shipped to Collin county for burial.

Evangelist G. A. Lambeth's meeting is progressing nicely, interest and attendance are very good. Eld. Lambeth's discourses are strong and persuasive yet marked by an earnest Christian spirit, and a spirit of candor and fairness. So far only one addition, by letter. The meeting will continue on several days long.

Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

**Churches**

Methodist preaching every 4th Sunday, Rev. J L B Cash, preacher in charge.

Church of Christ Church meeting every Lords day at 2:30. p. m.

Ladies Home Mission Society meets at the church Thursday before the 1st Sunday in each month.

Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night.

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grapple with the problem of life.

A lot of frivolous girls for daughters, the height of whose ambition is to dress up, vainly attempting to look pretty, promenade the streets and by their extreme cuteness succeed in attracting the attention of every passer-by. How strange that parents of intelligence should bring up children thus. Better teach them that "life is real, life is earnest" and that there is absolutely no excellence or real happiness in life in the absence of labor. Centuries ago the decree went forth from Him who rules the destinies of all men: "By the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread all the days of thy life" and in spite of the efforts of all the parents of all the ages it must remain so. Boys and girls imbued with this improper view of life are, when they reach manhood and womanhood, wholly unprepared to take anything like a sensible view of

life and life's work. They have been taught that the superbonum of life consists of show and pretense and they always endeavor to appear anything other than what they really are. We knew a young lady who represented admirably this class of humanity. She lives in a town of perhaps a thousand inhabitants, and while her parents were far from being wealthy yet she had been taught that the very best substitute for riches was a pretension thereto. Now it happened that this young lady had a rich aunt who lived in Chicago. In due course of time this young lady paid her aunt a visit, and while out driving with some of her aunt's rich acquaintances, they chanced to see a cow and the young lady in her effort to appear wealthy and city-raised threw up her hands and with amazement exclaimed; "O, what is that!" Now why should she do this? Was it a mark of intelligence? Did she deceive anyone? Evidently, no. For it was clear to everyone who knew her that she had from her earliest childhood depended almost exclusively for her sustenance upon the proceeds of a muley cow. Yet she must appear wealthy to keep up the show.—Ex.

### West Texas Railroads

There is just now greater activity in railroad building in western Texas than in any other section of equal size on the globe.

Without considering the matter of looking into the situation well many will seriously doubt this assertion, but it is a fact, and a fact not even realized by every West Texas booster.

It shows that a wonderful change and development is going on in this section. The railroads are rapidly bringing the people and the great increase in the population of this section, together with the wonderful growth in the volume of its products all combine to bring the railroads. Both the development of the country and the building of the railroads go hand in hand.

The Santa Fe cut off from Coleman to Texico, a distance of 275 miles.

Orient gap from Sweetwater

to San Angelo, a distance of 75 miles.

Abilene and Ballinger, almost completed. distance of 60 miles.

Roscoe and Snyder to Fluvanna, about 50 miles.

Stamford and Northwestern to Dickens county, about 75 miles.

Plainview to Lubbock, about 60 miles.

Wichita Falls and Southern, Young county, about 60 miles.

Fredericksburg to Waring old proposition with same grade receiving new impetus.

Miles to Paint Rock, 25 miles.

Roby and Gulf, 25 miles.

Rock Island preparing to extend from Graham to Stamford.

San Angelo to Sterling City, bonus raised.

Sterling City to Big Springs probable.

Big Springs 50 miles north, projected.

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### Notice School Patrons

All persons who intend to transfer their children from one school district to some other in Borden county will have to make a written application to the County Judge before the 1st day of August, stating that it is their bona fide intention to send their child, or children, to the school to which transfer is asked.

E. R. Yellott,  
County Judge, Borden County,  
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Gail, Texas, July 29, 1909.

### Hickory Chips

You can often save yourself useless worry by permitting other people to attend to their own private affairs.

Prosperity was never yet produced by piling on tariff taxes.

The tariff that goes to the trusts too often is broken.

When the Republican party promises you anything, that's what you don't get.

The British are very rude. They go and sentence a lady to prison with no more compunction than if she were a mere man.

If all those whose incomes do not exceed \$5,000 are for the income tax, the majority will be the largest ever recorded in history.

That stray \$100,000 that don't belong to anybody in Indiana might be donated to the poor ultimate consumer. He needs it.

The United States has overdrawn its bank account. That's what we shall all have to do when this tariff bill becomes a law.

It would have been a sure sign of Harriman's convalescence if he had been able to smoke the German cigars.

How slow lot those correspondents. Not a line yet about Kermit Roosevelt being engaged to an African princess.

Vacationizing? Ever try it at home?

The sweetest problem in New York is a cheaper way to get to Coney Island.

Some of the Government officials think the Wright brothers are not only fly but flip.

The pendulum has swung—what is a Republican?

Breatnitt county, Ky. is to be chopped up and divided among several adjoining counties. Presumably the adjoining counties are powerless to prevent it.

Don't plant trees where the flying machines will butt into them.

Drunken chauffeurs are prohibited in Georgia. Wonder how a man gets drunk in a prohibition state.

The young man who is growing up in idleness with no definite plans for the future is certainly to be pitied for his lack of judgment. The boy who fails in his youth to lay the foundation for his future business career is making a sad mistake. The day has arrived when skilled labor is demanded in every line of work and the man who is not prepared to meet this demand has a rough and rugged path before him. We are certain to reap what we sow. If we sow a life of idleness and shiftlessness in our youth the harvest when we grow old and dependent is certain to be poverty and want, if not disgrace. In the face of these plain facts is it not mysterious why anyone will neglect to prepare themselves to meet present conditions.—Ex

### Sweetwater Wins

In the election held in Nolan county Saturday to determine whether the county site should be moved from Sweetwater to Maryneal it is conceded that Maryneal got 448 votes, giving Sweetwater a majority of not less than 250 votes. Ten out of thirteen voting boxes heard from give Sweetwater 714 and Maryneal 448, giving Sweetwater a majority of 264. The three boxes that had not been heard from are small and it is thought that they will increase the Sweetwater majority.

The election terminated what has proven one of the most interesting and strongly contested elections ever held in Nolan county, which continued for a period of two months or more. Maryneal is a new town located on the Orient railroad southwest of Sweetwater situated almost in the exact center of the county. Sweetwater is located hardly 3 miles from the north boundary.

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	Sweetwater	Maryneal
Sweetwater	443	3
Roscoe	97	176
Blackwell	33	38
Hylton	31	61
Dora	20	50
Graham	46	2
Section House	38	
Maryneal		48
Champion	11	20
Nolan	3	50
Total	714	448

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and because they had been dry for four years they scalded like melted metal. That was the only time I ever wept. The sight of her baby did it.

"I love her already," I whispered, "and I'll spend my life making her happy and making a lady of her," which clinched what wavering doubt the mother had, and she began to plan quickly, the fear coming on her of a sudden that our scheme might fail. I was for riding away with both of them that night, back through the streets of Mesa and up into the hills, where I'd have held them single handed against man or devil, but she wouldn't hear of it.

"We must go away," she said, "a long way from here, where the world won't find us and the little one can

leaving the wild country behind, I came into a region I didn't know and found a Mexican woman who tended the child for me, for I was close by the place where Merridy was to come. Every night I went into the village in hopes that some word had arrived, and I waited patiently for a week. Then I got the blow. I heard it from the loafers around the little postoffice first, but it dazed me so I wouldn't believe it till I borrowed the paper and read the whole story, with the type dancing and leaping before me. It took some hours for it to seep in even after that, and for years I recalled every word of the deed as if it had been branded on me with hot irons. They called it a shocking crime, the most brutal murder California had ever known, and in the headlines was my name in letters that struck me between the eyes like a hammer. Mrs. Dan Bennett had been foully murdered by me in a fit of sudden jealousy, and I had disappeared with the baby! The husband had returned unexpectedly to find her dying, so he said, but too far gone to call for help and with barely sufficient strength to tell him who did it and how. Then the paper went on with the tale of my courting her and her turning me down for Bennett. It told now I had gone off alone up into the hills, turning into a bear the nobody, man or child, could approach. It said I had brooded there all this time till the mania got uppermost and so came down to wreak my vengeance. They never even did me the credit of calling me crazy. I was a feud incarnate, a beast without soul and a lot of things like that—and, remember, I had never harmed a living thing in all my life. However, that wasn't what hurt. What turned me into a dull, dead, suffering thing was the knowledge that she was gone. For hours I couldn't get beyond that fact. Then came the realization that Bennett had

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grow to womanhood without knowing. She must never learn who her father was or what her mother did. We will start all over, you and I and the baby, and forget. Do you love me well enough to do it?"

"I uttered a cry and took her in my arms, the arms that had ached for her all those years. Then I kissed her for the first time."

The old man tried to light his pipe, which had gone out, but his fingers shook so that he dropped the match.

"Her plan was for me to take the youngster away that night and for her to join us later, because pursuit was certain, and three could be traced where one might disappear. She would follow when the opportunity offered. I saw that he had instilled a terror into her and that she feared him like death, but as I thought it over her scheme seemed feasible, so I agreed. I was to ride west that hour with the sleeping babe and conceal myself at a place we selected, while she would say that the little one had wandered away and been lost in the canyon or anything else to throw Bennett off. After a time she would join us. Well, the little girl never waked when I took her in my arms nor when the mother broke down again and talked to me like a crazy woman.

...traveled hard that night and

alone, but a girl child of three was harder to manage. So I cowered and skulked day after day like a thief or the murderer they thought me, working always farther into the hidden places, traveling by night with the little one asleep on my bosom, by day playing with her in some leafy glen, with my pursuers so close behind that for weeks I never slept, and my love for the child increased daily till it became almost an insanity.

"We had close squeezes many times, but I finally won, in spite of the fact that they tracked us clear to the edge of the desert, for I had hit for the state line, knowing that Nevada was a wilderness and feeling that I'd surely lose them there. And I did. But in doing it I nearly lost Merridy. You see, the constant travel and hardship was too much for a prattling baby, and she fell sick from the heat, the dust and thirst.

"I was bound for the nearest ranch or camp where a woman could be found; but, as luck would have it, I went through without trying. I had gone farther from men and things, however, than I thought, and this return pursuit was a million times worse than the other, for I couldn't go fast enough to shake Death, who ran with his hand on my canteen or rode on my horse's rump. It was then I found Alluna. She was with a hunting party of Pah-Utes, who knew nothing of me nor of the white man's affairs and cared less, and when I saw the little squaw I rode my horse up beside her, laid the sick child in her arms, then tumbled out of the saddle. They had a harder job to pull me through than they did to save Merridy.

"The little one was playing around several days before I got back my reason. Meanwhile the party had moved north, taking us with them, and, as it happened, just missing a posse who were returning from the desert.

"When I was able to get about I told Alluna that I must be going, but as I told her I watched her face and saw the sign I wanted. The white girl had clutched at her like she had at me, and she couldn't give her up, so I made a dicker with her old man. It took all the money I had to buy that squaw, but I knew the kiddie must have a woman's care, and the three of us started out soon after alone and broke.

"Since then we three have never rested. I left them once in Idaho and went back to Mesa, riding all the way, mostly by night, but Bennett was gone. He'd run down mighty fast after Merridy till he had a killing in his place. Instead of stopping to face it out the yellow in him rose, to the surface, and he left before sunup, as I had

done it, for I reasoned that he had dragged a hint of the truth from her by very force of the fear he held her in—and slain her. God! The awful rage that came over me! But there was nothing to do. I had sworn to guard the little one, so I couldn't take vengeance on him. I couldn't go back and prove my innocence, for that would give the child to him.

"What a night I spent! The next day I saw I had been indicted by the grand jury and was a wanted man. From a distance I watched myself become an outlaw: watched the county put a price upon my head, which Bennett doubled; watched public opinion rise to such a heat that posies began to scour the mountains. What I noted in particular was a statement in the paper that 'the sorrowing husband takes his bereavement with the quiet courage which marks a brave man!' It happened that the Mexican woman couldn't read and talked little. Still, I knew they'd find me soon—it couldn't be otherwise—so I made another run for it, swearing an oath, however, before I left that I'd come back and have that gambler's heart.

"It was lucky I went, for they uncovered my sign the next day, and the country where I'd hidden blazed like a field of dry grass. They were close on my heels, and they closed in from every quarter. But, psaw, I know the woods like an Indian, and the wild things were my friends again, while they would have made it easy for me to

"I figured it wouldn't be right to either you or Necla to let you go it blind, and so I came in to tell you this whole thing and to give myself up."

Gale stopped, then poured himself another drink.

"To give yourself up?" echoed Burrell vaguely. "How do you mean?"

He had sat like one in a trance during the long recital, only his eyes alive.

"I'm under indictment for murder," said the trader. "I have been for fifteen years, and there's no chance in the world for me to prove my innocence."

"Have you told Necla?" the young man inquired.

"No; you'll have to do that. I never could. She might—disbelieve. What's more, you mustn't tell her yet. Wait till I give the word."

"John Gale," said the lieutenant, "you're the bravest man I ever knew and the best." He choked a bit. "You sacrificed all that life meant when this girl was a baby, and now when she has come into womanhood you give up your blood for her. By all that's great, you are a man! I want your hand!"

Then he inquired irrelevantly: "But what about Bennett, Mr. Gale? You say you never found him?"

The trader answered after a moment's hesitation, "He is still at large," at which his companion exclaimed, "I'd love to meet him in your stead!"

Gale seemed seized with a desire to speak, but even while he hesitated out of the silent night there came the sound of quick footsteps approaching briskly, as if the owner were in haste and knew whither he was bound.

"Lieutenant Burrell!" a gruff voice cried. "Let me in! Quick! I've got work for you to do! Open up! This is Ben Stark!"

## CHAPTER XV.

AND A KNOT TIGHTENED.

A DAY of shattered hopes is a desolate thing, but the night of such a day is desolate indeed. In all his life Poleon Doret had never sunk to such depths of despondency, for his optimistic philosophy and his buoyant faith in the goodness of life forbade it. The arrival of the freight steamer afforded him some distraction, but there was only a small consignment for the store, and that was quickly disposed of; so, leaving the other citizens of Flambeau to wrangle over their private merchandise, he went back to his solitary vigil, which finally became so unbearable that he sought to escape his thoughts, or at least to drown them for awhile, amid the lights and life and laughter of Stark's saloon.

Runnion annoyed him with his volubility, for the news of his good fortune had fired the man with a reckless disregard for money, and he turned to gaming as the one natural recourse of his ilk.

It was shortly after midnight that Stark came into the place. Poleon was not too absorbed in his own fortunes to fail to notice the extraordinary ferocity and exhilaration of the saloon keeper nor that his face was keener, his nostrils thinner, his walk more nervous and his voice more cutting than usual when he spoke to Runnion.

"Come here!"

"I'll be with you when I finish this hand," said the player over his shoulder.

"Come here!" Stark snapped his command, and Runnion threw down his cards.

Drawing the reluctant gambler aside, Stark began to talk rapidly to him, almost within earshot of Poleon, who watched them, idly wondering what Stark had to say that could make Runnion start and act so queerly. Well, it was their affair. They made a bad pair to draw to. He knew that Runnion was the saloon keeper's lieutenant and obeyed implicitly his senior's commands. He could distinguish nothing they said, nor was he at all curious until a knot of noisy men crowded up to the bar and, forcing the two



"Let me in! Quick! I've got work for you to do!"

left, making a clean get-away, too, for there was no such bull-buloo raised about killing a man as there was about the other. So my trip was all

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### Austin Letter

Of the many matters of moment outside of the regular routine at the state houses during the past week, none is of more general interest throughout the state than the meeting of the board created by the thirty-first legislature to suitably locate additional agricultural experimental stations in Texas. Each district and a majority of the counties in the state are seeking one of these stations. The Legislature appropriated \$25,000 each year for these new stations and gave to the board it created the power to decide how many should be established and where. The board consists of Agricultural Commissioner Kone, Lieutenant Governor Davidson and Dr. H. H. Harrington, the latter acting for the governor who was originally named as one of the number.

At the meeting last week the board decided that five stations shall be established this year, one in West Texas and one in North Texas, both west of the 98th meridian; one in the black belt of Central or Northern Texas, one in the rice belt of South or Southeast Texas and one feeding station. The board will meet in Galveston on Aug. 2 to determine the location of the rice belt station, for which between 150 and 200 acres of land will be required, which must be supplied with well water and irrigation facilities. The board will meet at Fort Worth on Aug. 10 to consider the location of the feeding station. Donations for both these stations are expected and some of the offers are likely to be very liberal.

Next in importance or general interest is the location of the West Texas Normal school which is to be located west of the 98th meridian. The board to select the site for this school consists of the governor, lieutenant governor and the superintendent of public education. The governor has stated, however, that he intends to appoint someone to act for him. The board has decided to meet at Fort Worth on Aug. 9, receive bids for the school and then visit the sites which appear most attractive.

The codifying board has decided to continue at work and it is expected that no hitch will occur unless someone should show such an interest in the matter as to seek to prevent by injunction the payment of any salaries.

Six new bank examiners have been appointed by T. B. Love, commissioner of insurance and banking, making ten in all, and the entire state has been districted among them. The state banks have increased so rapidly as to make it impossible for the four inspectors heretofore at work to keep up with them.

The annual state encampment came to an end Thursday, when all the troops detrained for their homes. The entire absence of liquor from the encampment this year appears to have worked a great reform and the result has not only been gratifying to those who advocated the order at first, but has been surprising to those who opposed it. Notwithstanding that the troops have been through the hardest kind of work during the hottest weather there have been no heat prostrations to result seriously, the guard house has been almost deserted during the entire encampment and the hospital corps has had little to do. The men have worked harder and have accomplished more than at any previous encampment.

The penitentiary investigating board organized last week and has started out to find what is the matter with the Texas penitentiary system, which has been so energetically assailed upon numerous occasions, both in legislative halls and upon platforms. The governor has wished them God speed, they are business men, determined and courageous and the people may rest assured that if there be anything wrong it will be discovered.

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and any and all persons owning lands through which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.

Witness our hands this 26th day of June, A. D., 1909.

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## Lee Statute

Virginia offers as her contribution to Statuary Hall in the Federal Capitol a bronze reproduction of the Houdon Washington and a marble image of Robert E. Lee. If Lee is rejected, Virginia will, it is said, withdraw Washington also and leave untenanted the niches assigned to her in the room where are to be assembled the effigies of the immortals of the republic.

The war is over; it is history, and Lee bids fair to rank as one of the favorite military heroes of the American race. But the privilege should not be conceded to Virginia of honoring him in the Nation's Capitol, even though she deems him typical of her manhood and her chivalry.

The Old Dominion, mother of Presidents, has among her sons men far greater than Robert E. Lee. Surely John Marshall or Thomas Jefferson is more worthy to be paired with Washington. Lee's work was destructive; theirs was constructive.

Virginia, choosing Lee, the captain of a lost cause, the unsuccessful general in a destructive war, consults her sentimentalism. She passes over her intellect and true glory.—Minneapolis (Minn.) Journal.

The above is another prejudiced northern view of the situation.

The Journal says the war is over and that Lee bids fair to rank among the leading military heroes of the age and yet it files an objection to a statute of Lee being placed by his native state in Statuary Hall at the Federal Capitol.

The Old Dominion is proud of Robert E. Lee and, like all the Southland, delights in honoring and revering his memory. As an upright, moral, true christian gentleman, Robert E. Lee has few equals and no superiors in the world's history.

Furthermore his work was not destructive as charged by the yankee journal. He fought in defense of home and country, the two most sacred words in the English language to every right thinking man. He fought an invading army and in defense of an historical and legal right of his state—the right of secession.

The Southern people, and justly, resent any such aspersions upon the name and fame of their beloved general and will stand by Virginia in her efforts to thus honor him.

"Virginia, choosing Lee, the captain of a lost cause, the unsuccessful general in a destructive war consults her sentimentalism" says the Journal.

Although the captain of a lost cause, it does not tarnish the fame of Lee. Some of the greatest thinkers and fighters in the world have gone down in defeat with a minority although in the right.

While he went down in defeat we remember that for four years he waged one of the most brilliant fights against tremendous odds in the history of the world and recognizing in him a pure and noble character, the entire South, along with Virginia, delights in paying tribute to the name of Robert E. Lee. B F

It is quite a shock to learn that the prosecutors of grafters themselves do a little grafting on the side, Chairman Tawney, of the house committee on appropriations, admits that Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco graft prosecutor, during the last fiscal year has drawn from the Federal treasury \$23,000 for which he rendered no service. Mr. Heney has done some excellent work for the government and it does not detract in the least from the commendation which is due him to remark that it is a pity he has furnished his enemies with an effective weapon to use against him. The spectacle of a graft prosecutor with greedy hands in the treasury is one to delight the cynical.

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## Local and Personal

### Fine Rains

Gail and surrounding country was visited by fine rains Sunday evening and again Wednesday evening. The rain was badly needed and will be a great benefit to grass and the growing crops. From best information obtainable yesterday's rain was pretty general throughout the Gail country.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Chissom, of Snyder, Mrs. West of Big Springs, and Louis Robinson of Tahoka, passed through Wednesday en route to Snyder.

Representatives of the Oliver Typewriter Co. and Dorsey Printing Co. were in the city Monday calling on our business men.

Miss Griggsby who has been teaching at Marley, School house left Monday for her home in Anderson County, having closed a very successful term of school.

Don't forget to go to the polls next Tuesday and support the school amendments.

John DeShazo visited Big Springs in his auto the first of the week.

County Court convenes in regular session Monday.

Sam Jones and daughter Cora was in from the farm on Tobacco Saturday.

Fred Jones, of Nolen County an old time friend of Ben Ford of the Citizen, past through Tuesday en route home from Lubbock.

M. J. Thornton visited Big Springs this week.

J. J. Dodson paid Big Springs a business visit this week.

F. E. Abney was in from the ranch Tuesday.

Jack Smith visited relatives in Colorado this week.

Dr. Harlon, Dentist of Snyder, is here this week doing professional work.

Walter Harris of Breckenridge has accepted a position in the Mat Cathey blacksmith shop.

J. Benham was down from Tredway Monday and payed the Citizen a pleasant visit.

Among those who attended services at Tredway Sunday from this place were Messrs W. S. Cathey, W. A. Clark, Will Hester and Ben Ford Mrs. W. A. Clark, Misses Johnson, Kennedy and Jolly.

The following young people visited the Peak south of town Kodaking. Messes Cora Berry, Mollie Hopkins, Eula Gober, Maud and Vada Gragg, Messrs, Olen Keen, Edd Gober, Wes Berry, Guy Clark and Hugh Kennedy.

Rev. Cashfield his regular appointment here Sunday.

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