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Stoves—Oil Stoves, Coal Stoves, Wood Stoves, Heating Stoves, Cook Stoves. We have them all.

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MOTHER VISITING BABY BURNS TO DEATH

Methodist Minister's Wife Left Children in Home, Which Burned While She Visited.

Fort Worth, Nov. 26.—Angus Swindall, ten months old, was burned to death; Ward Swindall, three years old, and W. A. Welsh were badly injured in a fire which destroyed the home of Rev. E. P. Swindall on Diamond Hill, North Side, Monday morning.

Both the mother and father were away from home at the time. The mother was calling for a few minutes on a neighbor and did not get home until the house was almost destroyed. When she was told that one child was dead and saw the other being carried from the burning house badly burned, she fainted. The father was attending the meeting of the Methodist pastors in Fort Worth and did not know of the fatal burning until he reached the Hill, though he had been told of the fire before leaving the First Methodist Church.

The fire evidently originated in the roof but how is a mystery.

Mrs. Swindall left the children playing in the dining room. She intended to be away for only a few minutes.

When neighbors reached the house the building was a mass of flames. Welsh, who rescued Ward Swindall found the little fellow in the dining room with his brother, but the latter was already dead. The body was not taken out until after the house was burned to the ground. J. A. Stephenson, a neighbor, rescued the body.

The mother rushed home before Ward was brought out of the building and had to be restrained from rushing in by friends. Her condition now is serious.

The Swindall baby was burned so badly that the parents will not be allowed to see it. Little Ward Swindall will recover and the burns to Welsh are not serious.

Mrs. Swindall was at the home of

E. R. Hightower when she discovered that her home was burning. She chanced to look out of the window and saw one of her cows passing. She knew that something was wrong instantly and went to the door. From there she saw the blaze.

C. C. SLAUGHTER WINS LAND SUIT.

A case of much interest to a number of counties in Western Texas and to many holders of land in that section of the State has just been decided by Judge Buck, of the Forty-eighth district court. The suit was that of Yoakum County vs. C. C. Slaughter. The verdict was in favor of Slaughter. The suit was brought by Yoakum county for four leagues of land, or about 17,600 acres. The land is part of that surveyed for unorganized counties by the act of the Legislature of March 25, 1881. Yoakum county at the time being an unorganized county. The suit also asked removal of cloud from title and for the cancellation of patents to the land purporting to have been issued when an act of 1883 to Shackelford county for public school purposes under which county Slaughter holds his title to the land. Yoakum county claimed title under the act of 1881, while Slaughter claims it under the act of 1883.—Post City Post.

NEW 100 BARREL WELL IN THE TRICKHAM FIELD.

A telephone message from the Trickham oil and gas field, received at Democrat-Voice office early Thursday morning conveyed the information that the had struck a new flow of oil and that it was the best and strongest flow of any yet discovered in that field. The strike was made on the W. D. Mathews tract of land and is known as Mathews well No. 1. The quantity or extent of the new oil find is not yet determined, but it is estimated that the yield will be upward of 10 barrels per day. The oil is considered of a very fine quality and the indications are that a much stronger flow may be found nearby, or possibly this well may show up better when the casing has been lowered to prevent caving and to cut out all water.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

CIVIL ENGINEER'S REPORT BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT

Investigation Proves Pleasing to Promoters. Much Water Can be Stored and Natural Advantages Greatest in Southwest

Opportunity is certainly knocking at the door of those land owners who are so fortunate as to be within the bounds of the proposed irrigation district, and as we have often predicted during the last two or three years drouth, "the drouth will prove a blessing in disguise." There is no longer guess work for the committee to go by, but the following report will show that fortune is smiling in the face of the people of this county, and it is up to the people to smile back.

Messrs Walker, Erwin & Wilmeth, City.

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with the conditions of the contract entered into between us on the 30th day of September, last, I beg to make you the following report regarding the feasibility of creating a reservoir in the Colorado River valley to conserve a portion of the flood waters for the purpose of irrigating land in Coke and Runnels Counties.

Regarding the Water Supply and Drainage Basin.

As the normal flow of the Colorado is small and would not supply more than a very small percent of the land we desire to irrigate, and as the laws of this state are very vague in regard to whether or not the normal or minimum flow of its rivers may be utilized for irrigation purposes, we will naturally have to depend entirely upon a conservation of those flood waters which are annually passing down this stream to the Gulf. This makes it necessary that the amount of these flood waters be arrived at as nearly as possible, and as the data available upon this subject is limited, the accuracy of our figures may be open to some question. However, this does not necessarily mean that no reliable estimate can be made, so an accurate estimate and a reliable estimate are in this instance widely separated.

The area described in this report, upon which must fall the waters that we propose to conserve, lies within the counties of Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling and Coke, and covers approximately 8,000 square miles. This area is shown on the blue prints hereto attached, marked "Drainage Area."

I can find no detailed study of the topography of these counties as separate units, but collectively they are classed as rough and broken.

It would of course be preferable that our estimate of run off be based upon the actual gauging of the river taken at or near our proposed dam site, and these gaugings should cover a period of years, but as this is entirely out of the question, the next best and only way to arrive at or near the same result is to ascertain as nearly as possible the topography of our drainage basin, and the annual average precipitation of rain thereon, then work out the amount of run off by using formulas compiled by writers upon this subject. This is the method I have adopted.

In comparing the Colorado to the other streams where the topography is so far as I am able to learn, practically similar, I note that the run off of those streams is figured as high as 35 per cent. of the rainfall, which being the case, I am convinced that the run off of the Colorado should certainly not be less than 10 per cent., and probably considerably greater percentage than this would be more nearly correct.

Having the percentage of run off, the next step is to ascertain the average yearly rainfall over our drainage basin. These figures were more easily obtained and are given

by the Weather Bureau as between 20 and 30 inches. To again be conservative, however, I will use 15 inches as the average rainfall over at the following figures:

640 acre per sq. mile.
8,000 sq. miles drainage area
5,120,000 acres in drainage basin
15
25,600,000
51,200,000

12 76,800,000 acres inches total rain fall.

12 76,800,000 area in, total rainfall.

6,600,000 acre feet of rainfall
10 per cent. run-off

640,000 acre feet run-off

From the above figures you will note that there will be a run off of 640,000 acre feet of water, or enough to irrigate 300,000 acres of land.

For the benefit of those who do not know the meaning of the term, "acre feet," will say that an acre foot of water is the amount of water necessary to cover an acre of land to a depth of 12 inches, or in other words, an acre foot of water is 43,560 cubic feet.

At Austin, where a record of the run off of the Colorado has been kept for several years, they show an average yearly run off of 1,224,000 acre feet. At Columbus where a record was also kept during the same period of years, they show an average yearly run off of 1,695,500 acre feet. At Columbus you will note that the run off is 471,500 acre feet greater than it is at Austin. This is accounted for from the fact that at Columbus the drainage basin of the Colorado is 3,000 square miles greater than it is at Austin. These figures give 471,500 acre feet of water from a drainage area of 3,000 square miles, or about 157 ft. per square mile. If we use these figures to arrive at our run off, they would give us nearly twice the amount that I have figured.

These figures should leave no doubt in the mind of even the most skeptical as to the plentitude of our water supply.

Dam Site and Reservoir.

As a suitable reservoir is next of importance to the water supply, I made a careful inspection of the Colorado Valley up as far as Robert Lee to see whether or not one could be found that would answer our purpose. I found three that would make good reservoirs, but the upper one, which is about two miles above Cedar mountain, seemed to me to be the most practical for the following reasons:

First, Because it is far enough up the river to put us out with our canal in the territory that we desire to irrigate, and it is doubtful whether either of the lower ones would do this.

Second, Because the land that will be inundated will not cost nearly as much as it would at either of the lower sites for the reason that there is very little of it in cultivation and the majority of it is broken and rough, good for little except grazing purposes.

Third, There is, in my opinion, a better location for a dam here.

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B. W. Pilford has leased the Lankford rooming house on South Eighth street, and will look after the sleepy people who come to town. Mr. Pilcher has taken charge and will give the business his personal attention.

NEW OFFICERS IN HARNESS.

The new county officers were all sworn in Monday and the business of the county turned over to them. M. Kleberg, Jr., moved his office from the Ballinger State Bank building to the court house and is meeting callers with as much dignity as an old timer at the business. We predict that Judge Kleberg will prove his worth in dealing out justice and handling the county's business. C. P. Shepherd moved from the Banner-Leader office to the County Attorney's office, and is ready to "pop the law" to the transgressors. His record already shows that the way of the transgressor is hard. W. L. Brown, who has been acting as deputy, or a clerk in the treasurer's office, is now "boss" of the job, and is the youngest county officer in many Texas counties; perhaps the youngest in Texas. All the other officers could not be induced to give up their job to some one else, and all they were required to do was to turn over a new leaf and promise to do better.

We have a very efficient set of officers, and we predict smoother sailing for the county for the next two years, at least.

SANTA FE HOSPITAL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Temple, Texas, Nov. 27.—The original building of the Santa Fe hospital comprising all the wooden structures, the total equipment of the hospital until the erection of the \$75,000 main brick building in 1907, were practically destroyed by fire last night, the flames being discovered shortly before midnight. There was no loss of life, and the patients were all rescued from the building without accident or serious inconvenience.

Thos. Shepherd is seriously ill at the home of his son, County Atorn Shepherd. The old gentleman is in his eighty-fourth year, and very feeble and it is thought that he will not recover to where he can be himself again.

FREIGHT RATE TRIAL HELD LAST SATURDAY

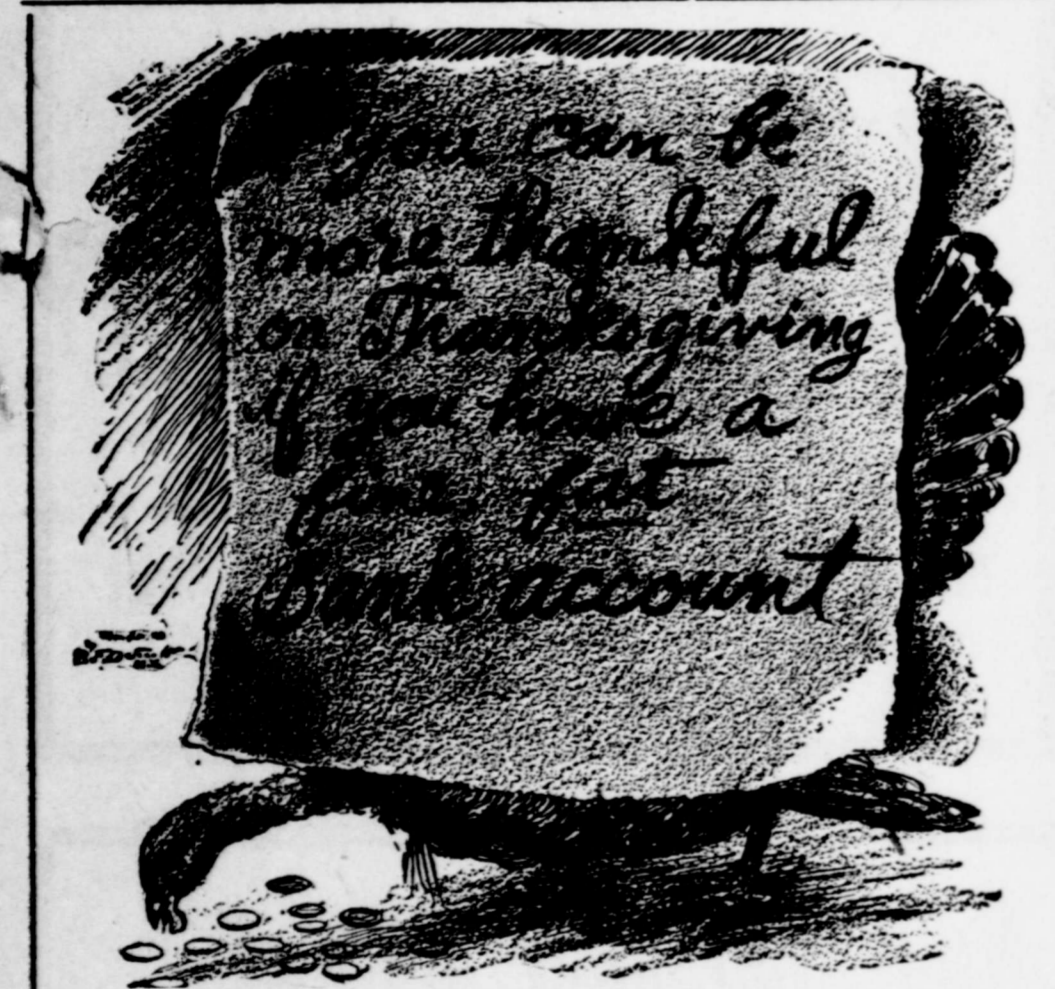
Ballinger Sends Witness and Prospects are Good for Favorable Report By the Commission. Other Towns Affected.

Commissioner Harlen, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, met a committee from the various towns interested in the fight against the proposed change in common territory, at Dallas last Friday and heard the case, taking evidence from the railroads and from the towns fighting the proposed change. Jo Wilmeth and W. A. Norman were sent as witnesses from Ballinger, and they returned feeling that Ballinger will be allowed to remain in the territory as it is, and the freight rate remain the same. Mr. Wilmeth reports that the fight was brought about by the Amarillo people who were making an effort to get in the common point of territory. As it was Amarillo claimed that it was a discrimination against them, as Quanah and other towns in that section of the state was in the territory and were getting the benefit of the lower freight rate.

Commissioner Harlen compiled data and returns to Washington with all the necessary information to put before the commission and it is expected that a favorable ruling will be made, as sufficient evidence went before him to prove that it was an injustice to Ballinger and the other towns affected to increase the freight rate.

NEW FLOOR FOR COLORADO BRIDGE.

The Commissioners Court let the contract this week for the flooring of the bridge across the Colorado river. The contract for the lumber was awarded to the Ballinger Lumber Co. at \$900,000, and the contract for the work goes to D. C. Claypool at \$437,000. It will be necessary to block traffic over the bridge for a few days, and the travelers will be compelled to go to the ford, which is a few hundred yards below the bridge.



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BALLINGER, TEXAS



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TEXAS CORN YIELD MORE THAN DOUBLES THAT OF LAST YEAR.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture has compiled data showing this year's corn production of the United States by states. The total yield of continental United States is 3,169,137,000 bushels compared with its output of 2,531,488,000 bushels in 1911.

Thirty-six states show an increased production this year over last, while twelve show a decrease. The greatest increase in production is shown in Texas, the output this year being 153,390,000 bushels, compared with 69,350,000 bushels last year. This is an increase of 83,950,000 bushels, of 121 per cent. The average yield per acre in Texas for 1912 is 21 bushels, while last year it was only 9.5 bushels. The quality of the Texas product is 19 per

cent better this year than last and only 416,000 bushels, or six tenths of one per cent, of last year's crop is reported on hand by the farmers of that state.

The per capita production of corn in continental United States for the year 1912 is 34 bushels and Texas 38 bushels.

GOOD RAIN FALLS OVER BALLINGER TERRITORY.

After much looking and waiting Ballinger received that good rain. It fell slowly for some fifteen hours, soaking the ground in a good old-fashioned way. Through the courtesy of the West Texas Telephone Company we are able to give the following report: Ballinger, rain fall 1.60 inches. Abilene, Brownwood, Blackwell, Bronte, Bradshaw, Benoit, Crews, Coleman, Concho, Eden, Ft. Chadbourne, Hylton, Hatchell, Leaday, Millersview, Maverick, Menard, Mazeland, Miles, Norton, Pony, Pumphrey, Paint Rock, Rowena, Stacy, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Truitt, Talpa, Valera, Winters, Wingate, Wilmet and other places all report good rains.

WELFARE COMMISSION MAKES REPORT.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 26.—The Texas Welfare Commission has completed its labors and the reports of the Commission have been published in book form by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association. The Commission docketed for discussion fifteen subjects and heard fifty-three witnesses and examined a large volume of evidence submitted in writing. The Commission has made its recommendations on twelve subjects, embracing the important industries of the State. Mr. R. C. Duff, of this city,

was chairman of the Commission.

The Commission was composed of fifteen of the most successful and prominent business men in the State, who have mastered their subjects by years of practical business experience, and they have rendered the State a valuable service in assembling in convenient form reliable information concerning our industries, and they have performed a patriotic duty in giving the pub-



R. C. Duff.

lic the benefit of their recommendations. There appeared before the Commission men who feel the heart throb of industry, and many master minds of the nation have given the Commission their various views.

The Commission recommended legislation of the following subjects: 1st. That all outstanding bonds lawfully issued may be refunded regardless of any valuation fixed up on the property by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

2nd. That bonds may be issued for improvement, betterment or extension regardless of valuation heretofore fixed upon its proper-

ties.

3rd. That bonds may be issued before, during or after construction, providing a strict accounting is made to the Railroad Commission.

4th. That the sale of bonds by new railroads be authorized in advance of construction, providing safeguards insuring the proper application of the proceeds.

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IMPROVING SCHOOL CAMPUS.

Prof. Moody and Works and a number of the boys in the High School have been making some valuable improvements on the school campus. The big steam roller was run over the grounds and mashed the gravel down, leaving the campus clean and level. Three tennis courts and three basket ball grounds have been laid off and there will be something doing in the sporting circles of the school.

BALLINGER STILL IN THE RACE.

Dr. M. M. Carrick, inspector for Holland's Magazine in the clean town contest, was here Tuesday, making the second inspection of the town. We were not quite ready for the inspector, but he found a pretty clean town, and while he made no statement as to how Ballinger would show up in his report, we have every reason to believe that Ballinger is still in the race. It will be remembered the Ballinger was one of three towns which tied in this contest, and it was necessary to re-inspect before awarding the prize of \$30.00. New Braunfels and Gonzales are our competitors. It may be necessary for the inspector to come back, so let's don't let up on waging war against filth. It's healthy to be clean.

NORTON NEWS.

The community was made sad last Tuesday by the death of Mrs. Mat Forbus. The relatives have many friends to sympathize with them in their great loss.

Walter and Bob Dorsett returned home Friday from a visit to May, Texas, with relatives and friends.

Rev. Dunn filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Mitchell is back from Marlin Wells where he has for the benefit of his health for the past few days.

Edna Miller came in from Austin the last of the week, where he went before the Medical Board, night which was fine coming as it did, and following up the good rain of last week.

Queen of the Prairie.

GRAHAM-MORSE.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Graham, on last Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, the parents gave in marriage their only daughter, Miss Fannie, to Prof. Dan Morse. A number of intimate friends of the family were present to witness the marriage. Judge R. S. Griggs, in his solemn way, performed the beautiful and impressive ceremony.

After the marriage a feast was spread in honor of the occasion, and the time following was made merry with congratulations and the best of wishes for the happy young couple.

Prof. and Mrs. Morse remained in the city until Monday afternoon of this week, when they left for Austin where they will make their future home. A number of friends and relatives were at the train to bid the good-bye, and extend their best wishes for a long life of happiness and usefulness.

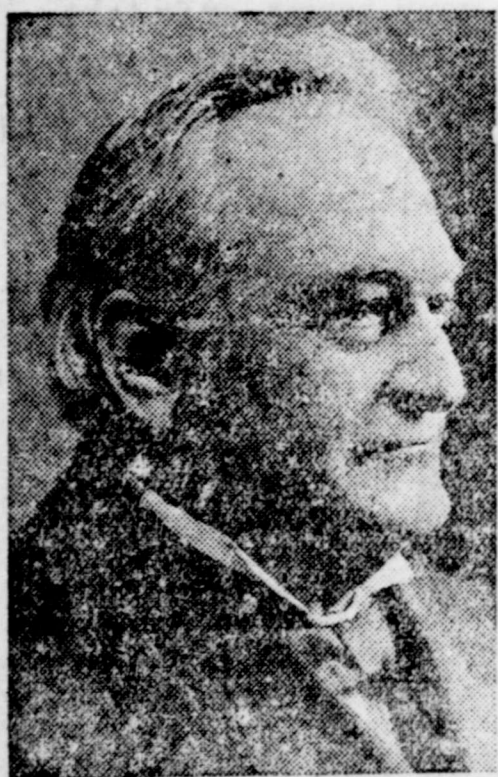
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S. S. HARTMAN, M. D.

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You also have a slight catarrh in the head and throat. You never imagined that the catarrh had anything to do with the constipation. Suppose I were to tell you that as long as you have that catarrh you will never get better of your constipation. Would you be-

lieve me? Well, whether you would believe me or not it is the truth.

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Now those who take Peruna will, first, find themselves promptly relieved of their constipation. Second, the catarrh will gradually disappear. And once the catarrh is cured the constipation leaves permanently. Then if you follow the advice given in my book, you will never have to take pills any more. Cathartics and laxatives you can ignore. You will be permanently relieved of both your catarrh and the constipation. PERUNA IS FOR SALE AT ALL DRUG STORES.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Many persons are making inquiries for the old-time Peruna. To such would say, this formula is now put out under the name of KA-TAR-NO, manufactured by KA-TAR-NO Company, Columbus, Ohio. Write them and they will be pleased to send you a free booklet.

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The Cuero Turkey Trot is attracting almost as much attention over the state as the great State Fair. Poultry is back of it.

Our announcement columns are open for candidates who are in the race for postmaster. Get your announcement in. The usual rate prevails.

Ballinger needs a poultry packing plant, and Blalinger will have a poultry packing plant before another season rolls around. Watch our prediction.

Remember the educational train will be here next Thursday, and also remember you will miss a show if you fail to see it and hear the expert hog, poultry and dairy men talk.

The health of Ballinger is unusually good at this particular time. Who knows but what it is due to our efforts to be the cleanest town in Texas. Let's fight filth all the time; prize or no prize. We are paid with good health.

Congressman Smith says he is opposed to primaries for the selection of postmasters unless there is a law passed governing such elections. Mr. Smith is right. How can we determine who is entitled to vote, or under what rules such an election should be held unless we have a law governing such matters? Give us the law and we will be in favor of letting the people say.

We have heard some remarks made about the coming of the hog. People seem to be unable to understand why a railroad can afford to go to such enormous expense to operate this train, when they are not deriving any benefit from it. That's easy. The people are demanding more pork, more poultry and more dairy products, and the railroad company is interested in helping the farmers help themselves. When these industries are developed the railroads get the products to haul, and the farmers will have larger bank accounts and can afford to take a trip two or three times a year, and the railroads will get the people to haul. There is money in every line being advocated and boosted by this demonstration train, and the farmers will sooner or later realize this and profit by spreading out and raising more chickens, more hogs and less cotton. When this is done the women and children will not have to go to the cotton fields, and will be able to enjoy life as all free American citizens are entitled to do.

IMAGINARY POLITICS.

Some of our political prophets have handed out the following, which we take as being purely imaginary:

"It is claimed by those well informed in Texas politics, that in all probability Senator Culberson will be tendered a cabinet position by President Wilson, that he will accept, and that he will be succeeded by Governor Colquitt. The political dopesters have it that this will be accomplished by either one of two ways. First, that Mr. Colquitt may resign, thereby making Lieut.-Governor Will H. Mayes, governor and that Mr. Mayes will in turn appoint Mr. Colquitt to succeed Senator Culberson; second, that the name of Governor Colquitt would be presented to the Legislature and thru his own and Mr. Mayes' influence, over both pro and anti factions, be elected to succeed Senator Culberson. Mr. Mayes in turn succeeding him as governor. We are not prepared to say as to the truth of these reports, but that here is much of philosophy and logic in them, none can successfully refute or deny."

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The different churches of Ballinger observed Thanksgiving by holding union services at the First Baptist church. Rev. W. H. Doss, the new pastor of the Methodist church preached the sermon, and a special musical program was carried out.

Just received a full line of Buster Brown, all sizes in children's Misses, and ladies Gray Buck Shoes. A. J. Zappe, Ballinger Texas.

LAW AND REASON.

Whatever else may be said of Oklahoma—and much in the way of criticism has been said about her legislative radicalism—credit must be given her judiciary for pioneering in swatting technicalities of the law in a determination to see to the triumph of essential justice in so far as the bench is permitted to appoint it.

In this connection, the criminal court of appeals of Oklahoma, in Steils vs. The State, denounces technical defenses and in so doing gives judicial recognition to a poem which has attracted considerable attention entitled, "The Up-to-Date Defense of Cy N. Idie." In the case before the court counsel for the defense relied upon a purely technical defense, and manifested great zeal and ability in the presentation of the question relied upon.

The court in rendering its decision, for the courtesy of whose use we are indebted to the Docket of the West Publishing company of St. Paul Minn., said:

"Lawyers who attempt to make a purely technical defense, without regard to reason and justice, will see themselves as this court sees them by reading the following lines (Above entitled poem is here inserted.)"

It is unfortunate for counsel that the days of a purely technical defense, unless based upon a substantial right, have passed and gone, never to return in this state. There is another matter which courts should seriously consider. The honest, hardworking, tax-burdened people of Oklahoma annually spend more money to enforce their laws than they do to educate their children. In our judgement, they are entitled to consideration; and it is an outrage on law and justice and a crime against society for appellate courts to turn criminals loose who have been legally proven guilty, or to send their cases back to be retried at the expense of the people upon legal quibbles which are without substantial justice and which are only shadows, cobwebs, and fly specks on the law. It is such so-called judicial decisions as these, in civil as well as in criminal cases, that are responsible for the growing demand among the people for the recall of judges. When we have read some of these opinions (?) we are impressed with the thought that if the courts do not exercise more care in the future, and see that they are courts of justice as well as courts of law, the people, who are the rightful source of all power, will take the matter into their own hands, and there is no telling what the result will be. If we ever have the recall of judges in Oklahoma, it will be the fault of the judges themselves."

We have always admired Lord Coke's definition of the common laws: "Common law is nothing else but reason," and we are prepared to go a step further and wish that our appellate courts would hold with Sir J. Powell, that "nothing is law that is not reason."

The opinion of the Oklahoma court in the case cited ought to find a choice place in library of every court of appeals in the land.—Houston Post.

The Bulletin believes that the people, and not the congressmen, should say whom the wish to serve them as postmasters. It is urged against this that should the people select them, the most popular, and not the most competent, will be selected. This is a reflection upon the intelligence of the people. It is also contended that fraud and corruption will be practiced in their selection. This is a reflection upon the honesty of the people. The Bulletin believes the people are intelligent and honest enough to select their public servants. The same arguments that are used against the preferential primary for selecting postmasters was used against the primary for selecting United States senators, and it could be applied just as well to the selection of other officers. "Government of the people, by the people and for the people" may not be popular with some officials with the appointing power, but it is as good Democracy as when it was first uttered.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

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VIEWS OF SMITH ON P. M. PRIMARIES

West Texas Representative Deems It Unwise to Give His Approval At This Time.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Since the suggestions of primaries for the recommendations of men for postmasters was made in this campaign, it has been seized upon in various communities with interesting results. Most noticeable are the demands for a local primary to select a nominee for local postmasters in cases where the candidate suggesting the primary plan frequently is a reactionary and not in accord with the policies for which the President-elect stands, while the Congressman representing such a district is a thorough progressive Democrat and in entire accord with President-elect Wilson. Of course, such requests come almost entirely from communities in which the reactionaries are in political control.

Interesting Letters Written. Some interesting letters have been written by Texas members of the House to constituents, setting forth their views on this subject. Representative William Robert Smith of Colorado, Texas, received such a suggestion from a constituent in Baird, Tex., yesterday, and promptly sent back his reply as follows: "As is well known, I am greatly in favor of the people retaining in their own hands as far as practicable the governmental affairs, local, State and National.

"In accordance with this idea, I would like to see a law passed authorizing the election of postmasters and for securing honest and fair elections. But a voluntary election without any law governing the organization thereof or providing for same so as to secure a full, free and fair expression of the people's will is subject to serious objections.

"I am informed that wherever such voluntary elections have been tried in the past, they have resulted in much confusion and as a general rule, have proven unsatisfactory.

"However, without at this time attempting to weigh or balance the advantages as against the disadvantages of such a voluntary election, I will say that the appointment of Presidential postmasters under the law belongs exclusively to the President. And whatever may have been the practice heretofore, I can not assume what course President Wilson may pursue in regard to the matter in advance of an announcement by him which he has not yet made, and which I do not anticipate he will make until after his inauguration. If he decides to refer appointments to me for recommendation, it is possible he may impose conditions which might be inconsistent with a determination of appointments as you propose.

No Recommendations Necessary. "If President Wilson should himself authorize primary elections, of course he would have no need of recommendations from me.

"If he should refer appointments to me without conditions, I would feel constrained to withhold my endorsement from any particular primary election not provided for by law, in advance of its being held, but would reserve the right to exercise my own judgement as to whether or not it was organized and conducted in such a way as to secure an accurate expression of the will of the people concerned.

"For the reasons above given, I do not deem it wise at this time to give my approval to the proposal to hold an election in the future to select a postmaster at Baird."

NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF.

J. D. Perkins, who takes J. A. Demoville's place as deputy sheriff, has moved his family to Ballinger, and will assist Sheriff Flynt in his work. Mr. Perkins is on the job like an old timer and will be "Johnny-on-the-spot" when the services of a peace officer are needed.

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OPEN LETTER TO WOODROE WILSON.

Joe Sappington Would Like to Have the Cave Creek Postoffice, and States His Case.

Dear Governor:— I hereby make application for the Cave Creek postoffice and will ask you to give it your kindest consideration. From what I can learn there will be a whole swarm of Cav Creekers wanting you to appoint them to that office, but pay no attention to their application, for I'm the very man you want.

Now, governor, you are going to hear a lot of blamed lies from some of my enemies. They will move heaven and earth to keep me from being their postmaster and I will not stop at anything to carry their point. They are almost sure to write you that I play poker, get drunk, fight my wife and am the biggest liar in the state, all of which I shjll ask you to spurn, or to at least spurn the biggest part of it.

Of course I don't claim that I have never been drunk, played cards or fought my wife, but it has been a long time since I engaged in any of these pastimes. I haven't been drunk since the fall of 1892, and I got in that position then by celebrating Cleveland's election, and has been more than two years since I fought my wife. I'm what you might call a reformed man, and I want you to bear this in mind, governor, when you get ready to consider my application.

Now, as to my Democracy, my bitterest enemy will not assail my record. They dare not. I have fought the Republicans' teeth and toe nails, ever since I quit wearing dresses and when a mere child would even throw dead cats in their wells, plug their watermelons, tie cans to their dog's tails and bear false witness against their offspring in school room and a long time before a whis ker bump appeared upon my bold and determined chin. I was ever ready to cast a ballot against them, throw rocks at 'em from dark alleys or stuff a ballot box.

Governor, there is no telling how many fist fights I've had in defense of Republicans who weighed at least a hundred pounds more than I did and who could stand flat footed and lick salt off the top of my head. The hardest fight I ever had was late one night while standing about a bulletin board that was being smeared all over with a Republican land slide from Cape Cod to the South pole.

The Republican in question was an ill-bred cuss who proceeded to yell at the top of his voice every time his party scored a victory. I stood his yells as long as I could and worked myself through the crowd close to where he was standing. I was standing in front of him when Pennsylvania came in with some 75,000 Republican majority, and he opened his mouth as wide as he could and yelled "Hurrah for Penn." but he got no further. I landed on his nose with my fist with all my might and knucked him to his knees. We fought around and through the crowd and when we were finally pulled apart I discovered that I had lost two good jaw teeth and a pan's leg, but I was comforted by the sweet assurance of my friends that I had broken the fellow's nose and had chewed all the fat off one of his ears.

Governor, I merely mention the above incident to show you what a loyal Democrat I am and how I have struggled and fought for the party in its darkest hours of defeat. I'm not like those Democrats who are ready to quit the party when its platform doesn't suit them. I never cared a dern what its platforms are. I am a Democrat, first, last and all the time and have no apologies to make for it. When it was for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, I bared my noble bosom and fought for it, later when it was declared for the single gold standard I became an uncompromising goldbug, and swore that I never believed in free silver. If the Democratic party were to favor pol gamy I would instantly become the Latter Day Saint and believe that old Josephus Smith was an inspired prophet and would begin to look around for another wife or two. If it should desire in its national platform for close communion, immersion and the final perseverance of the saints, I would not hesitate a moment in adjusting my religious belief to meet its platform demands. Now, governor, I leave the matter with you. My application is before you and when you come to consider the Cave Creek postoffice remember what I've been to the party and what I've suffered. I want you to remember the fights I've had in its defense, and the many bets I've lost backing its candidates. If ap-



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pointed postmaster for Cave Creek I'll conduct the affairs of that office with credit to myself, and the honor of the nation. Let me warn you once more against my enemies. They are going to do their demndest to keep you from appointing me. No matter what they accuse me of, I want you to remember that I'm a reformed man and have quit all my bad habits to the exception of fighting Republicans. If from any cause you could not give me the Cave Creek postoffice I would accept any other office in the state. The reason I want the Cave Creek postoffice is that I was reared there and I want to make come true a dream of my early youth when it was my ambition to become a Cave Creek office holder. It was my youthful ambition to some day be constable of Cave Creek and when I became of age I ran for it with all my might, but alas, just at the zenith of its power and I was defeated by a bow-legged, hairy homed member of that party. Hoping you may see your way clear in giving me the Cave Creek postoffice, and if not that, some other postoffice, I'm yours for a postoffice.

JOE SAPPINGTON.

LECTURES AT HATCHELL.

Rev. G. W. Fender passed through Saturday from Brownwood. He delivered a lecture on Palestine on Friday night to a large audience at Hatchell under the auspices of the W. O. W. lodge.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

We have sold to the Banner-Leader Publishing Co., our job printing business, including our complete files, books, records and good will to take effect on the evening of November 7th, 1912, and on or after that date we will take no mere work.

We feel in turning over our business to this firm that they are able to take the same good care of their business that we have tried to do by giving careful attention to the work offered them. We ask our old customers to give our successor their business, believing that it will be taken care of in the same way which we have tried to do.

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J. J. Hubbard, of Glasscock county, was here a couple of days first of the week.

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NOTICE.

I will be at the following places on the following dates:
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Pumphrey, November 22,
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BABY NEEDS WATCHING
IN SUMMER TIME.

Their Little Stomachs Get Out Of Order Easily in Hot Weather. Mothers should watch closely the condition of the children's bowels, babies especially. Keep the bow-

els regular and much of the illness to which children are most susceptible in summer can be prevented. The most prevalent symptoms are constipation and diarrhoea. When waste from the stomach congests in the bowels and makes your little one feverish and fretful, with a feeling of heaviness, or languor, try giving it a spoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at bedtime. By morning this pleasant, mild laxative will act gently, yet positively, and restore normal conditions. This simple, natural remedy is also invaluable in checking summer diarrhoea. By thoroughly cleansing the bowels, the foreign matter and poisons that irritate and inflame the tissues are eliminated. Don't torture the child with harsh cathartic, purgative or astringent remedies, that upset the whole system, and at best only relieve temporarily. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, while positive in its effect, acts gently and without griping or discomfort, restoring normal conditions.

In using Syrup Pepsin for children the mother can feel perfectly safe, as it contains no opiates or narcotic drug, being a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin. By carrying off the dislodged tissues of mucous membrane that inflame the nasal passages it will quickly break the "summer cold" that is so annoying. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold by druggists for fifty cents a bottle—the larger family size, one dollar. A free trial bottle postpaid, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 406 Washington St. Monticello, Illinois.

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THE COUNTIES OF TEXAS.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27—There are 249 counties in Texas. The population of these counties ranges from 65 in Cochran county to 135,748 in Dallas county, according to the last Federal census reports. The following territorial changes have been made in the counties of Texas since 1900. Part of Tom Green County was taken in 1903 to form Reagan County, part of Pecos County was taken in 1905 to form Terrell County, and four new counties, Brooks, Willacy, Jim Wells and Culberson, were created by the Thirty-second Legislature.

Two hundred and seven counties and two combination of counties increased in population during the past decade, and of the number of counties that show increase 12 show rates of increase of over 100 per cent. These high percentages are for counties which in 1900 were practically uninhabited, but which since that time have become more or less settled.

Tarrant county shows an increase of 56,196, representing a percentage of 107.3 and heads the list of the counties that have increased their population during the past decade.

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576 acres of extra fine land on banks of Colorado river, 15 miles below Colorado City. 300 acres can be put under ditch with little trouble. Land adjoining is under ditch and made two bales of cotton to the acre. Will take some trade and give time on a part of it.

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OUR JOB DEPARTMENT.

The Banner-Leader received this week a new job press out of Dallas of the latest type and equipped for the very best work. Since we bought out the Reeves Printing Company, we have had only one job press, and this has caused some delay, but now we will have another press and can handle all work as ordered with out delay.

We had intended to make this purchase but were waiting to close our trade with the Reeves Printing Co. We can handle your orders, large or small, as they come in and we carry the very best line of stationery to select from, and we are sure we can please you.

HARMONY PREDICTED.

There will be friendly relations between Governor Colquitt and Lieutenant Governor Mayes during the coming two years. The Tribune feels that the forecast may be made with reasonable confidence. They may or may not differ as to measures of public policy or legislation. We do not know how it will be, though we rather fancy that they will get along quite well in that respect, too. Both are gentlemen and both are sensible and patriotic men who clearly understand that it is highly desirable they be in harmony as far as may be practicable, for thereby will the efficiency of their service be promoted. We feel confident there will be no friction of personal nature, no petty rivalries or cross purposes between the chief executive and his lieutenant during the Colquitt administration, no matter if they did represent somewhat divergent factions of their party during the primary campaign, no matter if each shall continue loyal to principals he cherishes. We anticipate valuable public service from both of these men during 1913-14, and maybe some more then. You can never tell.—Waco Tribune.

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I have a nice 3 room, two gallery cottage, good garden, spot, city water, good barn and chicken house, reasonably close in. Will rent to family in consideration of doing family washing. Call at

THE BANNER LEADER OFFICE.

NOT GOING T THE DOGS.

F. P. Dunne, who writes the "Interpreter's House" in the December American Magazine, says in part:

"Now that the campaign is over and we can come out of our cave and say what we really think without endangering our lives, we be to assure the patient that the horrible things that he has been seeing are not real, but the creatures of over-stimulating rhetoric he has imbibed; that the foundations of the republic have not been undermined; that the pillars of the state are not crumbling and that this country is not a bit like Rome before the advent of the Caesars. The foolish Ferrero to the contrary,

notwithstanding.

"There has been no question before the public recently upon which there might not be a perfectly reasonable and respectable difference of opinion. The arguments were very fairly matched. Naturally the balance was always on our side, but never enough to make us sure that the scales were properly adjusted. We could see nothing wrong about the third term; but admitting certain promises, we concede the logic to those who opposed it. The initiative and referendum as quickeners of needed legislation bear the appearance of a useful tonic, but they are purely experimental, and no one can say with certainty, and no one but a quack would say at all, that they would act better in this big country than they have acted in little Switzerland.

"The recall of judicial decisions and of the judges themselves has aroused a good deal of unnecessary warmth. The fact of human life that unchallenged power always leads to tyranny, would seem to indicate, as the doctors say, some form of regulation of the judiciary, but a strong case on the other side can be based upon the necessity of maintaining the independence of the courts.

"And so you may go through the whole list of projects and remedies and find reasons for differences of opinion around the fireside in winter, but none at all for punching somebody in the eye. Unless, of course, it is your nature to enjoy punching people in the eye. In which case any pretext will probably serve."

In other words the country has not been, and is not now on road to the dogs, despite the ravings of those who are in the habit of magnifying individual disabilities into natural ailments. But no great harm comes from getting excited over matters that may be only trivial after all, once in a while. The fellow whose nature it is to enjoy rough-house performances generally manages to get his eye punched during the excitement, after which the balance of us cool off and settle down to business again to remain quiet until the monotony of the situation awakens new desires for agitation. In the meantime, the wholesale reforms are worked out

in sane fashion, and the ship of state proceeds majestically on its way, despite the imaginary breakers that would-be pilots are continually citing it its path.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson on last Sunday

NO REASON FOR IT.

When Ballinger Citizens Show a Way.

There can be no reason why any disease of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Ballinger citizen says:

Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 Thirteenth street, Ballinger, Texas says: "I was troubled with my back for some time. I was so stiff and so lame that I could hardly walk. This would go away after I moved about for awhile but was sure to come back the next day. The kidney secretions were disordered and this was a source of annoyance, I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I found them a great help, and my lameness began to leave. I always keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand as I consider them a fine remedy and I am always glad to tell others how much I was benefitted."

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Are you a woman? Then you are subject to a large number of troubles and irregularities, peculiar to women, which, in time, often lead to more serious trouble.

A tonic is needed to help you over the hard places, to relieve weakness, headache, and other unnecessary pains, the signs of weak nerves and over-work.

For a tonic, take Cardui, the woman's tonic. You will never regret it, for it will certainly help you. Ask your druggist about it. He knows. He sells it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 138

Rheumatic Pains

are quickly relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. You don't need to rub—just lay on lightly. It penetrates at once to the seat of the trouble.

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MISS ELSIE MANTHEY, 4229 Talman Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:—"About two years ago my mother broke down with rheumatism. The doctors didn't do any good. My mother was persuaded to try Sloan's Liniment, and in three weeks was entirely well—and I believe she is cured forever."

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MISS H. E. LINDEKAR, Gilroy, Calif., writes:—"My mother has used one bottle of Sloan's Liniment, and although she is over 85 years of age, she has obtained great relief from her rheumatism."

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MISS EVELYTA MYER, of 1215 Wyoming St., Dayton, Ohio, writes:—"My mother was troubled with rheumatism and her friends advised her to get Sloan's Liniment and her rheumatism is entirely gone. At the same time the family was troubled with ring-worms—there were five ring-worms between my sisters and I and Sloan's Liniment cured every one of us in a week's time."

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IMPROVED METHODS MAKE THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY MORE PROFITABLE.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—According to a report issued by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, stock raising is among the chief resources of Texas. The total number of livestock in that state on January 1, 1912, was 12,679,000, valued at \$301,833,000. The rapid development of this industry may be attributed to various and many causes, chiefly among which are the greatly increased feeding resources, resulting from extensive irrigation in various parts of the state, and the successful work of the veterinary authorities in checking diseases to which livestock is subject.

TEXAS COTTON PRODUCTION IS 3,700,000.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—Three million, seven hundred thousand bales cotton have been ginned in Texas so far this season, according to a recent report of the

Federal Crop Reporting Board. The report includes ginnings up to the first of November, and the total for Texas this year is 487,500 bales more than for the same period of last year. The total ginnings for the entire cotton belt of the United States is more than a million bales under those of 1911.

DEAD LETTERS.

List of letters advertised November 23, 1912:
Ferguson, Mr. J. W.
Gordon, Miss Fay
Lee, N. D.
Neville, Miss Boulah
Neville, I. R.
Norman, S. W.
Patterson, J. E.
Mexican Letters.
Gaylan, Sr. Gongalo
Lopez, Julious

When calling for the above letters please say they are advertised and give the date of this list.

After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead letter office.
HENRY A. CADY, P. M.

ORDER FOR ELECTION.

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

Whereas, on the 15th day of November, 1912, a petition was presented to the Commissioners Court of said county, for an election in Commissioners Precinct No. One, (1) the City of Ballinger excluded—of Runnels County, Texas to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of said Commissioners Precinct (the city of Ballinger excluded), said petition being signed by F. G. Hoelscher and fifty other freeholders residing within said Commissioners Precinct No. One (1), and outside of said city of Ballinger, which said petition was granted by said court and an election ordered to be held on Saturday, the 28th day of December, 1912:

Now, therefore, I, R. S. Griggs, in my capacity as County Judge of Runnels County, in accordance with said order of the Commissioners Court above mentioned, do hereby order that an election be held on Saturday, the 28th day of December, 1912, at the places hereinafter named within said Commissioners Precinct No. One (1), the city of Ballinger excluded—to determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large within said Precinct No. One (1), the city of Ballinger excluded—said Commissioners Precinct No. One (1) having metes and bounds as follows to-wit:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of Runnels county; thence West with the South boundary line of said county to the point where same crosses the West boundary line of the W. C. Ry. Co. Sy No 19; thence North to the Colorado river; thence in a Northerly direction to S. E. corner of the Wm. Howell Survey; in a Northeasterly direction to the S. W. Corner of the Carer Anderson Sy. 523; thence East with the common boundary line of said Commissioners Precinct No. 1 and Commissioners Precinct No. 2 to the East boundary line of Runnels Co., thence South with said East boundary line of Runnels county to the place of beginning.

Said city of Ballinger, which now has said Stock Law operative within her limits, and which is to be excluded from this said election, is described by metes and bounds as follows to-wit:

Beginning of the North bank of the Colorado River, at the lower corner of the F. White survey No. 369; thence N. 30 E. 880 veras, crossing Elm creek to a point on top of the East bank of said Elm creek; thence with the meanders of said Elm creek, keeping on top of its East bank, to an intersection with the East boundary line of the Thos. Largent survey; thence S. 30 W. with said Largent survey's East boundary line 337 yrs to a point in said line S. 60 E. from the N. E. corner of the Charles Osgood survey 365; thence N. 60 W. to the said N. E. corner of said Charles Osgood survey, and continuing same course 600 varas past said corner to a stake in the North line of said Osgood survey, taking the Largent survey and 600 veras of the Osgood, for the N. W. corner of this survey (corporate limits of Ballinger); thence S. 30 W. 1900 veras, to the S. W. corner of said corporate limits; thence S. 60 E. crossing the East boundary line of said Charles Osgood survey 365 to a point in the East line of the Thos. Largent Sy., a stone mound; thence S. 30 W. to lower corner of said Largent survey on the North bank of the Colorado river, and crossing said river to a point on its South side for corner of corporate limits of said city; thence down said South bank of the Colorado river with its meanders to a point S. 30 W. from the lower corner of the F. White survey 369; thence N. 30 E., crossing said river to the place of beginning.

Said election shall be held at the following places and with the persons designated acting as Presiding Officers, respectively:

Hatchell, in Hatchell voting precinct No. 2, S. D. Williams; Presiding Officer; Old Runnels School House for all territory North of the Colorado river, the city limits of Ballinger and West of the Ballinger-Crews public road, contained in Ballinger Voting Precincts numbers 1 and 24, John Nunn, Presiding Officer; Millar School House for all territory in Voting Precinct No. 24, lying East of the Ballinger-Crews public road and North of the Colorado river, J. M. Schneider, Presiding Officer; South Ward School Building (in South Ballinger), for all territory in Voting Precinct No. 24, lying south of the Colorado river, N. J. Wardlow, Presiding Officer; Benoit for said Benoit Voting Pre-

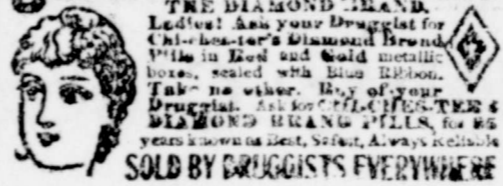
inct No. 3, B. J. Claton, Presiding Officer; Olfin for Olfin Voting Precinct No. 22, F. G. Hoelscher, Presiding Officer; Pony Creek School House, for Pony Creek Voting Precinct No. 23, J. W. Bigby, Presiding Officer.

The above named presiding officers shall appoint two clerks to assist in holding said election, and shall hold same to conform with the laws governing general election as nearly as possible, and make due return thereof according to law.

Dated this 18th day of November 1912.

R. S. GRIGGS, County Judge,
Runnels County, Texas.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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We feel in turning over our business to this firm that they are able to take the same good care of their business that we have tried to do, by giving careful attention to the work offered them. We ask our old customers to give our successor their business believing that it will be taken care of in the same way which we have tried to do.

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THE TEXAS PENITENTIARY SYSTEM.

BY WILL H. MAYES.
(SEVENTH ARTICLE)

The State pays out about \$130,000 a year under the new law to convicts under what is known as the 10 cents per diem. This small sum is paid to the convict's dependent relatives, if he has any. If he has no relatives this sum is paid to him on his discharge from prison. There are some who would deny this pittance to the convict's family or to him, but there are very few in the state who would care to deal in such a parsimonious way with its prisoners. A provision for the forfeiture of this sum for misconduct, or violation of prison rules has a salutary effect upon the discipline. Provision is also made for paying the prisoners for overtime work for work required in extreme necessities on Sundays. Instead of cutting off this ten cents per diem to well behaved prisoners, I would keep the minimum amount ten-cents per day, and, in the discretion of the prison officials, would stimulate those who are more capable and who do better work by offering to them additional compensation for extra results. This policy works well in all outside industries, and should prove even more efficacious in dealing with prisoners, many of whom are keenly appreciative of even small favors.

There are some of the provisions of the act, though, that serve no real good purpose. Under the law, when the family of a convict who dies in prison requests it, the deceased prisoner must be embalmed and shipped to any point in the state, desired by the relatives, the expense to be borne by the state. Such destination is not conferred upon others who die away from the home too poor to meet the expense of shipping their remains to other points, and it is rather a maudlin sentiment that tries to do more for prisoners than for others.

Another provision of the law requires the State to give the discharged convict transportation to any point in Texas called for by him instead of the place from which he was sentenced, as under the old law. Prisoners take advantage of this and call for tickets to El Paso, Amarillo or Dalhart, cash their tickets at Houston or some other nearby point and pocket the difference. This provision is a temptation to the prisoners to start at once upon dishonest ways, and is a positive harm to him, besides costing the State some \$15,000 a year, according to the prison estimates.

There is one provision of the new law intended to guard the rights of the convicts, which in my opinion really works hardship on the State. The law should be founded upon wisdom and experience, as well as upon the habits and customs of the people, and no effort should be made to treat convicts in any way better than others following similar pursuits are treated. The ten hour law applies all right to work within the prison wall, but it works to

the State's disadvantage in farming operations. Every farmer in Texas will tell you that he could not successfully operate a farm on a ten hour day throughout the year. In the summer months the farmers work more than ten hours a day; they do well to get in ten hours in the spring and fall; and in the winter can hardly work eight hours in daylight. To make an invariable ten hour rule throughout the year would prove ruinous to farming, and therefore no farmer attempts it. Under the new law, convicts on farms, as well as in the penitentiaries, cannot be worked more than ten hours a day, except in cases of extreme and unavoidable emergency, and for such work they must be paid ten cents an hour. This ten hours must include time spent in going to and from work, and convicts must not be made to travel faster than a walk in going to and from the fields. I was told that under this law the average working time in summer days is reduced to about eight and a quarter hours, and in the winter, when necessity requires that the prisoners be inside the bars before dark, the time is still further cut down. Last year in the midst of the harvesting season rains kept the farm hands indoors seventeen days continuously, the men idle all the time, yet when they went to work again the State could not get even eight hours a day from the labor.

This provision was doubtless made with the thought of the long overtime at hard labor on the railroad contracts or on the contract farms under the old system, but it is proving a heavy drain on the State farms, and one that other farmers say they could not stand in their work. The law should be amended so that the average days work on the farms may be kept within ten hours, allowing the prison officials discretion in regulating the hours to the seasons. Common sense business methods should prevail even if efforts at prison reform.

Some arrangement should be made for frequent visits to the penitentiaries and farms either from the governor or from some other State official. These visits should not be hurried inspection trips, but should be of sufficient duration and frequency to allow a thorough understanding of the system and its needs from every view point. It is true that the law contemplates that the commissioners shall look closely after penitentiary matters, and they are doing it well, but they realize the great problems with which they have to deal and that such visitations prove helpful to them, as well as to the prisoners. I am told that Gov. Colquitt is the first governor who has made such visitations since Gov. Lanham was in office. It is really too much to expect the governor of Texas to do all this and attend to his many other official duties. The last visit of Gov. Colquitt, and the interest shown in the entire system and in the prisoners, could but have had

a beneficial effect. The system has outgrown itself in a business way, just as towns and business enterprises frequently grow beyond their capital. Still much greater development is needed in order to be able to produce the best results. Every man who has himself undertaken large problems understands how this can be true. Indebtedness is itself often the best indication of business opportunities.

The only vexing, or at all uncertain financial problem connected with the prison system is the best way to handle the iron industry, and the State railroad. I do not know at this writing just what Gov. Colquitt and the Commissioners have done as to the lease to the Pennsylvania parties, but if a lease can be obtained which does not carry with it an option of purchase at a low price, and which insures the operation of the Rusk plant at a fair rental, keeps the iron mines active and gives the State railroad tonnage, that settles for the present the chief trouble at Rusk. I presume that this kind of a contract will soon be signed, but if it is not done, the State itself should arrange to start the furnace and the pipe foundry and to successfully finance the iron industry there. I do not hesitate to say this, despite the fact that there have been grievous mistakes and failures there in the past, and my conclusion is based on a fairly close study of existing conditions.

The farms should receive the best of attention and should be cultivated along scientific methods which the State is paying so much to teach and is itself so little practicing. To me it appears like folly for the State to spend thousands of dollars in teaching modern agricultural methods and itself adhere to anti-bellum ways, especially when the farms at Huntsville and in Fort Bend and Brazoria counties afford such excellent opportunities for the State to demonstrate what can be done on different soils of those sections. Every state farm should be an experimental farm, under the most highly trained management.

The state, in its penitentiaries and on its farms, should conserve its resources, instead of allowing them to go to waste. Conservation congresses have but little effect, it seems, upon Texas itself. The waters of the Brazos river and of Oyster Creek are admirably located for irrigating vast acres of land, but the cotton and cane parch for lack of water. Cane tops make excellent silage, but the State doesn't own any silos, and thousands of tons of this fine fattening matter goes to waste, while Texas pays \$215,000 a year for meats for its prisoners, and about \$50,000 a year for feed for its work stock. \$90,000 dollars a year is paid for prisoners' clothes and for leather for their shoes by the prison system. At least half of the grocery bill of \$100,000 a year and the meal and flour bill of \$50,000 should come right from the farms.

In addition to furnishing themselves with most of their necessities from penitentiaries and farms, the convicts could be utilized to supply all the other state institutions with many of the things they require. Not a thing on farms should be allowed to waste that can possibly be used anywhere to advantage by the State. No expense should be spared to bring the equipment of the factories and of the farms up to the present day requirements, even though the initial outlay of the State may be large.

Bear in mind that in these suggestions no reflections are made upon the administration of the commissioners. What they have done, and are doing, with their limited resources, and with the restrictions thrown around them, is little short of marvelous. The commissioners appear to be most capable men, are doubtless as good as the State can find, but there are limitations to the aptitudes and the capabilities of all men.

In my opinion, which is merely offered for what little it may be worth, after only a few weeks of cursory study of the situation, Texas needs first to place its penitentiary system on a proper financial basis. At present the commissioners are carrying large loans, for much of which eight per cent. interest is being paid. That in itself is a great load. For lack of more funds many other essential improvements and changes cannot be made. A city laboring under such disadvantages would issue bonds bearing a low rate of interest for such required improvements. Large corporation and business concern of every kind would do the same thing. The State should, I think, issue long-time interest bearing penitentiary (Continued on last page)

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