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"Write plainly the name of the person addressed, street and number, postoffice and State.

"Place your name and address in the upper left hand corner of the envelope or package.

"More than 13,000,000 pieces of mail matter were sent to the division of dead letters last year a large proportion of which could not be delivered because of carelessness in writing addresses."

ECHO FROM THE RAINS.

The Colorado river has been on a big rampage the past week. Saturday the new part of the Sholten bridge at the bend was washed out. Last summer a rise in the river washed around the original bridge and necessitated another span on the San Saba side. The engine was caught on this side this time and the material and timbers for the repair will have to be wagoned out from Lometa.—San Saba News.

Everything in the new and up-to-date line. Gilliam & Poor. 3-2d

HIGH WATER DROWNS EIGHT

South Texas Floods Worst in Years. Damage to Property Runs Into Millions.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 2.—The flood situation grows worse and at least four fatalities, and probably more, besides heavy property damages, have resulted. Four persons were drowned five miles out of Georgetown about midnight last night when a house was washed away by the flood waters of Bass creek, on the bank of which it was located.

The dead: Mrs. Otto Grumbles, formerly of Austin.

Mrs. J. W. Mankin. One year old child of Mrs. Grumbles.

The house was washed into the stream and floated down against a bridge. Five other persons in the house were rescued.

Section Foreman Nelson, of the Katy at Lockhart, who left that place last night on a track inspection, is reported missing, and it is believed he was drowned. The Katy bridge at Lockhart has been washed away.

The town of Cireleville, Williamson county, is reported to be under water and all communication cut off.

The Katy "Up to the Minute" train running twelve hours late plunged into the San Gabriel river, six miles east of Georgetown about 3:30 o'clock this morning, the bridge having been swept away. The engine, tender, baggage and express cars were submerged and a part of the smoker went under water. Miraculously all the crew escaped by swimming. The engineer and fireman had narrow escapes.

The Colorado river above Austin is on a big rampage. The rise at Marble Falls is thirty feet. This will reach here tomorrow and will make a full river. The water is up to within one foot of the top of the banks at Smithville.

Four Dead at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Oct. 2.—The San Antonio river which went on the rampage yesterday and early today began falling rapidly late this evening and tonight is almost within its banks.

Only four lives were lost in this city but there are reports of other fatalities in the surrounding territory. The reports cannot be confirmed because telephone lines are down in many districts.

RAINS GENERAL AND HEAVY.

Press and telephone reports indicate that the entire country has received during the last two or three days the best season in 3 years. In South and Southwest Texas the rains have been very heavy and great damage to property, especially railroads, have resulted. At several places in Texas it has been raining for two weeks, and much cotton is going to waste in the field.

During the last thirty-six hours the fall at Ballinger amounts to one and a half inches, and it is still raining. The rain has fallen slow and the ground is thoroughly soaked, and it is expected that a large acreage will be planted in oats.

Jack Wills, one of the real estate men of Abilene, had business in Ballinger Friday between trains.



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This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes.

E. F. Edwards, of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

Roy Delemater left Friday at noon on a short business trip to San Angelo.

E. C. Voelkel and Ed Lehr, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

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Its the man who makes a failure of his own business that is continually trying to break into politics and help run the Government's business.

We have not learned the name of the southern gentleman in Dallas who hit the negro on the nose when the black rascal elbowed a white woman out of line to the circus ticket wagon.

He is at least entitled to a hero medal when Uncle Andrew hands them out again.

State Senator Brelford, of the Eastland district, was in Austin this week and stated in an interview with a press reporter that it was very necessary and he was certain that Gov. Colquitt would call another special session of the Legislature.

Out in Runnels County it is being told that a certain farmer made \$800 off four acres of water melons this year.

Its no trick at all to raise \$800 worth of melons on four acres of South Ballinger sand.

The father who has a boy that he is interested in can find food for thought in the statement made by Superintendent Fleming of the Ballinger schools.

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FROM Gilliam & Poor

HANDS THE COAL MAN A PACKAGE.

R. P. Kirk, who has had charge of the local ice plant through the summer season, and who is still holding that position but is devoting his time now to the coal business, says somebody is giving Uncle Sam extra business by mailing such "dope" as the following which was received through the mail by Mr. Kirk this morning.

"The iceman, having earned his wage—which we consider large—is ready now to leave the stage, and give the coal man charge. Through all the summer months we coughed our coins to dodge the heat; the iceman's snap was large and soft, distributing his sleet. And now, while winter rants and groans, while howls the deadly storm, we'll cough up all our extra bones in effort to keep warm.

The coal man is a cheerful wight, and naught his raptures; he basks on downy beds at night, by day in motor cars. In gilded luxury he rolls, he silken raiment wears, while swaybacked hirelings pack his coals up thirty flights of stairs. He is a crank on honest weight, a Spartan soul is he; and oft he throws in chunks of slate to give variety. When wintry tempeste round us shriek, the most of us repine; but that's the coal man's time to speak and optimistic line. The blasts can't snort around too hard to please this cheery soul, while there are wagons in his yard a-loading up with coal. And so the good old coal man grins, his laughter flows in rills; he dumps his debris in our bins and then sends in his bills.

When the chest feels on fire and the throat burns, you have indigestion, and you need Herbine to get rid of the disagreeable feeling. It drives out badly digested food, strengthens the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

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CHILD LABOR.

San Saba county kids are making cotton picking history this fall. Now comes the report from the Lakeview section that little Wayne Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Davenport, is in the ring. Wayne is 6 years old and picks regular. One day last week he picked 113 pounds. This is good for a six year older.—San Saba News.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY, & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggist, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Miss Ann Truly left Thursday afternoon for Coleman to visit friends a week or two. Miss Ann will teach the Red Bank school up the river in our county the ensuing school year.

Mark Ragsdale, of Brownwood, who had been in the Abilene county the past two or three weeks doing some surveying for irrigation plants, passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon en route home.

Wormy children are unhappy, puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise when worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

W. E. Brooks, in his new Metz car, accompanied by W. C. Penn, the cotton buyer, went over to Paint Rock Thursday where Mr. Penn took up a large list of cotton. Owing to the muddy condition of the roads Mr. Penn returned home on the evening train.

Mrs. Buelah Gant, of Mart, Texas, had been visiting friends at San Angelo, came in Thursday afternoon and will visit her sister, Mrs. W. D. Sansome and family near Ballinger for a few weeks before returning home.

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. Ballard's Snow Liment possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Walt Allen, who has a bunch of cattle on the Loomis ranch in Concho county, came in Thursday afternoon to visit his parents and Ballinger friends a few days. He says the grass is fine in that section and cattle doing well. He ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address to keep posted on home news while on the ranch this winter.

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Doek Parvin, of Bosque county, who is in our section looking after his farm interest in the Wingate country, had business in Ballinger Friday and says he has enough of East Texas and will be back to his place in this county another year.

Roy Bates, of the Moro Mountain country, came in Wednesday to be with his wife, who is here at the sanitarium and says she is in better health than for the past fifteen months and as soon as the weather permits they will return home.

Mr. Gober, of Paint Rock came in Wednesday and was operated upon at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Thursday morning for appendicitis and we are glad to learn he is doing all right at present.

COLORADO TO GULF HIGHWAY.

O. L. Williams, of Bowie, Texas, Field Secretary of the Texas Automobile Association, was here Friday and as previously announced, addressed a large audience of business men and farmers of Runnels county on the question of the way and means of getting on this National highway. Mr. Williams is a splendid talker and in very plain words expressed the benefits of this highway to our section and gave many splendid illustrations how the plans have been worked out in counties of Texas. It is now up to the citizens of this county and the City of Ballinger to get busy through the Business League and connect up with the other progressive counties in this highway properly logged and adopted by the American Automobile Association. very explicitly explained that because the Association was called the auto association it did not mean that only autos would travel over the roads but a good automobile road also meant a good wagon road.

Mr. Williams is very enthusiastic on this subject and we feel sure with the proper action we can get on this line which will be of incalculable benefit to our entire county.

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S. M. Bennett, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

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A. S. Bradley, of Mullin, Texas, who had been to Seymour on business, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home.

Listen!

H. A. Cady is still paying the highest CASH PRICE for all kinds of second hand goods. He sells also for cash or on terms to suit you. Stoves, dressers and all kinds of furniture at half price for cash the next 30 days. See C. A. Freeze, the Singer sewing machine agent and he pays the cash. 23-26td.

O. B. Corbett left Friday morning for Coleman to attend the fair and look after business affairs a day or two.

See Us for Best Coal and Wool.

C. J. LYNN & BRO., corner 10th street and R. R. Avenue. Best McAlester lump, best McAlester washed nut, best New Mexico Sigarette; large stock on hand. Prices according to grade. Phone 120. Sep20-26td 4w

L. M. Bales, of Hatchel, who had been to San Angelo on a short business trip passed thru Ballinger Friday en route home.

Listen!

C. A. Freeze, the Singer sewing machine man, buys all kinds of second hand clothing and pays spot cash for same, or will sell you a Singer machine for cash or on terms to suit you. Will allow you all your old machine is worth on a new Singer machine. 23-26td

Mr. Skaggs, the Winters dry goods merchant, was in the city Friday to be at the good roads meeting.

When your food does not digest well and you feel 'blue,' tired and discouraged, you should use a little Herbine at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Clarence Jones, of Coke county, one of the pioneer stockmen of this section, was greeting old friends in Ballinger Friday.

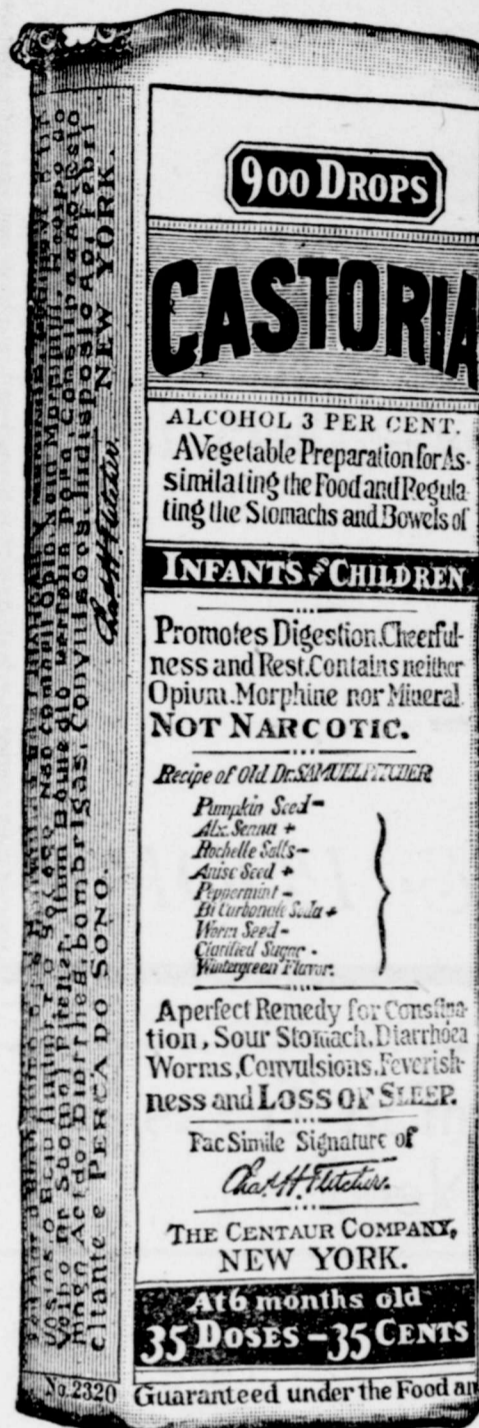
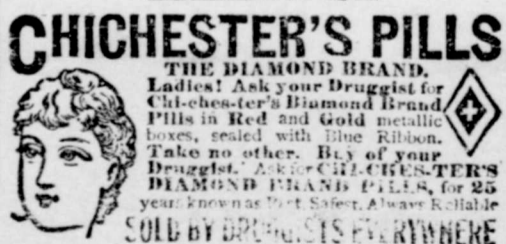


F. Streuer, of Comal county, who is here looking after land interests left Friday at noon to visit friends at Miles a few days.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Riggs, of the Wingate country, who had been here on a business visit and doing some shopping, left for home Friday afternoon.



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Austin Williams, of Hatchel, who had been at Bangs the past week or ten days on business, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home.

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W. M. Forbus, of the Norton country was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday and on account of the heavy rain remained over until Friday before returning home.

400 tons of the very choicest and best coal at Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. No slack, no clinkers, no clinkers. Phone 312. 25-dtf

Condy Wylie returned to Ballinger Thursday afternoon from San Angelo. He had started to the ranch but found the creeks too

high to reach home so he returned to spend a few days with his family.

For Rent.

4-room cottage, two galleries, cistern, bath, good lot, stable, on 5th street. C. P. Shepherd. If

Mrs. Maud Foreman, of Talpa, came in Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shaffer and Ballinger friends a few days.

Mrs. Marshal Spiars, of Vicksburg, Miss., who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. U. P. Melton and family, the past several weeks left for her home Thursday afternoon.

J. H. Booth returned home Thursday at noon from Waco, where he had been on business the past several weeks. His two sons and a son of John H. Webb were together and on account of so much rain they abandoned their job. The boys will go on to North Texas before returning home.

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GILLIAM & POOR

Prison Reform in Texas Badly Need

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 3.—The prisons of the United States now contain about 150,000. Are these men being made better? Or are they, upon leaving these institutions, more cruel and cunning than when they entered? Thomas J. Tynan, Warden of the Colorado State Penitentiary, says that his experience has developed the fact that the average man sent to the average penal institution is a more cunning and cruel criminal when he leaves that institution than he was when he entered it.

Although prison reform is not very far advanced, it is being tried in all parts of the country. For a thousand years men have been trying to make men better by means of a club and have failed. When one enters a prison, not being a prison man, one is surprised to find that prison people are very much like other people. The inherent idea that a convict is a man with a heavy jaw, a low brow and a scowl and with a ball and chain attached to him, is jarred. One finds that the convict appreciates a square deal just as free citizens do, and that the word of the average convict is very often to be relied upon as strongly as that of the average person outside of the prisons. And while no man asserts that these convicts are angels, prison Wardens emphatically assert that 75 per cent of convicts confined should not be confined at all, but should be handled by wise jurisdiction outside of prisons.

Responding to an inquiry, one Warden says: "The fee system, as practiced in the United States, is responsible for 50 per cent of crime. From the time a man charged with crime is taken before a justice of the peace, to the time he is sent to the penitentiary, the fee system plays a part and has a bad influence upon that man's life. Those who are paid by fee are interested in the man."

We know that we cannot improve men or conditions by clubbing and maiming and burning men, because there is more crime today than ever before in the history of the world. When asked for his opinion of the reason for torture a Warden replied: "Nearly all the torture is caused by the fear of the men in charge of the prisons. When a man in charge of a prison can get away from the idea that the men under him are going to kill him, a great step in advance will be made, and he will get somewhere with his work."

In many parts of the United States there exists what is called a contract labor system in connection with convicts. The prisoners are "farmed out" within the pri-

son, to factories or other concerns. Consider what this does to the convict. The Contractor says: "We are going to teach this convict a trade." He lies, because he never teaches the convict a trade. If a convict makes shoes, he learns to make only one certain portion of a pair of shoe—a convict is thrifty and a good worker, he is kept to the very end of his term, and it is the loafer who will not work well who gets out first. So the factory system in our prisons works directly opposite to the way in which it should work.

Men are talking about conservation of natural resources, and yet there is wasted in our jails and prisons every day more than \$200,000 worth of work that could be applied on our public roads work in the United States. In the State of Texas there are thousands of acres of fertile, though unfruitful land, and we might have a thousand men in our penitentiary who could be working on this land increasing its value. But the contractor and corporation must be eliminated from all convict work before the matter can be properly adjusted.

Colorado seems to have solved the convict labor problem. In this State are hundreds of miles of mountainous country where one would not find a half dozen persons within fifty miles. Colorado must build roads to open up her valleys; roads must be built through the canyons, for access to mining camps and roads were needed to get to her summer resorts, fishing resorts and scenic attractions. Colorado knew she could not gather sufficient money to construct these roadways with free labor and started the building of roads with convict labor with the old system of armed guards.

It was found that men could not work well under guard, that guards paid too much attention to guarding the convicts and too little attention to extending the work; that the cost of the guards more than offset the value of the amount of work done; and the honor system was adopted.

A few camps were set out, with 25 or 30 men in each camp, under two skilled overseers. Some kind of a guard at night was necessary and the convicts were made guards. The men were put absolutely on their honor. The Colorado law provides for what is called an indeterminate sentence. A man is sent to the penitentiary not for a specific number of years. He receives two sentences, so to speak, from five to ten years, or from ten to twenty years. If his

behavior is good, time is deducted from his term—one month the first year, two months the second year, and so on. A man receiving a sentence of from five to ten years can, by good behavior and efficient work, cut his term down to two and one-half years. He goes on parole. If a man breaks his parole he is captured and sent back to serve out his ten years.

This works well in Colorado where the population is 80 per cent alien. In other words, 80 per cent of the male population of Colorado is transient and this percentage of the men in the state are not citizens of Colorado. If the honor system is worked so well in Colorado, it can be as well worked in larger and older states where there is a larger native population.

The Warden selects the men allowed this outdoor work. Each man in the penitentiary can go to the Warden with his troubles and tell him his story. It means much to these men to live out in the open and work in God's sunlight. There are no restraints on these men except they are fed at a certain time, they must work eight solid hours daily, and cannot leave the vicinity of the camp without permission. During two years, 1911 and 1912, Colorado worked 986 individual prisoners on the roads and 12 men ran away. This is a much smaller percentage than the United States Army and Navy lose by desertion every year, and they have free men. In 1912 Colorado built 157 miles of roadway, nearly all out of solid rock, working each 100 men at a cost of \$32 per day. Free labor would cost \$200 daily for each 100 men.

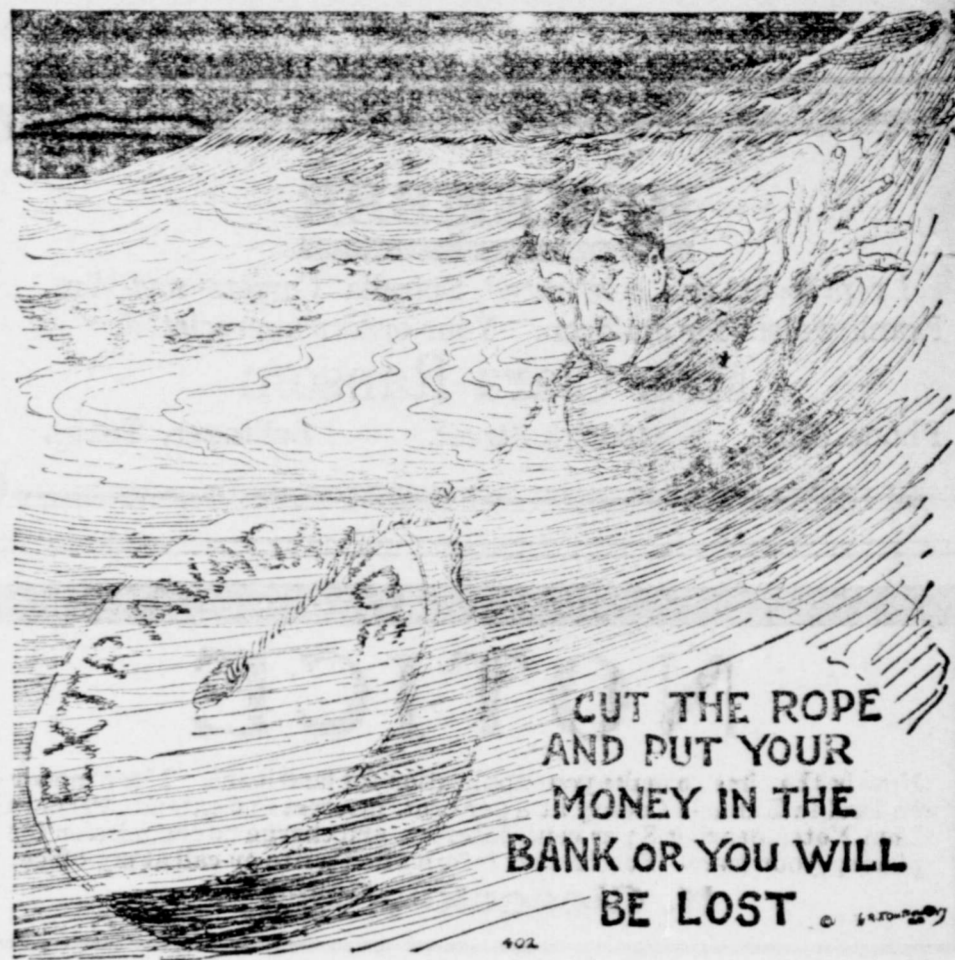
It is apparent that today a man is given every inducement to commit crime. We do not know that it is possible for all men to tell the truth; we do not know that it is possible for all men to be honest. We do know that the economic conditions in the United States drive men into crime and that many convicts are as deserving of pity as are the cripples we see in the streets. We must ultimately come to regard the saving of money in prison reform as incidental to the saving of manhood. Men are worth saving and manhood is worth while. But it may be well to consider briefly the saving of money possible under the Colorado system.

In two years at a cost of \$46,000 Colorado constructed \$266,497.76 worth of road. The prisons that pay expenses under the factory system are considered models, and yet the Colorado system paid over and above its running expenses \$150,000 in two years. In other words, at a cost of \$127,000 Colorado accomplished work amounting to \$553,000 in value, this being exclusive of the value of these roads to the farmer and the everlasting benefit to the future generation. In 1912 the convicts labor cost for Colorado roads was \$500 a mile. It is asserted that 5,000 miles of road can be constructed with convicts for the labor cost of less than \$1,000 per mile. If this be true in Colorado where the country is mountainous, who can measure the possibilities of prison reform and road building in Texas where the mountains are few?

The commercial bodies of Texas are springing to the call of the Galveston Commercial Association in an effort to put Texas on the roads, and it is probable that when the delegates of the various organizations get together in a proposed mass meeting, definite action will be taken looking for an early experiment of the honor system, or of some other system which will result in the placing of worthy convicts at work on county roads. This will be mutually beneficial to convict and community, the former gaining the privilege of his work will be shown, and the latter gaining the benefits of greatly reduced expenditures and much better roads.

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