





## Blanton Shows Up Pope's Double Cross Dealings

Congressman Blanton's reply to a telegram from Henry N. Pope, of the Farmers Union, in which Mr. Pope wired Mr. Blanton to vote for food commission to fix prices, caused the Lipan Flat Local of the Farmers Union to pass resolutions placing the congressman in a bad light before the Farmers Union. The resolutions were published in the San Angelo Standard, a copy also sent to Mr. Blanton. The following reply was immediately made and open letter addressed to the Standard and appearing in that paper of recent issue:

Washington, D. C. July 12, 1917. Editor, San Angelo Standard: Kindly grant space to answer Lipan Local article which you published July 7.

On April 30, Henry N. Pope wired me a 67 word communication favoring a Food Commission to fix prices. Replying I asked him to quit wasting the farmers' money.

For the first time since the Civil War all farm products were bringing maximum prices. Texas farmers were depending upon same to pay accumulated debts. Northern and Eastern consumers in large cities, who are annually fed by farmers, began howling about the high price of farm products, and consumers demanded a Food Commission to lower prices. Consumers wanted cheap farm products regardless of what injury it might do farmers. It was consumers who first demanded a Food Commission, not to condemn food speculators, but to lower the price of all products raised on the farm. If Mr. Pope had been representing the consumers, his action would have been consistent. But representing farmers, to me his action was inexplicable.

The consumers' demand has culminated in a Food Commission, but friends of Southern Farmers in Congress have done their best to safeguard it in every way possible to do as little harm to farmers as can be, yet without, should it be improperly executed, it could be ruinous to every farmer in the South. Mr. Pope was merely wiring for something, which the consumers in the North and East had been demanding for months.

In Dec. 1915, Judge Wagstaff, of Abilene, then Representative of Taylor County, in the Texas Legislature, announced for Congress. I challenged him to let Taylor County decide between us in a preferential primary. He accepted. For 30 years he had been attorney for all of the principal public service corporations and was known as a corporation lawyer. Mr. Pope's position was non-political, yet he immediately endorsed Judge Wagstaff, and though being wholly unacquainted with me and having never seen my platform, he asked the farmers of Taylor County to vote for Wagstaff and against me. The farmer boxes of Taylor County such as Hamby, Eldred, Potosi, Tuscola, Ovalo, Iberis, Tye, Guion, and Shep gave me an almost unanimous vote. Mr. Pope wrote these farmers that Judge Wagstaff had supported several of their measures in the Legislature, when I proved conclusively that he had helped to kill them. Such action caused me to watch Mr. Pope.

Ordinarily I would pay no attention to the Lipan resolution. But since it publishes broadcast in the Standard that "my telegram to Pope showed no respect for the farming class generally" I cannot disregard so serious a statement, lest some farmer be misled. I deny the statement. I was raised on a farm, and during my entire life have kept in close touch with farmers and their many problems. Since coming to Congress, I have favored every measure that would benefit farmers, and have fought vigorously every measure against their interests.

Every newspaper reader will remember the vicious fight which Henry N. Pope made against President Wilson's re-election last fall through the Northern papers. I answered Pope then.

I am afraid the trouble now is, that a majority of the members of this Lipan Local No. 307 who voted for this resolution against me, are socialists, and they dislike the loyal support I have been giving President Wilson, and the condemnation I have heaped upon disloyal socialistic dissenters and slackers.

I want Lipan Local to ascertain exactly how many thousand of Texas Farmers' dollars Henry N. Pope has received as salary, how much he has spent in riding Pullman cars to and from Washington, how much he has spent in palacian dinners and hotels, telegrams and stenographers, and then tell me one single thing worth while he has accomplished for Texas Farmers? With such friends of farmers as Hon. George E. Courtney, of Haskell, Vice President of the Farmers Union, and with members of Congress here who are constantly alert in protecting the interests of Texas Farmers, Mr. Henry N. Pope is merely a joke. If Lipan knew how little influence he exerts here, they would retract the statement that I showed no respect for farmers, when I wired Mr. Pope to quit wasting their money. "None is so blind as he who will not see."

Sincerely,  
THOMAS L. BLANTON.

### Wheat Farmers Will Buck Price Control.

Chicago, July 15.—According to telegraphic and mail advices received on the Chicago Board of Trade, the farmers of the winter wheat belt make the claim that they will store their wheat unless a satisfactory price is paid for it. The farmers ask for a world's market for their wheat. They have received exceptionally high prices for this grain and while they can not expect that wheat will reach former high levels, they object to what they call "one-man power" in making the price for their wheat, while corn, oats, and barley are to remain in the "open" and will be competed for in case they are wanted by the importing nations.

It will become necessary for the world at large to eat more corn products. A corn crop exceeding 3,000,000,000 means there will be a great deal of this grain available for human food.

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### Home Council of Defense Organized in this County

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9. Later, aid in the formation of Home Guards.

The State Council suggests to the County Councils of Defense that committees be organized in a general way, as follows:

1. FINANCE. This committee should be a committee on ways and means, where necessary; also should be charged with the duty of raising and administering the financial matters of the Council of the County, and the handling of such financial matters as the



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Among the workers were Mr. Frank Steffy, age 71 years, and Rev. S. W. Adams, pastor of the Methodist church of Robert Lee.

### Sport Leader For Training Camp

Columbia, Mo., July 17.—C. L. Brewer, athletic director at the University of Missouri and one of the men who has made Missouri's football team famous, has been tendered the position of director of sports at Camp Funston, Officer's Training Camp, Leon Springs, Texas. Brewer will accept if he can secure leave of absence from his new position here.

Mrs. A. F. Aycock returned Tuesday from Andrews, where she had been visiting her sons.

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State Council may direct.

2. PUBLICITY. This committee should have the duty of controlling and disseminating information and carrying on the needed propaganda having to do with the work of the Council. It should also conduct the educational work found necessary by the several committees.

3. SANITATION and MEDICINE. This committee should deal with all matters relating to hygiene, medicine and sanitation.

4. FOOD SUPPLY and CONSERVATION. The supply, distribution and conservation of food, the avoidance of waste and all the other various allied subjects are assigned to this committee.

5. LABOR. This committee is concerned with the supply, distribution and welfare of labor.

6. MILITARY AFFAIRS. The primary duty of this committee will be co-operative with the Federal Government in the creation of the National Army. It should also deal with a "home guard" when authorized. When the regular army or the National Guard or both, are to be brought up to war strength an important recruiting duty will devolve upon this committee and it may also render valuable service by assisting in the selection and procuring of camp sites and facilities.

7. PROTECTION. This committee should keep a watchful oversight upon all the important points of possible danger to the State with the idea of planning and providing necessary military or civil protection.

We urgently request that your Council forthwith organize your County into precinct or such subdivisions, as conditions may warrant, having in view the creation of such a system as will enable you to reach every nook and corner of your County, every industry and interest, so that on shortest notice the State Council may reach, as nearly as possible, every citizen in the State.

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**Mary Phillips Re-elected Secretary Convention.**

Miss Mary Phillips has just returned from Austin, where she had been attending the District Clerks convention. She was presented with a nice coin purse, and was re-elected as secretary for next year. She says that the convention made a contribution of fifty dollars to the Red Cross fund.

Mrs. B. L. Friebele and children of San Angelo returned home Tuesday after visiting near Ballinger for a while.

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MAIL CARRIER SELF ROBBER

HUGO, Okla., July 17.—Carl Matthews, mail carrier at Nelson, Okla., is in jail here on a charge of cutting and deserting a United States mail sack...

At a recent meeting of the local school board the equalization board was appointed to pass on the property renditions for the Ballinger Independent School District.

Cause of Despondency. Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken.

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SCHOOL BOARD MAKES ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts and Disbursements of the Maintenance and State Funds of the Ballinger Independent School District Beginning August 31st, 1916 Ending June 30th, 1917.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts total \$17,181.37. Disbursements include Treasurers Book, Repair on buildings, Floor Oils, etc., totaling \$17,181.37.

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Mrs. Fannie West of Artesia, N. M., who had been visiting at Millersview, returned to her home Tuesday.

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