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EIGHT SUITS FOR DISTRICT COURT

During the past week several suits have been filed with District Clerk J. Fuller. The docket in the making for the next term of the district court will be an average one judging from the accumulating suits.

The following are the suits filed since the last publication of them; Bigham and Daniel vs. Wichita Valley Railway Company; suit for alleged damages. Plaintiff represented by Cunningham and Oliver.

F. E. Haynes vs. R. N. Crow et al; foreclosure of vendor lien. Plaintiff represented by J. M. Wagstaff.

George W. P. Coate vs. W. A. Stagner et al; suit for title and alleged damages. Plaintiff represented by Scarborough and Hickman.

Haskell National Bank vs. Haskell State Bank et al; suit for alleged debt. Plaintiff represented by Cunningham and Oliver and J. M. Wagstaff.

J. P. White vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Company; alleged damages. Plaintiff represented by Mahaffey and Fulwiler.

J. M. Radford Grocery Company vs. Walker-Smith Company; garnishee; garnishment. Plaintiff represented by Kirby and Davidson.

J. B. Knox vs. J. Daniel et al; suit to cancel deed. Plaintiff represented by Eugene Debogory.

W. H. Abrams vs. J. D. Culpeper; try title and for alleged damages. J. M. Wagstaff represents plaintiff.

Miss Ola Sharp is attending the summer Normal at Denton.

MEETING CALLED FOR ALUMNI ASSN.

A meeting of the Alumni of the Merkel High School is called to adopt the constitution and by-laws, as have been drawn up for approval of the Association and to adjust such other business as may come before the body at this time. Notice is hereby given the program committee and the arrangement committee to immediately prepare a place of the meeting and notify all members either personally or by phone of the place. The meeting is called for Tuesday evening Aug. 10th, and all members are requested to be present. The collection of annual dues of 50c each will be in order.

H. L. Easterwood, pres.
Pauline Johnson, sec.

Miss Maud Ferguson spent the past week with Misses Flora Hendricks and Inice Whiteside of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whiteaker spent the week end with the latter's mother Mrs. S. P. Hawkins of Dora.

Miss Madalyn Adkisson of Beaumont is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller.

J. J. French at Point of Death.

Mrs. G. W. Boyce received a message Monday morning asking her to come to Beaumont at once as her father J. J. French was at the point of death. Mrs. Boyce was not able at the time to leave on account of being sick but replied that she would leave just as soon as she was able to make the trip.

A telegram Thursday to Mrs. Boyce announced the death of Mr. French Wednesday night.

Moves Offices.

Dr. W. V. Cranford has moved his offices into the front rooms over the Farmers State Bank in connection with Burroughs Drug Store.

HELP THE CHILDREN SAYS THIS LADY

A few words in behalf of the young: I believe we have as fine boys and girls as you will find, although they are pelted here and there with stones. Whoever has given them a word of encouragement, though they are struggling hard to climb the ladder of fame, who will even lay their hands on the ladder to steady it rather give them a shake to make them think it is a ricket ladder and I am afraid to try. We are taught in the Bible to feed the babies the true sincere milk, whoever gives them a spoonful. It is the tender plant that needs the care, after they have become hardened to the sun and wind you may brush them about and they seem the worse; but it would bruise the tender plant and cause it to wither.

Often we hear the remark made by christians we should be getting ready for our protracted meeting, I think we should sow the seed in its season and cultivate them day by day so when the harvest comes we may reap a golden grain. We read in the Bible, it is better to have a mill-stone tied about our neck than offend one of these little ones. Now let us be up and doing; there is no time to waste, the Lord has no place for idlers there is work for all, enter into the vineyard of the Lord and work for the Master and the young people are very apt to follow. Aunt Bettie.

A Resolution of Sympathy.

When as it has pleased the Consul Commander of the universe to summon Little Lewis Meeks the youngest son of Sov. John Meeks and his beloved Companion across the Crystal Sea to take up his abode in the Palace of the skies:—Therefore be it resolved that the Blair Camp 2912 W. O. W. extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavment, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the camp and be published in the Merkel Mail, also a copy be furnished the bereaved parents for whose comfort we point them to "Him" who doeth all things well.

Committee:

W. A. Campbell
F. D. Addison
R. L. Porter.

CLIPINGS OF DAILIES STATE AND OUT OF STATE NEWS

The first ocean liner passed through the Gutan locks of the Panama Canal Monday with success. This was the first test given the electric towing locomotives.

Prisoners in the county jail at Dallas were found to have thirty three saws in their possession Sunday. The discovery was made after two windows had already been severed.

C. W. Bratton former tax-collector of Falls county has given bond at Marlin, to answer nineteen grand jury indictments alleging misuse of the state and county funds. Civil suits are pending in Falls county for the recovery of \$27,000.

Three men were drowned at Lake Wichita near Wichita Falls Sunday. One man was drowned about midnight Saturday night and the other two were drowned Sunday in attempting to swim from their boat to the shore. Two of the bodies were recovered.

Train wreckers rolled a huge steam roller on the Katy railroad tracks at Watauga Monday night and wrecked a south bound freight train. The engineer and fireman escaped with their lives by jumping. The engine was turned completely over and a car of cattle next to the engine was turned over without any of them being injured.

Two children were fearfully burned at Waco Tuesday by the explosion of a five gallon can of gasoline. One of them is expected to die.

San Angelo wool growers have refused all bids on wool owing to the price being too low. San Angelo is probably the largest wool market in the southern part of the United States and the market opened there recently.

HARVEST GOES ON DAY AND NIGHT

The Merkel country has been the busiest the last few days it probably has ever been. Farmers who have had grain to cut have been losing no time in their work. In many places the grain harvest during the last few days has gone on day and night and in many places in the Merkel country reapers and mowers could be seen at work Sunday.

The demand for farm labor was never greater at this time of the year and a man wanting work in the Merkel country need not go far in his pursuit. The call is at every hand and the prices are very reasonable.

Mesdames Ed R. Wallace and J. W. Jennings left Saturday for Plainview to attend the North West Texas Woman's Missionary Conference.

Is Still in the Race.

The reports has reached me during the last few days that I had withdrawn from the race for Cotton Weigher at this place. This report is misleading and I write this to let my friends know I am still in the race and will continue until the polls are closed July 25.

Respectfully,
Chas. Bankhead.

Car Load of Hogs.

We will have a car load of hogs and pigs at Merkel Friday and Saturday. The stock is good and will be on sale at the stock pens. Come in and get your pork supply. Scarborough & Coggin.

BUYS THRASHER FOR MERKEL GRAIN

J. M. Dann of Route 2, who purchased the Boney place some time ago has bought a large Oil Pull Case Thrasher and will have the machine here in a short time for work in the Merkel country.

J. H. Evans of Dallas, agent for the Case Thrashers, sold the machine through the Anchor Mercantile Co., and was in the city the first of the week looking over the Merkel grain crop. He states that the machine Mr. Dann has purchased will have a capacity of 3,000 to 4,000 bushels per day.

Four Licenses to Wed.

Judging from the record which has already been made during the past eight days of June, the observer would be convinced that this month will be one of the banner months during the twelve months for the number of licenses issued,

S. A. Duckett and Miss Minnie Harris.
B. M. Holland and Miss Eris Manning.
W. R. Yates and Miss Laverna McNeas.
W. H. Muston and Miss Ema Pritchard.—Abilene Reporter.

The Church of Christ.

We appreciate the audience of last Lord's Day and their splendid attention. We earnestly solicit your presence at all of our services.

I will preach at Trent next Lord's Day, June 14th, and at Merkel again Sunday June 21st, at 11 a. m., and 8:45 p. m. Subject for the third Lord's Day, June 21st, as follows: 11 a. m. "Cain and Able," at 8:45 "The Importance of the church."

We welcome you. Come study, sing and pray with us. J. M. Rice, Evangelist.

Mrs. L. Balch and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter of Odesa.

Miss Carrie Acuff who has been attending the Abilene Christian College enroute to her home at Lubbock spent several days with Miss Maud Ferguson the past week.

Drue Cathey of Colorado City spent Sunday in our city visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Calvert and family.

PROS WIN IN JONES COUNTY

Stamford, June 6—Prohibition in Jones county carried today by a majority of three to one. The votes received tonight shows 1489 for local option and 448 against. The county has never had a licensed saloon, and the election was called on the petition of the antis. The campaign has been a very quiet one. The vote is surprisingly large, considering the busy time for the farmers. Only one box in the county gave an anti majority, it being a small one. Stamford, Hamlin and Anson, the three largest towns of the county, gave large pro majorities.

Fireboys Notice.

All fireboys and hereby given notice that their absence from three meetings serves to automatically drop their names from membership to that body. The failure to pay dues is also a regulation of similar penalty.

Abilene to Merkel Hike.

Three Abilene children Geo. Paxton Jr., Eugene Wood Jr., and Miss Mildred Paxton, ages 12, 12 and 15 respectfully wishing to visit their aunt Mrs. J. T. Warren last week walked from Abilene to Merkel, making the time of six hours. They had several chances to ride in autos but refused the offers. They remained in the city until Monday returning in J. T. Warren's auto.

Mrs. Rutter of Dallas and Misses Mina and Helen Cox of Abilene came in Monday to visit their aunt Mrs. Geo. F. West for a few days.

66 MERKELITES ADVERTISED FREE

According to a statement issued by the Retail Merchants Association of this city for last month's record of accounts there appears the names of 66 Merkel people who are behind with their accounts at one or more places in the town. These lists have been distributed to all the merchants who are members of the association and in a few moments a man can tell whether a person wanting credit is keeping up with his accounts or not, in that way the merchant has a way of protecting his sales.

According to the list there are 25 people in Merkel who are reported by only one member of the association as being behind with their accounts. There are 9 people behind at two places in the town, 4 people behind at three places, 6 persons behind at four places, 5 persons behind at five places, 9 persons behind at 6 places, 2 persons behind at seven places, 3 persons behind at eight places, 1 person behind at nine places, 1 person behind at ten and 1 behind at twelve.

This record is given out every month and the delinquent payers are given free advertising as poor pay in every store in town.

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MERKEL COUNTRY GROWS ALFALFA

Viewing five acres of alfalfa on the J. T. Warren farm three miles east of Merkel Wednesday afternoon made the writer a strong believer in the possibilities of that feed in this country.

No estimate can be given as to what the yield will be per acre until the crop is mowed and baled. The first cutting of the alfalfa for this year will begin Saturday and the owners will find an almost solid growth from 20 to 30 inches in height. C. W. Higgins is farming the place.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Names of Contestants and their Standing in Merkel Mail Voting Contest up to Thursday June 4th.

Miss Mae Grayson	2400 votes
Miss Gertrude Plyant	1200 votes
Miss Ida Taylor	1100 votes
Miss Halie Moore	1100 votes
Miss Bettie Peterson	1200 votes
Miss Effie Duke	1000 votes
Miss Lula Cogburn	1000 votes
Miss Pearl Baccus	1700 votes

The three prizes these young ladies have been entered as contestants for are now on display at the ELITE CONFECTIONARY. If you are interested call and see the three machines, the \$75.00 Grafonola and the \$50.00 and \$25.00 Graphophones. Read the Mail and help your friends win a prize

Geo. F. West was in Abilene Tuesday, appearing before the Equalization board.

Jno. West who has been attending the Texas Christian University returned home Saturday for the summer.



FOR SALE.—Good wood cook stove
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WANTED. Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent.

STENOGRAPHER—Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

LOST. One 34x3 1/2 auto tire and rim between Trent and east of Merkel at some point, finder please notify T. V. Woodroof, Sweetwater, Texas.

Nubia.

Most everyone have their crops planted and up calling for help but cannot get any.

Mrs. A. Hunter and daughter Mrs. Cox was in Nubia Monday.

John and Walter Hunter, Roy Cogburn and sister Miss Lula and Ernest Moore of Blair spent several happy hours Sunday afternoon with Misses Stanleys.

Mr. Cargill was in Merkel on business Monday.

Quite a crowd is talking of attending church at Blair Sunday.

BIG BADGER FIGHT WEDNESDAY MORN.

One of the notorious Texas Badger Fights was pulled off in the confines of our little town Wednesday morning and about 200 representatives of the city were present to see the melees.

It all came about Tuesday night when one Jno. J. O'Brien of New York, formerly of England, came into our town with other traveling men who had been telling him of the possibility of there being a badger fight here. Mr. O'Brien was very much enthused over the prospects of the fight, having seen many in England and being a lover of good dogs was strongly in favor of having it while he was in the town. He was instructed by his friends to bet on the badger as there was no dog that could whip one. Promptly at 10:30 Wednesday everything having been arranged at the Groene airdome the crowd assembled to see the fun, the writer had the pleasure of holding a big mastiff dog at a safe distance and went so far as to put up a little on the dog. No person could be found who was not betting on the fight until Mr. O'Brien was called on, he had not placed any money and agreed to pull the badger if someone would tell him how. There was not a hitch in the game anywhere, his only statement after it was over was that he hoped the crowd enjoyed it.

Mr. O'Brien is in this section of the country for his first time, representing the Butterwick Publishing Co. (That's why we say, there's one born every minute in the day.)

RECEIVES COMMISSION OF OFFICE

H. C. Williams received his Commission as postmaster at Merkel last week and there now remain only a transfer of the office from the present postmaster Mr. Derstine to Mr. Williams and Merkel will be getting mail under a full fledged Democrat.

While Mr. Derstine's term of office expires June 22, he probably will hold the office until the first of July in order to have the quarterly and semi-annual reports and the final reports of the office under his administration. It has not been announced by the Republican party just what they will do with Mr. Derstine.



The Telephone "S. O. S." Saved the Farm

"One day last fall my wife and I started for a drive, leaving the house deserted. A short while after we'd passed Jones' place, Mrs. Jones saw smoke coming from our roof.

"She ran to the telephone—Go! Mrs. Reed who operates the switchboard located in her home. Mrs. Reed called all the nearby people on the line (two long rings—the emergency signal,) and they put the fire out with little damage."

A Telephone on the Farm connected with the Bell System is a protection and safe-guard in all emergencies.

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. 4-R-14.

Oats 3 Cents per Bundle.

I have a quantity of oats for sale at three cents per bundle. Write me, Route 1 Merkel or come to see me if you are interested. J. A. Woodard.

Rufus McNees formerly of this city who has been connected with the city schools of Marshal during the past two years came in last week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNees. Mr. McNees has again been elected to the Marshal schools but will not return there until after vacation time.

Miss Mabel Collins left Saturday night for Commanche where she will visit her cousin Miss Florence Collins for a short time.

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For Representative from Taylor County
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TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

For County Judge:
E. M. Overshiner.

For Sheriff:
Geo. M. Cauthen
W. F. (Frank) Whaley
T. T. Spann
J. T. Dodson

For District Clerk:
J. Fuller (re-election)
J. N. Routh

For County Clerk:
A. H. Balch
Miss Fannie Tippett
J. D. Hilton

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider (re-election)
W. F. Dillard

For County Treasurer:
G. B. (Blue) Tittle (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
T. R. Lassiter
E. D. Coats
J. L. Banner

For Weigher
P. C. Jones
J. M. Garrett
C. C. Bankhead
R. H. Dean
Jim M. Toombs

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For County Judge:
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

If you want berries for canning purposes place your order with Conner & Rogers.

Sacks loaned and the highest prices paid for your grain. J. D. Gaither.

L. E. Adrain, banker from Trent was in the city Monday.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Holland Teaff returned home Saturday from Baylor where he has been in school. He expects to take a special course in general farming and hay making on his fathers place in the Salt Branch country.

I have made arrangement to loan the farmers sacks to handle their grain with. J. D. Gaither.

Wear a Palmbeach suit and keep cool. The Star Store.

Mrs. M. A. Dowdy was in Trent this week visiting her sister Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

See me and tell me how many sacks you will need for your grain at thrashing time. J. D. Gaither.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis returned from Dallas Sunday evening where Mrs. Dennis has been for several days under treatment at a sanitarium. Mr. Dennis reported Mrs. Dennis improved to an extent and had conditions promising for a recovery.

See R. E. Hall before selling your butter, produce and hides. Rear J. T. Dennis' store.

Remember I am in rear of J. T. Dennis' store and still paying highest cash price for butter, eggs, poultry and hides.

Merkel Country Good.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodroof and W. R. Walker came in from Belview Tuesday at noon making the trip through the country in Mr. Woodroof's E. M. F. car.

Both Mr. Woodroof and Mr. Walker state Merkel and the surrounding country is looking good as compared with the sections of the state they have seen. They credit the Haskell county with having better grain than the Merkel country but we are ahead of them on cotton and other feed stuff. According to Mr. Woodroof's statement the roads between here and Wichita Falls are almost impassable in places for an auto.

I have made arrangement to loan the farmers sacks to handle their grain with. J. D. Gaither.

Supply yourself with grain sacks from J. D. Gaither, and get the top price for your grain.

Miss Daisy Hogan of Mount Pleasant was here shopping Tuesday.

Golden Rod makes your cow give more milk. G. M. Sharp.

See R. E. Hall before selling your butter, produce and hides. Rear J. T. Dennis' store.

Mrs. T. L. Barnett of Midlothian came in Tuesday to visit Mrs. J. R. Barnett of this place.

See me and tell me how many sacks you will need for your grain at thrashing time. J. D. Gaither.

Good Maize For Sale.

I still have some good maize at \$23.00 per ton. T. L. Wallace, Trent, Texas.

RETAIL MERCHANTS MEET JULY 6-7-8-9

Among the speakers who will address the retail Merchants of Texas during the forthcoming convention of the state association in Galveston, July 6, 7, 8, and 9, is H. C. Burke, Jr., of Ft. Worth. He will discuss the problems that are most important to the retail grocery man and is eminently qualified to handle the subject.

Joseph J. Stern of San Antonio is another Texas merchant who will address the convention. His talk will have to do with the chief problems which are at present confronting the general retailer. He is a merchant of long and wide experience.

It will not be business exclusively for those who attend the convention, however. Information comes from Galveston to the effect that there will be any number of intertainment features in which the guests to the city will be expected to participate. Among these will be a boat ride on the Gulf of Mexico, a typical Galveston shore dinner, bathing parties and automobile trips to points of interest.

Committees in charge of affairs at Galveston are hard at work perfecting details and it is certain that those who attend the convention will not have much opportunity for spending a dull moment.

Railroad rates for the convention are very attractive.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

Why send your hats off to be cleaned when Martin will do it for less.

Mrs. J. I. Gilliland of Fort Worth came in last week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mims.

Don't forget to bring your produce to the Merkel Bargain Store, and get the best market price for your goods, at the same time give you bargains in anything you want to buy. W. P. Duckett.

Remember the Presbyterian Ladies market at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Store Saturday.

Mrs. G. I. Gorman of Dallas came in Wednesday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

G. M. Sharp has more Golden Rod feed.

E. V. White formerly of this place was again in our city for a few moments Wednesday morning visiting friends and on business. Mr. White is now connected with the state State University in the Department of Extension.

Golden Rod is the best mixed feed made. Buy it from G. M. Sharp.

Remember I am in rear of J. T. Dinnis' store and still paying highest cash price for butter, eggs, poultry and haides.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin returned to her home Tuesday after a short visit with her father J. T. Howard of this place.

Entire Stock Columbian Wyandotte chickens for sale O. M. Sharp at Sharp's Store.

Mrs. W. M. Gaddy was in Abilene Tuesday visiting friends.

Supply yourself with grain sacks from J. D. Gaither and get the top price for your grain.

Flour 50c A Sack

Saturday June 13th we will again sell one sack "BOUQUET" FLOUR for only 50 cents. Customers must purchase dry goods to the amount of \$9.50 or more

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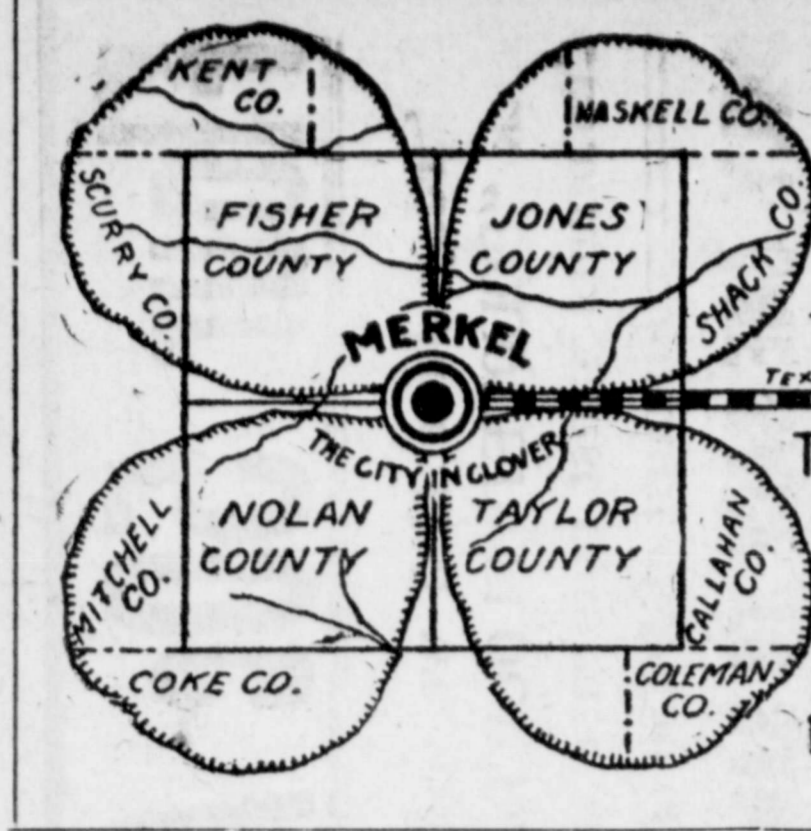
Has not, for the smallest part of a second, lost one iota of its first days marvelous interest to the host that has daily thronged our store despite the unusual activities in the fields. It is a sale without precedent in the annals of merchandising, offering to the public, in season, and without reserve, the myriad thousands of unpretentious wholesome bargains

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

THE NEWLAND BILL.

The Newland Bill proposes the creation of a Federal Interstate Trade Commission, composed of five members, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party, proposes.

To regulate and investigate organized business, financial condition, conduct, management and its relation to other corporations engaged in commerce. To make rules, regulations and classifications of corporations. To prohibit any corporation or association from holding stock in a competitive business. That it shall be unlawful for any director of one corporation to hold stock in a competitive association or corporation. Mr. Newlands goes of like a new cannon in proposing the term of office for the commissioners who constitute the board, he will have them appointed for terms of seven years each at a salary of \$10,000 a year, a secretary is to be provided for the commission at a salary of \$5,000 an assistant secretary at the salary of \$4,000 per year; a total expenditure of \$79,000 per year on the commission and they are empowered to employ such attorneys, examiners and special agents as may from time to time be appropriated for by Congress. In substance the appropriations by Congress seem to be Mr. Newlands idea of getting the work of the commission dispatched while the members of the board get the pie. The bill like many others at their first presentation, seems to need a lot of attention and revision before its passage if passed at all.

The fear of what depression may be given small business over the country upon immediate passage of this bill is causing merchants and small business men to appeal to their senators against passage of the measure at the present from the fact that every small business over the country will be either effected directly or indirectly and will cause much embarrassment in small business.

TOO MUCH LEGISLATION.

The many measures proposed by the administration during the past year have met much support and have found easy sailing in becoming laws but there seems to be no stopping place along the road to regulating the business affairs of the country and one of the latest measures to come up is the promised Senate Bill 4160 an amendment in the nature of a substitute bill and is proposed by Senator Newlands chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

Senator Newlands proposes to have the bill made a part of the unfinished business and bring it up next week in the senate. His proposition is meeting with opposition both in senate and from over the country in general. The bill proposes a federal trade commission to regulate the business of corporations over the country in general, in fact every corporation would come under supervision of the federal board and the opposition to

Senator Newlands proposal is that more time is needed to work it out before the country in general, which is just beginning to adjust itself to the other regularity measures already enacted, shall be forced to adjust itself to the passage of this bill. From all parts of the country opposition to this bill is being presented and special interest is being taken by the small business men over the country to have passage of this bill deferred. Its immediate passage is pointed as being the most dangerous peice of legislation enacted in the closing hours of great deliberate bodies.

According to the Ft. Worth Record of Monday there is strong sentiment in the senate to pass merely the trade commission bill and adjourn, the belief being that such legislation is sufficient at the present. Small business men seem scared over the passage of the bill and protests are being filed with Senators Sheppard any Culberson from this section of the country against it's immediate passage.

SOLUTION OF EVERY PROBLEM.

The church is an organization whose function is extend to humanity its aid, sympathy, consolation and love; to give to those in need rather than to take as much from the world as it can. The church has been lowered in the estimation of the world by its begging, by its trying to get something out of the world, instead of administering to the needs of humanity. The idea of having services in a church one day every week and for six days having their doors locked in contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. A church should at all times stand with doors wide open to administer to the needs of the human race. A church never loses by giving. It does lose by locking its doors. This old world is dying for sympathy and love. Thousands need consolation and cheer. A christian should not be so overwhelmed in his business and social affairs as to neglect his neighbor who has just recently come from his home in another state and who needs a word of cheer and comfort to reconcile him to his new surroundings.

The apostles of Jesus Christ were attentive to the physical and spiritual needs of the lame man. They first administered to his physical wants, and then they presented their Savior, Jesus Christ, to him. It is a difficult proposition to induce a man to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior when that man is in misery and want of the necessities of life. Today we should follow the example of the apostles in first administering to the physical wants of a man, thereby rendering him capable of properly listening to the presentation of Jesus Christ. Our needs are many, but our greatest need is that of having Jesus Christ as our Savior. It is the solution of every problem.—Abilene Democrat.

Claud Callan of the Star Telegram says there is an automobile to ever ninty one persons in the United States and that he is in with the ninty and while W. J. Bryan once said a man could afford to be in the minority, the present case is one where it is impossible, Same here. Claud also lauds a young lady in New York who blacked the eyes of a masher for addressing her in some endearing term. However he states he would not make a selection of a lifes partner who was such a skillful prize fighter.

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**JAS. E. FERGUSON'S
 FORT WORTH SPEECH**

After Mr. Ferguson had extended his compliments to the people of Fort Worth for the hearty reception accorded him, he entered into a discussion of the issues of the campaign.

He gave a short statement of his private life, showing that he was a native born Texan and raised amid humble surroundings. He gave an account of his early struggles as a laborer in vineyards of California, and teamster on the largest grain ranch in the world, and as a helper in the placer mines in the Rocky mountains as a roustabout in a barbed wire factory in San Francisco and as a laborer in the quartz mines of Nevada and Colorado.

He also told of his service as a humble railroad man and paid a high tribute to the dignity of labor.

He told of his experience as a country lawyer and as a country banker. He stated that he had been a farmer and stock raiser for the past ten years and that he had an ambition to be the biggest turkey raiser in Central Texas. He spoke along the lines of his Blum speech in reference to the question of education and called attention to the necessity of a more efficient system of rural education. He said that we can never attain the ideal of "back to the farm" until we make country education equal to town education.

He discussed the penitentiary system, advocating the placing of the convict farms in the hands of business farmers. He said too much attention was being given to the reformation of prisoners and not enough attention was being given to the law-abiding citizens. Quoting from Peter Radford, whom he styled the Farmer Philosopher of Texas, he said: "Let government assist those who plead for opportunity, rather than consume off our energies upon those who scorn the privileges of manhood. Let us turn our attention from the delinquents and incorrigibles to the worthy and ambitious citizen, struggling to feed anj clothe his family and educate his children and own his home."

Mr. Ferguson also discussed the railroad question, stating that the railroads were a public necessity which must be maintained for the public good in a high degree of efficiency. He also said that the interests of the roads and the interests of the public were identical and that if the railroads would pay attention to the small matters of convenience to the public, that the people would do the right thing about railroad rates. He stated that railroad rates should not be decreased, because they were entitled to earn a fair return upon their investment, and further stated that a decrease of railroad rates would cause a decrease in the wages of the railroad men.

Mr. Ferguson declared that he was in favor of what is known as a fair full crew bill, and he stated that the safety of the traveling public, as well as the just demands of the trainmen of the state, required legislation along this line.

Mr. Ferguson also discussed the need of public warehouses and the establishment of a special department in the office of the commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of giving out reliable information as to cotton consumption, cotton supply and cotton demand. In this connection he said the government can perform no greater service for the people than to provide a system whereby the cotton raiser may be enabled to store and hold his crop until the right time comes for him to sell, and provide him with authentic information so that he can when the right time comes. With this with some degree of intelligence he will no longer be at the mercy of those who would buy their cotton at less than its market value.

Mr. Ferguson entered into an extended discussion of the landlord and tenant plank in his platform. He said that he wanted the legislature to provide a law to prevent a land owner from collecting a rent of more than the one-third of the grain or the one-fourth of the cotton, except where the landlord furnished all the teams and tools to make the crop, in which event a rent of one-half might be collected. He referred to history to show that the fall of all nations was attended with the concentration of ownership of land, and the collection of unfair rents. He stated that the government had as much right to regulate rents as it had to regulate interest. He stated that the tenant citizenship of Texas had really contributed to the making of high land values in Texas and that they ought now not to be required to pay a rent which would impair their ability to feed and clothe their family and educate their children.

By way of explanation of his landlord and tenant plank, Mr. Ferguson explained to the people of Fort Worth that in substance his law for the protection of the tenant was one in which the people of the cities are interested as well as those who live in the country; that laws have been passed to prevent the man in the city from lending money at high rates of interest to the city know just what is meant by the loan shark, and he stated that his landlord and tenant law was to relieve the tenant from the extortion of the land shark; that the land owner in the country who rented his land at a reasonable rent had no more to fear from this law than the business man in the city who loaned money at reasonable rates had to fear from the usury law.

Mr. Ferguson in accordance with his previous declaration said that he would veto any liquor legislation proposed by either pro or anti faction, and said that present laws for the regulation of the liquor traffic were sufficient. He discussed at length the necessity of giving Texas a business man's administration, and putting her institutions upon a sound financial basis. Mr. Ferguson then took up the opening speech and candidacy of his opponent, Thomas H. Ball, and among other things said: "Thus, my friends, in simple words

I want you to make me governor. And I am quite sure that the people of Texas are now ready to approve the principles for which I stand.

"But every man must have opposition. The true test of man and measures is their ability to stand the fire of criticism. When I announced for this great office, I knew that the ordeal of criticism and opposition must be undergone and endured.

An open discussion of the issues of any campaign is always good for the people. It gives them a chance to become informed as to the real issue in the campaign, and by the information brought out in public discussions the people can become better informed to pass upon the question of which candidate is the best fitted to serve them.

When Mr. Ball announced for governor of Texas I challenged him through the press for a joint discussion of the issues of the campaign. He declined, which of course he had a right to do, and I am not blaming him for his action. Shortly after that I opened my campaign, and I never mentioned his name once in my entire speech, but I discussed the merits of my own candidacy. After that, on the 21st day of April, Mr. Ball opened his campaign at Greenville, and before a vast audience he discussed me, both in a personal way and in a political way. His speech began with a criticism of my platform and ended with an adroit attempt to avoid a fair discussion of the issues which I had raised. This being true, I think I am fully justified in discussing him, his campaign and the principles for which he stands.

Tom Ball will go down in history as the biggest political straddler that ever lived. His opening speech, like that novel garment which the ladies wear, the "Mother Hubbard," covers everything but touches nothing.

Tell me why the Lord made the man on the fence, and I will tell you "How old is Ann?"

Tom Ball, the railroad lawyer and the no-ideaed candidate, has had his say, and let me tell you about it.

In the first place, his speech must be the greatest disappointment to the Simon pure prohibitionists that they have ever met. His sop to the anti-prohibitionists is an insult to their intelligence, and whatever respect they may have had for him as a man he has now lost by his offer to surrender his political views to get a few thousand anti votes.

If he is a Democrat, then W. P. Lane is not. If Tom Ball is a true prohibitionist then Morris Sheppard is a traitor to the Democratic party. I must acknowledge my gratitude to the Fort Worth convention for giving me such easy opposition in nominating a candidate who stands for nothing, and is nothing, politically.

If Tom Ball is a Democrat then the Fort Worth convention that nominated him was not a meeting of Democrats. If the Fort Worth convention was a meeting of Democrats, then he has betrayed their trust and has turned his back upon the only declaration of principles which they made. If the Fort Worth convention was not a meeting of Democrats, then Tom Ball is running on the wrong ticket.

If the Fort Worth convention was right in unanimously declaring for national prohibition as the deliberate judgment of the prohibition leaders of Texas, then Tom Ball, running on a platform specifically declaring against national prohibition ought in all consistency to resign his nomination. Everybody knows that if he had made the same speech at Fort Worth convention that nominated him that he made at Greenville, he would have had no more chance to have gotten the prohibition nomination than he would have had to fly to the moon.

Yea, verily. Not "before the cock has crowed thrice has the master been denied," but before the cock ever got a chance to crow at all this political Peter has jumped the fence and turned his back upon his friends.

What and how that good lady, Mrs. Curtis, who has really fought the battles of prohibition, thinks and feels when this great corporation candidate now puts a new hymn book in her hand and tells her that hereafter she must sing a new tune.

What do you suppose Brother Rankin and Brother Gambrell thought when Tom Ball and Tom Love and Tom Jones and Tom Campbell and all the other political tomcats in Texas, told them they had to back up on the three-mile law, the five-mile law and statutory prohibition in order to keep a few anti's in line in South Texas, who knew too much about Tom Ball's club record?

Sincere prohibitionists must now agree that they had better have nominated W. P. Lane, who stood for everything, than Tom Ball, who now stands for nothing.

I appeal to the Democrats of Texas, whether you be pro or anti, and ask you the plain question: "Is it not better to elect me on my clear cut declaration to stop the prohibition agitation, than to elect a man who is willing to trim his political kite to every passing wind?"

Tom Ball says that he stands on the Democratic platform which says that a man's views on prohibition shall not be a test of a man's Democracy. And he further says that the Democratic party is not committed to national prohibition or state prohibition. Yet he goes to Fort Worth and accepts the nomination of a party convention declaring specifically for national prohibition and providing that no one could sit in the convention but prohibitionists.

A peculiar kind of Democracy indeed that this gentleman has set up in Texas. Tom Ball, my friends, is either mentally unbalanced or he is that kind of a political trickster that will stand for anything to get office.

President Wilson says that prohibition should never be made a part of a party program. And that prohibition is essentially non-political and non-partisan.

And yet this white ribbon reformer runs on the ticket of a convention making national and state prohibition the paramount issue. Who is the best Democrat, Tom Ball or Woodrow Wilson?

Running as the nominee of a different party with a different principle and a different date of holding an election from the regular Democratic party election in Texas, and yet he has the nerve to call himself a Democrat.

I tell you my friends, it is time for real Democrats to wake up and rally round the grand old Democratic flag.

and recent anti-repeal tax returns hands that are sought to be laid upon it. I call to arms the Democratic yomanry of Texas to take your stand upon the watch towers of an untried Democracy, and if needs be lay your political fortunes upon the altar of your country's good.

Let us scourge from the Democratic ranks in Texas those who would destroy our grand old party by raising issues which have no place in a Democratic home. Let us meet the issue and let it be understood that the party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Coke Mills, Sul Ross and Jim Hogg still lives and will ever be the champion of the people's rights and liberties.

He did say one thing, however. "It is safer to judge a man by what he has done than by what he proposes to do when making a platform to run for office." By this statement, and his public utterances and political actions, I shall try him before the bar of public opinion, and he can by these facts be condemned in the sight of all good citizenship.

He says the liquor dealers and breweries should forfeit their license if any agent, officer or employe should contribute to any candidate or campaign fund. Now, my friends, I find no fault with this statement. But the question with me is: When did Tom Ball reform?

In the year 1900 that great commoner, Jim Hogg urged the Waco convention to pass the following amendment to the state constitution, to-wit: "That corporations should not directly or indirectly, contribute money or anything of value to any political party or to any campaign expense." The people of Texas well remember that it was none other than this same would-be white ribbon reformer, Tom Ball, now candidate for governor who opposed this amendment and led and inspired one of the bitterest political mobs that ever disgraced a Texas convention in their efforts to cry down one of the greatest governors Texas ever had.

Mr. Ball, in his Houston speech, published in the Dallas News of May 2, declared that there was no truth in my statement that he led and inspired one of the bitterest mobs that ever disgraced a political convention. He further stated that there was not a line in either the Dallas News or the Dallas News, which reported the proceedings of the Waco convention, that would bear out my statement that he led and inspired a political mob. Now my friends, I do not want to bother you with a question of veracity between Mr. Ball and myself, but I want to read you what Governor Hogg said about the crowd that Tom Ball was leading in the convention, and let you determine whether Tom Ball as the henchman of the corporations was not leading a mob in that convention. As Tom Ball seems so anxious now to acknowledge his devotion to the lamented Hogg, I do not suppose he would question Governor Hogg's veracity. I read from the Dallas News of August 10, 1900, and I want you to hear what Governor Hogg said: Mr. Hogg again took the floor. "I see a lot of lop eared scoundrels here," he said, "who don't want to hear free speech. A man base enough," he shouted, amid wild confusion, "a man who is cowardly enough, who is base enough not to hear a speech is not a Democrat, and is a fool besides." (Cheers and great confusion.) "I will stay here until I can be heard." (Cheers.) "I rise to speak for the people of Texas, whom you are misrepresenting. The issue ought to concern you who are hallowing as the henchmen of corporations." (Cheers.) "I speak for your posterity, you cowardly scoundrels. (Cheers.) I speak for those who are at home, while you are here trying to tear down your institutions by your villainy here tonight. (Cheers.) I have faced a mob when the mob had the nerve to face me, and I never shrunk from death, and no lot of white-livered curs can suppress my views in a Democratic convention."

That is what Governor Hogg said about the crowd that Tom Ball was leading as their duly elected and selected floor manager and speaker in that convention.

And now he comes to further insult the memory of that great man by shedding tears before a convention when he tries to hide his action in that disgraceful gathering. And he tries to say that he was with Hogg in that convention.

If it is wrong now to contribute to campaign funds why was it not wrong then for railroad corporations to do the same thing.

Well may we agree that "It is safer to judge a man by what he has done than by what he proposes to do when writing a platform to run for office on."

At the same convention Hogg urged also this amendment: "That corporations should not pay any lobby or lobbyist any money or anything of value as salary or otherwise, and should require every voucher, draft or payment of money to show on its face what it was given for." Tom Ball was against that, in his speech against it he said: "There is an amendment there, and so help me God I would let this right hand be severed at the shoulder, before I would ever vote to support it. Governor Hogg knows that Texas is the least ridden by corporations and fear of bossism than any other state in the union."

And listen, he said further—I quote from the Dallas News of August 10, 1900: "What is this proposition? That if any corporation should send its agent or other person to Austin for the purpose of influencing or preventing legislation that it shall forfeit its charter. Talk about confiscation. That is a proposition that is an iniquitous as any ever presented to a Democratic convention."

to mean the big railroad corporations of Texas.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, in the language of Ball: "It is safer to judge a man by what he has done than by what he proposes to do when making a platform to run for office on."

Hogg also in that convention wanted to put all corporations under the supervision of the state, he wanted to keep insolvent corporations from doing business in Texas; he wanted to prevent corporations from issuing fictitious stocks and bonds; he wanted to keep railroad corporations from issuing any free passes; yet the now great white ribbon apostle fought and vigorously opposed all these amendments, and soon thereafter went into the hired employ of the very corporations whom he protected in that convention, and he has been in their employ as their devoted servant from that day until his nomination for governor, when he had to resign his connections with the corporations before he was respectably eligible to even run for governor. I continue to run a country bank and farm without apology to anyone, though I am a candidate.

Tom Ball says: "Boys, I have been in bad company for about twenty years and I have been working for the corporations, but if you will elect me governor, I won't do so any more."

A man who has to apologize for the business he is in certainly has no right to have the high honor of governor. And yet he says that this is not a fight of the corporations against the people.

Never in the history of this great state was there a more deliberate design by iniquitous intention to sell the poor's into the hands of the big corporations like sheep to the shambles.

Tom Ball says I have changed my attitude toward the railroad corporations. I deny it. I said in my opening speech that I was willing to treat them right if they would treat the people right. I say so then, I say so now. But they must stay out of the people's business, I warn the big railroad officials of this state if they don't quit meddling with the right of the farmer, the business men and the laboring men to elect a governor from their ranks, and if they attempt to foist their candidate upon the people of this state, their troubles are just beginning, and the breach between them and the people will never be closed.

Everybody in Texas now knows and believes that when the people snow Tom Ball under next July, as they are supposed to do, he will land back with the railroads in twenty-four hours. When he is defeated he will land back in their office. If by accident he should be elected, they will land in his office.

Everybody in Texas knows that this thing of paying Tom Ball \$20,000 a year by the railroad corporations for his services as a lawyer, is the biggest joke that was ever played on a trusting public. There is not a county seat in Texas but what has at least one lawyer, and some places have many more lawyers, that in every way excel him as a lawyer. The railroad corporations of Texas hired Congressman Ball, and not Lawyer Ball.

He says I am appealing to prejudice. I tell you I am appealing to the truth, and everybody knows it.

Tom Ball says my law to regulate rents is unscientific, unsound and illegal. He told Hogg in 1900 that his proposed law was also illegal and would not stand in the courts. And yet Hogg's amendments are on the statute books today and the courts say they are good.

Now, I would like to know how he ever found out that it was scientific for a landlord to charge more rent than a third of the grain and a fourth of the cotton. And how did he ever find out that it was unscientific to keep the landlord from charging any more? When and how did he learn that it was unsound to keep the landlords of this country from collecting a pound of flesh?

great lawyer would render you one of his \$20,000 opinions, and say that it is not confiscation or subject to fundamental objection.

Now this is certainly going some. I merely contend that the government has a right to prevent oppression and extortion of the majority of the people, yet this great preserver of private rights says that the government can take the title to your land against your will and sell it to your neighbor.

But listen to this great statesman. He is in favor of the exemption of all lands from state taxation. In other words, he is willing to exempt the land owners from paying taxes to the state and leave them free to charge any old rent they can collect. This is that square deal, and not one inch more, that he talks about.

Again, he is in favor of permitting the incorporation of land companies with power to hold land for sale to home owners, and he proposes to limit the amount of profits such companies can make, and at the same time he criticizes me for wanting to limit the profit an individual can collect as rent.

It is absolutely thick-headed ignorance to say that the government could limit profits to be made in a land transaction, and then say that the government cannot limit the rent on land.

But listen: I want to show you where the big lumber corporations got \$200 worth. Their candidate, Tom Ball, says there millions of acres of land in East Texas, which the home owners cannot buy, and all it needs is for the public school funds of Texas to be loaned to farmers, and they can all get a home in East Texas. He says the state could furnish a million a year for this purpose.

I do not object to these lumber companies wanting to sell their cut-over lands and load the state with a debt that the farmer could never work out if they put it over, but the people of Texas are not going to elect a governor to stand in with any such scheme.

This whole forty acres and a mule land idea of Tom Ball is so coarse that it would not fool a free nigger.

Yes, I say again that this big windy theory about the government loaning money to buy homes will not do anybody any good. It is the immediate relief which a restriction of rentals will bring about that the farmer needs. This will not only prevent oppression but will destroy the incentive to own lands except for home occupation.

Now, Tom Ball says that the brewers will support me, because I have promised to veto all liquor legislation. Yes, I promised every man in Texas in an open platform that we will stop this row in Texas and attend to business, and the people are going to elect me on this promise because it is the only way to stop this needless agitation by such agitators as Tom Ball, who does not care any more for prohibition than a dog cares for a hip pocket.

Why, he openly stated at Port Worth before the convention that nominated him, that "he belonged to the Houston Country Club, where a member can buy a drink and pay for it. I do not indulge either there or elsewhere. . . . "How distressing," he says, "it is to liquor people that I should belong to a club whose members play golf, and which sells liquor and neither play the game nor drink the liquor."

And he says also that if elected governor he would akem Texas dry as a bone, and put every club out of business.

I am always glad to hear a man say he has quit drinking.

But the question arises, if he don't play the game, and don't drink the liquor, which I learn is sold at the same price it is sold at in the saloons, why does he stay in the club? If he really is sincere about abolishing the clubs, why don't he set a good example by getting out of them?

This club which Mr. Ball belongs to and the Houston club of which he is also a member, both dispense liquor at the regular saloon price, before and after the closing hours for saloons and on Sundays, too, when you read good conscientious prohibition members are at church.

As soon as I read Mr. Ball's admission before that great convention of high collars and Prince Albert coats which met in your city in pursuance to the political schemes of the four political Tom-cats which I have already mentioned, that he actually belonged to a club where they sold liquor, I opened my eyes and pinched myself and asked myself the question: Is it possible that this is true? I said to myself that great things have really come to pass in Texas when the Simon pure, conscientious, and God-fearing men and ministers of this state, who have for years been fighting against what they call the iniquity of the sale of liquor, and had been preaching to the people from the housetops that the destiny of the public depended upon whether or not the sale and traffic in liquor was prohibited in Texas, and yet those same people would go to a convention and unanimously agree to support a man for governor who flashed in their faces the fact that he was interested in a concern which actually sold liquor, the very thing which they have been fighting for years to destroy.

So, I said to myself that I will go down to Houston, and I will see just what the Houston club is. I thought that whilst I had never been very good nor very bad that it wouldn't hurt me to spend an hour in a place where Tom Ball had been for the past ten years.

I said I would go there so that I could get at first hand information, and not depend upon hearsay for information upon which to discuss that question in this campaign. I went to Houston, and I found the Houston club, which Mr. Ball declared to his convention that he belonged to, situated on the tenth story of the Houston Chronicle building in the heart of the very city of Houston. Leaving the elevator and going into this big club room, I will tell you what I found. The first thing that greeted my eyes was about three billiard tables and two pool tables. A little further along I found about ten or ten drinking tables. A little further along I found about six or seven card tables, and at these tables I saw men playing cards and drinking liquor and paying the regular saloon price of fifteen cents per drink. I saw this taking place before and after the hours when saloons were closed and on Sundays when you fellows can't get a smell. In the middle of this big club room was a big, fine finished saloon bar, presided over by two big yellow negroes as bar tenders. That, my

friends, is the institution to which your prohibition candidate for governor belongs.

Mr. Ball is, therefore, by his own public declaration, interested in and a party to the profit on the sale of liquor. It probably had not occurred to some of you good prohibitionists that you were really running a high-toned saloon man for governor.

Tom Ball declared at Greenville that the support of the ladies of Texas is to him, and that they would do much for him in his attempt to set up a great moral standard in Texas. A great satisfaction, a great consolation to thousands of Texas womanhood, who, realizing the evils of intemperance, have brought about a proper and efficient regulation of the saloon. Yet he, Tom Ball, their "Christian" governor, can go to his club on Sunday morning where they play games and sell liquor. The good ladies of Texas may do much for Tom Ball, but bless God, he can't do much for them.

My conduct in this campaign ought to satisfy any fair minded man that nobody owns or controls me. I have always been a sober man, and never reformed just about the time I thought I might get a big office.

Nobody is contributing to my campaign, and I am making my own campaign with no help except the great Democratic masses of Texas.

Tom Ball says he will get such men as Ramsey Gull and Judge Gill to run the penitentiaries, and he would not put the penitentiary farms in the hands of farmers as I would do. Well, it will be the same old story. Just think of a supreme judge making a crop? It would be about as sensible as to elect Tom Ball governor.

Again, he says he will create five big new jobs. A law reform commission, composed of five men at big pay. Every time a politician gets in office, the first thing he wants to create is a new job for some political grafter at the expense of the people.

I want to tell you that I can appeal to the really big judges and big lawyers of Texas, and with their help and advice, which will be given freely without purchase and without price, we can bring about judicial reform in Texas without creating any fat jobs at big salaries for anybody.

My friends, this is the people's fight. For thirty years in Texas we lived under the rule of one-man power. So frequently was the rule of one man placed aside, and their wishes trampled under foot that the people rose up in their might and said that we will banish from Texas the political boss and the political grafter, and we will maintain the supremacy of the people on the throne of power. So complete was the victory of the people in passing a law whereby every man might go to the halls of justice and his vote with the assurance that it would be counted equally with that of every other citizen in the state, whether he be high or low, rich or poor, that we had prided ourselves upon the fact that we were really making strides to the development of a government to be ruled by the people. When the present Democratic constitution law was passed, but only by a narrow margin, we were really making strides to the development of a government to be ruled by the people. When the present Democratic constitution law was passed, but only by a narrow margin, we were really making strides to the development of a government to be ruled by the people.

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Yates-McNees.

A quite and pretty home wedding was celebrated Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNees on Orange street when they gave their daughter Lavenia in marriage to W. R. Yates of Ovalo.

The reception rooms were simple but beautifully decorated with evergreens and roses.

The marriage service was read by Rev. Ed. R. Wallace of the M. E. church promptly at 8:30 witnessed by a few special friends and relatives.

The bride is a very winsome young woman beloved and esteemed by a circle of true friends. She taught in the schools here the past year. Mr. Yates, the groom, is a successful and prosperous young farmer in the Ovalo neighborhood.

Punch and cake was served after the ceremony to those present. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. C. D. Simpson and Mattie Christopher of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates left Tuesday for their home near Ovalo. The Mail join their many friends in extending congratulations.

Harris-Ducket Wedding.

The Harris-Ducket wedding solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris Wednesday evening not having reached our office in time for this week's issue will appear in next week issue of the Mail.

Chicken Fry

Mr. Sam Swann and sister Miss Irene honored their guests Misses Grace Matthews and Fannie Mae Dean of Tyler with a chicken fry Saturday evening at the Martin Lake. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittain were chaperones. Those present to enjoy the pleasures of the evening were Misses Maude Martin, Mollie and Pet Sears, Frances Burroughs, Bessie Touchstone, Willie and Irene Swann and the honorees Meedames V. Martin, W. E. Brittain C. I. Gilliland, Messrs. Oscar Pate, Sam Swann, W. E. Brittain and Virgil Touchstone.

Thursday evening the Barca class of the Presbyterian church entertained with a chicken fry. Mr. E. P. McMillen the Sunday School Superintendent furnished the float while the class teacher, Mr. R. L. Bland, donated the chickens. The cakes, pickles, crackers and olives together with the bread and ice tea was furnished by the hosts and a few special friends. A lovely grassy spot was located near the Bland tank west of town where a banquet lunch was spread on the float amidst the merry conversation and songs of those present who were Misses Eleanor and Gladys Daniels, Mammie Ellis Bessie Touchstone, Maude Ferguson, Lulu Sharp, Mattie T. Mann, Almeda Harris and Grace Diltz. Messrs. Emmet and Ennis Grimes, Chas. Jones, Owen Ellis, Jess Ferguson, Raymond Touchstone, Roy Adams, Fred Harrell and Jim. Mr. and Mrs. L. Renfro, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland daughters Ona Fay and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bullock and little daughters Alva and Hazel.

League Program June 14, 1914.

Leader: Bernadeen Freeman.
Subject: Christian Culture.
Song.
Prayer.
Scripture Reading: Colossians 4-14: Timothy 4-11.
Ina MacLaren's Story; Eva Walters.
Duet; Ollie Shaffer and Victoria Wallace.
"The Doctor" in "Besides the Bonnie Briar Bush," Jewel Pate.
Testimonies as to the value of a Christian man for a family doctor; Three volunteers.
Instrumental music Fannie Burroughs League Poem; Pauline Johnson.
Song.
Miscellaneous.
Dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in concert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baddley of Water Valley, Miss., are here visiting their daughter Mrs. E. L. Rogers. They visited their son at Childress, Texas, before coming to Merkel.

Lawn Party.

On Friday evening Mrs. O. F. McMaster royally entertained in honor of the Methodist Baraca Boys at her beautiful home on Cedar st. The porch and lawn was a glow with soft lights which illuminated each. The reception hall was decorated with the blue class colors, large pennants were arranged to spell "Baraca." The library and parlor were charmingly decorated with flowers of various colors. In the dining room ferns and evergreens were tastily arranged. Just at the moment the guests were merrily playing games on the lawn they were surprised to hear voices of girl friends in the library then came soft strains of music. The performers being Misses Agnes Hall, Mattie T. Mann and brother, Imo Mann. The girls selected their partners by choosing a foot displayed behind a curtain, "the boys putting their best foot forward." After which all were again engaged in the pleasures of the various games. Mrs. McMaster was assisted by Mrs. E. M. Rust in serving delicious cream and cake. Those present were Misses Mattie T. Mann, Jackie Jennings, Ezma Allday, Frances Burroughs, Tommie Lou Coggin, Minnie Harris, Zora West, Genevieve Rust, Laverna McNees, Virginia Hamblet, Agnes Hall, Dorothy Duckett, Grace Diltz, Eleanor Daniel, Messrs. Ernest Rogers, Imo Mann, H. C. Burroughs, Jr. Ira and Ollie Shaffer, Oscar Pate, Ulyses McNees, Adam Sibley, Robert Rainbolt, Roger Hamblett, Noel Moore, Earl Barfield, Cecil Jobe and Henry King.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending June 13 1914.

- Adams, J. E.
- Berry, J. P.
- Corley, W. M.
- Dupree, Rev. J. F.
- Garrett, R. O.
- Girdner, Dr. W. H.
- Haney, Will
- Hargrove, B. E.
- Hodges, J. H.
- Mobley, J. L.
- Richards, Carl.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office June 27, 1914.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Library Readers: Please note the change in the Library hours, beginning Monday May 11th the hours will be changed. Be sure and remember to come from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Get June Jewelry.

Let me fill your wants of jewelry, cut glass, silverware and clocks. June sales specially looked after. Mrs. E. M. Rust

See those Palm Beach suits at the Star Store.

Martin will press your suit for 50c.

Mares And Colts For Sale.

I have five good gentle mares and colts for sale. Will take cash or good notes. Austin Boyd at Burton Lingo Co. office.

Miss Bonnie Matthews of Nubia was in our city Tuesday.

Sacks loaned and the highest prices paid for your grain. J. D. Gaither.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys 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. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Meeting of the Jones County Farmers Institute.

A regular meeting of the Jones county Farmer's Institute will be held at Noodle on June 25th and 26th, beginning on the night of the 25th.

A stong program is being prepared, speakers of State reputation will be in attendance to discuss marketing, dairying, poultry raising and other subjects of vital interest to the farmers. We hope to make this a school of two days for grown people. There are no fees or charges of any kind. The people of the community are making provisions for a big time. Respectfully,

W. W. Aurnett, President,
Jones county Farmer's Insitute.
P. S. Program will be announced later.

See H. M. Rose for milk coolers, steel tanks, guttering and well casing.

Mrs. R. A. Martin attended the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church at Plainview the past week.

Presbyterian Announcement.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The primary class, with Mrs. W. M. Elliott teacher, is taking the lead now with twenty five present last Sunday. Let the big children imitate these little ones.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:30.

The announcement of the Women's Missionary society last week was a mistake on our part the society meets on Monday following the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

You are invited at all times.
E. P. McMillen, Supt.
Huber E. Bullock, Pastor.

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Market Open Saturday.

Remember the market at Behren-McMillen Furniture store at hours of 4 to 6 Saturday afternoon.

Money to Loan.

My company wants to place \$15,000 to \$25,000 in the Merkel country in choice farm loans during the thirty days. I have the best loan contract for our section and when necessary can make and complete a loan within ten days. If you are going to need a loan any time this year give me your application now and the money will be ready when you want it. Jno. G. Jackson.

Oats For Sale.

At my farm 7 miles east of Merkel, 3 1/2 cents per bushel.
Walter Hammond.

In Bankruptcy.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed by Dr. J. H. Warnick, doing business as the Plain Price Nickle Store, and another petition by the Hogue-Hamilton Company, the latter being an incorporation. The first meeting of creditors has been called by Judge Leggett for June 20th, 1914.

Mrs. Ed. Vickers and children are here visiting the formers parents Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

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You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.



You can imagine your satisfaction

When you see the shirts, collars, underwear, etc., you sent here to be laundered. You would hardly believe them to be the same garments so much cleaner are they, so perfectly done up. You won't be the first to wonder why you had not sent us your laundry work before. What day shall we send for your things?

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Phone No. 4 M. B. BELL, Agent Merkel

Mrs. W. J. Sheppard and children are at home from Duncan, Okla., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. J. Leamon.

Miss Mae Miller of Dallas has returned to her home after a short visit with her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Dr. F. McMaster has received word from T. S. Cox of Goliad who has been elected superintendent of the schools at this place, to the effect that he will not be in Merkel until after the summer normal at Port Lavaca closes; Mr. Cox having been elected as a teacher there during the summer.



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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch.

Everybody is busy cutting weeds and grain out this way. Mr. Editor come out we will find you a hoe.

T. C. Allen and family were visiting relatives near Abilene Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Petty were visiting relatives near Clyde this week.

Holland Teaff returned from Waco Friday where he has been attending school.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins Sunday. Those present were Misses Oma and Ida Taylor, Cora and Alma Hays, Gardie Higgins, Mae Rainer and Mae Robertson. Messrs. Austin, Houston and Hobson Robertson, Willis Taylor and Amos Jones.

There was no singing at Salt Branch Sunday. Everybody went to Tye and report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Husky of Abilene were visiting relatives in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mobley were visiting relative near Tye this week.

(Editor's Note): Would be glad to come out and help but the Graphophone Contest is getting so warm I guess I had better stay around the shop for a few days yet.

Warren.

Well as the waste basket wasn't very hungry my letter escaped and come to view so here I am again with my little budget of information.

The sighing of the wind through the wheat cannot be heard any more as the golden grain is being harvested.

"Uncle Sam Swafford" and Mr. Woodard are busy with their wheat. Messrs Shannon, Cecil Jobe and Clarence Hamm are among the help. Mr. Largent is assisting Mr. Woodard.

Mrs. Isom has been on the sick list this week.

Rev. Miller stopped over Friday with Mr. Rogers also Mr. Popham and family on his way to stith to his appointment.

Since my last locals the grim monster of death suddenly entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rister and snatched one of their little children. We have to submit to the Lord's will though the trials seemed more than we can bare we will have to "Pass under the Rod" When this brief span of life is ended we will hasten to those little beautiful beconing hands that are waiting just over there.

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Merkel, Texas

THE ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

Miss Virginia Swafford spent Sunday in town with friends.

Mrs. Woodard was in Merkel shopping Monday.

As 'tis time to prepare the noonday repast will close.

(Editor's Note): Sign your name next time and we will send you material for further correspondence.

Blair.

Farmers are very busy now killing weeds and harvesting their grain.

Rev. Evans filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. met Sunday night and rendered an interesting program. They extended an invitation to some of the young people at Abilene to be with them in their next regular meeting the 3rd Sunday in June.

Rev. H. Bullock of Merkel preached at the school house Sunday evening, filling Rev. Sibley's appointment.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker and sons Jasper and A. J. have been but are reported better at this time.

F. D. Addison and wife have moved to the Lyons building.

W. A. Hall has been on the sick list for several days.

Bosie Williams and family of Tennessee are visiting the family of S. F. Provine this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Derrington of Sweetwater visited the formers father W. P. Derrington.

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Shiloh.

Rev. Geo. Scott filled his appointment at Shiloh Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community enjoyed a singing at Mr. Mayberrys Sunday afternoon.

R. Rollins, travelling salesman for the Hall Music Co. of Abilene, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry.

Rev. Young Tye filled his appointment at Grayson school house Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. McCright are the proud parents of a fine boy born May the 29th.

A fine boy made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennetts June 1st.

Mrs. Tyler was in the Noodle community Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter Miss Mae were Merkel visitors Saturday.

Edgar Wheeler and family of Noodle were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Blasingame was trading in Merkel Saturday.

Roger Grayson was a Merkel visitor Saturday.

There was a prohibition election held at Shiloh school house Saturday afternoon to determine whether or not saloons would hold sway in Jones county and we are glad to report that the Pros won by a large majority of four to one. How a man who has sons can vote for a saloon to hold sway in the Co, in which they live as in any other county is more than we are able to understand, could we have it in our power we would vote saloons off the face of the earth.

Miss Lyda Beavers is at home from a weeks visit with friends in the Salt Branch community. She reports a most enjoyable time.

Route 3.

Everyone in our community is fighting weeds they are about to take some of the crops and there are no hands to be found.

The health of our community is good at this writing.

Rev. Huddleston filled his appointment at Rock Crossing Sunday.

Miss Bessie Davis of Rising Star is visiting her brother Eddie Davis. She has been visiting her sister Miss Willie Davis of Snyder.

Rev. Huddleston preacher at Mt. Vernon Holly of Alabama is visiting his half brother Frank Berryman.

Rev. Erwin will preach at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet Sunday night. There will be a nice program rendered as Miss Emma Erwin of Abilene is expected to be with us and everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. C. R. Roland and daughter Miss Annie Lee were visitors at the home of Mr. Campbells Sunday.

Bessie Johnson was in Merkel Saturday.

Oscar Dulin of Merkel was in midst Sunday.

Noodle.

Health in our community is good at this writing.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday. Rev. Young filled his regular ap-

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

pointment here Sunday.

Otto Sosebee of Paducah is here visiting relatives.

Mr. Derrick has bough a new binder and is cutting his grain day and night. There were two machines running here Sunday on account of the grain being so ripe and should it happen to rain again it would all ruin.

There was a nice little shower fell here Monday morning.

The Farmer's Institute has appointed twelve delegates to go to College Station in July. Leldon Claton, Stella Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green, Aline and Myrtle Barbee, Clarence Eoff, Bertha Ely, Luther Picher, Henry Isom and John Winters will represent Noodle.

Nubia.

The Baptist meet Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock as usual ever first Sunday. Their hearts rejoiced with a new member Mrs. Charley Purcell whom they baptized Sunday.

Earl Perkins was seen Sunday morning early going toward Mt. Pleasant sometime after that was seen returning to Butman with Miss Monnie Whetsell, he made another trip (round).

Mrs. Morrow and children who have been visiting the former's father left Monday via Santa Fa Ry. for Hill county where she will meet her husband.

Eugene Strickland of Merkel and uncle Charlie Brown of White Church reviewed their boyhood days by spending one day last week fishing in Mulberry.

Ernest Moore from Blair was in Nubia Sunday.

Charley Lewis says "No I don't walk now, did't you see me driving around in a wagon Sunday?" Don't you want to ride girls?

A crowd gathered at Nubia Sunday to hear some old time singing among those present were Roy Cogburn, Miss Nela Stanley, John Hunter, Miss Ellen Hogan, Walter Hunter, Miss Gertrude Stanley, Columbus Riggan, Miss Ethel Coats, Kyle Blair and Miss Lula Cogburn.

Well we learned last Sunday night that the rays of the moon reflected on the rain makes a rainbow just as reflection of the sun by its actual demonstration. It was about 8:00 o'clock the moon was shining very brightly in the East and when it reflected on the rain in the West made the arch circle in the clouds. Did you see it?

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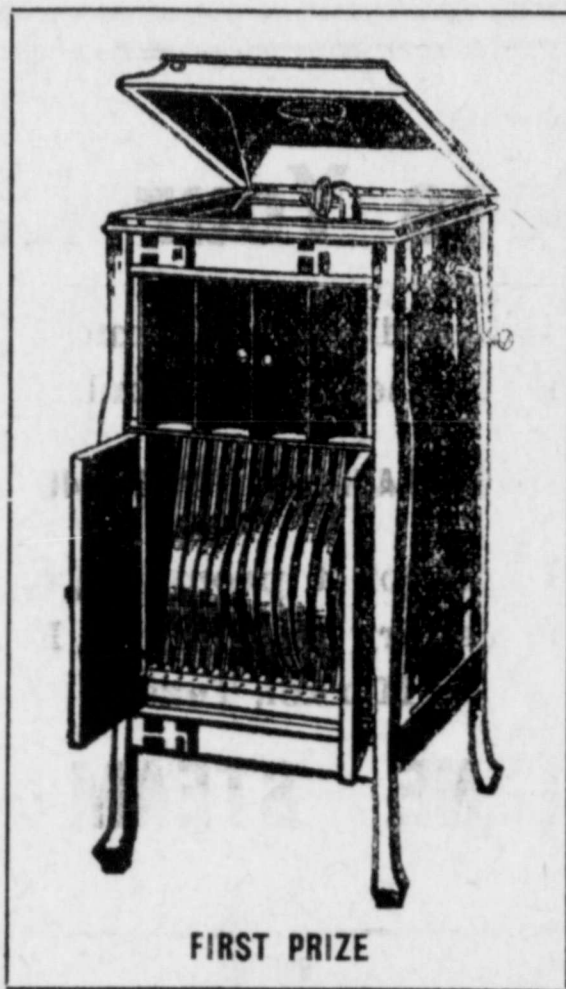
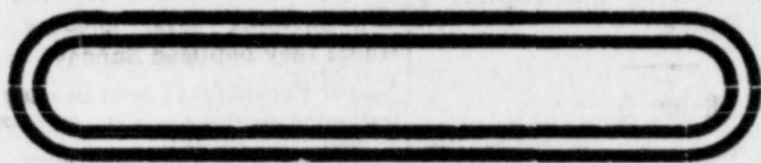


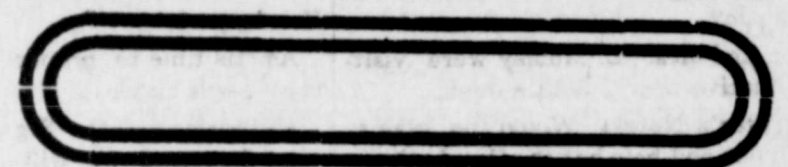
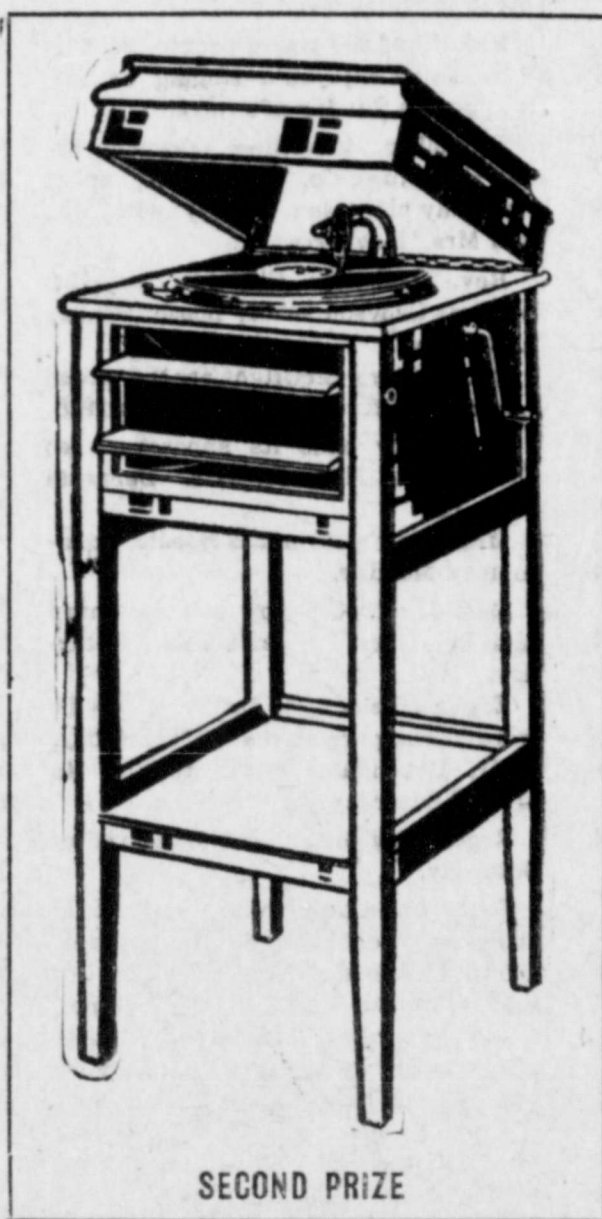
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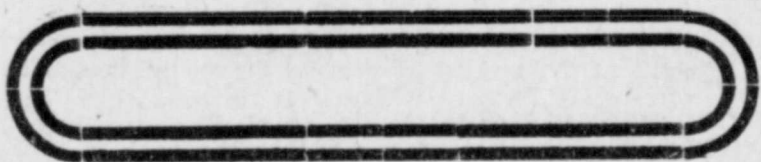
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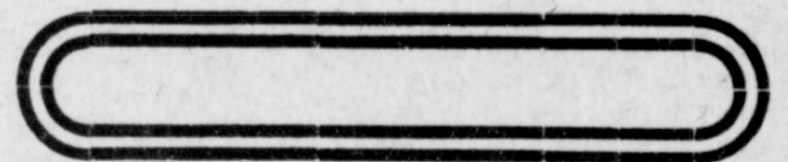


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