MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1916

The Mail will endeavor next The Methodist meeting which Saturday week to have correct has been in session for sometime election ballots for the coming ed in seeing remnants of the The Kale singing class sang pages four and five is a full acreturns posted at a conspicious closed Sunday night. There primary, the entire county ticket Carrizal massacre of a part of with the Shiloh class Sunday af- count of Gov. Ferguson's Waco place in town if the citizen de- were fifteen persons admitted was printed on the ballots going the 10th cavalry of negro troopers ternoon. sire this information.

As usual there is considerable convertions. fact that numerous telephone meeting. calls and telegrams will be used, from among the crowd that assembles to see the results of the election and ascertain just how returns will be posted in plain much pleasure on the trip. figures on black board and a tabulated total kept of each candidates votes. We will endeavor invited to attend. to keep returns posted on the county offices.

CLERKS AND BOSS-

This friday afternoon at 4:15 a ball game between the clerks and business men is scheduled to be held at the High School ball (park).

The following have been selected as ones who might agree to take part on the two teams and while the selection exceeds the number required, it is probable and Mrs. Jay Rogers July 8. that all could not play. For the clerks, Asa Sheppard, H. C. Burroughs Jr., Ennis Grimes, Olley Sharp, Charlie Jones, Guy Bradley, Forest Gaither, Claud Comegys. John West, Sam Swann, Raymond Touchstone.

For the business men. Austin Boyd, Frank Ferrier, R. O. An- the singing at the Christian that source of life in reality "the in the same family \$5.50. Phone derson, W. D. Woodroof, H. L. Easterwood, E. P. McMillen, Dr. Foster, Otho Williams, J. K. ery body come out to see the visit with friends at this place. were her own offspring. game. Batteries will be selected from the two teams with possi- from Matador after spending a bly a relief catcher for each month with relatives. team.

Merkel 12, Stith 2

with a result of 12 to 2 in favor here. Stith, Copeland and Mashburn; Eason and family. Merkel, Munns and Adams.

cals might be termed, were more at the Methodist Church Sunday than the Stith aggregation could and Sunday night. solve, and with Munns working Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Witt of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sears, chances were against them. The former's brother. portion of the ones chalked up by Saturday ane Sunday. the Merkel boys were accountable to the same reason.

Unconfirmed Rumors

ing awful hot. In attempting to our community. trace the source of the humor, Mr. Johnson said he believed it was a popular opinion, but for the life of him he could not find out who started all the talk.

ground.

Ladies Free Rest Room

tage of the Rest Room when in the Blair Hotel or phone 39. I are spending this week in Miner-Merkel. It is free to you to use will only be here a few days, al Wells as a part of the vacation at any time you are in Merkel. July 14 to 20th. Call on me if Ben will take from his duties as from Marlin Wells, where she Side entrance to Behrens-McMil- you are interested. One agent assistant cashier of the Farmers spent several weeks in Torbett's len Furniture Co.

NOODLE

Everybody is waiting for a rain. We had a good rain last week but not enough moisture

these quick returns from the has been leading singing in the the names of candidates for pre- here on the Sunshine Special.

community.

Sunday afternoon and everybody their ticket.

Andrew Barbee and Geroge race for congress and also other Cook of our community left Sundistrict offices in addition to the day for New Mexico. They are hunting for new homes and will probably buy or file on a claim and later move to it.

Mrs. F. E. Church has been visiting the past week with her mother, Mrs. W. U. Beene.

at this writing.

ents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Colorado city were guests of relatives at this place the past

and Mrs. A. B. Ely.

McCright of Shiloh.

Church Sunday afternoon.

of Clyde returned to their home shepherd dog nurses the pig in Sheppard, Geo. McDonald. Ev- Monday morning after a week's as much contentment as if it

Dellis Green returned Sunday

A good clean game of baseball ing several days with relatives Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have

The bunting brigade, as the lo- and Compere attended services State.

Miss Kate Elliott of Sweet- deal. water is the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bryson.

We have as our authority G. of Anson have moved here to District Judge and Congress boy, Congratulations were forth-W. Johnson who confidentially make this their home. Mr. told us on last Saturday that he Holmes will take charge of the el Monday shaking hands with of Mr. and Mrs. Woodroof. had heard it rumored the day be- Noodle Rural route July 17. We the voters. fore that the weather was grow- welcome these good people to

Kill Johnson Grass

minator. It is something that is at the two places. needed on every farm, and but a small amount to rid your farm of Ladies dont fail to take advan- the dreaded pest. Find me at Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Merritt

Hardly a day passes or we

Mr. and Mrs A. L. Ely of Stith bodies of khaki clad national urer. At the time of the acciwere visitors at the formers par- guardsmen were westward dent Mr. Fitts was going from bound over the Texas & Pacific.

A baby girl was born to Mr. it happens to have been only a slight bruises. few days ago-a pig on the farm Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ely of Mer- of A. J. Barker set a precedent

with the formers parents, Mr. There is also on the Barker of many years experience. farm a large shepherd dog with Teaches Piano, Voice, Violin, Wm. Eoff and family spent her several small pups. The pig Cornet and all higher branches A very large crowd enjoyed now, the pig and the pups derive Terms \$3.00 a month, two pupils milk of animal kindness," from 196. Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy the same source, and the mother

Return on Visit

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman Misses Mary and Dora Wheeler were here last week visiting the returned to their home in East- former's brother, L. A. Freeman land last Saturday after spend- and other friends and relatives. been living in California for the of Merkel was staged at Stith Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of past few years. From here they Monday afternoon. Batteries for Kale spent Sunday with E. L. are visiting in Louisiana, but will return here for another visit be-Quite a number from Shiloh fore going back to the Golden

Have Moved to Abilene

like a thirty day clock, the Merkel spent Sunday with the one of Merkel's most esteemed exact amount of loss or the two scores they received being on J. E. Tucker and family were new home in Abilene. Going carried, if any. account of errors while a small guests of relatives in Abilene there last week, following the closing of the Sears-Knox ranch

Candidates Here

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holmes R. N. Grisham candidates for abiding place of a nine-pound respectfully were both in Merk- coming from numerous friends

Weir Bros. Win

Off On Vacation

wanted. E. W. Vannatta. 14t1pd & Merchants National Bank.

When the printers supplied the The nearest Merkel has figur- preached here Sunday night. into the church and several other to all boxes within the county. | was Tuesday morning when the expense attached to getting Mr. Golightly from Salt Branch should not have printed on them, scrapping tenth passed through here Saturday and Sunday.

cinct offices in other parts of the The bodies of the soldiers at Wilbur Wood's Friday paign. Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy county, but such in the case. In were taken up from their first night. this no doubt can be arranged have been visiting friends in our order to avoid trouble at the polls grave in a ditch at Carrizal and Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene Cunningham of Abilene at this the offices not effected are brought to El Paso. The identi- and Mr. and Mrs. Newson of place from Governor Ferguson A crowd of Noodle people are marked out on the ballots with ty of many of them was impos- Noodle attended services here billed for this place on Thursday planning to go to Austin the 17, red ink. In this way no bother sible as they had been stripped Saturday night. their candidate is running. The 18 and 19th. We all wish them will be given the voter or presid- of their clothing and were coning judge as all can understand siderable decomposed. It is pro-We still have singing every why red marking will show on bable they will be buried in the services here Sunday. Arlington cemetery.

Austin Fitts escaped from an might say that hardly a day auto wreck Friday of last week has passed during the last two with both arms broken and other weeks that Merkel has not seen minor injuries, but despite the Mrs. W. L. Bardee is very ill loaded troop trains headed west. handicap he is strenuously con-Monday and Tuesday large tinuing his race for county treas-Abilene to Shep in company with other candidates. A blowout caused the automobile to topple Don't laugh, this is a true over and all occupants except story. Once upon a time-and Mr. Fitts escaped with only

Music Lessons

kel spent Saturday and Sunday in animal life, so far unequalled. Mrs. Edmonston is a teacher

The Main Issue is Preparedness

I am prepared to give scientific Turkish and Russian baths, salt rubs, alcohol rubs, etc. These together with massage treatment is the greatest of all treatments. Mr. Business man are you all run down? A few such baths and massages will be worth more to you than a vacation. Dr. J. T. Pue. Phone 49.

Home Burns at Stith

The large home of G. W. Williams of Stith was entirely destroyed by fire at an early morning hour Sunday. The entire household belongings being a loss also. We have not learned the families, have moved to their amount of protective insurance

Nine Pounds of Boy

When W. D. Woodroof came to town Sunday morning for his mail he announced to friends Hon. W. P. Mahaffey and Hon that his home was the happy

Walter Leach, second click Messrs. Geo. and Chas. Weir world. His company gave him a tute at Austin next week. expert ropers have captured pass for he and his family and There were a good many at the stopped in Wilbarger county to The old enemy of the people first and second prizes recently they were making preparations singing at Hurley Toombs' Sun- visit relatives and will come here laid to rest Johnson Grass, Ber- given at Dewey, Oklahoma and to leave for Kentucky when the day night. muda Grass, Blue Weeds or Bull Sioux City, Ia. George having soldier movement began over this There are none of us who do When seen Monday morning On Monday he was seen again Nettles killed never to return af- taken first at Dewey and Charles road. The officials higher up not welcome the waning of the and asked if he was going to and gave us the information that ter just one application of E. W. capturing the same honor at promptly told Walter that they summer days. Of late they make Merkel his home again Mr. the rumor was gaining more Vannatta's Johnson Grass Exter- Sioux City. The divided seconds could not dispense with his ser- have seemed to melt into each Bradshaw said. "Merkel looks normal and now Walter has given be abbreviated nothings. up the idea of getting a vacation at all this year,

> Mrs. A. L. Jobe has returned Sanitarium.

SHILOH

Rev. Horn of Abilene filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Robbins of Abilene

and others from Amity attended candidates who had previously

of Clype spent Thursday night likely give another date, probabwith Misses Lyda and Nina Bea- ly Friday night, announcement of

and children of Trent spent Sat- ing. urday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Seago returned from Abilene Friday afternoon and we are glad to report Mrs. Seago was able to attend services here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Barclay of the Golan community attended services guest of Misses Greens.

the Golan community Monday af- downcast.

of Merkel the past week.

and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson white covered figure as he came celebrated thier sixteenth and from under the influence of chlo-Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. and pups have arrived at some of music. Is a pupil of the noted fourth wedding anniversary Mon- roform following a successful kind of an understanding, and Prof. Silvio Scionti of Chicago. day. All report an enjoyable operation. time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters and Green's first inquiry as he looked Mr. and Mrs. Beavers were in sharply about him. Merkel Monday.

It has been so long since this community was credited with publicity that the writer has dreadful fears of procrastinating longer and therefore makes due haste to ameliorate the adverse condition which has thus arisen.

Though the feed crop is considerably lighter than it was last year, still there will be lots of feed made. Cotton is looking fine and is growing off nicely. There has been quite a few boll weevils found in it but the farmers all agree that the hot weather we have been having is just the identical antidote for them.

Rev. Moore preached at Nubia

Sunday. nicely. Large crowds attend one that greets the speakers. both places. They meet at 10:30

An enjoyable entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Saturday

operation is at outs with the on attending the Farmers. Insti- been making his home for the

vices until conditions became other and the nights appear to good to me."

Several have been fishing and several are contemplating going. f possible.

grain. Gaither and Dupree.

In this issue of the Mail on speech, giving the Governor's H. Wheeler and Mr. Cockran views on important questions The tickets used at this box bodies of 11 members of the of Colorado attended services and assigning reasons for the many things that have attracted There was an ice cream supper so much attention in this cam-

The speaking of Hon. J. F. night of this week, conflicted Grandma Horn and Guy Huber with the speaking dates of the arranged for the 13th. For this Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy reason Mr. Cunningham will which should be made at the Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips Thurday night candidate speak-

STANDS OPERATION

J. H. Green, of Honey Grove is a patriot of the first water.

When his application for enlist here Sunday and was the dinner ment in the Texas guard was turned down the other day on Mrs J. W. Tyner was visiting account of the presence of some Mrs. Barclay and daughters of physical defect, Green was not

Next morning found him at the Miss Vennie Grayson spent a City Hospital on an operating few days with Miss Julia Cotton table. Dr. L. C. Ellis and Dr. Stein, who donated their services Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson to "the cause," stood beside the

'How many did we kill?" was

"Oh, we got plenty of them", assured First Lieutenant Ira Sproule who was standing near the would be guardsman.

"Sorry it was'nt a thousand" and Green "dropped off" again The Honey Grove boy is now certain to be admitted to the service. His willingness and desire

to undergo the operation that removes a slight physical defect assured him a place in the khaki ranks. He will leave for San Antonio as soon as he can safely travel. Green is one of a number of Honey Grove lads to enlist through the recruiting station here. - Denison Herald.

Candidates Here Thursday

On this press afternoon of Thursday we find the candidates congregating in Merkel for a discussion of the issues in the cam-The Sunday school at Nubia paign and the crowd at the taband Butman are progressing ernacle promises to be a large

Each candidate will be limited a. m. at Butman and 4 p. m. at to a certain time and in this way Nubia. All are invited to attend. the meeting will be regulated.

Back From California

R. L. Bradshaw, once of this place, now here to stay, returned Several from here are counting from California, where he has past few years. Mrs. Bradshaw

Bringing in Wheat

C. T. Derrick was in the first Editor note-Come more often of the week with wheat deliveries and while the yield on his place was light the grade was Wanted-Cotton seed, hay and exceptionally good and at present prices netted a good sum.

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Mrs. O. J. Harned returned business income property in Monday evening from a visit at

> Mrs. W. J. Lewis, wife of Agent Lewls of the Texas and Pacific Co., has returned from an extended visit in Indiana and other states.

Miss Alma Simmons of Lubbock is here to spend the month digestion, arouses the liver and secretions of July with her grandparents. Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Frank Tipton and family and ers. They bet heavily, sometimes even his mother, Mrs. F. Tipton and family left Thursday for a visit with the latter's daughter. Mrs. S. Rowe of Colgate, Okla.

> J. S. Swann and J. W. Wheeler and their families departed yesterday for Plainview and other points on the Plains, to be away some ten days.

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| Stock in Federal Bank | 1,500.00 |
| Five Per Cent Redemption Fund | 312.50 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 3,600.00 |
| Real Estate | 5,900.00 |
| Cash and Sight Exchange | 84,185.97 |
| Total | \$324,140.99 |

LIABILITIES

| Capital Stock | \$ 25,000.00 |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Surplus and Profits | 42,767.86 |
| Circulation | 6,250.00 |
| Bills Payable | None |
| Rediscounts | None |
| Other Borrowed Money | None |
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LOCAL NEWS

D. D. Williamson from San Angelo is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L Adcock.

Wanted-Cotton Seed at Highest market price. Gaither and Dupree.

Miss Ruby Fogg of Wachahachie has recently visited Misses Hattie and Ruby Smith.

When you read this local step outside and look at your home. Then phone Burrough for figures on Paints Oils etc.

Miss Lizzie Calvert is spending her vacation from her work in Harkrider's store visiting in Mertzon. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Eva.

When in need of anything in a drug store get it at Burroughs. The only drug store in Merkel with 17 years reputation.

Miss Mamie Ellis is visiting relatives at Eola.

Enjoy a cool smoke from our fresh cigars. Burroughs.

J. L. Hunter of Midland is visiting his son E. L. Hunter.

Fresh corn meal at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. Ella Angus of Fort Worth is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Oils and gas that satisfies. The Texas Co. Brand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sheppard spent a few days in Dallas this week.

If you like good coffee try a can of Wamba from G. M. Sharp's.

Elder Price Bankhead has returned from a ten days stay in Oglesby.

Wanted-Cotton Seed at Highest market price. Gaither and Dupree.

Miss Jess Bouchette of Clyde is the guest of her cousin Miss Jewel Toombs this week.

Make our fountain your headquarters. A cool place to stay and drinks and creams of quality Burroughs.

Chas. Millican of Dallas is making a few days visit with Merkel friends and relatives.

Filling station for oil and gas at Merkel Guarage belongs to W. E. Britain. Come, see me.

Sam Owens and family left Monday for Colorado and other points.

See me before buying your groceries. G. M. Sharp

Miss Carrie Bell McMaster of Abilene spent last Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

Seymore Bran at G. M. Sharp.



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tedious, Burroughs.

last week from an extended visit munity. with a sister at Crystal Falls. A new and complete line of tine, is also at home again from roughs. visiting at Aspermont.

The Texas Co. Brand.

E. A. Burks of Trent was in Don't forget the place. G. M. the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker and hol rubs free. Dr. J. T. Pue. Miss May Valentine returned other relatives of the Dora com- Mrs. T. F. Compton is in Min-

Her mother, Mrs. L. I. Valen- s'ationery just arrived. Bur- shorts at G, M. Sharps.

Anson.

Sharps for groceries.

Our line of Toilet articles suit Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitaker of Try a Turkish or Russian bath the most discriminating and fas- Cameron were recent visitors of for your aches and pains. Alco-

eral Wells for an extended visit.

Maize, chops, corn chops and

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford and Mrs. S. E. Tarlton is spending son Oscar have gone to Bell coun-Oils and gas that satisfies. a few days with friends in ty where they will visit at various places.

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last week left for Roscoe Sunday



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Wanted-Cotton Seed, hav and grain. Gaither and Dupree.

Mrs. Milton Wiman of Dallas is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman thes week. This elderly couple have also recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Scarborough and children of Midland.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and Mrs. Lawrence of Arlington motored through to Canyon to visit relatives Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren have returned from a visit with relatives at Waco. They were accompanied back by Miss Letha Campbell who will visit relatives

Miss Verona Hamblet left Sunday, for Water Valley Miss. whereishe will-visit, her sister, Mrs. Eugene Tarver.

Your wife is still your sweetheart. Take her a box of our fine candies right off the ice. Burroughs.

Arthur Wiman a former Merkel resident spent a few days last week with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman.

Mrs. C. D. Southard and little son Dennis of Fort Smith, Ark. came in Sunday and are the guests of Miss Winnie Warren. Mrs. Southard will be remembered by the people of this city as Miss; Pearl, Clay, a former Merkel girl.

We are always glad to render to you any accomodation that is in consistency with good business policies. Let us serve you. Bur-

Wanted-Cotton seed, hay and grain. Gaither, and Dupree.

Doss Sheppard of Dallas is here for a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard.

Dee Grimes is away this week on another trip of piscatorial persuing. If he is lucky and lands any of the finny tribe we hope he will remember his friends at home who are getting this paper

Kill those fles by using poison from Burrough. Let us explain our guarantee.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford were here last week visiting relatives.

We sell everything for folks who write letters. Burroughs.

Mrs. C. M. Largent departed Sunday night for McKinney to visit her mother, Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Martin is a very aged lady past ninety years and has been in failing health for sometime.

FOR SALE-Five-room house Summer time is Kodak time. on South Rose Street. Good

BARGAIN-Nice east front Motor Trouble is often due home, two large lots, corner, Box 454 Merkel. 21t2

Sylvester Man Killed

Gerard Harris of Sylvester was killed in an automobile accident last week when his car overturned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and four est market price. Gaither and children were in the car, a new one and had been out for the Rev. and Mrs. Alonzo Bickley 4th on the river between Mcof Cleburne have been here this Cauley and Roby. The wreck week and portion of last visiting took place two miles out of Roby when Mr. Harris turned out of the road for another car to pass and allowed his car to strike a ditch overturning the machine and J. H. Mathis of Dallas who vis- throwing the occupants out. ited his sisters Mesdames H. C. Mrs. Harris sustained painful Burroughs and W. F. Patterson injuries and the children escaped while the huband and father was caught under the machine Turkish baths and massages and a part of the top driven into

James E. Ferguson Gives Frank Account of His Administration as Governor of Texas

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WACO, Tex., June 10 .- Before an enormous crowd gathered tere from all parts of the State to do him honor, Governor lames E. Ferguson today gave an account of his stewardship as Jovernor of Texas to the people he represents. Close attention vas given by the huge audience during the entire speech and equently he was interrupted with enthusiastic bursts of apuse. In making the speech, he said:

pledges were made.

The people were told that until such time as all State institutions and State finances were put on a sound business basis all other matters of legislation should be put aside. They were further told that in order that this policy might be pursued to a successful conclusion that all liquo legislation, either pro or anti, would be promptly vetoed, if I were elected Governor. I asked no man to surren der his views on prohibition, but I ap pealed to the sober judgment of the patriotic people of the State, and asked them to cease for a time the factional strife which was destroying the State. I told the people that frequent elections on the question of prohibition were not necessary; that present laws were sufficient; that any county that wanted prohibtion had a way to get it; that if a man was pro and lived in dry territory he ough to be satisfied, and if he was an ant and lived in wet territory I knew b was satisfied; and if they were boti dissatisfied they might swap homes and for these reasons I stated that was opposed to a resubmission of th prohibition question.

Again. I told the people I was in favor of legislation looking to the improvement and advancement of public schools, the A. & M. College and the State University; that in the matter of appropriation for such pur pose I would only be restricted by the ability of the State to pay and an economical expenditure of the public money. I further said if we got our money's worth, let us buy all the ed neation we can pay for, and let us begin with the little country school house on the road.

Again, I pledged my best efforts as a business man to put all State pris ons on a self-sustaining basis.

Again, I urged liberal treatment of the railroads of the State, in order that we might obtain better railroad filled. service and that railroads might pay better wages to their employes.

was increasing with alarming rapidity fore, disapprove the bill." of charging rent on land which was more than one-third the value of the

Upon this platform of principles and pledges I went before the people of Texas as a citizen comparatively un-known and asked them to elect me Governor of the State. Traveling over 9000 miles upon the railroads and 2000 miles by auto I endeavored to lay my candidacy before the people of Texas. Opposed to me in that campaign were those who in the evereign of their sor those who in the exercise of their sovereign rights did not agree to the principles of my public announcement. As a now well remembered and perhaps aver to be remembered that campaign waxed loud and warm. The many thrilling incidents; the many stirring scenes; the many bitter statements; he many intemperate remarks: the many animosities need not be here flacussed, for as I look back over it If I find consolation enough in the act that through the loyalty of legions of as true friends as any man ever and I was given a clear majority and bouted to the office to which I had

In the year 1913, on the 13th day of aspired. The loyalty of these friends will never be forgotten, and I am althirteenth candidate for the office of declaration of the debt of gratitude Governor was made. In a platform which I owe. Following my nominacompleted on Friday certain princi-ples were announced and certain led at El Paso demanded the enact ment of the laws set forth in my plat-form. And upon that platform I was elected. In years past many men have been elected Governor of our State, were opposed both before the cam-paign and after the campaign. The administration of some of our Governors have been greatly impaired by the never stop this idea of moving to town animosities aroused during the campaign and continued after the cam-

Aided by Former Opponents.

As soon as I was inducted into especially those who had opposed me in that eventful campaign. To the nembers of the Legislature who had opposed me in my ambition to be Governor I extended a cordial invitation to join hands with me in paying atention to those questions which involve the material happiness and welfare of the people, and earnestly sought their help; and be it said to the honor and credit of the patriotic men in the Legislature, who, being thus appealed to, promptly responded to the appeal and gave my administration their aid and assistance to car-ry out my platform and pledges made to the people, and whatever was accomplished by the Legislature was due in no little degree to those who had opposed me in my campaign for Governor. And for this loyalty to my adinistration and to the people's interst I am also willing to acknowledge debt of gratitude to them.

We worked together, we studied toether the problems of the State. We aid aside our views about the question that had vexed us in the past. The prohibition question was not dis-cussed. The men on both sides of the estion who had heretofore gained a livlihood by agitating both sides of the question were not recognized. What was the result? Peace and har-mony prevailed between the Legislaand the Governor of the State, and I am proud of this opportunity to render an account of my stewardship to show how far the principles and To pledges upon which my campaign was nade have been recognized and ful-

Platform Carried Out.

Again, I favored the establishment of a system of bonded warehouses with power to issue negotiable receipts, and urged the establishment by the Government of a system of marketing of farm products that would prevent great losses to the farmers of the State.

Again, in view of the custom which was increasing with alarming rapidity. I told the people in that platform that we would have no liquor legis-

I told the people in my platform that was in favor of any legislation lookgrain and one-fourth the value of the ing to the advancement and improvement of our public schools, the A. & that if elected Governor I would urge M. College and the State University. In the Legislature to pass a law that would make it unlawful to charge a certain or one-fourth the value of grain or one-fourth the value of cotton.

Elected by Loyal Friends.

Here the pletform of principles and the state University. In the content of the platform pledge the Legislature passed a compulsory education bill, a law which is reasonable and liberal in its terms, and at the same time prevents any parent from willfully neglecting the education of his child.

in my opening speech I told the people that I was in favor of beginning at the little schoolhouse by the side of the country road, and in matters educational that of the greatest importance was that of the country school. And in pursuance of this platform pledge the Legislature passed what is known as the rural school bill. It provides in terms that a \$1,000,000 for the two fiscal years should be appropriated for the benefit of schools situated in towns of less than 1000 inhabitants and having less than 200 situated in towns of less than 1000 inhabitants and having less than 200
pupils. Up to the time of the passage
of this bill there were many rural precincts in Texas which on account of
the low values in their districts were
not able to maintain a school for longer than three and one-half to four and
one-half months a year. By the advantages of this bill about 1400 country schools have been helped to longer



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erms, averaging from five to seven months, and a general impetus is manfest in educational circles throughout the rural districts of Texas. You can to educate the children until you make country education equal to town edu-

well remember how in the last campaign the political preachers con-lemned me for being uneducated and lliterate, and even went so far as to 15 in English grammar or Texas Hisbut as soon as the yoen.en o

increased as much as two and one-half, let alone eight and three-fourths times as much. The tax rate for this year is 55 cents, but that includes the 20 cents for school purposes which was only 16 2-3 cents under Tom Campbell's administration, and his tax rate was in reality 20 2-3 cents as against my tax rate of 55 cents, and if he had had the Confederate pension tax of 5 cents in his administration. which I have in mine, his tax rate would have been 25 2-3 cents against my 55 cents, and, therefore, you can see the wilful misstatement which says that taxes were eight threefourths times as much in 1915-1916 as they were in 1910, and before I get through I will show you the reason why. I will show you before I get through that the tax rate during my administration was not because I have wasted the people's money ause two Governor's preceded me and for purposes best known to them failed to do their duty to the public and her public institutions, and have handed me a legacy of indefensible economy to the State Government; debts unpaid, institutions unprovided for, buildings not erected, and I today, in the face of this great how! that is trying now to sweep over me, say that in the face of this great how! that is trying now to sweep over me, say that I offer no apologies for my administration and the Legislature that so patriotically labored with me, and I plant my feet upon the rock of honesty and say that it is just as much the duty of a government to pay its debts and to fulfill its obligations as it is the duty of the individual to do likewise, and any man seeking public office who denies this principle should be condemned by honest men and be condemned by honest men and branded as a blatant political hypo-

Appropriation for Blind.

I want to tell you something else I want to tell you something else that we have done and let them see if they object to that. When I went to Austin I went out to see the Blind Asylum, and there I found 300 little helpless unfortunate children, not permitted to see the light of day or to onjoy the comforts and pleasures that your children and my children enjoy. I found them living in a four-story building, part frame and part brick, which was poorly built and constructwhich was poorly built and constructand had been neglected for years. There were alleys, stairways and the ntrance that had not been constructd after any given design, and it was parent to any man that if fire should break out in that institution those oor blind children would burn in that ll-contsructed building like rats in a hip. And I said to myself, "I am gog to ask the Legislature to relieve his condition and remove the hazard of a holocaust which the officials of exas could never justify. Members the Legislature saw for themselves l'exas could never justify.

he will not find where his taxes have year, notwithstanding that prices for lood and clothing have increased nearly 50 per cent.

In addition to this we have the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Carlsbad, which is dealy growing in number, and which Campben did not have during his administration, and the State ex-pended \$273,000 for new buildings and the maintenance of that institution. This institution furnishes treatment to many a man and woman whose case would otherwise be hopeless. It is an act of humanity for which we should feel proud and not quibble about its cost. The value of numan life should never be fixed by the value of human gold. Yet Campbell, in orler to brag about economy, vetoed the oill establishing this institution.

Orphan's Home.

Oh, yes! At Corsicana we have the State Orphans' Home that had been neglected for years, and it was neces-sary to build additional dining rooms and dormitories for those and dormitories for those orphan children at a cost of \$75,000; to ouild a hospital at a cost of \$8000, making in all \$217,000 for improvement and maintenance of that institution for two years. I challenge any man to go orphan to that home and see those children without father or mother to provide for their wants and education, and then have the nerve to stand up in the face of honest people in a Christian land and condemn anybody for spending money for their support. If you were to elect Tom Campbell on his platform and Sterling Strong's candidate on his platform, then you say by your vote that "I want to turn the insane out of the asylums. I want to turn the consumptives out of the sanitarium. I want to put the blind children back in fire to but the blind children back in fire traps. I want to turn a deaf ear to orphan's wail and set them adrift to the mercy of a cruel world. Yes, I want to do all this because I am running for office. I have cause I am running for office. I have got to have a platform. The one I bicked is low taxes in the hope that I might deceive the people." But thanks to high Heaven the spirit of human charity and human sympathy still throbs in the hearts of our citizens, and when the 22nd day of July comes next, not because, perhaps, you like me any better than any other Governor of Texas, but because you are honest men and because you realize the moral obligations resting upon ize the moral obligations resting upon you to care for the widows and orphans, the sick and the distressed, you are going to march to the ballot box and in unmistakable terms you are going to put your foot upon the necks of those political high-binders and sink them further into political nades than a sledge hammer could trop in a month.

\$500,000 for New Asylums.

You talk to me about high taxes. tell you now, I am going to ask the regislature to appropriate another if million dollars to take every in-ne person in Texas out of the pails. have made liberal appropriations the deaf and dumb. We have apopriated \$100,000 to build an instituon for the feeble-minded, and I ould hate to see the time ever come Texas when any set of men could t in power upon a platform that ould take from the comfort which is unfortunate class of our citizen-nip so seriously demands.

No Appropriation Disapproved. Sterling Strong has had his candiate to go on the stump and Tom ampbell has gone on the stump. They have both uttered their camaign speeches. They are now seeking to deceive the people upon the dea of extravagance without having the party of the property of the people upon the dealer of extravagance without having the party to put their hand or the people upon the dealer of extravagance without having the party to put their hand or the people upon the people nough nerve to put their hand or joint their finger to one single item of the appropriation bill that the Legslature passed and say that it ought to to have been made. The next time ou hear one of these men talking bout high taxes and how extravagant his administration has been, make im stop and tell you what item in the ill ought not have been put there and if he had been Governor what em would he have vetoed, that Feruson did not veto. Ask them if they ondemn the appropriation for the upport of the courts of the State. sk them if they are opposed to the sk them if they are opposed to the appropriations for the normal schools, sk them if they are opposed to the propriations for the School of Industial Arts for Girls at Denton; ask hem if they are opposed to the appropriations for the Boys' Training chool at Gatesville; dare them to ay publicly that they are opposed to the appropriation for the Training chool for Friendless Girls at Gaines, they are the propriation for the Training chool for Friendless Girls at Gaines. There is not a single item of ppropriation that would lower the ax rate half of a cent that has been bjected to by Campbell or Sterling trong's candidate.

About Traveling Expenses.

Oh, it has been said that a great mount of money has been spent for raveling expenses and Sterling Strong crote into his candidate's speech that he appropriation bill contained \$486,-100 for traveling expenses. I tell you such is not true and the traveling expenses of all employes traveling for covernment do not amount to \$286,-09. This includes the traveling expenses of every department from the lovernor down, and of the total travoling expenses, which amounts to approximately \$257,000 for the two years, \$95,000 is spent by the nineteen bank examiners and twenty-seven traveling inspectors for the Fire Insurance Rating Board, which does not cost the people of Texas one red cent, and is paid by the banks and insurance companies of the State and in turn paid into the State Treasury. traveling expense \$11,400 is provided for the expense of the in-spectors of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, \$14,000 for the Agricultural Department, \$8,000 for the Pure Warehouse Department, \$75000 a year for the Labor Statistics Department for the Labor Statistics Department and the rest, consisting of smaller amounts in each department, making a grand total of \$128,430 a year for traveling expenses. The State Bank Examiners were provided for under the law passed by the Campbell administration. The Fire Rating Board was provided for under a law passed inder Colquitt's administration. The payment of the expenses of these departments has been handed down to the Ferguson administration. I am sure no fair minded men will condemn

me for paying the expenses of a decreated when I already came into office. Campbell nor Strong either one will tell you that these expenses are not legitimate and ought not to be paid. Strong will not dare have his candidate say if he were elected he would veto this traveling expense. To say that he would would mean that he would destroy very important branches of the government.

Warehouse Law.

It is not a question of whether you like the warehouse law or not. I found it, like a great many other laws pass ed by the Campbell and Colquitt administrations on the statute books when I came into office, and I have no more right to say that I would not enthe warehouse law or any other law because it might not suit me than I would to say that I would not enforce the local option law because I am an anti-prohibitionist.

Now, my friends, to sum up this question of appropriations and to refer again to this question of rates. As I said in the beginning, the question of rate cuts no figure in the last analy sis. What the taxpayer wants to know is, how much does he have to pay, and what does he pay for? I have sought with the aid of the Legislature to meet the just and real obligations of the government, and I am not afraid to put it side by side with Campbell or Colquitt or any other administration in Texas and be judged thereby.

Tom Campbell's Statement.

Campbell has gone out over this State and deceived the people of Texas by telling them in his opening speech that his administration only spent for the four years of his administration only the sum of \$5,507,556.48. All of bonly which is untrue, and I can prove it. Go and look at the general laws of the State of Texas, page 537, acts of the Thirty-first Legislature under Tom Campbell's signature and you will read a part of his message as follows:

The approved appropriations made by the Thirtieth Legisla-ture, including appropriations by special bills, and for the expenses of that Legislature under general appropriation bill for needs of the State Government for two years amounted to in the aggregate \$7,954,915.45. The appropriation by the Thirty-first Legislature for all purposes amounted to \$11,531,085. The increased appropriations which were vetoed and will not be used amounted to \$2,251,481.19.

Thus, by his own language, he ad mits that there was \$19,486,000.45 of the people's money appropriated to be spent for the support of the govern-ment during his administration, and he forgot to tell you that he received \$1,718,007.14 as a result of the great fight which R. V. Davidson made against the Standard Oil trust unaid-

ed and unassisted by Tom Campbell.

If Davidson had not given Campbell this fine his tax rate would have been 10 1-3 cents more. But instead of shouldering his own burden he unloaded on the school children by taking this fine to reduce the tax rate to run for office on, instead of taking this fine and loaning it for the school fund, like the Legislature wanted him to do, where it would have drawn 5 per cent for forty years and thereby saved to the school children of the State more than \$3,500,000. In other words, he punished the school children for forty years so he could be pop-

ular for one year. Yes, if he had not vetoed the \$2,251, \$1 and left that amount for ministration to pay, his tax rate would still have been 12 cents more. All this talk about a 4 cent tax rate is the utterance of a demogagoue for political purposes. If Campbell had been fair with the people his tax rate in addition to his tax rate of 20 2-3 cents for school ad valorem purposes should have been 10 1-3 cents more because he had the Waters-Pierce fine; should have been 12 cents more, because he vetoed \$2,251,481 for political purpos es; all told his tax rate should have been 43 cents instead of 20 2-3 cents. in other words, take Campbell's veteritems, amounting to 12 cents from my tax rate of 55 cents; my tax rate would be just exactly 43 cents or what Campbell's should have been.

Campbell did business on tickministration has paid your honest bts and met your obligations to the eople and that's the difference be

Appropriations by Ferguson.

The amount appropriated by this administration for all purposes amount ed to \$17,360,125.45. Of this amount \$1,000,000 was for the country schools \$2,336,000 was for permanent build ings, principally items vetoed by Campbell and Colquitt at previous times. To this should be added \$1, 029,000 for deficiencies handed down by former administrations, making a otal in three items alone of \$4.36 739 to take from my entire appropri ation bill, leaving a little less than \$13,000.00 for the two years to be ex pended for the support of your ov-

And yet they dare not say that I be condemned for spending the \$1,000,000 for rural schools; would not dere say that they would spend the \$2,336,000 for public buildings and can not say that should not have paid the \$1,022,000 for deficiencies of a former adminis-tration. And yet, taking these items out. I have administered the affairs of our government in a business way, as cheaply as Campbell or Colquitt, and the figures speak for themselves. In other words, if I had not had to may for a \$1,000,000 deficiency and two and one-third millions for public buildings which Campbell and Colquitt did not, but ought to have built and had I not given \$1,000,000 to the country schools, which no former Governor had the nerve to do, my tax former rate would have been 40 cents instead 55 cents, and if I had had a Waters Pierce Oil fine of \$1,175,000, it would have been 30 1-3 cents instead of 55 cents, and if I had not had the Confederate pension tax of 5 cents, my tax rate would have been 25 cents as against Campbell's 20 2-3 cents. ext time you find one of these high ax howling maniacs grab him by the neck and turn him over to the fool killer, and let us have peace once

Reason for Reduced School Apportionment.

Oh, but some man says the public school apportionment is only \$6 under Ferguson and was \$8 under Colquitt. The real facts, my friends, are that the Colquitt administration voted \$1 nore than they had and my adminis tration had to pay \$1,096.517 ciency from the preceding administra-tion on the school apportlonment. The apportionment under the Colitt administration should have been and they could have paid it, and id they done so, my administration wild have been able to apportion \$7 id we could have paid it, notwith-

standing we have an increased enroll. as a business man to put all State ment of over 33,000 publis, and we have an enrollment of 163,000 more than the last year of Campbell's administration. My administration will spend \$8,371,903 out of the public chool fund for popular education, while Campbell only spent for the last two years of his administration \$6,293,748. In other words, this administration spent over \$2,000,000 more for public schools than Camp-

Taxes in Other States

Why all this talk about high taxes and extravagance, anyway? When we compare our condition to other states we find that our taxes are neither high or our government extravagant.

The North Dakota tax commission as compiled a list of representative states, showing the per capita cost of Jan. 1, 1516, this year, there was on running the various state's govern- hand money and unsoid crops amountpublic schools and the per capita cost in the following states are:

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If you will divide the appropriation for the two years of my administration by two you will get \$6,981,937 for each year's taxes and divide that by a population of 4,500,000 and you will see that the rate is as I have stated, \$1.55 per capita. Instead of complaining at the administration of our affairs, I am sure this fact will demonstrate to the good people of Texas that their money has not been wasted and that these agitators have in a bold attempt to perpetuate a deception upon the hon-est citizenship of Texas stated that which is not founded in reason or

The Trip to New York.

Oh, but some squirrel head says that Ferguson ought not to be elected because he put the State to the expense of a trip to New York and took another party with him at the expense of the State. I make no apology for this trip my friends, I went to New York and Washington for two puroses. One was official. Owing to an alleged shortage in the Quartermas-Department under Colquitt's administration, the War Department sought to charge my administration with \$90,000. It is a long story not nec essary here to relate, but I deemed it necessary to go to Washington and take up the matter in person with the War Department, and as a result of such trip the alleged shortage has been reduced to \$58,000, and as a further result of such trip. I have every hope that the claim will be further reduced approximately \$20,000 more. While in Washington I deemed it necessary to go to New York and confer with the fire insurance companies now seeking an increase of rates in Texas, and I took the Assistant Attorney General, Hon. C. C. McDonald, with me for advice and counsel. While in New York I took occasion

confer with the business interests New York City, and to tell them about the glories and advantages of Texas, and to cordially invite them to oring their money to Texas, where it would be safe and where it was needed. In my humble way I brought to notice of the financial interests of the East the many natural advantages Texas, and urged them to come to Texas and loan their money to the small home owners in this State who needed an opportunity to own their home and become a more pros-perous citizen. I make no apologies for this trip, and if our people will put aside the narrow-minded, contracted view of hating every man that has a dollar and will extend an invitation to he outside world to come to Texas and help us develop our State we can accomplish much for the upbuilding of our country and the happiness and comfort of our people.

On our return home Mr. McDonald nd I, together with our efficient Quartermaster, interviewed parties in Louis who had purchased the stol en property from the former Quarter-master and recovered \$3,050 in cash for the benefit of the State.

The Hotel Bill. Oh, but they say that I rode in a private car and I stopped in a hotel hat cost \$7 a day. Well, what of it? What would they expect the Governor of Texas to do? Would they expect me to eat chili at 10 cents a plate and sleep in the parks? No. Let us be nonest with each other. My friends, the early part of my life was spent at hard labor. As a young boy cast about in the world for my own livelipood. I am not afraid to admit that many days I have hoed and picked in the cotton fields. Many days have ploughed in the grain fields of Cali ornia. Many times at nightfall three miles from home, bareback I rode a mule to the headquarter stable, where after 9 o'clock at night I reclined to my bed of straw, again to be called torth at 4 o'clock in the morning. Many days have I worked upon the railroad. Many sleepless nights amid rain and snow have I spent upon the pile driver train. Many nights have I ridden from town to town on a flat car with a coiled rope for my pillow and a plank floor for my bed. Many lays have I worked in the broiling sun upon the bridge gang. Less than wenty-two years ago I ploughed in the new ground, cut stove wood and nauled it to town and sold it for \$2 load. Many a time, not being at o make a sale in one day, have I spent ne night in the wagon yard, and, my riends. I am not ashamed of any Honest toll never hurt anybody But through it all, my friends, ! was representing myself and my misfor-tunes concerned nobody but me, and

obody was to blame. But, my friends, when I went to lew York, I went as the Governor of exas, representing the greatest per le into whose nostrils God eve le into whose nostrils God ever reathed the breath of life, a prosper us people, a proud people and a vaative I thought it my duty to preserve he dignity and to go and conduct my elf in a way that would not bring the shame to any citizen of this And if there land of ours. mong you who thinks I should have one less, he is, in my opinion, istory, and falls to have that conwhich every Texan should seek to

rpetuate Penitentiary Matters.

My friends, I said in my original latform, and pledged my best efforts

prisons on a self-sustaining basis.
When I came into office I found the penitentiary approximately \$900.000 in debt, its credit gone and discipline unknown. This \$900,000 was an addition to several million dollars that had been aproportated by previous administrations. I was confronted with an unfriendly management, and not until June 1 of last year was there a man-agement inaugurated that was friendly to my administration. The \$200,000 is yet unpaid, and it is one of the problems that the Legislature will grapple with at its next session. So far as I know the debts are just and should be

I asked the Legislature to appropriate \$465,000 to pay the running ex-penses of the penitentiary system from Jan. 1 of last year. Of that sum on ment exclusive of the aid given to ing to approximately \$234,000, representing an approximate expense of \$231,000 for maintaining the prison system of 3800 men for the year 1915. Complaint has been made that my administration continues to run the system in debt by the purchase of new farms, located in the river bottoms and pledging the credit of the State for their payment. What are the facts? For years it has been the custom to to farm in the Brazos bottom, where overflows continue to come and where the making of a crop was wholly uncertain. When I began to investigate the system I was offered for the use and benefit of the State the Eastham Farm of 13,000 acres, situated in Trinity County, Texas, and the Herring Farm of 4300 acres, just opposite on the Trinity River in Madison county. To employ 1200 convicts for which we had no employment I purchased these farms for the penttentiary system for a consideration of \$450,000, to be paid for not by the obligation of the State, but by the simple vendor's lien notes of the prison system, bearing 6 per cent interest, payable in annual installments maturing in 12 years' time. In this purchase we received approximately 200 head of fine cattle, mules, farming imple ments, feed; all of the reasonable value of \$20,000, making the land cost us \$430,000 or just a little less than \$25 an acre. Of this land only 1000 acres in cultivation are subject to overflow. There are 9000 acres in cul-tivation and 4000 that can be put in ultivation that are above overflow. The claces have good barns, dwelling uses, tenant houses, a gin and prison puildings, and are situated within

three miles of a railroad. As a practical farmer and stockman stake my reputation that this 17,300 acres of land is as rich and productive any tract of like size situated in Ellis, Dallas, Hunt, Collin or Bell Counties, and if the place is not worth \$25,000 more than the prison commission paid for it, then I am willing to resign the office of Governor and say that I am incapable of managing the business affairs. The profit made for the State upon this transaction more than offsets the money expended in the maintenance of the system for the first year of my adminstration, and I am not afraid to claim that the prison system has been self-sustaining during the first year of my administration. The State is not pledged to pay for these farms, and the vendor's lien notes themselves especially provide that they are not an obligation of the State; and if the olaces are never paid for the State of Texas would not lose a cent. But the State will pay for them and be glad to do it, and before my administration is at an end these farms will be accepted. is at an end these farms will be worth \$500,000 more than what we paid for

The only reason I did not buy these farms for my personal account when offered to me was because they had been offered to me as Governor of Texas, and I deemed it my first duty to protect the people of the State and ave them a bargain which had been offered to their Governor. I quote the callest investigation of the management of the prison system. We have now approximately 29,000 acres in cotton and 15,000 acres in corn in a good growing condition. Discipline is esablished, and the prisoners are being treated humanely; and I am glad to say that for the same time I have extended executive clemency to more nfortunate men in the penitentiary than any man who ever preceded me

Teach me to feel another woe, To hide the fault I see, That mercy I to other show

That mercy show me.'

Landlord and Tenant. In my platform I told the people that if I were elected Governor I would urge the Legislature to pass a law making it unlawful for a landlord to charge a rent exceeding one-third the value of grain and one-fourth the value of cotton. That law is upon the statute books today, notwithstanding it was predicted that it would not be. man who charges a rent in excess of this amount now is socially ostracised just like any other usurer. While perhaps the law is being violated in some cases, yet a man who charges unlawful rent is simply quiet about it, and he is afraid to admit it. If there are in Texas any landlords charging rent in excess of this amount call attention of the tenant farmers of the State that under the law as it is now written, suit for double the amount of rent collected can be brought at any time within two years from the time same is collected. For the benefit of all parties concerned I give notice that there is now a well organized campaign for the purpose of electing a judiciary to have this law declared unconstitutional for political purposes, but the attempt will feel no one, and those interested will be their guard and vote for no man for a judgship who has openly oppos-

Robertson Law and Gibson Bill. And we now come to the discussion of a question that involves the great welfare and the happiness of the people of our State. So far as natural resources go, Texas is perhaps the most favored spot upon the face of the Texas, one-fifth larger in area than the German Empire, having oneafth more tillable area than Germany and having one-fifth more rainfall than Germany, has only 4,500,000 ple, while Germany has 60,000,000 peo-ple. Texas can be made the home of 20,000,000 people, 15,000,000 of which ought to reside in the country upon small homes, dwelling by peaceful firesides and amid congenial surroundings. This is the task to which the government should turn its attention, and the real statesman should give it his serious consideration. Instead of rowing with each other about when shall drink or what he shall man drink, let us think something about what he shall eat and what he shall wear. Let us leave every man in the wear. Let us leave every man in the full possession of his private views upon the question of prohibition and let us perpetuate the right of every county or precinct to determine that question for themselves; but let the State grapple with the problem of

home building and a contented citizenship.

In my opening speech at Blum I said; "In some degree akin to the question of marketing is the question of rural credits. Let me say am not in favor of the repeal of what is known as the Robertson insurance law. But in view of the fact that the right of a foreign insurance company to loan money in Texas has been questioned as a legal proposition, I am in favor of such law as is necessary to put that question at rest, giving foreign insurance companies the right to loan all the money they desire in Texas. This is necessary in order that the farmers of Texas may have every facility for money at reasonable rates, with which to pay for homes. For eign capital is not only necessary, but must be invited to and protected in Texas. The landless man and the homeless land will ever confront us unless we invite capital to assist in

the task of removal. This may not be sentiment, but it is real business." My friends, as I said then, I say now. Notwithstanding the insurance companies of Texas by their paid lobbyists and hirelings have intentionally misrepresented me throughout Texas, I point with pride to this ut- tion. terance, this day to show that I have not broken faith with a single principle in my platform and that I am contending for nothing more now than I contended for then. What is all this talk about this Robertson law and the Gibson bill? Let us brush away all the angles and confusion and state the proposition fairly and squarely.

The Real Issue. The Robertson law says in effect to the foreign insurance companies. you do business in Texas, you shall invest a certain amount of the premi-ums in Texas." The foreign compan-The foreign companies say plainly that they do not want to and will not do business that way, and there is the issue. This is the every day experience of life, and the discussion over this question it is the the man who had the money to loan. Go into one of these banks in Texas; go into the office of one of these intell them they shall loan you some ou went in, one of these Robertson words, the man who borrowed \$35 have to bow to the money power.

My friends, the State of Texas has

the investment of money collected for the investment of the money collected more than half way. We realize the great importance of the people of Texas and the natural resources of that great State. We have no desire to to keep this law on the statute books take from the people of Texas the of Texas, and you can realize why money collected from them for in some men can become so patriotic and surance premiums, and we are willing to re-invest this money and many mil-triotic uplift. And the same story ap-lions more if you want us to come plies to most all the Texas compan-and desire our finacial help. To in- ies. None of them are making a and desire our finacial help. To in- ies. None of them are making a sure the investment which we will rate of interest less than 7 per cent. make, you place the occupation tax so high as to make it prohibitive for us to collect insurance premiums in Texas unless we in turn loan money you half way, not desiring to dicta to you nor permitting you to dictate how these great companies from to us." So to meet the case the Gib States are doing business in son will provides that the company and how fair they have been with the must pay 5 per cent of its entire people of Texas. Take for example, gross premiums collected if no inthe Aetna Life Insurance Company, a vestment is made in Texas, and the great company, I am frank to say, but proposed in proposed in proposed in a proposed in propose occupation tax is reduced in propor-

tion to the increased investment or loans made in Texas and the rate of ment to the company that will loan ing \$277,000 at 6 per cent. them to loan \$30.50 of every \$100 collected in Texas to get a 2 per cent I am in favor and the companies will agree to loan their entire re serve, or \$42.50 out of every \$700 col-lected to the farmer of Texas at 6 lected to the farmer of Texas at 6 per cent net if they are given the 1

Consequently I take it that creases. every patriotic citizen not controlled by private or special interests ought to stand ready and willing to welcome every person, firm or company that desires to loan a dollar in Tex as, if in so doing we would be bring ing about reasonable terms and rea sonable rates in obtaining the monet so essentially necessary to aid the nomes and improve them.

For a man to say that the difference of seventeen life insurance con panies that retired from Texas, hav ing a capital of probably ten or twelv times as big as all the other compar, ies doing business in Texas combined with their great financial resource will not be a great benefit if they ca be induced to come back to Texas to do violence to every principle finance that has been known to this world for 100 years. If you would list ten to the argument of some of Rot ertson law people you would conclude that the best thing to do is that we fix it so that nine of the forty conf panies now doing business in Texas shall leave Texas next year, tel-leave the State the next year and ten more the year after. And then the say if you let these companies come back to Texas they will take money out of the State and take it it ug Wal

in Texas. What has been the history of the life insurance companies in Texas since the big companies retired? Let us see if they are entitled to this pa-triotic protection which they are asktriotic protection which they are asking you to throw around them by this
legislation. Let us see if they have
been as nice and frank and patriotic
with the people as they want you to
be with them. Naturally a company
being given a special privilege by law
at the hands of home people would
feel that as a matter of gratitude they
ought to give these people at home ought to give these people at home the benefit of the special privilege; at least they ought to give them as equal and fair treatment as they would other people. Let us see if the compan

es have done this. If they have not et us see the reason why and deive nto the causes and see if we can not earn a lesson that will help us in this

iscussion. Here is the Great Southern Life inurance Company of Houston. Here is that their record has been in Texas. Now the record I am giving you is not statistics. This is certified to by J. S. itterson, Commissioner of Insurance nd Banking. The records are right own there at his office in Austin. here you can see them if you desire. Now the Great Southern Life Insurance Company of Houston, Texas, made fitty loans in Texas, aggregating

\$190,000 at 7 per cent. They made fifty-seven loans aggregating \$61,200 at 8 per cent, a total of \$251,200 and in Oklahoma they made three loans, aggregating \$66,000 at 6 -2 per cent, and they made one loan than \$1.000,000,000 in wealth has \$10,000 at 7 per cent. In other words 000,000 dollars loaned at 5 1-2 he man in Oklahoma got the cheap est rate that the Great Southern Life Insurance Company of Texas had to give. That company is here with its agents in Texas and asks you to throw the patriotic arm of Texas around them and protect them. Are you going to do it? No. You are not. They are not entitled to any such protec-

1914

per cent. But it seems that these people had to go a long way from home to show their gratitude, so they went up there among the tar heels of North Carolina first time in the history of man where the man who wanted to borrow money has attempted to dictate the terms to let this bunch of men hover are the man who had the money that the m our Capitol and prevent the passage of the Gibson bill or some similar legslation that will make these money surance companies and undertake to magnates give to the people of Texas all them they shall loan you some the same advantages as they give to oney, and you will promptly be the people of North Carolina? I want caught by the nape of the neck and to show you how this thing works. Of the seat of the trousers and thrown these loans to people who got this 10 into the street. into the street, and when you have picked yourself up and pulled yourself when the other fellow over in North together and found yourself just as broke when you was securing it at 6 per cent. broke when you came out as when a difference of 4 per cent. In other law exponents would try to console on his little farm was paying \$140 to you by telling you that you do not be patriotic. We come to another unfortunate fellow who borrowed \$16. My friends, the State of Texas has 1000 at 10 per cent, while the tar heel no more right to arbitrarily demand borrowed his money at 6 per cent. The home man in Texas paid \$640 to insurance premiums by foreign insur-ance companies than it has to demand of the free and the home of the brave. where they have the great Robertson from the people of Texas for McCormack reapers or standard cultivators. all down the line, and is the reason
But the foreign insurance companwhy you see these great big adveries say to us: "We want to meet you tisements in the papers that cost \$400

> Foreign Companies in Texas. And let us take one of the foreign insurance companies that are doing

so much interested in this great pa-

business in Texas. You hear a great deal and you will have rammed down you in seventeen different ways about how these great companies from other they, like everybody eise, are controll ed by the immutable law of supply and demand. When they have compe occupation tax is decreased down to tition they have to take less for their where the companies will only have to money. That must follow as a nat where the companies will only have to money. That must follow as a natural result. It always has and it always have they will loan on real estate ways will. All we need in Texas is and farm mortgages in Texas to the to open up the gates and let us have farmers at 6 per cent net, the same an open field of competition, and we rate obtained by the man in Iowa. will be all right. They made in 1914 The Robertson law offers no induce forty-seven loans in Texas, aggregatment to the company that will loan ing \$277,000 at 6 per cent. We never money to farmers and only requires heard of 6 per cent money in Texas them to loan \$30.50 of every \$100 col- before we had the foreign life insuronce companies. Therefore, if it is good to have one, it is good to have ten, and if it is good to have ten, let ence companies. us have the whole crowd and open the thing up. The Aetna Life Insurper cent rate.

It is a known principle of finance that more money means cheaper money. As the supply is increased the rate of interest proportionately. no Robertson aw, where they have competition with the big companies that retired from Texas. Life Insurance Company had 350 loans aggregating \$688,000 at 6 per cent. In other words the farmers of Texas who borrowed the \$662,000 from the Aetna Life Insurance Company are raying over \$12,000 to be patriotic and rpetuate the great Robertson law in Texas. Why did the Aetna Life in surance Company loan money in Oklahoma for less than they did in Texsa? It is because they have an open field and have to meet the competi-tion of the world, and we will have the same rates in Texas just as soon as we put aside this prejudice and get down to the real merits of this proposition.

The Union Central Life Insurance Company, a name quite popular in Texas, a company that has probably loaned more money to more people in Texas than any other one insurance company in Texas. They made in Texas in the year 1914, fifty-five loans, aggregating \$257,000 at 7 per cent; twenty-six loans, aggregating \$58.000, at 7 1-4 per cent; 326 loans, aggregating \$780.000 at 8 per cent. Now let us see what they have done over in Oklahoma. They have 343 loans, aggresating \$475,000 at 6 per cent; fifty nine loans aggegating \$61,000 at 6 to New York and gamble in Wall Street stocks. My friends, experience proves that this is not true. If this is the case we should banish the thirty-nine companies already doing business in Texas because they might take some money up there.

Record of Companies Doing Business. Record of Companies Doing Business get it. The New York Life insurance companies are competing for business in Oklahoma, and they have a hundred million dollars loaned in lower plone; two and a half times as much as all companies combined have loan ed in Texas, and the rates are 5 1-2 and 6 per cent. Oklahoma has today more money loaned on its farm lands than Texas. Just think of it. Oklathan Texas. Just think of it. Oklahoma, fifty years younger than Texas, the home only a few years ago of the outlaw and the bandit. There is no reason but the fact that they have more and better competition than we have here. It is a shame and a reflection upon the people of Texas that for fifty years we have builded here an empire a country the richest them which the sun shines a country

where the farming population in the black land districts of Texas produce \$150 per capita every year that rolls over our heads; yet because of this financial wall we have thrown around our financial destiny, in this little old State of Oklahoma, fifty years young r than we are, the financiers of the world have loaned them more money than they have loaned the farmers of Texas. Is it because they care any more for the people of Oklahoma han they do for the people of Texas? No. It is because Oklahoma has shown a liberal policy and said "We invite foreign capital in our State, and by the aid of foreign investors we will make a great State. And as a result of that policy Oklahoma has a larger city in its confines than there is in all Texas.

The State of Nebraska with less, han \$1.000,000,000 in wealth has \$53,ent to 6 per cent to its farmers, nearly twice as much as loaned to the peo-ple of Texas, notwithstanding the real estate values in Texas are four times what they are in Nebraska. Oh, some man says that we don't

want to surrender our rights. We have got to maintain our independence and we are not going to bow to the money shylocks of Wall Street. My reply Let us look at another one. The American National Life Insurance Company of Galveston. Here are the loans that they made in Texas during Street, who charges only 6 per cent. or his money than to bow to the shy One loan of \$24,000 at 7 per cent.

Just one man got any 7 per cent money from the American National Lile
Insurance Company.

Eight loans, aggregating \$24,000 at Eight loans, aggregating \$24,000 at 100 cent.

Fight loans, aggregating \$24,000 at 100 cent. 8 per cent. One man got a \$15,000 Texas. No man has the right to keep loan at 8 per cent. Sixty-seven people got \$103,000 at 9 the rest of the people who wants to go into the markets of the world and bor-Twenty-four people got \$230,000 at ow the cheapest money that they can get. We need not get our backs up and think that the foreign insurance companies can not live without us. are the people that need the help. They do not have to come back Texas, and this whole question is just one of business policy

People Entited to Buy Safe Insurance. Again, not only have the people of Texas the right to borrow money m he cheapest market, but they have the right to buy the best and safest insurance that they can buy. When you pay for a policy to run; wenty years in the belief that when you lie down and die at some future! line you want to know and you want to feel that that company is safe and solvent and that your widows and your children will receive that money promptly.

Upon the passage of the Robertson aw there sprang up in Texas under he great slogan, "Keeping Texas Money in Texas," many insurance companies. They sold the stock right and left and in almost every instance arge promotion fees were paid to pro-noters and exploiters. And almost invariably the day the companies opened for business their capital was imeous promotion fees that had been thought by those who formed the companies. With this canker in their stomachs some of them lingered for while, but most of them fell by the wayside. Their stocks worthless, heir capital gone, their stockholders obbed and swindled. Some have been eft to tell the story, and it takes a nan well posted to tell now which one is good and which one is bad, and without casting any reflection upon my company, I am bold to say that he people of Texas do not today have he same facilities and opportunity to buy good, safe and solvent insurance is is enjoyed by the citizens of other states where they do not have the

A Texas Trust.

In addition to that, these companies Texas have formed a trust in open iefiance of our laws; have appointed i joint agent, who controlled the orces that hovered around the State apitol at the last session of the Legstature and maintained an offensive obby to thwart the will of the people and prevent them from having the dvantages to which they are entitled. This joint agency, representing this nsurance trust to fix the rates of in-surance as well as the rates of interst, went so far as to agree with each ther not to employ each others agents. They went so far as to atempt to agree that no legislation hould be approved or opposed unless met with the sanction of their joint One of the Texas companies ebelled and called attention to this iolation of the anti-trust laws of Texs, and withdrew from the combina-ion. These facts have been brought o the attention of both candidates for Attorney General of Texas, and the eople have a right to inquire and now of these candidates whether bey intend to let this money and inurance trust continue in Texas if they ire elected.

Many honest men have been deeived as to the real issues in this mestion, and in the past few weeks nany of them who formerly opposed he Gibson bill are now beginning to hee the 'nigger in the wood pile,' and hey have volunteered to me their approval of the principles for which I have stood, and some of those who were once opposed to the bill have promised their support in the next egislature when the principles enun-iated in this bill will be recognized. My fellow citizens, this question is being to be settled. We can not grow

oing to be settled. We can not n Texas if we build a financial bemocratic mud sill that we must lave relations with all the world and fexas, being a creditor State must nore than ever recognize this princi-Texas is yet in its infancy and t has just began to grow, but we can not expect to grow if we do not purhe a liberal policy. A new day has wakened in Texas. We are today he best advertised State in the Union and looking with approval upon our upon our for reat State, and it remains whether we are going to lay aside our prejudices and whether we are coing to rise up in our good judgment and say, "We will brush aside he prejudice that we once had igainst the man who had a dollar, and we are going to meet this situaion by inviting capital from foreign lelds to this land to help us build his country and make it one desirable. lelds to this or us, our children and our children's

ildren to live in." Let us help the business man to get nore business, better business and etter profits. Let us heip the laborng man to get more work, better

Let us help the farmer to get better omes, better crops and better prices. Thus prepared, with the love of our Thus prepared, with the love of our lative land inspiring us with the love of our homes cheering us, with the ove of our God consoling us, let us as crothers of one family; as followers of one flag, as men of one Nation, ern our faces to the rising sun of lorious prosperity spreading and asting its rays upon a happy and conented people greened by the old-ashioned Democracy.



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Outing at Warrens Lake

Tuesday night a party of boys people of the party were Misses romance. Pearl and Jewel Toombs, Jessie Roger Hamblet and Booth War- Front Street, Merkel. ren. Maurine Angus and Master Fred Boyd.

On Saturday evening this the home of Wilmo Garrett to was reorganized with a number enjoy another pleasant evening of earnest, enthusiastic young vice, Mrs. Jones. together. Various interesting people present. The following contest and outside games were officers were elected: Dr. Pue, enjoyed. At a late hour delicious President; R. L. Porter, 1st vicecream and cake were served to president; Mrs. G. J. Jones 2nd GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Misses Ruth Howard, Willie Swan, Della McClain, Mamie McNees, Minnie Coats, Osee Teaff, Josie Smith, Erma and Ottillie Braune of Abilene. THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK Messrs Roy Coats, Joe Hartley, Frank Armstrong, Noel Moore, O'Neal Vantine, Ed Scott, Sidney Teaff.

The Buds of Promise class of U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits the Methodist church was entertrined by their teacher Mrs. J.J. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank 3,000,00 Shelton Tuesday afternoon from five to seven. Out door games Furniture and Fixtures..... were indulged in, then the girls Real Estate owned other than banking house..... bits of broken card board to- York, Chicago and St. Louis gether which had the name of Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other the class written on them. Mable McNees being first to get parts Net amt, due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 10 or 11) together received a box of gilt Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank Outside checks and other cash items 4,739.40 edge stationary. Then several Fractional currency, nickels and cents 299.50numbers were put on paper and Notes of other national banks. each one present signed their Coin and certificates name by any number chosen. Le- Legal-tender notes... nora Williams being the lucky one was given a fan. Refreshments of punch, wafers and oranges were enjoyed by Hazel Capital stock paid in..... Harkrider. Lola Armstrong, Surplus Fund 25,000.00-50,000.00 Mable McNees, Mary and Ethel Williams. Lorena Frazier, Willie Circulating notes outstanding..... Toombs and Lenora Williams. Demand Deposits:

Rogers-Winters

Tuesday evening July the 11th Cashiers checks outstanding at eight thirty in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winter their youngest daughter, Lau- Time deposits (payable after 30 days.or subject to 30 days on more notice) Rogers of Merkel.

At the appointed hour while Mendelsohn's Wedding March STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: was played by Miss Evelyn Williams the bridal party entered the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. from their respective rooms and grouped themselves in the eastern end of the spacious hall way facing to the east. To the left of the officiating minister Eld. Lawrence of Abilene stood little Clara Parmelley ring bearer. In the circular line with the bride and groom stood Miss Ruth Long of Abilene maid of honor and best man Mr. John West of Merkel. While to the back of these stood the bride's maids Misses Mary Belle Walker and Cyarlsie Haynes of Anson. The bride was dressed in a gown of sheer white with which she wore the short wedding veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The colors of pink and white prevailed in the dresses worn by the maids. while the gentlemen wore the

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the guests who were limited to reporter; and the various comthe relatives and a few close mittees appointed. friends mingled in informal re- A few brief pointed talks were ing hours. The bride, who is a purpose and work of a Union. inent pioneer families of our sec- good enrollment, with fine interand girls chaperoned by Messrs. tion enjoys the affectionate re- est, and a cordial welcome is exand Medames A. Boyd, L. A. gard of a wide circle of friends tended to all the young people of Woodroof, Mesdames M. D. near her home and in the sur- our town and country. Time: 7 Angus and Ell Angus of Fort rounding towns. While Mr. o'clock sharp. Worth enjoyed a noonlight pic- Rogers has not been a resident nic at Warrens Lake. Bathing, of our town but a few years his boating and music as well as the popularity as a salesman in the ever present luncheon were the Rogery grocery he has many pleasures enjoyed. The young friends interested in his life's Service.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State Constitution Relating to Levying Tax for School Purposes.

H. J. R. No. 30 House Joint Resolution

Proposing an Amendment to Section 3. Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an advalorem county tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an advalorem district tax not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Sec 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as fol-

Section 3. School Taxes. - One-fourth

of the revenue derived from the State

occupation taxes, and a poll tax of \$1.00 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual advalorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, new and do your part, if not as with the available school fund aris-Have you been coming to Sun- why not? If you make mistake ing from all other sources will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in last weeks issue as vice presi- the counties of this State not to exceed vided, a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, for the purpose of maintaining the public free schools of the county, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. and the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional advalorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed, or hereafter formd, for the further maintenance of pub lic free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the \$100,00 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such districts, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns, constituting separate and independent school districts. SEC. 2. The Governor of this State

is hereby instructed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in November. 1916, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words. "For the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of advalorem school taxes not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district." And those opposed to this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the constitution of the State of Texschool taxes, not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county, and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district."

SEC. 3. The sum of \$5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary therefor, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

[NOTE.-H. J. R. No. 30 was adopted by the House March 6, yeas 104, nays 12. Was adopted by the Senate, with amendments, March 19, yeas 25, nays 2. House concurred in Senate amendments March 19, yeas 78, nays

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(A true copy.)
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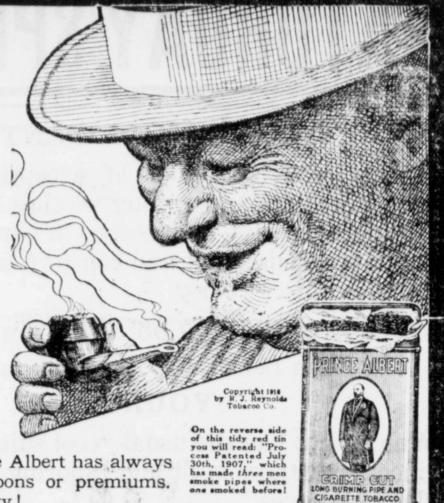
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WRONGDOING.

lifted, if it is to be kept from slipping back, it must hold firmly there can be no way of holding the world up to the level which it has already reached.

Bells.

Bells have been employed in associa tion with religious worship since the early days of Egypt. Cymbals and get well alone. band bells and small crotals served for Jewish high priests were bells of gold upon their raiment. In camp and gar- kel woman's convincing statement: rison the Greeks employed bells. The Romans announced the hour of bathing by their melody. Copper and tin, the old composition, is still regarded as the best bell metal. Steel has been tried, but does not make a successful bell. Glass bells are mellow and beautiful in tone, but the material is too fragile. The one metal which is impossible is that which everybody imagines makes the best bell-silver.

Trouble

After doctoring for about twelve years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctor's fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before. - Samuel Boyer, Falsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers.

Nelson as a Courtier.

Nelson was the hero of England even in his own time, but not apparently of the court. Samuel Rogers recounts a conversation with him which appears in the life of the poet by R. Ellis Roberts. "I heard him once during dinner." says Rogers, "utter many bitter complaints (which Lady Hamilton vainly attempted to check) of the way he had been treated at court that forenoon—the queen had not condescended to take the slightest notice of him. In truth, Nelson was hated at court: they were jealous of him." But then it must be remembered that Rogers was renowned as a particularly ill natured gossip.

Amateur Work.

He-You are the first girl I ever kissed! She-I knew it before you told me.-Judge

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price of Peace

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, in almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valu-blc Advice to Merkel Readers

It is not true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the "You might just tell him, in an offpains follow.

the secretions are dark colored, con- emn suggestion .- London Telegraph. tain sediment; the passages are too frequent or scanty. Then help the weak-

Doan's Kidney Pills have won the the festival of Isis. Aaron and other praise of thousands of women. They find auguries, too, in the flight of birds. are indorsed at home-read this Mer-

Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso St., Merkel, says: "I had a great deal of trouble with my back and could hardly kidneys. I felt worn out and languid nearly all the time and became very nervous. Doan's Kidney Pills soon Helpee me and I kept up the treatment until I was cured.'

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Serious Oversight. "Yes," remarked Farmer Corntossel,

Josh knows a heap. He can tell me crops. But there's one thing he never Sunday clothes."

"What did be omit?" "He never investigated the psychological effect of a red necktle on a bull."-Washington Star.

Clerk-Is this to be charged, madam? Lady-Oh. yes; you'll have to. My husband has just lost his position!

Now, Was It?

Beauty More Than Skin Deep.

A beautiful woman always has good ligestion. If your digestion is faulty, Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. For sale by all dealers.

Fine Scorn.

you spare a hungry man a meal of "You go away from here, or I'll call

my husband. plowin' corn in the next field your hus-

band? heart in me. I have. If you've got a meal o' victuals, for a poor starvin'

man give it to your husband."-Wash-

The Lack. Ah, Jones, are you here?" "You don't need an answer; you need

willist "-Baltimore American.

Cheering Him Up. A professional boxer was badly beaten in a sparring match and carried to

his bed exhausted and melancholy, Many a woman endures with noble him up, doctor," pleaded the defeated patience the dailly misery of backache, warrior's wife. "He's gettin' low in his pains about the hi s, blue, nervous mind, and when he's like that you've spells, dizziness and urinary disorders no idea how hard it is to wait on him. hopeless of relief because she doesn't He's worse than a bear with a toothache.

sex." Often when the kidneys get hand way, that the man as licked him congested and inflamed, such aches and is mighty bad in the 'orspital and that they may have to hold a post mortem You can tell it is kidney trouble if on him any minute now." was the sol-

Governed by Ancestors.

The Gambos of South Africa believe ened kidneys. Don't expect them to that their ancestors, whose wishes are interpreted by the sorcerers, direct and govern every act of the people. They particularly in the nighthawk and the eagle, the writhing of the serpents, the timidity of the mole, the changing colors of the chamelon, the barking or actions of dogs and foxes and even the circumstance of a pest of flies. If a turn without a sharp catch across my native shudders involuntarily the act is regarded as a sign that some misfortune is about to befall him.

Booza Beer.

Abyssinia has a sort of beer-ingre dients unknown-that bears the appropriate name of booza.

CONSTIPATION

Constipation poisons the blood. After all the scientific names of what I'm the stomach and small intestines have tryin' to raise an' what injures the absorbed the nutritive values from the food, it is Nature's plan that the remainder investigated. If he had studied a little deeper Josh wouldn't have got all casily, the accumulated matter remains there rotting, decomposing, generating a POISONOUS GAS that passes into the

> This poison, borne by the blood to kidneys, heart, lungs and every vital organ, soon shows its effects in various symptoms of disease. Also, in skin eruptions, head-aches, dull heavy feeling, loss of energy and ambition, nervousness, etc.
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MEN, READ OUR AD ON PAGE 8

Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employes, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railways be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods: 1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary, to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and

promptly dispose of the questions involved; or 3. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowindge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned posttion in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Govern-

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The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employes, the owners of the railroads, and the public

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

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for, let us say, twenty bales (his for lack of trained men. world.

a cotton broker at some port, you fill. could do this without embarrass- Everyone of the South should

ment and would not need to se- know something about cotton-

properly handling cotton.

Now just a word about the op- cost of the course.

entire crop), after the cotton has Again, there are being erected ing the course you find that been classed he could not deter- in this country thousands of there is any misrepresentation or mine positively, without a train- warehouses under the Perma- that the instructor is in any way ing such as we give, whether he nent Warehouse Law and every incompetent. Remember, there received above the basis price, or warehouse requires from two to will be no questions asked. All whether he was cheated if told three men to grade cotton, and you will need to do is to file your that his cotton fell below Mid- every warehouse requires from statement and get your money dling or the basis price. We two to three men as caretakers That is the only way I know to guarantee that our students can in the manner prescribed by this handle the situation in a convinchandle the most complicated lists law. The young man trained ing manner. We also guarantee of cotton known to the cotton scientifically is certainly more to handle the subject in two desirable than the one who has weeks. If you and a number of your learned by guess. You can easi- For information write, J. L. friends wished to throw in your ly see that there is a demand, Farnsworth, Ballinger, Tex. 30th cotton crop together and ship to and one that it will take years to

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