

STERLING'S CANDIDACY STIRS POLITICAL SEA

Houston, June 5.—R. S. Sterling of Houston, chairman of the Texas highway commission, and prominent in the business and civic life of South Texas, in announcing his candidacy for governor on the democratic ticket issued the following statement:

"I have decided to enter the democratic primaries as a candidate for governor. A careful study of the present situation has led me to believe that I can be useful to my state if called to the governorship, and in that belief I am announcing my candidacy.

"Economically, Texas is undergoing greater changes than any other state. Her towns are becoming cities, her industries growing in number and importance. Both in urban and rural districts, new and more complex conditions of life are coming into evidence. Texas needs an administration awake to the demands of an era of change and dedicated to efficiency in meeting these demands. It will be my major purpose, if elected, to give the state such an administration.

"Only one thought should guide the citizens in choosing a governor, and that is, what candidate is best equipped to serve the interests of the public. I am willing to be judged by this standard.

"Among the proposals which I shall advocate are: To continue the policies of the present highway commission through the appointment of men especially equipped to carry out a road building program to the end that a hard surfaced road be extended to every town in Texas and a good road to every farm home. The betterment of all our public and eleemosynary institutions and especially our public schools, colleges and university. I shall give special study to an adjustment of the state taxing system and seek to work out in cooperation with the legislature the fairest adjustment that can be made to lift some of the tax burdens from those least able to bear it. Tax reform is necessary, in my belief, but it can and should be accomplished

without seriously disturbing the business life of our state.

"It is my purpose, if elected governor, to place the penal institutions of Texas on a sound basis and to modernize the penitentiary plant and bring the system up to date.

"I have always voted for and favored prohibition and I have been a total abstainer all my life. I am strongly committed to strict law enforcement and if I am elected I shall use all the power and influence of the office to enforce the laws of our state."

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

(Continued from Page One) dinance but not enforced; or certain people are given "privileges"—that is a cash drawer casualty that affects all business of the community.

If the business district is scarred and blemished by wall signs, bill boards and unrestricted store signs, people will be repelled by such oppressive ugliness and automatically will buy elsewhere.

If the people of the community are not "sold" on their town; if they stand back with a satisfied-with-thing-as-they-are attitude and fail to get together, pull together and work together—that is the worst of all cash drawer casualties.

If a community does not grow and make progress it is very likely due in no little degree to failure to recognize cash drawer casualties, and to do something to eliminate them.

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Preaching at Blair.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church Sunday morning conducted by Rev. Mr. Pruett and everyone is invited to come.

Seven tons a week of pennies were used by a large New York department store during the holiday season of 1928.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

HEBRON NEWS

Rev. O. B. Tatum was here for his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday morning and night.

Miss Mary Pence of Merkel spent the week-end with her brother and family here.

Jack Parnell returned home Saturday from Austin where he has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris spent the week-end in Abilene with their aunt, Mrs. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parnell and children were in Abilene Sunday for the airplane races.

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Will tell you more about it next week.

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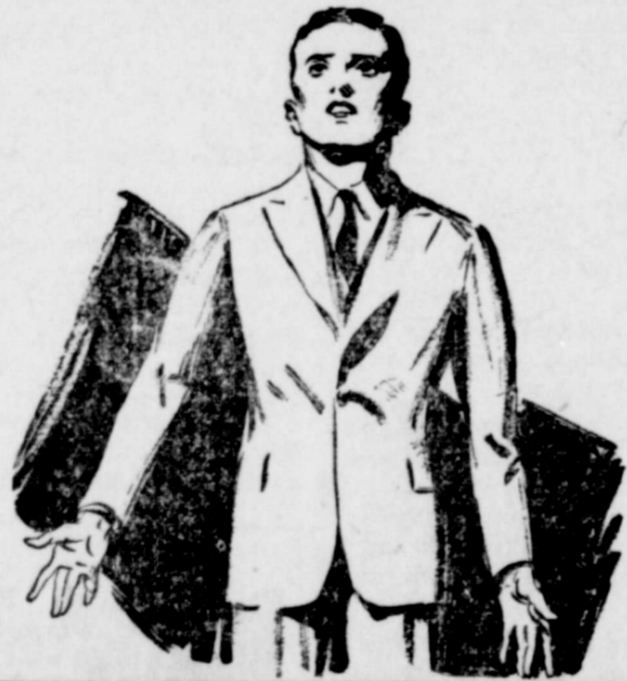
"For four years my system was in a rundown condition and for the past eight months, stomach and kidney disorders have caused me much suffering," said Mrs. F. L. Bethel, 406 Avondale street, Liberty Heights, Dallas. "Gas formed after each meal and I had a burning sensation from my throat to the pit of my stomach. My kidneys were sore and did not function properly. I had pains across my back, and I was steadily losing in weight and strength.

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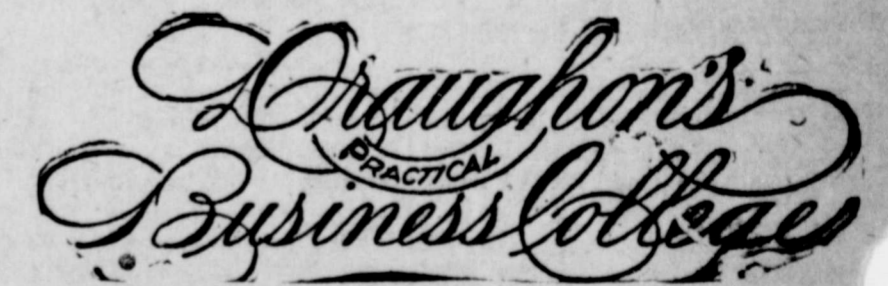
There's never a fire or a destructive accident that doesn't bring home to somebody—sometimes the property owner involved, sometimes just a casual observer—the vital importance of adequate, dependable insurance. But why wait for the ill wind to blow in your direction? Why not find out now about property protection and the type of insurance that best meets your particular needs?

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Much Sought Man is Taken into Custody In Warden's Office

Huntsville, June 5.—Yancey Storey, Denton county, whose bonds on a charge of bank robbery were forfeited when he failed to appear in court, was arrested here Monday after having been refused admission to the state penitentiary.

Storey was arrested by Ranger Main Tom Hickman in the office of the warden and Hickman, with another ranger, immediately left with him for Denton.

Storey came to the penitentiary that morning, the warden said, and asked to be admitted. It was explained that commitment papers were necessary, and Warden Harrell told him to wire for the papers and to return in the afternoon.

Meantime Harrell notified Hickman who came to Huntsville for the fugitive. They could not locate him in Huntsville, so they waited at the warden's office. When Storey came in that afternoon to keep his appointment, they handcuffed him, Harrell said.

Bonds totalling \$33,000 on 25 felony cases were forfeited April 14 in Dallas when Storey failed to appear for trial. Storey had agreed to withdraw appeal in the five-year conviction for the Krum bank robbery case if several other pending cases were dismissed, but this agreement was defaulted.

The cases against him included five burglary charges, five of theft of over \$50; one arson charge; four receiving and concealing stolen property; three robbery with firearms; one accessory to murder; three assaults on murder; three assault in disguise.

Officers had sought him intermittently since April 14 and it was variously reported that he was in Denton all the time and that he had hidden in the territory surrounding Denton.

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Blanton is Sworn in Over Protest Monday

Washington, June 5.—Within an hour after his return Monday as a member of the house, Thomas L. Blanton of Texas, famous for his legislative vicissitudes, became once more a storm center.

Sworn in over the protest of Representative Clancy, republican, Michigan, he sat silent while the house proceeded at once to consider a resolution by Clancy, providing for inquiry into some aspects of the Blanton campaign in Texas.

Finally the resolution was referred, by a vote of 148 to 138, to a committee. On the roll call Blanton voted "present."

Clancy told the house that in his campaign advertising the Texan insulted every member of congress by declaring among other things, that at Washington "waste and extravagance run rampant," "bad bills pass without reading," and legislative "steals" are perpetrated with impunity.

Clancy also objected that the certificate of election said Blanton was elected a "congressman" and not a "representative."

Clancy attempted to read a campaign advertisement used by Blanton, but Representative LeGuardia, republican, New York, and Representative Garner, of Texas, the democratic leader came to Blanton's defense.

Speaker Longworth put it up to the house itself, and the ayes drown-

ed out the noes.
The Texan then was administered the oath of office.

Austin, June 5.—A certificate of election was issued to Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene as congressman from the Seventeenth district by the state canvassing board Saturday after it had viewed the returns from the 19 counties of the district in the special election held there to name a successor to Congressman R. Q. Lee, removed by death.

The official totals were 10,225 for Blanton and 8012 for Mrs. Lee, widow of the late congressman.

Attorney General R. L. Bobbitt, who with Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state, and Governor Moody, canvassed the returns, ruled that the law stipulating that returns be not canvassed before the 40th day after an election did not pertain to special elections.

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Italian Breaks Air Duration Record

Monticello, Italy, June 5.—Major Maddalena Sunday broke the world endurance record officially recognized for planes not refueling in the air, that of Jobann Ristiez and Hans Zimmerman, German fliers who stayed up 65 hours and 26 minutes in 1928.

Accompanied by Captain Cecconi, the Italian flier took off from the government field here at 4 a. m. Fri-

day for Ostia and return, and by 10:25 o'clock tonight had flown 66 hours and 25 minutes. At midnight he was still flying and it was believed he also would exceed distance records. For his record to be recognized, however, he must land at the point of departure.

Major Maddalena, who participated

in the rescue of Gen. Umberto Nobile's crew of the dirigible Italia in the Arctic in 1928, is planning a flight to New York by way of the Azores.

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"I have gained one hundred per cent since taking Orgatone (Argotane) and I consider the good I have received worth more than a fortune to me," said W. W. Wilson, a well known carpenter in Abilene for the past twenty-eight years and who resides in the Over Addition, Abilene, Texas.

"I feel it my duty," continued Mr. Wilson, "as well as a privilege to tell everybody what Orgatone did for me, for it may be that my statement will help others who are in the condition I was before I took it."

"My health had been giving way for the last two years and of course I took things worse, I had stomach and neural kinds of medicines, but I kept getting troubles that bothered me something terrible. I was in an awful shape and finally got so weak I could hardly walk around much less do my work."

"The lightest things to eat would hurt my stomach and cause me great misery. Finally it seemed as if every one was talking about Orgatone (Argotane) and the good work it was doing, so I bought a bottle and after I had taken a few doses I told my friends I had surely found the medicine at last. I am gaining in strength all the time and feel strong enough to go back to work and I just completed a job last week and it didn't bother me in the least. I am gaining in strength all the time and feel one hundred per cent better than I did before I started on this treatment. If anyone wishing to know more about how Orgatone (Argotane) benefitted me, will come to see me or write me, I will gladly help them all I can. I prize Orgatone (Argotane) above all other medicines I know of and recommend it to all who are suffering from troubles like I had."

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Introduced last January, Chevrolet's new Service Policy was immediately greeted with enthusiasm by Chevrolet buyers everywhere—because of its many liberal features which add to the economy and satisfaction of Chevrolet ownership. Briefly, it provides—

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- for free replacement of any material—including both parts and labor—that may prove defective, within the terms of the standard warranty.
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The Coach..... \$565		The Sedan..... \$675
The Coupe..... \$565	\$495	The Special Sedan..... \$725
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 For District Attorney 104th district:
 EMMETT ROBINSON,
 or Sheriff:
 H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)
 R. (Chas.) WALDROP.
 L. SEALE.
 URL WHEELER.
 For County Clerk:
 W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
 For County Treasurer:
 AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
 For Tax Collector:
 EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
 For Tax Assessor:
 J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)
 H. F. LONG.
 MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.
 For District Clerk:
 BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
 For County Attorney:
 GRAY BROWNE.
 WILEY L. CAFFEY.
 For County Superintendent:
 M. A. WILLIAMS.
 For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
 W. H. FRAZIER.
 P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
 W. L. BLAIR.
 RUFE TITTLE.
 THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
 JOHN J. TOOMBS.
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
 S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.
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 DENZEL COX.
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 T. D. COMPTON.
 HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

The SANDMAN STORY

ABOUT THE BIRDS

"SHALL we join the others?" asked Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, of his mate.

"Oh, yes, that would be so nice," his mate answered cheerily.

"There is such a good crowd near yonder prairie," Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird continued. "And I know where there is a good marshy pond, too."

"Oh, you are very wonderful," said Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird.

"What do you say to these plans, birdlings?" asked Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird of the four bird youngsters.

"There'd be lots more playmates



"We Are a Sociable Crowd," Said Mrs. Blackbird.

then, oh, chack, chack, chack," the birdlings answered.

"Ah, they take after us," said Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird.

The four birdlings had been gray eggs some time before; gray eggs speckled with tan. They had been in a nest of rushes which was safely held by stronger rushes up above the pond. The nest had been warm and deep and comfortable.

So the Yellow-Headed Blackbird family went to join other yellow-headed blackbird families. There had been some others where they had lived, and these all went along, too.

A good many of them went and joined a huge, huge colony.

"Ah," said Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, when they arrived at their new home, "we should have come here earlier in the season. It's delightful here."

"So many nice families, too."

All the others greeted Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird and Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, and the children were greeted, too.

Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird looked very handsome with his yellow cap and bright yellow waistcoat and beautiful black suit with white touches to the wings.

Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird wore a brownish suit, and her yellow hat and front feathers were not so bright as Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird's were. Her hat, too, was trimmed with brown.

It was unusual for these birds to have joined the others when they did, for usually all the birds are together during the time that they are all setting up nest keeping and attending to the young.

But this family, with a few others, joined the great colony later than they should have done in order to keep up the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds' ways.

"There is no mistake about it, we do love company," said Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, as he began chattering to the old and new friends.

"We are a sociable crowd," said Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird. "There is no mistake about that."

"What fun it will be with so many of us," the birdlings said.

They were quite grown-up by now. At least they considered they were, and it was not far from the truth, although their mother and father thought they were still young children.

All of the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds chattered and then they gave a concert that evening in honor of the new arrivals.

Had the new arrivals been other than Yellow-Headed Blackbirds, they would not have thought it an honor, for the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds make a very queer noise when they sing.

It sounds more like a squeaking chorus than a singing concert.

They give different sorts of squeaks and feel quite satisfied with themselves and with each other.

At least they do not object to the squeaking sounds, for they gather together in huge crowds, and where you find one you're sure of finding many.

They move about in a most curious way when they make these squeaking sounds, as though it was quite painful, but they keep on doing it, so it cannot be so very painful.

Surely, they can't think it so beautiful that at all costs it must be done.

"It's fine that we came," said Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird.

"Fine," said Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird.

"Fine," said the four children.

And all their new friends and neighbors squeaked:

"Fine, fine, fine."
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Dora Doings

Wind—morning, noon and night—so bad the farmers can hardly work, and a nice big shower would be a benefit to crops. We are expecting one at the end of this wind.

Mrs. N. G. Oliver and son, Homer, and Miss Daisy, returned home Saturday after a week's visit at Maysville and Walters, Okla.

Chapel Hardy and wife of Dallas will arrive Friday to visit homefolks. Our baseball club went to Blackwell last Friday and got "skunked."

I believe is the word, but we say they can't do it again.

Everett Pool, J. R. McCoy and Avery Clayton went fishing on the Concho last week-end and they brought home some real nice fellows as evidence.

A crowd from here attended the play put on at the Elm Grove schoolhouse last Friday. They reported a nice time, with lots of giggles as a sideline.

Eli Brown and wife of Del Rio are here visiting J. B. Wisenhunt and family.

Doris Jones is recovering from a very severe attack of tonsillitis.

Several from here were present at the singing at Sweetwater Sunday when the Stamp quartet performed.

Mrs. S. E. Porter was seriously bruised last Saturday, when as she passed through the cow lot one cow made a run on another and she seemed to be directly between them. The cow stepped on one of her feet and bruised her up so that she cannot walk.

Mrs. Sy Dennis was shopping in Blackwell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Rogers and son, Gus, were visitors in Midland last week.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one Farmall tractor. Adams & Leverett, Abilene, Texas, or see Harry Barnett.

FOR SALE—One two row John Deere cultivator in good condition price \$30.00 cash. Cultivator can be seen at Mr. John Hall's place northwest of Clements-Middleton Co. Box 4, Abilene, Texas.

COTTON SEED—For sale, culled and re-cleaned, Antone and Kasch; also some baled sorghum. Pierce Horton, 7 miles north of town.

FOR SALE Or TRADE—Shetland pony, 3 years old. O. R. Dye.

FOR SALE—Good Jersey-Durham milk cow. See the cow at Spence Wagon Yard. A. H. Forehand.

FOR SALE—Double row P. & O. cultivator, scarcely been used; for sale cheap for good note. A. H. Thornton.

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LOST AND FOUND

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LODGE NOTICES

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PUBLIC OPINION MUST BACK ENFORCEMENT

Washington, June 5.—Public opinion was described Saturday by Prohibition Commissioner Doran as the deterrent to that complete enforcement of the dry laws which could be accomplished if all the states would cooperate with the federal authorities.

In a monograph contending that the states and the federal government had concurrent obligations to enforce prohibition, Doran said that in states where there was lax cooperation "unwholesome influences are at work to prevent enforcement."

In New York city, Doran said, there was close connection between the law breakers and the police and a tendency of "city officials to hamper federal enforcement officers in many obscure ways."

First among his list of causes for lack of enforcement there, he placed: "A strong sentiment against the prohibition law, not on the part of the majority, perhaps, but on the part of a large minority."

Doran said that a double obligation rested upon the states to aid in the enforcement of the law—"the inherent police power of the state to regulate liquor traffic and the power conferred on the state by the United States in the eighteenth amendment."

"Laws provide plenty of authority for any state official to proceed legally against any violator of the national prohibition act," he added. "The fact that in those states that have no enforcement act and in some states that do have enforcement acts the duty is not performed does not alter the obligation of the state enforcement officials in the least."

Reviewing the dry statute, Doran said prohibition of intoxicating liquor did not start with the passage of the eighteenth amendment but had been enforced by 32 states through "bone dry" laws for several years before and in 16 others through local option.

This, he said, brought a total of 65,000,000 of the nation's population under prohibition. The Volstead act, he continued, was a composite of the prohibition laws of the states which already had successfully enforced them.

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CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Miss Hettie McClanahan of Rising Star, a former teacher in our schools, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Taylor Davis and children of Merkel visited her sister, Mrs. G. W. Cox, Jr., last Wednesday night.

V. H. Patterson motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon, witnessing while there the ball game between Nubia and Abilene. The score was 9 to 8 in favor of Abilene.

Ed Sandusky visited friends in Caps Saturday and on his return to Merkel he was accompanied by Allyn Harris.

John Jones and his father, J. D. Jones, were visitors in Mineral Wells one day recently.

G. W. Hughes was in Abilene Saturday.

Ed Sandusky celebrated his 23rd birthday Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky. After games were played, the cake was cut and passed by Ed himself. Those enjoying the affair were Allyn Harris, Hettie McClanahan of Rising Star, Ruth Jones, Bell Patterson, John Fulton, Slim Criswell, A. H. Murphey, Raymond Stapleton, Vernon Jones, Elmer Sandusky of Weslaco, Alva Peterson, Ted Windham, Harold King, Weldon McAninch, Marvin Melton, Bebe Reynolds, R. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Patterson, Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandusky and children and the host and hostess.

Texas automobile registration fees in 1929 totaled \$20,418,696—exceeded by only three other states.

Texas has thirteen legal holidays. Two of them—Texas Independence March 2 and San Jacinto April 21—are peculiar to the state.

Calico was named for Calicut, a city in southwestern Hindustan, where calico printing was once intensively carried on.

England has had more marriages so far this year than in any similar period in several years.

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Police Seek Cause Why Radio Croons Jazz Airls at 2 a. m.

Tulsa, Okla., June 5.—Boop-a-boop songs at 2 o'clock in the morning may have their benefits, Officers L. L. Higgins and N. E. Howard learned at about that hour Friday.

Hastening to a Tulsa residential neighborhood, in which a riot was reported threatening, the two officers put on their hard-boiled mien and knocked at the door of the home from which emanated the disturbing "boop-a-boop" and "do-de-oh-dos." The radio appeared to be having a good night, if the neighbors were not.

"Lady, what's this radio going this time of night for?" sternly demanded Higgins of the woman of the household.

"Put her in the cooler," shouted a neighbor from across the alley. There were contributions from other neighbors. The situation, thought Officers Higgins and Howard, was growing delicate.

Then announced the woman sweetly that the radio had been turned on to put the baby asleep, that the baby was now asleep and that she would turn off the radio. She did, the neighbors returned to their beds and Officers Higgins and Howard returned to police headquarters, satisfied they had done their duty.

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When a film company recently asked the British government to lend it 10 warships for use in a film production, it was told that it should have to insure the vessels and their crews for \$100,000,000.

Texas maintains five fish hatcheries with two more now provided for. In Texas the United States maintains one hatchery and one private hatchery is located at Medina Lake.

Bledsoe Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor

Lubbock, Texas, June 5.—Former State Senator W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock, who several months ago said he expected to be a candidate in the July primaries for the democratic nomination as lieutenant governor, has filed his application for a place on the ballot and has issued a formal announcement.

Mr. Bledsoe is a native of Cleburne, where he resided till his removal to Lubbock twenty-one years ago. He is a practicing attorney, his legal education having been obtained at the University of Texas. The only public offices he has sought and held have been those of representative and senator in the Texas legislature.

Mr. Bledsoe's announcement, in part, is as follows:

"If elected I will undertake to so direct the work of the senate as to expedite the dispatch of its business and avoid the necessity of continuous called sessions. It will be my purpose after a conference with the senators to undertake to select those best fitted for the various committees and with my knowledge of the work of the senate I feel sure that it can be done in a way that will curtail long and expensive sessions.

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Mr. Bledsoe says he has always been a friend of education, both the common schools and higher institutions; believes in their support and also adequate appropriations for the care of the states eleemosynary institutions.

"I have helped in my humble way to make Texas the most glorious commonwealth of all the world," Mr. Bledsoe continues, "and with the knowledge I have gained, covering her legislative history through a long period of years, I know that I could be of further assistance in laying out plans and enacting laws for her further development in this hour of her greatest growth. At this particular time more than any other in her previous history she is calling for and should have the best service her sons can give."

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Fat Man Prisoner in New Voting Machine

Geneva, N. Y., June 5.—Since those new-fangled voting machines have been in existence, there is an added qualification for all voters. The qualification is simple: You mustn't be too fat.

The city learned of this qualification recently. The occasion was afforded when a man weighing 400 pounds entered a booth to cast his vote in an election machine. Something went wrong and the obese gentleman couldn't extricate himself from the machine. As you may have concluded, the police were called, and, after the machine was entirely wrecked, the man was freed. The next day two things happened—voting was continued by ballot system and the fat man probably came to the conclusion that he didn't have all the qualifications for voting with a machine.

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FARM POULTRY

FATTEN BROILERS BY USE OF PENS

Confine Fowls Two Weeks Before Marketing.

Many New Jersey poultrymen find that cockerels to be marketed as broilers can be pen fattened to advantage. Two weeks before they are marketed the broilers are confined to pens and fed a special fattening ration. The following ration has given good results in the state: One hundred pounds of corn meal; 50 pounds of wheat middlings; 50 pounds of ground heavy oats or ground oatmeal; 30 pounds of meat scrap.

This mash is mixed with water and fed to the broilers three times a day, all they will clean up in 15 to 20 minutes. When milk is available for mixing, the meat scrap should be omitted from the mash, advises the poultry department of the New Jersey agricultural experiment station. If semisolid buttermilk is used, dilute one part of it with three parts of water and then mix with mash. When powdered milk is used, substitute 30 pounds of it and omit the meat scrap. Water should be kept available for the birds.

It is not advisable to market the broilers until they weigh two to two and a half pounds, says the poultry department.

Early Maturing Pullets Usually Best Layers

In every flock of growing chickens there are always some that grow faster than the others. Observations and experiments have shown that it is these early developing pullets that are the best ones to select for the laying flock. They will start laying sooner than the others and will keep it up longer, provided they are fed a good laying ration and are fed in such a way as to maintain body weight.

Occasionally some will develop sexually, that is, their combs will reddens up and become large, and these birds will lay eggs. They may make this development at the expense of their body growth. Such birds should be given a little longer time to put on more growth and weight before expecting them to continue laying. This is done by cutting down the protein in the growing ration, cutting down the meat scrap to about 5 to 10 per cent, and feeding heavily of grain. Follow this procedure for about two weeks.

Preventing Instead of Curing Poultry Ills

A "cured" fowl is a menace to the poultry owner because, as a rule, the bird goes back into the laying flock and loses its identity. It continues to produce eggs or is mated to hens that are laying eggs to be hatched. The chicks from these eggs will inherit the constitutional weakness that made the ancestor or ancestors susceptible to the disease.

For this reason, if no other, prevention is far better than cure. Birds which do not have the opportunity to become sick will produce greater returns than those that are kept under insanitary conditions and under improper methods of feeding and management.

Poultry Notes

Nests should be easy to remove to facilitate cleaning.

Provide clean feed, clean quarters, clean ground, and start with clean chicks.

Geese are naturally grazing fowls. They have been grown for many generations on pasture.

Washed eggs have proved unsafe for storage. Therefore nests, houses, and the place in front of the door should be kept clean and as dry as possible.

If the pullets are laying heavy and getting a little thin in flesh, they may need a little more grain.

Hatch heavy and medium breeds between February 20 and March 20; light breeds, March 20 to April 20. Do not hatch chicks after May 1.

Speltz is not much used in poultry feeding. The reason for this is that it is hard to thresh clean and it has sharp points and the hull is very tough and difficult for the hens to digest.

More than half the ability of a hen lay a large number of eggs depends upon the breeding of her immediate male ancestors.

No matter how carefully the culs have been rejected, the good pullets will not lay profitably in poorly constructed houses.

During the past ten years poultry has been of increasing importance as a source of meat. The relative price of chickens has increased more than the price of eggs during this period.

FARM STOCK

MOLDY BEET TOPS FED FARM STOCK

Used in Moderation Product Is Not Harmful.

Moderate feeding of moldy beet tops to cattle and sheep is not harmful, although excessive feeding may be dangerous, declare authorities at the Colorado agriculture college.

For two years very moldy tops have been fed to calves in the college experiment station feed lots here without any indication of trouble, according to E. J. Maynard, associate animal husbandman. The calves have been eating 12 to 15 pounds each, daily, of the moldy tops in the composted piles, as similar lots of calves did last year, Mr. Maynard says.

"Molds themselves are not harmful but they tend to change the chemical reaction from acid to alkaline, this allowing bacteria of all kinds to develop," says I. E. Newson, veterinary pathologist to the Colorado experiment station. "In rare instances botulism as been found in moldy silage, and of course the moldy silage has been blamed for the trouble rather than the botulism."

"Although we have done no experimental work with beet tops in the field, the same is probably true with them as with silage. In a reasonable amount, tops seem to be perfectly harmless, but when cattle get too many tops, trouble starts," continued Doctor Newson.

"Certainly it would be safer to feed the tops in the field rather than as silage, for then there would be less chance of spreading bacteria."

Molasses Proves of No Benefit in Fattening

Molasses proves of no benefit in fattening calves where a good balanced ration of high class feeds is used. That is the conclusion arrived at by the Ames experiment station after conducting two tests, using two lots of five calves each in each trial. The average weight of these calves at the start of the first test was 436 pounds and of those used at the start of the second test, 381 pounds. The feeding periods were 270 days and 240 days, respectively.

The check ration in the first test consisted of shelled corn, linseed meal, alfalfa hay, and salt. The second group received the same ration plus 1 pound of cane molasses per head daily after the first 150 days. In the other study, the check ration was similar to the above, except that corn silage and minerals were added and the experimental lot was self-fed cane molasses in addition to this ration after 150 days of feeding.

In neither case did the cane molasses increase the rate of gain. The check lots gained 2.42 and 2.32 pounds per head, while those receiving the molasses in addition gained 2.38 and 2.31 pounds per head respectively.

Hogging Down Corn

Tankage or some other protein supplement and minerals is essential if the hog feeder expects rapid gains to be made by hogs when they are harvesting the corn in the field, according to F. L. Qualie of Iowa state college.

The use of a good protein supplement will speed up gains and make them cost less per pound. A field of clover or alfalfa adjoining the corn which is to be hogged down, or soy beans or rape sown in the corn, makes an ideal combination for hogging down.

Live Stock Facts

By balancing his ration you can help a hog to do his duty of eating heavily.

Frequent changes of pasture for ewes and lambs will help considerably in controlling stomach worms.

Except for hogs, horses and mules, there was more live stock on the farms of this country on January 1 this year than at the same time a year ago.

It helps materially, in the control of stomach worms, to provide annual pasture crops such as rye or wheat pasture, sudan grass and rape.

Horses and mules doing hard work must have plenty of grain. Horses cannot stand up to hard work on a light grain ration, which forces them to eat too much hay.

The Big Ten ration figured out by Iowa State college points out an important lesson in swine feeding as they show the need of a variety of proteins combined, rather than a dependence on one or two sources.

The loss of pigs at farrowing time frequently amounts to nearly 50 per cent. A considerable part of this loss can be prevented by proper feeding of sows during the gestation period, attention at farrowing time, and providing suitable quarters for the sow and litter.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell entertained most graciously Saturday evening, complimenting their many friends with a lawn party. Those enjoying this hospitality were: Misses Opal Johnson, Mabel Scott, Lucy Moore, Neoma Grayson, Mojessie Clinton, Iva Mae Little, Mattie Lou Nixon, Ruby Grace, Valera Parks, Margie Coats, Lena Lee Demery, Clarece Rosson, Florence Evan, Orene Berry, Bonnie Fae Mathews, Catherine Tittle, Norene Weaver, Fern Evans, Addie Mae Rosson, Olera Wheeler, Myrtle Driggers, Eura Graham, Anna Addison, Vernice Owens, Odena Pribble, Mary Allene Frazier, Lena Bright, Eline Perry, Norwell Evans, Rowena Perkins and Nadine Perry.

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