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AWESOME TRAGEDY MARKS MINE STRIKE

SHARRED FRAGMENTS OF TWO BODIES FOUND IN RUINS OF LOG CABIN.

BELIEVE THEY WERE GUARDS

Employee, Who Says He Saw Dead Committed, Tells Story of Killing in Affidavit.

Fort Smith, Ark.—The finding of sharded fragments of the bodies of two men in the ruins of a log cabin was reported by an attempt to destroy the surface works of another mine owned by the Hache-Dunman Coal company. Sunday's developments in the conflict between strikers and nonunion coal miners and other company employes in the Hartford valley coal fields.

The discovery of parts of two skulls and human bones, raked from among the embers of the log cabin, it is believed, the failure of W. Sylesberry, and John Baskin, his guards, to report after Friday's battle at Prairie Creek and tends to confirm the statement sworn to by an C. Thomas, a company employe, who declares that he witnessed the execution of Sylesberry and Baskin.

According to Thomas, he and six other men were taken prisoners after the six-hour battle at Prairie Creek and escorted to a hut at the head of a gulch on Sugar Loaf Mountain about ten feet from the hut, Thomas declares, one of the men who captured the mine employes opened fire with a rifle, killing Sylesberry and Baskin and attempted to kill Thomas and other members of the party. The five other captives were set at liberty, according to Thomas' narrative, and it is presumed the bodies were then placed in the cabin and the torch applied.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of a number of men alleged to have participated in the attack on the Prairie Creek mines when the tipple and other parts of the plant were damaged and burned. The warrants charge murder, arson and rioting and seven charge murder.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

The first annual state meeting of the building trades council convened in Waco last week.

The cornerstone of the new \$75,000 high school building at Terrell was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

The B. Y. P. U. is having its annual encampment at Palacios, and the crowds are larger than in the history of the encampment.

The Texas Nursemen's association will meet at College Station during the farmers' congress July 27-29.

In a fire in the yards of the T. & B. V. at Teague, five cabooses burned. Loss amounted to about \$3,900.

The commissioner's court at Cameron let a contract for the construction of roads in Precinct No. 1. A Waco firm of contractors secured the contract, amounting to \$72,000.

The taxable valuation of Marlin is \$3,171,428 for 1914, an increase of \$233,878 over the year 1913.

McKinney is doing some paving and the Woodmen of the World is building a \$10,000 lodge hall there.

One of the largest cattle deals made in the Laredo section in some time occurred a few days ago. Coleman & Young sold about 3,200 head of off their Zapata county ranch. The deal will total up more than \$100,000.

The Texas attorney general has dismissed the suit against Ahrens & Ott Manufacturing company on a settlement carrying the payment of a fine to the state of \$25,000, all costs of suit and office expenses. Allegation was made that the anti-trust law was violated in the fixing of prices of plumbing material, pipe, etc.

It is reported at San Angelo that J. D. Sugg, a millionaire of this section, is having plans prepared for the construction of a fine hotel here. Mr. Sugg already owns a model small hotel, and has many investments in this section.

That \$16,000 of a total of \$25,000 needed for the construction of the Texas building and the place for the Texas exhibit at the Panama exposition at San Francisco has already been collected, was the statement made recently following a meeting of the exposition committee of the Texas Lumbermen's association in the office of the chairman, John H. Kirby, at Houston.

Three persons were burned to death in a rooming house fire in Dallas last week on South Akard street, near the business section, about 2 a. m. There were ten people asleep in the building at the time. The dead are Mrs. Mary E. McCauley, her daughter, Ethel, and Mrs. Dora Roberts. Several others were injured in escaping from the second floor. Mrs. McCauley met her death in an attempt to save her daughter, who was sleeping up stairs. The theory is that Mrs. McCauley ran from her bedroom down stairs to the floor above, up a stairway that was a mass of flames. Finding she could do her daughter no good, she staggered to the nearest exit, the back porch, where the charred body was later found. Four children escaped, the oldest boy being only slightly burned. Mrs. Roberts died trying to escape from the back bedroom, where Ethel McCauley was sleeping. Her body was found in the hall near the burned stairs.

The tax assessor of Montague county has finished extending the property on the tax rolls for this year, and the total valuation shown thereon is \$12,838,620, an increase of \$22,155 over last year.

President O. L. Williams, of Bowie, and Secretary A. W. Read, of Memphis, Tex., have issued an official call for a meeting of the Colorado-Gulf Highway association July 31 at Fort Worth, for the annual election of officers.

Bell county has gotten into the good roads column with a vengeance, and since the first of the year has voted the issuance of highway construction bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000.

A cyclone hit a strip of territory south of Ballinger Wednesday night, doing hundreds of dollars worth of damage to crops of that county and demolishing several homes and barns. Reports were to the effect that no lives were lost and no one was hurt.

The first car of Marion county cantaloupes were shipped from Jefferson last week.

Friday morning, just south of Lindale, the northbound I. & G. N. passenger train was wrecked. The engine train left the track with the exception of the engine. The wreck occurred on an embankment, just as the last coach had passed over a trestle. The train was well filled with passengers, but no one received serious hurt.

Veracruz, Mexico.—Lieut. Conzans, commanding the federalists at gap in the railway, announced that a proclamation had been issued by Mexico City granting all persons belonging to the so-called revolutionaries permission to pass through the federal lines. The only condition imposed is that they shall not carry arms. Col. Izuzua said the new administration does not recognize the existence of a revolution and considered all Mexicans on an equal footing.

GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

If It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find It Recorded Here.

WASHINGTON.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Ira Nelson Morris, of Chicago, to be minister to Sweden.

The total payment in 1913 cities having a population of 30,000 or more for general governmental expenses in 1912 was \$508,542,948, according to the census bureau. The total per capita payments for expenses other than those of public service enterprises was \$1.34, an increase of 33.2 per cent over the per capita payment of a decade ago, which was \$1.02.

Income and corporations tax receipts for the first ten days of July aggregated \$5,240,188.83 and raised the receipts from that source for the last fiscal year to \$76,626,264.96. The estimate of Secretary McAdoo was that the total incorporation tax collections would be only \$75,000,000.

Seven hundred marines have been ordered to assemble at Guantanamo, Cuba, to be held in readiness for service in revolution-torn Haiti and San Domingo. The navy department acted at the request of Secretary Bryan, who asked that the fleet be prepared to deal with any emergency that might arise on the turbulent little island.

THE SOUTHWEST.

Mississippi compromised a suit it had brought against the Standard Oil company, charging the company with operating in that state in restraint of trade, receiving \$60,000.

Four persons died in St. Louis, Mo., Saturday and several were prostrated by heat, which broke all records for the current year. The official temperature was 102 degrees.

Twenty railroads from the South and middle west poured a continuous stream of grain into Chicago one day last week, setting a new record for a single day's wheat receipts there. A total of 1,153 cars, representing 1,250,000 bushels, were received.

Coleman is to have a new Methodist church to cost \$35,000 to \$40,000. The Baptists also contemplate building a new house of worship.

Uniform for High School pupils is the latest suggestion put forward by the mothers' council of Dallas. Members of that body feel that the present fluffy gowns with which the girls enrobe their natural charms are both inmodest and too expensive. So the body has launched a campaign with the object of effecting a reform in the dress of the girls.

Col. A. L. Westgard, vice president of the National Highway association, was in Texas last week. He had been to the Gulf and was returning to Winnipeg. His trip is being made to lay the proposed meridian highway. The proposed road will be a 1,000-mile stretch of highway along the 100th meridian, as far as practicable, beginning at Winnipeg, Canada, and ending at Galveston.

Crop conditions were materially benefited last week throughout the greater portion of central and west Texas by heavy rains.

Associate Justice Horace Harmon Lurton of the United States supreme court died suddenly at a hotel in Atlantic City, N. J., Sunday from heart failure superinduced by cardiac asthma. He was 70 years old. The body was taken to Clarksville, Tenn., for interment. It was at that city that Justice Lurton began the practice of law and lived for 20 years.

Harvey Roark, 17-year-old son of Dr. R. H. Roark, died at Klondike, about 20 miles southwest of Cleburne on the Brazos river. He was camping on the river with a friend and was accidentally shot in the leg and died to death before the doctors could reach him.

All the volcanoes along the Alaska Peninsula, west of Seward to the Aleutian Islands, are in action, according to a report brought by Capt. McMullen of the steamship Dirigo, which arrived at Seward, Alaska, from Dutch Harbor.

The first Christian church of Ennis has let the contract for a new house of worship. It will be decidedly the handsomest church edifice in Ennis.

A victim of his enthusiasm for science, Prof. Seth Eugene Meek, assistant curator of zoology at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, died of an illness brought on by exposure during an expedition in Mexico. Prof. Meek was an authority on the fishes and reptiles of this hemisphere. He was a member of the United States fish commission.

DOMESTIC.

Application for a charter for the reorganized Orient railway was made by John R. Mulvane at Topeka, Kan., one of the incorporators. The new corporation is capitalized at \$45,000,000. The charter fee under the state law is \$22,577.50.

The sinking of a fleet of 31 coal barges at Lobdel, La., is the most serious damage done by almost unprecedented rain falls throughout a large section of the state. Each barge was loaded with 1,000 tons of coal and the entire loss is estimated at \$150,000.

The golden jubilee reunion of the Elks at Denver has closed. The chief event of the final day was a parade through the principal streets, in which 8,000 persons participated.

Two persons were killed, several others injured and scores of buildings damaged when a tornado struck Henderson, Ky., Thursday. It is estimated damage will reach \$150,000.

There was filed in the United States district court one of the largest suits that has ever been filed in Ft. Worth, being the suit of E. B. Spiller, who is secretary of the cattle raisers' association of Texas, against various railroads to recover the claims of shippers who have assigned claims to him, in the sum of \$147,811.35.

Tulsa, Okla., has secured a fabric mill, which will be built at an expenditure of over \$2,000,000 and will employ 2,000 operatives. The Inez Manufacturing company, controlled by eastern capital, will put in a plant. It will be located at Sand Springs, manufacturing suburb of the city.

Nine defendants accused of using the mails to defraud in connection with a mercantile agency at Chicago, were found guilty by a jury before Federal Judge Landis.

A checking up of the dead and injured in the collision at a crossing near Norfolk, Va., between an electric train on the Virginia Railway and Power company's lines and a coal train on the Virginia railroad, showed that six persons were killed and 19 injured.

Reports from the Healdton oil field are to the effect that an offer has been made to big independent producers there by Robert Watchers, representing a British syndicate, to take the production at a fixed price which is in excess of the present market price. It is the same syndicate that has been gathering options on production in the Healdton and Cushing fields and which is contemplating the erection of a big refinery at Galveston or Texas City. The syndicate has now before it in London a complete report on the fields of Oklahoma and options on leases and productions sufficient to employ the proposed pipe line, which will be twelve inches in diameter.

Seven miners were killed in the Balkan mine at the Alpha location near Iron River, Mich., when sliding caused the cave-in. The miners were drilling into a roof. The drill hit quicksand and with a shout the men, about 30 in number, began a rush for the mouth of the tunnel. Several of the miners were overtaken and killed by the quicksand which filled every crevice in the mine. The bodies of these cannot be taken out for weeks. The remainder of the men ran, pursued by the sand. Two were caught while trying to reach a ladder. One was obliged to shed his clothing. He struggled naked from the mine. The other also escaped.

Teague is to have a sewerage system. Work has already been started on the ditches.

Quebec, the collier Stordstad is held to blame for the Empress of Ireland disaster in the finding of the wreck commission, handed down. The commission holds that the disaster was due to the Stordstad's change of course ordered by the third officer who was in charge of the collier at the time. The Empress was sunk in the St. Lawrence on May 29 with a loss of more than 1,000 lives.

Brownwood is to have a new \$50,000 Harvey eating house.

King George and Queen Mary, who made their last public appearance in Edinburgh, Scotland, Sunday, in their Scottish tour, were subjected to a fierce insult by a suffragette as they drove to St. Giles' cathedral to attend the morning service. Just outside the cathedral a Dundee suffragette hurled a rubber ball to which was attached a label inscribed, "Stop forcible feeding."

Another case of bubonic plague, the fifth to be discovered since the disease appeared in New Orleans two weeks ago, was found Sunday.

A militant suffragette, uttering an exultant yell, sprang onto the footboard of an automobile in which King George and Queen Mary were driving through the streets of Perth, Scotland. The policeman seized her and it required a score of mounted soldiers to hold at bay the angry mob bent on lynching her.

FABLES IN SLANG



The New Fable of the Galumphous Girl Who Tried to Start Something and Did.

Once there was a kitchensh Senorita condemned to dwell in a Piccolo Town out on a Spur Division of the Dinkusville Short Line.

It was one of those not-dead-but-sleeping Settlements with a Sheet-iron Cornice on every Store Building and the Hack in which Gen. Sherman once rode still meeting the Trains.

All the other Residents were sitting back on their Surplus trying to hatch out 7 per cent. Anyone suggesting a Public Improvement was led into Court House Square and publicly Beheaded.

A Girl with real Jamaica Ginger coursing through her Arteries did not have a Look-in so long as she was hung up in this Whistling Post, where every Meeting of the Research Club was a Poultry Exhibit and the local Astor played a Brown Derby in conjunction with the extreme Soup and Fish.

So the Senorita, by name Madeleine, used to burst into Tears every time she saw a train pulling away from the Depot, for she certainly had laid the Soubrette's Curse on Home Sweet Home.

She had read those large explosive articles in the Family Department of the Sunday Paper telling how the Smart Set hang by their Toes from Chandeliers and she panted for the wild free life of the Idle Rich.

Now it happened that Madeleine had a married Female Cousin living at the corner of Easy Street and Eppure Avenue up in the Big Town where People hate the sight of a Brass Bedstead.

Cousin invited Madeleine to come and see her, out of mere Politeness, for she had the Country Lass sized up as a Myrtle Killjoy, whose Limit probably would be a Burton Holmes Lecture or a rollicking Afternoon at the Tea Shop.

Madeleine saw that she was down in Class B and would have to make an immediate Demonstration of Form to avoid being permanently Benched or sent back to the Bush League.

Consequently, as soon as she found herself in the Main Drawing Room among the Rapiers and Rosalinds, she began to break Furniture and do Head-Spins on the Bokharas. Thereupon she was elected a full Sister of the gladsome Bunch known as the Young Married Set, compared with whom Mr. Burman, doing a mile in 26 Seconds on the Beach at Ormond, is a second-rate Snail.

She sent Home for all of her Things and more Coin and applied for an advanced Degree in the Grand Lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Insomnia.

In one month she had entirely remodeled her Figure and landscaped her Hair into a new Design and carefully picked each broad Western "R" out of her Vocabulary and she could walk right up to a French Bill of Fare without the quiver of an Ere-Lash. Also she could hand out that Dear Boy line of Polite Guff to all of those rugged and self-made Bucks who get back to Earth every Day at 5 p. m. and begin calling feebly for Harbers and Masseurs and Mantueurs and Nerve Specialists and Berkspears.

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Would come out into the Wilderness and give the Rummies a Touch of High Life.

It was the first time Madeleine had spread her Wings and hit the rarefied Strata. For a Beginner she was there with the Spread. She made the American Eagle look like an English Sparrow.

As soon as she arrived back in Sleepy Hollow she began to turn the Old Family Residence upside down and get it stocked up, just like a Club, for the Hot Babies from the Metropolis.

The Real Things arrived on a Special Car with their Hats down over their Ears and were more or less obscured by Dogs and English Help and Cigarette Smoke. As they rode up Main Street there was a Pale Face at every Window. Just as the Parade passed the High School, the tall Smoke-Stack over at the Hominy Mills fell with a Loud Crash.

That Afternoon there was a smell of Moth Balls in many a Bedroom. Home, for all who had learned to take Soup from the side of the Spoon were under Royal Command to come up and get a private Peek at the imported Gentry.

It was to be a Dinner followed by a Small Dance. If it had been a full-sized Affair, no doubt Father would now be working by the Day.

Instead of the customary 3 Carnations and 1 Maiden-Hair Fern gracing the center of the Board, the terrified Guests saw a Wagon-Load of tropical Bloom which pleased them very much as soon as each had secreted a new kind of Cocktail, served in a Goblet, with a Stick of Dynamite substituted for the Olive.

The Orchestra did a lot of those "Oh! Oh! Rags while strange Foods kept descending to the Table and a Special Corps of Waiters tried to give an Imitation of the Johnstown Flood.

Conversation became epidemic and many Local Characters who had remained in Obscurity for Years came out of their Pods and began to hop about and sing in the Sunlight.

Members of the Married Women's Safety League were hanging out Signs of Distress and trying to give Warning Signals but Madeleine would not permit them to grab her Little Party. She wanted to show the Boobs just how these Recherche Functions are stage-managed in Upper Circles.

Accordingly they all felt their Way to the Front Room, where they Found awaiting them a Bowl of Artillery Punch about the size of Lake Erie, and no more Harm in a full Bumper than there is in a Rattle-Snake.

Madeleine headed off a Two-Step and told Friends and Neighbors to sit back close to the Wall with a Piece of Ice in each Hand and get Wise to the latest 1914 Stuff.

Then She and her Friends pinned up their Garments and put Resin on their Hands and cut loose. They did the Argentine Tango and the Maxixe and the Twinkle and the Ta-Tao and the One Step and the Castle Walk and the Hesitation and the Rye Waltz, etc., etc.

The Fire Department began carrying out Bodies at 12:30 a. m. Some of the Survivors were hurrying Home through the Alleys, wondering if they could fix up Allibs. At Daybreak many Prominent Citizens were found Miles from their Homes wandering aimlessly in Roadways and shouting "Take it away!"

Next afternoon the Male Parent of Madeleine crawled out from under the Wreckage and said to his Only Daughter: "You are too Progressive for us Farmers. Take your Trained Troupe of Society Acrobats and get out of Town. The White Caps are now gathering in the Outskirts."

Madeleine simply retorted that the Dances were being done in the most Exclusive Homes.

An Exclusive Home is one from which the Police are Excluded.

Of course she never dared to return to her Birthplace after this Scandalous Performance.

She had to remain in the Cruel City as the free and unrestricted wife of a Cottillion Leader with an Income of \$22.00 a Minute.

MORAL: The Pioneer must ever brave Hardships.

When Land Was Cheap.

Before the railroads had penetrated South Florida, land was very cheap, and passed from one to another for a mere song, as the saying is. At 5 p. m. and begin calling feebly for Harbers and Masseurs and Mantueurs and Nerve Specialists and Berkspears.

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It's a Very Good Idea

to help your poor, tired Stomach, lazy liver or clogged bowels back to health and strength, but the longer you delay the harder it is going to be. Today you should start taking

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

It has helped thousands of others—will help you.

Why Scratch?

"Hunt's Cure" is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded WITHOUT QUESTION if Hunt's Cure fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm or any other Skin Disease. 50c at your druggist's, or by mail direct (the best). Manufactured only by A. B. RICHARDS MEDICINE CO., Sherman, Texas.

The average man dislikes a chronic kicker—unless she's in the chorus.

Putting Off.

"Pop!"
"Yes, my boy."
"What does it mean to procrastinate?"
"To put off, my son."
"Well, I just saw mama upstairs and she was procrastinating her hair!"

Died With Fortune Near.

That Benjamin Vance, prospector, whose body was found in a gully at the base of a 500-foot cliff near Palo Rito pass recently, was killed after locating a rich mineral vein is the belief of S. J. Vance of Tekamah, Neb., his brother. In the prospector's cabin were a number of high-grade ore samples, cached in a secret passageway—Crestone (Colo.) Dispatch to Denver Post.

Marble Windows.

Remarkably beautiful effects are secured by the use of marble as a means of transmitting light instead of glass. This has been accomplished by a new process which has been devised by an engineer of Hamburg, W. Engle. He has succeeded in making plates of marble no more than three millimeters in thickness and for the use designated. It is available up to 20 millimeters thick. The suitability of marble for this purpose was realized some time ago, but the difficulty encountered was that of securing the marble in slabs of sufficient thickness. These plates permit of the passage of a greater amount of light than frosted glass does, and at the same time impart to the rays a much pleasanter color. Most opal glass imparts to the light an undesirable greenish tinge, while the light which passes through the marble has a reddish violet which is much pleasanter. After the marble has been ground down to the desired thickness it is subjected to an immersion in oil under high pressure, and the effects secured in this manner are said the superior to those of stained glass.

GOOD CHANGE.

Coffee to Postum.

The large array of persons who have found relief from many chronic ailments by changing from coffee to Postum as a daily beverage, is growing each day.

It is only a simple question of trying it for oneself in order to know the joy of returning health as realized by an ill, young lady. She writes:

"I had been a coffee drinker nearly all my life and it affected my stomach—caused indigestion and I was seldom without a headache. I had heard about Postum and how beneficial it was, so concluded to quit coffee and try it."

I can now sleep well and seldom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system greatly benefited by Postum.

"My brother also suffered from stomach trouble while he drank coffee, but now, since using Postum, he feels so much better he would not go back to coffee for anything."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled—15c and 25c packages. Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly—30c and 50c tins. The cost per cup of both kinds is about the same.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

—sold by Grocers.



She Wanted Show the Boobs Just How These Recherche Functions Are Stage-Managed.

W. F. Kellis, Editor and Proprietor.

Created Nov. 10, 1902, at the Sterling City postoffice as second-class matter.

ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

We are authorized to announce Charles B. Metcalfe, of Tom Green County, a candidate for the office of Representative of the 113th District, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

COUNTY JUDGE

We are authorized to announce B. F. Brown a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Sterling County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Pat Kellis a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce Dee Davis a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector of Sterling county subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce D. C. Durham a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

FOR TREASURER

We are authorized to announce R. B. Cammus a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Sterling county subject to the action of the July Democratic primaries.

TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce W. E. Allen a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce A. V. Patterson a candidate for re-election to the offices of Commissioner and Justice of The Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce E. F. Atkinson as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

We are authorized to announce C. J. Copeland a candidate for re-election to the office of county commissioner of precinct No. 3, Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July.

We are authorized to announce M. Odum a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Hester a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce S. L. Hull a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce J. S. Johnston a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

The Houston Post says that Ball will beat Ferguson by a majority of 30,229. The Houston Telegram says that Ferguson will beat Ball by 72,000 votes. After tomorrow, we shall know who is the better guesser.

Some day our legislature will be honest, wise and brave enough to make the campaign liar responsible for his iniquity. Governor Colquitt made an effort to protect the public from these assassins of good name, but there were too many members of the legislature who helped to eat the stolen hog, consequently, nothing was done.

After tomorrow, the political struggle, which is stirring Texas from the metropolitan centers to

penumbra of the dry sticks will be over. We will know who is who. If it's Ball, our ancient Stetson is off to him; if it's Ferguson, the same courtesy. Who ever is elected, he will be our governor, and altho' he may be to us as a bait of crow, yet, the world will never know but that crow is our favorite dish.

"Wheat and Roses" "Thorns and Chaff"

It's not a local newspaper's mission to be all the time telling of the little "bad things" that take place in the community and whenever it becomes necessary for this editor to resort to such means in order to hold his job, he will quietly fold his tent and take himself to other fields. We propose to tell the good and leave the bad unsaid. The bad things will be "aired a sufficiency" anyway.

The Messenger's sentiment is a safe and beautiful one. It proposes to keep the "wheat and roses" and cast "out the thorns and chaff." The Messenger makes the reservation, however, of "all the time," leaving the inference that if necessity requires, the truth will be told even if it is of the "bad things."

The editor of a newspaper occupies the position of preacher, teacher, booster and news gatherer. As a preacher, he must study well his subject and stick well to his text and take care to boil his sermons down so that his readers will not go to sleep on him.

As a teacher, he must select those branches that are most useful for his readers to know, and expound them vigorously and understandingly.

As a booster, he will be often called on to point out the "bad things" in the shape of a garbage pile, or a dead dog in the street, and demand their removal. If a bridge is out of repair, or a gash in the road, it is up to the editor to point them out and demand that no time is lost in making them good. If the court yard becomes an eye-sore, or the school house becomes uncomfortable and a menace to the health of the boys and girls, the editor's roar about it is expected to be heard. On the other hand, if a school, church or other public building is to be erected, the editor is expected to make angels out of the promoters and devils out of the knackers.

As a news gatherer, the editor must collect the "thorns and chaff" along with the "wheat and roses," separate them and give his readers only the best. If Corker Boozley gets drunk and gets into the cooler and is obliged to appease the State of Texas by working on the road or paying a fine, let the paper be as a mantle of silence and charity to the first act; but if Mr. Boozley makes a practice of getting drunk and raising sand, it is the editor's duty to load the office musket with rusty carpet tacks and go after Corker with a sharp Faber, and keep after him until he either reforms or leaves the county.

After twenty years of this kind of work in the same town, we conclude that an editor must be a mighty careful man. He must ever be ready to mourn with those who are burdened with sorrow; rejoice with those whose cup of joy runneth over; stand for the things which he knows to be right, and ever be ready to back up that which is good and denounce that which is evil. In doing this, we are not obliged to tell an evil truth.

Forty-two Piece Dinner Set Given Away

We are giving away to any charitable institution, lodge, man or woman, girl or boy holding the greatest number of coupons when our stock of Golden Fruit, Queen Pepsin and Spearmint chewing gum is sold out this dinner set absolutely free. One coupon with each 5-cent package. The set is now on display at our store.

B. F. ROBERTS

LAUNDRY

Why worry about wash day? Let G. C. Potts send your "washin'" to the Model Steam Laundry. Basket leaves Tuesday and returns Thursday. Remember the place—phone 12.

So thick you can't stir them with a stick. Come and see a genuine true sale.—Hargrave.

The Big ROUNDUP BEGINS SAT., AUG. 1ST CLOSES SAT., AUG. 8TH No premium tickets given during Sale. No telephone calls answered during Sale. COME HARGRAVE IT MUST GO IT WILL GO

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale and Execution issued out of the District Court of Kimble county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1914, in cause No. 576, on the Civil Docket of said Court, styled B. T. Joiner vs. W. H. Trout, et al., in favor of B. T. Joiner and against W. H. Trout, T. V. Trout and G. C. Mullanax, I did on the 18th day of May, A. D. 1914, at 11 o'clock, A. M., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Sterling, State of Texas, and belonging to the said W. H. Trout, T. V. Trout and G. C. Mullanax, to-wit:

Six Hundred, Forty (640) acres of land, situated in Sterling county, Texas, and being all of Survey No. 24, in Block No. 32, Township 5 South, located by virtue of Certificate No. 2-1589, issued to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, and situated about 18 miles southwest from Sterling City, Texas.

And on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1914, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 4 o'clock, P. M., on said day, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door of said Sterling county, all the right, title and interest of said W. H. Trout, T. V. Trout and G. C. Mullanax, in and to said property to the highest bidder.

Witness my hand, at Sterling City, Texas, this 8th day of July, A. D. 1914. DEE DAVIS, Sheriff of Sterling County, Texas.

Rupture Expert Here

Seeley, Who Fitted Czar of Russia, Called to San Angelo

"Rupture is not a breach or tear in the abdominal wall as commonly supposed therefore nothing to knit or heal, but rupture is the dilation of a natural opening, therefore subject to closure," said F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia the noted truss expert, who will be at the London Hotel and will remain this Sunday and Monday, only, July 26 and 27th. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield as now furnished and supplied to the United Government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediately and complete relief, but closes the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and Spain, producing results without surgery, harmful injections, medical instrument or prescription. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call he will be glad

A Square Deal Requested. We want to appeal to all business men to "be calm, be just, be fair" with the farmers of Texas. We realize that the processes of politics have called the shoulders of some of the wheel-horses of democracy, and we do not expect them to pull against a sore, but the militant body of business men, whose good judgment balances the wheels of commerce, should not permit ingenious campaign managers to summon the evil spirits of prejudice, revenge, superstition, fear, envy, hatred and all agencies that temporarily dethrone reason and disqualify citizenship. The responsibility of the ballot should steady men—

especially strong men. We fully understand that when custom of long standing is violated, leaders tremble and the superstitious shy, but Nature, which moulds the form of a scrub woman as perfectly as that of a queen, can give a farmer as much political sagacity as she does a gulf-shoe politician; and one who lives by the sweat of his brow can be endowed by Nature with as noble a mind and as patriotic a heart as one who lives by the sweat of others.

The farmers are the bread winners of civilization and if we are capable of feeding and clothing the world, we ought to be able to assist in running government and at any rate we are going to try our hand at it.

We are the nation's jurymen and settle the disputes of industry in court. It is our blood shed upon the battle field that preserves the liberty of the people. It is around our fire side that the problems of this nation must be

solved. Then, we furnish the cities with their wisdom, commerce with its brains, and science with its intellect and keep our brightest minds on the farm.

Platforms and Candidates Analyzed. The issue in this campaign is business vs. politics and platforms, candidates and campaign managers, typical of each class, are before you.

Look at the line-up. On one side is a machine-made candidate for governor, underwritten by demagogues who have been a torment to the progress of this state for the past decade; whose campaign is managed by political bosses who have manipulated every political convention held in Texas for the past quarter of a century and whose gum-shoes have trod every by-way known in the political forests. To speak the name of some of these managers is to profane progress and to examine their record is to feel the scars of industry, across their forehead, it has been well said, their Creator wrote "without recourse on me." This candidate is surrounded by pulpit politicians who have thrown down the cross of Christ and picked up the club of the policeman, who would substitute the jail for the altar, and statutes for the Bible; is running on a platform that mutters and mumbles like the Oracle of Delphi, and that gets on all sides of all subjects and then flouts a red flag at progress.

Look at the other side. An un-bossed candidate who is every inch a free man, who has terrified the demagogues, defied the bosses and denounced the fanatics, who has dipped from the pool of

FARMERS PLEAD FOR CO-OPERATION

Business Men Asked to Vote Like They Talk—The Farmers Under Fire of the Politicians.

Ft. Worth.—To the Business Men of Texas: For years the business men have been crying aloud for the farmers to rid the State of demagogues and emancipate business from political tyranny. Much has been said about frightening investments, about the duels which some of our politicians have been fighting with progress, and about the uncertainty that politics has put into business, which is directly traceable to political agitators who feast upon the oil of strife. The farmers of Texas now answer the call and give the business men an opportunity to vote like they talk. The farmers present a platform, and candidate, running upon it, pledged to an agricultural administration and agricultural legislation, and every citizen who desires to render a service to agriculture and eliminate the demagogues from this campaign can do so by co-operating with the farmers at the polls.

All efforts that make for progress when viewed from a partisan angle have their obstacles, objections and disadvantages. No forward movement can obtain through methods that suit everybody. It must be borne in mind that salvation never comes in machine-made packages or by messengers approved by the high priests of politics. It is a substance that political conventions can not manufacture. It must spring from out of the hearts of the common people.

But why quibble over technicalities? What difference does it make whether the goddess of opportunity wears silk stockings or goes barefooted when she knocks at your door? Is it not sufficient that she knocks? Why pound on the log after the coon is gone? Why weep, for it has been well said that it was unbecoming for even Achilles to sulk in his tent.

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Second Hand Bargains We have a large stock of second hand and slightly used pianos of all standard makes. Here are a few sample bargains. Steinway... \$175.00 Knabe... 165.00 Emerson... 100.00 Kimball... 70.00 Starck... 190.00

Direct From This Factory to You—Saves \$150.00 Selling as we do, direct from our factory to you, we are able to offer you low prices that will save you upwards of \$150.00 in the purchase price of your piano. You should take advantage of these money-saving prices and send today full particulars concerning our factory-to-home offer.

50 Free Music Lessons Every buyer of a Starck piano is entitled to receive 50 free music lessons through one of the best known schools in Chicago. These lessons are to be taken in your own home at your own expense.

P. A. Starck Piano Co., Manufacturers Chicago

experience every element in business life and who can feel the heart-throb of the farmers; every plank in his platform hewn out of the sound timbers of agriculture and quarried from the solid rock of commerce. He is the farmers' hope and the business man's salvation.

The Farmers Persecuted by Politicians.

Since the beginning of time, the persecution which organized agriculture is now undergoing has been felt by every nation, race and class of people which has undertaken to break the shackles that bound them. The children of Israel felt it when they were run into the Red Sea by the Egyptian politicians because they would no longer serve them; our forefathers felt it when they fought for human rights in 1776 and were run down by hired Hessians and pursued by Tories because they refused to wear the yoke of the British politicians.

Every man who has attempted to uplift his occupation and his fellow-men has felt the bayonet of the political bosses and has been hounded by the hirings of government, all because he demanded human rights for his fellow-workers. We have no quarrel to make with human nature or criticism to make of the pathways to success, but we are going to fight the battles of farmers to success if it drives every demagogue in Texas to the lower regions. The agitators, the demagogues and the bosses are well lunched in this campaign, for "birds of a feather will flock together," and they are pitted against the farmers.

This is an age of organization and those who are not with the farmers are against them. There is no other way, for in public affairs unity is oftentimes the better part of wisdom and independent action the evidence of folly. Let us, for the moment, cease trying to educate each other and co-operate. That is the magic word that strikes terror to the demagogues and cements the interest of the farmers and all other business men and insures the prosperity and welfare of the people.

We make this appeal as practical farmers in the interest of honest men and honest dollars, believing that co-operation of the people is better than dictation of the politicians.

W. D. Lewis, Peter Radford.

NOTICE

We will not sell Gasoline, Tubes, Batteries, or any other supplies, on credit in the future. It will take cash to get any of these supplies. This applies to all alike.

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Young and Old The best dressers everywhere wear Made-to-Order Clothes. When you realize that good Made-to-Order Clothes cost no more than "ready-made" stock clothing, why not have your clothes made as you want them? We are representatives for Strauss Brothers MASTER TAILORS CHICAGO whose good Made-to-Order Clothes are the recognized Standard of America. Let us measure you. C. C. POTTS

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