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FOUND NO BUGS

W. D. BENTLEY BELIEVES THERE IS NO DANGER OF GREEN BUGS THIS SEASON.

FRUIT IS UNINJURED

Freezes So Far Have Not Been Severe Enough to Cause Any Damage to Buds.

W. D. Bentley, special agent of the United States department of agriculture, returned today after a trip into Oklahoma, where he had been on official business.

During the last week Mr. Bentley has been paying particular attention to the rumors which have been prevalent concerning the presence of green bugs in North Texas and Oklahoma. Mr. Bentley says that he has traced down many of these rumors, but has found not a single bug and is inclined to the belief that there is no danger from a green bug invasion and devastation this season.

"Wheat is in fine condition wherever I have been," said Mr. Bentley, "and everywhere there is bright prospects for a splendid crop."

When asked whether the recent cold weather had injured the small fruits, Mr. Bentley said that he hadn't examined the fruit buds, but that he didn't believe they were far enough advanced toward blooming for any damage by weather no colder than has been experienced.

Li and the Ticker.

Saturday Evening Post.
Whenever a distinguished foreigner comes down to see the sights of Wall street, they tell him the story of Li Hung Chang and the ticker. The distinguished Oriental came down in state and much flapping of silken robes. After he had seen the bulls and bears chasing one another on the floor of the stock exchange and had taken in all the living exhibits of the big financial game, he was escorted to a broker's office and shown a ticker in action. He stood a long time watching the white tape issue from the glass case, and he was much impressed by the black marks that showed the record of sales. Finally, some one asked, "How would you like to play the stock market?"

The old Chinaman looked gravely at the curled paper a minute and then said slowly:

"No, thank you. I prefer to go into a game where you can see the dealer."

STRUGGLE FOR WEAPON.

Husband Takes Revolver From Wife and Then Kills Himself.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21.—After struggling with his wife for the possession of the weapon and seriously wounding her, J. B. Campbell, a middle-aged Atlanta man, shot and killed himself in his home here early today. His health is thought to have temporarily deranged his mind.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Presbyterian Church Will Expend \$1,000,000 at Albuquerque.

By Associated Press.
Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 21.—Albuquerque has been selected as the site for a great hospital for treatment of consumption, to be built by the general organization of the Presbyterian church of the United States at a cost of one million dollars.

INTERURBAN TALK AT GAINESVILLE

Special to the Times.
Gainesville, Tex., Feb. 21.—Dispatches from St. Louis and Chicago received here today, declare that capitalists from those cities will arrive here tonight to commence the construction of the Gainesville and Sherman interurban and probably the Gainesville-Mineral Wells line.

BRYAN WILL BE INDORSED.

Kansas Democrats Meet Today to Select Delegates to National Convention.

By Associated Press.
Atchison, Kan., Feb. 21.—Kansas democrats convened here today in State convention to select delegates at large to the national convention at Denver. The different congressional district delegates met also today and selected delegates to the national convention.

It is conceded that W. J. Bryan will be endorsed and that delegates will be instructed to vote for him at the convention. Grant Harrington of Hiawatha was selected as temporary chairman of the convention.

Later—The convention unanimously adopted a resolution instructing all delegates to the national convention, both State and district, "to cast a solid vote for the nomination of William J. Bryan for president." A prolonged and enthusiastic demonstration attended the adoption of the resolution.

A Congressional Possibility.

Judge A. H. Carrigan of Wichita Falls stopped over in the city Monday night on his way to Throckmorton, where he was called on business connected with the Davis estate. The judge has been frequently mentioned as a congressional possibility from this district and if he ever takes it into his head to run for congress there will be a great rattling of the dry bones. He is a most excellent gentleman and as evidence of his popularity, he is now serving his district the third term as judge and was elected the last time without opposition.—Seymour Banner.

EXPLOSION IN ENGLISH MINE.

Fourteen Miners Meet Death in Explosion.

By Associated Press.
Newcastle on the Tyne, Eng., Feb. 21.—Fourteen miners lost their lives by an explosion in the pit of the Globe mine in the village of Washington last night. There were fifteen men in the mine at the time of the accident and only one escaped. Shortly before the explosion occurred, 500 miners ascended from the pit.

ELK'S BANQUET SPLENDID AFFAIR

An elaborate banquet spread in the dining room of the St. James hotel last night brought to a close the ceremonies in connection with the installation of Wichita Falls Lodge No. 1105 B. P. O. E.

About eighty covers were laid and the banquet is reported to have been one of the most sumptuous and enjoyable affairs of the kind ever held in this city.

N. Henderson officiated as toastmaster and the occasion was so greatly enjoyed that the banquet was not broken up until a late hour this morning.

Previous to the banquet the new lodge elected the following officers:

C. W. Bear, exalted ruler; H. M. Hughes, esteemed lecturing knight; W. J. Bullock, esteemed loyal knight; A. Marcus, esteemed leading knight; W. A. Reid, secretary; V. E. Stampfl, tiller; T. B. Noble, W. M. McGregor and N. Henderson, trustees.

The Wichita Falls lodge has thirty-nine charter members by initiation and about twelve resident Elks who have joined with the new organization.

GRIEF CAUSES SUICIDE.

Russian Girl Ends Life When Told of General Stoessel's Conviction.

By Associated Press.
Hartford, Conn., Feb. 21.—Because of her regret over the conviction of General Stoessel at St. Petersburg, Amelia Karris killed herself yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas. The girl was a Russian and had formerly been employed in the General's family. When informed of General Stoessel's conviction, she went to her room, and when escaping gas caused the door of the room to be broken open she was found dead.

LOONEY'S STATEMENT

GREENVILLE MAN FORMALLY ANNOUNCES HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE.

FOR PERSONAL REASONS

Declares He Will Support Colonel Dick Wynne—Is Unalterably Opposed to a Third Term.

Special to the Times.
Greenville, Tex., Feb. 21.—Hon. H. F. Looney, State senator from the Fifth senatorial district, today formally announced his withdrawal from the race for nomination for attorney general. He promises his individual support to Col. R. M. Wynne.

In a formal statement Mr. Looney said:

The press of the State will please say that I will not be a candidate for attorney general of Texas this year. I leave the race for reasons purely personal, without a feeling of plique or dissatisfaction toward anyone, with the belief, however, that had I remained in the race I would have received the nomination.

I wish to express my grateful thanks to all who have, either by letter, petition, in speech, print, personal pledge or in any other way promised me their support, and for those who for any reason opposed me I hold no grudge whatever.

It is with pleasure that I again take my place in the ranks with the boys in the trenches to fight for the supremacy of democratic principles and for the fulfillment of democratic pledges, whether it be the enactment into laws of its platform demands or the election to office of its nominees.

Important issues are involved in the race for attorney general this year, a great deal more than simply the violation of the unwritten law of the party with reference to the third term.

If the people of Texas are to enjoy the victories won by them over corporate brigandage and aggression under the leadership of Jim Hogg, this great office must be taken from the reactionary and given over to an official who can stand where Hogg stood: a man who can without embarrassment serve the best interests of the people by faithfully co-operating with the railroad commission in its efforts to enforce the laws of this State; a man who would scorn to accept one farthing from the railroads or any other special interest, as a contribution to his campaign expenses; a man who would, in accordance with his oath of office, enforce all the laws against all the trusts and plunderers all the time, and not simply enforce a part of the laws against part of the criminals part of the time.

I believe Colonel R. M. Wynne of Fort Worth such a man and I shall therefore give to him, my enthusiastic support.

Why should I not support Colonel Wynne? Why should not any loyal Texan, loyal democrat or loyal son of the South support the battle-maimed veteran of the Confederacy?

Elect him attorney general and the great character given this office by Attorney General Hogg will be re-established.

Colonel Wynne is a seasoned lawyer, ripe with the learning incident to a long and successful general practice, a patriot whose fidelity to the best interests of his country and State has been proven on field and in forum, and a democrat in whom there is no guile.

His candidacy presents all the issues mine could possibly present, and in a more emphatic and forceful manner. It would therefore be little short of presumption for a man of my age and experience in public affairs to contest for this honor with his heroic old Confederate soldier, who, in the nature of things, is doubtless the last of that gallant band who will ever ask for a State office in Texas.

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DENVER ASKS TIME TO IMPROVE.

Texas Commission Receives Reply of Road as to Recent Order.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 20.—The railroad commission today received the formal reply of the Fort Worth and Denver to the general improvement order issued some time ago and it is in main an acceptance of the order, but asks for more time to make all improvements demanded. The order gave two years for extensive ballasting and the company asks three. The number of ties to be put down is also regarded as quite large and some six months' more time is asked to do that in. New depots were ordered at Electra, Decatur, Quanah and Amarillo. The letter states that a new union depot is to be constructed by the lines entering Amarillo, that plans are to be submitted immediately for the Decatur station, that the matter of constructing a new depot at Electra be deferred for the present, to be taken up with the commission later and that while the structure at Quanah was not attractive it is sufficient for all purposes and that it is to be improved. The road said it was found impracticable to lengthen its schedule of passenger trains quite as much as ordered by the commission because of the refusal of the Colorado and Southern to meet great changes and the crowded condition of the Fort Worth union station. In this connection the letter stated that it was generally understood that the Santa Fe will construct its own station in Fort Worth and that work will begin this spring or immediately upon the conclusion of its new transcontinental line. That after the Santa Fe built there would be no further crowding and delaying of trains at the union station.

MOTOR CAR PLANT BURNS.

Loss in Dayton, Ohio, Fire Today Estimated at \$300,000.

By Associated Press.
Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 21.—The plant of the Dayton Motor Car Company, with its contents, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$300,000 and is covered by insurance. The blaze is supposed to have been due to spontaneous combustion.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ENGINE BLEW UP

Special to the Times.
Houston, Tex., Feb. 21.—A Southern Pacific engine blew up at Nueces, 100 miles west of San Antonio today. Engineer J. R. Semm and Fireman A. Asherrill were both injured and may die.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Texas Publishers Fare Badly in School Book Competition.

Special to the Times.
Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—The text book board today announced the contracts for school books for the next five years. Texas publishers fared badly, only two Texas concerns getting contracts, these being Town's Civil Government and Pennybacker's Texas history. The losing publishers are greatly disappointed. Eastern publishers won a majority of the awards.

BRYAN AT SPRINGFIELD.

Nebraskan Will Address Monster Mass Meeting at State Arsenal.

By Associated Press.
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—William J. Bryan arrived in Springfield this morning from Jacksonville, where he attended a banquet given by the Jacksonville Bryan Club last night. Mr. Bryan will address a monster mass meeting at the State arsenal tonight.

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS.

Comptroller of the Currency Call For a Statement.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business on February 14 last.

New pictures, new songs, Majestic.

FROST DOES DAMAGE

EARLY FRUIT AND VEGETABLES DAMAGED IN MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA.

ICE HALF AN INCH THICK

Is Reported at Long Branch, on Gulf of Mexico—Many Varieties of Fruit Suffer.

By Associated Press.
New Orleans, La., Feb. 21.—Early fruit and vegetables have been damaged by the cold wave of the last two days. Reports today from the Southern Mississippi and Louisiana districts are that the strawberries in bloom have been injured and lettuce, radishes and peas are suffering. Long Beach, Mississippi, which is on the gulf shore, reported ice half an inch thick.

Today's Live Stock Market.

Special to the Times.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 21.—The total cattle receipts today were 1,600 head. The market was generally steady.

Beef Steers—Receipts, 1,000. Good South Texas grassers and fed stuff was plentiful. The market was slow to steady at \$3.40@5.00.

Butcher Cows—Receipts, 400, mostly of medium quality. The market was active and steady at \$2.25@3.35.

Calves—The receipts were very light and the offerings were of undesirable quality. The market was slow and the top price was \$4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,200. Quality fair. Market active and higher at \$3.82@4.65.

COURTESY TO PERUVIANS.

Admiral Evans Gives Order That They Be Allowed on Board Ships.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 21.—Rear Admiral Evans has given orders that the ships of the fleet admit visitors daily from 2 to 5 p. m., except when they are coaling. This order is very pleasing to the Peruvians, who were not slow to take advantage of the courtesy extended.

Yesterday afternoon several Peruvian families visited the Kentucky, where an impromptu ball was given, the music being furnished by the ship's band.

JEALOUS MAN'S AWFUL CRIME.

Decapitated Woman With an Axe and Cut His Own Throat.

By Associated Press.
Bingham, Maine, Feb. 21.—James A. Deane broke into the home of Chas. McKay at West Fork, north of Bingham, shortly before midnight last night and killed Mrs. McKay with an axe, after chasing her to the yard of a neighboring house. He committed suicide by cutting his throat.

It is believed that Deane's act was prompted by jealousy.

ICE FELL THROUGH SHAFT.

Cage Containing Load of Miners Struck, Resulting in Two Deaths.

By Associated Press.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 21.—While ten miners were being lowered into the Stanton mine of the Lehigh-Wilkesbarre Coal Company today, a large body of ice in the shaft fell, striking the hood of the cage and demolishing it. One of the men was killed outright, and one died on the way to the hospital. Three others, it is believed, will die of their injuries.

PATTERSON BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

John Patterson, who shot and killed Gus McElroy, a negro cook at the Manston hotel yesterday afternoon, waited the right of a preliminary examination in Justice Brothers' court this morning and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury at next term of the district court under \$1,500 bond.

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Fasting Season Drawing Near.

The fasting service, which is annually observed by the members of the Roman Catholic and the Episcopal churches throughout the country, is rapidly drawing near. Lent begins March 4th, and with it begins the fast. The fast is significant of the forty days' fast of Christ in the desert. During Lent devout Catholics, Episcopalians and some members of other creeds spend much of their time repenting for past sins and fast from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday, in the Catholic church the faithful repair to the altar, where with the sign of the cross the ashes from burned palm is placed upon their foreheads in the sign of the cross, the priest repeating the words: "Remember, O man, thou art but dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are the days of abstinence. On the other days of the week flesh is allowed at one meal, preferably at the noon repast.

Only one full meal a day is allowed. On Sundays the fast is not compulsory, nor is the abstinence. Fish and flesh are never allowed at the same meal.

Henrietta's Railroad.

Track laying was begun on the Henrietta Southwestern railway on Wednesday morning, the tools having finally arrived after long delays. The ties and steel rails are here and arriving to carry the work forward as fast as a strong force of men can put it through and the Little Wichita Valley will soon be ornamented by the parallel rails and hear the roar of the iron horse. Engine No. 1 arrived yesterday to assist in the work, and is a good machine. Jerry Johnson, experienced and capable, has gotten busy as foreman of Section No. 1—and Henrietta's southwestern suburbs is making a noise like a new railroad.—Henrietta Review.

Matting: A large line just received at North Texas Furniture Co. 235-1f

SLAMMING GRAND OLD TEXAS.

Texas lawyer awakes to find himself famous. He persuaded a woman to give up the fort after she had sworn to hold it.—Atlanta Journal.

Tennessee has furnished Texas with at least a thousand Martin W. Littletons, but they didn't escape from there and go where making good counts.—Nashville American.

The contest between the Mississippi cyclone and the Texas tornado to see which can mangle the most is shoving the presidential campaign back to the inside pages.—Atlanta Journal.

Not only is Mr. Onion a candidate for office in Texas, but Mr. Garlick has announced in Louisiana. Republican attention is called to the fact that they are both democrats.—Washington Herald.

The rising cost of all table delicacies is naturally received with equanimity in Texas, where the hardy natives subsist almost exclusively on berries, roots and dried nannygoat's flesh.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Kansas City Post says a man living in Ohio "has a greater chance of becoming a presidential possibility than in some other States." Texas, South Carolina, and Mississippi, for instance?—Washington Post.

The Texas papers are prone to plume themselves on the perpetual summer in which they circulate. There is another place in which the heat is perennial. See "Sheridan's Letters," volume 2.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

A news dispatch says that a man "just outside of Temple, Texas, very closely resembles Secretary Taft in stature and feature." Possibly it is Taft. He may have thought Temple good for the grip. A man who has it will take almost anything.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Office of Road Overseer.

One of the duties performed by the commissioners' court in regular session last week was the appointment of road overseers for the various public roads of the county, and commissions are being delivered to parties so appointed.

The office of road overseer as a rule is looked upon as a joke and the would-be-called humorist finds in it ample field for the display of his ability, but as a matter of fact there is no more important position in the county. True it is wholly a patriotic job without financial compensation or hope of earthly reward, but where the duties of the office are faithfully and efficiently discharged there is no other place where a man can be of more real service to his community than as road overseer. Every citizen owes something to his community and if he is considered by his neighbors worthy to be an overseer on a section of public road he should accept that honor and discharge the duties of the position with as much fidelity and as much regard for the public good as if he were governor of the State. No public servant, no matter in what capacity he serves, can expect to escape criticism. This is true of the road overseer as it is true of the president of the United States. Many of the ills of bad public roads in Texas could be cured if the road overseers, the men charged with the execution of the road laws, but did what the laws of the State and county require that they shall do.

The Chronicle places a badge of honor on every man commissioned as a road overseer in this county and calls upon them as citizens and as officers of the county to discharge their whole duty without fear or favor, promising them that if they do, that while they may meet with criticism with some, they will have the sincere commendation of their fellow citizens as a whole and can enjoy the conscientious satisfaction of having done something for their country.—Wills Point Chronicle.

GOES TO DANVILLE.

Carl White is Traded to Baseball Team of That Place.

Carl White, the crack outfielder who played with the Gainesville baseball team last year, has been traded by Portsmouth, Va., to Danville, Ill., and will leave in a few days for his new home. Portsmouth owned Carl last year, but was unable to hold him.

He states that he will go to Danville within the next few days, but that he may come back to this place if they get up a good team and want him to play the outfield.—Gainesville Messenger.

Don't Use Up Your Last Can of Home Preserved Fruits :-:

About this time of the year your supply of home canned fruits and preserves is probably running very low; especially this year, as last fall the fruit crop was not as plentiful and cheap as ordinary.

The last few cans that you have should be saved for very special occasions and for ordinary use get some of our **HEINZ GOODS**.

Not that "Heinz" preserves are of ordinary quality, but you can get them whenever you need them and your own preserves when they are gone cannot be replenished.

The Heinz goods are of excellent quality, being prepared from fresh ripe fruit, a large percentage of which is grown in their own orchards and gardens.

And the care they use in putting up their fruits is something wonderful; their kitchens are marvels of neatness and cleanliness.

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- Apple Butter, 3 lb. jars.....50c
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- Pineapple Preserves, small tins.....30c
- Mince Meat in tins.....25c

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THE YEAR'S MISTAKES.

A year without mistakes would be a year without much progress.

A man who never makes mistakes never accomplishes much else.

To make a mistake is not half so serious a matter as not to know that you made it.

Cultivate the thankful spirit toward those who point out your blunders. Whatever their manner of doing it, they are among your most efficient helpers.

Milk spilled or unspilled is better without water. Therefore never cry over spilled milk. That is, waste no time in vain regret over the blunders you have made. Pause just long enough to resolve that you will not make the same mistake again; then go on.

If it falls to your lot to point out the mistakes of others, discharge that unpleasant duty frankly, but lovingly. If you would have the blunderer profit by discovery of his blunder, disclose it to him kindly. If you do it rashly, he will be more impressed by your shortcomings than his own.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

Must Get New Promoters.

We note that the name of Col. Squires has been eliminated from the promoters of the Panhandle Short Line. Col. Ransome, an associate of Squires, made the people of Big Springs a proposition to build into their city for a certain amount of money. Following this came a letter from other members of the Short Line company stating that Ransome had no authority to make a contract for the road. This would lead us to believe that he, too, has been cut out. We also note that Mr. Wilson, president of the American Engineering Company, was called home on "important business." The Panhandle Short Line company must be catching onto a few things and is using its pruning knife.—Mineral Wells Index.

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TO IMPROVE FOREST RANGES.

Establishment of Stations For Recessed- ing Experiments Proposed.

The United States government has planned a series of scientific reseeding experiments on several of the national forest ranges next spring and summer to determine under what conditions and in what manner those portions of the range which have been seriously damaged by overgrazing may be restored to their former productiveness, says a bulletin from the forest service. A great deal of the range land in the west is overgrazed and does not carry as much stock as formerly. The method of handling stock, particularly sheep, is perhaps more responsible for this condition than any other cause, but all causes of deterioration and all means for improving the forage crop need to be studied that the range may be brought into the best condition to meet the imperative demand of the live stock industry.

The plan is to establish experimental stations in several parts of the country. Probably not more than six will be tried at first, but they will be so located as to secure typical conditions. The experiments will be begun on a small scale on five or six acre tracts. Both native and wild grasses will be tried, but it is believed that the plan of encouraging native grasses will meet with greater success than the introduction of cultivated species, at least in the Rocky mountain region. In the coast ranges, with their greater rainfall, cultivated grasses are more likely to play an important part in range development.

The ranges of the northwest have not been so seriously damaged by overgrazing as those of the southwest, perhaps because of superior moisture conditions of the northern part of the country. It is a fact, however, that none of the ranges support the stock which they did formerly, and reseeding experiments will therefore be undertaken in this section of the country also.

The method of handling stock is also to be considered. Every stockman knows that stock do not waste as much feed when unrestricted in their movements as when close herded. An experimental pasture was inclosed last summer in the Innaba national forest in Oregon, which will be a model for others next season. In this pasture sheep were turned loose without a herder to shift for themselves. It is too soon to draw positive conclusions from this experiment, but the sheep did well, and there was a decided lessening in the loss of forage through trampling. It looks as though a given area of ground can be made to carry a very much larger number of animals when they are allowed to graze free than when close herded. This fact, if established, will be of decided importance to stockmen.

LESSONS IN LIFE SAVING.

Columbia University Adds Course in First Aid of Drowning.

Practical instruction in life saving has been added to the curriculum of Columbia university, and classes which began recently will be held every afternoon in the pool in the university gymnasium. The new course is required for all candidates for degrees and must be completed before the senior year. George Holm is the instructor in charge of the work. Mr. Holm proposes to teach the men deep diving, making them dive to the bottom of the pool and bring up articles from a depth of ten feet. He also intends to have one of the students feign drowning in the center pool and have him rescued by another member of the class.

Mr. Holm said that the course was determined upon last summer, when several of the gymnasium instructors were nearly drowned in Lake Cayuga by the overturning of their canoe. Fortunately both men could swim, but the accident happened about a mile from the shore, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that they reached the shore, where they fell exhausted. They were discovered by other members of the party, but they understood very little about resuscitation and had to send for a doctor. "We hope to prevent such things from happening among the students," said Mr. Holm, "and for that reason we are teaching life saving, and later on in the spring we will have instruction in resuscitation."

The Duck Pest.

Wild ducks are giving some of the farmers in the vicinity of Holtville, Cal., a merry run for their money. On Farmer Coon's place a few days ago thousands of them could have been seen eagerly devouring the new sown grain. The grain growers in the vicinity of Silsbee also are complaining. Mr. Ijams owns something like 200 acres six or eight miles southwest of El Centro. He has irrigated eighty acres of his place and planted barley. Before the grain had hardly sprouted the ravenous and half starved wary bird was on the scene ready for action. Unless the valley farmers get together and exterminate this pest they might as well cease trying to raise grain. The solution of the duck problem is up to them.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is George Washington's birthday and the event will be celebrated with appropriate exercises in the public schools today and by several pretty social events tonight and tomorrow.

The day is a legal holiday and the banks will be closed and there will be no rural mail delivery.

George Washington, the commander in chief of the colonial forces during the Revolutionary war, and the first president of the United States, was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, February 22nd, 1732, and died December 14th, 1799.

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WASHINGTON AND FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

President Roosevelt, who has been having some annoyance over the charge that he is appointing Federal officeholders with a view of promoting Secretary Taft's candidacy for the presidential nomination, may find some consolation in the fact that George Washington, the first president of the United States, whose birthday is celebrated tomorrow, also experienced some annoyance attending the distribution of the government plums.

A few weeks after his induction into office, Washington wrote: "No part of my duty will be more delicate and in many instances more displeasing, than nominating and appointing persons to office. . . . I shall, however, in all events, have the satisfaction to reflect that I entered upon my administration unconfined by a single engagement, uninfluenced by any ties of blood or friendship, and with the best and fullest determination to nominate to office those persons only . . . who were the most deserving, and who would probably execute their functions to the interest and credit of the American Union."

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is going to make an effort to transact business in Texas in violation of Texas laws, or rather it has made application for a writ of mandamus in the Supreme Court against Commissioner Love to compel him to issue a license to do business in Texas this year without complying with the Robertson law. The case is to be heard

next Wednesday.
The basis for the application is that the act is unconstitutional for many reasons, which summarized are as follows:

1. If enforced it would impair the obligation of contracts entered into before its passage, viewing such obligation both from the company's standpoint and from the standpoint of the policy holder.
2. It is retrospective.
3. It denies the equal protection of the laws to the plaintiff company, both because of direct discriminations against it and in favor of its competitors and because of the grant of arbitrary power to the insurance commissioner.
4. The title is defective.
5. The waiver clause involves an unwarranted delegation of legislative power to an executive officer.
6. The act undertakes to confer upon the insurance commissioner power to suspend the law.
7. The parts directly violative of the constitution of State and nation are so related to the remaining portions that the entire act must fall.

It is now given out on what is supposed to be trustworthy authority that President Roosevelt will not seek to gain a seat in the United States senate after retiring from the presidency. Only two presidents have ever served in either branch of congress after finishing their terms as our chief executives. John Quincy Adams was elected and served several terms in the lower house after his retirement from the presidency, and Andy Johnson was elected to the senate, but died shortly afterward.

The Agricultural Congressional Committee has recommended the appropriation of \$250,000 with which to fight and if possible exterminate the cattle tick in the Southern States. This is within \$50,000 of the sum asked for by those who have felt that the National government should come to the rescue of Southern live stock industry.

The Hon. Ike M. Smith, Mayor of Oklaunon, Wilbarger county, wants to represent the One Hundred and Fifth District in the next legislature, to be elected at the coming November election. He says he has always voted the Democratic ticket, is a self made man, but is silent on both the Bailey and prohibition question.

Probably the reason Walter Wellman gave up his efforts to discover the North Pole was that he became convinced he would not get back in time to keep the people of the United States informed as to who will be our next president.

The Texas cattlemen are to meet in annual session at San Antonio on March 18, 19 and 20, and all railroads will sell tickets at reduced prices for this occasion, which promises to be the largest in the history of the association.

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Still Hanging Fire.

Some weeks ago suit was brought by Hargrove and others against Stallings, line citizens of Bowie, Texas, and the Fort Worth and Denver railroad, on account of a shipment of liquor at Eowle, which was destroyed by a committee of citizens after they had tried to ship it out and shipment stopped by the owners. The particular point for Judge Simmons to decide is whether the plea of the Bowie citizens shall be granted, praying that the case be transferred and heard in Bowie. Upon the liability of the railroad in the matter rests the decision. Should Judge Simmons decide that the company is not liable, then there is nothing to do but grant the request of the citizens, but should he hold the Denver road liable, then the law states that suit can be brought against all of the defendants to a suit at any one point headquarters for one of them.

This makes the third hearing before Judge Simmons, and still the matter hangs fire. It is understood that there are some authorities still to be presented to the court on both sides.—Fort Worth Record.

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TOYS FOR AN ADULT.

Sent to Lawyer With Few Birthdays by Joking Friends.

Although thirty-two years old on Feb. 29 next, John Lefferts Conrad, one of the best known lawyers in the state of New Jersey and former county solicitor at Trenton, will celebrate his seventh birthday anniversary on that date. His friends have dropped to the humor of the occasion and are already bombarding him with toys suitable for a "seven-year-old."

Conard thinks it had enough to be born on Feb. 29 and have a birthday anniversary only once in four years, but he is particularly aggrieved at fate in causing him to be born when he was, so that the 300 year correction of the calendar robbed him of one of these four year anniversaries in 1900.

He does not mind missing the usual birthday presents so much, but it is harrowing when he calculates all the post card showers that he has been deprived of during the years that went by without giving him a birthday.

Student's Daring Feat.

Swaying dangerously in a strong wind, supported only by a small flag halyard, Robin Adair, a sophomore at the Washington State university, was recently hoisted 207 feet to the top of the wireless telegraph pole. While his classmates looked on in mingled fear and exaltation Adair untangled the freshmen class banner and was then lowered to the ground. It was because the freshmen had the night before sent their class banner to the top of the pole, where it became caught, that the daring feat was undertaken. When Adair was safely on the ground, he was swung to the shoulders of his classmates and escorted around the campus.

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TOO MUCH SYMPATHY WASTED

Reform of Felons Over Thirty Is Impossible, Claims New York Jurist. Urges Removing Crime's Causes and Less Reformation.

Judges, lawyers and students of criminology have been commenting upon the stand taken by Charles S. Whitman, recently judge of the court of general sessions in New York, who not only says that either death or life imprisonment should be the sentence for habitual criminals, but also declares that too much sympathy is wasted upon criminals of both sexes. Judge Whitman, who is generally regarded as the deepest student of criminology in New York city, in discussing his views with a reporter of the New York Herald asserted that the cases of criminals reforming after having reached the age of thirty are practically unheard of things.

State prison should not be confounded with reformatories, he says, and while the latter do good and have some effect in reforming young prisoners, criminals who are sent to penitentiaries come out far more vicious and dangerous than when they were sentenced. They have gained shrewdness, and a man who has a prison record is of far more danger to the community than one who has never been behind prison bars.

The way to eliminate crime, Judge Whitman says, is to eliminate criminals. The laws should be made more drastic, for every year it is getting harder and harder to punish prisoners guilty of the crimes for which they were arrested.

In speaking of the causes of crime and the making of criminals the jurist declares that the low pay of women in the shops in New York city has had much to do with their downfall. Better wages would take away many of their temptations. In summing up the situation he said:

"It is getting harder and harder every day to bring the criminal to proper punishment. I do not believe this to be the fault of the jury system, for that seems about as satisfactory an arrangement as we can get. It is the fault of the people themselves. We are too lenient, too good natured, too prone to look lightly, not to say with some amusement, on the offender, and of course this is the charitable view, and the man who holds it lays the flattering unction to his soul that he is 'a good fellow,' a sympathizer with the frailties of fellow humans. The man who so argues makes the mistake of his life.

"Let the burglar or the murderer or offender of any sort who has committed a crime of any moment be sent to the Tombs, and it's only a few days before he comes to feel he's a hero and perfectly entitled to the sympathy and the flowers and the tokens that begin to flow in from the sentimental as soon as the facts become public and he has gained his little newspaper notoriety. Maudlin sentimentality is aroused. The criminal gets his picture in the papers. He is a celebrity. His cause is furthered by the popular ideas that find expressions in the newspapers, the magazines and the theaters. There is a romanticism clinging about him which is absent from the life of the well ordered.

"The tardiness of trying prisoners is responsible for a great many of the acquittals, for the misplaced sympathy of the public has had a chance to grow to proportions sufficient to offset the terrifying aspects of crime. This must always be so under the present system of delay in trials, for which the district attorney of this county is in no way responsible.

"Our highly technical practice is responsible for much delay. I believe if we had a revision of the code, longer prison terms, quicker trials and only one appeal we'd be protecting society in the most practical way under the law.

"But the primary obstacle to the betterment of conditions is the foolish attitude of the people who glorify released criminals and ignore those who have not fallen, but still are in need of the sympathy that is being wasted. Especially is this true of the woman offender. Many love to hear eloquent discourses on the salvation of the girl of the streets. I know the view I hold is not the popular one, but nevertheless I am firmly of the belief that the woman of the streets does not reform any more than does her brother of the burglar kit and dark lantern. And she is a most dangerous factor in the spread of crime. Most of her class are thieves, and most of them support thieves of the opposite sex, and therefore their influence for evil is most extensive.

"Instead of wasting so much sympathy on the girls who have fallen,

why not expend some practical consideration on the young woman who may be in danger of falling? This, it seems to me, would be the better plan. The ounce of prevention outweighs the pound of cure many fold.

"It is well nigh impossible, in my opinion, for the shopgirl getting \$4 or \$5 a week to live in New York in a self respecting manner.

"If there were less sympathy and commiseration for the criminal and the unfortunate creatures of the streets and more first aid to the needy, there might be less transgression in the matter of the social evil."

The Instinct of Design.

When a Japanese cannot mold the shape of an object, when he cannot redeem it by a design, when, in fact, he has no control over its creation at all, but it is placed in his hands as it is, finished, says the author of "Kake-mono," he will still contrive to add beauty to it merely by arrangement.

"I first noticed this on board the steamer going out," says Mr. Edwards, "where the Japanese boy arranged the extra blanket on the berth in a new design each day. He folded it into lotus leaves and chrysanthemums, into half opened fans and half shut buds. He had one wonderful arrangement which, being patriotic, was more often repeated than the rest. The blankets of the steamship company had at top and bottom two wavy red lines on a white ground. By some wonderful twist of his fingers the boy would fold that blanket into the rising sun, with the four red lines coming out of it like blood red rays. He did it so perfectly that I recognized the flag of Japan the moment I saw it."—Youth's Companion.

LAUGHTER ANALYZED.

The Observations of a Man With a Sensitive Ear.

"Of course you have heard," said the man with a sensitive ear, "a laugh that jarred. I don't mean," he continued, "so much a laugh at an inopportune time—I imagine we have all heard such laughs—as a laugh the quality of which is unpleasant. There is something contagious in laughter of the right kind, even though you may be the object of it. It bubbles from the well of good humor. There is no hidden thought, or 'arrière pensee,' as the French say, behind it. It is the essence of frankness; it is spontaneous and whole souled, and it cleanses the system of the laughter and, too, of the hearer, like a spiritual bath.

"But there are other kinds of laughter. The sneering laugh is perhaps the most familiar. Then there is a quiet laugh, a sibilant, secretive sort of laugh that is quite as certain to mean mischief. Another laugh, disagreeable in its nature, is the high pitched, nervous cackling that comes either from embarrassment or is a mere vocal habit. The worst laugh of all, however, to my mind, is that mirthless sound provoked by the distress or embarrassment of others, and it rasps naturally most of all the object calling it forth. A person laughed at and hurt never forgets the experience."—New York Press.

A Curious Grace.

The most curious form, or, rather, expression, of grace after meat which I have ever come across was that customary at Clifford's Inn, one of the vanished inns of chancery. The society consisted of two distinct bodies, the principal and rules and the Kentish mess, each body having its own table. At the conclusion of the dinner the chairman of the Kentish mess, first bowing to the principal of the inn, took from the hands of the servitor some small rolls or loaves of bread and, without saying a word, brushed them several times on the table, after which they were taken away. Solemn silence reigned only by the thumps prevailed during this curious substitute for a verbal grace.—Cor. London Chronicle.

Children's Favorite Toys.

A hundred and thirty-two schoolboys of Paris and seventy-two girls were invited to describe their preferences in the way of toys. Among the former thirty-one voted for a railway train, twenty-three for tin soldiers, ten for steam engines, nine for building bricks and eight for toy typewriters and mechanical horses. Forty girls—a solid majority—declared without hesitation that a doll was superior to any other implement of recreation. The super-child seems, happily, a long way off.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Napoleon as a Reader.

Napoleon was a reader—persistent, omnivorous, indefatigable. By the camp fire and in his travelling carriage, in his temporary staff office or his own bedroom his favorite volumes were ever kept within easy reach.—Reader Magazine.

Now and Then.

She—You love me, then? He—I love you now. She—Ah, well! I suppose if a woman can get a man to love her now and then she should be contented.—Fair Journal.

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A TALE OF OLD ITALY.

Fra Antonio, the poet,
Of the old town of Pisa,
Oft saw in the city's streets
A fair young girl, spirituelle,
With visage like to an angel's.
Ever alone she was,
And so Fra Antonio never heard
Her voice, albeit
It was his dream to.
After months of vain longing
To hear her voice,
One day he espied her
In the market place
With a companion.
Ardent ear gave the poet.
She was speaking.
She said: "Juliet,
I must leave thee, I would, fain
Go and feed my face
In yon hashery."
And then Fra Antonio slunk away
And hurled himself
Into the River Arno.
And, under the circumstances,
Can you blame him?

— Kansas City Journal.

Millinery Season Comes Late.

Easter does not come until late this year, but local millinery houses are making preparations for the spring trade and large shipments of goods are being received. Easter falls on April 19th, and milliners will have ample time to get their stock ready for the spring opening which are generally held the week before.

The styles this season are exceedingly pretty, and the prices as usual are exceedingly high. However, the man who stands the bills finds some consolation in the fact that Easter comes late and he will be able to stand them off a little longer.

Hadn't Seen Any.
Washington Star.

"So you don't take any stock in this criticism of our \$10 pieces?"
"None whatever," answered the young man who has read law. "Is my case it's mere hearsay evidence."

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Charges that there have been serious defects in the construction of battle-ships will be considered at a special meeting of the senate committee on naval affairs on February 25th. It is probable that Rear Admiral Converse and Rear Admiral Capps, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, will be called before the committee.

Representatives of several of the great railroad systems of the country appeared before the house committee on judiciary to oppose a favorable report on the Sterling-Bates bills relating to the liability of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce to their employes.

The department of the interior's bill to appropriate receipts from sale of public lands in a number of States to the construction of works for the drainage of swamp or overflowed land belonging to the United States was ordered favorably reported by the senate committee on public lands.

After hearing Secretary Root in explanation of the proposed new French arbitration treaty, the senate committee on foreign relations ordered a favorable report upon the treaty.

The senate in executive session ratified the arbitration convention between the United States and France, which was signed on February 10th.

The senate, after debating on the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel A. W. Witherspoon to be brigadier general, voted to confirm.

The senate confirmed the nomination of John Embry to be United States attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

A strong commercial club has been organized at Gainesville. W. W. Dunham has been appointed secretary of the new organization.

Girl's Buxomness Proves Undoing.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—Josie Mason, 24 years old, lost a perfectly lovely jacket yesterday and was sentenced to nine months in the house of correction just because of four inches too much buxomness.

If Josie hadn't been so nice and plump and round she might have been wearing that pretty packet to the theatre today.

But Josie lost by four inches. And Judge Wells of the Harrison street station is a regular 1908 Solomon.

It seems that Josie was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing a jacket. The warrant was sworn out by Zoa Dea, 19 years old, of Fon du Lac, Wis. Zoa said that Josie stole the jacket while it was being prepared for a fitting in a State street store. Josie insisted that the jacket was her own.

Then Judge Wells took a prominent part in the conversation and began to Solomonize.

"What is your, eh, ah, kerchoo—bust measurement, Miss Mason?" he asked. "Thirty-four," said Miss Mason with a bewitching little shrug. Judge Wells was delighted.

"Thirty-four feet, yes, yes."

"What do you think I am, a war balloon," Miss Mason broke in with a savage intonation that left the court gasping. After a minute the judicial dignity was recovered and the court managed to ask Miss Dean her measurement. To which Miss Dean answered, "Thirty-six inches."

"Now try on the jacket, each of you," said the court.

Each one did. There was no appreciable difference. Then Judge Wells made the most Solomon-like decision of all.

"Mr. Attorney Roe," he said to the State's attorney, "kindly measure those busts, will you?"

Mr. Roe was delighted. But Attorney W. S. Welch, counsel for the defense, sprung into the breach with an objection.

"I object," said he, "to the State's taking those measurements unless the defense is represented."

"Objection sustained," said the court. Both lawyers went to work.

And then it was found that Miss Dean's bust was thirty-six inches in size, as she had said, but Miss Mason's was thirty-eight. The verdict was in accordance with the facts.

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PERSONAL MENTION

E. B. Carver of the Club ranch, is here on business today.

Ben Robertson of Fort Worth is in the city visiting friends.

John Park, one of Eschitt's wide awake business men, was in the city today.

J. A. Lowry, one of Holliday's staunch citizens, was here today on business.

Judge M. F. Yeager attended a meeting of the county judges at Dallas yesterday.

Joe Wolfe, a prominent farmer and cowman of Charlie, was here today on business.

C. B. Toney, a popular knight of the grip, came in today to spend a few days with his family.

J. Lee Jackson of the Panhandle Implement Company left this afternoon for Electra on business.

M. Dodson, one of the pioneer citizens of Burkburnett, was transacting business in the city today.

W. E. Thomas, a prominent lumberman of Kell, Okla., was among the visitors in the city today.

J. M. Hursh, of the firm of Kerr & Hursh, left this afternoon for Petrolia to look after business matters.

Rev. T. R. Bowles left this afternoon for Burkburnett to fill his regular appointments tomorrow and Sunday.

Rev. O. J. Hommersand of Decatur was in the city today en route to Holliday, where he will preach Sunday.

Miss Juliet Williams will leave in the morning for Coco, Mexico, to visit her brother for the next two months.

Henry Brockreider, one of Wichita county's substantial farmers who lives near Iowa Park, was here today on business.

George Sylvester, a prominent dry goods merchant of Kell, Oklahoma, was transacting business in the city today.

Mrs. A. J. Wyatt and daughter returned to their home at Mabeldean this afternoon, after a visit with J. M. Bland and family.

Misses Teresa Bentley and Maude Ragsdale returned yesterday from Petrolia, where they had been visiting their friend, Miss Edith Blackstock.



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SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION

Harvie Jordan is Re-Elected President as a Compromise Measure.

From today's Dallas News the following is clipped regarding the convention of the Southern Cotton Association:

With the hope of saving the organization from the threatened disruption, Harvie Jordan of Atlanta again accepted the office of president of the Southern Cotton Association last night. His salary and office expenses were fixed at \$6,000 per year, and each cotton State pledged itself to pay \$50 for every 100,000 bales of cotton raised in 1906.

Walter Clark of Mississippi was elected vice president and E. D. Smith of South Carolina was elected general organizer. The selection of the secretary and treasurer was left with the president. The president and Mr. Smith were selected as delegates to the convention of master spinners of Europe to be held in Paris, France, in June.

The convention proper adjourned yesterday afternoon, after a two days session. Wilmington, N. C., was selected as the next place of meeting, which will be held in August. Hatton W. Sumpers of Dallas delivered an address on the downfall of gambling in cotton futures and pleaded for co-operative marketing in cotton.

E. D. Smith of South Carolina delivered the chief address of the meeting, pleading for the organization and declaring that supply and demand is a myth. The arbiters of price, he declared, are organization, the consuming power of the world, the cost of production and the price of cotton substitutes. He said that diversified farming in the South was possible only to the extent of providing for home consumption, and that cotton is the one exporting crop.

A system of cotton certificates in times of financial stringency as outlined by C. H. Jenkins was adopted or approved. Resolutions condemning the gambling exchange, calling for more reliable government crop reports, asking Federal aid for fighting the boll weevil across the Mississippi, asking the prohibition of future trading in every State, encouraging spot exchanges, recommending an acreage decrease of 25 per cent should cotton be less than 15c at planting time, recommending the protection of cotton in the hands of carriers and the suggestion of a really expansive local currency were adopted.

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