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THE DIVISION OF TEXAS.

It is a habit with northern editors, on those occasions when thoughts flow slowly, to write on editorials on the division of Texas. Appearances to the contrary notwithstanding Harper's Weekly is no better than the rest of the bunch up there. The following appeared recently:

Mr. Cutter, described as the traveling immigration agent of a railroad that finds a profit in hauling folk to Texas, professes to have a superlative good opinion of that state. Perhaps it is a professional opinion only, but we see him quoted as saying that New York cannot long hold her title of the empire state, because—

Texas has lower taxes than any other state, more coal and oil than Pennsylvania, more iron than Alabama, more granite than New Hampshire, more lignite and kaoline than all Europe, more timber land than Michigan, more fruit land than California, more corn land than Illinois, more cotton land than any other state, more miles of railway than any other state, and is building more every year than any other state.

But hasn't Texas also got more freak legislators than any other state, Bro. Cutter, and don't you think the superiority of the Lone Star state in that detail will always save New York her title?

Texas is a mighty big state, big in various ways and enormous in territory. She's, in fact, an empire state, and always has been. Will she ever exercise her privilege of subdivision, and become five states, sending ten Senators to Washington instead of two? Probably not, unless for reasons not yet suggested that may some time develop. The privilege of having more Senators is not very greatly valued just now, Senators being regarded by the considerable proportion of our people who want the tariff revised as necessary evils ordered by the constitution. But folks who live in a big rich state are still proud of that association, and it will doubtless take strong, practical reasons to overcome the sentiment of the Texas for the State of Texas, and induce them to split it up.

THE NORMAL LOCATION.

A great many things might be said against the location of the normal at Canyon City and of course, a great many more things might be said in favor of it. Nothing that can be said either way, however, can change the status of things. Canyon City is now in possession and possession is nine points of law.

We wanted that normal. It would have tickled our very innards to land it and we are disappointed that we failed. But we will join in the hope that the school will thrive and prosper at Canyon City and that the enterprising little town will prove worthy of the honors accorded it. The Panhandle was deserving of some recognition and Canyon City certainly showed that she was willing to pay for what she got. Luck to her.

And as for Wichita Falls, her attention will be quickly turned to other things. The street car line starts next week. The streets are to be paved this winter. Work is to start soon on a new five-story office building. We are about to land a cracker factory and the packing plant will be next, and there are some railroad propositions nearly hatched.

Twenty-eight towns lost in the contest and the twenty-ninth won. Wichita was one of the twenty-eight. How could it have turned out otherwise, when the committee visited us on Friday, the Thirteenth?

'WICKED' WICHITA.

Canyon City gets the West Texas Normal after two weeks' of anxiety. Of course, we are, sorry Wichita Falls did not get the school, but we had reliable information ten days ago that the three saloon towns in the race would not be considered, and, to our regret and Wichita Falls' shame, the county loses an educational institute on account of one town in the county having saloons. Any voter outside of Wichita Falls would be glad to cast a vote that would put the open saloon out of Wichita county.—Electra News.

CHEAPER FUEL.

Childress Index: The advent of natural gas at 50c in Dallas and Fort Worth, which is scheduled to take place by Jan. 1, 1910, will mark an era in the power and heating propositions in those cities. Gas at 50c will furnish a cheaper heating than low-grade soft coal at \$7 a ton, the present retail price.

It will also be cheaper than wood at \$5 per short cord. The coming of natural gas to Dallas and Fort Worth will put them on a par with Wichita Falls and Hearletta.—Dallas News.

Not exactly on a par with Wichita Falls. At present Wichita Falls is enjoying natural gas privileges for domestic purposes at the rate of 31 cents per 1000 feet, and for manufacturing purposes the rate is less than 10 cents per thousand. Before the end of this year, however, this already cheap gas rate will be made still lower, if the work on our Chamber of Commerce is to be realized.

Two serious propositions confront Discoverer Cook. First, he must convince the people that he really discovered the pole; second, he must show them that by discovering it, he has really done some good.

It looks like a hard job. We are a nation of skeptics and the absence of any further proof than that furnished by the Esquimaux is apt to make things harder for the discoverer. All of us probably, in our earlier days, entertained the idea that the North Pole was a tangible actual pole of wood. McCauley's Geography dispelled this fanciful conception and there is nothing at the 'pole' but a big expanse of ice, surrounded by loneliness and the Aurora Borealis. So that it was impossible for Cook to bring back the pole itself as concrete evidence of his success.

But while some doubt may always exist as to whether or not the pole has actually been discovered, there can not be any doubt that, if it is discovered, the world in general will profit by it. In the first place it will stop the sending of exploring expeditions, which have become a nuisance. It has gotten so of late years that an explorer always sent his relief expedition out first so as to be sure of having them handy when he got there. If the finding of the pole does nothing more than stop such sky larking, it will have done some good.

The scientific value of the discovery lies in the fact that if the pole can be reached, scientists can determine the exact weight of the earth, its attraction for other bodies and other bodies' attraction for it, which information would undoubtedly be valuable, in a scientific way.

Regardless of the value of the discovery, it certainly was no mean stunt to pull off, and every patriotic American should at least feel one or two prickles shooting up and down his spine that it is an American flag, and not a Swedish, English, Russian or German flag that is now floating at the top end of the world.

The declaration by Bailey that he is not a statewider is interesting; not because it will have any effect on the prohibition question, but because the senator for once, failed to straddle the fence.—Wichita Times.

It must have taken considerable nerve for Editor Howard to make such a statement as that. When Mr. Bailey's most bitter enemies have always given him credit for being open and above board on every public question that was ever discussed. And this is the first instance so far as we are aware, that any man ever doubted his position on any question.—Bonham Favorite.

Perhaps so, but how about the abundance of nerve displayed by Senator Bailey in construing platform demands and party instructions? When he was a candidate for re-election and some of the senators and representatives were threatening to vote against him, he was quick to remind them that he was the nominee, and that in voting against him they were wrongfully using power entrusted to them by their constituents; and further, those who disregarded the fact that he was the nominee and voted against him were threatened with all kinds of political death, Senator Bailey saying among other things that he would hang their pictures in his rogue gallery. Now, that he has done the same identical thing by voting directly against the demands of the National Democratic platform, don't you think that another picture should be added to Senator Bailey's gallery of rogues?

Wichita Falls regrets exceedingly the loss of the West Texas Normal, but her citizens are broad-gauged, and are not envious of the winning candidate. Canyon City is an ideal place for the Normal. In fact there were so many choice places to pick from that it must have been an exceedingly difficult task for the locating board to make a choice. But it did the work, and there is no doubt that it acted for the best interests of the state and also for the particular section which is to be served by this institution of learning.

That Shreveport mob that drowned a negro instead of hanging him casts the lie in the teeth of those who contend that the South has no sense of the artistic.

SENATOR CULBERSON.

Hon. Robert L. Taylor, the singing minstrel senator of Tennessee, has named Hon. Charles A. Culberson for president in 1912, and the Denton Record and Chronicle remarks that 'Texas will second Senator Taylor's nomination of Charles A. Culberson for the democratic presidential nomination.

'Senator Culberson has been the minority leader of the senate for several years now; he has the support of practically his entire party. He would have the solid south, the conservative east can support the Texan and the feeling of the West against the alleged republican tariff revision ought to aid him.

'The party has ignored the South for these many years now, even when the only electoral votes it has received come from south of Mason and Dixon's line. The nomination of such a man as Culberson would stop the threatened disintegration of solidarity of the South and would bring back into the democratic fold some of those near-southern states that have fallen into bad habits politically for the past several years.'

The South nominated Mr. Bryan in 1896; it nominated him again in 1900 and it gave him a third nomination in 1908. Should the Nebraskan call for a fourth nomination in the year 1912 there is no telling where the Southern politicians will land. They know that Mr. Bryan cannot be elected president of the United States, but he is such a willing sacrifice it may suit their desires and fit in with their program to stage him again. Like the babbling brook, the Bryan candidacy may go on forever, or until death relieves the donkey of its load.—Dallas Times-Herald.

It must be a grim travesty of a Labor Day celebration when, as was the case in Western Pennsylvania, 30,000 able-bodied men are out of work and their families subsisting off public funds. Sometimes we have wanted to live in an industrial town, dependent upon industrial enterprises. There is no busier place when trade conditions are good than industrial centers are operating. But of all places in the world, the worst—the industrial town in a business depression or with a lock-out, walk-out or strike in progress: People in agricultural towns have their ups and downs, with good crops and bad crops. But while their 'ups' may never reach so high as in industrial towns, their 'downs' never sink so low. In dull times privation and absolute want are common, every day affairs in manufacturing towns. Few people in the agricultural community ever suffer for the absolute necessities of life and nearly always there is enough to go round and provide at least sufficient for living and for everybody.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

An Austin lawyer is being tried for insanity because he wanted to shoot up the court room. Times have changed. Not so very long ago that was a popular and effective method of hastening the wheels of laggard justice.

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The 'dry farmers' of Texas held a convention recently. Where were the 'wet farmers?'—Wichita Times. Maybe the 'wet farmers' were lying around loose waiting for the rain to come and helping the merchants who do not advertise to grow all hard times.—Star-Telegram.

Commander Peary only lacked 15 days of being twelve months behind Dr. Cook in discovering the North Pole, and yet it begins to look as if there is a disposition on the part of some to give the honor to him alone.

Amarillo is trying awful hard to be glad that Canyon City got the normal. She might as well, being knocked out of the normal question for all time to come.

Oklahoma can brag about her resources till she gets tired, but it will be noticed that when Oklahoma City wanted some shade trees she sent a Texas nursery for them.—Wichita Times.

Oklahoma, like West Texas, has many good things, if she is short of

trees, and she has made it pay to be continually advertising her resources by continually bragging on 'em.—Bonham News.

Better to build and boost in a good town than to dry up and blow away as a dead one. The Times isn't ashamed to boost.

Apropos of the normal, the Amarillo Panhandle says: 'Wichita Falls can take another swig and go fishing.' Amarillo is not taking any swigs. Gov. Tom's rangers have done their work too well for that.



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Personal Mention.

From Friday's Daily.
Prof. W. W. Craig has returned from Georgetown.
Attorney T. R. Boone is transacting business at Henrietta.
J. T. Foster of Greenville, is in the city, the guest of his friend, Charles Crowell.
M. G. Talbott from near Petrolia, was handshaking with friends here today.
J. M. Hatfield, one of Clay County's prosperous farmers, was trading in the city today.
W. K. Perry of Grandfield, Okla., was transacting business in the city today.
Miss Willie Stafford has returned from Lufkin to resume her duties in the public schools here.
Joe Wolf, a well-to-do stockman and farmer from Charlie, Texas, was looking after business interests here today.
J. E. Duncan, one of the old-time Wichita boys, now located at Oklahoma City, was here today renewing old acquaintances.
Mrs. Frank Khuen of Henrietta, was in the city today en route to Byers, at which place she will engage in the millinery business.
Mrs. Mary Gibson of Fort Worth, who has been visiting her son, H. M. Gibson at Petrolia, was in the city today en route home.
Mr. C. W. Hill and family of Sulphur Springs, have located in this city. Mr. Hill will buy cotton in this territory this year.
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Carden and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Myers are attending the barbecue and Old Settlers' reunion at Stamford this week.
Mr. E. J. Hill, an undertaker from Greenville, has located in this city and has accepted a position with the North Texas Furniture and Coffin Co.
J. T. Cooper, formerly of this city, but now located at Crowell, Texas, was in the city today on his return home from a business trip to Ryan, Okla.
Miss Sallie Dunn of Iowa Park, who has been visiting her brother, F. C. Dunn and family of this city, returned home this evening, accompanied by Mrs. Dunn.
From Saturday's Daily.
Paul McAbee returned yesterday from New York.
Maurice Mitchell of Seymour, was the guest of Miss Hesba Ziegler Friday.
W. R. Craig, a real estate man from Archer City, was transacting business here today.
Mrs. T. W. Roberts returned this evening from a month's visit to the summer resorts in Colorado.
County Commissioner W. S. Burnett from Burkburnett, was looking after business interests here today.
Mrs. Henry Benson and children have returned from Denver, Colorado, where they spent the summer.
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Perkins and Mrs. E. L. Holloway of Petrolia, were among the local visitors in the city today.
Clabe Burnett, a prominent stockman from Ringgold, Texas, was here today renewing old acquaintances.
Mr. E. A. McCleskey and daughter, Miss Addie, and sister, Mrs. Johnson, of Iowa Park, were in the city today.
C. R. Brown of Johnson county, has located in this city and will engage in the livery business with G. C. Patterson.
Morgan Mayfield, auditor for the J. S. Mayfield Lumber Company, with headquarters at Dallas, was here on business today.
F. L. Emmanuel, manager for the J. S. Mayfield Lumber Company of Vernon, was transacting business in the city today.
Mrs. V. L. Shaw and daughter, Miss Lucile of Memphis, Texas, who have been in the city visiting relatives and



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friends, left for their home this evening.
Little Miss Elizabeth Patterson returned this evening from an extended visit with her grand mother, Mrs. S. E. Eppler at Amarillo.
W. C. Walsh, general yard-master for the Fort Worth and Denver at this point, is confined to his home, 506 Scott avenue, with an attack of fever.
Miss Annie Carrigan, who has been visiting the summer resorts in Michigan with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barwise, of Fort Worth, returned home this evening.
Passenger Conductor C. A. Roberts of the Fort Worth and Denver, with headquarters at Fort Worth, is here today transacting business and meeting friends.
From Monday's Daily.
E. F. Greathouse of Quannah, is in the city on business.
C. C. Huff and wife returned this evening from Hot Springs, Ark.
Capt. S. A. McMurray of Louisville, Ky., was a visitor in the city today.
G. H. Winfrey, a prominent citizen from Byers, is in the city on business.
Mrs. C. M. Coates of San Angelo, is in the city visiting her son, E. N. Coates.
County Commissioner E. A. Dale, from Electra, was here on business today.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Huff returned yesterday from a month's visit to Colorado.
Mrs. J. D. Joyce of Salt City, is in the city, visiting her brother, R. K. Lane and family.
Judge S. H. Hodges and W. H. Stinson of Frederick, were in the city today on business.
C. Dean, who lives near Petrolia, was here today meeting friends and transacting business.
Wm. McGregor, cashier of the First National Bank, left this evening for San Antonio on business.
Attorney W. E. Froggy of Archer City was in the city today en route to Austin on legal business.
Mrs. T. R. T. Orth and three daughters have returned from an extended visit to South Texas points.
S. S. Fasset and H. B. Hines, two of Iowa Park's prominent citizens, were transacting business here today.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Eagle and their daughter, Mrs. C. B. Googer, left this evening for Byers to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Erwin.
Mr. and Mrs. Ludolphus of Alledale, who have been visiting relatives

at Gallatin, Mo., returned home yesterday and report a most pleasant trip.
E. E. Clautzitzer and daughter, Miss Irene, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter. Miss Clautzitzer will attend St. Mary's Academy this session.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Winfrey of Iowa Park, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dameron, while en route home from a visit to Mr. Winfrey's relatives at Byers.
Rev. G. W. Rushing, Jno. W. Groves and C. W. Dunn of Olney, who have been attending the state meeting of the Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Weatherford, were visitors in the city today while en route home.
From Tuesday's Daily.
C. T. Colgin of Fort Worth, is in the city the guest of friends.
Mrs. Hugh Ross of Baird, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Lea.
Editor Haney of the Byers Searchlight, was a visitor here today.
Miss Hazel Gaston of Cleburne, is visiting Mrs. E. F. Shumate, 1906 Burnett.
Mrs. A. A. Bridwell left this afternoon for Charlie, Texas, to visit relatives.
Mrs. R. A. Hawkins has returned from her visit with relatives at Hubbard City, Texas.
Mrs. A. J. N. Dunn of Iowa Park, is in the city visiting her son, F. C. Dunn and family.
Mrs. C. R. Brown of Venus, arrived in the city today to join Mr. Brown in their new home.
T. B. Wilson, a prominent cattleman from Mankins, Tex., was transacting business here today.
Miss Shirley Bullock of Waco, is in the city the guest of Mrs. T. M. Smyre, 1002 Grace street.
Roy C. Priebe returned last night from a visit to his uncle, R. H. Brown, near Goodnight, Tex.
Mrs. Elmer B. Woodward has returned from a week's visit to relatives in Ardmore, Okla.
Mrs. J. F. Schwab and little daughter have returned from their visit with relatives in Virginia.
Rev. F. J. Schafer left this afternoon for Abilene, where he goes to conduct a revival meeting.
Mr. S. M. Cowan and family of Archer City, are in the city today en route to Miami to visit relatives.
Mrs. H. W. Ross of Baird, Texas, arrived in the city Saturday night to visit her sister, Mrs. J. L. Lea, Jr.
Miss Emma Norwood returned Saturday from Colorado, where she has been spending the past two months.
Mrs. J. A. Kemp and daughters have returned from Wisconsin, where they have been spending the heated term.
Mrs. L. R. Kimble of Fort Worth, arrived in the city this evening and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bennett.
John Neece, recently in the lumber business at Byers, was here today en route to Tippon, where he will engage in business.
From Wednesday's Daily.
T. H. Kemp of Olney, was meeting friends here today.
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Magner of Fort Worth, are in the city.
W. T. Huff of Devol, Oklahoma, is in the city on business.
Mrs. E. B. Stevens and daughter have returned from a visit to Shawnee, Okla.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Myers, of Jolly, were among the local visitors in the city today.
W. L. Robertson, Assistant Cashier of the City National Bank, returned last night from a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Robertson, at Haskell.
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tilford and daughter, Miss Letia, of Galveston,

who have been visiting relatives in this city, left for their home today.
Miss Minnie Strong of Bowie, who has been the guest of friends in this city, returned to her home this evening.
W. R. Estell and family of Atwood, Texas, were in the city today en route to Memphis, to visit relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howard left this afternoon for Aspermont, Texas, where they expect to spend the next two weeks.
D. W. Russell of Marlow, Okla., who has been in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. R. P. Webb, left for his home this morning.
Henry Brockreider, one of Wichita County's substantial farmers, who resides near Iowa Park, was transacting business here today.
Pete Randolph and H. E. Starnes left this morning for Fort Worth, where they are witnesses in a case in the district court in that city.
Mrs. R. H. Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rountree and little son, returned this evening from a month's sojourn at the summer resorts in Colorado.
J. F. Smith of Dallas, who has been

spending the summer in Colorado, and who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Z. McCoy, of this city, left this morning for home.
From Thursday's Daily.
Miss Fay Robertson of Iowa Park, is visiting in the city.
J. D. Meredith of Petrolia, was in the city on business today.
J. A. Fisher of Electra, was transacting business here today.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sutherland of Petrolia, were visitors in the city today.
Prof. G. J. Clark of Iowa Park, was shaking hands with friends here today.
W. M. McGregor returned this evening from a business trip to San Antonio.
Rev. H. A. Goodwin, pastor of the Baptist church at Higgins, Tex., is in the city today.
J. H. McDonald, one of Quannah's enterprising citizens, was transacting business here today.
Miss Lula Jones of Plumerville, Ark., is in the city visiting her uncle, J. P. Jones and family.
W. H. Cox left this morning for Ft. Worth to accept a position in one of the banks in that city.
Percy Cobb, formerly of this city, but now of Dallas, is here today renewing old acquaintances.
Mora C. Clark, General Agent for the National Life Insurance Company of Galveston, is here today on business.
Mr. W. S. Ballou of Bainbridge, Ga., arrived today on a visit to Messrs. Fain and Ingram. He may locate in this city.
H. S. Babb of Fort Worth, who has been the guest of relatives in this city for several weeks, returned home today.
Mrs. E. Chandler, who has been visiting her son, J. R. Chandler, of this city, returned to her home at Childress today.
J. V. Harris, bookkeeper for the J. C. Hunt Grain Company, left today for a few days vacation at Galveston and other points.
Rev. T. R. Bowles left this evening for Blue Grove, to attend the Clay County Baptist Association, which convenes there tomorrow.
J. L. Russell, one of the employees of the Fort Worth and Denver, left today for Atlanta, Ga., as a delegate from Wichita Falls Lodge No. 514, B. R. C. of A., to attend the eleventh Biennial Convention in that city.

Will Open Soon

Our new store, corner 8th & Indiana is beginning to assume the proportions and beauty with its many conveniences that were planned months ago. The electricians, carpenters, painters, cabinet and workmen generally have had charge of remodeling our new store for the past three weeks. We hope to present the large and beautiful store within the next 8 days.

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