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AL HARD CASE NOW ON TRIAL

CALLER AT VERNON THIS MORNING AND JURY IS BEING SELECTED.

INSANITY IS THE DEFENSE

Such is indicated in the Examination of the Special Veniemen.

Special to the Times. Vernon, Tex., Feb. 14.—That insanity will be the defense in the case of Al Hard was indicated in the examination of the special veniemen here this morning. Only two jurors had been selected when court recessed at noon.

Special to the Times. Vernon, Tex., Feb. 14.—The special venire of seventy tatesmen summoned for the trial of Al Hard, charged with the murder of Harry Brown and John Staley, were from Wichita County District Court is being examined as to their fitness for jury duty in this case this morning and it is expected that a jury will be completed today and it is possible that the State may introduce some testimony at today's session.

When Judge S. P. Huff, called the case from the docket this morning Attorney R. E. Taylor of Henrietta, who represents the defendant, objected to the copy of Sheriff's and Clerk's return of the summons of the special veniemen for the reason that the return did not show the official seal and for the further reason that it was not definitely shown by several veniemen for whom subpoenas had been issued had not been summoned. The official seal was affixed to the copy of the return and Judge Huff overruled the defendant's motion for a new venire to which the defense filed objection.

Both the defense and the State then announced that they were ready for trial and the examination of the tatesmen was started at 11 o'clock this morning. Al Hard, the defendant, when brought into court was wearing the same gray jacket or one similar to it that he wore when arraigned at Wichita Falls. He bowed and spoke cheerfully to his wife, Mary Hard, and her mother, Mrs. Harry Brown, when he passed the bench on which they were sitting. He frequently conferred with his attorney, Mr. Taylor. Besides his wife and her mother Hard's father and several of his brothers are present in the court room.

The State is represented by District Attorney Hugh Spencer, who is being assisted by T. R. Boone, county attorney of Wichita County. Among the witnesses in attendance from Wichita Falls are: James Calvert, E. B. Goraline, Walter Allen, A. E. Humphries, Lindsey Humphries, R. V. Gwin, Charles Year, Al Hickman, George Dobson, Harry Carter, Mrs. Mary Hard, Mrs. Harry Brown, Walter Long, Mrs. J. J. Staley and others. Other State witnesses from Wichita Falls are expected on this afternoon trial and tomorrow morning and it is understood that witnesses for the defense will be brought here tomorrow.

Special to the Times. Vernon, Texas, Feb. 15.—A sensation was sprung this morning at the trial of Al Hard in the cross-examination of Mrs. Harry Brown, wife of one of the men killed and the mother of Mrs. Hard. District Attorney Spencer intimated that the saloon men of Wichita Falls were providing funds for the defense and had a representative in Vernon at the trial. Attorney Taylor for the defense, at once got upon his feet and demanded that the state put the alleged saloon representative on the stand. The state's attorney declared that he would do so and addressing Mr. Taylor said: "He sat at your side yesterday," referring to a well-known saloon man of Wichita Falls. Judge Huff at this juncture called the attorneys to order and the case proceeded.

Vernon, Texas, Feb. 15.—The State began the introduction of testimony in the case of Al Hard, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff John Staley in Wichita Falls on the afternoon of December 6th. Hard is to be tried separately for the killing of Brown and Staley.

It developed early in the testimony that the defense will attempt to prove

Elks Lodge Anniversary Next Monday

The Elks Lodge of this city will celebrate its third anniversary with appropriate exercises on next Monday evening, the 20th.

For the occasion an interesting program will be provided, consisting of music and oratory, after which there will be a social session in the club rooms.

All members, as well as visiting Elks, are invited and urged to be present.

Work on the Southern Presbyterian Church building, corner Seventh and Bluff is progressing rapidly. The brick work is almost finished and will soon be ready for the roof.

PLANNING FOR A TRADE DAY

SECRETARY DAY IS NOW WORKING ON THE DETAILS FOR THE EVENT.

HERETOFORE PROPOSED

Such Occasion Has Been Discussed But Has Never Been Developed.

Secretary Day of the Chamber of Commerce is one of the busiest men in the city at this time in connection with the work of promoting the interests of Wichita Falls, along which line he has a number of matters well under way. In addition to the preparation of advertising matter for general distribution, which is no little job of itself, he has other plans in process, among which and one of the most important of the number, is the preparation for a monthly trade day for Wichita Falls.

This matter has been discussed from time to time but definite action has been deferred and as a result this important occasion has never been provided. Mr. Day understands and appreciates the importance of the movement and is determined to do his part in organizing for this special day. He is working quietly on the matter, outlining the plan upon which it should be operated, and as soon as these shall have been completed he expects to be able to announce the date of the first event of this kind.

To a Times reporter Mr. Day stated this morning that there was no further doubt as to the establishment of a monthly trade day here and that it would likely be inaugurated in the spring or early summer.

that Hard was insane when he killed Brown and that he did not know that Staley was an officer when he shot him and that he believed his life in danger. R. E. Taylor, attorney for the defense, intimated this much in arguing the admissibility of certain evidence before the court this morning.

James Calvert, formerly connected with a Wichita Falls newspaper was the first witness on the stand. He told of learning of the killing of Brown and of telephoning from the newspaper office to Staley at the county jail, telling him that a murder had been committed. This was all that Calvert was asked to testify. Ludley Humphries, a policeman, testified to being called to Brown's house following the killing of Brown. He told of searching the premises and of once entering the room in which Hard was a few moments later shot Staley. He said he struck a match, but did not see anyone. Later he told of the arrival of Staley. He said in front of the door he told Staley there was no use to search that room as he himself had been in there. Staley, however, he said lit a match and opened the door holding the match above his head. Humphries said that as Staley opened the door some one said, "Don't come in here" and instantly a shot rang out and Staley fell into the room. He further testified to the nature of the wound. He said when Staley was shot he stepped back into the yard and walked toward the Ohio avenue entrance where he met Deputy Sheriff Year and told him where Hard was. He said that Staley said nothing before

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WHITES WIN IN THE CONTEST

DEFEAT REDS IN MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR THE Y. W. C. A.

SECURED 100 MEMBERS

Reds Had Total of Sixty-Eight When Time Was Called Last Night.

The membership contest between the Whites and the Reds of the Young Women's Christian Association was brought to a close yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with an enthusiastic meeting at the home of Mrs. P. P. Langford.

The Whites were accorded with having received 100 new members, while the Reds had a total of 68 members, making an increase of 198 which was very gratifying indeed to those interested in the organization. The defeated team will entertain the victors at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., the evening of Feb. 21st to which all members are cordially invited and those who can find it possible to attend are requested to phone Miss Sadie Kell not later than Saturday.

Michigan Cities Seek Home Rule. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16.—The mayors of many of the leading cities of Michigan met in conference here today to discuss plans to secure legislation to permit the cities to amend their charters without a general revision.

THOUSAND PAID FOR PEACH TREE

By Associated Press. Weatherford, Texas, Feb. 16.—John W. Gilliams of Holdenville, Oklahoma, yesterday paid \$1000 for a peach tree from Dallas. It is a Freestone, ripening in September.

Taylor Has Fire. Taylor, Texas, Feb. 16.—Fire did about \$5,000 damage in the business district here today on which there was no insurance.

STATE ORPHANS LOSE BUILDING

By Associated Press. Corsicana, Texas, Feb. 16.—The boys building at the State Orphan's home here burned this morning. The loss is \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

Special Session Possible. Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—It is known definitely after a White House conference today, that President Taft will call an extra session if the Canadian reciprocity measure fails to pass the senate.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. Only an optimist enjoys being fooled if he knows it. How we delight to see a loafer got his tire punctured! The more money you have the more things will come your way. A man admires a modest girl almost as much as he doesn't the other brand. Believe only half you hear—then proceed to forget two-thirds of that. All men are born honest, but it requires constant practice to keep that way. A girl may not enjoy flirting unless she knows it makes some other girl miserable. Many a woman who claims credit for her husband's success in reality acted as a handiapper.

We are unable to recall the names of any of our acquaintances who are too respectable to enjoy life. Some men would be brighter if they were to reflect more and some would reflect more if they were brighter. No, Cordelia, an office seeker is not a man who runs for a postoffice in order to mail his wife's letter to her mother.—Chicago News. A tool chest which may be converted into a work bench by clamping it to the tops of two desks is the invention of a Wisconsin man for use in manual training schools.

PROSPECT FOR WAR.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 16.—The relations between Russia and China are strained to the breaking point over China's violation of the treaty of 1881 involving free trade with Mongolia and over other affairs of that country. Russia notified the powers today that she would make military demonstration and has sent troops to the Chinese frontier.

AWARD DAMAGES IN M'INN CASE

JURY RENDERS VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF FOR SUM OF \$488.65.

CIVIL CASES NEXT WEEK Quite a Number Are Scheduled to Be Called in the District Court.

The jury in the suit of McInn vs. the M. K. & T. Railway Company, returned a verdict this morning awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$488.65. The suit resulted from the burning of a peach orchard belonging to McInn. Court adjourned at noon today until Monday morning. A number of civil suits are set for trial next week and on Monday the 20th, more criminal cases will be tried. The cases docketed next week are as follows: Monday—Hall vs. Page. Dobs vs. Kennedy and Plasek vs. the Wichita Mill & Elevator Company. Tuesday—McGowan vs. the Wichita Falls Traction Company and Redmond vs. the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph Company. Wednesday—Douglas vs. the Western Union Telegraph Company. Tomason vs. the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Kahn vs. Bettle et al. Thursday—Beare vs. Hogg. Friday—Edger vs. the Fort Worth & Denver and the Fort Worth & Denver vs. Hines. No cases are set for Saturday.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS ARE CALLED TO MEET

Wichita Falls, Tex., Feb. 15, 1911. To the Confederate Soldiers: At the request of Maj. Cobb and a number of the other confederate soldiers, I take the liberty of calling a meeting of all ex-confederates in Wichita county to meet at the court house in Wichita Falls at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, 1911. For the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a camp at the Wichita Falls for all soldiers in the county, and also to discuss ways and means of getting the old soldiers and their descendants to the reunion at Little Rock, May 16, 17, and 18, 1911, and all ex-confederates in adjoining counties are cordially invited to be present and meet with us. All daughters and granddaughters, sons and grandsons of ex-confederates are cordially invited and urged to come out and meet with the old soldiers, and all persons in sympathy with the move are specially invited. Yours respectfully, EDGAR SCURRY.

SAN ANTONIO HAS DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 16.—Fire here today did a \$10,000 damage in Webster & Company's Hay and Grain warehouse, partially covered by insurance.

Powell-Preeley. Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Powell of Iowa Park February 15th, at 6 p. m. Mr. Ross Preeley and Miss Lillian Powell. Mr. Preeley is one of Archer county's most popular young men, and the bride the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Powell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Morgan in the parlor of the beautiful Powell home in the presence of the family and the following friends: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Powell, of Electra, Mr. Willie Gant and Miss Mamie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Preeley, Mr. C. L. Brosswell, Ray Johnson and Doyle Johnson of Lake Creek community.

After the marriage all were invited into the dining room to one of the best wedding suppers it has ever been the writer's pleasure to partake of. After supper had been served, splendid musical selections were given by the bride, when all extended congratulations, wishing for the happy couple a prosperous and happy life. M.

Make Big Loan. Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—A contract for a ten million dollar loan by American bankers to Honduras was signed in New York today.

Will Work 1,000 Men. Waco, Tex., Feb. 15.—Next month a thousand men will be put at work finishing the new twenty-three story building now going up.

AFTER HALLOWELL ALLEGED ROBBER

Frederick, Okla., Feb. 15.—Sheriff Frank Carter in company with Sheriff Frank Keys of Wilbarger county, Texas, left this morning to attend the habeas corpus proceedings of Frank Hallowell at Oklahoma City, wanted in Wilbarger county for taking part in the bank robbery at Harrod, Texas, last spring. The other two robbers were convicted and are now serving their sentences.

LEGISLATURE ACTS ON SEVERAL BILLS

ROOSEVELT AND WILSON ARE INVITED TO DELIVER ADDRESSES.

TEDDY FOR MARCH 13TH

Date For Wilson's Visit To Be Arranged Later If He Accepts.

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Feb. 16.—A bill has been introduced in the House to permit the Katy to lease the Texas Central for twenty-five years. In the Senate the proponent voted down the Perkins motion to consider the quiet law tomorrow and refused to hold night sessions three nights week.

The Senate engrossed several bills including the Sturgeon Cotton Picking Company—machines, incorporation measure and the Home bill for the payment of the traveling expenses of District Judges.

In the House a bill was introduced for an A. & M. College at Greenville. The House was considering the seventy-first judicial district bill when it recessed. Roosevelt was invited to address the Legislature March 13 and also invited Woodrow Wilson, his date to be arranged later. The House committee killed the bill authorizing Galveston to sell part of the shore front to the Santa Fe for wharf privileges.

CLOUDBURST IN ODESSA COUNTRY

By Associated Press. Odessa, Texas, Feb. 16.—A small cloudburst here this morning flooded the Texas & Pacific tracks for a hundred and fifty yards and many windows were broken by the hail.

Will Support Scott Bill. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Senator Culberson has announced that he will support the Scott bill designed to stop speculation in cotton.

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Burkburnett Well Pleased With Location

Burkburnett, Texas, Feb. 16.—Commissioner W. S. Burnett attended a session of the commissioners court at the Falls Monday and Tuesday, at which the location for the new bridge across the Big Wichita River, north of Wichita, was gone over.

At Tuesday's session of the court, after having heard lengthy arguments in favor or against different sites for the proposed new bridge, it was decided by the commissioners to place the bridge at the side of the present wagon bridge just east of the Denver railroad bridge. The people of this community almost as a unit, agreed that the commissioners could have come no nearer the logical point.

J. A. KEMP HAS RETURNED HOME

AWAY TWO WEEKS IN INTEREST OF ENTERPRISES FOR WICHITA FALLS.

REPORT IS ENCOURAGING

Expects Developments That Will Be Worth a Great Deal to This City Will Result.

J. A. Kemp returned yesterday from a two weeks' trip to Detroit, Chicago and New York, where he had gone in connection with proposed business enterprises for Wichita Falls, for a Times representative today. Mr. Kemp stated that while he had reason to be very much encouraged over the results of his trip, yet he had nothing of a definite nature to give out. In discussing the matter, he said: "You may say that my time on this trip was spent in work that will mean a great deal to Wichita Falls, if we are successful in our plans and I have every reason to believe that we will be. I am not in a position, as yet, to make known the details upon which we are working, but will, as soon as matters have sufficiently developed, make announcement of the result of our efforts."

Asked with reference to the proposed cotton mill, Mr. Kemp stated that he was well pleased with the progress being made, and hoped that it would be possible to begin building this summer. He had nothing to give out with reference to the packing plant, further than to say that it would be built as contemplated. Mr. Kemp reports financial conditions in the East to be very satisfactory and business generally in a healthy condition. Regarding the automobile factory, Mr. Kemp said that work would begin before a great while; that the model cars were being constructed in the E. M. T. factory at Detroit, and would be shipped within the next few weeks for exhibition purposes.

Medical Society Meeting. The Wichita Medical Society met on the 14th inst. in this city at the office of Dr. C. S. Hale, who being president occupied the chair.

The following physicians were in attendance: Drs. Harkrue, Guent, W. H. Walker, Hale, Buchanan, of Scotland, E. Puckett, Dice of Burkburnett, L. C. Tyson and D. Meredith.

An interesting program was carried out as a feature of the meeting after which the session adjourned to meet in March with Drs. Burnsides and Walker.

For Uniform Weights and Measures. Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The movement to secure the adoption of a uniform standard of weights and measures throughout the country is expected to receive a decided impetus as a result of a three-day conference begun in the capital today under the auspices of the Federal bureau of weights and measures. The conference is attended by delegates representing nearly all the states.

Dr. C. R. Hartsbrook, formerly of Richmond, Va., has recently located in Wichita Falls and will practice his profession here. The doctor comes to this city highly recommended. He was at one time a member of the Medical Board of the State of Virginia; vice president of the State Medical Association and served the

Polo Tournament at Riverside. Riverside, Cal., Feb. 16.—The first of the season's polo tournaments in Southern California opened here today and will continue until next Wednesday. The tournament is conducted under the auspices of the American Polo Association.

COLQUITT ON PENITENTIARIES

SUBMITS MESSAGE ON SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATURE TODAY.

WOULD SELL RAILROAD

Declares It Is Being Operated at a Loss of Thousands of Dollars Monthly.

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Feb. 16.—Governor Colquitt today submitted to the legislature a special message dealing with the penitentiary question and embodying his recommendations as to needed legislation on this subject.

He recited the fact that the penitentiary properties, exclusive of the state railroad, were valued at \$3,258,225, the valuation of the railroad property being given at \$509,061. In the face of the fact that finances were low, he said it would require \$258,688 during the next six months to meet the running expenses of the penitentiary system and will cost almost \$300,000 to operate the system under the new law, unless that law is changed.

In this connection the governor recommended the buying or leasing of state convict farms, and disapproved the practice of share farming. He also recommended the repeal of the provisions for fire proof buildings and iron cells for convicts.

The message called attention to the fact that the ten cents per day pension for convicts will cost the state \$120,000 annually and the governor recommended their abolition. He is opposed to convicts testifying before grand juries unless citizenship has been restored and in that event only where the testimony is of great importance. The sale or lease of the state railroad was recommended, because, as the governor explained, it is now being operated at a loss of thousands of dollars monthly.

Buildings Burned at Altus. Altus, Okla., Feb. 16.—Fire which broke out about 5 o'clock Tuesday night in the W. S. Fuqua building on East Locust street, occupied by John Clingin's restaurant, totally destroyed that building and two others adjoining. All were old frame shacks, and burned fiercely for more than an hour, threatening the destruction of the entire block. Only by the heroic work of the fire department aided by citizens, who were helpless until a good water pressure was obtained, saved the destruction of every building in the block in which the fire started.

On one side of the burned district is a brick building occupied by the Altus State Bank. This was lightly damaged and did a great deal toward checking the flames. Adjoining the burned building on another side was a cement-block building. This also stopped the fire from spreading along the street.

The three frame buildings were a total loss. They were occupied by restaurants, while the other was vacant. The total loss is estimated at \$3,000.

Friends and acquaintances will regret to learn that Miss Lillian Bunsse, aged 17, after an illness of short duration died Wednesday afternoon at 2:40 at the family home, corner Fifteenth and Broad Streets. Funeral services will be held at the family residence Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Bunsse was the daughter of Rev. C. Bunsse, pastor of the Lutheran Church, and had many friends in the city. The Times joins other friends of the family in extending sincere condolence in the sad hour of separation.

AL HARD CASE NOW ON TRIAL

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entering the room where he was shot and so far as he knew said nothing at all to Hard.

Deputy Sheriff C. P. Yeary was the next witness on the stand. He said he heard the shot when in the alley at the front of the house. He ran through Bean's store and entered the yard from the Ohio avenue entrance.

The defense apparently was taken by surprise at the early closing of the state case and asked for an intermission of fifteen minutes or half an hour for questioning their witnesses.

The defense will introduce a number of character witnesses in an attempt to show that Hard was a peaceable, sober, industrious man.

Neither the state nor the defense made statements as to what they intended to prove at the opening of the case this morning.

Mrs. Harry Brown, the gray haired widow of one of the men slain by Hard and Hard's own mother-in-law, was the first witness placed on the stand by the defense.

The state this morning introduced witnesses in an effort to impeach the testimony of Mrs. Hard and Mrs. Harry Brown, who yesterday testified that they had not told anyone that "Whiskey did it."

George Dobson, testified that he had taken Mrs. Hard in a buggy after the killing of her father to find her mother. He said that she told him: "Al didn't do it, whiskey did it."

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon Attorney Dan Boone is speaking for the state. District Attorney Spencer and Attorney Harry Mason will also speak for the state, while Attorneys Taylor and Walker will present arguments in behalf of the defense.

R. V. Gwinn testified that he believed Hard sane. Fred Carter testified that Hard's quietness was such as to cause notice and that he did not now look like he did several years ago.

C. E. Yeary testified that in his opinion Hard was not insane and that his acts at and immediately following the arrest were those of a sane man.

R. V. Gwinn on cross examination testified that Hard's appearance and acts immediately following his arrest indicated that he was sober and not intoxicated.

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Hardware Men Meet

Hardware men met in the auditorium at the Belton Hardware and Implement Company will preside.

Prominent Engineer Dead Waco, Texas, Feb. 16.—Jack Carwell, for forty years one of the best known railroad engineers in Texas, on the International & Great Northern Railroad much of his time, died here last night.

BRICK COMPANY ELECT DIRECTORS

STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTHWESTERN BRICK COMPANY HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT.

C. B. WOODS IS SECRETARY Board of Directors and Other Officials Were Named for the ensuing Year.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Northwestern Brick Company held at the office of the company in the Kemp and Kell building last night, a large majority of the capital stock of the company being represented, the following board of directors was elected:

Mr. Keatner, president and general manager; J. A. Kemp, vice president; C. B. Woods, secretary; T. G. Thatcher, treasurer.

The company's plant, which was started yesterday, is equipped with the best and most modern machinery for brick making that is made, and its capacity is 180,000 brick per day.

Mr. Keatner, president and general manager, is a brick manufacturer of wide experience and reputation, and will make Wichita Falls his home.

The Times regrets exceedingly that it was unable to take advantage of the invitation extended by Mr. C. B. Woods, the affable and courteous secretary, to visit the plant on its "opening day," but will do so at some future date, and give its readers a more detailed description of the operation of this splendid Wichita Falls enterprise.

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COUNTY TROUBLE CAUSES MURDER

MURDER HAND LOSES LIFE TRYING TO DEFEND EMPLOYER FROM MOB.

PITCHED BATTLE FEARED Snyder Citizens Aroused Over the Outrage and the Incarceration of Officials.

Snyder, Okla., Feb. 14.—About four o'clock Friday morning men went to the home of County Commissioner G. E. Bull, shot and killed a hired man who offered resistance and then handcuffed and took Bull by force to Mountain Park, where it is reported he is tied with ropes to two other officials similarly captured.

BAILEY CHAMPIONS SENATOR LORIMER

AFTER ELIMINATING ALLEGED BOUGHT VOTES WERE PLENTY HONEST TO ELECT.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT Unseating of Lorimer Would Enable Dishonest Minorities to Defeat Will of Majorities.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Declaring under all the rules of the law that after the votes alleged to have been bought for Lorimer in the Illinois Legislature were eliminated, there was still enough honest votes remaining to elect him, Senator Bailey of Texas today delivered one of the most dramatic speeches heard in the Senate chamber in a decade.

He adopted the bold device of calling on his antagonists in the Senate to stand and testify as to their opinions and what they would do under circumstances that he described, where in the precedent of the proposed unseating of Lorimer might be used.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To all Persons Interested in the Estate of Jacob Elsler, Deceased.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CENSUS OF WICHITA An enthusiastic meeting was held last evening at the First Presbyterian Church in the interest of the Sunday school census to be taken February 22nd.

Salaries Increased. Washington, Feb. 15.—The House today voted to increase the salary of the chief justice of the supreme court from \$13,500 to \$15,000.

BIG COTTON DEAL MADE AT VERNON

Y. W. C. A. CONTEST CLOSES TOMORROW The membership contest between the Red and White roses bands of the Y. W. C. A. will close tomorrow and much interest is being manifested in the work of securing new members.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Executive sessions and trade topics were the features of today's hardware and implement men's big convention here.

FORMAL OPENING OF NEW BRICK PLANT

The Northwestern Brick Company's new plant was formally opened to the inspection of the public this morning from 10 to 12 o'clock and quite a number took advantage of the opportunity and honored the company with their presence.

Distinctions. Washington Star. "Did you see that actress has a bad temper?" "No," replied the manager. "We used to call it a had temper, but now her salary has become so large that we have to refer to it as a temperment."

Plagiarisms of History. Chicago Tribune. Henry Clay had just made his famous remark: "Sir, I would rather be right than be President."

Three Thousand Dollars Profit on 3 Hundred Acres

That real estate values are increasing in this section at a remarkable rate is daily demonstrated by the transfers recorded, of which there is no more pronounced instance than that furnished by the experience of J. M. Nichols of Chebuser, who has just cleaned up \$3,000 on a 300-acre piece of land bought just a little over a year ago.

On Jan. 18, 1910, A. J. Pipher sold to Mr. Nichols one of the Thornberry farms of 300 acres for a consideration of \$40 per acre, and on yesterday Mr. Pipher and H. J. Bachman sold for Mr. Nichols to F. Wise of Mountain View, Okla., the same farm at a consideration of \$50 per acre, representing a profit of \$3,000 within less than eleven months time.

George Cohen's New Theatre

New York, Feb. 13.—The new Geo. M. Cohen Theatre, the latest addition to the long list of first-class play houses in the metropolis, was formally opened this afternoon with a special Lincoln's Birthday matinee performance.

But the West Texas legislators remind us that their section will suffer a grave injustice if they are denied the representation to which their population entitles them. They declare the truth that "some West Texas legislative districts have double, triple and quadruple the number of inhabitants of the average North, Central and East Texas districts."

President Astonished. Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—President Taft let it be known today that he was greatly astonished at Champ Clark's reference yesterday in debate to Canadian annexation.

Searching For Ethel Levene. Halifax, Feb. 15.—The steamer Royal Edward has been searching for Ethel Clara Levene, Dr. Crippin's former companion. She is reported bound for the Canadian Northwest to marry. She was not found, though the steamer carried over a hundred prospective brides.

Orange Man Killed. Orange, Tex., Feb. 15.—Alvin Stephenson, a prominent man at Deweyville, was shot and killed last night. The details of the tragedy are not known at this time.

Discusses Trade Topics. Houston, Tex., Feb. 15.—Executive sessions and trade topics were the features of today's hardware and implement men's big convention here.

Removal of Elks' Arch. Structure Will Be Re-Erected in Fair Park. Dallas, Tex., Feb. 15.—P. M. Skinner was given the contract for removing the Elks' arch at Main and Akard Street, at yesterday's commission meeting.

Dr. O. J. Pickle, from Burkburnett, was a pleasant visitor at The Times office today.

OFTEN MAKES A QUICK NEED FOR THE CURE THAT'S SURE

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SUPT. FAIRCHILD HAS CALLED MEETING FOR MARCH 18 AT IOWA PARK

MOTHERS' CONGRESS MEETS

First Session of That Organization Will Also Be Held There the Same Day.

After carefully studying every phase of rural education in this county, I am now prepared to lay before the public in general, and the trustees in particular, a brief review of what has been done within the last year and to offer a few suggestions as to what must be done in the near future, if our schools continue to enjoy their well deserved reputation of being second to none in the country.

On taking charge of the office of county superintendent, I was most fortunate in following a county judge, an ex-officio county superintendent, who was at one time a teacher, and whose interest in education was never permitted to lapse to second place in his consideration, notwithstanding the varied and sundry duties of his administration as judge of the county court. As a result of the work of my predecessors I had a foundation on which to erect my superstructure.

When I began directing the schools of this county, a little more than one year ago, I found three independent schools and twenty-one rural schools under my supervision. Today there are the same number of independent districts, but the twenty-one rural districts have grown to twenty-eight and one of these districts has two schools, making a total of twenty-nine rural school buildings. These twenty-nine schools are being taught by only thirty teachers, which means that in only one rural school are two teachers employed.

The progress made in a number of directions has been phenomenal. The average attendance has been improved



Dr. J. W. DuVal

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and raised several per cent; school terms have been lengthened; better and more sanitary buildings are being provided and equipped; better teachers and better teaching are to be observed in general; and every district, both common and independent, levies a substantial local tax. But, to my mind, the greatest progress has been made along the line of stimulating proper school sentiment among all of our citizens. In a sense, we usually get what we want, and with so large a per cent of our people wanting and talking education, I am not worrying very much about what we are going to get. I have never found a people more responsive to progressive ideas than the people among whom I am laboring. This means that the best is none too good for Wichita county, and that we will accept nothing short of the highest ideals.

The spirit of progressiveness has taken a firm hold on the people of this magnificent country, and in no phase of its activity are its manifestations more pronounced than along educational lines. Never before in the history of the great Southwest has education of all the people been so favorably considered by every agency capable of promoting progress. Every organization or society having for its object the promoting or fostering of a laudable ambition or worthy cause looking toward the betterment of human society, invariably classes its sessions by passing resolutions favoring better educational advantages for the masses of the people—yes, for that large portion of our population who live and toil in the rural districts, and who are the real producers in spite of disadvantages under which they have been forced to labor.

How gratifying it is to know that these resolutions have at last gained the attention of our lawmakers! The Thirty-second Legislature, now in session is grappling with the question, so far as the statutory side of it is concerned, in a heroic way, and if some of the bills already introduced are made into law, it will demand concentrated efforts on our part that we may reap the results provided for us.

Some of the bills which have already been enacted into law or will in all probability be enacted, may be mentioned. First, one raising the scholastic age to twenty years, and thereby increasing the number of pupils to be taught at least thirty per cent. This will call for more room and more teaching force. Second, one providing for the establishing of rural high schools. If this session of the Legislature should do no more than pass a law which will provide high school advantages for all pupils demanding such and provide means by which these high schools may be properly maintained, it will deserve and receive more praise than previous sessions have received. This would be some praise, don't you think? Yet, it is not an extravagant prediction, for this measure would give relief to practically every community in the state. I could go on and mention other bills but it is not necessary at this time.

To meet the demands of the conditions now before us and of those that will accrue as the result of the new legislation, we must have an organization of the administrative forces in this country. We need a Trustees' Association of the entire county, so that the working out of these problems may be systematically done. I have had this organization under advisement for sometime and have talked with a great many trustees concerning it. Each and every one to whom I have spoken has been delighted with the plan and promised me his support. With these assur-

MR. HANEY IS VERY ACTIVE

INTERESTED IN BILL REDISTRICTING THE STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS.

TO BE OFFERED TODAY

Measure Provides for One Representative to Each 27,000 Inhabitants.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 13.—A bill redistricting the State's Representative districts prepared by Mr. Davis of Dallas, assisted by Mr. Haney, has been completed and will be offered in the House Monday.

The State is given 137 Representatives by this bill with Dallas County having five Representatives and a floater.

The next largest representation is from Bexar County, with four and a floater; Harris and Tarrant Counties have four Representatives each.

"I am particularly anxious that the State should be redistricted by this Legislature," said Mr. Haney, "for West Texas is then bound to get the representation she needs, and to which she is entitled."

Messrs. Davis and Haney did not consider Bailey or anti-Bailey, prohibition or anti-prohibition, or any other political issue in their redistricting plans, they state. They operated upon a basis of one Representative to each 27,000 people as nearly as possible, but this figure was necessarily gone under or over in many instances.

"I have gone so far as to name the place and the date for our first meeting. It will be held at Iowa Park, March 18th, 1911. On this day the Mothers' Congress of Wichita county will hold its first session at Iowa Park and in conjunction therewith, a local institute will be held. So it appears to me that the time, the place and the occasion will be most opportune for an educational rally which is to usher in a new era."

In my purpose to come to you on that day with my plans for the coming year fully outlined. They will be unlike anything we have had in the county up to this time, and I am going to venture the prediction that you will be both surprised and delighted with the motive and scope of the work as I have it mapped out.

In conclusion I am going to say that I desire the presence of every trustee in the county and am almost sanguine enough to believe I will not be disappointed in expecting every one. I am looking forward to Saturday, March 18th, as the date from which we shall hereafter mark time in the annals of educational progress in Wichita county.

Yours for higher standards in education.

H. A. FAIRCHILD, Co. Supt.

Real Estate Transfers.
Lee Simmons to Orville Bullington, lot 6, block 19, \$1750.

H. W. Wiseman to Gray and Goldsmith, lot in Electra, \$50.

J. B. Nall to Lee Simmons, lot 6, block 19, \$1750.

J. R. Pouden to L. H. Crow, lot 1, block 108, Electra, \$250.

T. J. Riley to J. H. McCluskey, lot 4, block 125, Wichita Falls, \$450.

J. W. Tipton and wife et al to S. D. Lynch, lot 9, west half lot 8, John Reserver Bellevue addition, \$1050.

Mack Thomas to O. L. Green, lot 13, block 106, \$550.

F. P. Alys to First National Bank, Wichita Falls, part of lot 4, block 264, \$10.

Real Estate Transfers.
H. J. Ingram to H. O. Chase, 179 acres survey No. 830, \$6,265.

Caroline Martin et al to W. M. Priddy, lot 4, block 3, Jalonick Addition, \$600.

J. J. McCook to V. W. Shepard, lot 6, block 20, \$1000.

Ekmont F. Milkeman to J. D. MacCallie, lot in Electra, \$75.

Geo. H. Trevathan to W. W. Robertson, parts of lots 5 and 6, block 235, \$4900.

F. A. Crumpley to J. J. Simon, lot 14, block 232, \$1600.

R. H. Suter to W. L. Scott and wife lot 5, block 36, \$250.

HOUSE TAKES UP RECIPROCITY BILL

VOLE TO TAKE UP CONSIDERATION OF MEASURE WAS 195 TO 121.

PRES. TAFT IS ENCOURAGED

Returns to Washington from Trip into Middle West Confident That Measure Will Carry.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—By a vote of 195 to 121 the House today voted to take up the administration Canadian Reciprocity bill and the vote is regarded as a good index to the opinion and the final vote of the House members on the measure.

Most of the opposition was from Republican members. Dilatory tactics were resorted to to delay the vote on the matter without avail. All absences were announced into the chamber before a vote was taken. With his return to the capital today President Taft was greatly encouraged in his efforts for the passage of the reciprocity measure. Mr. Taft is confident that if a vote is reached in the senate, the agreement will be enacted into law beyond the question of a doubt.

In furtherance of his campaign Taft will send several of his cabinet officers out into the field. Secretary Knox is to speak Wednesday at Chicago. Secretary Nease will speak next week at Akron, Ohio, before a business men's organization. Secretary Wilson will speak at Buffalo, Feb. 22. Attorney General Wickersham has several speaking engagements this week. The President is sanguine that reciprocity will prove a success.

The President regarded Saturday as a sort of field day for reciprocity. While he was speaking in Illinois, Colonel Roosevelt was endorsing the agreement in Michigan and other speakers were carrying on the campaign elsewhere.

Representative-elect Martin W. Littleton of the Oyster Bay district in congress, following the President at the Lincoln banquet at Springfield, departed from his net speech to pay a distinct tribute to the President from a broadly Democratic or non-partisan point of view for his stand on reciprocity.

The Democrats of the house are pledged to the reciprocity agreement under the recent caucus action, although a handful of the minority will oppose the measure, being exempted under the caucus rule which relieves members from being bound by the party majority when such action brings them into opposition with the expressed will of their constituents.

Several Democrat seizers feel that they should not define their attitude until they learn in what form it will be presented to them. Brown of Nebraska will not have to invoke his threatened opposition to appropriation bills in order to bring about votes as to popular election, according to indications. The situation in regard to this measure and others has changed during the last week. It is extremely probable now that the senate will vote upon all of them before the session is adjourned.

A canvass as careful as it is possible to make at this time, but nevertheless not intended to be regarded as other than speculative; seems to justify the statement that the sentiment as to these measures may be described as follows:

Popular election of senators probably will be defeated by reason of the injection of the race question into the discussion of the resolution. Even without the speech by Senator Root on Friday, which incited the indignation of Senator Bacon and others from southern states, this issue could not have been avoided. An amendment to the resolution had already been offered by Senator Sutherland, which southern members say is as obnoxious to them as was the "force" bill. It seems practically certain that this amendment will be adopted and the effect certainly would be to alienate southern support, thus making necessary a two-thirds vote of the senate on the resolution.

WICHITA STATE BANK THE DEPOSITORY

The Wichita State Bank today was chosen by the County Commissioners as the county depository for 1911. This bank put in the best bid offered for the county funds, offering 4.35 per cent interest on daily balances. The bids of other banks ranged from 3 to 3.50 per cent.

On account of the indefiniteness of the schedule for bids on county printing the awarding of the contract was postponed until the next session of court. In the meantime more specific schedules will be furnished the printers for bids.

DR. PRICE'S BAKING POWDER

Makes Home Baking Easy. Gives nicer, better food than baker's. There is no baking powder like it for hot biscuit, hot breads and cake. Made from Pure Grape Cream of Tartar.

FIRST NATIONAL STATE DEPOSITORY

Austin, Texas, Feb. 7.—Bids for the State depositories under the new depository law were opened tonight by the board, consisting of State Treasurer Sparks, Attorney General Lightfoot and Comptroller Lane, and award were made to the highest bidder in each Congressional District. In the Fifteenth District the Brownsville Bank and Trust Company and the First State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo tied on the highest bid of 4 per cent and in this district the State Treasurer will be advertising again and receive new bids as in the first instance.

There were sixty-six bids received every Congressional District in the State being represented by at least two bidders. The bids ranged from 2 per cent to 5.51 per cent. In former years the greatest number of bids received has been twenty-nine and the highest average rate of per cent for the awards 2.86 per cent. The increased number of bids and the higher rate received is pointed to by State Treasurer Sparks as a result of the new law and is attested of its effectiveness.

In this connection Mr. Sparks stated that there had been certain rumors that the law was defective in that it required all bonds offered as security under this law to be taken at par value. This, he said, was not a defect in the new law, but was in the old law and was not repealed by the new law.

There will be an amendment introduced in the present session of the Legislature that before the banks, to which awards have been made have to qualify as depositories, so that these securities may be offered at par.

These banks have thirty days in which to qualify and it is hoped to have the amendment enacted into a law before that time shall have elapsed.

The banks to which awards were made on condition that the State Treasurer found them satisfactory under the law are: First District, American National Bank, Paris, 3.52 per cent; Second, State Bank of Marshall, Marshall, 3.81; Third, American National Bank, Terrell, 4.51 1/4; Fourth, National Bank, Greenville, Greenville, 5 1/8; Fifth, Citizens National Bank, Hillsboro, 4 1/4; Sixth, Corsicana National Bank, 5.25; Seventh, Texas Bank and Trust Company, Galveston, 3.14; Eighth, Harris County Bank and Trust Company, Houston, 4.14; Ninth, First National Bank, Victoria, 6.11; Tenth, American National Bank, Austin, 5.51; Eleventh, Temple State Bank, 4.70; Twelfth, Western National Bank, Fort Worth, 3 1/2; Thirteenth, First National Bank, Wichita Falls, 4.80; Fourteenth, West Texas Bank and Trust Company, San Antonio, 3.67; Sixteenth, Farmers and Merchants' State Bank, Sweetwater, 4 1/8.

TWO ONE-LEGGED TAX ASSESSORS

John and Harry Robertson, County and City Tax Collector, Have Only Pair of Legs Between Them.

Wichita Falls and Wichita County can each boast of a one-legged tax assessor, named Robertson. Harry Robertson, city tax collector is minus his right leg and so is John Robertson, county tax assessor.

These two one-legged assessors will start out together the first of next month to assess property within the city for both the city and county.

While these two assessors have only one pair of legs between them both have showed good speed in their races for office and the man with two legs who defeats either of them will be going some.

REDISTRICTING BILL OCCUPIES SENATE

EVIDENCES OF ACTIVITY SEEN IN ASSIGNMENTS TO COMMITTEE ROOMS THIS MORNING.

A MAXIMUM FARE BILL

Measure Passes in Senate Prohibiting Railroad from Collecting More Than 3 Cents Per Mile.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 13.—That the senate is about to begin its redistricting work was evident from the assignment of redistricting committees to the committee rooms this morning. The El Paso-Amartillo court bill will be held up until the Supreme Court relief bill shall be passed. It was learned today, Governor Colquitt will not prepare his veto message on the Texarkana charter bill and its recall features for several days. The senate this morning passed Watson's bill prohibiting railroads charging over three cents per mile to passengers failing to buy tickets.

It is probable that when the congressional bill is offered in the Senate, Senator Vaughan will make the point of order previously referred to in the dispatches that redistricting committees of the Senate were not legally constituted, inasmuch as the rule prevailing that the Senate should elect such committees was not in fact adopted. The point of order, if made, will be based upon the fact that the two motions in question did not receive a vote of a majority of the Senators who would have voted for them many being absent and paired.

It is understood that the anti-prohibition faction in the Senate will take the position that pairs reported count in the vote, and it is said they will cite precedents for such a holding.

Railroads consolidation bills are now exciting considerable interest. The opposition which has developed to them seems to be entirely of a tentative nature. Some legislators oppose the bills because they do not contain provisions for certain extensions. And it is understood that some of them demand as a condition precedent to their support of the measure that the railroads shall agree to provisions whereby they will bind themselves not to resort to the Federal courts in matters affecting their properties. It is said that at least one of the railroads involved will not assent to such propositions.

Governor Colquitt will send the Legislature a message on penitentiary affairs early in the week, and perhaps a message on finances later in the week. Most of the men who have held the office of Governor in this State have written their messages out in pencil and handed them over to a typist to put in form for delivery. Some have dictated these communications to stenographers. Governor Colquitt has a way of his own. Years ago he set type on country newspapers, then he got to be an editor and publisher and in those days was his own stenographer. He pounded out copy on a typewriter, and that has continued to be his favorite method of composition. When he has an important message or speech to compose, he loses himself in a private office, and pecks away on his little typewriter until he has reduced his very thoughts to writing. Then he hands the copy generally written mutilated by erasures and interlineations, over to his private stenographer, and clean copies are made.

Proceedings in the House.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 13.—The House postponed action on the Abilene Normal School bill until tomorrow afternoon. Without a dissenting vote the House adopted resolution petitioning Congress for a constitutional amendment polygamy.

TEXANS ARE PROUD OF JUDGE LOVETT

Portland Residents Discuss History and Character of the Man.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13.—When Judge Robert S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific Company, announced last week that \$25,000,000 would be spent in double-tracking the system from Omaha to Portland, former Texans living in Portland knew that he meant just what he said.

There is a colony of former Texans in Portland and many of them, especially those who lived in Houston, which also was Judge Lovett's home, learned to know him well. They refer to his record in the Lone Star State with pride and look forward to his coming visit to the Pacific Northwest with much interest. A group of former Texans started a discussion in the corridor of the Commercial Club building yesterday and many interesting reminiscences were told.

"Like all former residents of Houston and most of those who still live there, I am proud of Judge Lovett," said L. B. Menefee, president of the Menefee Lumber Company. "During all the long and bitter fight against the railroads in Texas, when it seemed that politicians were as unscrupulous as it was possible for human beings to be, Robert S. Lovett was the leading corporation lawyer of Texas and there was not a newspaper nor a politician in the state that even so much as hinted a criticism of him. Everybody always believed him, for his statements to the public were rare in those days, as they are now, and they were always direct, frank and to the point and everybody knew he meant just what he said."

"I know that Judge Lovett has a complete understanding of the situation in the Northwest. He would not make a statement to the public unless he were absolutely sure of his position and his statement promising this great railroad work is to my mind the greatest endorsement of Portland and Oregon that I have ever heard."

"Double-tracking the line from Omaha to Portland is a tremendous improvement when he realizes that there is very little double track anywhere west of the Mississippi River. The expenditure of \$75,000,000 means the continuation of good times and now that Oregon presents the opportunity for profitable investment through its unoccupied lands, it occurs to me that no doubt of the future can longer exist, even in the face of a presidential election next year."

"All Texans are proud of their leading statesmen but for none since Sam Houston has the state had such great affection as for the Hon. John H. Reagan, who was the life of the Texas Railroad Commission. The relations between Reagan and Lovett were always cordial and it was universally felt throughout the state that both men were at all times fair from their own viewpoints, not only to the railroads, but to the people."

"Today the people of Texas are as proud of Robert S. Lovett as of any other of their great citizens and I believe that the day is not far distant when the people of Oregon and the United States will learn to take anything that Judge Lovett says as good as gospel truth, just like they do down in Texas."

ASSAY OF COPPER ORE SHOWS \$92

Those Who Are Doing the Work Are Very Much Encouraged Over Outlook.

Frederick, Okla., Feb. 11.—Copper ore found on the ground where a shaft is being sunk on the C. S. Reason farm, 15 miles northeast of Frederick, assays a 96 a ton, instead of \$36.39, as stated last week. The shaft is going down steadily, and J. T. Ayres & Son, who are doing the work, are much encouraged with what they have found thus far.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—One medium sized red setter dog; white breast; white feet; black in face; answers to name "Sydney." \$5 for information leading to his recovery or \$10 for recovery of dog and arrest and conviction of thief, if stolen. C. Dean, Wichita Falls, Texas. 218-61—W-24-p

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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

Governor Colquitt says he is unalterably opposed to the recall provision which enables the electors of a municipality where it is in force to remove from office an unfaithful or inefficient public official by a majority vote of such electors.

So intensely is the governor opposed to this recall feature that he has announced that he will veto any city charter which contains such a provision.

So far the governor has presented no good reason for his attitude of hostility to the recall provision. He has not even attempted to show that it is contrary to the state or federal constitution, that it conflicts with any democratic platform or tradition of democracy or that it is contrary to good public policy, except it may be as to the locality directly affected.

The governor's opposition to the recall provision appears to be purely personal. It is his individual opinion of a measure opposed to the collective opinion of citizens of a community who favor it.

When Mr. Colquitt was making his campaign for the nomination for the office of governor, one of the strongest planks in his platform was "local self-government." It is the strongest plank in the platform of the local option and anti-statewide prohibitionists to whom Mr. Colquitt is indebted for his election to the office of governor.

In his home city Mr. Colquitt may properly use his own vote and such influence as he may be able to bring to bear to defeat any provision of any proposed new charter that does not meet his approval, but what excuse can he offer for saying to the people of a community of which he is not a citizen that he will not permit them to regulate their municipal affairs in accordance with their own wishes, even when it is purely a local matter affecting only local politics and in no way infringing the constitution or statutes of the state?

As to the merits or demerits of this recall provision there are differences of opinion among the best and most intelligent citizens, but what has an outsider, even though he be governor of the state, to do with a matter which concerns only those immediately interested—those to whom the city official is directly responsible for his conduct or misconduct of the office to which they have elected him?—San Antonio Express.

Anything that saves time and lightens labor is to the advantage of the progressive farmer, and good roads are the greatest time-savers of modern agriculture. Wichita County's roads need to be improved, and the quickest and best way to get good roads is to vote bonds. The people in Wichita Falls who pay nearly one-half the taxes of the county, are always ready and willing to join hands with the progressive farmer in any movement that tends to improve his condition for the very good business reason that anything that helps the farmer will help the people residing in the city. In this connection, it might not be out of place to say that while talking of good roads and road improvements, the necessary bridges to span the creeks and rivers should be put in. Right here in Wichita Falls another bridge to cross the Wichita River has become within the last few years an absolute necessity. No one familiar with conditions will dispute that fact. The only hitch seems to be as to whether the new or additional bridge should be put in by the side of the present one, or at another site. This is a matter which our County Commissioners should be able to solve, and the Times believes that they will take the necessary steps to have this bridge constructed at a site where it will accommodate the greatest number of people, and be more accessible as to approach and distance to the business portion of the city. The wishes of the people of Wichita Falls as well as the people residing in the country should be consulted as to the matter. Our Commissioners are fully aware of this fact, and in making their decision will use their best efforts to select a site that will be pleasing to a majority of the people.

Greenville is one of the many prosperous and growing little cities in Texas. Her streets, which a few years ago were so muddy and boggy during the wet season that it was impossible to use them, are now paved with brick from one end to the other in the business section and that means that on one street, at least, the business section covers nine blocks. The city has used more brick and mortar during the past few years in the construction of buildings than for twenty-four years prior to that time, and there is a desirable tenant for every desirable building; her merchants carry good stocks; her streets are crowded with shoppers and not a beggar was to be seen during the writers' four days' visit to that thriving, bustling, little commercial metropolis. Greenville is often referred to as a "dead one," but if she is dead, then the same thing which it is said that killed her should by all means be extended to some other town.

BOOSTING THE WICHITA COUNTRY.

The Wichita Times stated a new feature in their paper about three weeks ago, advertising the development of the Wichita country in their Saturday issues. It has proven to be a great success as shown by their last issue, which came out twenty pages strong and filled with the most convincing proofs of progress and prosperity of the Wichita country. The new feature is appreciated by the Wichita merchants as they see in it a great opportunity to advertise their wares and at the same time show the outside world that they believe in printers' ink, the one great source which has made Wichita Falls famous. The Times is never behind and grasps each opportunity to boost the Wichita country. Electra News.

What is known as the Crumpacker, bill increasing the membership of the lower House of Congress from 391 to 435 was passed Thursday of last week. The ratio of population to each district is 211,877. This bill was supported by the Democrats almost solidly. It was opposed by Speaker Cannon and one wing of the Republican Congressmen. Under its provisions, Texas gains two additional congressional districts, bringing the total up to eighteen for the state. The enemies of Congressman Randall will endeavor it is said, to cut out a district that will extend along the south banks of Red River from Grayson to Wilbarger county, in order to place him and Congressman Stephens in the same district, which of course, would mean that one of them would have to retire, and believing that if the gerrymander should be made to include the counties of Wilbarger, Wicket, Clay, Montague, Cooke and Grayson, that Stephens would be the stronger politically in those particular counties, have decided upon this, it is said, as one of their plans to retire Randall. Both Randall and Stephens are strong men. Several attempts have been made to defeat Randall, and at the last election the strongest Battle man in the district, Hon. B. Q. Evans, of Greenville, was put out against him, and Evans made a most thorough canvass of the district, while Randall did not make a single speech. The result was that Randall was re-elected by an overwhelming majority, defeating Evans in his own county. This leads one to believe that it will not make much difference what sort of a gerrymander is resorted to it will fall of accomplishing its purposes. Randall is not worrying, nor does it seem as if there was really an need of his worrying.

It is reliably reported that J. Pierpont Morgan, organizer of the Steel Trust, the Shipping Trust and a dozen other similar combinations of capital conceiving to be good (?) for the people of the State, aspires to form another gigantic combination by merging with the Bell Telephone Company, which he largely owns and controls, all the independent telephone companies. A man does not have to be endowed with an inordinate amount of horse sense to guess at what will happen if these telephone companies are allowed to enter into a merger. In fact, at a recent meeting of the representatives of the Bell and the independent companies, the statement was boldly made that in the event the companies could be merged, competition would end and rates would be raised and economies instituted that would enable the monopoly to place the stock of the independents on an 8 per cent basis. With both companies operating between practically the same points, and under one management, it follows that one of them will be superfluous, and that it will cost less to pay dividends on the outstanding stock of the absorbed companies than to operate them. If this merger is successful, this monopoly which now owns the Western Union Telegraph Company and has acquired six of the largest of the trans-Atlantic cables, will, it is said, control every channel of communication on land.

A bill providing for the redistricting of the state into representative senatorial and congressional districts, was introduced in the lower house of the legislature today, and if passed each 37,000 inhabitants will be entitled to one representative. This would mean that the counties of Wichita and Wilbarger could be made to comprise one district, as the two counties have a combined population of over 30,000 inhabitants. At present the 105th representative district in which Wichita county is included is composed of a string of ten counties. Representative Haney of Clay county is author of the bill.

While the individual deposits of 7,200 national banks in the United States, decreased \$191,666.48 between November 10 and January 7, according to the report of the comptroller of the currency, (the national banks of New York City suffering \$154,000,000 of the decline), the banks of Texas, both National and State, show enormous gains for the same period.

Word Picture of Juarez

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 14.—A city where all sense of responsibility seems to have been suspended, where senoritas run mad rivalry for the white man's smile, where thousands of dollars pass over the poker tables as easily as nickels pile up in a soda fountain cash register, where men wear spurs and shoot, and where the bull fight is more popular than the drama—fancy, if you please, such a city and you have a mind picture of Juarez, Mexico.

Travel a year in any direction and you would not find a more cosmopolitan place on the map of the universe, for in Juarez almost every nationality is represented. Juarez's chief claim to distinction is the fact that it is the Monte Carlo of North America—a city where gambling attracts no more attention than the sale of bibles in Philadelphia, or the reading of Shakespeare in Boston, the killing of hogs in Chicago or the grinding of wheat in Minneapolis.

From New to Old World. Juarez is across the Rio Grande river from El Paso. From the plaza in El Paso to the plaza in Juarez is but a 15 minute ride on a trolley car—a sudden transition from one republic to another, from a new to an old world.

Time was when El Paso was a Monte Carlo with wide-open ground floor gambling. El Paso is still what is commonly understood as a hot town but public gambling had to give way to the onward march of civilization, and buildings that were originally occupied as gambling dens are now given over to grocery stores or book shops.

Monte Carlo moved across the river, and quaint old Juarez was suddenly transformed.

By reason of its charming climate the territory around Juarez is a Mecca for health seekers and tourists. They come from all parts of the world. The resident population not only of Juarez, but El Paso, includes all of the nationalities, and men of national prominence attract but little attention on El Paso streets, because their presence here is but a common incident. Within three months of each other Rider Hazard, Lord Bessford, Gen. Joe Wheeler, Alexander Dowie, George Ade and many other notables have visited in Juarez. Millionaires in El Paso are common as newboys, and "B" beggars there are hundreds.

It is the wild and woolly west in the complete sense of the expression, and an enterprising saloon-keeper told the truth when he displayed a placard reading: "Always Something Doing in Juarez."

Perhaps nobody knows just how many gambling houses there are in Juarez, but new ones are coming and going constantly. It is, of course the business of the authorities to know, but they are in "the hurry about it." In fact, to make a census of Juarez gambling establishments would be real work, and it is a well-defined trait of the citizens of Juarez to put off everything until tomorrow—everything except sport.

Every place has its music. The orchestra usually plays some entrancing Spanish air, and now and then a bevy of senoritas drop in and execute a fandango and there is invariably in every place a blond American woman—sometimes she is young and pretty—to sing "My Old Kentucky Home" or some other familiar air.

There is most always an American playing high stakes and such songs spread a sort of United States feeling over the cosmopolitan scene. Once he is at ease, the American buys more chips and delves more recklessly into the game.

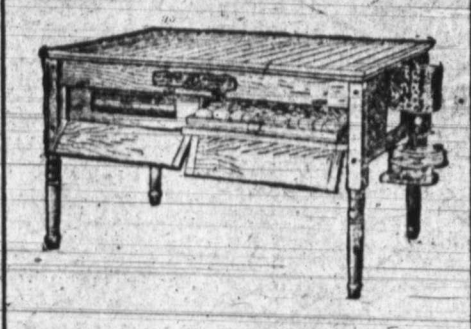
The Juarez bull ring, which is second in picturesqueness only to the gambling houses, is one of the most costly in Mexico. It has the good will of the governor of the state of Chihuahua, and from one of the governor's ranches come the ferocious Spanish bulls which meet death at the hands of Juarez bull fighters.

Many Americans at Fights. There is a bull fight in Juarez every Sunday, largely patronized by American tourists. The seating capacity is 12,000. It is frequently occupied to the limit.

As if to add a paradoxical-silhouette to the daily and nightly scene of reverent, old Guadalupe church towers over all and few visitors leave Juarez without passing through the building. In the yard are numerous slabs of stone and under each stone is buried a priest. This remarkably interesting house of worship is literally surrounded by gambling dens and the bull ring is less than a stone's throw away.

As a show place, Juarez is worth traveling thousands of miles to see.

The Favorite Incubator



We have received a large stock of them
Call or write for prices

Wichita Hardware Co.
Wichita Falls, Texas

Wichita county should be able to capture at least a fair share of that \$19,000 in gold offered as prizes by the Texas Industrial Congress for the best yield of cotton and corn produced on a specified number of acres during the year 1911. Up to the present time more than forty counties have entered the contest.

Fourteen boys and girls are to receive in prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1000 offered by the Texas Industrial Congress for the best yields from ten acres of corn and two acres of cotton. Those wishing to enter this contest should write to the Congress at Dallas for further particulars.

The \$2,500 in gold offered by the Texas Industrial Congress to any farmer in the state producing the largest yield from ten acres of corn and ten acres of cotton as a prize is well worth working for. It is a game or contest where the contestants cannot lose. The winner will not only have the prize, but the product of his twenty acres as his reward.

Reports from wheat farmers since the rain are very encouraging. All of them say the crop is in good condition, and with a reasonable amount of rainfall properly distributed through the months of March, April and May, will yield abundantly. It has been several years since Wichita county has produced a real good small grain crop and the prospects are that the 1911 crop will be all that could be expected, or that farmers expect.

Baltimore is seeking to name the Democratic National Convention in 1912. In the triumphant days of the Democratic party the Maryland city was the then convention metropolis of the United States. The two leading parties, Democrats and Republicans, have in all held nine National conventions in that city, not including the adjourned Democratic Convention in 1860, and of the totals nominated in Baltimore, four triumphed in the electoral college. This should be at least one argument in favor of Baltimore.

And now the good women of Wichita Falls have taken up the fight against the political control of State institutions. The Civic League yesterday adopted resolutions condemning politics in our State institutions and asking that where competent heads are in control of such institutions they be retained. These good women are not the first to see the injurious effect of the political control of our penal, educational and other institutions, but the Times is glad they have enlisted themselves in a worthy cause and is certain that if the women of the whole state become aroused and assert themselves non-partisan control will be in sight.

This is what is known in politics as an "off year," but it has not affected Texas, judging from the fact that more voters by far have provided themselves with poll tax receipts this year than ever before. It rather indicates that Statewide prohibition is the live question of the day, and when it comes up for settlement in July nearly every one of the more than 300,000 poll tax receipt holders will take a part in it. Nearly every count shows an increase over last year, and Wichita is no exception. With two voting boxes yet to hear from, the total number of poll tax receipts is said amount to 2,425. The two missing precincts are Electra and Beave Creek, which brings the total of the county up to something in the neighborhood of 2,600. This will show an increase over 1910 of about 200. The increase being about equally divided between the four voting precincts of Wichita Falls and the outside voting precincts.

In San Antonio, it seems, the people wanted a commission form of government in order to get rid of old man Bryan Callaghan, who has been the Mayor of that city nearly every time he offered as a candidate during the last fifteen or twenty years. He was ineligible, it seems, and could not be defeated, so government by commission appealed rather strongly to those who have been trying to shelve the man, but failed in their efforts every time. So when the issue was made, Callaghan accepted the challenge and announced himself government by commission. The contest was red-hot, but Callaghan though now over 70 years of age, won by a narrow margin. Being in politics so long one would naturally come to the conclusion that Callaghan was a rich man, but such is not the case. From all accounts he has watched carefully the expenditure of every dollar of the people's money and saw that San Antonio got the benefit of it. Doubtless he had many opportunities to speculate at the expense of the city of which he was Mayor, but these he spurned, preferring to provide for himself and family on the salary of his office. As a result, he will probably die a poor man, but his memory will be preserved as a man who esteemed honor more highly than riches.

It is now definitely assure that the question of Statewide prohibition will be settled by the people of Texas on July 22nd. This is in compliance with the wishes of the Democrats of Texas who expressed themselves in favor of submission in the July primaries. Mr. Hudspeeth, president pro tem of the State Senate, yielded the privilege of signing the measure as passed by the House and Senate to Senator Cofer of Gainesville, who, in accepting the honor said, after affixing his signature to the document: "I dedicate this pen to the women and children of Texas." It was then passed up to Governor O. B. Colquitt for his approval, who, if a press dispatch is to be credited, took advantage of the opportunity to show his contempt for the wishes of a majority of the people of the State by dedicating the pen used in signing the instrument to the waste basket. This act will gain for the new Governor no friends. In fact, if he has not been misquoted, (and the Times is rather of the opinion that he has been), it rather goes to confirm what his enemies have heretofore said of him—that he would prove to be a 22-callous on a 45 frame.

If the present Congress fails to ratify the Canadian reciprocity agreement, President Taft is credited with having given out the statement that he would call an extra session. One of the good results that would come in the event this reciprocity treaty should be ratified would be the lowering of the price of print paper by removing the duty from print paper manufactured by Canadian mills and exported from that county to this. The saving to American publishers of newspapers alone would amount, it is said, to something in the neighborhood of five million dollars per annum. Before this reciprocity arrangement which has been negotiated by representatives of both countries, it must receive the approval of the Canadian Parliament and the American Congress. President Taft is highly in favor of it.

Dentists in Session.
By Associated Press.
Mount Pleasant, Tex., Feb. 14.—The Northeast Texas Dental Association is meeting here today with a good representation.

Sweetwater Merchant Dies.
By Associated Press.
Sweetwater, Texas, Feb. 14.—A. A. Allen, a prominent business man, died here this morning after a short illness.

LITTLE STORIES

Eases Conscience Cheaply.
George W. Tuttle, who until recently kept a general store at Lake Slide, Long Island, thirty years ago trusted a boy for a \$2.50 oilskin coat. The lad disappeared.

A few days ago a handsome limousine drew up in front of Tuttle's modest little home. Out stepped a prosperous appearing man, attired not in oilskins, but in a fine fur-lined coat. He told Tuttle his conscience had troubled him for thirty years, and he wanted to relieve it by paying his debt of \$2.50. Tuttle took the money. "Did the conscience-stricken man offer to pay interest upon that \$2.50?" friends have since asked Tuttle. "He did not, and I never thought to ask him," said the storekeeper.—New York American.

Her First Visit.
It was the evening of election day, and Higgleby had just returned home. "Well, my dear Jane," said he, as he kissed his wife, "did you vote today?" "Yes," replied the lady. "Straight ticket I suppose?" smiles her husband.

"Well, no," said Mrs. Higgleby. "After thinking it all over and reading the platforms of both parties, I felt that one was about as good as the other, so I split my ticket." "Split it?" roared Higgleby. "Why, how did you do it?" "Why, instead of putting an X over the name of one candidate," said Mrs. Higgleby, "I divided it in half and put a V over both."—Harper's Weekly.

Cleveland's Danger Up.
Baltimore has just completed a list of its most famous sons. Here it is: Joseph Gans, puglist. Edgar Allen Poe, author. Jacob Kilrain, puglist. Edwin Booth, actor. Joseph Jefferson, actor. Matthew Kilroy, baseball pitcher. William Oiser, physician. When we get a little time we are going to put together a roll of native Clevelanders that will make the Baltimore bunch look pale and ineffectual.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Figure This'N Out.
The demand for strictly never-make-a-mistake fresh eggs has stirred the inventive minds of hundreds of persons. The latest method for furnishing a guarantee of freshness with eggs makes the hen herself register

and stamp her eggs as fast as they are laid. The device which is patented by a Buffalo enthusiast, is an attachment fastened to the hen. When the egg is laid the marking is recorded on the shell immediately.—New York World.

A Nautical Woman.
Miss Fifth Avenue—What did she want to marry that old derebel for? Mrs. Beenthere—To duck herself out with the salvage, I guess.—Judge.

COMING BACK.
The Wichita Falls Times quotes the Houston Post as saying:

The lumber situation is practically in the hands of the larger operators; the long continued run of low prices and the fact that practically all the standing timber remaining uncut is now in the hands of the larger manufacturers, giving them control of practically every phase of the situation in Texas yellow pine territory. These captains of the industry predict an additional raise of as much as \$2 a thousand if the present demand keeps up, and as they have practically all the available stumpage sighted, their prediction can be accepted as the probable outcome of the situation.

Last year, when a certain illustrious statesman voted for a tariff on Canadian and Mexican lumber, the Post appeared very positive that there was no lumber trust and that competition was about all there was to the lumber trade. Also the Post was sure that taking the tariff off Mexican and Canadian lumber wouldn't benefit Texas home builders. It seems to know better now.—Dallas News.

Now that it has been settled that the people of Texas will be given an opportunity to express themselves on the question of statewide prohibition on July 22nd, the matter will be more or less agitated and discussed on the stump and though the columns of the newspapers from this time until then. While the Times has its own views on the matter, that does not necessarily mean that it will not allow others who differ with it to express their views through its columns, and any communication bearing on this subject, calculated to set forth the views of the writer, that is worded in such a way as to permit of its printing, will be accepted for publication. When the Times reaches that point where it cannot pursue such a policy, it is ready to admit that it is not a newspaper, but merely an organ.

PLANNING FIGHT ON PARCELS POST

PROMINENT SPEAKERS WILL BE PRESENT AT NASHVILLE MEETING.

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS

Former Speaker of House Now Senator Expected to Deliver an Address.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 14.—A list of notable speakers is being prepared for the convention of Southern Merchants which meets in Nashville, Feb. 28th for a four days consideration of the parcels post and other subjects of vital interest to merchants.

Concentrated effort is to be made to render impossible the passage of a parcels post bill, not only at the present term of congress but at any subsequent term, by demonstrating the evils it would entail on retail merchants, not only, but as well on all interests that in any way touch mercantile enterprises.

The theory, of which much capital has been made by certain interests, that the passage of the bill now before congress would result detrimentally to the express companies and that those companies are preventing its passage has been exploded.

The situation that would be created as summarized by a member of the executive committee of the convention of Southern merchants in an interview as follows:

"In every country town catalogue agents of mail order concerns would establish themselves. They would need no store, pay no rent, employ no clerks, require no credit and give none, and carry no stock.

ment of the people, would thus be subverted from its original purpose, and would become a mere instrument or agency in the hands of the great retail mail order catalogue house for the development of the most oppressive trust that human ingenuity could devise—the mail order trust—a trust that would eventually control all sources of supply and all channels of distribution for everything the people must eat, wear and use in their daily lives."

"No one but the retail mail order catalogue houses, dealing in all classes of merchandise could maintain a local catalogue agent and solicitor in a town. They would thus be given a monopoly of the commercial advantages of this new system of merchandise delivery by the mail carriers on the rural routes.

"The express companies would profit largely by such a system. The department stores in the big cities would absorb the trade of the merchants in suburban villages would be provided with a daily package delivery system in those places through the rural carriers. They would ship the packages to the local post office in the suburban town or village by express and thus largely increase the business of the express companies.

"A local rural parcels post would heavily increase the postal deficit. All rural carriers who are now equipped only for the rapid delivery of mail would have to be equipped with facilities for carrying freight and merchandise in large quantities. The increased cost of equipment and service would be so great that no one can foresee the limit of it.

"After being arrested his grip was searched when Sheriff Carter found some affidavits signed by a Dr. Boswell and two other parties of Jolly, Texas, alleging that the man named DeGoldsmith had been killed by getting his skull crushed at Jolly. This affidavit was made on blanks belonging to the National Causality Company of Detroit, Michigan, for the purpose of getting \$750 insurance which the man named DeGoldsmith was carrying in this company.

Not a Day in Bed. Gramling, S. C.—In a letter from Gramling, Mrs. Lula Warden says: "I was so weak before I began taking Cardui, that it took me to walk just a little. Since taking it, I do all the housework for my family of nine, and have not been in bed a day. Cardui is the greatest remedy for women, on earth." Weak women need tonic. It is the ideal woman's tonic, because it is especially adapted for women's needs. It relieves backache, headache, dragging feelings, and other female misery. Try Cardui. A few doses will show you what it can do for you. It may be just what you want.

RECIPROCITY BILL. Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill through the House may be delayed for two days as the proposed agreement to end the debate at five o'clock today failed. The measure was taken up this morning with a prospect of long discussion.

CITY CHARTER WAS DISCUSSED

COMMITTEE WILL RUSH DRAFT TO COMPLETION FOR PRESENTATION TO LEGISLATURE.

CHAUTAQUA COMMITTEE

Will Be Here Thursday to Consider Locations for Summer Resort For Methodists.

The meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce this morning considered two matters of very great importance to Wichita Falls, that of a charter providing for a commission form of government, and the matter of making an effort to secure the permanent summer chautauqua location proposed by the Methodist church for this section of the state.

The question of a proposed charter for the city was discussed at length and it was the unanimous opinion of the directors present that the matter should be gotten in definite shape in time for presentation to the present session of the legislature. In the consideration of the matter of its provisions it developed that the initiative and referendum and the recall should be omitted from the draft, especially so in view of the well known opinion of the governor with reference to the recall feature. It was also agreed that the maximum rate of tax that could be charged should be placed at \$1.25, and that the commission should consist of three members. In this connection it was further agreed that the present mayor and the two aldermen now holding for the long term, Messrs. Richolt and Hughes, should serve as the first board of commissioners, their terms to expire April 1912.

In discussing the matter of a charter, a vote of the members present was taken to ascertain the sentiment as between the old form of government and the commission plan, the result being that of the ten present the vote was unanimous for commission government.

It will be understood that the agreements referred to herein were merely arrived at as a basis for preparing the draft of the charter and were in no wise intended to embody an expression of the wishes of the people as a whole, as the charter, when completed will have to be referred to the people for adoption or rejection.

Mayor Noble in referring to present conditions in connection with the city government stated that municipal affairs could not keep up with the progress of the city without a special charter, that the powers of the city were entirely too limited.

In this connection Mr. Huff for the charter committee stated that they, acting with Mr. Householder, would immediately prepare a draft for a charter, which work Mr. Householder had already begun, and would it necessary work at night to get it ready in time to be acted on by the present legislature. The charter committee is composed of R. E. Huff, J. T. Montgomery and Edgar Seury.

Another matter of very great importance to the city, and which came in for an extended consideration on the part of the directors, was the location of a permanent chautauqua grounds by the Methodist of the Northwest Texas and the North Texas Conference, for which the commission appointed to select a site will convene here on next Thursday. The commission, which is composed of 14 members, seven from each conference, will consider the different proposals for the site and it is understood that a selection will likely be made at this meeting.

This opportunity and several encouraging talks were made along the line of the best plan for bringing the matter before the commission. In this connection it was decided to appoint a committee to receive and entertain the guests on their arrival Thursday and in the meantime to formulate a proposal to be presented in behalf of Wichita Falls. This committee, as announced by President Huff, is as follows: J. A. Kemp, Dr. J. M. Bell, T. B. Noble, R. M. Moore and F. H. Day.

Other matters considered at the meeting included the approval of the report of the Committee on Agriculture with reference to the conference held with Messrs. Ganey and Campbell in connection with the demonstration work in this county, as heretofore outlined in The Times in a report of the conference.

President Huff announced the appointment of the following committee to co-operate with the Y. M. C. A. in an effort to raise a sufficient fund to maintain the local organization: C. C. Huff, G. D. Anderson and B. M. Moore.

The directors adjourned to meet at the court house at 1:30 o'clock to confer with the commissioner's court with reference to the location of the proposed new bridge across the river.

CARRIED PROOF OF HIS DEATH

MAN ARRESTED IN OKLAHOMA POSSESSED OF PUZZLING PAPERS.

SENT TO CLAY COUNTY

Carried Proof of Death Supposed to Have Occurred Near Henrietta, Texas.

Frederick, Okla., Feb. 11.—The young man arrested by the sheriff's force Wednesday as being implicated in the attempted Hollister bank robbery, was taken to Wichita Falls Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Carter and turned over to the sheriff of Clay County, Texas, who want him for trying to obtain money fraudulently.

After being arrested his grip was searched when Sheriff Carter found some affidavits signed by a Dr. Boswell and two other parties of Jolly, Texas, alleging that the man named DeGoldsmith had been killed by getting his skull crushed at Jolly. This affidavit was made on blanks belonging to the National Causality Company of Detroit, Michigan, for the purpose of getting \$750 insurance which the man named DeGoldsmith was carrying in this company.

As there was no evidence whatever which would warrant him being held for the bank robbery, Carter readily consented to his being turned over to the Clay County authorities, where he will be tried for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors. The State of Texas, County of Wichita. To Those Indebted to, or Holding Claims Against the Estate of Isiah Long, Deceased: The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Isiah Long, deceased, late of Wichita County, Texas, by C. B. Felder, Judge of the County Court of said county on the 7th day of February A. D. 1911, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence, or office in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 15th day of February A. D. 1911.

Special Notice. The party that broke open the warehouse next to Ruby Theatre Wednesday night and appropriated a quantity of paint and varnish, is known by the hat that was left and can save further trouble by coming forward and paying for material taken, when the hat will be returned. FRITZ L. ERNST.

BRIDGE QUESTION BEFORE COURT

CITIZENS APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSIONERS' COURT THIS AFTERNOON.

ENGINEERS SUBMIT PLANS

Scott Avenue Bridge Would Cost Less Than a New Bridge by the Old One.

Just as The Times goes to press the Commissioners Court passed an order for the construction of a 16-foot bridge with 5-foot walkway between, by the side of the old bridge.

The County Commissioners Court have under consideration this afternoon the matter of constructing a new wagon bridge across the Wichita river, either at the site of the present bridge, or above it at the foot of Scott avenue.

County Surveyor Snoddy first submitted his blue prints and estimates for an additional bridge by the side of the present bridge, which he thought would cost approximately \$24,000, but did not recommend that the bridge be put in at this point.

Engineer Thompson of the W. F. & N. W. also submitted blue prints and estimates for a new bridge to be put in at the foot of Scott avenue, coming out on the north side of the river at the foot of Hamilton street. He explained that he had prepared his data at the request of President R. E. Huff of the Chamber of Commerce, Frank Kell, and other members of that organization, and said that if the bridge was put in at this point the farmers residing at Iowa Park, Burnett and other points could reach Wichita Falls and not travel any farther than if they crossed the river at the old bridge. His estimates of the cost of a bridge at this point was \$21,000.

After examining the blue prints submitted by both civil engineers, the court invited discussion of the matter from those present, a number of whom were farmers.

Mr. Huff, on the part of Wichita Falls and the Chamber of Commerce, was the first speaker, and he spoke very forcibly in favor of the bridge being put in at the foot of Scott avenue, saying that it would not inconvenience the farmers, and that the people of Wichita Falls, who outnumbered the people residing in the rest of the county by over 200, wanted the bridge put in at the foot of Scott avenue, and so long as it did not inconvenience the people residing in the county outside of Wichita Falls, he saw no good reason why the people of Wichita Falls should not be given what they asked for.

Mr. Kell followed Mr. Bean, advocating the Scott avenue bridge, and gave his reasons, which were substantially those set forth by the blue prints, submitted by Engineer Thompson.

Upper Berth Not Popular at Reduction. An order became effective February 1 making the rate for upper berth 20 per cent less than the cost of lower ones. In spite of this fact, local ticket agents allege that uppers are selling no faster, if as fast, as they did before the Pullman company made it possible for weary travelers to sleep at 80 per cent of what they had formerly been charged.

All lovers must be exhausted before even a person not in what might be termed opulent circumstances will deign to climb the little ladder. Mounting this ladder "round by round" is probably what induces people to steer clear of the upper berth, for once you are up, they are just as comfortable as the lowers—and don't forget—20 per cent less expensive.

Elmer Woodward of the Times force received a telegram today announcing the death of his grandfather, Judge J. R. Blair, at Bonham this morning. Judge Blair was in his 84th year and was one of the pioneer residents of Panna county.

Men "On To" Spots

Giles Freeman, a farm hand employed by Eddie Hale, owns a brown leghorn hen of fine pedigree and a remarkable nature.

Before he bought the fowl of Hale Freeman noticed whenever the hen was put on a new setting she would kick several eggs from the nest. Marking these eggs and placing them under other setting hens Freeman found that not one would hatch. The remaining eggs invariably brought forth chicks.

Tired of buying setting eggs for a hen to scatter over the floor Hale decided to sell the fowl. Freeman, knowing of her wonderful nature, purchased her. He christened her Miner-va.

Each spring now Freeman uses her only to sort worthless eggs from the settings of farmers, who come from a radius of many miles to have the bird pass judgment on their assorted eggs.—New York World.

FIRE AT HOLLIS BURNS BUILDING

Three Destroyed Yesterday at an Estimated Loss of \$1,200.

Hollis, Okla., Feb. 11.—Lindsay's tailor shop, Crinle's Book Store and Swafford's picture gallery were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire started in the tailor shop at 9:30 following a gasoline explosion, while one of the tailors was cleaning clothes with gasoline.

The loss amounted to about \$1,200. By the heroic work of citizens most of the contents of the book store and the photograph gallery were saved and the further spread of the flames was prevented.

The burned buildings were located on Main street east of the Commercial Hotel.

TEXAS COMPANY TO SELL STOCK

U. S. Builds the Canal Others May Enjoy It

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Judge Lorin C. Collins, who was for more than five years an associate justice of the Isthmian Canal Zone Supreme Court, today criticized the State Department of the United States, saying it was pursuing a policy in connection with Central American republics which was winning for itself the hatred of all Spanish-speaking nations; was being made the victim of malign influence, and was gaining the reputation of a country that "raises its arm to strike, but has not the courage to give the blow."

Judge Collins, after relating a series of incidents within his own observation, which he said, were specific instances this Government's representatives were being insulted and affronted in the tropics without apology or reparation, asserts the American hopes of increased trade would not materialize. He said the common explanation in Spanish circles of America's overlooking insults from Honduras was that J. P. Morgan & Co., who were arranging to refund the national debt of Honduras, protested.

Judge Collins spoke in part as follows: "How was the secession of Panama and its recognition as a republic by America received in Columbia? That nation asked Mexico to intercede with the United States for her and asked us to allow her to send troops to Panama to suppress the rebellion. His requests were denied by John Hay, Secretary of State. This was followed by a long letter from Colombia, calling America's attention to the treaty of 1846 and the violation of that treaty by the United States in recognizing Panama as an independent. Colombia offered to submit it to The Hague. The United States declined to discuss it further.

"The result: The Colombians talked it over with every Spanish-speaking race they knew. There followed the election of Obaldia, during which troops were installed by United States officials and Obaldia's opponent withdrew. This added to Isthmian distrust.

NEW ENGINES ARE RECEIVED

BATTLESHIP LOCOMOTIVES FOR DENVER ROAD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

FOR PASSENGER SERVICE

Will Be Operated On Fast Trains Between Texline and Fort Worth.

Four of the big new engines ordered some time ago by the Fort Worth and Denver have been received and are now at Childress ready for service, north and south from that place. Five of the engines, which are of the battleship style used on the Burlington road were purchased and the last of the order will be received in a short time.

These engines are said to weigh 115 tons and are among the best now used on any road in the country, being very powerful, as well as capable of making as fast time as is desired. They are rated at 60 miles per hour and are practically duplicates of the big engines used on the Denver last summer.

The first use will be on trains Nos. 1 and 2 that are to be operated on faster time, making the run from Wichita Falls to Childress, a distance of 316 miles in three hours, including stops. Two of the engines will be operated from Childress to Fort Worth while two will pull the through trains from Childress to Texline.

TO BEGIN WORK AT LAKE WICHITA

Contractor Roberts Expects to Start Improvements Next Week.

Contractor I. H. Roberts expects to put a force of men at work on improvements at Lake Wichita early next week.

In addition to walks and bridges he has contracted to build a cement retaining wall extending in a curved line from the pavilion post the front of the Lakeside Hotel. This will be 600 feet in length and about three and a half feet high. Back of the wall the ground is to be filled in to the level of the top of the wall, affording boat landing.

Mr. Roberts is anxious to complete this wall before the rains cause the water of the lake to rise.

Sheriff Randolph received a message from Fort Worth last night saying that the officers there had apprehended Jesse Keys, who escaped from jail here several days ago. Mr. Randolph will go to Fort Worth tonight to bring Keys back to Wichita Falls.

"These and other incidents cause the Central Americans to ask: 'Why, under the Monroe doctrine, should the United States always find it necessary to select rulers for those independent republics?'"

"The most deplorable action of the United States, in that it gave color to gossip and criticism against us, occurred last summer in Panama. On the death of President Obaldia, Dr. Mendosa became acting president of the republic. The United States informed Dr. Mendosa he was ineligible and that, should he be elected, they would not permit him to hold the office, for the reason the constitution of Panama prohibited any person from succeeding himself in that office.

"The next move of Washington was to inform the Congressmen they should elect Samuel Lewis President. The pressure from Washington was so strong that one day, at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, it was agreed Lewis should be elected. At 10 o'clock a cable came from Beverly, Mass., disclaiming any intention on the part of the United States to annex Panama or to dictate to Congress whom it should choose.

"The Lewis campaign ended then and there said Dr. Pablo Arosemena was elected President. All of this unwise and meddling interference, gave us the same reputation we bear in Nicaragua—of raising our arms to strike and not having the courage to do so.

Peters' Diamond Special. The Best Shoes In Texas. These shoes give that classy, high-arch effect, so much desired by ladies who are particular, because they fit perfectly at the instep making the foot appear smaller and neater. Combined with this dressy effect is genuine comfort as enough room is left across the ball of the foot to give a roomy, walking surface for the foot. Ask your dealer to show you a pair. If he does not have them—write us. Peters Shoe Co. ST. LOUIS.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas--To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wichita County, Texas--Greeting:

Whereas, on the 16th day of August A. D. 1910, the District Court of Wichita County, Texas, rendered a decree in the case of Rebecca Willis, et al. No. 2881, vs. Guy Willis, et al. which said decree is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

This day came to be heard on the above entitled and numbered case when the plaintiff appeared by their attorney, and it appearing to the court that the defendant, Guy Willis, Texas Willis, Bertha Willis, Sherman Maxwell, Walter Maxwell, Lula Maxwell and Mattie Maxwell were each and all of them minors, and the Court having appointed S. M. Foster, Guardian Ad Litem to represent the minor defendant, Guy Willis, Texas Willis, Bertha Willis, Sherman Maxwell, Walter Maxwell, Lula Maxwell and Mattie Maxwell, and it appearing to the Court that the defendant, Guy Willis, Texas Willis, Bertha Willis, Sherman Maxwell, Walter Maxwell, Lula Maxwell, Mattie Maxwell, plaintiffs, Grace Kelly and Fred Cross, being the grandchildren of said A. J. Willis, and altogether jointly entitled to share in his estate.

And it appearing to the Court that said A. J. Willis, deceased, was the father of eleven children and that the property in controversy, to-wit:

Lot No. 13, block 75 in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, 145 acres of land in Wichita County, Texas, patented to David Craig above described and said 160 acres of the N. W. of Wm. Mayer Survey above described and that her interest in and to the said real estate be vested in the plaintiffs and defendants in proportion to their interest as above set out and that the sale by the Sheriff of Wichita County, Texas, be made free from all rights, title or claim on her part; and that said Sheriff be authorized to convey all the interest of all the parties to this suit, either plaintiff or defendant to the purchaser at sale under this decree.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that S. M. Foster, guardian ad litem of the minor defendants be allowed a fee of \$15.00 to be taxed as costs.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the Clerk of this Court be and hereby is directed to make out a certified copy of this judgment and file the same with the Clerk of the County Court of Wichita County, Texas, for record in the deed records of Wichita County, Texas, and that the costs of said certified copy and of recording said decree be also taken as part of the costs.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that all costs of this suit be adjudged jointly against the defendants and plaintiff in proportion to their respective interest and that the same be paid out of the proceeds of the sale herein above provided for by the said decree. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the officers of the Court do recover each party the costs by each party paid out of the proceeds of the sale if not satisfied from sale of land above provided for.

Therefore, you are hereby commanded that you proceed to seize and sell lot No. 13, block 75 in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, as under execution and that you pay the proceeds thereof into said court and seal of said court, at office in Wichita Falls, Texas, this 27th day of January A. D. 1911.

Witness my hand and seal of the District Court of Wichita County, Texas, this 17th day of February A. D. 1911.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said lot No. 6, block No. 1, McBride's First Addition to the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, and lot No. 13, block No. 22, Barwise and Jalonick's Addition to the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, be set aside to said Rebecca Willis in fee simple in lieu of her life time interest in and to the entire estate; and that the remaining estate be sold and proceeds divided among the other plaintiffs in proportion of their respective interest.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that all title of plaintiffs, Jane Scott, J. W. Scott, Grace Dutton, joined by her husband, Earl Dutton, Mrs. Odell Dutton, Susan Johnson, joined by her husband, R. I. Johnson, Grace Kelly, joined by her husband, Fred Cross, Fred Cross, Seth Maxwell, Andrew Willis, Jessie Willis, Ethel Wolford, joined by her husband, Bon Wolford, Guy Willis, and defendants, Guy Willis, Texas Willis, Bertha Willis, Sherman Maxwell, Walter Maxwell, Lula Maxwell, Mattie Maxwell in and to said lot No. 6, block No. 1, McBride's First Addition to the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, and in and to lot No. 13, block No. 22, Barwise and Jalonick's Addition to the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, be divested out of said plaintiffs and defendants and invested in the said Rebecca Willis, and that said Rebecca Willis be decreed to be owner of all interest in said two lots that were owned by the said A. J. Willis at the time of his death free of all claim of any of the other plaintiffs or defendants.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court as to the remainder of the property belonging to the estate of A. J. Willis, deceased, to-wit: Lot No. 12, block No. 75, in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, 145 acres of land patented to David Craig, more fully described as follows:

Located on the south side of the Big Wichita River, about 8 miles north of the mouth of Holliday Creek, beginning at the S. W. corner of B. M. Gillen Survey on the N. E. line of the Wm. Mayer Survey, a stake from which cottonwood bears north 8 degrees, E 5 1/2' westerly thence north 92 1/2' westerly thence south bank of river from which two small elms bear south 87 deg. W. 55 yards; thence up the river with its meanders

PETROLIA FIELD WORK PROGRESSING NICELY

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Petrolia, Texas, Feb. 10.--The oil industry in Petrolia is growing very rapidly and much is expected of the field in the future as well as the great progress they have made in the past.

Just think of the difference there is now in the present oil field and when oil was first discovered here. Not even a railroad was running through here, no town, no postoffice, in fact no nothing. When oil was first struck a Mr. Lockridge was drilling for water and fortunately drilled into the starts of shallow oil. It was some time before any real developments started, when several shallow wells were begun all of which struck the shallow oil and then--we got the railroad. Before the road was built the town began building down near where the present oil field is now, but as the road was completed and a town site was laid off, the moving of the town was begun and today there is practically no town where the first corner stones were set, which were by the name of Oil City. When the town was moved the name was changed from some cause.

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Armor was Pierced. Washington, Feb. 11.--At a five mile range four twelve inch high explosive shells completely pierced the armor of the ram Katadin in the tests made here yesterday.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wichita County--Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon A. M. Rodgers for the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 20th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 20th Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. One, Wichita County, to be held at Wichita Falls, Texas, in said Wichita County, on the 27th day of February A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of November A. D. 1909 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3476, wherein C. J. Shumate vs. Blevins, T. S. McGraw, T. E. Whaley & Co. and W. M. Liddell are defendants, the nature of which is as follows, to-wit:

The Plaintiff, C. J. Shumate sues the Defendant, A. M. Rodgers for the sum of One Hundred Nine and 75/100 (\$109.75) Dollars Plaintiff alleges to be due to the said Plaintiff for rent that has become due for certain money, provisions and supplies furnished by said C. J. Shumate, and as landlord to A. M. Rodgers and was necessary to enable the said Tenant to make a crop for 1909 on the farm of said C. J. Shumate in Clay County, Texas, together with securing house and putting same in position for market.

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FIRST SATURDAY IS AUCTION DAY

Last Day Was Ideal and the Streets Were Well Filled With People.

Electra, Tex., Feb. 11.--Saturday was an ideal day for an Auction Sale and Trades Day and it was almost (to say a day for the farmer to leave his field to come to town, but nevertheless, the streets were well filled with people who availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the first Auction day at Electra. The merchants enjoyed a good day's business and considering the fact that it was the first day of the kind this season there was no complaint on the returns of the day. Many people registered from Horral, Iowa Park and Vernon which showed the satisfaction of all that the day was as successful as it attracted people from outside the Electra trade territory. Auctioneer Masgrove made good on every thing sold and next time there will be more goods of every description sold at auction as the people begin to understand that they have the privilege of putting up anything and the service of the auctioneer is free to them, Miss Ida Kennedy was awarded the prize washing machine valued at \$12. Just what the young lady will do with it we have not been informed, unless she starts a new department in her Beaver Creek school and teaches the domestic art of washing which every child should know.

Three prizes will be given away the first Monday in March and more attractive sales will be offered by the local merchants and in every way we expect a much greater day and a more profitable one to the farmers and merchants.

SWANSON HIT BY COURT AT LAWTON

New County Declared Dissolved. Appeal Will Be Taken At Once.

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 12.--Overruling a demurrer filed by attorneys for Swanson County to the dissolution suit filed by Comanche County, District Judge J. T. Johnson, sitting in special session Saturday afternoon granted a permanent injunction restraining the Swanson County officials from performing their duties and issued an order dissolving the new county which was formed by proclamation of ex-Governor Haskell, from parts of Comanche and Kiowa Counties.

VERNON IS ENJOYING PROSPERITY ERA

City is Building and Wilbarger County is in Prosperous Condition.

Vernon, Texas, Feb. 11.--After having been delayed for about two weeks on account of delays in shipment of material, work has been resumed on the Farmers State Bank building, which is being erected on the southwest corner of the court house square by McBee & Sons, contractors, of Wichita Falls.

The building will be two-story, with bank two offices and directors room on the ground floor. For what purpose the second floor will be used has not been decided upon. There is a move on foot to organize an Elk lodge here, in which event the second floor may be utilized for club rooms. Red-pressed brick will be used for the front walls and the building will be trimmed in white stone and terra cotta. The total cost will be about \$12,000.

Land Brings Good Price. Vernon, Tex., Feb. 11.--A land trade has been closed for 82 acres just outside of the western city limits, between Messrs. A. M. Tacker and J. L. Isbell, whereby the latter pays the former \$6,120 for the tract, making the average price per acre \$75. The soil is well improved, having among other things a fine tobacco orchard. It is the intention of the new owner to cut the land into five-acre plots and place it on the market.

To Build Mule Barn. Vernon, Tex., Feb. 11.--J. D. Sumner has let the contract for the erection of a one-story brick mule barn 90x100 feet on North Main street. The contract price is \$3,780, but Mr. Sumner estimates the building will cost him \$4,500 completed.

Bond Money Arrives. Vernon, Tex., Feb. 11.--City Secretary Hall has received \$12,091.65 in full payment for the \$12,000 bond issue and accrued interest from Sutherland & Company of Kansas City. The amount has been divided in two funds, \$9,068.74 for waterworks extension, and the remainder, \$3,022.91, will be used for sewer extensions. This work will begin at an early date, possibly by March 1st.

Building Fine Home. Vernon, Texas, Feb. 11.--Perhaps one of the most expensive homes in Wilbarger county, Vernon, has just been completed. It is now being erected by Guy L. Waggoner, at the Cedar bluff headquarters of his Wilbarger county ranch. Wagons have been engaged this week in hauling the materials to the scene, and actual work has commenced.

The building has been carefully planned with reference to architecture and will be used by Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner as their permanent home, they having disposed of their Fort Worth home with the intention of abiding permanently in Wilbarger county. This is the second modern residence to go up on the Waggoner property in the last year, E. P. Waggoner having erected a large and well appointed home at the Spring Lake headquarters.

GOOD WOMAN GONE TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Margaret Stant, Well Known Iowa Park Woman, Died Here Sunday Night.

Mrs. Margaret Stone, one of the best known and most respected citizens of Iowa Park died here last night at the age of 67 years. She is survived by three sons and three daughters. A daughter, Mrs. F. T. Emanuel, and a son, W. R. Stone, residing in this city. The body was taken to Iowa Park this afternoon where the interment took place, the service being conducted under the auspices of the Rebecca lodge, of which deceased was a member.

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PROMOTION QUIZ FOR BOY SCOUTS

Test to Determine Whether Scouts are Proficient in First Aid to Injured.

The rain yesterday prevented the demonstration in scientific cookery which was to be given at Scouts headquarters. Right Scouts had been detailed to serve supper for twenty-five. This event was postponed until more favorable weather.

Last evening Dr. W. H. Walker gave a lecture on first aid in bandaging and emergency treatment. A quiz will soon be given to determine whether the Scouts are sufficiently informed on these matters to pass an examination for class promotion.

Much enthusiasm was elicited by the present comfort and convenience of the Tent--especially since the raising of the braces to make room for basket ball and other athletic stunts; and the presentation of the lighting system by the Carpenter Electrical Company, making a bright, cheerful room. A fire in the big stove kept all warm, while the rain was pattering on the roof.

A committee composed of Alfred Carrigan, Austin Self, and Joseph Keil, was appointed to convey the thanks and appreciation of Troop No. 1 to the Carpenter Electrical Company for their interest in the work of the organization as expressed by their gratuitously installing the splendid lighting system.

CHARLIE PEOPLE WANT A NEW SCHOOLHOUSE

Petition for Bond Election to Build \$15,000 School House Being Signed.

Special to The Times. Charlie, Texas, Feb. 11.--A petition is in circulation here asking the commissioners of Clay county to order an election in the Charlie Independent School district to vote \$15,000 bonds to be used in the construction of a new brick school building.

Much interest is being taken in the matter and practically every tax payer in the district is reported to have signed the petition.

New Oil Company Has Been Organized

Electra, Tex., Feb. 11.--We are just in receipt of a communication from Indianapolis, Indiana, informing the writer that the Electra Oil and Gas Co. has been chartered under the laws of the State of Indiana to operate at Electra, Texas, for oil and gas. The company is organized with a capital stock of \$50,000 and will commence drilling at once in the Electra field. The most of the stock has been placed and some of our local capitalists are interested which gives additional strength to the company. U. G. Michener, of Noblesville, Ind., the present owner of the old Red River Ranch, eight miles north of Electra, has been made President of the Electra Oil and Gas Company, and other local land owners, whom we are not at liberty to name at this writing, are on the board of directors. The first well will be located north of Electra not more than two miles; two locations have been made which will bring the new company as near as possible to the 'Producers and Clayco wells. The location will depend largely upon the rainfall within the next 30 days as the water supply is a most important feature in oil operations. We will give the new location as soon as it is definitely decided on. It is the intention of the new company to branch out as far as the river, but first they intend to develop where they are sure of getting oil to carry on their wild cat development. They have some leases over the county line which they will probably develop later. While we appreciate very much the great work of the big companies in the Electra field and realize the fact that they have made the field what it is today and we should not lose sight of the fact that they have paid out hundreds of thousands of dollars which is proving a direct benefit to the Electra country and yet their work has only begun, but the encouragement of new capital and extended development means a greater Electra, more money, more people and a possibility of a population of seven or eight thousand people within the next 5 years. We have seen a little city of 4000 jump to 25,000 in less than two years from the date of their first oil well; we have seen a small inland town of less than fifty souls increase to 2,000 in less than one year after the discovery of oil; we have seen an open prairie surrounded by pine timber develop a population of 2,000 in less than 90 days after the discovery of oil and not one of the oil fields which have made the above towns make such marvelous growth had such an extended proven territory as Electra has today. Who has the right to say that Electra has no chance to be anything but a small town of perhaps a thousand population? If we had no oil the agricultural resources alone would support a town of 1500 or 2000. If Electra had the boisterous spirit of some of the little towns in the Southwest she would bud out and bloom the most prosperous city in northwest Texas.

MEETING HELD AT IOWA PARK

Messrs. Ganzer and Campbell Met with the Farmers There Saturday.

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN INCREASING ENTHUSIASM IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOYS' CORN CLUBS.

W. M. Ganzer of Denton, representing the Agricultural Department of the United States Government, and J. W. Campbell, appointed to have charge of the farm demonstration work in this county, held a most enthusiastic meeting at Iowa Park Saturday, at which a large number of names were enrolled in connection with the work.

Returning Saturday night they expressed themselves as very much encouraged with the start made in Wichita County and predicted that a great feat would be accomplished here this year along the line of diversified farming.

In discussing the proposed corn clubs, it was stated, as heretofore outlined in the Times, that boys containing would be required to become members of the club and would be required to plant and cultivate one acre, the seed for which would be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce.

There will be three varieties to select from, the Yellow Dent, a white corn and a mixed variety, for the best production of each of which prizes will be awarded.

The Electra School Will Be Independent

Governor Colquitt signed the Electra school bill Saturday, thereby creating an independent school district for that community. The bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Johnson of this district and finally passed the house last week, receiving the Governor's approval along with several other measures of local interest.

Interest Is Developing In Demonstration Work

As a result of the conference held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, preparations are already under way for promoting an interest in the farming contests as outlined in the Times of yesterday at 7 o'clock. Secretary Day of the Chamber of Commerce expects to use his best efforts to make the work a success in this county and will assist Mr. Campbell in every way that he can, both in the matter of providing the seed and in encouraging the contestants collectively in their efforts to land the prizes. Incident to the development of an interest in the corn growing clubs, the matter of a county fair this fall will not be lost sight of and it is expected that as a result of the contests in prospect that much valuable material for exhibition purposes will be acquired. In this connection Mr. Day will try to arouse an interest in a monthly trade day, to be held during the months of June, July and August, if not to begin earlier, as a means of promoting the plans for a county fair, to be held sometime in September. As a final climax to this important movement it is planned to compile an exhibit from the best of the county products on display at the county meetings for use at the state fairs at Oklahoma City and Dallas. By this means it is expected to accumulate a display that will surpass anything of the kind heretofore exhibited and which will assure for Wichita county the blue ribbon at these state exhibitions.

NEWCASTLE HAS CLUB BANQUET

Entertained Business Men of Olney, Loving and Jean.

WENDELL JOHNSON SPOKE

By Special Invitation Wichita Falls Attorney Made The Principal Address.

Newcastle, Tex., Feb. 11.--The banquet given last night by the Newcastle Commercial Club to the business men of Olney, Loving and Jean was a pronounced success in every particular. There were 104 tickets sold at \$1.00, and quite a number came in with bundles of tickets. The guests were met at the train by our citizens, and the brass band. They were escorted to the mines, where they were shown the thickest vein of working coal in Texas, and what will be when thoroughly developed, the largest producing mine in the State.

At 8 o'clock the guests were seated at the tables, in the new Campbell building, where an hour or more was spent in eating oysters and enjoying themselves in conversation. Mr. Sam Hardy, superintendent of the mines and president of the Commercial Club, in a few chosen and appropriate remarks, welcomed the guests to our growing little city. This was responded to by Dr. Joe E. Daniel of Olney and Mr. John W. Loving, both of these gentlemen are good talkers, and accepted of our hospitality in a pleasing and happy way. They spoke of the greatness of their own towns, their advantages and opportunities and cast some very beautiful and acceptable bouquets at Newcastle, winding up their remarks with laughable jokes and stories which were much appreciated by the audience as evidenced by the loud and frequent cheering. Hon. Wendell Johnson of Wichita Falls was the principal speaker of the occasion, having come by special request of the Commercial Club. Though young, Mr. Johnson is a man of rare ability, a splendid speaker, and his remarks were forceful and to the point. He was frequently and heartily applauded. Rev. H. H. Bowman, pastor of the Methodist Church at Olney, closed the festivities in a few minutes talk full of good sense and applicable jokes.

Those who were present pronounce the affair a success, and the visitors were liberal in their praise of Newcastle's hospitality, and assured us that if anything should "drain" they would be "there with the goods." George H. Trevathan of Batesville, Arkansas has sold his house and lot on Ninth street in W. W. Robertson for a consideration of \$4800. Mr. Trevathan will leave for Arkansas this afternoon. He is secretary of the senate in the Arkansas legislature.

The BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE

BY THOMAS WILSON



The Modern Stage Coach



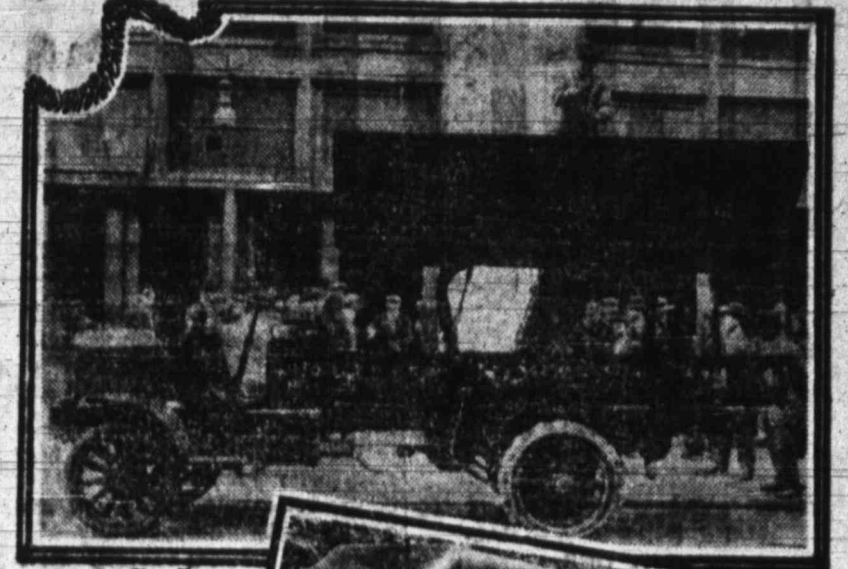
Underbakers Wagon



General Merchandise Truck



An Auto Fire Fighter



Suburban Delivery Wagon

THE week of February sixth will see the first really comprehensive and representative exhibition of self-propelled work vehicles that has ever been made in this country. Indeed nowhere in the world will there be found as complete a line of commercial automobiles as will be exhibited at the Coliseum in Chicago and for the next six days thousands of people will be astonished at the vast exhibit, showing as it does, a great variety of machines that are taking the place of horse-drawn vehicles in practically every line of business in all parts of the country.

More than two months ago manufacturers of motor business vehicles engaged space and the rush continued until now not only the entire floor area but all the gallery space of the huge building has been taken up by the makers of complete vehicles and of parts and accessories.

The show will be an exposition of an industry in which, according to the best available information, more than 300 builders of complete machines and experimental constructors are now engaged, employing thousands of men. It is an industry that is already well developed and established upon a solid foundation and yet it is only the beginning of a growth the magnitude of which but few can realize.

It is estimated that there are now employed in the United States between 25,000 and 30,000 business automobiles, not one of which is used for anything else. Assuming that each one costs \$3,000 these machines represent a valuation of between \$60,000,000 and \$75,000,000, while, if one takes into consideration the cost of garages for the storing of these machines, the valuation reaches into figures of considerable magnitude.

The growth of the business side of the automobile has been one of the wonders of the age. There is hardly any line of business in which transportation figures that motor vehicles are not employed. A few years ago such a thing as a motor truck was a curiosity. Today it is as common as the horse-drawn vehicle.

Among physicians the automobile has found a place so well established that it is hardly worth while to mention it. While it is not possible to get the number of machines owned by doctors yet it is safe to say that their number thousands and they serve not only for business but for pleasure as well. The automobile has proven of inestimable value to the men of professional callings. Contractors and architects have found them absolutely necessary. In many cities the various city departments have their machines.

In Baltimore the chief of the fire department and his assistants have automobiles. The street-cleaning department has one for the inspector. The marshal of police has one. The auto police patrol has become a fixture. The auto fire engine and hose truck will be next.

The auto fire engine has already found its place in many cities and suburbs. Springfield, Mass., has probably the most complete equipment of

this kind, there being 11 pieces of apparatus of various types.

For city departments that use machines for inspections the regular touring car is used but it is a business vehicle just the same for the private use of them is generally forbidden.

But while the touring car has been pressed into some phases of business there is a distinct business car that is just as different from the family carriage. These motor vehicles are technically known as "trucks" and they vary from the light delivery wagon to the great five-ton machines that will transport thousands of pounds of anything that can be loaded upon them.

The popularity of power vehicles is spreading fast all over the country. Even the hills and badly paved streets of small towns and cities have been conquered by machines that will almost climb up the side of a wall in cities that are fairly level and well paved the machines have been installed by the hundreds. In New York there are not fewer than 2,300 motor trucks, delivery wagons and other forms of industrial vehicles. In Chicago, in three years, the number has increased from 45 to 990, according to good information.

For heavy hauling the motor truck is particularly well adapted, especially where draught rather than speed is a requisite and it has been proven that a truck laden with two tons will go farther and more quickly and at a less cost than it would be possible to transport it by horses.

Just as the passenger auto has worked its way into popular appreciation so is the working machine, and during the past few weeks an endurance test from Chicago to Milwaukee and return a distance of about 220 miles, awakened the keenest interest.

The event was held on two bleak days, the wind blowing half a gale and the roads were in wretched condition. The winning car was a four-ton machine which covered the course in an hour on a consumption of 67 gallons of gasoline at 15 cents a gallon and 24 gallons of oil at 50 cents a gallon, making the ton mile cost .0133. A 1,000-pound truck made the run on

an average of 12 miles an hour on 161.2 gallons of gasoline at 15 cents per gallon and 6 pints of oil at 50 cents per gallon, making a ton mile cost .0247.

Another notable performance for a heavy truck was a run from Detroit to New York, a distance of 987 miles in 52 hours and 5 minutes, establishing a record that is highly creditable to those who were on the machine.

While these endurance contests are interesting and go far toward demonstrating to the public that the business automobile is an important factor there are many employers of them who have found that they will easily do the work of two and three teams in certain lines.

This is true especially in light delivery where the machines can make high speed and maintain it for hours at a time.

The flexibility of the automobile is what is adding so materially to its popularity. It will not only do almost anything that horses can do but there are many other functions that it can perform. The power developed in the engine or released by the battery thru the motor can be applied in a score of ways besides moving the machine which can be used either for hauling or pulling.

Well anchored, the engine can be used for operating a winch for loading or discharging cargo. Farmers have rigged up their autos to operate small sawmills. Threshing machines have been run by them. Wherever and for any purpose small power is needed, the automobile gives it. There is hardly any limit for after all, it is merely a vehicle with an engine, a development of the steam traction engine that is so well known and which has done so much to make possible the planting and reaping of vast crops on thousands acre fields.

Again and again the question has been asked: "Will the automobile supplant the horse?" The last census report shows that there are more horses today than ever. The same report also shows an astounding increase in the number of self-driven vehicles. In many instances the auto has taken the place of the horse. It probably

will continue to displace the equine. Whether it will do so entirely is a matter for the future to decide. Men have always sought power. First water, then steam, then electricity. Now it is gasoline. The automobile, with of the Boer War has its duplicate in the power of locomotion and filling a thousand niches where other power is not available, gives the greatest promise. Not only in business, but in war the

automobile now has its place. The use of ordinary machines by officers automobile. It is believed to be just using them for the transportation of equipment. The Pennsylvania militia employed a huge truck to carry its tents of the encampment at Gettysburg last year and the way the machine got over the rough ground was a revelation. In the famous "war game" in Mas-

HEALTH IN THE SOLAR RAYS

That sunshine and health were closely connected the human race has always dimly understood without worrying greatly as to scientific why and wherefore. The discovery of germs as causes of most diseases was quicky followed by the discovery that the sun's rays killed the evil germs in very rapid order.

By this was scientifically shown the cause and the effect from which sunshine derived its health-giving qualities, namely because the solar waves aided the human body by killing off each germ as it could reach. But civilization with all its blessings brought to man a great danger as regards his health, for with civilization came two necessary but undoubted disadvantages to human health—namely houses and clothes.

Now as houses and clothes will persist in modern times, physicians have advised open-air life for the unhealthy. At first suggested for tuberculosis, it is now held up as a panacea for any and all diseases, while pills and powders are regarded as mere extras that at the best can only afford some temporary aid to the sick human body, which must depend on sunlight and fresh air for the big lift back to health.

The latest reports made by investigating scientists are that the best

of all baths is the simple bath in sunlight. It must be taken without any clothing, but only the throat, chest and back need be exposed to the sun rays. For all cases of anaemia, where the person is what one commonly calls "run down," the bath in sun light is held out as a speedy and remarkable remedy.

Above all it is said to work marvelous improvement in all cases where consumption has not reached an advanced state. Three months of sun are declared to cure slight tuberculosis; a year for those patients seriously affected. But it is for those city people who get no long vacation on farm or by the seashore that the sun bath may hold out a very fountain of health if not of perpetual youth.

And the scientific basis of the sun bath is simple. Every one knows that sunlight is made up of all the different colors, and also of chemical rays that come to the earth, but which cannot be seen. When a pencil of sunlight falls on the human body a small part is sent back or reflected off into the air. The biggest part of this light, however, goes through the skin, through the flesh, through the blood and sets up remarkable chemical activity and changes in the tissues and in

the white sunlight in passing thru the skin breaks up into all the colors of the rainbow. Each color goes thru the flesh and the blood of the sunlight bath; but the colors travel at different rates of speed and affect different parts of the body.

The red waves excite the nervous system and give strength and tone to the nerves. The orange, yellow and green rays start to work on the blood. The chemical rays, that range from blue to violet and the ultra violet rays too fine to be seen by the human eye are powerful destroyers of substances formed from decomposition and clean up the blood by stimulating its cleansing qualities.

Such is what happens in every human body exposed to sunlight. It is the secret of why open-door life and sun tan have always been accompanied by strong and sturdy health. The millions of workers in towns can participate in these benefits simply by opening the windows on sunny days and exposing their throats, backs and chests to the health-giving rays of the sun.

more and more a feature. The marine gasoline engine, which is a sister to the automobile, has entirely displaced the small steam yacht, and motor boats of steel 150 feet in length are now being built.

The gasoline age is not coming. It is here.

Always Unfortunate.
Here I stand within the hall,
For the elevator bawl
With a frown.
"Going up!" I loudly cry
And the archin makes reply:
"Going down."

Here you see me buying stocks,
Hoping to acquire both rocks
And renown.
"Going up!" I loudly say,
But my broker answers, "Nay,
Going down."

When old Charon I shall meet,
Looking mystical, but neat,
In his gown,
"Going up?" I'll murmur low,
And he'll doubtless answer "No,
Going down."
—Exchange.

A Loss of Memory.
Everybody's Magazine.
"Uncle Mose," said a drummer addressing an old colored man seated on a dry goods box in front of the village store, "they tell me that you remember seeing George Washington Am I mistaken?"
"No, sah," said Uncle Mose. "I use to 'member seeing him, but I done forgot sence I lined de church."

Useless Effort.
Exchange.
Mr. Pester—Aren't you going to kiss me, dear?
Mrs. Pester—What's the use. I have such a cold I can't tell whether you've been drinking or not.

Yoakum Advises Farmers to Cut Out Middleman

Mr. Yoakum, chairman of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway, has had the hardihood to defend the railway before a convention of several farmers' organizations. Mr. Yoakum gave figures to show that the same money would buy more transportation now than before the anti-railway agitation began, and would buy less of what the farmers sell. That is to say, railways cannot be responsible for the cost of living, because their prices have fallen, while farmers' prices have risen, and, moreover, the cost of transportation is a small part of the cost of production. If farmers' prices had fallen as railway prices had fallen the cost of living would be lower instead of higher, and consumers are as much interested in cheapness in foodstuffs as in cheapness of transportation. How to effect a reduction in the cost of farmers' products without injury to the farmer is an interesting problem which Mr. Yoakum solved at the time that he propounded it.

To Adopt Trust Plan.
His idea is that the farmers should use trust methods, and be assisted by the government in so cheapening costs that prices may be reduced without lessening profits. "Commodore farming" is the keynote of the new farming prosperity, which is to march with reduction of prices to buyers. The idea is to allow but one profit between the farm and the consumer, or as nearly so as is practicable. The middlemen are the drones of commerce, and they are to be dispensed with by the farmers combining to

market their products themselves. The co-operative societies of England show a profit of 33 per cent to sellers without increased cost to buyers, and Danish farmers have done for themselves what general traders have accomplished in England by co-operation. In Denmark not less than 162,000 dairies co-operate for selling purposes, and the aggregate of produce they marketed has risen from \$12,000,000 to \$17,000,000 in a farm area one-fifth that of Nebraska.

Farmers Own Crops.
The practical application of this to our affairs is based on the consideration that the farmers are the owners of their crops, and are thus in position to carry them until they are well marketed—more cheaply than those who must find the capital to buy the crops. The farmers realize only half the cost to the consumers, and on a \$3,000,000,000 crop there is a margin of \$1,500,000,000 of profit, which the farmers might absorb without hurting anybody except the middlemen, who have no friends.

It would even be a commendable operation if the farmers divided the profits by this economy, and allowed an economy of \$2,000,000,000 to buyers. In this co-operation the railways would work with the farmers if they would dispense with the politicians, and give the railways the same chance of a living profit as the farmers would then enjoy. By working together or legislation might be influenced in the interest of both. The railways could deftly blackmail, and the farmers could get good roads legislation and

other aids to good farming. The department of agriculture also could aid the farmers in their capacity of merchants by distributing information regarding markets and prices as well as regarding weather and crop news.

Success in Farming.
It was aside from Mr. Yoakum's point to emphasize the difficulties under which the farmer labors as producer and merchant. The manufacturer makes as he sells, with day to day facts before him, and with ability to modify his operations according to changing conditions. The farmer must plant in ignorance of what the harvest will be, and is at the mercy of the weather. He cannot halve his costs and his crops if he learns that there will be a full yield, and he must compete with every seller in the markets of the world.

In modern times he is no mere manual digger and planter. His operations are, or may be, on the large scale facilitated by machinery for every operation. He has as much need for executive capacity as the manufacturer, and is at the same risk that his profits may disappear by unfortunate buying or selling. In short, the successful farmer must be a man of affairs, with intelligence not inferior to those of other callings.

Need Given Demagogues.
Unhappily, not all of them merit the compliment. They are too fond of doing the exact opposite of what Mr. Yoakum advises. Although their exceptional prosperity is due to the railways, they have surpassed other classes in attacks on the railways and in support of the demagogues, who have used their support to make their own fortunes. Instead of seeing an enlightened mercantile, they have exhibited ingenuity in suggesting and supporting legislation against methods approved by other merchants.

And, while eluding the chorus of denunciation of the trusts, they have out-trusted the worst methods of the worst trusts. Some of them have been convicted of violence ranging up to murder of competitors. Some of them have shown such bad judgment of markets, that their conspiracy in restraint of trade has left them with an entire crop unsold on their hands, resulting in a formal decision to omit one crop to produce artificial scarcity, and consequent dearth of what they sell.

It would indeed be good for the farmers and all the rest of us if the farmers would take Mr. Yoakum's advice and act with the moderation and judgment of the capitalist trusts, which the farmers rather hate than imitate. The case is not hopeless, and Mr. Yoakum will not have spoken in vain if he succeeded in making even some of his hearers think, and perhaps act, along the lines of his recommendations.—New York Times.

Pacing Ends in California.
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 15.—After having flourished without interruption since the early pioneer days the horse racing game in California became a thing of the past today, with the coming into effect of the Walker-Young anti-race track law. The new law absolutely prohibits betting of any description. Profiting by the experience of race tracks in other sections of the country the California track owners will make no effort to conduct meetings with betting eliminated.

The Last Hoist.
Boston Transcript.
Fitz—That was a mighty appropriate text the parson took for poor Brassie's funeral sermon.
Fogg—What was it?
Fitz—He has finished his course.

MANY FINE HORSES BOOKED FOR SHOW

Fort Worth Promises a Great Entertainment On March 13th to 18th
Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 11.—Val R. Crane of St. Charles, Illinois, is coming to the Fort Worth Horse Show in March with a stable of sixteen horses that will be entered in the harness and hunter classes. The hunters that he will bring are qualified, and his harness horses are reputed to be among the best in Illinois.

The Fort Worth Horse Show will be held March 12 to 18, and there will be fifty-three separate classes for horses and ponies, and no end of novelty and special features that will be introduced from night to night. These are not shown in the prize list but will appear upon the program when it is issued.

One of the harness horse classes that will bring out the keenest kind of competition offers cash prizes for the best collection of three animals by one exhibitor, to be shown in single harness; horses alone to be considered.

The lady contestants will wage a battle for leadership in the classes for ladies qualified or green hunters. This will prove one of the most attractive events of each evening's show. Women riders from many parts of the State will compete.

Several special classes have been arranged in which none but horses owned in Texas and Oklahoma will be allowed to enter. One of the classes is for roadsters shown single at a trot; another is for roadsters in pairs; and the third exclusive Texas and Oklahoma class is for the best stallion, mare or gelding of any age. All of these classes will be repeated and made open to any contestants.

A number of splendid horses all thoroughbreds, will be entered in the Fort Worth show by exhibitors living in Kentucky. Over 800 horses

County Tax Collections January Shows Increase

are to take part in this year's show at different times. Entries are now being received by Manager Warren V. Galbreath along with requests for stable room at the coliseum stables.

GOMPERS CONFIDENT OF HIS ACQUITTAL

New York, Feb. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking yesterday at Fort Washington, L. I., before a so-called forum recently organized by Martin W. Littleton, said he felt confident that the United States supreme court's decision, which is expected soon, will acquit John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and himself of contempt of court.

"I trust they will decide the whole question," he said, "establishing freedom of speech and freedom of press. If not we will go to jail and the battle will have to be fought all over again. But if I read the signs of the times, the spirit of progress is in the air and the working people are going to get more consideration."

In a letter to The Times, Mrs. G. W. Caldwell, of Purcell, Okla., writes that her father, Mr. W. H. Suddith, an old citizen of this city, is very ill, and his recovery is doubtful. His friends in this city will regret to learn of Mr. Suddith's illness.

Some men borrow trouble and some buy it by the bottle.

Deputy County Tax Collector B. M. Bullard turned over to County Treasurer T. W. McHam a check on the City National Bank signed by County Tax Collector W. H. Daugherty for the sum of \$23,399.74, which was for the total county tax collections for the month of January, 1911, not including the school tax for the independent districts of Iowa Park, Burk Burnett, and Electra.

The county tax collections for January 1910 were \$23,051.02, or \$348.72 less than for January 1911. The county assessed valuations for the year 1910 were at least \$1500,000 more than for the year 1910, but the state ad valorem tax was 50c per cent on the \$100 valuation less.

Still Paying Dividends.
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—Stockholders of the Pullman Palace Car Company today received the usual quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on their holdings. Though it is said that the forced reduction in Pullman berths just put into effect will lessen the company's earnings by several million dollars a year it is not expected that the annual \$8 dividend rate will be affected. The company anticipates that the increased business will eventually more than make up for the reduction in price.

And people who do as they please seem to get along just about as well as those who are always trying to please others.

A woman's idea of a great financier is a man who can straighten out her expense account.

BELLE OF WICHITA

THE BEST FLOUR ON THE MARKET WICHITA MILL & ELEVATOR CO.

TAG DAY WILL BE SATURDAY

CIVIC LEAGUE PREPARING TO MAKE THE DAY A PLEAS- ANT ONE.

BE READY WITH PRICE

Everybody Will Be Expected to Pur- chase and Pay Liberally for Park Tags.

The Civic League has set Saturday, the 18th, as "Tag Day," and on that day every man, woman and child will be given an opportunity to assist the league in making this city more beautiful by contributing what they feel like towards a fund with which to set out trees and ornamental plants in the City Park.

Arrangements have been made to give a band concert on that day, and the league has ordered 1,000 tags printed and hope to dispose of every one of them.

The merchants will be asked to decorate their stores in red, white and blue on Tag Day, and every effort possible will be put forth by the ladies to make this occasion a pleasant one for everybody.

NEED OF SMALLER SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Theme Discussed at Meeting of Re- ligious Education Association Held at Providence, R. I.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 15.—Needs of the smaller Sunday schools were pointed out by Franklin McElfresh of Chicago to the Department of Sunday Schools of the Religious Education Association at the Sunday school department's meeting today. Mr. McElfresh said:

"The Lord must have loved common people," said Lincoln. "He made so many of them." There must be a like divine favor for small Sunday schools, there are so many of them. The average enrollment in America is ninety. The problem of the small school is the problem of the majority of schools. It furnishes by far the largest number of religious workers; it receives small share of encouragement from religious leaders; and it has peculiar discouragements. The small school presents all the problems of the Sunday School, and is, besides a problem in itself, because it suffers from the reproach of being small.

"The Sunday school must always be seeking numbers, looking to the high ways and hedges or it cannot do its duty; but in the vast problems of extension, intensive work has been neglected. The small school can use, by careful adaptation, all the methods proven good in the modern Sunday school movement. It needs them all from the Cradle Roll to the organized Adult Class, and from the Home Department to the Teacher Training class.

"The work of the Teacher Training class is to secure thoughtful Bible study and provide a sufficient number of skilled teachers in all of our schools. How can the small school of less than a hundred, holding sessions in a single room, derive greatest advantage from the Teacher Training class? First, by a class of selected pupils of the senior age, taught at the Sunday School hour. This will answer the teaching problem of tomorrow. Second, by the class of teachers meeting on a week-day hour, pursuing a definite course of study. This will answer the teaching problem of today. Third, by a union class, formed from several schools. This will give the power of a united movement.

"The greatest need in the American Sunday school today, is a larger number of trained, earnest teachers. The most difficult, the most important problem in education, is the problem of religious education. The Sunday school must have a large share in its solution. The greater part of its work must be done in the small school. One of the hardest problems to be solved, is to reveal to the isolated worker the dignity of his service. Bible teaching gives intellectual tone and spiritual vigor that produces the highest type of character. To unfold this possibility of service as an opportunity lying right at one's doors, is

the mission of Christian leaders through the small Sunday school.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 15.—Before the Department of Churches and Pastors of the Religious Education Association today Prof. Irving F. Wood of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., spoke on the "Responsibility of the Church for Training Parents," saying:

"The subject suggests a new conception of the relation between church and the home. It puts the church in the relation of a normal school to the home; and that is its proper place. The church wishes to produce a home in which the coming generation will be fitted for its own life.

"It should train parents in the now well-known facts of normal moral and religious growth. It should train parents to do some religious training of the children themselves. The ideal motto for the church should be, 'Nothing done for the child in which the parent does not share the responsibility.' The church should help the parents to meet new conditions, and should show how such subjects as prayer, the Bible, the Sabbath, amusements, creeds, can be wisely treated in the modern home. It should see that parents teach the children to think independently, to expect religious changes and to meet them without loss of faith. The church can do much of this training by sermons, by the mid-week meetings, in some cases through mothers' meetings and men's clubs. Parents' classes in connection with the Sunday schools might well be formed for short courses. There ought to be courses especially for such parents' classes, and when the churches demand them, the publishers will produce them."

SOUTHWEST FIRST WITH KATY ROAD

Having declined to participate with other southwestern lines in the sale of second class one-way colonist tickets to the west, the Katy railway system advances as a reason its belief that the southwest ought to be colonized first. Usually these one-way colonist tickets to California and the west are on sale from March 10 to April 10.

"The reason for our action is that the traffic is not remunerative," says a circular issued by the management of the Katy system, after deducting the items of expense, such as tariffs, advertising and the loss through agents' errors in improper sales, there is practically no margin left to cover the cost of handling the business.

"Furthermore, it is our policy to encourage and promote the movement of settlers into the southwest, and not through the agencies of these low rate colonist fares from our territory to other sections."

Sheriff Rogers, of Claude, Armstrong county, is in the city today for the purpose of taking back with him a man by the name of H. A. Perry, charged with disposing of mortgaged property. Perry was arrested while at work in the storm sewer ditch by Constable Pickett. Sheriff Rogers left on the afternoon train with his man for Armstrong county.

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SOUTH MUST ENTER SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN

This Action is Necessary to Secure Desirable Foreign Immi- gration.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 15.—That the South must enter upon a systematic campaign to get the share of desirable foreign immigration to which she is justly entitled and also to keep her own sons at home, if she hopes to maintain the remarkable record of industrial development established in the past few years, was the opinion unanimously expressed here today at the conference called to promote the "back home" movement. This movement, which was launched some months ago by the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway, has broadened in scope until it has enlisted the cooperation of the railroads, industrial and commercial organizations and public officials throughout the whole of the vast territory lying east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. At the conference here today delegates were in attendance from Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Mississippi and other States. The principal matter discussed was a project for the cooperation of the various States in advertising the almost unbounded opportunities offered by the South for successful agricultural and commercial endeavor.

A special effort is to be made to induce Southerners who have taken up their residence in other sections to return to their former homes. Within the past decade or so thousands of Southerners have emigrated to the Northwestern States and to Western Canada. It is for the special purpose of luring these people back to their former homes, to show them how much the South has improved within the past fifteen or twenty years, that the "back home" movement has been organized.

Roy as a Girl. Summit, N. C.—In a letter received from this place, Mr. J. W. Church, the notary public, says: "My wife had been ailing for nearly 12 years, from female ailments, and at times, was unable to leave the house. She suffered agony with her side and back. We tried physicians for years, without relief. After these treatments all failed, she took Cardui, and gained in weight at once. Now she is red and rosy as a school girl." Cardui, as a tonic for women, has brought remarkable results. It relieves pain and misery and is the ideal tonic for young and old. Try it. At druggists.

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JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL RETIRES

Brigadier General George B. Davis Re- linquished His Duties at Noon Today.

Washington, Feb. 14.—After having served as judge advocate general of the army for almost a decade, Brig. Gen. George B. Davis relinquished his duties at noon today to his successor in office, Col. Enoch H. Crowder, the next senior officer of the corps. The change is due to the fact that Gen. Davis became 64 years of age today, and, therefore, under the law was relegated to the retired list.

The retirement of Gen. Davis strikes from the active list one of the few surviving officers of the civil war. He entered the army in September, 1863, as a sergeant of the First Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry. After the war he was admitted to the military academy. On his graduation, 4 years later, he was appointed second lieutenant of the Fifth Cavalry. He served in that regiment for seventeen years. He has held the office of judge advocate general since May, 1901. By virtue of special legislation and because of his service during the civil war he is retired with the rank of major general.

Col. Crowder, the new judge advocate general, is a native of Missouri. He was graduated from West Point in 1881. He served in the volunteer army in Cuba, during the war with Spain, and later in the Philippine insurrection, reaching the grade of brigadier general of volunteers. As the legal adviser to the governor of Cuba when the United States entered the island on its mission of pacification, from 1906 to 1909, Col. Crowder materially assisted in the re-establishment of the Cuban Government.

SWANSON COUNTY OFFICERS RELEASED

Snyder, Okla., Feb. 15.—The county commissioners and district clerk who were kidnapped and held in custody at Mountain Park yesterday, were released late last evening and further trouble averted. Everything is quiet today here and at Mt. Park. What action will be taken relative to the kidnapping has not yet been determined. A number of the county officials are in Hobart today, but no legal action has been started as a result of the kidnapping. The report current this morning that one of the county commissioners was killed last night, is untrue.

The killing of Mr. Staples yesterday morning at the home of Commissioner Bull caused the wildest excitement for a time but no arrests have yet been made.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—Chicago's fourth annual Cement Show opened today in the Coliseum, and will hold the holders there until February 22. The show has developed into a mammoth industrial exhibition and annually attracts thousands of visitors. Every visitor this year will be given a chance to win a magnificent cement house, which will be erected free for the person guessing nearest the strength of concrete, as shown by tests to be made during the show.

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DEATH OF MR. SUDDITH AT PURCELL, OKLA.

Died This Morning and Remains Will Reach Here Friday—Interment at Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. J. T. Young, secretary of the I. O. O. F. lodge in this city, received a telegram this afternoon from the secretary of that order at Purcell, Okla., announcing the death of Mr. W. J. Suddith, who died at the home of his son in that city.

The remains will arrive here on the 17th and arrangements will be made to lay them to rest in Riverside Cemetery with all the honors to be conferred by that order.

Deceased was a resident of this city for more than twenty years, having disposed of his property interests here about one year ago. He was about 70 years of age, and an old Union soldier. He lost his wife years ago and had lived by himself since that time, or with his children, three of whom, two sons and one daughter, survive him.

Before leaving Wichita Falls Mr. Suddith seemed to realize that he was not very long for this world, and purchased a lot in Riverside and entered into a contract with a tombstone dealer for a marble monument, which the deceased superintended the erection of before leaving this city. This monument now stands on the lot on which the grave of Mr. Suddith will be made.

He was a good citizen, honest in his dealings with his fellow man, and had many friends in Wichita Falls who will regret exceedingly to hear of his death.

G. E. Friberg is on the jury at Wichita Falls this week.

County Correspondence

Friberg-Thornberry.
It did not prove to be an opportune time for the meeting at Thornberry last week, both on account of bad weather and sickness, so it was discontinued until a later date.

Mrs. A. L. Thornberry spent Thursday night of last week with her son in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Giles Culver returned from Wichita Falls the latter part of last week, after spending several days with relatives there.

A valentine social was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooper, Tuesday night. The young people had an enjoyable time.

Rev. R. E. Farley, of Wichita Falls, preached an instructive and helpful sermon at Friberg last Sunday morning, his subject being "Soul Living." His old-time parishioners were glad to greet him again.

Mrs. Casper Geyer and daughter, Mary, visited with Mrs. L. H. James Saturday night and Sunday, in Wichita Falls.

St. Valentine's Day was observed at Friberg school in Miss McClesky's room. The children enjoyed giving and receiving tokens of the day.

The pastor enjoyed speaking to the congregation at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Wichita Falls last Sunday morning. He was entertained to dinner at the cozy and congenial home of Mrs. M. E. Carey.

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In telephone talk, how long is a long? And how short is a short? We are often asked why they can't find us when they can everybody else. Our call is 3-eherts while our near neighbors is 3-jongs. The difficulty must be in our inability to answer the above questions.

Mrs. Wm. Friberg spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Arch McKinley near Wichita.

A. J. Andree has just recovered from an attack of la grippe.

Bowman.
Mrs. John Grounds made a trip to Wichita Falls to see a sick relative, Beaut Wolf has returned to his home in Utah after a visit to friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Block and Mrs. Steinhoff visited at Iowa Park Thursday.

Ernest and Miss Martha Scheditz have returned to their home in Colorado, after an extended visit to this place.

R. A. Borgman, of Henrietta, spent several days visiting friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grounds and Mrs. Lewis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, of Iowa Park, visited relatives here last week. Misses Lizzie and Tillie Bohm were Wichita visitors Saturday.

R. A. Borgman and R. A. Palm visited Wichita Falls Saturday.

The program of the Literary Society was postponed on account of the rain. It will be rendered Feb. 17.

F. J. Block made a business trip to Wichita Saturday.

Mrs. F. J. Block and sister, Mrs. Stagnhoff, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Block at Charlie this week.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed the Valentine party given by Ed Smith. Ed is a splendid entertainer and all spent a most pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Block spent Sunday with home folks.

Western Canada Lumbermen.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 15.—The convention of the Western Canada Retail Lumber Dealers' association, which assembled in this city today, is the largest in point of attendance ever held by the organization. Prominent representatives of the trade from Manitoba to British Columbia are in attendance. The sessions will last three days and will be devoted to the consideration of numerous questions of importance to the trade.

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