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JUDGE GARDNER REPLIES TO BISHOP,

Palestine, Texas, May 18, 1908

To the Democracy of the 3rd Judicial District:—

In a letter addressed to the voters of Houston County, my opponent, Mr. Bishop of Athens, claiming to be "Henderson County's candidate for District Judge," makes an appeal to local prejudice, and backs it up with a number of misleading and erroneous statements which call for a reply from me.

It is plain that he wishes to make it a contest of Henderson county against Anderson county instead of Bishop against Gardner, as it should be, but out of regard for my many friends in the former county I shall not indulge in anything calculated to arouse county feeling.

He says that "at each succeeding election for the last sixteen years, Anderson County has elected her own man for this position." To show you how misleading this is, I will give you a little history. This district has been composed of Anderson, Henderson and Houston counties for about twenty-four years. The first eight years Williams of Houston was Judge, and had he not been promoted to a higher court, it is altogether probable that he would still be judge of this district. As it is including the eight years of service as district judge, he has been in office for about twenty-four years, and we of Anderson County are proud of his record, and will help to keep him on the Supreme Court until he goes up higher. But I had better be careful lest Mr. Bishop should charge a political conspiracy on the part of Anderson and Houston Counties to keep some Athens lawyer from on the Supreme Court.

When Judge Williams, with the aid of the "Palestine lawyers" and the Anderson County democracy, was promoted to the Court of Civil Appeals, Reeves of Anderson was made District Judge, but died shortly afterwards, and Watkins of Henderson was appointed, and served nearly two years or until the next election. Watkins was appointed over two Palestine lawyers, the governor thinking that he, Watkins could with more certainty win at the next election over an opposing candidate. In due time Watkins was nominated for judge, and had the cordial support of the Anderson County Democracy, but was defeated at the November election by Burnett of Anderson, who was the republican nominee. Now Mr. Bishop certainly cannot charge the election of Burnett and the defeat of Watkins to the Anderson county democracy, but that is evidently the effect if not the purpose of his statement otherwise there is no point, in a contest for the office between democrats, to complain that Watkins "was replaced by an Anderson County man at the election following his appointment." I submit that in this he has not been fair.

At the next election, which was in 1896, Watkins could have had the nomination, but he did

not want it, and it is true that any competent and worthy democratic lawyer in Athens or Crockett could have had the nomination had she desired it. In fact, the nomination went begging until Gill of Anderson was induced to accept it, at the earnest solicitation of democrats of Houston and Henderson Counties. After a hard struggle, Gill was elected over Burnett, who was nominated for re-election by the republicans. Certainly under the circumstance, Mr. Bishop ought not to charge Gill's nomination to Anderson and the rotation rule for surely county rotation had nothing to do with it, the issue being to find a man that could win.

When Gill had served about two and a half years, Judge Williams was promoted to the supreme Court, and Gill to the Court of Civil Appeals; and Lipscomb of Houston was appointed to fill out Gill's unexpired term of about eighteen months, and at that time the district attorney also lived in Houston County. At the next election Lipscomb was a candidate for District Judge, and also Gooch and I, both of Anderson County. For the first time we had a primary election for District Judge, and the contest, at least as to Lipscomb, turned on the vote of Henderson County, and Lipscomb lost. Bishop will not deny that in that contest he did all he could against Judge Lipscomb, and it comes with poor grace for him to try to make capitol with Houston County people because "Lipscomb was defeated by an Anderson county man."

Having been defeated by Judge Gooch, I had dismissed from my mind any idea of running again for office, when, in the fall of 1903, I received a number of letters from Houston County urging me to enter the race, and finding that I would have strong support in Henderson County, I announced as a candidate in the spring of 1904 without the backing of any kind of a "political machine." Judge Gooch was a candidate for re-election and Mr. Crook of Houston, seeing in two candidates from Anderson County what he thought was his opportunity, also announced. Judge Gooch dying before the primary left Mr. Crook and me to fight it out with the result that I carried the district by about one thousand majority; the fact that I had a clear majority, leaving Anderson County out of the calculation that is, my majority, in Henderson County was larger than Mr. Crook's in Houston, and my majority in Anderson County was less than one thousand, owing to opposition growing out of my having opposed Judge Gooch. In addition to the reasons already given, I have made this long recital of the history of this judicial district, that it may be seen how little foundation there is for the reckless claim or insinuation on the part of Mr. Bishop of the existence of a "political machine of Palestine." It is true that the lawyers of

Palestine are more united in my favor than ever before, and three of the gentlemen whose names appear to the resolution endorsing my candidacy for re-election declined to endorse me four years ago when the race was between Mr. Crook and me. Mr. Bishop says "about all these lawyers hold office, and of course they want to be re-elected." That statement is very far from the truth, and it is a fact that of the nine lawyers composing that committee that drafted the resolution in my behalf only one of them was in office at the time the resolutions were signed, though Mr. Young Gooch was a candidate and is now city attorney. None of the others are even candidates.

Mr. Bishop charges that "Judge Gardner and the other lawyers of Palestine," who as candidates, are endorsed by the bar and the executive committee of Anderson county, when attacked, "quote these flattering resolutions which they themselves have carefully prepared." So far as the words in italics apply to me, I have to say that there is not one word of truth in the charge. This is the third time I have been a candidate for District Judge, and no man has read any document or writing in my behalf that was prepared by me that did not have my signature to it. The resolutions in question I never saw until they appeared in the paper, and the gentlemen who got them up were amply able to do their own thinking and writing and knew their own minds. If Mr. Bishop keeps up at this rate he will not "build up" much of a reputation as being "judicial timber."

Mr. Bishop attacks me on the second term proposition, and seeks to show that I have changed front on that issue since I ran against Judge Gooch, who was seeking a second term. It is true that in reply to Mr. Faulk I quoted from a resolution of the Democratic Executive Committee of Anderson county, as to the second term custom, but as a matter of fact I do not care for the custom. As a rule voters are bound by it only as they are willing to be bound, and the custom has two sides. If an officer secures a second term without opposition upon the theory that he is satisfied with two terms, then he ought not to run for a third term; but if he has to fight for a second term, then he is under no obligations to step down and out at the end of a second term. So I say to Mr. Bishop, I am perfectly willing to ignore the second term custom and stand before the people on my merits as a man and an officer. If I win, I shall certainly feel under no obligations to him to get out of his way four years from now.

I might add here that in my race with Mr. Crook I paid the penalty for having entered the race against Judge Gooch in the fact that the opposition to me at home was much stronger or that account, but I am glad to be able to state that in this race I have the cordial support of Judge Gooch's only son, which I greatly esteem and appreciate.

I have already made this letter longer than it should be, and I

will close by saying that I did not decide to announce for re-election until I was assured by a great many people in both Henderson and Houston counties that I was the choice of a majority of those two counties; and I shall not appeal to any county prejudices, but shall ask the voters throughout the district to vote as they think right, regardless of county lines.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. Gardner.

Advertisement

Augusta News.

Augusta, May 17.—The latest thing we see in regard to the late Bailey—Johnson contest is a plea from Joe Adams, the bell wearer of Baileyism, for peace. We wish to remind the gentleman that there is a hundred thousand voters in Texas that have spoken their disapproval of Joseph of many colors, and further they are not seeking peace until justice is done to our great state, when the representatives of trusts are placed in the background where they properly belong, then and not until then will we accept any offerings of peace. The fight is on. Let it be war to the knife and the knife to the hilt. We wish to predict right here, and you can mark it well, some of the Bailey leaders in this county who have made themselves conspicuous have driven more nails in their future political coffins than all the Baileyites in this congressional district can ever pull out.

Last Wednesday we had a very heavy rain and this morning another down pour, which makes it a little inconvenient for farmers.

Crops are recovering from the recent cold spell and with a few days sunshine all will be as well as a wedding bell, in farming lines.

A party of ladies and gentlemen spent a very enjoyable day last Tuesday at Bobbitt's lake fishing and having a good time. While their catch was not very abundant, they had plenty for dinner and many other good things that would please the palate of a queen.

Walter Newman of Palestine was visiting homefolk a few days ago.

Quite a crowd was in town yesterday. Some interesting cases in Judge Lively's court. County attorney Adams was here armed with the law but no convictions. Hon. George Whitley of Palestine attended court.

Our town is remarkably quiet. Some little discussion of county and district officers; no news of any importance to communicate. May the world treat you well.
Old Gray.

Whooping Cough.

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said and can recommend it to any one, having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss, of Durand, Mich. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son, druggists.

Daly's Items.

Daly's, May 18.—A much needed rain fell here Wednesday night which proved of great benefit to gardens and crops.

Irish potato digging held up last week on account of prices going so low.

Miss Dora Lea of Grapeland spent last week here as the guest of Miss Mary Pennington.

There was no preaching here yesterday on account of rain.

The young folks all report a nice time at the party Friday night at Mr. Kent's.

Miss Mae Pridgen is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Matthews at Antrim.

Candidates seem to be scarce around here; have seen only one this year.

Wonder what has become of Prof. Cain? We never see any of his letters. Sure wish he would write again as his letters are so interesting. Charlotta.

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TEXAS.

By Elbert Hubbard.

Texas is the biggest State in the Union—don't talk back to me; I know.

The upper part of the Panhandle of Texas is nearer to Chicago than it is to Galveston.

Texas is as wide as the distance from Chicago to Boston, or from St. Louis to New York City. That is to say that from Texarkana to El Paso is eleven hundred miles.

There, didn't I tell you, you did not know how big Texas is? Bob Ingersoll said that the only objection to Rhode Island was that it kept the people dancing around all the time trying to keep inside of the State. Texas is not open to this criticism.

When folks tell you that you can set all of New England, New York and Pennsylvania inside of Texas, and they will rattle around like peas in a pod, you still do not know how big Texas is, for you do not know the size of New York, but distance we can appreciate. Just allow your mental process to Fletcherize on what I will tell you about Texas.

I called on one farmer whose house was right in the middle of his farm. We tied our horses at the man's front gate and walked thirty-two miles to his house.

If I owned Hell and Texas I'd rent Hell to the Rev. Dr. Quayle and live in Texas.

People who have not seen the Southwest during the past five years cannot by any description realize its progress. What is known as "the Santa Fe Country" can feed the world.

The fare from Dallas to New York is forty-one dollars, and from New York to Dallas it is forty-eight. When I asked why this was a railroad man told me people were loath to leave Texas, but when it came to getting back, money was no object.

Texas has three million folks; ten million cattle; twelve million sheep; and three million horses. One horse, you see, for every man, woman and child in the State! That is one reason why I like Texas. As a matter of happiness, if I ever get to heaven I would trade six harps for a horse—even though it were a "skate," to use the classic phrase of old Bill Graham.

In Texas there are no skates—just horses.

"When do you break your horses?" I asked a ranchman.

"Pardner," was the solemn answer, "pardner, we have no time to break horses in Texas, we just climb on and ride them."

Then he handed me a lariat, pointed to the corral and said, "Take your choice."

I signified my choice, but gave the lariat into the hands of a silent, freckled, lanky, corn-fed youth for reasons of my own.

However, I rode the horse, and liked him, and better still the horse seemed to like me. Then just for a joke the ranchman told his blacksmith to make a brand in the shape of a Roycroft trade mark, and this was done. Then they branded the horse on both front hoofs and shipped him prepaid to me at East Aurora. This is a sample of the way they do things down in Texas.

Everybody rides horseback in Texas. And I am glad to say that the ladies ride the way God intended—man fashion, while little girls ride astride and little boys still ride astraddle.

One lady I met was sixty-seven years old, and insisted on riding on the bias. She was bred in Old Kentucky. She told me confidentially that any woman who rode a man's saddle would bear watching.

Perhaps this is true—really I can't say. "As for myself," said the old lady with spirit, "I ride a side saddle and I never hunt the leather either. My boy and me rounded up two hundred steers yesterday and only wasted six, and we wouldn't have done that if the barbed wire had not leaked."

At a horse race in Houston the winner was a nag known as "Flying Cloud."

"Where is that horse from?" asked a native Texan of an Eastern man seated near.

"From Michigan," was the answer.

The Texan mused a moment, and then said, "Stranger, what county in Texas is Michigan in?"

And the Easterner isn't sure yet whether the Texan was guying him or revealing his ignorance.

Six years ago you could buy in Texas a thousand sheep for a thousand dollars. Now a thousand sheep will cost you eight thousand dollars.

In 1899, I knew a man at Pecos who shipped a train load of sheep to Chicago. The sheep were sold and the brokers drew on the Pecos man for the balance to pay the freight. The man replied that he had no money, but to compromise, he would, if desired, ship some more sheep.

But all that is changed now, for I was assured, and I have no reason to doubt it, that in Texas "sheep is sheep." We have ceased using the term "sheep-man" as an epithet, for the reason that now a sheep man has money to incinerate, and we always touch the forefinger of the right hand to the man who has the coin.

The real crop in Texas, however, is not wool, but cotton. The cotton crop in Texas for the year 1906 was worth over two hundred million dollars in cold cash. They raise a bale of cotton on an acre, and a bale of cotton is worth sixty dollars. And yet land that is now producing a bale of cotton an acre was only worth three dollars an acre five years ago. You see, they didn't know that prairie land would produce cotton, which seems to prove that nobody knows what he can do until he tries.

Texas has the second most important shipping port in America, and if things continue going as they have for the past five years, in ten years more the shipments from Galveston will exceed in value the combined exports of Boston and New York.

Two-thirds of the export business of America will eventually gravitate to Gulf of Mexico ports—this according to the law of natural selection.

There are legends, based more or less on truth, that in Texas men used to tote pistols, and occasionally use them. Now there is a law against carrying concealed weapons. The tax is one hundred dollars or one hundred days in jail. In Fort Worth when I landed from the train I saw two large red faced men moving among the passengers on the platform, and rapidly administering gentle spanks to all the passengers of the male persuasion. I was favored, like the rest, and when I asked after the thushness of the wherefore, I was told they were searching for shooting irons.

At Dallas there had been a little careless shooting, and a few months before a gun man was made to look like a pepper box, all over a theological dispute, which is still unsettled. The man who did the shooting was being tried, and I looked into the court room, being somewhat interested in the law as a pleasing puzzle.

A worthy Baptist by the name of Frank Irvine was on the stand. He swore that he saw the defendant with a pistol in his hand, and that there were three shots fired in rapid succession—"bang, bang, bang,—just like that."

"Where were you when the first shot was fired?" asked Ben Hill, who was conducting the cross examination.

"Standing on the steps of my office, about ten feet from the man with the pistol," was the reply.

"Where were you when the second shot was fired?"

"I was at the union depot, half a mile away."

"Where were you when the third shot was fired?"

"I was at the Fair Grounds, two miles out of town."

This set the court room in a roar—even the prisoner burst into a laugh and the judge ducked behind the desk.

The man was discharged, it having been shown that he was only shooting at a target, the other fellow having walked right into the way, and besides that he needed killing anyway, having terrorized a train load of passengers only a few days before.

The acquittal of the shooter for killing the shootee, who was also a shooter, may have been bad law, but it was justice, and we get justice nowadays by evading the law.

As for pistol toting, it is just a bad habit. More people are killed by the accidental discharge of firearms than are ever saved from burglars by the pistol. The handy man with a gun in Texas is a thing of the past.

Disorder is no more common in Texas than it is in Ohio.

Courtesy, kindness and good cheer are everywhere, in town, country, on trains, on the wide plains where men who have never met before grasp hands as brothers.

At Dallas dozens of people came for two hundred miles and more to hear me speak—good, sane, sensible looking people, too.

Everything was mine for the asking and without, and when I bade my friends goodbye and started northward, I involuntarily shed a few Texas tears, and murmured "Mizpah."



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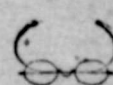
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"What's in a name?" Who can answer? As we look about us, the varied industries that go to make up the grand drama enacted on the world's great stage, where can we best find an answer to the above question?

I would suggest that we leave the great, smoke begrimed city, with its millions of whirring spindles, its cringing and plotting throngs of humanity, and go, for instance, down into Texas and pitch our tents with the "Model Truck Growers' Association." There any one of its members can tell you "what's in a name," for he has won a name, and for what? For the excellent packing and grading of his vegetables for the market. He has done it, perhaps, at the expense of a great deal of worry and hard feeling, doubtless, toward the manager who has compelled him to so pack his goods. But with grim determination depicted upon his countenance, he has taken up his packages, refused by the manager on account of poor packing and grading, and has repacked them with most admirable patience, and has presented them again for inspection. But he has not labored in vain. In the far off city in the North such questions are asked:

"Have you any of those cukes (as the case may be) from the association at _____, Texas?"

"No, but we have some very nice ones here from—"

"No, no, I don't want them. I know what I am getting when I get goods put up by the Truck Growers' Association at _____, Texas, and I am willing to pay for them, but I am not going to risk my money and time in goods put up by careless shippers."

And the neighbors of the "Model Association" wonder why they do not realize as much for their shipments as their sister association, and there is practically no difference in the goods as they are in the fields.

The "Model Association" may not have as many cars as her sister association, but has more dollars when the season is spent—and that is what counts.

And so it is. Unless a more uniform packing and grading is put into effect, the association movement will suffer more and more until it will be difficult for it to prosper at all. The association must employ trained men to handle the packing end of the deal, and they must bet together to the end that their packages are more attractive, are thoroughly graded and carefully packed.

Fortunately there are many associations that have learned the lesson after many losses, and it is to be these unions among the growers which are to get the best treatment in the market.

"The day is gone when the ill-sorted package, made up of all sorts of stuff, will bring good prices in the open market." The buyer has become accustomed to an occasional package of the best and demands his money's worth. Simply because an article is early is nothing to him. What he wants is quality and sound stuff.

It is a long headed manager of an association who insists that all goods be packed to a standard, and that all members live up to the rule strictly, or else take their stuff out of the association. This may seem unneighborly, but it is business; and until we adjust ourselves to this business proposition and realize the importance of it, we might as well quit the trucking business.

The careless as well as the tricky trucky (and there are tricky truckers, as any manager will testify) are today the great-

est menace to the association. His utter disregard for the rights of his fellow members often causes them heavy losses.

Select a good manager, one who knows how to put up the stuff for the market, and then give your stuff to one of the best distributors in the market. Then back him up with a unanimous support in his rules as to packing, grading and the character of packages, and back him up with the price he puts upon your goods. It is the square deal that pays, and pays every day in the year.

Asparagus Suitable for South Texas.

BY W. BLAKESLEE, HALLETSVILLE

The growing of asparagus for profit in the coast country of Texas is but in its infancy, but the attraction it offers to the trucker and market gardener will soon be recognized and the delicious vegetable will take its place with the potato, the onion and the cabbage in bringing in large revenues. Asparagus was the choice dish of the ancient Romans, and has preserved its popularity to this day with all nations, but as it is a vegetable that requires studied cultivation its culture has not been pushed in Texas, where the turnip, the radish and the coarser vegetables almost grow wild. In the New England States and Maryland, also in part of California, it is a leading crop and very profitable. A farmer who has twelve or fifteen acres in asparagus beds has a splendid living, as this crop will produce from \$150 to \$250 per acre after the third year. In the coast country of Texas conditions of soil and climate are perfect. Asparagus thrives in a light, well drained, deep, sandy loam, with a good clay subsoil, such as we have so much of. The soil should drain well, and it would be best to have the land slope to the south, with the rows running north and south. The novice in the culture of asparagus would likely be best pleased if he purchased one-year-old plants, of which it would take 2500 to an acre, as by purchasing the plants he will have to wait but one year before he begins to realize on his crop. If he begins by raising plants it will take two years. The planter of this vegetable should experiment as to the distance in setting the plants. It is urgent that the plants be given ample room for the roots to grow and feed, as it must be remembered the plant once well set and properly and regularly fed by manure and fertilizers will produce profitable crops from twelve to fifteen years. The plants may be set in rows three and a half to four feet apart and three feet apart in the rows. The ground should be prepared well and a deep furrow run and a rich dressing of rotted stable manure mixed well with the soil, in which trench the plants should be set; the crown of the plant should be six inches under the surface of the ground when made level. The first year the spears that shoot up should be allowed to grow until fall, and with the fall rains it is advisable to give a top dressing of manure and again in the spring. The ground should, during the fruiting season, be kept loose and free from grass and weeds at all times. An asparagus bed should have a place in every man's garden in South Texas, as fifty plants will furnish a family with a bountiful supply, with plenty left for drying and canning purposes, and requires less labor and expense than almost any other vegetable after the first two years. The Counties of Lavaca, Jackson, Cald-

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Governor Hughes of New York is a governor in deed and truth, and not a politician. The other day he appointed a democrat because he couldn't find a republican that was qualified to fill the place.

Don't grumble if your paper is not always flush up to the high standard of your ideal. Charitably remember that no editor is capable of getting up quite as good a paper as you could yourself.

Every property owner should take pride in beautifying his home by caring for the lawn and keeping the shade trees neatly trimmed around the lower branches. If all would do this our town could be called with propriety the "Queen of the Sandflats."

The farmer's hair may be bushy, his skin bronzed, but his eyes are clear, his digestion is like that of a three-year-old mule, his conscience is like the ether above his head, and his bank account as fat as his favorite shoat. He is the most independent creature that wears the garb of civilized man.

It has been said that a man is judged by the company he keeps and in a large measure this is true. It matters not whether a man is engaged in business or is an office seeker, if he engages lieutenants whose social standing is below par it does not speak well for him.

Don't claim an ignorance of evil, but rise up and over it to purer realms of thought, and help your self and humanity by thinking and talking of the good things all about us. Beautiful loves, fine friendship, noble charities. Look for them and you will find them.

Be natural. Do not try to impress people with your importance. If you are really important they will find it out. If you are of no account you will not deceive anyone by acting as though great interests rests in your keeping. The day of pomposity is past, we hope never to return. More people than ever before are intelligent and able to judge those with whom they come in contact. This means that they are able to judge you and place a true rather than a false estimate on your abilities.

We have no prejudice against the neatly dressed, nice appearing boy while we do detest the fellow who goes around looking like a bunch of hard luck, but a girl looking for a model husband should be careful. If you don't know one when you see him, ask mother—she will recognize him at first sight.—Ex.

All honor to the man who earns his living by honest toil. He, it is, above all others, who is always pulling for better things. He is always on the front seat of the community band wagon. He is the first resident to greet the stranger and tell him he is visiting the best town in the state. He is ready to fight, at the drop of a hat, the fellow who willingly runs down the community's best along with its worst, and there is something inspiring in his cordial invitation to the chronic croaker to "move somewhere else."—Ex.

Latexo Locals.

Latexo, Texas, May 17.—We are having some more bad weather.

Farmers are preparing to dig their potatoes about the 20th. The hard rains are causing the potatoes to rot.

Candidates are beginning to get about. Stell Sharp is rustling quite a bit.

The young folks enjoyed themselves at Mr. Jas. Patton's Friday night.

Mr. J. W. Spence of Vernon was here a few days ago on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler left today for Wisconsin.

Winfred Sims of your town was down today.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickson, a girl baby.

Verner Coteney of Wesley Chappel attended church here today.

Gibson Herard of Jones School House was over this week.

Lony Poe was at Mr. Temple's Sunday.

Mr. C. Butterfield has surveyed off the lots in Latexo.

Health is very good. Red Kid

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The recent heavy rains and storms have wrought much damage throughout the country. The waterworks of the city of Palestine were almost destroyed which entailed a loss of about \$200,000, and as a result the people of that city are without fire protection and water for every day use. The I. & G. N. railroad also suffered severe losses. The track north of Palestine for a considerable distance was completely destroyed and trains had to be discontinued from Wednesday until Sunday. Crops have suffered to a great extent, and some have been totally destroyed. In Smith county the greatest damage is reported. The rains we have had here have not done as much damage as in other places, but we have had plenty, thank you.

Attorney Whitley of Palestine was down Saturday and went to Augusta on legal business.

Sweet Girl Graduates.

The Messenger acknowledges the receipt of invitations to attend the graduating exercises at Belton and Crockett, compliments of Misses Cora Woodard and Annie Robertson, who graduate this year.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work naturally.—Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. These tablets are for sale by B. R. Guice & Son, druggists.

Letter to J. J. Brooks.

Grapeland Texas.

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Mr. Wm. Brown called Saturday and renewed his subscription and also that of W. S. Rogers of Bigsby Ala. Mr. J. F. Bridges also has our thanks for his renewal and that of H. E. Brown, of Koenton, Ala.

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Announcements

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W R Bishop, of Henderson

County

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county

For Sheriff

A W Phillips

Jno C Lacy (Re-election)

For County Judge

John Spence (Re-election)

For County Superintendent

Public Instruction

J F Mangum

For Representative

W G Creath

J R Nichols

J B Smith

John Luce

For County Treasurer

D J Cater (Re election)

For County Attorney

Earle Adams, Jr.

(For Re-election)

For District Clerk

B F Dent

Joe Brown Stanton

For re-election

For Tax Collector

A L Goolsby

For County Clerk

Nat E Allbright (for re-

election)

J R Howard

For Commissioner, Precinct

No. 1

S H Lively (re-election)

J A Morris

For Commissioner Precinct

No. 2

J A Hughes

GR Murchison (re-election)

Stell Sharp

For Constable, Precinct No.5

S C Spence (re-election)

For Justice Peace, Precinct

No. 5

Jno A Davis (re-election)

For Justice Peace Precinct

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LOCAL NEWS.

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See Wherry if you want groceries.

Let me clean your old suit and make it look new. Odell Faris.

Groceries! groceries! go to Howard's for your groceries.

Buy your next flour from Wherry, nothing better.

Mr. Turner Skidmore called Saturday and squared up with the printers.

Miss Ida Woodard spent a few days in Elkhart last week visiting her friend, Miss Mary Tyler.

Jesse McClelland of Palestine orders the Messenger sent to his father at Boggy, Texas.

Stell Sharp, candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 2, was here Saturday meeting our people.

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Miss Lura Yarbrough returned to Dallas Saturday.

If you want anything in the grocery line, see Wherry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Henry of Palestine spent Sunday here.

Call at Howard's when in town.

Ed Hardigree of Elkhart was here on business Monday.

Miss Ruby Smith of Crockett visited relatives here last week.

Hugh Richards and R. D. Parker are among those remembering the Messenger.

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If I don't smile when you walk in remember I am glad to see you just the same W. R. Wherry.

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Mrs. Maud Mason of Kennard visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Oliver, near town last week.

Misses Eva Lou Faris and Ima Davis left Tuesday for Livingston to visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlton of Houston visited the families of E. L. Frisby and Jesse Eaves a few days of this and last week. Mrs. Charlton is a sister of Mesdames Eaves and Frisby.

Carl Sory and Albert Luker went up to Palestine last Friday to attend an entertainment given by the Grand Fraternity lodge of that place. They report having a nice time.

Seth Fitchett, a young man of Percilla, has gone to Guthrie, Ok., to attend the Queen City Business College, a branch of the Tyler College. He has a sister teaching in that institution.

The attorney general's department has announced the discovery that the American Book Company is a trust. The Governor has accordingly ordered suits to cancel the contracts of the state with the company.—Ex.

A. N. Edens has tendered his resignation to the authorities at Washington as carrier on rural route No. 3, and same has been accepted. Cleve Saddler is carrying the mail temporarily until a permanent carrier can be appointed.

It is a pity to see a person neglect indications of kidney or bladder trouble that may result in Bright's disease when Foley's Kidney Remedy will correct irregularities and strengthen these organs. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy at the first sign of danger. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Legislature of Next Year.

It will be worth millions of dollars to Texas if the people will make an earnest, intelligent effort to induce capable and reliable men in every county to offer as legislative aspirants and then elect them. Why may not the citizenship in each county call its best men to the front and say to them: "It will be somewhat of a sacrifice on your part, we concede, to go to Austin. But you owe something to your state and people. Make the sacrifice and thus serve Texas. We want you to do this and appeal to your civic pride and patriotism." If this were done all over Texas it would surely have weight and influence with men who are patriotic and public spirited and the outcome would be a legislative body whose work would redound to the good of the state. But unless the people do so appeal to the men who may give them good service it need not be anticipated that such men, as a rule, will offer. They will not do so. This disinclination of really eligible men, of whom valuable service could be expected to go into legislative life, is well known and the reason is obvious. But all the conditions considered existing and prospective, the people of Texas can well understand that the time is at hand when the state needs as its law-makers men who are willing to make a sacrifice that they may do their state and society service. And this we say not because of Baileyism or anti-Baileyism; not for prohibition or anti-prohibition, but for Texas.—Waco Tribune.

If it Falls, the Money's Yours.

Thousands of boxes of Hunt's Cure are being sold by the southern druggists daily, for the simple reason that people are rapidly finding out that it is the best cure for any itching disease ever discovered. The first application relieves, and one box positively guaranteed to cure any one case.

The black hand is certainly driven to desperate straits financially when it attempts to squeeze money out of Mrs. Hettie Green.—Nordheim View.

What's the matter with our correspondents? Not one of you honored the Messenger last week by sending in your news items. Wake up and show us that you are still living, and that everything is moving on as nicely as if there had been no political campaign or torrential rain to mar the peace and happiness of home.

At Stephenville, Texas, a patent iron exploded while the woman of the house was smoothing out the family wash. The house was destroyed, and the woman and clothes were scattered over the neighborhood. The woman however, was not injured, but she had her faith shattered in novel ironing devices.—Palestine Herald.

The opponents of Bryan are on the firing line, and if any means can be found to keep the nomination from him it will be found and executed. It looks now as if Bryan had a sure thing, but you can never tell what may happen in a convention. A little treachery in one or two places and the good prospects of today can be swept away. Bryan's friends will have to stand solid and insist on his rights before the convention. The platform is going to be an important move this year.—Palestine Herald.

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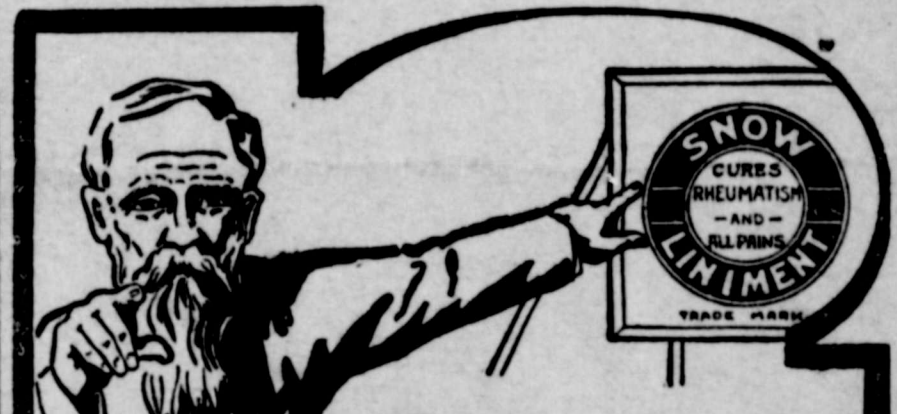
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General News.

STATE.

Flaton.—Driving rod on locomotive run by Jack Williams, breaks and fractures steam pipes. Escaping steam badly scalds Williams, who is taken to Yoakum for treatment.

Leonard.—Cyclone strikes Bowdry home, completely wrecks the house and kills Mrs. Bowdry. Mr. Bowdry is seriously injured.

Austin.—Report of Assistant Attorney General Lightfoot shows that the American Book Company is a trust and steps are being taken to annul its text book contracts.

Austin.—At the Congressional Convention of the "regular" Republicans Hon. Cecil Lyon is denounced and Charles W. Fairbanks is endorsed for the Presidency.

Shiner.—The three year old son of Paul Lamza, who was supposed to have been burned in a fire which destroyed his home, is found wandering in a nearby field.

Temple.—Milton Reed of Youngsfort is killed by accidental discharge of shot gun which he was carrying through the timber.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Foraker abandons attempt to have his bill, for the re-enlistment of Negro troops, passed at the present session. This bill provides for the reinstatement of the Negro troops who were discharged from service as the result of the Brownsville affair. Senator Culberson moves for immediate action, but December 16 is set as the time for voting on the bill.

Palestine.—Violent rain storm does thousands of dollars' worth of damage to growing crops. All wires are down and the town is flooded.

Marshall.—Over \$100,000 worth of damage is done by a torrential rain. The Texas & Pacific Railway loses several bridges, and the basements of business houses in the city are flooded.

Sabinal.—The Methodist District Conference meets. Rev. A. J. Weeks of San Antonio presides at the meeting, which is well attended.

Waco.—Five hundred delegates and visitors are present at the opening of the Texas State Firmens Convention, and the city presents a gala appearance in honor of the event.

New Braunfels.—K. L. Kruempelman is drowned in the Guadalupe River. The deceased, while in swimming, was attacked with cramps and drowned before assistance arrived. Kruempelman was forty years old and was engaged in the dairy business.

Taylor.—There is a petition before the County Commissioners' Court calling for the issuance of \$500,000 worth of bonds for the establishment of good roads throughout the county.

Corpus Christi.—The State Medical Association Convention is held. Medical men from every section of the State are present, and many valuable papers are read during the carrying out of the technical program.

DOMESTIC.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Bailey resubmits the House bill for the restoring of the motto to gold coins. The bill was given a place on the calendar, which insures its passage.

New York, N. Y.—Governor Hughes makes emphatic statement that he will not accept the nomination for the Vice Presidency.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Joseph J. Keating, political manager for Vice President Fairbanks, makes the statement that Mr. Fairbanks has a better chance for the nomination than at any time since the inception of the campaign.

Seattle, Wash.—Express Messenger Perrine, on a Great Northern train, was badly beaten up by robbers, who loot the strong box and escape with a large sum of money.

Washington, D. C.—Senate passes the Postoffice Appropriation Bill, carrying amounts aggregating \$229,027,367. The bill allows \$1 per day expenses for railway postal clerks when away from terminals, which will incur a total expense of \$1,000,000. Amendments adopted by the Senate provide for weighing the mails annually instead of every four years and add to the Gallinger provision concerning the improvement of ocean mail service to the Philippines, China, Japan, Australia and South American ports.

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Crowley, La.—James Wilson of Beaumont, Texas, sentenced to six months in jail on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Tornado sweeps through Woodward and adjacent counties. The towns of Vici, Richmond, Cooley and Mutual are almost entirely destroyed.

Shreveport, La.—Louisiana is visited by a severe storm, and the towns of Gilliam and Bolinger are destroyed. Seven people are known to be dead and many other deaths are reported.

Seattle, Wash.—Report of immense tidal wave comes from China, which caused the death of ten thousand people. The disaster occurred in the vicinity of Kankow on the Yang Tse Kang River.

Montgomery, Ala.—A Negro called Jim Kennedy locks his seven children in the house and sets fire to the building. Five of the little ones are burned before help arrived. A posse is out after Kennedy.

Baton Rouge, La.—A determined fight is to be waged against the trading in cotton futures and notice to that effect has been served in both branches of the Legislature.

Washington, D. C.—Anti-gambling legislation consisting of an amendment prohibiting race track gambling in any form, is passed. The Washington Jockey Club will continue operations on the Maryland side.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Admiral Evans is presented with the historical gavel used by Lord Horatio Nelson during the naval fight in Trafalgar Bay.

Chicago, Ill.—Vice President Fairbanks is the guest of honor at the dedication of St. Stanislaus Polish Roman Catholic School. This institution is the largest of its kind in the world, employing 100 teachers and having accommodations for 4500 pupils.

Aurora, Ind.—Night Riders from Kentucky ruin the tobacco beds of Henry Keyser and threaten him with death.

Richmond, Va.—At the National Conference of Charities and Correction Society, the employment of young children in cotton mills of the South is rigorously censured.

La Porte, Ind.—Late developments in the Guinness farm murder mystery seem to point to the fact that a well arranged system for the murder of innocent victims with money has been in existence for several years. Up to date twelve bodies have been placed in charge of the coroner, which includes the charred remains of the Guinness children and the adult female who were found in the ruins of the house which Ray Lamphere is charged with setting on fire. It is the opinion of several officials who are connected with the investigation that Mrs. Guinness killed the children, and placing the woman's body alongside of their remains, made her escape. The cold blooded manner in which the victims were mangled after death makes the history of these investigations the most repulsive that has ever occurred in the annals of criminology. A \$5000 reward has been offered for the arrest of Mrs. Guinness, which would show that the local authorities are extremely skeptical of the death of the murderess.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Raynor of Maryland makes a vigorous speech, in which he denounces the action of the President in relation to Colonel Stewart. Mr. Raynor offers a resolution directing that a court of inquiry be appointed to investigate charges which caused that officer's banishment to Fort Grant, a deserted post in Arizona.

Stockdale.—Cut worms have destroyed the cotton crop and replanting is in progress.

Luling.—Business Men's Club is organized and active preparations made to develop resources of the district. J. E. Fisher is made president and Carey Smith secretary.

Port Arthur.—Prospects are good for the establishment of a line of railway between Waco and Port Arthur. The line will be named the Port Arthur, Beaumont & Waco. John W. Gates is authority for the statement.

El Paso.—Business district of Ricardo is almost completely destroyed by fire. Grosch & Strayhorn's store and the Ricardo Hotel are wiped out. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

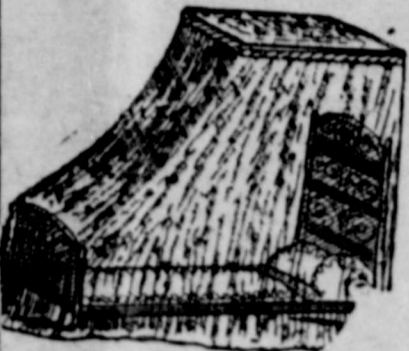
La Grange.—Dr. Beckman of Warda is acquitted of a charge of murder for killing John Schneider. It was proved by defense that Schneider was killed in self-defense.

Galveston.—A stranger passes himself off as William Jennings Bryan and is given an ovation by the citizens. The joke was not discovered until after the perpetrator had left town.

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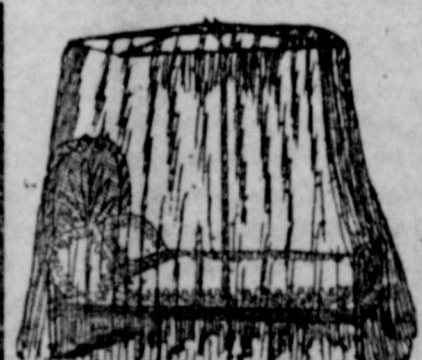
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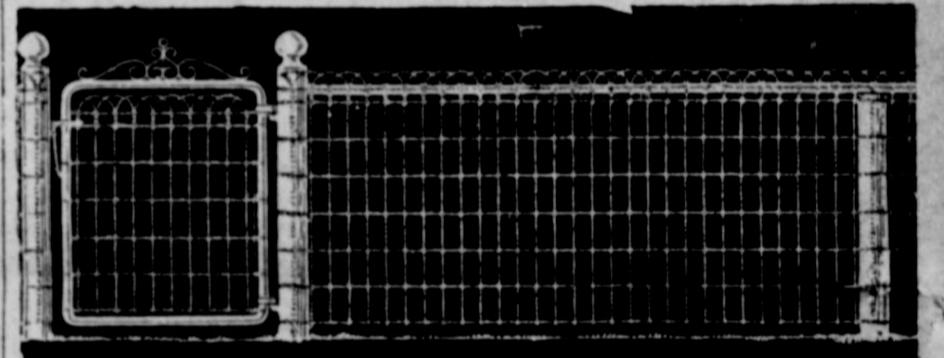
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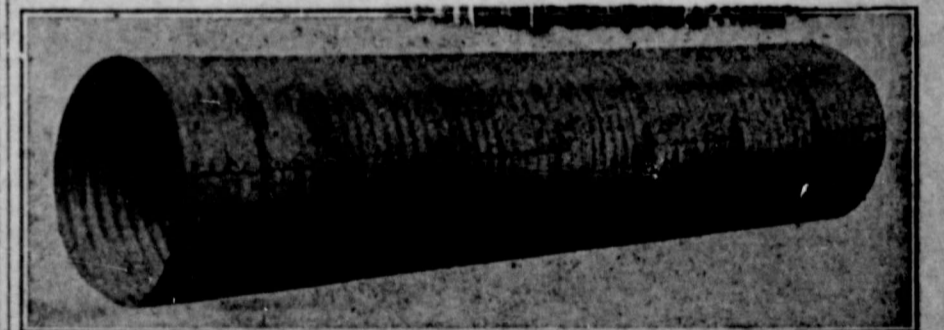
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Lift the Burdens from Cotton.

There is a whole sermon in the following extract from a recent letter from Prof. W. F. Massey to the Southern Farm Gazette:

"Western farmers raise hogs and sell them at a profit, the railroads make a profit in transporting them, the packers make a profit in slaughtering and curing the meat, the railroads bring the meat South at a profit, and the local merchant adds his profit and the cotton farmers pay for all of these profits in buying the meat. Why not make all these profits here by raising the hogs as cheaply as the Western men can, and cheaper, too, I believe, and then cure the meat at home? The price of the bacon bought from the West is largely made up of all these various profits, and it would seem that there is a broad margin for the Southern man who raises hogs. Hot house lambs are today selling at wholesale for 20 to 25 cents a pound. They can be more cheaply raised in the South than in the North, for our sunny climate will favor them in winter. But, sad to say, all over the South are thousands who are paying for everything out of which other people make money, and paying it out of the one crop. Buying meat for the cotton to pay for, hay for the cotton to pay for, while they could raise the hay at more profit than the cotton; paying for the mules that work the cotton out of the same crop, when they could keep mares and raise mules to sell, and then out of what is left trying to feed and clothe themselves and families provided the fertilizer man leaves them anything, and all the while the land grows less cotton and needs more fertilizer, and the fertilizer men get rich, while the farmer gets poorer and poorer, and can't see why it is."

Potatoes as Crop for Good Profit.

Prejudice Against Diversification.

Uncle Zekiel in Bridgeport Index: If there were not such a popular prejudice in our locality against the growing of sweet potatoes as a field crop for profit, your Uncle would urge experiments along that line, and when in the coming time some energetic man settles in our section of the State on a good piece of sandy loam, with red clay sub-soil, and prepares plants, cultivates and markets intelligently about a ten to twenty-acre patch of these and demonstrates that they are a far more profitable crop than cotton, the industry will increase fast, and it will not be long until many car loads will be shipped from the Boyd station, and fewer farmers will be in debt and more of them have nice little balances in the banks or safely invested.

Just why there should be a popular prejudice against any kind of profitable crop is hard to comprehend, but there is such prejudice against many items in the diversification list. Sweet potatoes are generally believed to be hard to keep through the winter, but in the "old states," where people live well because they grow their own food, it is no trick at all to keep potatoes from season to season. Potatoes are like grain in that they are always marketable or eatable.—Dallas News.

And the farmer who has potatoes, hog and hominy, does not need to worry much about avoiding credit and mortgages.

The Cotton Situation.

Despite the short crop and the steady demand for the staple and the general revival of trade conditions throughout the country, the cotton market remains dull and inactive. Until the latter part of the past week, when the damage by the storms which swept over the Southern States, and the frost which followed in some sections, began to

have their influences upon the market. These influences and the fact that the market was over-sold, caused a general run of shorts to cover, with the result that the price advanced \$2.00 per bale in futures and from one-fourth to three-fifths of a cent in spots. It is claimed, however, by speculators on the other side of the market that this advance will be followed by a reaction, and in this they are betting that the Southern cotton planters will plant more cotton on account of the damage to corn and other crops by the floods and frost. In other words, it appears that the cotton farmer now has the speculator on the run, and if he will take advantage of this opportunity and still further reduce his crop, instead of increasing it, he will not only receive a better price for the cotton left over from last year's crop, but will help to set the price higher on the crop which he is now planting and cultivating.

Cotton Mills in Education

The Cotton Mills, as Educational and Social Features, Have Far-reaching Influences.

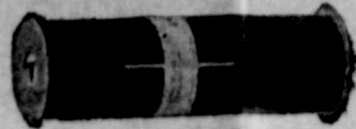
Intelligence of honest minds has long recognized the notable efficiency of cotton mills in the South during the past 25 or 30 years as agencies for education which is offered through the conventional schools, and as the mediums for the promotion of real education of the broader sort, they have been surpassed by no other educational agency in their section. This fact is strikingly emphasized in a little pamphlet by Mr. Thomas F. Parker, president of the Monaghan Mills, of Greenville, S. C.

The importance socially of the cotton mills of South Carolina is indicated by the fact brought out by Mr. Parker that of a total white population of 700,000 in the State, the mill villages contain 125,000. More than \$100,000,000 are invested in the cotton mills, and that sum is more than 70 per cent of all the manufacturing capital of the State. The mills pay more than \$500,000 annually in taxes, and representatives of the 125,000 destitute persons who during the past quarter of a century have been drawn to the mill towns are now producing goods to the value of nearly \$75,000,000 a year, while to the development of the textile industry is traceable an increase in the wages of mill operatives and farm laborers of 40 per cent in the last five years.

These material gains have been paralleled by activities for the direct betterment of the folks rescued from the cramping and dwarfing isolation of the backwood and mountain regions. Six years ago, when "philanthropy" was making a drive against the mills, it was shown that 65 per cent of the 100 odd mills in the State had spent \$90,000 for mill churches, were giving annually \$27,000 to schools in the mill towns, and had spent \$85,000 in furnishing school buildings. No let up in such expenditures has occurred, and Mr. Parker points out that within the last few years the mills have spent thousands of dollars upon club houses, hospitals, swimming pools and school and church buildings, and are now employing salaried welfare workers to round out the work of education.

Mr. Parker makes an urgent plea for an expansion of these practical educational energies. That the results are appreciated by the operatives and that the efforts have been truly educative is demonstrated by the difficulties which have confronted at every turn the machinations or the blunderings of propagandists, either salaried agitators or emotional impracticables, who have tried to busy themselves without invitation in the affairs of the mill villages, and whose success, whatever their intent, could only have disturbed the pleasant relations of employer and employes.

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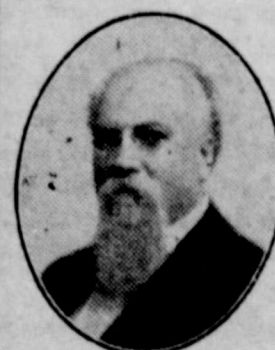
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