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"YOU HAVE ESCAPED THUS FAR, BUT THE ENR IS NOT YET," SAYS LATEST MISSIVE.

## DETECTIVES ARE BAFFLED

Trial of Minister on Perjury Charge May Be Delayed Because of Length of Time it May Take.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 5.—"You have escaped thus far, but look out; the end is not yet; there is something more coming," was the startling warning conveyed in a letter to the Rev. J. Frank Norris, Monday morning. The letter was delivered by the carrier on the postal route. At the time it was received by the Rev. Mr. Norris, Ulysses S. Pawkett of 1105 Burnet street, and a number of other members of the First Baptist Church were gathered at the temporary offices of the church in the Y. M. C. A. building at Texas and Monroe street, opposite the rear of the postoffice. The anonymous letter made a journey of but a quarter of a block before it was delivered.

This latest missive has aroused the greatest excitement. All threats mentioned in the other communications have come to pass and now the query is will a new link be added to the chain of mysterious circumstances.

The Rev. Mr. Norris barely read the letter over. It was placed at once in charge of the church committee, which has charge of the investigation of the baffling episode which detectives have been striving in vain to unravel. The minister would not discuss or reveal the contents of the letter and was loathe to discuss the case, saying that he hoped that the letter meant nothing serious. He acknowledged, however, that the missive was of a threatening nature.

The anonymous communication was read by a dozen or more members of the First Baptist Church and finally was made public by one of the readers who asked that his name be not quoted. The contents of the letter was told to the county attorney and other officials and has been perused by a detective who is working on the case. The letter was written with a heavy lead pencil on Hotel Worth stationery. It contained only two lines. The characters were roughly formed and it was apparent that diligent effort had been made to disguise the handwriting. The letter verbatim follows:

"Hotel Worth, American and European. Fort Worth, Texas, March 3, 1912.—Rev. Dr. Norris—Dear Sir: You have escaped thus far, but look out; the end is not yet. There is something more coming."

There was no name signed to the warning. It failed to end with the customary "yours truly" and no sign or emblem was apparent on the paper.

The anonymous communication was received at the postoffice Sunday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock. It is not known whether it was deposited in one of the outlying mail boxes or whether it was mailed inside of the building. It was not delivered at the temporary headquarters of the church in the Y. M. C. A. building until 9:30 o'clock Monday morning. At that time there was quite a number of members of the church and others gathered in the room in conversation with the minister. The letter was received by the preacher along with considerable other mail. It was not the first missive opened. The communication was at once handed to one of the gentlemen present, who withdrew with a number of others and read it aloud. Consternation ensued.

Although Fire Marshal Peninger has been constantly at work trying to determine the origin of the fire that destroyed the First Baptist Church and the two fires at the residence of the pastor, he has as yet announced no finding, but says events have been shaping themselves toward a substantial clue. Monday afternoon Fire Marshal Peninger, Fire Chief Bideker, Chief of Police, Renfro and Commissioner Allen and two outside detectives which may be used as evidence, but thus far they point to no one in particular.

Besides Burns detectives employed by the church, Fire Marshal Peninger and Detectives Speight and Snow, two other detectives are known to be working on the case. They have from time to time made reports to county officials, but nothing definite has been announced.

The trial of Rev. Mr. Norris on a charge of perjury which grew out of testimony before the grand jury, will not be held before the Stock Show, but it is known that it will

be held at the earliest date convenient afterward. A great number of cases have been set on the criminal docket and not a long enough open date can be had for the legal battle which is expected to ensue. This will necessarily throw the case as late as early April.

Judge Simmons made comment on the petition signed by members of the First Baptist Church, and said the proper way to secure an early trial is by a motion in open court. His talk was as follows:

"I read the petition and in reply will say that I try to give all defendants a speedy trial whether requested or not, but I would suggest that the proper way to present a motion for a speedy trial is in open court, no court should be influenced through a petition, however numerous signed, and this court can't be. In another case which was tried before me I learned that a petition was being prepared and signed by numerous persons having no connection whatever with the case, and I warned the defendant and his attorneys if they presented the petition I would hold them in contempt of court."

The trial of Rev. Mr. Norris is expected to bring forth a big array of attorneys. According to members of the church, a dozen or more attorneys, a number of whom are prominent in church work, have volunteered their services free of charge. The prosecution will be conducted by County Attorney Baskin and his assistants.

At their semi-monthly session Monday morning the general pastor's conference adopted resolutions pledging the support of all ministers to Rev. Mr. Norris. The resolution follows:

Whereas, The First Baptist Church and her pastor are under severe trial; therefore be it

Resolved, That the general ministers' conference do hereby express our sympathy with the church, the pastor and his family, and we assert our absolute confidence in the innocence of Rev. J. Frank Norris in regard to the rumors and charges against him, and we pledge him our hearty support in all practical ways.

E. J. Brock, Jr., district clerk, says that he is always in a hurry to get indictments returned to him by the grand jury to the sheriff's department. Mr. Brock says that when the indictments are returned to him that he fills out the necessary papers and turns all of the bills over to the sheriff at the same time.

"The report that I sent the indictment against Rev. J. Frank Norris down to the sheriff before I sent the other bills down to him is erroneous," says the district clerk. "When the indictments were returned I telephoned Sheriff Rea and began the writing of the capias papers. When I had finished I sent them all down to Mr. Rea in a bunch."

The Model Clothing Store opened for business this morning, and although the stock is not yet complete, owing to delayed shipments of goods the firm is ready for business in a number of lines. The store is very neatly arranged and character of goods carried are such as will insure success.

## BOYS BITTEN BY DOG STILL AT AUSTIN

Special to The Times. Thornberry, Texas, March 6.—Mrs. A. L. Thornberry, entertained the Ladies Aid last session, every member being present.

Arthur Stephenson expects to finish his new house and move in this week.

Mrs. Ida Derryberry, of Bynum, Texas, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Derryberry, arrived Saturday on a visit with home folks. She will join her husband at Durant, Okla., in a few days.

Mr. Ira Hood, nephew of Mrs. J. B. Hopkins, brought his bride in from Lancaster, Okla., Friday. They will live on Lee Byman's place. Mr. Hood is one of more than a dozen families who have returned since the drought has broken.

The Friberg Ladies Aid will be entertained this week by Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. Elbert Reed, son of A. Reed of Fort Worth, formerly of this place and Wichita Falls, quietly drove in from Fort Worth the other day and began preparations for spring work on his ranch. He only has one arm but he put in his fall crop and then went down there to work, being too industrious to loaf during the winter.

Clifford Keyhendahl and Clyde Knox, the two boys bitten by the mad-dog ten days ago are still in the Pasture Institute at Austin. The analysis of the dog's head proved that he had rabies. All the animals known to have been bitten except a mule and pony have been killed.

Mrs. S. H. Beard has been ill for a week, but her two boys are proving to be good nurses.

## MORE TROOPS TO MEXICAN BORDER

UNCLE SAM WILL BE PREPARED TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY

## 100 REFUGEES ENROUTE

Families Leaving Mexico Taking Some of Their Belongings With Them

Washington, D. C., March 6.—The United States is planning to send more troops to the Mexican border. The Mexican ambassador is to confer with the President late today.

Refugees Fleck Through Laredo. By Associated Press. Laredo, Texas, March 6.—One hundred women and children refugees passed through Laredo today from Mexico. There were few men. Families brought a few possessions with them. They say they left as a result of Taft's proclamation and the advice of heads of families. They say a larger refugee train is coming tomorrow.

Situation Less Dangerous in Chihuahua. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 6.—Advices from Mexico today say that while the rebels are in complete control of Chihuahua, the situation is less dangerous than any time since Feb. 1. Americans in the neighborhood of Saltillo are gathering there or hurrying to the United States. No credit is given the report that the Mexican minister of foreign affairs will hold Americans as hostages should the troops enter the Republic.

Swedish Republicans of Nebraska. Lincoln, Neb., March 6.—Delegates from forty counties assembled here today for the annual meeting and banquet of the Nebraska Swedish Republican League.

State Regent D. A. R. A VISITOR. Mrs. A. V. Lane, visited Joseph Grice Chapter Tuesday afternoon.

The Joseph Grice Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently organized in this city, held an open meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of the Regent, Mrs. S. H. Burnside in honor of the State Regent, Mrs. A. V. Lane, of Dallas.

The parlors and dining room of the Burnside home were beautifully decorated in the National colors and the color scheme of red, white and blue was also carried out in the refreshments of brick cream and cake.

Mrs. Lane talked most entertainingly to the chapter, giving them much valuable instruction along the lines of work with which they will be engaged in the future, quite winning the hearts of the ladies present. In behalf of the chapter Mrs. Burnside presented the distinguished guest with an arm banquet of American beauty roses.

During the afternoon a number of ladies, who are eligible to membership in the D. A. R. and who will in the future be active members of the Joseph Grice Chapter, called to meet Mrs. Lane.

The organization of a local chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, marks an important era in the social life of Wichita Falls. Standing as it does for patriotism and all high ideals the influence it exerts will undoubtedly, be far-reaching and up-lifting.

The officers and members of this, the youngest chapter in the State, are as follows:

Regent—Mrs. S. H. Burnside.  
First Vice Regent—Mrs. J. L. Jackson.  
Second Vice Regent—Mrs. Wiley Robertson.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. P. Watts.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. G. H. Harrington.

Treasurer—Miss Minnie Young.  
Historian—Mrs. Wiley Blair.

Registrar—Mrs. D. L. Whitney.  
Messengers R. L. Miller, W. M. McGreggor, R. M. Moore, Mary Carter Darnell, Guy Grove, D. P. Woodward, O. E. Maer, R. A. Thompson, Kate Hawkins Ward, H. M. Hughes and Miss Minnie Young, Katherine Darnell, Kitty Campbell comprise the other members.

The addition to the Anderson & Patterson building on Eighth street is completed and has been occupied by the Elks who are moving their pool and billiard room into the new quarters.

## CONGRESSMAN IRWIN S. PEPPER



Irwin S. Pepper, new congressman from the Second District of Iowa.

## E. G. LEWIS' ASSETS PRACTICALLY NOTHING

Mail Order Promoter, Government Alleges "Ran Shoestring Up to a Fortune."

St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—The first day of evidence-taking in the case of E. G. Lewis, who is charged with fraudulent use of the mails, was taken up with the identification of documents which will play an important part in the hearing before Judge Amidon in the United States district court here. District Attorney Houts then described the organization of the four corporations, beginning with the formation of the University Heights Development Company, a holding company. This, he said, was organized in 1904, with assets of \$500,000.

"In 1903," he continued, "Lewis organized the Lewis Publishing Company which figures most prominently in his subsequent operations. Its authorized capital was \$1,200,000. To do this, Lewis transferred to it the subscription lists and good will of the Winner Magazine, the Mail Order Publishing Company, the Woman's Farm Journal and the printing presses of the Richard Printing Company."

"The only tangible assets of these various concerns were the printing presses, and these he put in at \$90,000. He was later compelled to reduce this to \$38,000, so that the Lewis Publishing Company's only tangible assets were \$38,000."

"The Lewis Publishing Company published various periodicals at a price of 10 cents to \$1 a year, the main purpose being to secure advertising and the main advertising being Lewis' personal schemes to obtain money from persons living outside of St. Louis. It was his policy to induce persons outside of St. Louis to invest small sums of from \$50 to \$250."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Prominent Worker's to Participate in Sessions at Baptist Church

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock a district Sunday school convention will begin at the Baptist Church in this city and continue until Friday noon. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Field and Miss Mildred Dixon who will be present are well posted in Sunday school work and will discuss live questions. All our Sunday school officers, teachers and workers are urged to be in attendance.

W. J. BULLOCK, Pres.  
J. C. HUNT, Sec.

## "HOUN DAWG" SAVES DAY FOR CLARK

Drifts Into Convention About to Indorse Bryan—Delegates Sing and Champ Wine Day

Joia, Kan., March 6.—A sad-eyed, stray houn' dawg saved the day for Champ Clark at the Allen County Democratic Convention. A resolution to instruct the delegation for Clark was introduced, when F. E. Forrest made an impassioned plea to substitute the name of Bryan.

Mr. Forrest swept the convention with his eloquence and the substitute was on the verge of carrying, when he drifted the houn'. He got in the way and the crowd shoved and trampled on him, and naturally he yelled. Somebody shouted:

"You gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'."

In a minute the delegates were stampeded and the rafters were ringing to the "Houn' Dawg" song. A motion was put to instruct the seven delegates for Clark and carried with a rousing cheer to the refrain, "You gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'."

Parody on Houn' Dawg Song. Washington, D. C., March 5.—When the next issue of the American Economist comes out on March 8 it will contain the following parody on Ozark "Houn' Dawg" song:

"Statesmen, when they get to town, Start a kickin' the tariff 'round; They're runnin' it 'way' into the ground;

They gotta quit kickin' the tariff down.

"They knock, and knock and knock it 'round. Ad valorem and by the pound, Makes no diffrance, though our doctrine's sound, They gotta quit kickin' the tariff down.

"Business they are tryin' to down With lies and arguments unsound; The tariff gives us 'nuff to go 'round; They gotta quit kickin' the tariff down.

"Traitors to American ground, Treat their best friend like a houn', Will sure get theirs in the rebound; They'd better quit kickin' the tariff down."

"Houn' Dawg" Proves a Hero. St. Louis, Mo., March 6.—In spite of Gov. Hadley's protest against him, a little yellow houn' dawg that the boys had been "kicking around" did good service as a burglar alarm when a man tried to break into the home of Misses Carrie and Eudora Seeds early this morning.

them to the need of better protection. Miss Carrie Seeds was out walking Monday afternoon and saw a houn' dog that had been kicked around. She brought doggie home.

At 3 a. m., Tuesday the dog awakened Miss Carrie by tugging at the coverlet.

Miss Seeds awakened her sister. Both saw a man on the back porch. Their screams aroused the neighborhood.

One resident fired a revolver and another telephoned for the police, who found the sisters nearly distracted with fear and the houn' dog was the hero.

Pleasant Valley Notes. It rained a cold rain here all day Monday.

Sorry to say Mr. Rogers is still on the sick list.

Mr. Belote and wife, Mr. Williams and family were visitors at Mr. Hoods Sunday.

Miss Ona Rogers was the guest of Miss Nellie Warren Sunday.

The health of this community is good considering the bad weather.

Several of the people of this place enjoyed a singing at Mr. and Mrs. Davis Sunday. Those present were Misses Nellie Warren, Alma Belote, Annie Thorman, Pearl Conwill, Lou Gla and Ona Rogers, Messrs. Frank Dawson, J. Peterson, Luther Conwill, Fred Hirsch, Robert, Albert and Herbert Thorman and Lester Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. McClure.

## OFFICIALS IN A TRAIN WRECK

OFFICIALS OF WICHITA FALLS ROUTE GOT FIRST HAND WRECK EXPERIENCE

## TRAIN IS IN THE DITCH

Engine and Two Coaches Leave Track Near Loveland, Okla.—No One Injured

Enroute to Altus to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the railroad J. A. Kemp, president; Frank Kell, vice president and general manager; Wiley Blair, secretary and W. S. Hald, treasurer and acting secretary of the Wichita Falls Route got first hand wreck experience this morning, when the engine tender, baggage car and one passenger coach left the track between Loveland and Hollister at mile post 38.

The train was northbound passenger No. 4 which left here at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The wreck was caused by a soft track. The train was running at a low speed on account of the track having been softened by the recent heavy rains and on this account the damage was not as serious as it would probably have been if the train had been running at regular speed.

The southbound passenger due here at noon was run down to the wreck from Frederick and run back northbound as No. 4 while a train was made up here and run out to the wreck to bring in the passengers who had transferred from the south bound train.

A wrecking crew was sent out from this city and it was expected this afternoon that the derailed coaches would be back on the track and the damage to the track repaired by five o'clock this evening.

The officials and other passengers on the wrecked train were enabled to proceed northward at about 9 o'clock this morning, reaching Altus only a few hours later than the time scheduled.

No one was injured in the wreck and the damage was not serious.

## POLICE INSTRUCTED TO ACT CAREFULLY

Lawrence Commissioner of Public Safety Testifies at Strike Hearing

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 6.—C. F. Lynch, Commissioner of Public Safety, testifying before the hearing on the Lawrence strike today said the city authorities attempted to stop the strike but the mill owners refused to deal with them. He said he had instructed the police to get the written consent of parents of children taken from Lawrence. When asked if he ordered the police to jail the children he said he left that to the police. Captain Sullivan of the police force said his men were instructed to act carefully. He told of several street riots, of the stealing of street cars, driving off of passengers and an attack on him when he arrested a man for throwing ice.

## HUEY CHOSEN EXALTED RULER

WICHITA FALLS LODGE NO. 1105 B. P. O. E. ELECTED OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

## CANDIDATES ARE INITIATED

Installation of Officers Will Take Place at the First Meeting in April

Initiation of two candidates, the annual election of officers and a social session combined to make Tuesday night's meeting of Wichita Falls Lodge No. 1105 B. P. O. E. one very interesting and much enjoyed by the large number of members in attendance.

The initiates were Otis T. Bacon and T. E. Karnes.

In the election of officers, A. L. Huey was chosen exalted ruler to succeed Hon. A. H. Brittan and in response to calls for a speech reviewed the history and growth of the lodge and pledged his efforts to the future with an eloquence which even his brothers in the lodge did not suspect he owned.

The other officers elected were: F. A. Gaston—Esteemed Leading Knight, Lynn Boyd—Esteemed Loyal Knight,

Wade Hampton, Jr.—Esteemed Lecturing Knight, V. G. Skeen—Secretary, W. M. McGregor—Treasurer, Eugene Leopold—Tiler, A. H. Brittan—Trustee, A. H. Brittan—Representative to the Grand Lodge at Portland in July, C. B. Woods—Alternate.

The installation of the officers elected last night will take place the first meeting night in April at which time the exalted ruler will announce his appointments for the offices of esquire, chaplain, inner guard and members of standing committees.

The election of officers was followed by a social session with refreshments when talks were made by several visiting brothers.

## CIVIC LEAGUE MAY ISSUE PAPER

Club Women As Reporters, Editors, Solicitors and Distributors in Journalistic Enterprise

The Ladies of the Civic League have about decided to abandon the selling of tags to raise funds for the improvement and maintenance of the City Park and if it is probable they will issue a paper instead, and raise the required funds through the sale of advertising and copies of the paper.

This plan has been tried at Hot Springs and at other places with marked success and something like actual value given to those who patronized the paper. At Hot Springs the ladies took over a regular issue of one of the Hot Springs dailies. The ladies themselves got up all the news and did all of the work except the mechanical part of getting out the edition. The ladies organized a regular staff with an editor-in-chief, city, telegraph, sporting, dramatic, market, religious, society and editors for all the other departments of a metropolitan daily with a full corps of reporters. The advertising department was also well organized as was also the circulation end, and the issue of the paper was one of the best ever gotten out in Hot Springs. In a financial way the journalistic enterprise was successful even beyond the expectations of its promoters.

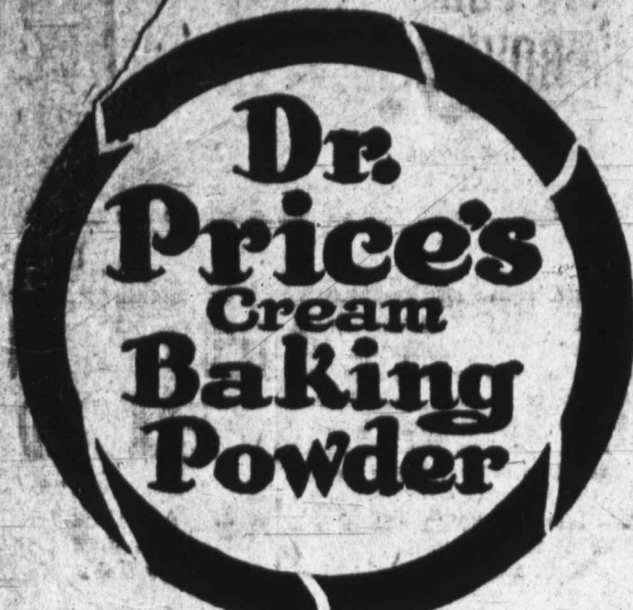
By Associated Press. Pekin, March 5.—Missionary Day of the Church of England, was killed by mutinous soldiers. Dr. Bishop Scott and Missionary F. S. Hughes, were making a tour in the vicinity of Pao Ting Fu. At Chia' Chow mutinous soldiers sacked the town, and Hughes' Day was killed and Hughes took refuge in the town hall.

## ENGLISH MISSIONARY KILLED BY CHINESE

More Troops Wanted. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 6.—American Minister Calhoun has called on Gen. Bell for more American troops for China service. The government expects to dispatch 700 men to Tien Tsin at once.

Billie Burke is booked to appear in London about the middle of June.





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For sixty years American housewives have found Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder a guarantee of light, pure and wholesome food.

Detective Burns to Ferret Fort Worth Fire Mystery

By United Press. Fort Worth, Texas, March 2.—W. J. Burns, the detective who unraveled the Los Angeles Times dynamiting catastrophe, will come to Fort Worth to solve the burning of the First Baptist Church, the burning of the residence of Dr. Frank Norris, its pastor and the attacks upon and the study of the First Baptist Church and the adjoining residence of Geo. E. White, according to the statement of Dr. Norris Saturday night at the residence of Mr. White where he is staying with his family as a result of the burning of the parsonage.

With the setting of the Burns' operations on the trial, practically all forces for detection will be at work in an effort to solve the mystery. It is understood that a Pinkerton man is already at work and a committee of two from the church board have already had one detective at work on the affair since the first shots were fired through the church window.

MILLION MARK HAS BEEN PASSED

WICHITA SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE CO. HAS REMARKABLE RECORD IN 9 MONTHS

\$100,000 IN A SINGLE DAY

Feb. 29th, Quadrennial Calendar Day, Made Record Day For The Company

The Wichita Southern Life Insurance Company yesterday passed the million dollar mark in the amount of business written since its organization.

The company has been writing insurance just nine months, and to make February 29th the greatest in the company's history Manager E. P. Greenwood designated it as Kemp day and urged his agency force to get busy. The result was that almost one hundred thousand was written on the one day alone, bringing the total up to the coveted million mark.

The company has not had a single death, loss, and this, with the great volume of business written in so short a time is considered by insurance men to be one of the most remarkable showings ever made by any insurance company. And especially is this true when one considers the conditions which have existed in West Texas during the past year.

The company is now operating in Oklahoma, and has a good corps of agents at work throughout the state and expects soon to have a nice line of business from that territory.

DURANT TO HAVE NEW TIMBER

Texas-Oklahoma League Team Has Promising Array of Recruits.

Many From College Nines. Durant, Okla., March 5.—From present indications but few familiar faces will appear in this season's lineup of Durant's team in the Texas-Oklahoma Baseball League. However, a promising array of recruits will be here before the end of the month to try out for berths on the team. Capt. Brownlow, Pitcher McKee and Outfielder Robinson of last year's team have signed with the Austin team of the Texas League, but many of Robinson's friends anticipate that he will return to Durant after the commencement of the season. Pitcher Henson, who is also a splendid pitcher and a heavy hitter, Outfielder Holstrom and

FORT WORTH PREACHER'S HOME IS BURNED

FOLLOWING INDICTMENT OF J. FRANK NORRIS FOR PERJURY FIRE IS SUBJECT OF VARIOUS CONJECTURE

FIRE INCENDIARY

Preacher and Family Escaped by Roof When Flames Swept Stairway

Special to The Times. Fort Worth, Texas, March 2.—No clew to the identity of the person or persons who started the fire that occurred shortly after 3 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence of Dr. J. Frank Norris had been discovered up to a late hour Saturday.

The fire follows on the heels of another sensational occurrence in the First Baptist Church events, the indictment of Dr. Norris by the Sixty-seventh district grand jury late Friday on a charge of perjury in denying knowledge of the authorship of threatening letters sent to himself and to G. H. Connell of the church board, threatening such attacks as have occurred on Dr. Norris, the burning of Dr. Norris' house. The indictment and arrest of Dr. Norris was published in an extra edition Friday night.

The fire, which started under the stairway leading to the upper floor of the house where Dr. Norris and his family sleep, is of incendiary origin, according to the belief of Assistant Fire Chief Ferguson. "Under ordinary conditions I don't see how the fire could have started there, but in view of the past occurrences I believe it to have been incendiary."

Fire Marshal Peninger and State Fire Marshal English have started the search for the incendiary.

Dr. Norris broke down momentarily while telling of the family's escape by the porch roof in their night clothing but has since composed himself, and was down town Saturday noon and will preach Sunday night.

Saturday he made no statement as to the perjury charge further than that at the time of his arrest. Then he said:

"It is a far-reaching conspiracy. It will give me an opportunity like Paul had before Agrippa. I have been raised in Texas a few miles below Fort Worth, and for these thirty-four years I have tried to do my duty without fear or favor and therefore have no grounds for any disturbance of mind that could be caused by a bunch of conspirators. "Since the grand jury was bent on returning an indictment, I told them to go ahead and do it."

He said he had no suspicion as to the person who could have started the fire.

A meeting of members of the board of deacons of the church was held Saturday morning in the offices of O. W. Gillespie. At this time the indictment and the fire were discussed and it was announced at the close of the conference that the board will issue a signed statement tonight. Its contents until then are to be kept secret by each member.

Dr. Norris had heard rumors of his indictment before Deputy Sheriff Fitch and Alderman arrived with the warrant. "I am expecting it," he said. The warrant was served in the children's room.

He telephoned to several of his deacons and J. T. Pemberton, who arrived first in his automobile, told the pastor to the courthouse, where the bond was arranged.

The Sixty-seventh district grand jury, which returned its indictment against Dr. Norris adjourned Saturday afternoon, its time having expired, without a thorough investigation of the fire early Saturday morning.

Sheriff's Deputies Estes and Hightens, who visited the ruins of the pastor's home early Saturday, agreed with Chief Ferguson that beyond question the fire originated on the inside of the house under the stairway.

The fire was discovered at 2:15 a. m. Saturday morning. It partially destroyed the residence, the contents being so water soaked that the loss upon them is total.

The fire following upon the heels of the perjury indictment against Dr. Norris, the two attacks reported against his life, the two attempts to burn the First Baptist Church and a former attempt to burn the Norris home, presents mysterious features. So far, the fire is the others, is classified as of "unknown cause," although Marshal Peninger frankly says it is unreasonable to suppose that there should be such a succession of fires and attacks of unaccounted origin.

The investigation made early Saturday morning convinces the authorities that the fire started from the interior. If it was the work of a firebug, as Dr. Norris and the family believe it was the work of a daring one. He must have entered the house without awakening A. Vinson, a watchman sleeping on the first floor. The fireman awoke from the burning and from the condition of the house after the fire was put out, that the fire started under the stairway leading to the second floor. Both Captain Blahod and Fire Marshal Peninger at once picked that as the spot where the fire started.

It was not set afire from the outside. The condition also shows this plainly. The floor is not burned, while the most completely burned part of the house, the stairway, is directly above it. To set fire to this part of the house from the outside, it would have been necessary only to kick out a lattice screen in the foundation and

History of Case at a Glance. Jan. 10.—Mayor Davis locates at city hall on "Llars" following publication of article in weekly paper and calls upon the First Baptist Church to force Dr. J. Frank Norris to answer whether he was author of the article. Jan. 11.—Fire discovered in First Baptist Church but was extinguished before structure was destroyed. Loss \$8,000. Jan. 14.—Two shots fired at Rev. J. Frank Norris while he was seated in his study at church about 10:30 o'clock p. m. Feb. 4.—First Baptist Church destroyed by fire at 2:30 a. m. Feb. 4.—Fire discovered in residence of Rev. J. Frank Norris at same hour church was destroyed, but blaze extinguished by pastor before serious damage was done. Feb. 5.—Reward of \$1,000 by city and reward of \$5,000 by Chamber of Commerce offered for arrest and conviction of party or parties guilty of firing church. Feb. 5.—Rev. J. Frank Norris makes public threatening letters which he and G. H. Connell, member of his church board had received. Feb. 27.—Rev. J. Frank Norris and George E. White, member of board of deacons of First Baptist Church, attacked while on way to White's residence on West Second street about 10 p. m. Assault escapes. March 1.—Rev. J. Frank Norris indicted on charge of perjury. March 2.—Norris' home burned.

apply the fire under the floor. Fire men, however, agree that this would have been more dangerous to a firebug, as it is in such an exposed position that it could place the firebug where he could be seen by anyone watching the house.

Against the accidental fire theory there is the unlikelihood of spontaneous combustion in a closet in such cool weather, and the fact that the house has been unoccupied by the family since the former attempt, until Friday night.

If it were an attempt upon the life of Dr. Norris and his family, it was exceedingly well planned and timely. The family had just returned after the absence of the former fire. The location of the starting point was in the stairway where it would cut off escape and it was also right by the gas meter, where there would be a possibility of an explosion to add to the destruction.

Mrs. Norris, naturally uneasy, was the first to discover the fire. She awakened Dr. Norris. He rushed to the stairway, and seeing escape cut off opened a window opening onto the front porch. With remarkable presence of mind, despite the excitement, he rushed to the dresser, grasped the pistol he has been carrying recently and discharged it in the air to attract help. By this time Mrs. Norris had fainted. Dr. Norris got her to the roof, wrapping a comfort about her, then rushed up five or six flights of stairs, who has been sick, put a quilt about him and got him to the roof and then went back, taking the baby from his crib. A quilt was put about the baby. For himself, Dr. Norris grabbed the first thing handy—a sheet—and attired only thus and in their nightgowns, barefoot and abreast, the family were on the roof by the time people got to their assistance.

"It seemed like hours before help came," said Dr. Norris, telling of the occurrence, "though I understand the firemen were prompt in response. I got a feather bed and threw it to the ground for us to jump on if we had to, and then help came."

As Dr. Norris carried the sick boy down the ladder he fell when near the bottom. "Either in this fall, or in coming the window open to escape from the smoke, he sprained his hand and the forefinger of the right hand. In the excitement he does not remember when the hurt occurred."

By the time the family started down the ladder to the ground, A. Vinson, watchman who was sleeping in the house was at the foot of the ladder and helped Dr. Norris up as he fell. W. G. Turner had rushed across Fifth street from his home with a ladder, and also assisted the family in getting down. They went to Mr. Turner's house and remained there the rest of the night.

"I am an extremely light sleeper," said Watchman Vinson, "but the first thing I heard was several shots. In view of the recent occurrences, my first thought was of an attack. I raised up and looked out of the window, but could see nothing, as it is on the east side and the fire was on the west side. I rushed out and started around toward the front by the walk leading from the back porch, but I had no gun and thought it best to go back. As I re-entered the house I smelled the smoke. I at once shut the door to prevent air getting to the fire and opened the door from the dining room and called to Dr. Norris and his family upstairs. I suppose I called several times. The smoke was so thick I had to draw my head back through the doorway to get my breath. I did this and started calling again. By this time assistance had come and Dr. Norris had called to someone to go rouse Vinson, whom

he thought to be still asleep in the lower part of the house."

The theory of Dr. Norris is that the firebug gained entrance to the house from the rear porch. The screen door to the porch was not fastened Mr. Vinson saying he believes he left it open. Two doors enter the house from that side—one through the kitchen. Neither had locks other than the ordinary lock put in a door. "They could easily be opened with a skeleton key," said Vinson. "I used a key such as I carried when in the real estate business to open doors for which the keys were missing." Vinson had the key to one door and gave Mrs. Norris the other. He is positive this door was locked. Both were open when the firemen arrived, Vinson having opened his to go out and the other having evidently been opened with a skeleton key, if as Mrs. Norris recollects, it was locked.

Vinson after attempting to call to the family and arouse them, rushed around front. When he got there Dr. Norris was carrying the boy down the ladder, Mrs. Norris and the baby still being on the standing porch roof.

The house Saturday morning showed many evidences of hasty flight. Upon one bed in the front room was thrown Dr. Norris' coat. From its inside pocket there protruded the indictment returned against him the evening before. His shoes were on the floor under the other bed where he had evidently slept and on the floor charred but still recognizable was a little baby's wagon. A tin horn, another relic of Christmas, was on the mantel. Other clothing was lying about just as it had been discarded upon retiring.

When seen at the home of G. E. White on West Second street Saturday morning, Dr. Norris wore a varied assortment of clothing. Collarless, he had a tuxedo coat, borrowed at the Turner home, over a shirt minus cuff buttons and evidently made for a stouter man than Dr. Norris. Gray striped trousers were worn below the tuxedo and a pair of shoes too tight to be fastened.

"I'll have to get some clothes to preach in," said Dr. Norris ruefully as he looked down at his attire. "I want you to be sure to say for me that I will preach at Byers opera house Sunday night and that it will be an interesting service." The topic he declined to announce. Dr. Norris will not preach Sunday morning, Dr. Lee Scarborough preaching at that service.

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REV. HAMLIN RESIGNS HIS PASTORATE HERE; GOES TO TENNESSEE



Rev. R. R. Hamlin, pastor of the First Christian Church in this city for the past three years, Sunday morning tendered his resignation to take effect within sixty days. He is resigning to accept a call from the First Christian Church at Johnson City, Tenn., where he will have a larger field of work at an increased salary. A meeting of the church board will be held next Sunday at which his resignation will be accepted, as Rev. Hamlin has made it plain that he considers it his duty not only as a pastor but to himself as well to go to the larger field.

Although the members of his congregation here have felt for some time that they could not hope to keep Rev. Hamlin here indefinitely, they could not prepare themselves for his resignation and deep regret was occasioned by the announcement.

Rev. Hamlin has been a minister for twenty-five years, most of that time in Texas. For four years he was an evangelist for his church at large in the United States. He assumed the pastorate of the local church July 19, 1909 and since that time 385 new members have been added to the church rolls and the attendance in the Sunday school has been more than doubled. In that time the church has acquired property valued at more than six thousand dollars and is stronger in every department.

The church to which he goes in Johnson City has more than 700 members and its Sunday school has an attendance of more than 500.

Rev. Hamlin is esteemed not only by his own congregation but by all good citizens of Wichita Falls. His Sunday night services downtown and his popular addresses have brought him in touch with many who rarely were seen in the churches. His influence has extended beyond the city and his sermons and lectures have been an inspiration to the people of many of the towns in this section of the State.

AMERICANS ADVISED TO LEAVE MEXICO

UNCLE SAM ISSUES WARNING TO HIS SUBJECTS IN REVOLUTION RIDDEN MEXICO.

URGE NEUTRALITY

Believed by Many that American Government is Getting Ready to Intervene in Mexico.

By United Press. Washington, D. C., March 2.—Admitting that Mexico's crisis had approached Uncle Sam tonight took two unprecedented steps, advised that Americans in the revolution ridden zone withdraw at once, and warned Americans within the jurisdiction of the United States strictly to observe the neutrality laws.

Plainly speaking these two acts constitute official recognition that the revolution in Mexico are beyond Madero's control and re-affirm America's attitude that intervention must be averted at all hazards. Americans are urged to leave sections of Mexico where they are now in danger of a varied assortment of clothing. Collarless, he had a tuxedo coat, borrowed at the Turner home, over a shirt minus cuff buttons and evidently made for a stouter man than Dr. Norris. Gray striped trousers were worn below the tuxedo and a pair of shoes too tight to be fastened.

The advice to Americans in Mexico to flee from danger zones are contained in a telegram sent to Ambassador Wilson in Mexico City by Acting Secretary of State Wilson. That the advice of the administration here serves as a warning was indicated in the significant reference in this dispatch that American consuls be instructed to take charge of the abandoned effects.

The proclamation was issued after a special cabinet meeting, called by President Taft just before his departure for New York.

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News Excites Americans in Mexico. Mexico City, March 2.—The foreign settlements here are virtually armed camps tonight as the result of the receipt of Washington dispatches announcing that President Taft had ordered Ambassador Wilson here to advise all Americans to leave Mexico as quickly as possible. The wildest excitement prevails throughout the city and the newspapers are issuing hourly extras.

It is the consensus of opinion among the foreigners here that President Taft's orders mean intervention within the next 4 or 5 days, which is the time necessary for refugees to reach the border.

Founding it while the Spanish residents have fortified their club houses and have issued instructions to all Spaniards to gather there and defend their lives in case of a general uprising of Mexicans here against the foreigners.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SNAKE HUNT. An Entertainment for the Celebration of the Seventeenth of March.

My three daughters gave an entertainment last March that was much enjoyed by their guests, fifteen girls whose ages ranged from 13 to 15. Aside from the refreshments, all of the work was done by the three prospective hostesses.

For their invitations they secured some souvenir cards on which were vivid green pipes, hats and other objects peculiar to the traditions of the day. On these cards were the verses:

St. Patrick lived many long years ago, His service for Ireland you very well know. The snakes were all banished, but alas! we folk find That we have no St. Patrick for work of that kind.

Our house is just filled, there's a hundred and more; They hang from the walls, and they lie on the floor, So on March 17th we beg and entreat, That you come and catch snakes at 30 North street.

Come to luncheon at 1, and later we will work; A prize to the one who shall faint not nor shirk.

The luncheon was chicken served on toast from chafing dishes, by the two larger girls, at each end of the table. Saratoga potatoes, olives, ice cream, nuts and homemade cake completed the menu. The table centerpiece was a handsome silver tray on the center of which stood a pot of shamrock in a green jardiniere. Surrounding this was a bed of cut snail-ax, on which rested Irish potatoes of uniform size, one for each guest. These had been hollowed out and wrapped in oiled paper, and in each was the favor, a shamrock pin of green enamel.

Green ribbon, an inch wide, long enough to reach to the palate of the guest, went from each potato, where it was fastened by being put over the end of a white clay pipstern, from which a shamrock leaf protruded. As place cards, green pasteboard frogs were used, instead of any of the too realistic snakes that are on sale.

For many days before the day of the entertainment the three girls had made snakes by knitting 5-inch strips of bright green Germantown yarn tubing through a spool, as neatly all children have at some time enjoyed doing. Two small crystal beads were sewed on one end of each "snake" for eyes.

Then these hundred and ten snakes were hidden all over the house and after luncheon the party were told that they might look for the snakes in any place that was not locked. The guests were also told the number that were there, and it was a long time before they were all found. A copy of Kipling's Jungle Stories was given the one who collected the greatest number.—Kansas City Star.

TEDDY ENDORSED BY TEXAS G. O. P.

STATE COMMITTEE ADOPTS THE ROOSEVELT RESOLUTION BY A VOTE OF 27 TO 1.

OKLAHOMA IS CLAIMED

Chairman Perry of Roosevelt Committee Says Former President Has 330 Delegates.

Fort Worth, March 5.—The State Republican committee today endorsed Roosevelt by a vote of 27 to 1. Fort Worth was chosen as the place for the State convention.

Perry Claims 330 Delegates for Roosevelt. Oklahoma City, March 5.—Chairman Perry of the Roosevelt committee today is claiming 330 delegates for Roosevelt. He concedes Taft 78.

With seven aspirants for the Republican gubernatorial nomination on the stump, Illinois, is one of the liveliest places on the political map just

Advertisement for None Such Mince Meat featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, with text: 'You can still make two big, satisfying pies from one 10c package of None Such Mince Meat. At all grocers. MERRELL-SOULE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT. LIKE MOTHER USED TO MAKE.'



# Are You a Woman?

## TAKE GARDUI

### The Woman's Tonic

#### Why One Marriage in Every Nine Ends in Divorce

BY SIMEON E. PATTEN.  
Professor of Political Economy at the University of Pennsylvania.

Underlying all divorces, all unhappy marriages and all resulting evils will be found the fundamental economic problem based upon the almost universal dependence of women. When society shall make women financially independent of their husbands, and of other men, the divorce problem will have been solved, the home will become a place of perpetual peace and the family will reach its highest estate.

and in fact a contract perfectly right and entirely proper, but the two parties to this or any other contract should make the best bargain possible always being fair in the marriage contract the woman offers much, gives much and has every right under the law to demand much and to get all she can.

It is entirely wrong for a man to give all and get nothing, just as it is entirely wrong for a woman to cease to be an economic factor in the scheme of life as soon as she becomes a wife. A woman who is a pauper whether she be made wife or widow, and a woman who lives on the earnings of a man is scarcely much stronger or better in the final analysis than a man who lives on the earnings of a woman.

Women are successful as doctors, lawyers, architects, as merchants, as nurses, and engineers; some of them engage in general contracting; Philadelphia has at least one woman plumber; a Western city has a woman police officer, a Philadelphia theatre has a woman for its special officer, and thus we find in every vocation of man a woman making good.

True happiness will only come when both the man and the woman earn each in proportion to their ability, and the wise man and the wise woman will have a clear understanding as to the earning capacity of each other before entering upon the serious affairs of married life. There can be no love, and there is no love where there is no respect, and there can be no respect where dependence falls upon one or upon the other of a marriage contract.

Just so with women. Once a woman shall become self-respecting. When she shall become thoroughly self-respecting and wholly independent, then she also shall become a fit companion for her logical mate and meet him on a common ground of morality where love and affection, mutual help, mutual interest and every other essential to right living and right thinking come in logical order and in mutual sequence.

The whole scheme of domestic relationship narrows itself down to the fair, frank and equitable meeting of the financial obligations incurred, the sharing of the expenses and the facing of the economic issues as they develop during the term of the contract.

When a woman is wholly dependent on the husband her spirit rebels, is then subdued and finally she becomes the cringing, distasteful and useless factor in the scheme of human development. Her offspring suffers because of this mental attitude, the resulting physical deterioration. It follows, then, when a woman shall have lost her spirit and her pride and her charm, she likewise loses the interest, and sometimes the support of her husband and becomes a public charge.

The question of marriage is simply a question of income. We are all creatures of emotions, passions and desires. The theme of love is a natural element in the human soul; it is not a foreign germ that has to be injected into the body and cultivated. It is already in the soul and only awaits to be aroused.

Taking the mutual attraction for granted—a man normal in every respect, and a woman conscious of her personal attractiveness, secure in her financial independence, each seeking nothing more than an opportunity to live a normal life under decent conditions, sharing each others burdens equally and fairly, each meeting a proper share of all obligations, financial and moral—the constant source of turmoil and strife within the home which may be summarized in the single word "money," is wholly eliminated.

There is no reason why we should not combine love on the one hand with the income power on the other, providing society keeps the normal man within limits.

The woman has her own income the man has his own income, and are like partners, dealing fairly one with the other, the expenses are shared, as they should be shared, by those who incur them, and all of their time is devoted to the carrying out of their several economic ventures, yielding to each the increments necessary to the happiness of both.

For instance, if a girl is earning, say \$10 a week, and is in contact with normal men who are earning \$20 a week, why then will she pick out the kind of man she likes, be the kind of woman he likes, and they will have reasons for coming together and living together. They both are equally capable of earning sufficient for their individual needs and therefore are not dependent on each other. This is what seems to be perfectly normal.

Such a situation breeds confidence, commands respect, builds up the woman, strengthens the man, and makes for all that is best in the strengthening of society.

But then again, it is indeed hard to blame a girl who is earning only \$3 a week—who is possessed of good looks, good figure and is generally pleasing to the eye—for selling herself for \$100,000. She is not capable of earning enough to support herself and therefore has to be supported. The normal girl and the normal man who are both capable of earning their own living do not think of these things.

What we want to do with the marriage and divorce question is to keep people in a normal condition and those who are not in this condition must be brought back.

We have spoken of the girl who is lacking in ability, or in opportunity to earn enough to support herself. Now we speak of the girl who is kept at home with certain duties to perform, but no income-making power.

#### This sort of woman is absolutely dependent on a man who has the income-earning power to satisfy her wants.

We educate a woman to spend \$1,500 a year, whereas she has an income-earning power of only \$300. When she faces life she therefore has to choose between the man whom she may love but who cannot earn the \$1,500 and the man she cares little about but who can provide the necessary means for such luxuries. Just as long as we have women who are not taught to have an earning capacity we are going to have many many cases of this kind.

The man's side of this problem is quite different. The young man of today has the notion that he should support a wife and consequently he emphasizes this fact in himself, often to the extent of deceiving himself. He does not look to any income-earning power in his life; he looks to her face, her figure, her style, and gets the idea, which has a great deal of good in it and much bad, that women are to be supported. The girl who marries, unless she has the earning power, does not know the value of his income or how to use it, and in most cases she becomes dissatisfied with the resulting chaos.

Married life should be a brighter life, a life in which devotion can be expressed and fulfilled; but on the other hand, nobody should be forced into it because they lack income. To get an equilibrium we must cut down the education of women to spend rather than to earn, or we must raise their earning power to a higher point. As long as men do not want women to earn a living there will be trouble. The only thing a woman has to sell is herself and if she cannot earn enough to support herself then in most cases she sells herself.

It is a false doctrine to tell a person to get married and learn to love afterward. Love cannot express itself without income. Just as soon as you get a person on any other basis than this, they become subordinate and their whole lives.

Love is the socializing of income. Sexual impulse is an inherited sentiment and should not be called by the title of love, nor should it be made the basis of marriage. As soon as you combine sexual impulse with income-earning capacity then you have trouble.

The way to prevent divorce is not to set up a new ideal of marriage. Sexual impulse will never make for happy marriage. The combining of the income-earning capacity will, however, make the group permanent instead of the individual, and will put the family on a sound basis.

Real Estate Transfers  
G. W. Ragland and wife to J. K. Parr, lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 2, Burk Burnett, \$1000.  
R. B. Magee to J. G. Cornwell et al, 200 acres, subdivision "D" Tarrant county school lands, \$8000.  
Jas. Magee to J. G. Cornwell 147 acres subdivision "C" Tarrant county school land \$5,384.

Brandon Smith et al to J. D. Clifton, lot 3, block 75, Electric, \$875.  
Floyd Development Co. to Floyd Oil Co., part 160 acres subdivision No. 311, Waggoner colony \$50,000 in stock in Floyd Oil Co.  
K. K. Leggett and Co., to the Hope Oil Co., lots in Woodruff Heights, \$1600.

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C. J. Lockhart to W. B. Throckmorton, lot 13, block 63, Electric, \$850.  
J. P. Day to Jas. D. Graham undivided interest 160 acres sub. No. 311, Waggoner Colony, \$7000.  
J. F. Dibrall to Mrs. Hannis B. Sammons, lot 4, block 207, Wichita Falls, \$3250.

Fifty thousand dollars will be expended for drainage of 600 miles of dirt road in McLennan county.

Through the efforts of the Commercial Club an irrigation demonstration and farmers convention will be held at Hurley, March 22nd and 23rd.

#### 75 REFUGEES REACH LAREDO

#### AMERICAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVING MEXICO IN NUMBERS.

#### OROZCO HAS RESIGNED

#### Definite Confirmation of His Disaffection Reported at Washington.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Definite confirmation of the disaffection of General Pascual Orozco from the Madero government reached the State Department today from the American consul at Chihuahua. It is said Orozco's resignation from the Federal army was announced on Feb. 25, and became effective March 1.

#### American Refugees Reach Laredo

Laredo, Texas, March 4.—Seventy-five American refugees mostly women and children passed through here this morning enroute north. An unconfirmed report says twenty American families will leave Monterey today for here.

#### Attack Expected at Matamoros.

Brownsville, Texas, March 4.—Apprehensive of rebel attack two companies of Mexican government troops which arrived Saturday night are guarding the old trenches of Matamoros. Americans from the interior of Mexico report considerable agitation.

#### To Investigate Report of Clash

El Paso, Texas, March 4.—Col. Steever today sent Lieut. Hill with a squad of infantry to Columbia, N. M., to investigate a report that American cowboys and Mexican rebels had clashed Saturday at Rancho La Palomas, 30 miles from Columbus on the Mexican side. According to the report the horses of Americans were killed and several Mexicans killed or wounded.

#### Party of Mexicans at Marfa

Marfa, Texas, March 4.—This morning twelve Mexicans arrived from San Antonio left here in autos for Ojinaga, Mexico. General Guzman who is against Madero left Saturday. It is reported that Americans were sending their families out of Mexico.

#### Mexicans in Texas Send Money to Rebels

Austin, Texas, March 4.—It is authoritatively stated that financial assistance is being sent to Mexican revolutionists from more than one junta in Texas. There has been a marked thinning out of Mexicans in Central Texas in the past six weeks. It is believed many of these have joined the rebels.

#### Thornberry-Friberg

Grandpa Andree, Albert Andree and Mrs. Ed Friberg have been on the sick list this week.  
Albert Andree lost a fine colt Thursday night.

Master Milo Thornberry spent Tuesday night with his Grandpa, Mrs. Carey, in Wichita Falls.

Wichita county would certainly go suffragette now. Mr. Morris Conner of Bachelor's Hall brought off the first brood of chickens in the neighborhood and on Friday too.

Miss Sallie Bowlin, principal of the Thornberry school has been on the sick list the past week. Miss Lynch substituted for her and Miss Deryberry taught for Miss Lynch.

E. E. Hynant and wife made one of those flying visits to Petrolia Tuesday to see Mrs. Bymann's mother, Mrs. Johnston.

Casper Geyer is milking early these mornings. He is compelled to do it to beat the pigs. They have learned how to suck the cow and do it frequently.

Two more of our young people have ventured upon the sea of matrimony. Mr. C. A. Osborn and Miss Annie Stephenson were the happy couple. The ceremony occurred at the parsonage and was performed by their pastor who used the beautiful service of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stephenson. The groom is the steady son of C. L. Osborn. They went at once to their own home on the Mark Bentley place which they had prepared in advance.

#### HURSH VERDICT IS SET ASIDE

#### DEFENDANT'S INSANITY AT TIME OF TRIAL PRECLUDED TRIAL FOR OFFENSE CHARGED

#### TO BE TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Further Proceedings Suspended Until Defendant Regains His Sanity.

#### ground upon which the verdict was set aside was that Hursh was insane at the time of the trial and therefore could not understand the laws of the state he tried for the offense charged.

Hursh shot and killed his wife on the street here last fall after which he shot himself. The wound was not fatal but he was made blind. He was indicted for murder in the first degree. At his trial he plead insanity. Allentists were placed on the stand to testify concerning his sanity. While their testimony did not agree as to his sanity at the time he killed his wife all of them were agreed that he was insane at the time of his trial. The jury found him guilty, and assessed his punishment at twenty-five years imprisonment in the state prison. His attorney asked that the verdict be set aside, and a new trial be granted. Judge Martin in ruling on this motion today said:

"The defendant files a motion for a new trial in this case alleging among other grounds that the verdict of the jury finding the defendant to be insane at the time of his trial renders the judgment of conviction void. "Art. 39 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas provides in plain terms that 'No person who becomes insane after he has committed an offense shall be tried for the same while in such condition.' This question, under appropriate instructions of the court was submitted to the jury along with the general issue and they found and so stated in their verdict that the defendant is insane at this time.

#### WILSON MEN MEET AT WACO

#### DECLARE FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND WILL PETITION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### MEETING BUSINESSLIKE

#### Committee Appointed to Prepare Petition—Texas Delegation Proposed Wilson.

Waco, Texas, March 2.—The Texas Woodrow Wilson meeting here today was remarkable for its earnestness, enthusiasm and disposition to get down to systematic work for the New Jersey man. The matter of the petitions to the State Democratic Executive Committee will receive attention next week if possible, and Judge Cato Sells is anxious to see no time lost. The following committee was appointed this afternoon to get the matter of the Presidential primary before the Democratic executive committee in the form of a memorial or petition as provided for by resolution at the morning session: T. W. Gregory, Travis county; Thos. J. Ball, Harris county; Thos. M. Campbell, Anderson county; R. V. Davidson, Dallas county; H. Baldwin Rice, Harris county; G. K. Bell, Tarrant county; B. F. Looney, Hunt county; A. W. Terrell, Travis county; Don A. Bliss, Bexar county; F. N. Graves, Tarrant county; S. P. Brooks, McLennan county; M. E. Poeter, Harris county; Robert McCart, Tarrant county; E. W. Kirkpatrick, Collins county; R. M. Wynne, Tarrant county; George Robinson, McLennan county; W. F. Kelly, Galveston county; T. W. Davidson, Harrison county; S. P. Blount, Nacogdoches county; J. L. Goggins, El Paso county; M. M. Crane, Dallas county; Gus F. Taylor, Smith county; R. S. Phillips, Johnson county; M. L. Buckner, Dallas county; George W. Armstrong, Tarrant county; G. A. Bodenheimer, Gregg county; Brown F. Lee, Tom Green county; W. J. Bryant, Taylor county; J. W. Vesie, Potter county; W. A. Tarter, Navarro county; Stewart R. Smith, Jefferson county; T. B. Love, Dallas county; and Cato Sells, Johnson county.

A telegram was this afternoon sent to Gov. Wilson pledging him a solid Texas delegation according to a decision this morning.

Tonight the following telegram was sent Governor Wilson: "Hon. Woodrow Wilson, Davenport, Ia. By unanimous resolution of conference of Wilson democrats, representing all parts of Texas, we are directed to send greetings and assure you in behalf that nothing can prevent a solid Texas to the Baltimore convention—T. B. Love, President; Cato Sells, Chairman State Executive Woodrow Wilson Committee.

#### TEACHER PRAISED FOR GOOD JUDGEMENT IN RECENT BLIZZARD

#### SNEED JURY IS DISCHARGED

#### STOOD SEVEN FOR ACQUITTAL AND FIVE FOR CONVICTION.

#### HAD BEEN OUT 112 HOURS

#### In Discharging Jury Judge Made No Statement—Sneed Was Disappointed.

#### TO BE TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Fort Worth, Feb. 29.—The Sneed jury was discharged at ten-thirty o'clock this morning. It stood seven for acquittal and five for conviction. The jury was out 112 hours. Judge Swayne made no comment in discharging the jury beyond the formal announcement of disagreement. Sneed was disappointed as he had expected an acquittal.

#### \$40,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS

#### WATER AND LIGHT COMPANY EXPENDING BIG SUM IN NEW MACHINERY

#### 2 MILLION GALLON PUMPS

#### A 750-Horse Power Steam Turbine, 400 Kilowatt Motor and Another Settling Basin

A substantial evidence that great things are in store for Wichita Falls, the Wichita Falls Water and Light Company have placed orders for additional machinery that will again double the capacity of their plant. It will be remembered that the capacity of the plant was more than doubled last year by the installation of new and more modern water and light machinery to take the place of the old machinery and now it is found necessary to again add more machinery to meet the demands of the city.

The new machinery, which has been ordered and will be installed within the next 90 days will consist of one Alberger steam driven Turbine pump with a capacity of two million gallons daily. This pump is to operate against a domestic pressure of 75 pounds to the square inch and a fire pressure of 120 pounds to the square inch with a steam pressure of 150 pounds to the square inch.

Also one 750 horse power Parson's steam Turbine. This machine is of the latest type on the market and is self-excited.

One Le Blanche condenser of the latest pattern.

One 400 kilowatt motor generator set. This machine is also of the very latest pattern and can be used for either alternating or direct current in connection with the turbine, which gives a double use of the machine, either for lighting purposes or for operation of the street railway.

This new machinery will be installed at an additional cost to the water and light company of \$40,000, but the company found that it would be needed, and therefore gave an order to put it in.

Another settling basin, or the basin upon which excavating work was started and abandoned sometime ago, is to be completed, which will make four in all. The one under construction is to be the largest of the four.

With these added improvements Wichita Falls will have as good if not a better equipped water and light plant as there is in any city in the state not excepting any of the larger cities such as Dallas or Fort Worth.

Since the property came into the possession of the present owners, Messrs. Keith and Kell, it has been completely overhauled two or three times at a great cost, and while it has not at any time paid interest on the investment, the owners of course, entertain the hope that it will soon begin to pay expenses and perhaps earn a dividend on the investment.

#### TEACHER PRAISED FOR GOOD JUDGEMENT IN RECENT BLIZZARD

Miss Ruby Craig, teacher in the County Line School 8 miles north west of Electra, is receiving high praise for the good judgment she exercised at the time of the recent snow storm in keeping her pupils at the school house all night.

The blizzard was raging furious when the time for dismissal came and Miss Craig ordered that all the pupils stay at the school house until the storm abated. Later when the storm showed no signs of abatement she reached the nearest telephone and telephoned to the parents a most of the pupils that she would keep them at the school house all night. One family could not be reached by phone and the father started out in search of his children who he supposed had started for home and he himself was lost and wandered in the storm for some time until he reached a house where the word had been telephoned.

Had the teacher permitted her pupils to start for home it is believed some of them would have perished in the storm, as they lived several miles from the school house and the blizzard was so severe that even grown persons could not have made their way.

While you may have read and like George Barr McCutcheon's romantic story of love and adventure, "Graustark," it is impossible to see the thrill of the full significance of the action of adventure, the deep heart interest and the setting of actuality that characterizes the stage version by actors with rich red blood in their veins. It remained for Messrs. Baker & Castle, the producers to provide the opportunity and they will bring "Graustark" here in the near future.

Benidji, Minn., has elected a socialist mayor.

#### ROOSEVELT MEN IN THE LEAD

#### 237 INSTRUCTED ROOSEVELT DELEGATES TO OKLAHOMA CONVENTION

#### 113 FOR THE PRESIDENT

#### It is Believed That Bartlesville Oil Man Will Be Elected As Chairman

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 4.—Returns at noon today show that Roosevelt has 237 delegates to the State convention instructed. This reduces the number of Taft delegates to 113. Nine counties yet to hold caucuses are not heard from. They are claimed by the Roosevelt campaigners. The Taft campaigners have apparently given up. It is thought that Geo. C. Priestly, of Bartlesville is sure of election as national committeeman over Chairman James Harris.

#### Roosevelt Letter Said He Would Not Run

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Colonel Roosevelt's denial of stories sent from Washington that the Taft administration had reason to believe that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination against the President, and his statement at Oyster Bay yesterday that Secretary of War Stimson "couldn't have said that he would not be a candidate" caused to be made public here last night a letter written by Colonel Roosevelt June 28, 1911, denying reports at the time that he would support Mr. Taft which concluded as follows:

"I have expressed myself perfectly freely to a large number of men in this matter, always to the same effect; telling you, for instance, personally, and those who were with you at lunch at my house, and telling Gifford Pinchot, Jim Garfield and Congressman Madison and Billy Loeb and Secretary Meyer and Secretary Stimson all alike, just exactly what I have said always, that I would not be a candidate in 1912 myself, and that I had no intention of taking any part in the nomination for or against any candidate. Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

#### Colonel is Silent

Oyster Bay, March 4.—Colonel Roosevelt when shown last night dispatches from Washington, containing a letter of the colonel's dated June 28, 1911, quoting him as having no intention of being a presidential candidate in 1912, made the following statement:

"I will say nothing unless the name of the recipient of the letter is given and the letter is published in full. Probably the language is not correctly given. Certainly all the context in which I said I would not refuse the nomination is suppressed. The letter published in a Chicago evening paper one month ago contains substantially all I have said in these letters."



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The Herald notes in the columns of one of its exchanges where it has figured out that in the election to occur next July, the prohibition question will be the sole issue and that Judge Ramsey will get all of the Democratic prohibition votes, and Governor Colquitt the anti-prohibition Democratic votes. It figures further that there are about 75,000 negro and Mexican voters that figured in the last prohibition election who will not be permitted to participate in the Democratic primary, therefore it is easy to figure out how the election will result. If our contemporary's size up of the situation is correct, there is no need of Judge Ramsey nor of Colonel Johnson losing any time from their arduous official and personal duties in making any canvass of the State. The die is cast. The race is won and all is over save the shouting. However, Judge Ramsey evidently does not share the same optimism that our friend does, judging from his activity in renewing old acquaintances and lining up old school day friends.—Denton Herald.

Just clip out and save the above for reference on the night of July 27th and then pass judgment on the abilities of your "exchange" to forecast the result of a Texas political scrap.

### A DAM CONTROVERSY.

In the matter of constructing the dam for the proposed water supply at Archer City, there has arisen a difference of opinion which has grown to the outlandish complexion. It seems that one certain E. B. Carter has the dam contract at least, if he is not also furnishing the damsite; also that one certain W. C. Young, who happens to be mayor of Archer City, is not at all satisfied with the dam construction especially in the matter of the finishing or riprapping. The mayor addresses an open letter to the city council thru the local press, alleging in effect that "the work is not done according to specifications" and "is of a class which should be constructed at a much less cost," etc., and that he "will issue no warrant in payment," etc., etc. Now, a gentleman like Will Young need not get into his "knot," by that or any other damsite, that a gentleman like Ed Carter is going to tote dam rocks by the year to prevent the suppositious wash by that proposed body of dammed water. Further developments in this dam controversy are awaited with deep interest.—Henrietta Review.

### COTTON AND SPIRE.

Gen Orozco, the man who had the most to do with putting Diaz out of the presidency of Mexico, and putting Madero in, has now turned against his former chief and is leading the rebellious forces in their war to force Madero to resign. It seems that it makes no difference who is president of Mexico, the Mexican people are determined to fight, and it now begins to look as if they intended to keep up the row until Uncle Sam steps in and takes charge of affairs.—It looked a little that way at the start of hostilities in Mexico, and now intervention seems almost inevitable.

"Texas Harmon men have organized for fight," is the headlines of the article giving an account of the meeting held at Dallas last night. Judge Rice Maxey, R. M. Johnson, Clarence Ousley were among those who held front seats at the meeting. After issuing an address to the Democrats of Texas, the meeting adjourned.

As is well-known, Wichita county is having the county books audited and put in shape, and soon this work is to be completed, and the report to be made by the auditing committee will show many interesting facts. For instance, about nine years ago, a bond issue of \$16,000 was floated. These bonds were to run for a period of 40 years and a sufficient tax to take care of interest and provide a sinking fund for the retirement of these bonds was levied and collected. The report of the auditing committee will show that instead of this tax to take care of this particular bond issue being made just heavy or high enough

credit upon a body of worthy and eminent gentlemen in the hope of discarding him.

And this is partly in politics!

But that isn't the worst of it for them. They represent the conference as designed for political effect. If it was, and if it advanced the price of cotton \$6.88 a bale it was pretty good politics, wasn't it?

The truth is that no attempt has been made to make politics out of the movement. But since the question is up, we may as well mention another fact or two which are instructive.

When the conference was called the government's estimate of the crop was 13,700,000 bales. Since then the crop turns out to be more than 15,000,000. She supply is 1,250,000 bales more than it was then reckoned to be, and yet in the face of this increased supply prices have advanced \$6.88 cents a bale—a phenomenon contrary to the law of supply and demand and clearly attributable to some other cause or influence. Intelligent men attribute it to two particular causes:

First, the study of demand, as well as supply, for the first time instituted by the New Orleans conference. That conference demonstrated that the world needs at least 15,000,000 bales of American cotton, and it recommended periodical reporting of consumption as well as production. As a consequence a bill is now pending in congress requiring cotton trade statistics to be published with cotton production statistics.

Second, the apparently assured reduction of acreage, as recommended before and since by the Farmers' union and all intelligent leaders of farmers' organizations.

These two causes have not only arrested the decline of cotton but in face of an increased supply have advanced the price. Unprejudiced students of the cotton situation freely express the opinion that but for the New Orleans conference and the persistent campaign of the Farmers' union and other organizations for reduced acreage, cotton would have declined another \$5 a bale below the November price. Hence the real measure of the results of all the discussion is a difference of at least \$10 a bale.

Papers like the Bonham News, the Wichita Times and the Greenville Herald would have rejoiced to see cotton go down if they could have charged the decline to Colquitt, and the Times is so blinded by prejudice as not to see that cotton has actually advanced more than \$5 a bale.

We are sorry for these newspapers. We are sorry for any editor who catches himself in a misrepresentation born of petty spite or political malice. But when such a gross and unjust misrepresentation is made it must be challenged. Motives may be one thing or another, but the facts are what they are. If Governor Colquitt had a political motive it was entirely worthy; if it was unworthy, the effort was still advantageous to the producers of cotton who at the time of the conference held some 8,000,000 bales. Anyhow, cotton is up \$6.88 a bale, and if Colquitt gets any part of the credit for this advance he may thank those who call attention to it in trying to injure him.

Just for fun we dare the Bonham News, the Wichita Times and the Greenville Herald to print this or to contradict the advance in the price of cotton.

They will not do either. They will drop the subject.—Fort Worth Record.

In reply to the Record's assertion or charge that the Times is so blinded by prejudice as not to see that cotton has actually advanced more than \$5 a bale, the Times will say that at the time that little editorial squib was penned, the price was declining rapidly in the face of the front-page stories to the effect that the "pet project" hatched in the fertile brain of Mr. Ousley, et al., was at its zenith, and the market never recovered fully and stopped its slide backwards until it was announced that the gentlemen who had so generously (?) offered to advance about \$25 per bale on cotton and hold it at the risk of the producers until it was sold, had determined that the project could not be put through. Those are the facts, and the daily records of the cotton markets compared with the articles appearing in the daily press will bear the Times out in the assertion that not until after the project had failed utterly was there any substantial advance in the price of cotton at all.

to pay interest and carry the required amount to the sinking fund, that the tax has been more than sufficient, and that up to date more than one-half the amount necessary for the retirement of this \$16,000 bond issue, made years ago and to run for 40 years, has been collected. From this it seems, that our county tax rate has been just a little bit higher than there was any use for, for the reason that the tax money collected for the retirement of these particular bonds cannot be used for that purpose except at the option of the holder of the bonds, and at this rate, before the 40 years in which the bonds were to have run will expire, there will be more than a sufficient amount in the treasury to retire them by the time they have run fifteen years. This is good for the coming generation. It will be a pleasure for them to know that the generation which preceded them was so generous as to pay off a debt owed on them 25 years before it came due.

Looks like Cecil Lyon was having smooth sailing in his work of capturing the Texas Republican delegation for Roosevelt. That, however, will not prevent the Republican party of Texas from sending a split delegation to the National convention. It nearly always does that, and both delegations are generally seated and have their hotel bills paid. That seems to satisfy them, and when they get back home the two factions are found seated side by side at the same pile counter.

Whatever may be Roosevelt's faults or short-comings, he is certainly fortunate in some of the enemies he has made.

And March is here, and she did not come like a lamb or lion, but just kind of 'twixt and between.

Talk about versatility in ad writing here's one we enter as a prize winner: "For Sale—A full-blooded cow, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves."

In spite of the views of both President Taft and Gov. Harmon, the new constitution of Ohio will not only have in it the referendum and initiative, but will provide for woman suffrage. That's kind of rubbing it in on a fellow.

Col. Jake Wolters will open his campaign for the senatorship at Temple tomorrow. The Times will give his speech in full in Sunday's paper, together with a double column photo of the man who has put himself up for slaughter in the July primaries.

Early in the campaign Col. Jake Wolters offered to meet in joint debate any one of his opponents for the senatorship. Are we to understand that the challenge is still held good now, or since the Hon. Cone Johnson shed his castor into the ring? If it does, then we may expect a show that's goin' to be worth the money.

It is a fact, perhaps not generally known, that the platform upon which Gov. Harmon won the governorship of Ohio,—(a state that generally is safely Republican by from 40,000 to 60,000,) declared for the initiative and referendum. His majority was near the 100,000 mark. By repudiating the action of the constitutional convention recently held in that State, he has made no friends, and it is doubtful if he could again be elected governor. A majority of the delegates elected to that convention favored the initiative and referendum, and the candidates for office have been required to sign a pledge before election that they would support the plan. If, as it is charged, Woodrow Wilson, cannot carry his own state, New Jersey, for the presidency, what are we to think about Harmon and Ohio under the circumstances as above outlined?

There appeared recently in Harper's Weekly an interesting article by C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., "Making Rain While the Sun Shines." The article is a review of the rain-making experiments conducted at Post City, Texas, last year, in which Post tells how to make rain, whether the elements are so inclined, or not. He says that he is going to keep on making it rain because it is cheaper and just as sure as irrigation. People who live in Texas many years know the importance of getting water on the crops when they need it. If Post can do that by using dynamite the whole state will be "blowing itself" in a few years. But in any event his article on making it rain, is entertaining and shows that the manufacturer can write interesting stuff on an interesting subject.

The Times has been handed by a friend the platform of the Socialist party, and what it, as a party, promises the people of Wichita Falls, should its candidates be successful at the coming city election. There are sixteen articles or promises made, but only one that, in the judgment of this paper, will appeal strongly to the voters and tax-payers. Article VII reads: "We will issue a semi-annual report of the disbursements, showing in detail itemized the exact financial condition of the city so that every citizen may study at his leisure and determine for himself if all have been justly and equitably taxed, and if the city's affairs have been honestly and economically managed." This is no more or less than the law provides. That it has not been done, the Times has repeatedly called attention, but as there appeared to be no demand for such a statement, little or no attention has been given to that portion of the law. The Times, however, while believing

that the law should have been tracked in that respect, has no doubt, but that the city's money has been legally expended. In saying this, the Times does not mean it to be understood that it has changed its opinion. In its opinion, the man who pays the city \$1 as a tax has just as much right to know for what the money is being expended as the large tax-payer, and it seems that the law views it in that light, else the provision for the publishing, not issuing, of itemized statements at stated periods would not have been adopted. While the Times does not have any idea that the people of this city are contemplating placing the city government into the hands of Socialists to administer, it does believe that, with a great amount of tax money required to administer the affairs of the city government, the tax-payers are entitled to know how the money is being spent and what for, without having to go to the record, at the city hall and figuring it out for themselves. Other cities do this. In fact, Wichita Falls is about the only city the Times has knowledge of that ignores this law.

A strong effort is being made upon Judge R. E. Huff of this city to become a candidate for the legislature. It cannot be disputed but that if more of our able men would agree to sacrifice their time and serve as members of the legislature, Texas would not suffer in the future as in the past from half-baked laws,—laws that mean well, but are adopted in such form as to make them almost a dead-letter if not a hindrance to good government. Mr. Huff is a very busy man, and it is hardly probable that he will consent to become a candidate, or even serve, should he be elected, and his friends may be doing him an injustice by insisting that he serve the people of this district in the capacity of a legislator, but should they succeed in what seems their set determination, the Times will make the prediction that no district in the State will have an abler representative than the 101st.

There is a report in circulation, which doubtless has little or no foundation, to the effect that in the event Roosevelt is nominated, that Bryan will take the field for him, and if elected will be made a member of Roosevelt's cabinet. Bryan is too big a man to play second fiddle to any living man in the judgment of this paper, and if he can't be president, he certainly should decline with thanks to accept a cabinet position as a sort of hand-out from a Republican president. Mr. Roosevelt, in the first place, would not or could not afford to make such a tender. The report, doubtless, was put in circulation to weaken the influence of Bryan, who, without the least shadow of doubt, has a greater following today than any other leading Democrat. Mr. Bryan has frankly stated that he thinks the party can come nearer uniting on some Democrat for president other than himself, and whoever the party nominates at the Baltimore convention,—whether it be Harmon, Wilson, Underwood or Clark, Mr. Bryan's support can be counted on. He believes that this is the year the Democratic party should elect a president, and if every Democrat will vote the ticket as straight as Mr. Bryan will, the party's hope of a presidential victory will be realized. If all who now claim to be Democrats who at some election or another had scratched a ticket were read out of the party, as some are now wont to read Mr. Bryan out, at least two of our leading presidential candidates would be disqualified.

**BRYAN ON ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.**

Ex-President Roosevelt's Columbus speech will stand out as the strongest he has yet delivered. The dominant note is "Trust the People." In taking this position he is on solid ground. While he advocates little in the way of reform that democrats have not advocated for years, still it is gratifying to have his influence thrown in so the balance in favor of the direct election of senators, the initiative and the referendum. These reforms are distinct, and emphatically democratic. In opposition to submit to the people judicial decisions on constitutional questions is of democratic origin and is sound, but his attitude on the trust question is reactionary. THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE MONOPOLIES WILL NOT WORK. It has been weighed in the balance and found wanting." He tried the plan for seven years and a half and there were more trusts at the end of the time than at the beginning. He even allowed the Steel trust to frighten him into permitting still further consolidation.

**THE ATTEMPT TO REGULATE PRIVATE MONOPOLIES RESULTS FINALLY IN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.** This is legitimate in the case of NATURAL monopolies, but industrial monopolies are neither natural nor necessary—they should be prevented. Mr. Roosevelt's plan for dealing with the trusts leads directly to socialism.

The democratic anti-trust plan contemplates the restoration of competition—this is the only plan that appeals to individuals.

But the country is to be congratulated upon the delivery of the speech—it helps to mould public opinion in favor of several good measures and even he cannot lead the public to the dangerous doctrine that we can rely on regulation as a cure for trust evils.—Bryan's Commoner.

You hear a great deal about the key rates of fire insurance companies in Texas, when the facts are that the rates in Vernon are almost prohibitory, as they want to charge \$3.40 on a ce-

ment building with a cement floor, metal roof and brick flues and but little exposure. The key rate has about as much to do with it as the price of cotton has on the price of cotton neckties.—Vernon Call.

The rates charged for fire insurance in Vernon, are no higher perhaps, than in most cities and towns. The fact remains, however, that the longer the key-rate governs the higher fire insurance rates go. The Denton Herald, because the Times said the fire insurance under the administration of Gov. Campbell were high enough, but were still higher under the administration of Gov. Colquitt, just took it for granted that the Times was making a fling at the present administration, and the Call reproduces that criticism apparently with its approval, in the same issue the above clipping appears. The way it looks to the Times is simply this: That the administration has made the mistake in appointing a fire insurance commissioner who do not understand their business, are willing being led around by their noses by the fire insurance companies. What advantage is there in making the key-rate a point or two lower, and then, in order to get that reduction, make it impossible for the insurer to get it unless he overhauls or reconstructs his building at a greater expense than the reduction in the key-rate will justify? If this key-rate law remains as now, the Times will venture the assertion that fire insurance rates for 1912 will be even higher than they are now, whether there is a change in administrations or not. The way it is interpreted now, the insurance companies could not possibly wish for anything better, and if we dare say they are robbing us, they can reply: "Well, if we are, we're doing it according to law."

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profits of promotion, it has saved liberal citizens a world of money.—Dallas News.

The trial of Dr. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church at Fort Worth, on the charge of perjury, promises to be of as much interest to the public as the Sneed trial. Two attempts have been made on the life of the pastor; his church was burned, and on last Saturday morning his residence was destroyed by fire, the pastor and his family escaping with their lives from the roof of the residence. The grand jury which returned the indictment against Norris for perjury based the indictment that the pastor had falsified, willfully, when he testified before that body that he did not know the author of certain threatening letters received by himself and an officer of his church, and it is intimated that Norris, himself was the author. As yet, no indictments have been returned by the same grand jury that returned the indictment against Norris, against anyone for the burning of the church, the attempts to assassinate Norris, or the burning of his residence. By this, it leaves one to conclude that, in the opinion of that grand jury, of which Clarence Ousley, editor of the Fort Worth Record, was the foreman, had come to the conclusion that Norris had been "fixed" falsely by some party regarding the authorship of threatening letters, but was guilty of burning his church, attempting to burn his residence, and firing pistol shots through the window of his study to make believe that an attempt had been made to assassinate him. Not only the members of Dr. Norris' church seem to thing him innocent of the charge of perjury, but yesterday the congregation of the Mulkey Memorial Methodist church of that city, at a congressional meeting, endorsed heartily the action of Dr. Norris, and expressed confidence in his innocence of wrong-doing. At Waco, Dr. Knickerbocker, a Methodist pastor who formerly had charge of a church in Fort Worth, devoted the greater portion of his discourse to the defense of Dr. Norris, saying, in short, that Fort Worth was more anxious to build up commercially than she was morally, and that when good morals interfered with commercial progress that power and influence would be brought to bear to remove the cause at any cost, leaving one to conclude that from Dr. Knickerbocker's viewpoint a deliberate and cold-blooded plan to rid Fort Worth of Dr. Norris had been put into execution, and that back of the plan are men who stand high, both commercially and politically, in Ft. Worth and the State of Texas. At the trial of Dr. Norris on the charge of perjury, the character of testimony to be introduced against him will no doubt be made public and until that is done, those who are fair-minded will withhold judgment.

### MENINGITIS NOT CONTAGIOUS.

Keep on the even tenor of your ways and have no fear of the cerebro spinal meningitis. The disease is said not to be contagious, and it is seldom two persons in the same house contract the disease. According to level headed and experienced doctors, meningitis is a disease which has its origin in unsanitary surroundings, and where the drinking water is impure. Every undesirable quality of unfiltered river water as well as unfiltered storm water, carry disease germs. It is evident that impure water is responsible for the spread of the disease. Where the drinking water is pure, and where the laws of sanitation are observed, the scourge is not to be expected.—From the Bulletin of the Texas State Board of Health.

### THE PULL BACKS.

Every man who lives in a town ought to have enough pride about him to join every move that is launched to improve his town and make it a more desirable place in which to live.—The Cuero Record.

"If you are opposed to doing anything good for your town move away, that will help some." is the advice one Texas paper recently gave to the local hold back element. As a matter of fact, every citizen has a pride in his town, and he wants to see it flourish and go ahead. If he is a property owner he is especially anxious for values to increase by way of growth in rentals, which comes with increased population and enlarged activities. The main trouble in many good old county seats is that the property owners are too willing for improvements to be put in at somebody else's expense. They want things to hum, but they prefer not to pay the hammer. They look to the merchants and other business men a majority of them usually occupy rented store houses, to bear the brunt of the expense consequent to town boosting. It is often the case that an old snooter who owns two or three valuable brick buildings will not give a cent as bonus to a new railroad or manufacturing, not because he doesn't want them to come to town, but because they are hating to let go the money. And, seeking excuse for his stinginess he knocks the enterprises to the ground of men of means have to be wary of the get-rich-quickers. There are always men roaming the country in search of something for nothing. But under modern methods the promoter is usually required to deliver the goods in advance of payment, and while that advance of payment, and while that policy has interfered greatly with the

The newspapers are "loaded up" these days with propositions from all kinds of sources to furnish all sorts of copy for their columns. It would indeed be a peculiar sort of a hedge-podge should a paper accept for publication any great part of this matter.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Much of this copy, too, belongs in the advertising columns, while a very small per cent of it has any newsworthy whatever. It is high time that the newspaper publishers were learning to distinguish news copy from advertising matter and cease being imposed upon by the grafters who have for years been presuming upon their ignorance in obtaining valuable space for nothing.—Denton Herald.

Respectfully referred to the Fort Worth & Denver City Ry., the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, and others who want to "ride free" the columns of a newspaper under the guise that they are the only people who are doing anything for the development of Texas.

We are glad to note that the recommendations of the insurance committee of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to reducing Denton's key rate are wholly in line with the suggestions the Record and Chronicle has made in the past from time to time. We are hopeful, however, that more attention will be paid to the committee's suggestion than there was to our own. There seems to us very little reason why that 16c on every \$100 insurance carried in Denton could not just as well be saved by Denton citizens as to be paid over to the fire insurance companies, and we believe, with the committee, that the saving effected in a year or so would more than cover the cost of every improvement suggested.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

The people of Denton, like the people of Wichita Falls, will find that after they have had the improvements, and the key rate is lowered, that other troubles will arise that will give to the insurance companies the right to raise the rate that will more than offset any reduction that is brought about by improvements made at the suggestion of the rate-makers, that will tend to lower the key-rate. In other words, it seems impossible to do enough to satisfy them, and after the improvements have been made, they manage to find some other objection to the construction of the building,—some defect in the walls, the pipes, the awning, or the key-hole to the back-door. They are a hard bunch, and so far as the Times can make observations, there is absolutely no restraining power to keep the rate-makers from doing just about as they please.

The trouble with the Democratic party seems to be that not that it is short on big men, but that its big men put in the most of their time in fighting each other instead of concentrating their forces on the enemy. Such tactics never win victories. The Republicans, as a party, are opposed to the initiative, referendum and recall, yet if Mr. Roosevelt is nominated, which now seems probable they will line-up and vote for him. It is different with the Democrats. From all appearances some of them would prefer to vote for the Republican candidate, it matters not what he stands for or endorses, rather than vote for a Democrat whose nomination they fought.

For the first time in a long while the architects of the city are busy drawing plans for new business houses, residences and factory buildings. One firm alone has more than fifty jobs on hand, and from this and other indications, it begins to look like activity in the way of building will soon be resumed. The demand for more business buildings is increasing daily.

Since December first the rainfall over this section has been nearly ten inches, and this has had the effect of greatly encouraging farmers. If there should be a crop failure, either whole or partial, this year, it cannot be attributed to the lack of winter rains. Reports from every section of the country surrounding Wichita Falls are to the effect that wheat crops are looking healthy, though a little backward, occasioned by the high winds preceding the rains and the hard frozes.

The present seems a most critical time with Americans who are temporarily residing in Mexico. Alarmed at reports from Washington to the effect that intervention on the part of the United States is not only possible but probable, together with the fact that the President has issued a proclamation in which all Americans are given warning to leave Mexico, they have begun to make appeals to the United States to keep hands off and not intervene, claiming that their lives will be imperiled should such a step be taken.

**RUMORED SOUTH POLE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED**

London, March 6.—A rumor is published in an evening paper that Robert F. Scott, the British Arctic explorer has reached the South Pole. No confirmation is obtainable.

"The Round-Up" is to have a London revival, and Marilyn Arbuckle will play his original role of Slim Hoover, the sheriff.

Jones & Ortopp, the architects, are drawing plans for thirty-five neat residences to be erected near the automobile factory, and it is likely they will have them completed within the next few days. The same firm has just completed the plans for an 40x80 foot brick structure to be used for the blacksmithing department of the auto factory, and the contract for the concrete foundation and floors has already been awarded to Contractor, I. H. Roberts. The contract for the brick and wood for this structure has not yet been awarded.



# PANTHER CITY IS ATTACKED

REV. H. D. KNICKERBOCKER PAINTS THIS CITY AS ONE OF WORST, MORALLY, IN STATE

## BLAMES MAYOR DAVIS

Famous City Hall Speech to "Meh Only" Held Responsible for Outbreak of Lawlessness.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 4. —Rev. Frank Norris Monday received another anonymous letter threatening his life. It was written on the stationery of a local hotel. Its contents have not been made public.

Waco, Texas, March 4.—Before a large audience at the Austin Avenue Methodist Church last night Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, former pastor of the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth, delivered a spirited defense of Rev. J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth and expressed regrets that he was not in Fort Worth now so that he could take his stand by the indicted pastor and remain with him to the last ditch. Declaring the enemies of Mr. Norris were trying to kill him in mind, body and character, Mr. Knickerbocker laid the responsibility for this attempt upon the immoral conditions that he declared exist in that city and added that he could not more readily sympathize with Mr. Norris in his trials from the fact that he himself had gone through tribulations in that city almost as severe. He declared that while he was a pastor in Fort Worth he was anathematized, scandalized and cursed and that men went up and down the streets declaring that the best interests of the city demanded that he leave Fort Worth, as they are now saying that Mr. Norris should leave.

While Mr. Knickerbocker attributed the many violent attacks upon Mr. Norris to the direct influence of the famous city hall speech of Mayor Davis, which he described in words that wouldn't look well in print, he declared that the supreme desire of the business men of that city to promote the commercial supremacy of the town above its moral interests had resulted in developing Fort Worth into one of the worst towns in the state, morally, and brought business to a standstill.

Continuing his defense of the Fort Worth pastor, Mr. Knickerbocker said he had labored with him in both Dallas and Fort Worth, commended Mr. Norris's fight against race track gambling at the Dallas fair and other places in the state, and said that it was inconceivable that a man who has been in the forefront in the service of God and the fight against immorality and evil in every form should be guilty of perjury and the other offenses with which rumor has connected the pastor's name. He said the people outside of Fort Worth were hearing only one side of the case as they didn't know the local coloring in the city, and charged that the activities of the X-ray had stirred up the mayor and that the mayor's utterances in his address to men only has been a signal to the lewd and baser element that the bridge was off and that men's baser passions might run unrestrained.

In concluding Mr. Knickerbocker added that his only purpose in alluding to the incident was to put Waco on its guard, and after expressing regret that he wasn't in Fort Worth to take his stand by Mr. Norris's side, he begged his congregation to take the preacher who is the center of the present storm into their prayers and retain him in their confidence until the truth is known by them as he believed he knew it already.

Real Estate Transfers  
J. A. Elder to W. T. Elder, lot 3, block 121, Wichita Falls, \$1012.  
C. C. Woodruff to W. W. Sisk, lots 24 and 49, Woodruff Heights, \$1900.  
W. W. Sisk to E. W. Rivers Oil Co., lots 24 and 49, Woodruff Heights, \$1000.  
Mary M. Burchard and husband to Otis T. Bacon, lot 2, block 4, Jalonick's Addition, \$1850.  
Charles Frohman has secured the American rights of the musical comedy "The Girl from Montmartre." This piece is now running in Berlin and Vienna. It is to be produced in New York before the end of the season.

# COVERT ATTACK ON WILSON

Anonymous Letter Circulated to Discredit New Jersey Aspirant For Presidency

Washington, D. C., March 5.—For nearly a month the heads of the Wilson headquarters in New York and Washington have been attempting to trace the source of anonymous literature being sent broadcast over the Middle Western States attacking Governor Wilson and at the same time being laudatory of Champ Clark. Everything is being done to ascertain whence comes the press matter. It has been fairly well established that it doesn't come directly from the Clark headquarters. The assumption is that these articles emanate from a headquarters established somewhere by the "allies" made up of all the other Democratic candidates who are doing teamwork against Governor Wilson.

Where a few months ago there was only one active and aggressive candidate in the field against Woodrow Wilson for the Democratic presidential nomination, today there is one in each section of the country. The failure of the Harmon candidacy to make any material headway made it necessary for those who are directing the opposition to the New Jersey executive to lay out a new plan of campaign. The result is that a Southerner is now making the race in the South, a Western man occupies the field in the West and a Northern candidate has the North as his territory, all struggling in common effort to obtain enough local support whereby Wilson can be deprived of one-third of the delegates at the Democratic national convention.

To the public at large it is now clear that a stalking horse fight is being conducted against the New Jersey executive, who from the beginning has been the popular choice of Democrats everywhere for the presidency. The feature of this combination fight is that it is backed by a great abundance of money, which is being lavishly spent in assaults on Governor Wilson and laudation of the allies individually and collectively. Not until it was apparent to the public generally that Governor Harmon's candidacy had fallen flat, did the opposition hit upon the ally plan of campaign.

Now there is thorough understanding, teamwork and co-operation in the fight that is being so bitterly directed against Governor Wilson. Rarely has such harmony of interests ever been witnessed in this country. Champ Clark has the field in the West, Oscar Underwood has been given the South, while the North has been parceled out to Governor Harmon, who it is thought will make a better showing in that section than he did in the South and West, where his candidacy failed and added to the strength of Wilson. Favorite sons will receive no interference from those pushing the campaign of the allies. There is one common purpose in view, and that is to eliminate the real progressive in the fight for Democratic leadership.

The activities of those pushing the fight of the allies is a subject of much comment here. A number of anonymous articles laudatory of Champ Clark and bitterly assailing Governor Wilson are being given the widest sort of circulation in the Western States, where primary state conventions are soon held. The envelopes bear Wilson's name, but give no indication from what source they come. The significance is attached to the fact that in most of this anonymous literature there is an inclosure containing an 8-page printed letter of G. F. Williams to former Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, who is one of Speaker Clark's campaign managers, and is directing the work of his headquarters in this state. Washington is a lobbyist for claims and as having intimate relationship with James J. Hill, the way magnate of the West, until recently claimed membership in the Populist or Republican ties.

Where all the money that is used to discredit Governor Wilson coming from is a question often asked in Washington and never answered. There seems to be no limit to the supply. Some believe that liquor interests and breweries are liberal contributors. They are being Wilson. Only yesterday it was received here from the copy of an anonymous publication scattered all over the West. Here are a few extracts from it.

As a Democrat from the Northwest I have the success of the party at heart and want to see the party nominate a candidate for President whom every Democrat can support and help elect.

# HOT RECEPTION FOR OROZCO

REBEL LEADER WILL MEET DE-TERMINED OPPOSITION ON SOUTHWARD MARCH.

## MADERO NOW AROUSED

Seventeen Carloads of Artillery Started for Torreon—Triboys Marching Northward.

Mexico City, March 5.—Military school at Tlalpan is to be called on to release a hundred students for the front. Orozco is to be met with stubborn resistance on his southward march. Seventeen carloads of artillery were started for Torreon this morning. General Blanguet will lead the march.

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# COMMENTS ON TAFT LETTER

NATIONAL ROOSEVELT HEAD-QUARTERS ISSUES STATE-MENT CONCERNING TAFT'S CAMPAIGN METHODS

## VEILED THREATS ABOUND

Plastic Praise is Delicately Inter-woven in Letter to Postmasters and Federal Employees

Washington, D. C., March 5.—The Roosevelt headquarters today gave out a copy of one of Taft's circular letters with this statement: "Further evidence of the manner of the administration's campaign managers are conducting their fight for delegates has come to light in a circular letter being sent to postmasters and Federal employees. The letter is delicately written and abounds with veiled threats and plastic praise." After expressing optimism the Taft letter is signed "W. R. McKinley," and asks for assistance and information.

Perkins Promoting Roosevelt Boom—Washington, March 5.—The National Taft headquarters in Washington yesterday gave out the following statement: "Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, the new chairman of the Roosevelt National Executive Committee, today took formal charge of the campaign of the former President for re-nomination by officially opening spacious headquarters in the Munsey building in Washington. This building is owned by Frank A. Munsey, the well-known publisher of Munsey's Magazine, and owner of a string of newspapers in Eastern cities. He is the personal and intimate friend of George W. Perkins of New York, director and former chairman of the finance committee of the International Harvester Company. Mr. Perkins is given credit by Walter L. Houser, director of Senator La Follette's campaign, for being 'the good angel' of the Roosevelt Presidential boom, which means that he is the campaign collector, as well as a substantial contributor to the Roosevelt campaign fund. "That the Roosevelt committee through the personal campaign contributions of such gentlemen as Messrs. Perkins and Munsey and their associates, is 'well heeled' either by financial contributions or by the gratuitous tenders of headquarters, rent free, is manifest by its various activities. Because of his close association with Mr. Perkins, who personally financed in large part the beginning of the Roosevelt boom for the Presidency, Mr. Munsey is now part and parcel of the Roosevelt movement and the location of the National Roosevelt headquarters in his fine building in the National capital therefore becomes especially significant. "The enthusiasm with which the Roosevelt boomers took possession of their new headquarters today led one of them, in an unguarded moment to say that a letter purporting to have been written by a head of the steel trust to its employees 'ordering them to work for Taft' was in the possession of the Roosevelt managers and would be sprung as an offset, to the undenied charge of Mr. Houser, that men in the councils of the United States Steel corporation and the International Harvester Company were openly supporting Mr. Roosevelt. "The remarkable fact about this alleged letter is that the only copy in existence, if it exists at all, seems to be in the sole possession of Mr. Roosevelt's campaign managers. Of their ability, by reason of their intimate connection with Mr. Perkins and others, to know what the United States Steel Corporation is doing or contemplating to do to escape the charges made openly by Mr. Houser, representing Senator La Follette, there can be no dispute. So far as Mr. Taft's campaign managers are concerned they would have remained in total ignorance of the 'frame-up' had not one of Mr. Roosevelt's boomers let his enthusiasm get the better of his judgment. Representative W. B. McKinley, director of Taft headquarters, made an optimistic statement to newspaper men today, declaring Mr. Taft's nomination and election were certain. "Plays and Players. "The Greater Power," a new vaudeville playlet by Herbert S. Frank, will be produced soon with "Jack" Mayers in the leading role. May Irwin announces that she is going to have her own little theatre in New York. It is to be opened next fall and will bear her name. Flora Zabelle is now singing one of the principal roles in the new De Koven opera, "The Wedding Trip," which has just left New York for a road tour. California promoters have made a flattering offer to Jack Dillon to box Frank Mantel on March 17. One hundred cars of vegetables were recently shipped through Kingsville to northern markets. Illinois prohibitionists will hold their State convention in Springfield, April 10. The Rio Grande Cane Growers' Association has been organized at Brownsville.

# The GREATEST PLAY I EVER SAW

AS TOLD TO Hugh S. Fullerton

BY EDWARD A. WALSH.

Premier Pitcher of the Chicago White Sox, and Perhaps the Greatest Pitcher the Game Has Ever Known.

What do I think the greatest play I ever saw? That question recalls vividly to my mind an incident of a great game in a great series. I believe it was the greatest series ever played, when you come to figure in terms of the game, and it was the greatest game of that series—Chicago people needn't be told what the game or series was—but for others, I must tell that it was the series we pitched against Brown, and the score was 2 to 1 in our favor, late in the game. We were fighting as if our lives depended on it, for that series was nothing less than civil war in Chicago, and the Sox and Cubs felt that everything depended upon that result of the series and that the series depended upon that game. Joe Tinker was at second base when the batter hit a slow, easy roller down to Rohe, who came in fast, scooped the ball and threw fast to first base, retiring the runner. Tinker, of course, held second until he saw Rohe was going to make the throw to first, and the moment George cut loose the ball, Tinker started for third. Rohe was clear out of the scene and hadn't a chance to get back to third in time to receive a throw. Davis saw what was coming off, and started to cover third base. He was not as fast as Tinker, and the race between them was close. Donohue had no time to wait. He was forced to throw at the base and trust that Davis would be there to meet the ball. He timed the throw perfectly and sent the ball whizzing across over third. If it went on, the score was tied, and perhaps the game lost. But so perfectly did Donohue time his throw that the ball met Davis right on top of the bag and an eyelash ahead of Tinker, who slid only to be out. That retired the side and we held them and won. Jiggs had to use perfect judgment, and to make the throw with absolute confidence that Davis would be there to receive it; and good old George got on; was there, but had his feet and legs placed so that Tinker could not slide to the bag without changing position, and that little bit of a piece of a second gave George time enough to touch him and end the inning. It was a bit of real baseball that you do not see once in a lifetime, and it passed almost unnoticed, because only close followers of the sport and the players saw how cleverly timed, and executed the play was by all concerned. (Copyright, 1911, by W. G. Chapman.) The American Indian. Students of the Indian tell us that while the numbers of the red men are diminishing there is a slow amalgamation of the tribes wherever their geographical location makes this possible. It is supposed that there were 1,000,000 Indians on this continent when the Europeans settled here. It is estimated that the present population is 50,000 less. No Such Luck. Book Agent—Don't go into that house! There is scarier fever there. His Coworker—I couldn't catch it if I wanted to. I carry health insurance. —Puck. San Francisco is to have a municipal opera house. It will cost the better part of a million.



EDWARD A. WALSH.

## REWARD FOR INFORMATION

# \$350.00 Piano Free

The tremendous increase in population in Fort Worth, Cleburne, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Denton, Decatur and all surrounding towns and territory the past two years has made it necessary for us to take a new and complete census of all families who are NOT provided with a Piano, Pianola-Piano or Player-Piano. In doing this, we need the assistance of every family in Fort Worth and surrounding country not supplied with a Piano, Pianola-Piano or Player-Piano in order to bring our file list up-to-date, and we offer the following liberal rewards for this information.

To the person obtaining for us the largest list of families who do not own a Piano, Pianola-Piano or Player-Piano, with correct street address, we will present a

## \$350.00 Leyhe Piano Absolutely Free

To the person sending in the second largest list of names of heads of families who do not own a Piano, Pianola-Piano or Player-Piano, with correct street address, we will give a

## \$25 Chest of Rogers' Silver—26 Pieces

And Another Valuable Prize

To the person sending in the third largest list with correct street address, we will give a

## \$25.00 Ladies' Gold Watch

And Another Valuable Prize

To the person sending in the fourth largest list with correct street address, we will give a

## \$20.00 Washburn Guitar

And Another Valuable Prize

To the person sending in the fifth largest list with correct street address we will give an

## INGERSOLL WATCH

And Another Valuable Prize

To All Others Sending in Lists Will Be Distributed

## \$1,000.00 Worth of Valuable Awards

In Case of a Tie, Awards Identical Will Be Given to Each.

We want the information as soon as it is possible to obtain it, and in order to be of value, it should be accurate, and all names and addresses will be investigated by us for correctness. In getting the information, be sure to take the full name and address of the head of the family, and in submitting your lists give your own name and address in full; also state whether or not you have a Piano or Player-Piano.

This census is of great importance to us, and because of it we are offering such liberal rewards for the information—you can easily earn one of them.

Everyone Sending in a List, No matter How Small, Will Be Rewarded

All lists must be mailed or delivered to us not later than March 20, and all successful contestants will be notified by mail.

Remember, everyone will get an award. If you only know of one family who does not own a Piano or Player-Piano, send it in, you will get an award. Think of your friends and neighbors who have no Piano, and send in all you can think of—you may get the largest award.

BOYS AND GIRLS—Every boy and girl sending in one name or more will receive a SAVINGS BANK. These SAVINGS BANKS teach the MORAL OF SAVING, and every child should have one.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

- All nominations under this heading are subject to the action of the Democratic primary. For District Attorney 20th Judicial District: S. M. FOSTER. For Representative 101st District: E. W. NAPIER PATRICK HENRY. For District Clerk: ALEX KERR. For County Judge: C. B. FELDER re-election. H. A. FAIRCHILD. For Sheriff: R. L. (Pete) RANDOLPH. LEWIS JERNIGAN. For County Tax Collector: W. H. DAUGHERTY. For County Tax Assessor: JOHN ROBERTSON. For County Clerk: E. P. WALSH CARL YEAGER. GEO. TOMMINS. RALPH HINES. For County Treasurer: T. W. McHam. For County Attorney: T. R. (Dan) BOONE T. B. GREENWOOD. For County Superintendent: W. O. WILLINGHAM R. M. JOHNSON. For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1: W. E. BROTHERS. JOHN GLEN W. J. HOWARD. For Constable Precinct No. 1: R. T. (Tom) PICKETT. HENRY M. ALLEN. For County Commissioner Precinct 1: JOHN P. JACKSON.

THE BEST PROOF

Wichita Falls Citizens Cannot Doubt It. Doan's Kidney Pills were used. The story was told to Wichita Falls residents. Time has strengthened the evidence. Has proven the cure permanent. The testimony is home testimony. The proof is convincing. It can be investigated by Wichita Falls residents.

R. F. Redm, Avenue A Wichita Falls, Texas, says: "My back bothered me for two or three years and the spells often came on without warning. I was so lame across the small of my back that I could hardly bend. My kidneys became disordered and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage causing me annoyance. I finally got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began their use. They cured me and I have not felt a return of the symptoms since." The above statement was given June 19, 1908, and when Mr. Redm was interviewed on December 27, 1911 he said: "When occasion requires a kidney medicine we always use Doan's Kidney Pills and know that they will act quickly in bringing relief. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

"One Round" Hogan will start another boxing campaign in New York, opening with Lenox Cross on March 15.

ANTI AMERICAN FEELING IS HIGH

FIFTY OF RINGLEADERS IN DEMONSTRATION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT MANAGUA

KNOX TRIP INCIDENT

First Public Indication of Animosity Toward American Secretary of State

Y. M. C. A. PLANNING TO GIVE A CIRCUS

It is announced that the Y. M. C. A. is preparing for a big spectacular circus, to be pulled off by the association members here as soon as things can be gotten ready. Affairs of this kind are pulled off every two years by the students in the University of Texas at Austin. They have also proven a success in other universities and colleges in this and other states, and it is believed there is no good reason why the Y. M. C. A. whose membership numbers hundreds, could not successfully pull off a home talent circus in this city. Secretary John G. Anderson of the Y. M. C. A. says that on account of the fact that there is an immense amount of detailed preparation to be taken into consideration in connection with the successful carrying out of such an affair, it will be some time late in April before a performance of the circus will be given. He says that the proposed exhibition if carried out, will be something different from other performances which have been given in this city, and that nothing in the way of expense or preparation will be spared to make the performance a success.

ICE WATER BATH FOR TRAVELERS

E. L. McDill, superintendent of bridges and building for the Wichita Falls Route, returned to Trail this morning after a short stay in Wichita Falls. Mr. McDill was one of a party of five or six who attempted to cross the Canadian River a few nights ago, narrowly escaping drowning in the attempt. They were in a hack and although the river was up they had not expected danger. However, when only a few yards from the shore the horses encountered a ledge of ice in the stream on which they could not gain a foothold. They had been making good headway up to this point with the hack floating behind them, but the moment they struck the ice their progress was stopped, the hack began to sink. Its occupants jumped out into the icy water, and swam and waded to the ledge. Afterward they cut the harness all owing the horse to come out to the shore.

SEC. STIMSON DEFENDS TAFT

PRESIDENT IN CARRYING OUT PLEDGES NOT DOMINATED ATTENTION WITH DRAMATIC DISPLAY

HIS SELF ABNEGATION

In His Work He Has Left Out All Thought of His Own Aggrandizement

ROBBINS WILL HAVE CHARGE OF BOATS AGAIN

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Denison, Texas, March 6.—In anticipation of a strike in the mines this spring many of the railroads are storing coal for future use. The Katy will begin tomorrow to store thousands of tons of coal. The coal will be stored at Ray yards for Denison and other storage yards will probably be opened at several points on the line in Texas. A number of other roads are also storing coal and preparing their line for the suspension of work in the mines. In the coal fields of the Central West, including Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas the two year contract will expire the last of March. But in this contract the miners agree to work 60 days pending an agreement with the operators. This makes the situation easier in the west than in the east, where the two year contract does not contain a force clause. The Katy is taking advantage of the lull in coal traffic and every car will be pressed into service storing coal for the company purposes. The storage for Texas will be made principally in Denison. In accumulating coal while other business is dull the railroad company makes it better for consumers along the line. When a winter is on coal can be handled for the consumers with more ease from the mines, as the company has a supply on hand and motive power can be used for hauling consumer's coal. The coal problem is a constant worry to operating men in the winter time. If the roads cut down their own supply and delay service the patrons kick. If the road consents private coal in order to keep in operation, again the patrons kick. In trying to avoid these complaints the railroads generally rush coal to storage in warm weather and while business in other lines is slow. Ralph Hibben, fuel agent for the Katy, with headquarters in Parsons, spent yesterday afternoon at Ray looking over the ground where coal will be stored.

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