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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(City Election, Tuesday, Apr. 12, 1912.)

For City Attorney:
J. M. BLANKENSHIP

In Sunday's paper Mr. Clarence

Ousley, editor of the Fort Worth Record, took up a great deal more space than was necessary in making the announcement that he would not be a candidate for the United States senatorship, and after making this statement proceeds to give his views as now expressed, as to how Democrats of Texas should select their candidates for office. He does not favor the plurality nomination. This is a change of opinion and a complete switch-around since the last gubernatorial primary. His favorite won in that contest by a plurality vote. Nor does he favor the double primary system that would eliminate all candidates except the two highest in the first primary and then settle it in the second, as advocated by Morris Shepperd, Tom Ball, et al, saying there is no law to govern such a contest, in the first place, and in the second that the last primary would have to be held at a time when the farmers would be busy in the field and would not take interest enough to go to the polls and vote. Besides these objections, he fears that a sufficient amount of money with which to pay the expense of the election could not be raised. He comes to this conclusion before it has been tried. There may be something to the assertion that the farmers would not

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turn out to the polls and vote, but rather a fear that they will, and that the candidates who make objections to the double or eliminating primary elections will stand less chance of success. Even if only about one-fourth of the Democratic voters of Texas participated in the double primary elections, that would still be more representative of the

An Interview With Madero

San Antonio Light.

City of Mexico, Dec. 30.—Mexico is almost entirely pacified. There is trouble in two places only, and these things amount to nothing and peace will, in a short time be absolutely restored throughout the republic.

"This announcement was made today by President Madero to a representative of the San Antonio Light, whom he received in his private room in the national palace.

"The fact is," said President Madero, "that conditions have never been as bad as some of the papers have made out. Provoxs there were rendered of General Huerta's army only three places in the entire republic in which there was a disturbance of any kind. These places were San

Chiniquian, where Ismael ("Charro") Ramos, is in arms, but as he only has a few men, not more than six or seven, that can not be classed as much of a disturbance, and it will, of course, be put down in short order. It really amounts to less than what you Americans would call a good 'freight'."

"The Reyes affair has collapsed, as we expected it would. We never had any fear that it would amount to anything, but of course we are very pleased that it has been ended.

Democratic party than the precinct primary conventions. The way this paper views it there are no real good reasons for opposition to the double or eliminating primary election and the candidate who makes objection usually has good cause, the knowledge that he stands but little chance of polling a majority of the votes, but hopes to pull through as a minority candidate.

tion of the country is complete obedience.

"Mr. President," the representative of The Light declared, "the United States is greatly interested in the probable fate of General Reyes. It would like to know what you are going to do with him."

President Madero laughed a little as he pondered the question in his mind and then replied:

"When President Diaz was in power, he made definite promises from time to time to observe the laws of the republic of Mexico. He gave his word again and again that he would allow the elections to be held in the manner prescribed by law, but when the time came he did not do as he said. The result was that many of the laws of the country were practically dead letters. The revolt against him was made on the ground that he as chief magistrate of Mexico, was not observing the laws of the land. Possibly it might be more exact to say that he was not enforcing the laws. However, it is about the same thing.

"The ministers who do not enforce the law does not observe the law. We desired the enforcement of the laws, and we rebelled against President Diaz only when we became convinced that we could obtain our lawful rights no other way. The world knows how that revolt was ended."

"I have now been elected president of the Mexican republic by methods that were entirely legal. Every man, so far as I know, was allowed to cast his vote for the man who pleased him best. Now, as I was a party to the revolt against President Diaz because he did not observe the laws, and because I was elected on what the Americans call a 'platform' promising complete observance of the law, there is nothing to be done but allow him to be judged by the law. He is answerable to the law, and he must be judged by the law. That is all there is to it. 'Will he be condemned to death?'"

"All that," replied the president with a smile, "is for the law to say. It is not my part to say anything until the law has declared itself, and perhaps not even then."

Not Bitter Against Reyes.

The president's manner, however, gave the very strong impression that General Reyes was in no particular danger from him. He showed not the slightest ill-feeling against the defeated rebel, and seemed rather to regard the entire matter as something that had ended well, and was therefore to be regarded with the utmost cheerfulness.

"There is some apprehension in the United States, Mr. President, that unsettled conditions in Mexico, may interfere with the business and investments of Americans."

"There need not be the slightest feeling of that kind. I have already said what the disturbances amounted to and they are surely not large enough to cause any apprehension for the safety of present and future investments. However, I have no hesitancy in declaring that the full power of the Mexican government will be employed at all times to secure to foreign investors complete protection. I cannot make this statement too strong."

The president then spoke at some length of the difficulties attending the holding of an absolutely untrammelled election in a country where such a thing had been previously unknown.

"In some places," he said, "where there were several candidates people came to me and asked 'Who is the Madero candidate?' I said, 'he is the man who gets the most votes.'"

"Well," he said, "if you will tell me who you favor, we will see that he gets the most votes." I explained to all of them who came to me about such matters that they were to vote for the man they desired to see in office. It was hard to explain to some of them that the government had no special candidates that it desired to favor upon the people.

"I have great hopes for the Mexican nation," declared the president, his face beaming with enthusiasm. "They are really a great people and they are capable of accomplishing great things, but many of them have not been given a chance to test, and even now it seems that some who have actually been given opportunities in the past have failed to understand things. For instance, we have freedom of the press in Mexico, and yet there are many papers who seem afraid to print what they like. They are slow to understand that the old order of things has passed away."

"What Mexico needs is many schools and I hope that we will be able to build them throughout the land with little delay. That is the way in which the greatest good can come to the Mexican people, and I have no thought that is not connected with their good. 'We have a large task before us,' he declared with his cheerful smile, 'and I know that we are going to make some mistakes. All peoples have done that, but at things considered, I believe that we have done very well so far, and I have no doubt that we will continue to do better and better. It is absolutely necessary that we have peace and quiet throughout the republic if we are to make rapid gains.

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1861—Frederick William IV. of Prussia died. Born Oct. 15, 1795.

1888—Joel Parker, war governor of New Jersey, died. Born Nov. 24, 1816.

1899—Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated governor of New York.

1905—Port Arthur capitulated to the Japanese.

Therefore all of us are extremely grateful to the United States for helping us put down the rebellion that was to have been, I also believe," said the president, with his cheerful laugh, "that we owe something to the Light. It has been our good friend, and it has helped us to uphold the righteous cause in Mexico. We are very grateful to everybody who has been good to us. We know that we have the good will of the American people, and we hope to continue to deserve its opinion."

"THIS IS MY 47th BIRTHDAY."

Gordon Grant.

Gordon Grant, celebrated throughout the western world as a civil engineer and railway builder, was born in Dufftown, Banffshire, Scotland, January 2, 1865. At the age of seven he was brought to Canada by his father, who also was a well known civil engineer. After completing his education the son took up his father's profession. His first important work was in South America, where he spent six years in the construction of railways for the Argentine government. In 1887 he returned to Canada and for the next three years was engaged in the construction of the Cape Breton branch of the Intercolonial Railway. Later he was similarly employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the East Coast Florida Railway. Since 1905 Mr. Grant has filled the position of chief engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway-Commission of Canada.

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emson en route back to his home after making a trip to Archer City on business connected with the building of the Water Works system there.

D. M. Harris a student in the University of Texas at Austin, passed through here this afternoon en route to Devol, Oklahoma, on business. Mr. Harris, who is a student of the sophomore class at the University, has been spending the holidays with relatives in Henrietta, and will return to Austin in a few days.

The Campaign in Arkansas. Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 2.—Following a truce extending over the holidays, the senatorial and gubernatorial campaign in Arkansas reopened today with renewed activity on all sides. Tons of literature bearing upon the liquor issue are being distributed from the headquarters of Governor Donaghey, who is a candidate for a third term. Similar activity is displayed in the camp of Congressman Joe T. Robinson, who is Governor Donaghey's opponent for the nomination. Equaling the gubernatorial contest in public interest and surpassing it in bitterness is the senatorial fight between Senator Jeff

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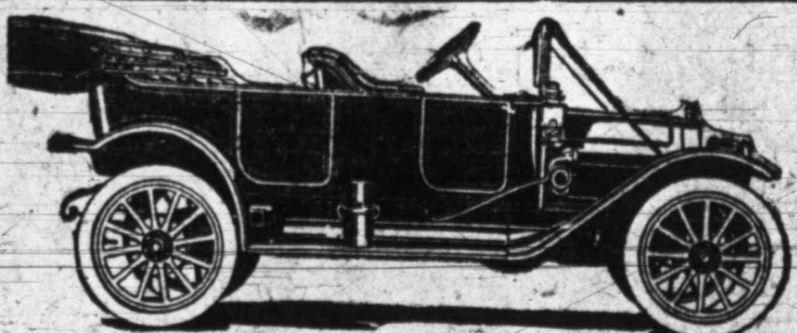
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