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Houston county the gold medal county.

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Houston county leads all counties in soil adapted to the growth of fruits and vegetables.

Houston county invites capital and immigration.

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And "Warwick" Imboden it shall be.

Every democrat in line for the

Every democrat to the polls on November the 4th.

Let the democrats go to the polls on the 4th as they turned out to the primary.

Senators Reagan and Coke both made speeches at the State Grange fair at McGregor.

The majority for the commission amendment in this county should be at least a thousand.

The official census figures place the population of Texas at 2,322,700—an increase since 1880 of 410,071.

Let those democrats who can't get to the polls on the 4th be brought out by those democrats who can.

Dallas struck water a few days since and the whole city got "howling drunk on the strength of it—the water."

The majority for the commission amendment, for Hogg and the rest of the ticket in Houston Co. should be at least 900.

The editor of The Courier don't waste ammunition on these rifle, smooth-bore, 18-calibre, pot-metal ink-slingers.

From reports there is marl enough east of Grapeland to fertilize all the worn-out lands of the State for years and years.

Trinity County is evidently getting a move on her. Look at the census, and then keep your optics sharp during the next decade.

Men who lallygagged with independent and denounced the democratic party "are a sweet-scented lot to hold up the banner of democracy."

Congressman Savers delivered to Governor Ross a few days since a draft for the balance of the claim of the State against the United States. It was for \$145,000.

Judging from the fuss the Dallas people make over their million-gallon-a-day artesian well, one would conclude that Dallas was located in the middle of the Sahara.

A railroad commission will at least prevent hostile discrimination against Texas industries, Texas factories and Texas enterprise generally. Vote for the commission.

We had some difficulty in getting the documents, but then we got them all the same. They are authentic too, and show the political status of—well, at the proper time, all shall see.

The State Grange Fair at McGregor is pronounced a great success. We hope that the committee appointed by the county grange to get up a county exhibit will feel bad everytime they read about it.

Houston county leads them all in rich soils, productive soils, variety of soils, woods and timbers for any and all purposes, minerals, fruits, etc. All we need is for the world to know that they are here, and to be had almost for the asking.

Those men, we will not say, democrats, who talk about scratching Jno. B. Long for his attitude on the Sub-treasury bill, should remember that he stands flat-footed on the state platform adopted at San Antonio. That instrument condemned the bill in terms too plain to be misunderstood. Mr. Long stands with Hogg and the rest of the ticket.

And thus it is: Hark ye! Listen to the motley pack, Howl and hoard upon your track, And all the yelling, crop-eared crew, Tray, and Blanche and Sweetheart too, Snap and snarl and bark at you; Then banish thought of dread or fear, The curs are always in the rear. Go it, Gallagher.

Hon. John H. Reagan in an interview with the Palestine Post reporter denies that he ever said he would not be a candidate for reelection. He says he is not prepared to say that he will or will not be a candidate.

It is the solemn duty of every democrat, from the standpoint of both party and country, to go to the polls on the 4th and roll up such a majority for Hogg and the rest of the ticket as has never been given in this county before.

The cane growers of Houston county will produce fifteen to twenty hundred barrels of syrup this season. Everyone interested in the development of the county is interested in finding a market for this syrup.

Palestine has organized a Progressive Association whose object is to advertise the resources of Anderson county and to promote the industrial interests of Palestine. This is a level-headed move. Why can't we have something of the kind here?

Vote for the commission amendment, not because Webb Finley and the Executive Committee say that failing to vote for it is equivalent to scratching the ticket, but because the commerce of the state demands the creation of a commission.

One reason why the syrup producers of Houston Co. can't compete with those of Louisiana, is that the freight rates are so high that the Houston County farmer can't compete with the Louisiana cane grower in the markets of West Texas.

Some eight or ten months since, the Waco Day led us to believe that a railroad would be built from that city to Trinity in a very short time. Will the Day please inform us what has become of that project? Was it all buncombe and bluster?

A railroad commission, if it discriminates at all, will discriminate in favor of home interests, and not permit roads to lay down syrup from Louisiana in the Panhandle counties of the state for less money than the East Texas article. Vote for the commission.

A commission of three or five men, practical, broadminded and of incorruptible integrity will protect the people from the exactions of railroads and protect the railroads from unjust and unfriendly legislation by the radical reform element. Vote for the commission.

Let every democrat in Commissioners' Beat No. 2 come to the polls on the 4th and stand solidly in line for the nominee for that beat. Mr. Vickers has the courage of his convictions and declares himself openly and boldly an independent candidate. No democrat can vote for him, and we feel confident no democrat will vote for him.

The ribbon cane syrup which the Houston County farmer produces is superior to any thing brought to this country from elsewhere and it is the duty of the merchants at Grapeland, Crockett and Lovelady to help the farmers of the county dispose of this syrup to the best advantage. It occurs to us that they can do this by some kind of joint action.

The Houston Tribune (Rep.) announces that the republican convention which met at Madisonville, October, 11th put out O. A. Norwood of Navasota as a candidate for the Senate from this district. The same paper also states that Mr. Norwood is not a republican, but is endorsed by the republicans and is making the canvass on an anti-commission platform.

Houston's esteemed sister to the South, Trinity county, shows a larger increase in population than any county in East Texas. The population of Trinity has more than doubled during the past ten years, and now exceeds ten thousand. We are glad to see this. Trinity is one of the best counties in East Texas and is rapidly filling up with a thrifty, energetic, enterprising class of citizens.

Jno. B. Long, nominee for Congress addressed the democracy at this place on Thursday last. He was outspoken in his opposition to the sub-treasury scheme, and his language was so direct and unequivocal that there can be no doubt as to where he stands. We are pleased to know that he aligns himself squarely and fearlessly with the avowed principles of the party as enunciated at the San Antonio Convention.

That the voting public may act intelligently on the constitutional amendments, we print the sections of the constitution proposed to be amended as they read now, and also the sections to be voted for or against. They will be found on the outside of the paper.

The Dallas Fair and Exposition has been thrown open; the display is magnificent and the attendance large. Houston county and her unsurpassed resources and advantages are without representation there. We regret to say so, but truth forces us to confess it, that the cause of it is want of enterprise and public spirit in our own people. God helps those who help themselves, and the devil always gets the hindmost.

The initial number of the Cameron Chronicle, A. D. Lipscomb, editor and proprietor, is before us. It is an eight page Journal, neatly printed and ably edited. We welcome it as an exchange and wish it all the success it deserves. The editor sails in in medias res and shrinks not from tackling any question from the policy of the State government or the democratic party to a matter of ordinary local concern.

In deciding to vote the school tax Crockett aligns herself with the progressive, wide-awake towns of the State. It is a triumph of which all friends of education may well be proud, and the future of the town may be regarded as bright and reassuring. Now let the council go to work and erect buildings that will be not only commodious but ornamental and creditable to the place. Quite a number of persons interested in the education of their children have been watching the result of the election on the school tax, determined to locate here in the event of its adoption. They will now come, and others will come and in the near future we may confidently hope for a growth of the city on which all friends of enterprise may congratulate themselves.

The Cane Question Again. In the spring the Courier urged the farmers to plant cane extensively, assuring them of its active and earnest cooperation in their efforts to find a market for the syrup. We stand ready now to fulfill this promise to the best of our ability in whatever way we can be of service. Reports from all sections of the county are to the effect that the crop is exceptionally fine and that the output of syrup will be extraordinarily heavy. The demand for home consumption will of course call for a large part of the yield, but there will still be thousands of gallons for sale for which there will be no demand in our own county. The question then which addresses itself to all concerned, and especially to the producer, is what shall be done with the surplus? We have stated before that there was a market for it in the west and north-west. To get into this market is the problem. We believe it is possible to do so, and every effort in that direction should be exhausted. The merchants of Grapeland, Crockett and Lovelady can, it occurs to us, be of invaluable service to this end, either in their individual capacity or by some form of united action. We hope they will do this. Of course they will not be expected to do it for nothing, yet it is to their interest and the interest of the entire county, both immediately and remotely, directly and indirectly, to exert themselves to the end that a market be found for this most important and valuable product. If the merchants will do nothing to help the producers on this line, then we advise them to bulk their syrups at railroad stations, and put a man on the road to sell by samples in car load lots. In this way they can probably overcome the difficulties. We are satisfied that on car load lots they can secure reasonably low freight rates.

A Confederate Home. Both the democratic and republican parties in State convention inserted planks in their platforms pledging the State administration to the establishment and maintenance of a Confederate Home for disabled and dependent confederate soldiers. General Hogg in his opening speech at Rusk, and at every point at which he subsequently appeared in the canvass, spoke in noble and eloquent terms in favor of such a proposition. Every candidate for legislative or State honors, so far as our observation extends, has been equally frank in his support of a measure which appeals to the generous, patriotic instincts of every voter in the State regardless of party. This is a matter that addresses itself to the people of Texas in their organized governmental capacity and justly

claims governmental aid; not in the light of charity or from the aspect of duty, but from the higher, holier and nobler considerations of patriotism; of gratitude for sacrifice and devotion to a cause to which, though lost, every true lover of the South, its history, its traditions, its institutions, its sufferings and struggles, its heroes in camp and in State, still clings with affectionate and revering memory. It is not a charity we have said, but a debt, and a just and honorable one which should have long since been discharged. The State owes it and the State should pay it. The State summoned them and they responded. It was in her service as a component part of the Southern Confederacy that they did battle and made sacrifices and endured sufferings without reward, save the consciousness of having nobly discharged their duty as soldiers, battling, as we and they thought, for a just and glorious cause. Every session of Congress lavishes at the expense of the common country, pension upon pension on the veterans of the Union armies, while of those who followed the fortunes of the Stars and Bars, many are permitted to eke out an existence in the poor-house or as dependents on the charity of individual effort. This is not creditable to the chivalrous generosity of southern people about which we have been so prone to talk. A home should be provided by the State, and it should be supported by the State in a liberal spirit, not as an almshouse for the poor, or an asylum for the unfortunate, but as a temple of honor to which the State may point with pride and claim that it is erected from a sense of gratitude and in discharge partly, though inadequately, of a debt of honor long due to those who went forth at the call of their country. Thither they could retire and be kindly cared for amid the gathering shadows of life's eventide. Here the battle-marked heroes of a hundred fields, free from the vexations incident to an ordinary struggle for livelihood, could spend the remaining span of life in ease and comfort, recounting their deeds and "showing how fields were won." In the quiet enjoyment of the pleasing assurance that the State would see that they wanted not.

CREEK. After having a good deal of rain we are now having some fine weather for picking cotton. Time has come to make up cane and candy stews are in order. Health on the creek is good at present. Mr. J. W. Goodwin has moved to Creek and his store will be open the first of November. The school has a large attendance. Mr. Milage Brown has moved to Shiloh. "He will move back. Miss Haldox, of the Switch, is going to school here, also Miss Crowson, a relative of Mr. L. Morrow. Collectors are thick down here, but we want more time until the cotton opens. Fortune has struck Mr. Wm. Balthrop and he gets around rather lively now. It's a girl. Our gin is kept busy now, but Jim says he is not tired. We have more carpenters here than any place in Houston county. Mr. J. Goodwin's store will be covered with rubber roofing and will shine.

O'LEARY. RATLIFF. ED. COURIER.—We have had fine weather down here cotton picking, and we have put in full time at it. I see some talk about the hog law. I guess they want a law to force people to keep up their hogs I wonder why they don't just make a good pen and put up their own meat and not wait for a law to force them to do so. We have a good timbered country down here and we want to use it. I wish it was a thousand dollar fine to start a crop with a sorry fence. I don't think that other people's laziness should force me to put my hogs in a pen; but there are so many secret sects these days that there is no telling what will be done. I will close before some one takes offence, every time however you touch the mouse colored mule she will kick. Success to The Courier. W. P. LOEWE.

AUGUSTA. ED. COURIER.—Some time has elapsed since the communication from Augusta by the other Judge and I saw no need of reply, as what I said in regard to the election here were facts and correctly stated. I did not expect to take any notes out of the other Judge's eye but did not want any beams cast in other people's eyes. Now, why did you not state to the author of the Kyle letter who was responsible for the political

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state of affairs in this county?

I think I can give some of the causes of the trouble and any fair-minded man will admit they are true. I do not wish to say or do anything that will renew issues that ought to be dead, but the facts as they exist are before us and we can't get around them. The prohibition question three years ago is the starting point of it all. I can see it plainly and I was one who voted for prohibition too, but not politically. Again: there were some conventions two years ago. I suppose every man in the county is familiar with the workings of those conventions. I was a delegate to one, myself, the opera house convention. And I know they were not right. Now, may be, these fellows that are raising such a howl want another such convention to put out a candidate for the Senate to snit their fancy. Judge Davis seems to be well posted as to the character of democrats who are going to vote for and elect him county Judge. No scap-tails are going to vote for him here, his friends here are true old-time democrats. The manly and dignified course of The Courier is highly appreciated by all proper thinking people in this part of the county. Query: Is it not a significant fact that all of W. B. Page's appointments and villifiers now were stalwart prohibitionist three years ago. W. H. WALL.

I see in The Courier where a boy seven years old picked 100 lbs of cotton. I have a boy, seven, that picked 125 lbs, and a boy 17, that picked over 300. They want to know who can beat that? W. H. W.

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QUANTRELL'S DEATH.

THE TRUE STORY OF THE GUN-RIFFLE'S TAKING OFF.

He is Buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Louisville and His Mother Visits the Grave—SHOT FROM HIS HORSE.

NEVADA, Mo., Oct. 13.—J. H. Barnhill of this city, who served with Quantrell from the beginning of the war till the summer of 1865, says the dispatch stating that his chief died at the home of a Mrs. Parnell in Birmingham, Ala., is a canard, likewise the dispatch published in The Sunday Republic that Quantrell was in Los Angeles in 1872. When his attention was called to the matter Mr. Barnhill said:

This is all nonsense—it is absurd. Quantrell was killed in Kentucky, I think it was on the 10th day of August, 1865. I was with him at the time and saw him shot off his horse. There were 12 of us and we had ridden into a barn a little distance off the turnpike leading from Taylorville to Bloomfield. It was raining at the time and we went there for shelter. The barn belonged to a man named Wakefield and was about 15 miles out of Louisville. While there Capt. Terrell with about 40 men surrounded us. We made a dash to get out and in the fight Quantrell's horse was shot from under him. He got behind Dick Glascock, who was shot off the horse and killed, and soon Quantrell himself was shot off the same animal. I saw him when he fell off. One of the Hockensmith boys was also killed there; the rest of us got away. When the Yankee captain walked up to Quantrell the latter pulled out his gold watch and gave it to him. Capt. Terrell had him taken into Wakefield's house and left there overnight. This was in the afternoon of August 10, 1865, I think. That night I sat by Quantrell's bed and talked with him. He was shot in the left side, the ball ranging up and coming out of his left shoulder. He said he was mortally wounded and told us to take care of ourselves the best we could. Next day Capt. Terrell had Quantrell moved on a feather bed to an ambulance, by which he was conveyed to Louisville, where he was placed in the Sisters of Charity Hospital, and where he died four or five days afterwards. The body was buried in the Catholic cemetery, for Quantrell was a Catholic when he died. I have a letter that I received from one of my cousins, who was at the funeral. This letter was descriptive of the occasion and written within a day or two after the burial.

"John W. Hall of Sheldon, this county, was also along when Quantrell received his death wound and saw him fall from his horse.

"Quantrell was about 25 years of age at that time. He has a brother living somewhere in Texas, so his mother told me. She visited me at my home in Independence, Mo., about two years ago and spent the winter with me. She went to the Catholic cemetery at Louisville about four years ago, where she found the sexton to be the same who had buried her son. He dug into the grave and got a lock of Quantrell's hair for her."—St. Louis Republic.

THE FORGE BILL.

Washington, Sept. 28, 1890.

The Washington Sunday Gazette, an enterprising, reliable and entertaining newspaper of Democratic proclivities published in this town, vouches for the following to-day: "It is said that the President has assured members of Congress who have spoken to him on the subject of the Lodge election bill that he regrets the failure to pass a new Federal election law in time to make the same operative at the fall elections and that he will do all in his power to make the present law effective.

"Under the law a United States marshal is directed to appoint special deputies for election purposes at any city or town of 10,000 inhabitants on the application of a certain number of citizens, and there has never been any difficulty in getting these applications when needed. The Attorney-General, however, has ascertained that his predecessors have held that there was no limit whatever to the authority of the Marshal to appoint general deputies to keep the peace and enforce the laws. The purpose now, it is said, is to appoint the marshals in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis of the Northern cities, and in such congressional districts South as may be considered defensible ground. The Department of Justice holds that there is ample authority for this procedure and as this Congress will be the one to act upon the deficiency created in the appropriations for judicial expenditures there is no doubt that they would be paid.

Just after Andrew Johnson had vacated the presidential seat, says the Buffalo Express, the managers of the Simpson County (Kentucky) Agricultural and Mechanical Association decided that it would be a great advertisement to have the old gentleman attend the fair.

"We don't care for him on Saturday," said the manager, "for on that day we shall have a pretty big crowd anyhow. Wednesday will be the day. I will write the express."

The following letter was sent to Mr. Johnson:

"Great Sir—The people of the wonderful county of Simpson, feeling a great interest in one of America's greatest sons, have decided to invite you to be present at our fair grounds on Wednesday, the 6th of October, where they wish to shake your hand. Please let me know by return mail."

He let them know by return mail. The old gentleman turned the letter over and wrote the following: "I am no manager. A Johnson."

"As the new voting law in New York now stands none but certain State officials are allowed within the polling booths. Under the Federal election law the Supervisor of Elections and his deputies are required to be and remain where the ballot-boxes are kept at all times after the polls are open until every vote cast at such time and place has been counted and personally inspected and scrutinized from time to time and at all times on the day of election, the manner in which voting is done and also to take such position before or behind the ballot-boxes as to see each person offering his vote. This destroys the intent and purpose of the New York law, the essence of which is secret voting, and it may be readily seen that if the criminal classes of New York are employed as they have been heretofore, as supervisors and marshals, trouble is likely to arise.

Mr. Davenport is said to have stated recently that he thought the present law could be made as effective as the Lodge bill, except as to the house-to-house canvass and returning-board features, and no doubt it will be equal to the emergency in New York.

KILGORE AND REED.

They Like Each Other Personally and Have Fun.

Notwithstanding the political antagonism of Czar Reed and Col. Kilgore of Texas it has been pretty generally known that the two men individually have rather a strong liking for each other. They are very different men. Kilgore is personally as brave as a lion, while Reed is an ardent coward. In the chair of the House, backed by a pliant unscrupulous majority, Reed would do, in fact has done, anything that suggested itself to him as being properly partisan and outrageous to the minority. In such a position as Speaker, Kilgore, as brave a man as ever strode on the earth, would hesitate a long while before doing anything that would lead to a suspicion that he was doing something to the people who could not help themselves because he had the backing of a sufficient force to make it safe for him to do so. But notwithstanding this difference and notwithstanding that Kilgore was one of the first and most vigorous to demonstrate to Reed that he would not submit to the Czar's tyranny, the two men are personally friends.

The Washington Critic of this evening has the following which no doubt will be of interest to the Southwest:

"A good deal of speculation has been indulged in as to Col. Buck Kilgore's reason for making a point of order of no quorum and then withdrawing it. It seems that last Tuesday Col. Kilgore went up to Speaker Reed and asked to be recognized to call up a private bill.

"Recognize you!" exclaimed Reed in semi-jocular vein. "Not much. If I had the authority I'd prefer to fine you \$100 for kicking down that door."

"But you can't do that," replied Kilgore. "I always know what I am kicking before I kick."

"And I know who I am going to recognize," retorted Reed.

"All right," said Kilgore, "I'll lay for you." The Texan did lay for the Speaker, and yesterday he got him. The point of no quorum tied up the House. Reed accordingly sent for Kilgore and requested him to withdraw his paralyzing point.

"I will do it," said the Texan, "if you will recognize me later to call up my bill."

"Oh, come, Buck," said the Speaker persuasively, "you know I can't promise that."

"Then," said Kilgore with a laugh, "this House shan't do any business to-day."

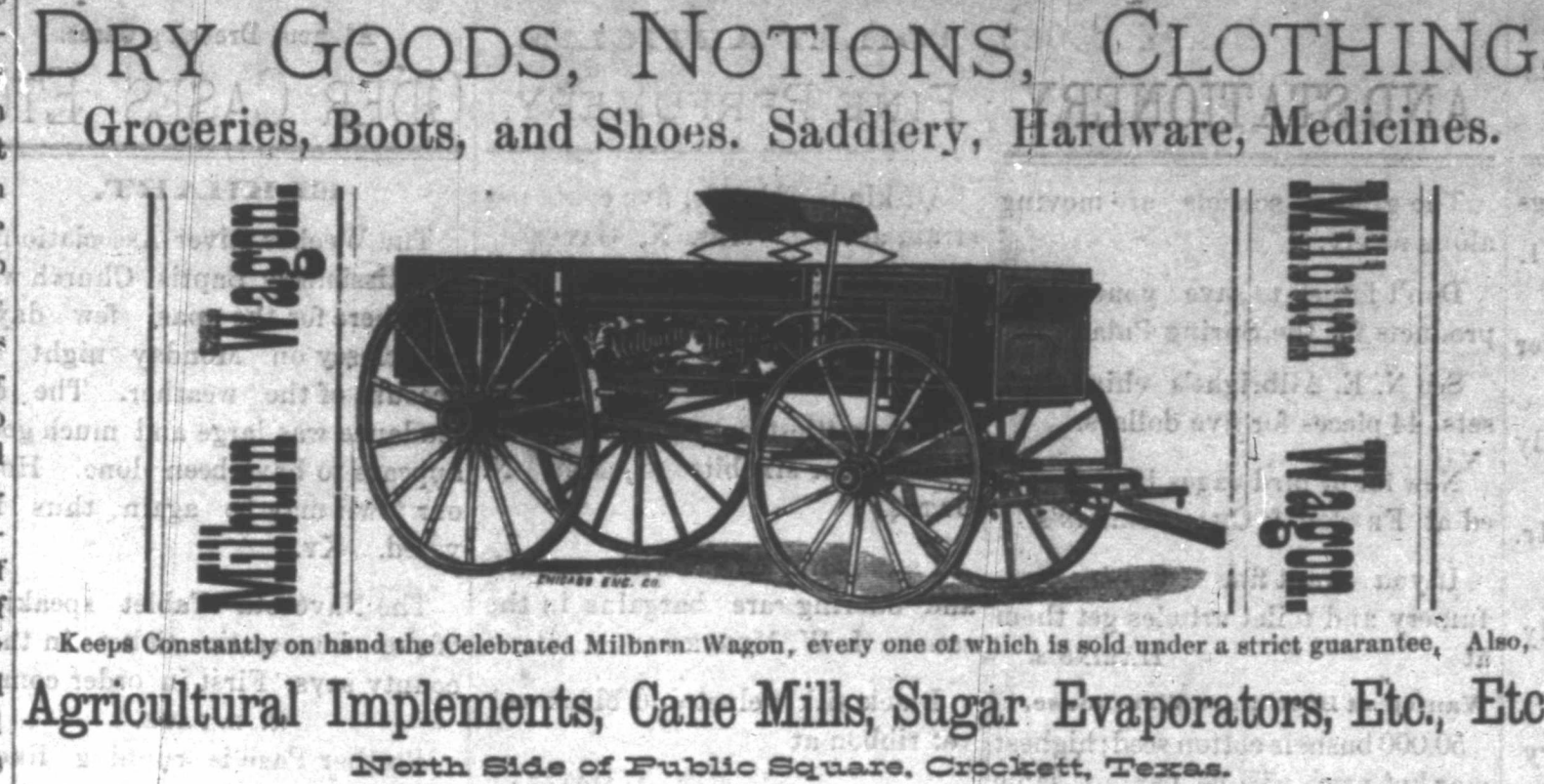
"Now, look here, Buck," expostulated the whilom Czar, anxious to see the wheels of legislation revolve, "you know I'm your friend, and that I only refuse to recognize you for pure devilment. Why, it was only the other day I served Lodge the same way, and you know he's the closest friend I've got on the floor. Let up, and the first opportunity I get I'll recognize you. Let's shake hands on that and be friends."

"All right," said Buck, "I'll go you." And the two big men shook hands heartily, Kilgore nearly pulling Reed out of his chair, while the other members wondered what the train were talking and laughing about.

It soon transpired, for Kilgore went back to his seat, addressed the Speaker and announced that he withdrew his point of no quorum. The wheels began to go round again, but Kilgore didn't get a chance to call his bill up. It is safe to gamble that he will have a chance to call it up early next session, however. Meantime the Texan and the Maine are friends.

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