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SINGING CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

At a meeting of the singing convention at Ballew several weeks ago, at which time a county convention was organized, the undersigned were appointed a committee to arrange for the meeting of the first session of the new county convention. At a meeting held a few days ago we decided to call the convention for the third Sunday in August, thinking that this would be the most convenient time for the people in general, it being between the laying by of crops and the beginning of gathering of same. The committee also decided that it would be best to hold a business session on Saturday afternoon before the third Sunday of August, which will be the 17th. At this business session the delegates especially are urged to be present, so that all business of the convention may be transacted and Sunday be used for singing. The committee also decided that each class in the county will be entitled to one delegate to every ten members, or majority part thereof. If the convention sees fit to change this decision it can do so at the business session on Saturday evening. Each class in the county is urged to send representatives.

Every class, as well as individuals, is urged to bring its books. A suitable place will be arranged to spread dinner on Sunday, and other conveniences will be arranged for those who may desire to attend this convention. As is already understood, this convention will be held at the court house in Haskell, and the public in general is cordially invited to be present with well filled baskets of edibles, and let's eat, drink, sing and enjoy the day together.

The different music companies of the state will be invited to send representatives, and it is expected that there will be a number of singers of note with us.

We urge that all begin to get ready, and let's make this occasion one long to be remembered for the great pleasure and good that may be derived from singing the praises of the Savior of men.

G. E. Courtney,
John B. Lamkin,
James A. Greer,
Committee.

To Trade or Sell.

An Oliver typewriter in first class condition. Will trade for good milch cow. Apply at this office.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

In reading press reports of campaign speeches one cannot escape the conclusion that courtesy and self-respect have temporarily departed from our political household. Our candidates in many instances appear to have organized wrecking crews to demolish the characters of their opponents, and orators are flaming through the country like a tempest of fire searing the senses of refinement with hot blasts of hate, polluting the waters of the state with the sewerage of revenge and blacklisting one another in the thoughts of the people.

According to the opinions and

BRUCE W. BRYANT IS CHALLENGED

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant,
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

As you are presenting the Hon. W. F. Ramsey's claims for governor in speeches over the county, I hereby challenge you for a joint discussion of the claims of the candidates for governor on Friday night, July 26th at any place you may designate. To present the claims of Governor Colquitt and you to present the claims of Mr. Ramsey.

Acting under the auspices of Colquitt supporters.

I am yours truly,

(Signed) Horace D. Meyers.

Why I Left the East.

(BY MRS. W. B. BENNETT,
In Texas Spur.)

Now isn't it amazing,
How some people fume and fret
And declare that Western Texas
Is the "sorriest country yet?"
How they fuss and how they grumble
How they yell and howl for rain!
And we hear them often threaten
To be going East again.

"Back East it rains a plenty
And the gardens, how they grow!
And they have all kinds of edibles
The whole year round you know."
Don't talk to me, I know it.
For I lived there years and years.
And again that verdant country
On my vision reappears.

And I see myself a sitting
By the fire in Summertime
With a shaky, creepy feeling
Going up and down my spine.
How I shake and how I shiver!
Then I tumble into bed
And rage and toss with fever
While they bathe my aching head.

Then they call me in to dinner.
To a feast that is extra good
But I do not even taste it.
Though I sigh and wish I could,
And they coax and they persuade me
Just to "eat a little bite."
But I turn away disgusted
For I have no appetite.

Then I see myself at midnight
With my sick child on my knees
A crying and a praying
For the Lord to send a breeze
Then I see my husband lying
Of the fever nearly dead
And my little boy a crying
"Mamma, come and bathe my head."

"Mamma, put more cover on me!"
Calls another with a cry.
While another calls "Oh, mamma,
Come and fan me or I'll die."
Next I find we've had an auction
And perhaps, my friend, you've guessed
Why we left that verdant country
For the dry disheartening West.

And, my friend, we don't regret it—
Never mind now what we eat
We are happy and contented,
For we count it quite a treat
To be always up and going—
Yes, our wealth has taken flight.
But we have a greater blessing.
We have our appetite.

And the nights they are so pleasant
And refreshing that it seems
That we can't get up at morning
Till the sun pours down his beams.
No more slaving in the crabgrass
Till we don't know how to rest:
In the field to work by day-light—
We don't need to in the West.

Step, my friends, and count your blessings.
Think about our pleasant nights;
Think about our generous people
And our sharpened appetites.
Hush your mouthing and complaining
Let your grouches die at birth;
For West Texas, Dickens county,
Is the grandest place on earth.

evidences publicly submitted, no matter which way the election goes, many of our public offices are going to be filled by consummate scoundrels and politicians who are responsible for pursuing such campaign methods ought not to complain if they are discredited by the public.

A Novel House Party.

Last week Mrs. J. L. Jones of Rule entertained several friends of her daughter, Miss Nellie, at her home in that city, and among the guests were Misses Francis and Carrie Sherrill of Haskell, Masters Roy and Willie D. Baker of Anson; Masters Arthur Foster and Lawrence Kelley of Rule. The entire party were entertained at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones for two days, while the host and hostess acted as chaperones, and saw to it that the young folks were pleasantly and profitably entertained.

WORKING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Austin, Texas, July 17, 1912.
Mr. N. McNeill,
Secretary of School Board,
Haskell, Texas,

Dear Sir:
Mr. R. A. Stuart, a graduate of the West Texas State Normal College at Canyon, Texas, and a resident of Newark, Wise County, Texas, has volunteered his services to the Educational Campaign Committee of the Hogg Organization to distribute literature and to deliver a few addresses in the interest of our State institutions of higher education.

Mr. Stuart will deliver an ad-

dress in Haskell on Wednesday, July 31, at 8:30 p. m., and I write to request that you assist Mr. Stuart in getting an audience, and that you give him such other encouragement and assistance as the importance of the cause he represents would suggest. Respectfully yours,
F. M. Bralley,
Executive Secretary.

The Unit Rule.

Mrs. Henpeck—"What is this unit rule they talk so much about in the political conventions, Hiram?"
Henpeck—"Why, my dear, it's where delegates from one state vote together, as a unit, you know. I can illustrate it by a request. I'd like to go fishing tomorrow. If you vote with me on this proposition"

Mrs. Henpeck—"But you can't go fishing, Hiram!"—Judge.

CITY BUILDING NOTES OF INTEREST

A town is as dead as it looks. There is a reason for a city's growth—it is usually co-operation.
Commercial Clubs create confidence.
It soon gets monotonous when one man does all the boosting. Trade excursions will bring more results than a million circular letters.
It may be tiresome pounding the same proposition all the time but success comes from sticking to what you start.
Prosperity follows publicity. Some men are born great, others achieve greatness by striving for the welfare of their

community.
Fast freight facilities enable the Texas jobber and manufacturer to fill rush orders without confusion or trouble.
It's easy enough to be pleasant—when you are a booster.
Be modest in all things except city boosting.
It takes big pay rolls to build a city; for the pay roll usually stays at home during the summer months while the bank account spends the hot season at the seashore.
A man with a number twelve shoe and a number three hat usually leaves the smallest footprints on the sand of time.
Courtesy courts capital.
Let the Free Press do your job printing. We are prepared to please you in workmanship, material and price.

EXTRAORDINARY

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In order to close out our Ladies Coat Suits, we are selling them for One Dollar each. This lot consists of \$16.50, \$15.00, \$8.00, \$7.50, \$6.00, and \$5.00. Values any one of them at One Dollar or all of them for \$13.00.

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One Lot Ladies Gowns 2.50 values at \$1.65
" " " Corset Covers and skirts 1.50 values at 80c
" " " Combination Suits 1.50 values 80c
" " " Childrens Drawers 30c and 25c values 15c
This line is extensive and the prices are very low

SLIPPERS, OXFORDS AND PUMPS

Several hundred pairs are being sold at prices unheard of in Haskell
One Lot Ladies 4.00 and 3.50 slippers at \$2.50
" " " 3.00 Slippers at 1.50
" " " 2.50 " " 1.50
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75 pairs Childrens Oxfords and pumps 1.25 to 2.50 values at 1.00

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