

Treasurer Shows Receipts for Last Fiscal Year Are \$89,112,262 in All Funds

Near Five Billions Worth of Property in Texas Not Taxed

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—Approximately \$4,897,780,918 of assessable property in Texas is escaping taxation, there being but \$3,602,217,082 assessed for 1925 and approximately the same amount for 1926, while investigation has disclosed that there is in Texas more than \$8,000,000,000 worth of taxable property, Edward Edwards, State tax commissioner informed Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. He submitted a biennial report to the chief executive.

Intangible holdings of railway, bridge and ferry companies operating in Texas in 1925 and 1926 amounted to \$75,181,116, the commissioner reports, an increase over 1924 in intangible assets amounting to \$74,930,922.

The commissioner explained that the last final figures available were on 1925, the 1926 tax rolls not being complete. He called attention to the inequality of taxation as provided in the statutes.

Only 164,775,924 acres, about 40 per cent of the value, were assessed for a total value of \$1,429,379,131, or \$8.87 an acre. City and town lots were rendered for a total valuation of \$1,094,471,483, or an estimated 28 per cent of the value.

Livestock was listed as follows: 1,594,270 horses and mules, at \$53.85; 2,855,285; 4,934,130 cattle at \$68.65; 650,331; 5,093 jacks and jennets at \$187.827; 2,958,004 sheep, at \$10.787; 604; 1,658,432 goats at \$3.157; 475; dogs, 1,429 at \$212.701; 546; 703 hogs at \$2,052.848. Average price for horses and mules was \$33; for cattle \$14; sheep \$2; goats \$2; hogs \$4; while dogs were valued at \$20 each.

There were 1,091,670 motor and other vehicles ended at \$109,715,084.

Goods and merchandise were valued at \$202,860,456; material and manufactured articles, \$25,589,640; tools, implements, machinery, \$55,408,492; steam engines and boilers, \$14,720,740; amount of money in banks, \$7,172,229; amount of credit of banks, \$9,467,189; amount of money other than banks, \$31,325,353.

Only \$950,231 of bonds and stocks were rendered and \$874,906 of capital stock was reported. The value of all property of companies and corporations was rendered at \$14,720,740 and miscellaneous property rendered totaled \$136,119,799.

The number of shares of State and national bank stock was 799,384 with a value of \$71,984,366.

Mileage of railroads was 10,635, with a value of \$18,006,504, with a rolling stock valued at \$37,306,520. Intangible assets of railroads were valued at \$274,708,498.

City railroads numbered 907 with a value of \$13,290,413.

Telegraph and telephone lines reported a mileage of \$19,729, valued at \$20,859,950.

Steamboats, sailing vessels, pipe lines, etc., were valued at \$31,212,532.

Commissioner Edwards reported that the loss in the value to the payers of automobile assessed automobiles from a half to a billion dollars if they were assessed at half their value.

Goods, wares and merchandise were assessed at \$202,860,456, while records of the State Fire Insurance commission showed more than \$750,000,000 of mercantile insurance on stocks in the old-line insurance companies alone, Edwards said.

Money on hand from every source returned for taxation for 1925 was \$37,731,042, but records of the banking commission showed there was deposited Jan. 1, 1925, with State and national banks, \$652,861,809.

State Must Pay Its Share of Foot and Mouth Disease War

Washington, Dec. 8.—All chance of the enactment of legislation for the federal government to pay the entire expenses of the eradication of the foot and mouth disease has vanished, it was evident today.

Congressman James P. Buchanan, Texas, after canvassing the appropriations committee, of which he is a member, today informed Congressman Garner of this fact.

"This question was threshed out in my committee the last session of congress," Buchanan wrote. "You will remember you appeared before my committee and advocated the federal government paying or assuming the entire burden, but the department, and the members of my committee, including myself, were and are still of the opinion that the federal government will receive more active, energetic and efficient cooperation in stamping out the foot and mouth disease when the states concerned pay one-half of the expense."

"The foot and mouth disease is the most infectious and contagious disease known to live stock, and quick action is required whenever an outbreak occurs. The federal government, possessing the police powers within the state, often confronted with opposition by citizens of the states who resort to injunctions and other methods of restraint and interfere with its operation. Under such circumstances the formal co-operation of the state will not meet the requirements. There must be a well organized corps of state officials actually armed with state authority to uphold and carry into effect the directing policy of the experts of the bureau of animal industry."

"Again, if the federal government is to assume the entire burden of the eradication of foot and mouth disease, then it must likewise assume the entire burden of eradication of the numerous other insects and diseases affecting agriculture and live stock, thus placing upon the federal government an enormous financial burden to fight plagues within the limit of the sovereign states, without possessing the police powers to make such a fight efficiently and successfully."

"This, of course, would mean a complete reversal of the now firmly established policy of co-operation, both in effort and finances, of the states with the federal government. I do not believe that any citizen receive as many as 50 votes out of 435 in the house, I therefore, think it useless for you or anyone else to make another attempt to have the federal government assume the entire burden in such cases. However, if you desire to be heard by my committee, I will see that that privilege, and such other courtesies, are extended to you as your commanding position in congress demands at my hand."

Latest Autos Have Bars and Fittings for Jolly Parties

New York, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The depth of the cushions—not the purr of the engine—has become the test of the elegance of motor cars.

The practical perfection of the mechanical side, automobile men said today, has caused the shifting of emphasis. Now the "dolled up" body is the thing.

How elegant the very ultra car will be was forecast when 100 cars worth \$1,000,000 were rolled into the ballroom of the Commodore this week and there left to glisten, amid soft music and select society sporting the following "accessories": automatic cocktail mixers; ice chests; three-tier trunks, with 14 brass locks; hardwood bars, with gold and silver plated goblets; automatic cigarette lighters; boudoir chests, containing hair brushes, combs, etc.; Carara marble-topped leather seats; polished aluminum hoods; inlaid leather roll-up covers; monogrammed foot mufflers, and period upholstery.

The well-dressed car, the exhibits in the twentieth annual salon show, will cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000. An outstanding feature of the season is the application of the term "ultra" to motor cars. One maker, a builder of very inexpensive cars, has periodized twelve bodies of his more expensive and wealthy buyers may now have a car to match their colonial country house or their favorite cathedral.

On the curious cars of the period ground is a perfect reproduction in canary yellow and black of a coaching brougham. An eighteenth century body on a 1926 chassis boasts everything from archaic outside hinges and a square window lamp near the "coachman's" little leather tassels on the inside doors.

"This is, however, frankly, a selling stunt, and according to the dealer, he doesn't 'hardly expect to sell it unless perhaps in Los Angeles.' Internally, there are no innovations this season, cylinders still running from six to twelve, with eights predominating.

Americans are told of Peril of Eating Selves to Death

American people are "literally eating themselves to death," Dr. Sam Scothern of Dallas said in addressing the Central Texas Osceola afternoon, Dec. 4. "Too much food is a menace," he said. "It has been found that kidney trouble, heart trouble, and high blood pressure are brought about by over-eating."

Walsh Starts Probe Into \$100,000 Fund of Maine's Senator

Washington, Dec. 6.—As Arthur Gould stood today before Vice President Dawes in a crowded senate chamber, ready to take the oath as a new republican member from Maine, his qualifications were challenged by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana.

No effort was made by Walsh to prevent Gould from being sworn but in a resolution offered from the floor, before the oath could be administered, he proposed an investigation of charges that the Maine senator had a hand in an alleged \$100,000 bribe of an official of the Canadian province of New Brunswick.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The swearing in of Senator-Elect Gould of Maine was interrupted today by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, who asked an investigation of charges of a payment of \$100,000 by Gould interests to officials of the Canadian province of New Brunswick.

Senator Walsh offered a resolution asking that the senate elections committee go into the matter, but the resolution went over for a day on motion of Senator Curtis, Kansas, republican leader, and Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire.

The resolution was offered unexpectedly while Mr. Gould was standing before the desk of the senate on the arm of Senator Hale, republican, Maine, waiting to be sworn in. Mr. Gould was visibly embarrassed.

After the resolution was laid aside, Mr. Gould took the oath and signed the roll.

Senator Walsh sent his resolution to the clerk of the senate. It said that "it would not be consistent to pass unnoticed these charges of such grave character."

The resolution said it had been reported that Mr. Gould had been charged with paying \$100,000 to trustees of the province in connection with a railroad contract.

If this be true, it said, "it was inconceivable that so large a sum of money would be expended without expectations of personal gain."

The resolution concluded by requesting the senate elections committee to investigate the charges and report what action was warranted.

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When the girl was searched some time after her arrest, it was discovered that she carried a duplicate of a soldier's identification card. In addition there was a small bottle of corn whiskey.

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West Texas Exhibit Wins Gold Medal at Sesqui-Centennial

Vernon, Tex., Dec. 4.—The agricultural exhibit of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia won the gold medal, Homer D. Wade, manager of the exhibit, made known here.

Ohio and North Carolina were given silver medals and Arkansas took the bronze award.

West Texas exhibit was given first place because of the ingenuity of arrangement and scope of display, according to the letter from S. C. Simms, secretary of the executive jury of awards.

The display featured West Texas grain sorghums, mounted sheep and goats, cotton, grain, oil, and truck. The center piece was the Lone Star of Texas made of grain sorghum with a big horse woven of maize heads in the background. A continuous stream of Texas products went to Philadelphia during the show.

Moscow Girls Adopt American Styles in Hats and Stockings

Moscow, Dec. 8.—Moscow girls have voted that they would rather dress like American girls than any other in the world.

"Rabochaya Moskva," a Moscow morning newspaper, conducted a poll, among the girls of the city, inquiring about their taste in clothes.

The first question was, "Should proletarian girls dress well?" A unanimous "Yes!" was the answer.

Many communist girls replied, "Of course we should dress well; that's why we made the revolution."

"What style of dress is most desirable for Moscow girls?" was answered about as follows: "Silk stockings, if possible; short sport skirts; silk blouses, when available; bobbed hair, and close fitting turban hats."

"Like American girls," was the most general description of their aspirations.

Unhappily, all these specifications remain in the land of hopes for most Moscow girls. The average wardrobe of a girl here, whether she is a stenographer, or a factory worker, consists of cotton blouse, cotton skirt, cotton stockings, or no stockings at all, and an old man's cap pulled down over her ears. Bobbed hair is the only item which meets the order.

Silk stockings are as rare in Moscow as caviar is in America, and three times as expensive. An import duty of about 1000 per cent on silk makes commercial importation impossible, and the traveler entering with a few pairs of stockings is charged to carry three pairs of silk stockings.

Hats for the Moscow girl are almost equally out of reach. The headgear turned out by the government factories satisfy the taste of no one but persons from the deep country, and the private shops producing hats are forced through high taxes to charge exorbitant prices.

A simple little hat which would cost \$3 or \$4 in America is tagged from \$10 to \$20 in Moscow.

In spite of their dire poverty, the daughters of once-wealthy families manage to present the best appearance of any in Moscow. Their natural taste enables them to make the best use of the meager materials at hand.

Wild Bull Stampedes in Dallas and Puts Traffic into Panic

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Several persons were injured slightly, and a number of automobiles were damaged as the raging animal tore through the downtown section. After a chase of almost an hour, Deputy Sheriff Bob Alcorn brought down the animal at Commerce and St. Paul streets. The Brahma had leaped an eight-foot fence at a North Dallas slaughter house with packing employees in the middle of the street, carrying ropes, block and tackle, skids and other loading equipment. Through the bottoms of Trinity river they raced in a futile effort to corral the sire of the species that in India is sacred.

The chase continued in an hour. Then the police and sheriff's office was called for reinforcements. As the sheriff's party with rifles reached the street in front of the county building, the animal appeared at the foot of Main street. For a moment he surveyed his surroundings, and then charged down the middle of the street. Hundreds of pedestrians and automobiles raced for safety.

At a street corner the animal crashed into a parked automobile. He then turned into the vacant space in front of Terminal. Here Deputy Alcorn alighted from his automobile, took careful aim, and shot the sire in the neck.

The wound infuriated the beast, and he determined upon showing this cow country what a cow with East Indian blood in his veins could do. He dashed down another street, while the crowd attracted by the shot scampered in all directions. He upset an automobile and turned into a blind alley where Alcorn shot him, but the bullet did not hit a vital spot and the bull escaped down another street, passing the Federal Bank building and heading toward the Adolphus hotel.

Red signal lights, automobiles and crowds meant nothing to him. Alcorn, now on foot, commanded an automobile and circled around a block to head off his wild quarry. This time he was successful in shooting the bull in the head and killing him. Reserved from the packing plant then appeared and carted away their trainee meat.

Wife Chases Hubby and "Other" Woman and Shoots Couple

Shreveport, La., Dec. 4.—T. L. Smith, 45, said to be a wealthy and prominent citizen of El Dorado, Ark., and his companion, Mrs. L. L. Simmond, of El Dorado, Ark., were shot by Smith's wife in front of a drug store at Vivian, 30 miles north of here today, according to police reports. Their condition was said to be serious.

The shooting ended after an exciting chase of the pair by Mrs. Smith for several miles on the Shreveport-Vivian road. Mrs. Smith used a pistol. One bullet struck Smith in the mouth, fracturing the jaw. After shooting her husband, Mrs. Smith turned the weapon upon Mrs. Simmond, who fell with a bullet wound in the breast and another in the neck.

Mrs. Lurena Nixon of Shreveport, who was with Smith and Mrs. Simmond, was unhurt. The shooting occurred just as Smith had pulled his car into the curb in front of the store. A moment later Mrs. Smith dashed into the curb and leaped out of her machine, brandishing the pistol.

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The jury heard testimony that a masked band beat down the door of Wilson's farm house and shot him to death while his wife and child looked on.

Sugar Curing Best Method in Putting Up Meat at Home

College Station, Tex., Dec. 8.—The cotton situation is causing farmers to think of the possibilities of hog production, also the production of feed and food for themselves and their livestock. The records show that over half the farms in Texas have no hogs, and we do not believe that it will be possible to get all the farmers to produce hogs for home meat consumption, especially during times of depressed hog prices until they learn how to do a good job of curing their own meat, advises E. R. Eudaly, extension service specialist, A. & M. College of Texas.

Curing pork is not only a matter of making it keep. It must be put up in such a manner that it will make a desirable food. Not only must it be cured, but it must be cured in such a way that for twelve months, Mr. Eudaly does not think that the dry salt method fulfills these requirements. Sugar curing by the brine process, he says, is always followed by folks once they have learned to use it.

There are several formulas for making this brine, the following being a good one:

- 10 gallons water.
20 lbs. salt.
10 lbs. brown sugar.
5 ounces saltper.
Bring the water to a boil, then add the salt. Stir this about a minute, then add the sugar and saltper. Continue to stir until all is dissolved. Allow this to cool and the brine is ready.

It is preferable to kill the hog in the afternoon. Cut up the meat and rub salt on it, spread it out and allow to stand overnight. In the meantime, make the brine as directed and allow it to stand overnight.

The next morning, pack the meat in a barrel. Pack the hams and shoulders first, with the skin side up; then pack the side meat with skin up. Put a weight on the meat and then pour the brine over it. Let it stand in this manner for three weeks. At this time, take out the side meat and hang up to drip. Weigh the hams and shoulders down in the brine again and leave it there another ten days. After this time, take these out and hang up to drip. When all the meat has dripped dry, smoke it and then wrap it. This is usually done by wrapping first with newspapers and then cotton sacking. Be sure to sew the cloth on tight so that no bugs or flies can get to the meat. Sew on a string to hang the package with. Hang it in a cool place and you will have as good meat as you can buy during the entire year.

Professor Alexander Mellickejohn of the University of Wisconsin and President Henry Noble McCracken of Vassar College will unite with student delegates to the second annual Congress of the National Student Federation in discussing "The Student's Part in Education." This will be held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 2, 3 and 4.

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Expelled by Bridge Club that Disliked Her Man, She Sues

Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 8.—Charging she had been ousted from a bridge club in Manitowoc because of her alleged association with a divorced man, Mrs. Uda B. Lott, Oconomowoc divorcee, has filed damage suits for \$5,000 each against three women members of the club. She named their husbands as co-defendants.

Mrs. Lott, with her attorneys, appeared at the court house Friday for examination under the discovery statute in her suit against Viola Stevens, and her husband Harvey, a dentist. Other defendants are Faye Hartwell and Jennie Lardner and their husbands, D. M. Hartwell and Dr. Linford Lardner.

According to Mrs. Lott's testimony the trouble began April 7, when Mrs. Mary Schobloski obtained a divorce from her husband, Richard, on a charge of cruelty and association with other women. No specific respondent was named.

She called a meeting of "The Girls"—there were seven of them, she testified, to be told that they had voted her out of the club, because of her relations with Schobloski.

"I told them that what they were saying was not true," Mrs. Lott testified. Mrs. Lott has lived with her mother here since her husband went to Lincoln, Neb.

Sheriff of Fayette County Escapes as His Car Is Burned

La Grange, Tex., Dec. 8.—Sheriff Will Loepp, Robert J. Holman and Frank Lidjak, returning from a conference with District Attorney Fred Blundell, recently operated on at San Antonio, narrowly escaped being burned to death when their automobile turned over and caught fire. It was learned when they arrived here Monday morning to attend court.

Blinded by lights of another car, the driver went into the ditch. Flames broke out immediately from ignited gasoline and the occupants of the machine had to abandon hats and overcoats in escaping.

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Budget of State Expenses for 1927-29 Largest Ever With \$17,900,162 Cut Off

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—With material increases in salaries at all state institutions of learning and providing for larger faculties, the appropriations recommended by the State Board of Control reach \$37,748,059 for the two years beginning Sept. 1, 1927. It is the largest budget ever recommended but it also carried the greatest curtailment from requests—\$17,900,162.

R. B. Walthall of San Antonio, in charge of budgets and estimates said the board regretted that it had to eliminate so much, but that the state did not have the funds and the board would not place it on a deficiency but would leave sufficient margin to meet emergencies. The board calculated the state's income for the next two years, based on an annual tax rate of 35c, at \$47,186,165, and that there would be a margin of \$9,488,106 to meet emergencies.

Compared with the figures of two years ago the totals are much larger. For the present biennium the board recommended \$31,339,334, which was a curtailment of \$10,220,679.

The total for the next biennium does not include \$1,555,700 recommended for the highway department because its funds do not come out of state revenues but from motor vehicle licenses and gasoline gallonage tax. The highway engineer's salary is recommended at \$7,500, compared with the present \$7,000 and the request for \$9,000.

For Psychopathic Hospital. Provision is made for establishing a state psychopathic hospital, but without locating it at either Dallas or Galveston. The sum of \$165,200 is appropriated for the first year, \$150,000 for a building, and \$43,800 maintenance for the second year. The legislature failed to provide for these hospitals after authorizing their establishment.

Not only did the college professors and deans get a raise in salary, but the presidents also participated and a graduation established. The following salaries were recommended: University of Texas, \$10,000 a year; A. & M. College, \$9,000; Texas Tech, \$8,000; C. I. A., \$7,500; North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, \$7,500; Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine, \$6,000, and the other six teachers' colleges, \$5,000. The university includes Huntsville, San Marcos, Commerce, Canyon, Kingsville and Nacogdoches.

The salary of dean of the medical college at Galveston is raised to \$8,000 and the dean of the University of state school to \$7,500. Other college deans are advanced proportionately. The school of journalism is restored at the university, also the position of first assistant in the Attorney General's department. These were voted by Governor Ferguson. For Summer Schools.

Amounts for the summer schools are also restored but in smaller amounts, the board thinking these schools should be maintained principally by the fees exacted of summer school students. The university asked for \$150,000 annually for the summer school and was given \$80,000, while the governor vetoed \$100,000 for that purpose but later allowed a deficiency for that amount.

The control board entirely eliminated the department of publicity, the health service and the nutrition and health education bureau at the university. In preparing for the graduate school the board placed the faculty on a twelve-month salary basis for nine months' teaching and time for research work and direction of graduate theses.

All departmental and maintenance amounts of the state institutions of learning were substantially increased. "With the adoption of this budget by the legislature," said Walthall, "the educational institutions of Texas will take rank with the best of their kind in the United States, and our hope is that the legislature will approve them."

Salaries of the heads of eleemosynary institutions were also raised, as were those of the attendants, and the board followed the policy of increasing the number of attendants at every state hospital, taking the position that this help is badly needed and that the forces are now inadequate.

Details of Budget. The budget, as in the past, is made up of four separate measures, with the following totals for each of the next two appropriations years: Support of the judiciary, \$1,866,100 and \$1,854,025, respectively; state departments, \$3,942,071 and \$3,830,716; state eleemosynary institutions, \$5,261,717 and \$4,571,145 and higher state institutions of learning, \$9,432,403 and \$8,633,561. The total for higher education for the two years is \$13,065,064, approximately the same amount the state appropriations to the common schools out of the available school fund in making the \$14 per capita allowance.

The board allowed as many new buildings at state educational and eleemosynary institutions as the funds would permit, Walthall said. Those for the educational institutions follow:

A. & M. College—Library building and equipment, \$200,000 first year, two dormitories, \$150,000 each year. Prairie View Normal—Two dormitories, \$70,000 each year; mechanical shops and equipment, \$60,000, first year. North Texas Junior A. & M. College—Science building and equipment, \$10,000 first year. College of Industrial Arts—Hospital building and equipment, \$50,000 first year. At Texas Tech. Texas Technological College—To complete administration building, \$300,000 first year; \$354,000 second year. East Texas Teachers' College—

Library and recitation building and equipment, \$150,000, first year; president's home, \$12,500 first year; heating plant, \$20,000 second year. Sam Houston Teachers' College—Library and administration building, \$200,000, second year. South Texas Teachers' College—Heating plant, \$12,500, first year. Southwest Texas Teachers' College—Home economics buildings, additions and improvements, \$50,000, second year; to complete boys' gymnasium, \$12,500, first year. Sul Ross Teachers' College—Education and library building, \$125,000, second year. West Texas Teachers' College—Education and recitation building and equipment, \$300,000, first year.

No appropriations, under the constitution, can be made for buildings at the university. Abilene State Hospital—Two cottages for patients, \$50,000; officers' apartment equipped, \$30,000; filtration plant, \$8,000; current distribution, \$10,000. Austin State School—Two dormitories, \$100,000; enlarging power house, \$50,000; office equipped, \$75,000; install sewer line, \$15,000, for three buildings, \$30,000; repairing main building, \$34,500; convalescent building, \$50,000.

Confederate Woman's Home—Deaf, Dumb, Blind Home for Colored—Moving boiler house, \$25,000; repair administration building, \$15,000. Girls' Training School—Remodel dormitory, \$10,000; enlarge laundry, \$11,000.

Home for Dependent and Neglected Children—Two dormitories, \$45,000; nursery building, \$25,000; dairy barn and equipment, \$10,000; water tank and tower, \$8,000; wing to dormitory, \$40,000. Juvenile Training School—Two dormitories equipped, \$60,000. Orphan Home—Power plant addition, \$25,000; superintendent's home, \$6,000; kitchen and dining room, \$75,000; high school building, \$75,000; charge dining room to dormitory, \$20,000.

New Ward Buildings. Rusk State Hospital—Two ward buildings and equipment, \$250,000; officers' dormitory, \$35,000; rebuilding power plant, \$40,000; enlarging ice plant, \$35,000. Terrell State Hospital—Replacing administration building, \$150,000; boiler and power house, \$30,000. San Antonio State Hospital—Superintendent's home, \$10,000; hospital and equipment, \$100,000. State Tuberculosis Sanatorium—Power plant, \$100,000; well, \$5,000; oil storage tank, \$7,500; repairing dining room, \$20,000; dormitory for seventy-five patients, \$80,000; negro employees' home, \$5,000. Wichita Falls State Hospital—New boiler and power house, \$50,000; two cottages for acute cases, \$25,000; tunnel system, \$25,000; ward building, \$50,000; two ward buildings and equipment, \$250,000; therapy building, \$25,000.

For the Colleges. Total appropriations recommended for each of the two years for the several State institutions of learning are, respectively, as follows: A. & M. College, \$1,446,770, and \$1,163,770; A. & M. Experiment Station System, \$273,189 and \$273,377; A. & M. extension service, \$251,328 and \$251,328; Texas Forestry Department, \$65,300 and \$62,300; North Texas Junior A. & M. College, Arlington, \$206,000 and \$191,250; John Tarleton Junior A. & M. College, Stephenville, \$382,020 and \$382,070; Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, Prairie View, \$387,000 and \$309,500; University of Texas, \$1,719,595 and \$1,600,195; Medical College, \$249,475 and \$250,125; School of Mines, El Paso, \$57,080 and \$57,080; College of Industrial Arts, \$446,350 and \$388,840; Texas Tech, \$340,450 and \$320,860; State Teachers' Colleges at Commerce \$420,315 and \$278,865; Denton, \$424,800 and \$420,300; Huntsville, \$275,710 and \$459,120; Nacogdoches, \$217,920 and \$219,320; Kingsville, \$172,620 and \$160,070; San Marcos, \$357,370 and \$326,620; Alpine, \$135,977 and \$256,872; and Canyon, \$612,835 and \$309,180; School for Blind, Austin, \$158,000 and \$123,380, and School for the Deaf, Austin, \$226,230 and \$218,040.

Heads of Hoffman Company Face Court Contempt Charges

Austin, Tex., Dec. 6.—On complaint of J. F. Dexter, Dallas contractor, G. A. Davidson, Rhea Starnes, Frank G. Hoffman, and M. J. Kelly, all of Eastland, officers and stockholders of the Hoffman Construction company, were cited for alleged contempt of court in connection with the charged violation of a restraining order issued Dec. 16, 1925. The citations were issued by Judge George Cathoun of 53rd district court, before whom the trial of the state against the company was held, and which resulted last week in a judgment for the state of \$412,000.

Dexter, sub-contractor for the company which surfaced and maintained highways in West Texas under contracts granted by the state highway department, obtained a judgment of \$20,454 Friday and went to Eastland in an airplane to serve a writ of garnishment against the Exchange National bank of Eastland. There he found, he said, that the company had only \$4.73 to the credit of its account, although the court had in December issued a restraining order when the company had \$125,000 to its credit.

Attorney General Dan Moody, before leaving Saturday for Washington, was informed by attorneys for the company that the state's judgment would be paid in cash, there being but \$74,000 due since the judgment took into accounts \$338,000 due the company from the state.

Old Safe, Unopened for 30 Years Holds Rare Coins for U.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—Stored in an old safe, unopened for more than thirty years and the combination of which is lost and the plungers of the lock so rusted that even an expert locksmith can not open it, is a small fortune belonging to the University of Texas.

This wealth is in the shape of a collection of coins of ancient Europe, gathered by S. M. Swenson, cattleman and banker of Texas, and presented to the University shortly before his death. In this collection are coins and medals from all the Old World powers—Babylonia, Greece, Egypt and many others. Included with the donation was also a group of Neolithic weapons placed in the care of the anthropology department. At the time the gift was made the value of the collection was estimated at \$75,000, but due to the fact that the coins become more rare as time goes on, their value is much more than that now.

When the gift was received by the Austin State School it was placed in the old vault which was considered the safest place for it. In order to prevent the combination being lost it was written or carved into the bottom of a drawer of a desk in the office of a history professor who examined the collection. There was no reason for opening the safe as time went on the combination was forgotten in the rush of everyday affairs. Finally, in the course of general improvement on the campus, the professors throughout the university were supplied with new desks and the old ones were sold as junk, among them being the one with the combination. In the course of some months the safe, its contents and the need for a combination were recalled, but it was then too late to trace the desk.

Today the vault is as it was some thirty years ago. From time to time the safe has been moved—for a time it was in the hall on the first floor of the main building, then it was moved to the library building for several years, and finally to a niche in the basement of the ramshackle old main building, but it has never been opened. At one time an expert was called to experiment with the lock to see if there was any chance of accidentally discovering the combination or that the lock could be forced, but the plungers were so rusted that such a procedure was patently impossible.

If the safe is ever opened it must be cut open by an electric or acetylene torch, according to an expert who examined the safe, 30 years ago. This will not be undertaken for a number of years, according to University authorities, as no depository is available suitable to protect the collection. It is the hope of a group of university faculty members that the collection will be housed in a state museum in which such collections as this may be cared for and displayed.

Amarillo Chief of Police With Three of Force Indicted

Amarillo, Texas, Dec. 8.—Four members of the Amarillo police force, including Chief of Police C. J. Blackwell, have been indicted by the Potter county grand jury. The police indictments, all misdemeanor charges filed in county clerk's office, include charges of aggravated assault against J. F. Williams and E. L. Cass, motorcycle officers, in which it is claimed they pointed a pistol at W. G. Stuart.

An indictment against Patrolman McFarland charged aggravated assault on Jack Eldridge, who, it is alleged, was beaten about the neck and head with the officer's fists, and aggravated assault on J. D. Johnson, who, according to the charge, "another instrument unknown to the grand jurors, thereby crushing and wounding his head," on Nov. 10.

The other indictment was brought against C. J. Blackwell as chief of the police department for the alleged false imprisonment of Mrs. W. H. Redwine.

Rupture Shield Expert at Waco

E. J. Meinhardt, the well known expert from Chicago, will personally be at the Raleigh Hotel, Waco, Texas on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 15th and 16th, from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Mr. Meinhardt says "The Vacuum Rupture Shield" will not only hold the Rupture perfectly, but will contract the opening in thirty days on the average case—usually giving instantaneous relief, notwithstanding all strains regardless of the size and location of the Rupture. WARNING: Do not expose yourself to the danger of wearing old style trusses with understraps. These trusses usually place the pad on the lump and not on the rupture opening. This often causes strangulation which usually necessitates an immediate surgical operation or results in sudden death. "The Vacuum Rupture Shield" has no understraps, no straps around the body or legs. It is also perfectly sanitary and practically indestructible, and should be worn while bathing. Only gentlemen are invited to call at this time as a special visit will be made here later for women and children. Notice: "The Vacuum Rupture Shield" can not be fitted by mail. Every case must be seen personally. Please note the above dates and hours carefully. Strictly no charge for demonstration. Address all correspondence to E. J. Meinhardt Co., Whitehall, Michigan.

Ban Put on Silk Stockings, Lipsticks and Coffee for Its Clerks by Jugo-Slavia

Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia, Dec. 8.—Any one who violates the decree Jugo-Slavia promises to run America a neck and neck race in the matter of prohibition, or rather prohibitions. Not "demon rum," but "demon coffee" and "demon vanity," are the objects of attack here.

Jugo-Slavia did not submit the prohibition order to the Congress or provincial legislatures for approval, but placed the objects of disapproval on the forbidden list with one mighty stroke of a pen in the hands of Dr. Krajaec, the Jugo-Slav minister of Commerce.

For years it has been a custom in Serbian Government offices for the various officials to sip from three to ten cups of black coffee each day.

With the sharp eye and cold heart of an American "efficiency expert," Dr. Krajaec figured that if each of Jugo-Slavia's 150,000 government officials drinks only three cups of coffee each day it will cost the government the enormous total of 164,250,000 dinars, or almost \$3,000,000 annually.

Since Jugo-Slavia does not grow any coffee, these coffee drinking officials were found guilty of adding \$3,000,000 each year to the unfavorable side of Jugo-Slavia's trade balance. The time wasted in preparing and drinking the coffee, according to Krajaec, has cost the state even more every year. Therefore, coffee must go from the desks of the government employees.

How far the women employees are responsible for the increasing import of "unnecessary" dresses and toilet articles into Jugo-Slavia, Krajaec's experts were not able to discover. They did find, however, that on the average each woman spent one-third of her time during "work hours" arranging her dress or touching and retouching her face with beautifying mixtures.

Without reckoning up the time which the men employees wasted in watching the ladies wield their powder puffs and apply their lipsticks, Krajaec decided that silk stockings, perfumes, etc., were ruining Jugo-Slavia morally as well as materially. "If a woman wears dresses each year which are worth more than twice her salary, as we have disclosed in our investigation, then either she is taking bribes or else she is doing something worse," was the way the experts reasoned in their report to the minister of commerce.

On receipt of this report the minister at once imposed a very high tax on all toilet articles, fancy dresses and silk articles of all kinds which are imported from abroad. Thereafter, he issued a decree that henceforth silk and other transparent stockings must not be worn during the office hours; that no rouge, powder or perfume may be applied, except such powder as is necessary to protect one's face against the wind, and this only after the workday is over.

Another decree which was published simultaneously with the dress and coffee prohibition imposes a heavy tax on all Jugo-Slavians who make any trip abroad except on business. Especially high is the tax on any one who visits a foreign watering place.

Changes in Cotton Crop Reports Made By Black's Bills

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Eugene Black introduced in the house Monday two bills dealing with government cotton reports. One amends the gin reporting law and the other amends the crop estimating law affecting department of agriculture cotton estimates.

Under the present law, the department of census is required to issue six semi-monthly ginning reports beginning August 1 and continuing to Jan. 16. These reports number 12 during a ginning season. The present law also requires that on the same dates that the ginners reports are released by the bureau of census, the department of agriculture shall issue forecasts of the probable production of cotton for the year. The effect of this law is to require the department of agriculture to make nine different forecasts of the probable production of cotton during a single marketing season.

Under Mr. Black companion bills, the census department would be required to issue only seven gin reports, and instead of the nine forecasts of the probable yield of cotton during a season, Mr. Black's bill would only require four. The gin reports would be issued as of August 1, September 1, October 1, November 1, December 1, January 16 and March 1. The estimates would be issued on the same dates as the ginners report, covering probable yield as of September 1 to December 1, inclusive.

Mr. Black, in a statement issued here, said he would ask the committee on agriculture of the house of representatives for early hearings on his bills and would press them vigorously in their support, that under the present system this multiplicity of reports is demoralizing the cotton trade and arrests every 15 days the natural trend of the cotton market and makes for a lopsided market. Mr. Black will offer statistics to show that since 1924, the first year when the semi-monthly system of reports went into effect, there have been many violent fluctuations following the announcement of the reports

and that figures will show that the market has declined a good many more times following such reports than it has advanced, thus resulting in great losses to the producers of cotton. He will contend that the effect of such a multiplicity of reports and estimates is to confuse and demoralize the market rather than promote its stabilization and the situation would be greatly improved by having estimates less frequent. He said that it was not so much the accuracy of the government estimates that he was condemning as the unwisdom of having so many of them.

Col. Ike Ashburn Is Named Successor to Haines at Houston

Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—Col. Ike Ashburn, executive secretary of the Former Students' Association of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, has been elected vice president and general manager of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Col. Ashburn has notified R. M. Farrar, president of the organization, that he would accept the position. He will assume his duties on Jan. 1, Mr. Farrar said.

Col. Ashburn was in Houston on Sunday visiting F. M. Law, and he said that he was happy to cast his lot with his many Houston friends.

"I hope to take some part in making the Chamber of Commerce a vital factor in the life of the city," Col. Ashburn declared.

"I hope to make it a service organization that will fulfill all of the requirements usually expected of a Chamber of Commerce."

Col. Ashburn formerly was city editor of the Fort Worth Record in 1915 he was appointed publicity director of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and he left that position to enter the army during the World War.

He entered the first officers' training camp at Leon Springs and was commissioned for bravery. He was made a Lieutenant Colonel before the war ended.

In 1919 he returned to A. & M. College as commandant of cadets and served in that capacity for five years. He was then appointed executive secretary of the Former Students' Association.

Special Judges for Supreme Bench Are Named by Governor

Austin, Tex., Dec. 8.—Joe Eagle of Houston and Maury Hughes of Dallas have been appointed by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson members of a special Supreme Court to hear the case of the Sovereign Camp, Woodman of the World, plaintiff in error, vs. Mary Boden, defendant in error. Eagle was named Chief Justice and Hughes Assistant Justice. The other Assistant Justice is Elmer Graham of Houston, appointed several weeks ago. At that time Governor Ferguson named Lee Curtis of Sugarland and J. W. Bailey Jr. of Dallas to the special court, but they certified their disqualification.

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