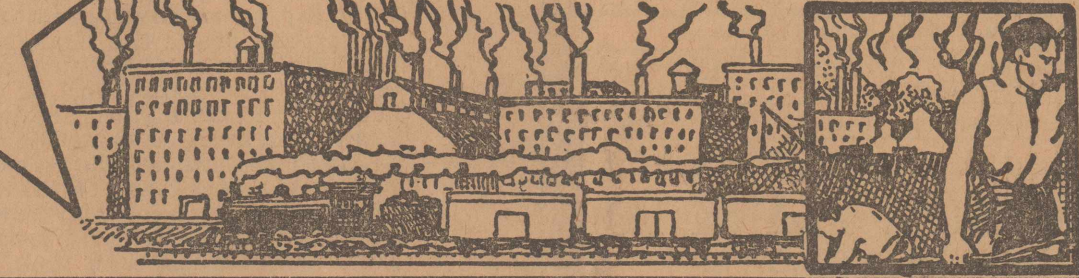
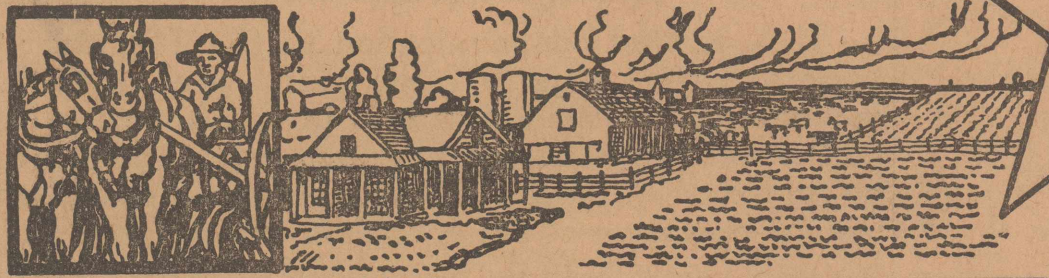


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Rural Justice of Peace Explains Fine Assessed Against John Cage and Ridicules Moody's Activity

Austin, March 5.—D. S. Burns, justice of the peace at Manchaca, today wrote a lengthy letter to the press explaining that the \$16.75 fine he took in the John Cage-Silliman Evans assault case Tuesday night, was a fine of \$5.00 and costs instead of \$1.00 and costs.

He also stated that John Shelton, attorney for State Highway Commissioner (Cage, who struck and painfully injured Evans, Fort Worth newspaper man, entered the plea of guilty for Mr. Cage, following the filing of a complaint against Cage.

"The fact that the injured party, Silliman Evans, is an intimate friend of Attorney General Dan Moody's, does not to my knowledge make the offense any more serious than it would if he happened to be a common farmer," the letter reads. "He said he was sorry he failed to consult the attorney general before he acted in the matter and that in the future before he fines a 'crap shooter' he will ascertain Mr. Moody's wish. The letter states that the writer is glad to know that the attorney general has taken the 2,400 justices of the peace in Texas under his 'protecting wing.'

The letter follows:
"In the first place Mr. Cage did not plead guilty to any offense in my court, but a complaint was filed against him for the offense of assault on one Silliman Evans, and John E. Shelton, who claimed to be attorney for Cage, entered a plea of guilty to such complaint and Mr. Cage was fined in pursuance of said plea. Mr. Cage was not fined the sum of \$1.00 and costs as the minimum fine under the statute is \$5.00 and costs, and I am quite sure the distinguished attorney general of Texas well knows this. The fact that the injured party, Mr. Silliman Evans, is an intimate friend of Mr. Moody's, does not to my knowledge make the offense any more serious than it would if he happened to be a common farmer. If we justices of the peace are to be called upon to show differences between the friends of Mr. Moody and the common people I would like to have a list of Mr. Moody's 'intimate friends,' as well as a written opinion from the attorney general's department, so I will know how to act in the future. I am sorry I failed to consult the distinguished attorney general before I acted on this matter and I can assure you that in the future before I fine a 'crap-shooter' I will ascertain what Mr. Moody's wish in the matter is.

"I thought that possibly the conduct of the attorney general's office, the other state departments that Mr. Moody has assumed jurisdiction over, his activities in the district court and the grand juries of Travis county, would probably keep Mr. Moody busy, but I am glad to know that he has taken the 2,400 justices of the peace in Texas under his protecting wing.

"I am glad to know that Mr. Moody has at last apparently assumed to take care of the justice courts also as I am sure that they will now be properly conducted under the tutelage of this great man.

"I will admit that when I saw the name of the injured party Evans, I hesitated to administer the minimum fine for fear that he might be related to the great Hiram W. Evans of Ku Klux fame, and therefore entitled to special favors and privileges in all of the courts of Texas. There was no testimony offered to show any relationship between Silliman Evans and the great Hiram W. and if there had been, I might have acted differently.

"Trusting that I may never again be guilty of acting contrary to the wishes of the great and noble attorney general."

Earle Mayfield Now Target of Klan Ire For Vote on League

(From Fletcher's Farming)

Texas' illustrious Junior Senator, he who owes his election to the exalted position once honored by such men as Coke and Reagan chiefly to the Ku Klux Klan, voted for the entrance of this country into the World Court.

Now it develops that the Ku Klux sensing undue foreign intermeddling in things purely 100-per cent American, have called their proteges on the carpet, so to speak, for his act.

And the current March number of the Country Editor carries a labored effort from the Senator's pen in defense of his vote.

The Country Editor, by the way, if we have our information straight, is a Ku Klux propaganda sheet designed to implant kluxerism in the minds of susceptible country editors.

But be that as it may, the senator selects it instead of the Texas press as the vehicle to carry his message to those he most desired to reach.

And a strange defense it is that he makes.

His chief effort at defense is to crawl in behind certain reservations which the senate sought to make when it passed the measure for entrance.

It would occur to most men that a thing that can not be entered into wholeheartedly but must be acquiesced in with a multitude of mental reservations is not only a bad thing to enter but a good thing to keep out of.

This idea does not seem to have occurred to our brilliant junior senator, and if it had he would have probably found sufficient justification for his own satisfaction in the fact that a bunch of Hibernalians oppose the World Court.

Whether it will satisfy his klux supporters remains to be seen.

Aged Newspaper Man Dies.
Washington, March 6.—Francis Asbury Richardson, for many years Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, died here today aged 83.
Mr. Richardson was born in Baltimore and at the outbreak of the war between the states aligned himself with the southern cause.

A. C. Love Is Named as Highway Engineer by State Commission

Austin, Texas, March 10.—Under appointment officially announced by the State Highway Commission, A. C. Love of Beaumont, county highway engineer for Jefferson and Liberty counties, will become State Highway Engineer March 15, succeeding W. P. Kemper, who has been acting State Highway Engineer since Jan. 15, on which date the resignation of R. J. Hank became effective. Mr. Love is a graduate of Texas A. & M. college.

Mr. Kemper, according to Chairman Hal Moseley of the Highway Commission, is to be retained in the Highway Department temporarily as an assistant to Mr. Love.

That the retirement of Mr. Kemper from the office of Highway Engineer was contemplated did not become publicly known until the first of the week, when Ben Warden, county highway engineer of Marion county, arrived in Austin for a conference with the commission. It was said that appointment of Highway Engineer had been tendered to Warden and that he had it under consideration until late Thursday, when he notified the commission of his declination.

Present salary of State Highway Engineer is \$7,000. It was \$10,000 at one time. R. J. Windrow, now of Dallas, first State Highway Engineer to receive \$10,000, is a graduate of the A. & M. college, as are Love and Warden. At \$7,000 the salary is larger than in any of the state government. Presidents of Texas University and A. & M. college receive more.

Klan's Plot to Get Control of Iowa's Schools Is Foiled

Des Moines, Iowa, March 10.—Defeat of candidates endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan for places on school boards marked the end of heated campaigns in a number of Iowa cities yesterday. Des Moines, Dubuque, Perry, Creston, Centerville and several smaller cities saw anti-klan forces win. The order had no ticket in Davenport for the first time in several years.

WHY ELECT A GOVERNOR?

(By LEA BEATY, Lockhart, Texas)

Editor Forum:—The state will soon be astir over the election of a governor, which the writer thinks unnecessary. I can't see any need for a governor, county attorney, justice of the peace or highway commission. What the people of Texas need is an energetic states attorney.

Reading carefully Mr. Moody's announcement for governor it is apparent he has not kept up with Mrs. Ferguson's administration. He says he will, if elected, practice economy in all departments.

Mrs. Ferguson has done that already.

He says he will look after the education of the children. Jim Ferguson, years ago, was the first to champion the cause of the country children who studied in the little brown school house on the hill.

He says he is going to put the penitentiary on a paying basis. Bless your soul Jim Ferguson did that years ago. But it would not stay put under two other administrations.

Now, Mr. Moody, Jim has put it on a paying basis twice.

If you are sincere about these things why not let Jim and Ma go along with the good work of doing the very things you call for in your announcement?

That is not all that you say you will do if governor. You speak of enforcing the laws. I am sure they are as well enforced now as they were in the last administration. There has not been, so far as I know, a tar and feather party since Ma signed the Ku Klux bill, and permit me to thank you heartily for what you did to stop such rough stuff by hi-jackers. But, in your announcement I failed to see even a hint of the Klux question and that scares me, for you, I and others know, just why the Klux are going to have a great rally soon at the door of the Fergusons. No doubt to make a fight against the Fergusons, and boot—whom for governor? They are not dead; they are going to try to come back. The way they talk on the streets their route is laid out, most of us think, along the Moody highway. They may succeed in reaching their goal, but they will find stumbling blocks along the route and may suffer the same fate they did in 1924, when they voted for a republican.

Well, we will see.

Texas' Cash Balance in General Fund Nearly \$3,500,000 Ahead of Amount in Treasury Year Ago

Austin, Texas, March 10.—The 1926 tax remittances exceed those of 1925 by nearly \$3,500,000, it was declared by W. Gregory Hatcher, State Treasurer. Mr. Hatcher said that since he sent out a letter to the Tax Collectors in October, 1925, requesting prompt remittances in assisting him in keeping the State off of deficiency, he has had the co-operation of the Tax Collectors over the State and that it was due to their splendid co-operation that the amount in general revenue at this time, exceeding \$6,000,000, is as great as it is.

Mr. Hatcher said that while the Tax Collectors had done their duty that they would not have been sufficient, because the expenditures of the State Government during the latter part of 1925, and the first of 1926, exceeded the State's income, and that the deficiency was avoided through the co-operation of the banks in advancing up to \$2,000,000 to pay current warrants issued against the general revenue fund, pending the receipt of the tax collections. Mr. Hatcher called attention to the fact that there is now \$3,000,000 deposited with the State depository banks scattered over the rural districts and that there is now more than \$15,000,000 with the reserve depository banks subject to demand. He said that the latter large fund was a temporary condition as these funds would be quickly withdrawn from the reserve depository banks to meet demands upon the State Treasurer.

He called attention to the fact that of the funds in the depository banks more than \$4,000,000 belongs to the highway fund and that this would likely be withdrawn within a short time. The funds deposited in the state depositories are in about 100 banks and the amounts range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to a bank and are secured by a surety bond in double the amounts of the funds deposited with the banks. Of the \$3,000,000 deposited with the state depositories more than \$2,000,000 has been placed in the drought area. The funds deposited in the reserve depositories are secured by government bonds 10 per cent in excess of the amounts deposited with the banks. Hatcher said the custom he had adopted of depositing the reserve funds in the centrally located cities of Texas as well as in Austin would be continued by him.

State funds in reserve depository banks aggregate \$15,783,678, as follows:

Austin, \$4,048,000 as follows: Texas Bank and Trust company, \$738,251; American National, \$1,118,990; Austin National, \$1,217,670; Citizens State Bank, \$512,085; State National, \$401,047.

Dallas \$4,169,445 with the following banks: City National, \$1,339,000; Republic National, \$1,340,515; American Exchange National, \$1,339,930; North Texas National, \$150,000.

Houston \$1,959,909 as follows: Second National, \$1,059,909; Union National, \$750,000; State National, \$150,000.

Port Worth \$2,454,270 with these banks: Fort Worth National, \$800,000; F. & M. National, \$802,266; Continental National, \$352,000; First National, \$500,000.

San Antonio \$501,069 as follows: City National, \$400,791; Commercial Bank and Trust company, \$160,278; Commercial National \$250,000.

Waco \$800,955 with the following: City National, \$300,000; First National, \$500,955.

Galveston \$650,000 as follows: City National, \$300,000; South Texas National, \$350,000.

Wichita Falls \$650,000 as follows: First National, \$300,000; City National, \$200,000; Security National \$150,000.

Beaumont \$250,000 with the First National Bank of that place.

Special Court Named by Governor to Pass on Woodmen's Case

Austin, Texas, March 10.—A special Texas supreme court has been appointed by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to preside in the case of Mrs. Kate Bailey against Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, the members of the supreme court being disqualified because they are members of the order.

Lon H. Fluellen of Ranger was appointed special chief justice, and W. H. Ward of Houston and John Cofer of Austin were appointed special associate justices.

Dwight Lewelling in Running for Moody's Job Gives Klux Job

Dallas, Texas, March 10.—Dwight L. Lewelling, former District Attorney of Dallas county and now a member of the state democratic executive committee, has announced that he expected shortly to file his application for a place on the official ballot as a candidate for attorney general in the coming democratic primary.

"As I recently indicated," said Mr. Lewelling, "I plan to make the race for attorney general and expect to file my application within a short time for a place on the official ballot. At the proper time I shall make a clear statement of the principles upon which my candidacy is based. Meanwhile, I am giving the people credit for knowing that the principles of honesty have not just been discovered by a hand of political office seekers. I imagine that the people read their Bibles as much if not more than the candidates who talk so loudly about honesty. It is quite amusing to me to see that a number of candidates for attorney general, as well as one for governor, are telling the voters that they actually intend to be honest if elected. It all reminds me of the Ku Klux Klan claiming to represent only the principles of genuine Americanism and condemning the rest of us who have never bowed to the dictates of 'invisible government.'

Suit by Moody for Million Hits Title Texas Gave in 1859

Austin, Texas, March 10.—Suit for more than \$1,000,000 and recovery of title to Hog Island, of Harris county, has been filed Attorney General Dan Moody in Travis county district court against Humble Oil and Refining company, and John Gaillard.

Damages of \$1,000,000, rent of \$10,000 per year, and costs, are asked. The petition asserts the defendants claim title to the land under a pretended patent issued April 29, 1859, by Governor Runnels to Ashbel Smith.

It attacks validity of the patent, and of previous filing on the island, and asks that title to the entire land be restored to the state. It asserts the defendants took possession about Jan. 1, 1925.

Cowboy Jim Ferguson Reports to Cattlemen's Association Range Conditions Around State Capital

Former Governor Ferguson, himself a Texas cowboy of the old days of the trail and herd, was one of the speakers at the annual state convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, at its golden anniversary meeting in Fort Worth, Tuesday, March 9 and he made his report and told his story to the cattlemen there assembled in the parlance of the range which they understood and enthusiastically applauded. He said, among other things:

"In the language of the cowboy, I bring greetings from the boss of my outfit, who is now running the state ranch at Austin. She reports that conditions on her range are good. We have had a light winter and prospects are for a big calf crop. If it were not for the fact that some have been trying to break into the pastures and steal some of the calves, she would be here herself to address you. She thinks, however, that those who would break in will be repelled and the calves saved."

Mr. Ferguson denounced the federal inheritance tax as unfair and undemocratic, as had Mr. Samuels in his address of welcome. Many politicians say that the federal inheritance tax is a levy upon only the rich, he declared, but added that it opens the way for further taxation of the poor.

Throngs of Children Do Honor to Author of 'Little Boy Blue'

Chicago, Ill., March 10.—

"Aye faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
Each in the same old place,
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
And the smile of a little face,
And they wonder, as waiting these long years through,
In the dust of a little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,
Since he kissed them and put them to sleep."

With the last stanza of his famous poem, "Little Boy Blue," sounding as his requiem, the body of Eugene Field, the children's poet, was last Sunday simply, yet beautifully enshrined in a specially built tomb in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, Kenilworth.

Those who as children read and wept over the joys and sorrows of Field's host of characters almost a generation ago, even as children do today, attended. Included in their number were scores of prominent literary and journalistic personages who followed the body of the children's poet from an obscure grave in Graceland Cemetery to the cloister in the Holy Comforter Church. There, as Field himself taught, the body was lowered to what would have wished, scores of little children mingled with the throngs. Judge Jessie Holdom of the Cook County Superior Court, a personal friend of Field for many years, delivered the eulogy, and at its close he recited the immortal "Little Boy Blue." The body was lowered to the tomb built to receive it. As the marble slab with its plain inscription, "Eugene Field, 1850-1895, the Children's Poet," was lowered into place, the Rev. Leland Hobart Danforth, rector of the church, pronounced a blessing.

West Texas Friend Rebukes Editor Who Displays Prejudice

The Forum has received from R. L. Southard of Allamore, the following copy of a letter addressed to the Sierra Blanca Mountain Eagle, with request for publication:

The Mountain Eagle, Sierra Blanca, Texas.
I have taken pride in the Mountain Eagle since the present owner, Mr. C. J. Warren, has owned it, and therefore I have been interested in seeing it grow and prosper and have given it all the support that was in my power, and now I am going to have a word to say and hope what I

You bet "Ma" will be in the finish" and victorious and we will see about your last rose of summer.

The editor of the Eagle was down sick when this paper was printed. I am sending two copies of this letter to the Eagle and I am asking the editor to please see to it that "Clem" gets a copy of it. One also goes to The Van Horn Advocate and one to the Ferguson Forum at Temple, Texas.

R. L. SOUTHARD.

TO CANDIDATES—

The Forum is the best medium for making known your candidacy as it is read more closely than any other paper in all Texas. Political announcements of candidates for office in the 1926 campaigns will be published from now until the July primaries at the following rates:

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SUGGESTS ANOTHER PLANK FOR TOM LOVE'S PLATFORM

In the Dallas Morning News of March 4, H. L. Fitzpatrick 808 1/2 Commerce street, suggests the addition of another plank to the platform announced by Tom B. Love in his candidacy for the state senate. Mr. Fitzpatrick's letter to the News is as follows:

To The News:—I would like to submit below in your "Letters From Readers" column a political suggestion:

I note with interest that Tom Love, that political Moses, has been "impelled" to enter the race for the state senate. From your issue of Sunday, Feb. 28, it is found that in building his platform he has gone back to "Holy Writ" and has selected as a foundation for his platform the eighth commandment and as a voter and a democrat (not a demo-republican) I would like to suggest that if Mr. Love desires to select as a "fundamental tenet of government" the eighth commandment that he place one more plank in his able platform, taken from the same Book; the twelfth chapter of Mark, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth and fortieth verses, which will be found to read something like this: "And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes which love to go in long clothing and love salutation in the market places and the chief seats in the synagogues and the uppermost rooms at feasts; which devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers; these shall receive great damnation."

Yours truly, H. L. FITZPATRICK,

808 1/2 Commerce Street, Dallas.

OLD-FASHIONED COURTESY VS. PRECEDENT

(From Houston Chronicle)

Nobody who has ever read about the rules and usages which govern the social life of Washington can have failed to be impressed by the fact that they appear to be in large measure arbitrary and absurd, and that more stress is put on formality and precedent than on genuine courtesy and unostentatious hospitality.

A few days ago a situation arose that set the experts on form and fashion all in a flurry and they went to looking up precedents wherewith to be guided, just as the justices of the supreme court would have done in the most important case submitted to them.

Mrs. Coolidge was unable to attend a social function and it was declared that the president could not properly go alone, but whom should he invite? Somebody harked back to the days of William McKinley and found he, under similar circumstances, went with the wife of a cabinet minister. So it was arranged that President Coolidge should escort Mrs. Jardine, wife of the secretary of agriculture.

Then another question arose of awful moment. It was portentous and filled with danger if not properly answered. Should the president motor to the home of the lady or should he send an aide to escort her to the door of the White House, where the president would join her?

It was determined that precedent demanded that the latter course should be adopted, and it was.

When the time came to go home, another momentous query was presented. Should the president escort the lady to her home or should the motor drive first to the White House and put the president out and leave the aide to escort the lady?

Precedent won again, and the president left the lady at the door of his home, and left his aide to escort her to her home.

Form and fashion and precedent may be necessary under ordinary circumstances, but they should not be permitted to bring about disregard of the old fashioned courtesy and chivalry to the obligations of which not even the president of the United States is superior.

It is a matter for congratulation that Washington social precedent has not been accorded authority outside of that city, at least that it has not extended southward.

It may suit Vermont and Massachusetts and Washington, but down here we believe in chivalric gallantry of the "old regime," which demands that every man, however exalted his station, is amenable to the obligation to go to the home of the lady he invites to accompany him to an entertainment and to return her to her home.

Keep the Forum coming to your home.

Texas voters know that the Forum tells them the truth and they are reading it to find out what the politicians are doing in this state.

The Forum is the newspaper you must have if you wish to know the real truth about the campaign that is now under way. See our generous offer of \$1.00 for subscription until January 1, 1927.

"Far more mistakes are made by judges and juries than by executive clemency," says Mcro in telling why he is not aligned with the reckless critics of the gubernatorial pardon power. Critics may rave but they eventually must face the truth of official records then they will see a new light.

There are several things of interest in the political situation and among them is the fact that the Ku Klux Klan, as usual, has lied about being out of politics. The Klan is in politics in Texas and there is a strong belief that most voters know in whose interests the imperial wizard is directing his efforts.

This from the Granbury News is pertinent to current discussions: "Governor Ferguson has been criticized as responsible for the treatment received by President Blayney of C. I. A., but 'Farmer Jim' comes out in caustic criticism of the action of the board of regents and says they did not treat Blayney fairly. From the recent action of a large majority of the student body they are in full sympathy with Blayney also."

Tom Blanton in congress the other day accepted the challenge of his opponents on the wet side of the house to tell where are some of the "saloons" he says are so numerous in Baltimore. Challenged for explicit information where to find even one of them, Blanton replied: "Go to Abe's Place." There's a bar in the rear and you can get all the liquor you want." Asked how he knew he replied: "I've been there." Probably by this time there is a "beaten track" to "Abe's Place" made by thirsty solons, but it is possible Blanton's information was already in their possession.

Jim Lowry, publisher and editor of the Honey Grove Signal sees two sides to the pardon question in Texas and deals with it fairly in the following comment: "There are two sides to the pardon question and it is better to err in the interest of humanity than in the interest of law. We notice that in many of the cases where pardons were issued, they were urged by the judges and juries who tried the cases, and by the district attorneys who prosecuted. Where pardons are so urged there must be good reasons, and it seems to us that there is nothing for the governor to do except grant the prayers of the judge, jury and prosecuting attorney."

TO MIRIAM A. FERGUSON

(Apologies to Whittier)

Blessings on thee, perfect lady,
With thy deeds that are ne'er shady.
Thou who beareth a Christian name;
Who treateth poor and rich the same.
With thy great hand, greater still
When thou brokest the Klansmen's will.
With thy love for every race;
With thy pure heart, full of grace,
From my heart I give thee praise;
I always admire thee gentle ways.
Great thou art doing that which is right;
Trying to keep Texas in the light;
Trying to win those who have strayed
From the paths that with laws are paved.
Thou givest more than thou receivest;
Thou in "people's government" believest.
Outward honesty, inward peace;
Blessings: May thy tribe increase.

A 16-year-old Fergusonite,
VERA PRICE,

Frankston, Texas.

GLOWING FUTURE FOR TEXAS

Jim Ferguson finds time amid the hurly burly of criticism and assault made upon him by those who cannot see the grandeur of Texas except through selfish eyes, to talk about the future of his native state. This he did the other day at Waco where he had gone to attend the funeral of a friend. He predicted a glowing future for this state, saying the population is growing at the rate of 500,000 a year and that six cities in the state together show 100,000 increase in population in the last year.

In a chat with a reporter for the Waco Times-Herald he said:

"There's a lull in conditions now, as all the farmers are getting ready for planting," he declared. "But Texas is on the verge of the greatest financial, economic and industrial development of her history."

"The prosperity is not local, nor confined to any one section. The Panhandle and West Texas are in the midst of a great oil development; South and Southwest Texas are experiencing a great agricultural development; and modern experiments on cotton production, and the increased use of fertilizer, will soon double the value of every acre of land in 100 miles of Waco."

Mr. Ferguson said that Texas was destined to have a greatly increased production of oranges in the near future. He said that 10,000 orange trees have been planted in Texas this year outside the Magic Valley.

"I planted 500 of them myself, down in Live Oak county," he said. "He declared that 60 orange trees an acre meant an average per acre gross yield of \$2,400 each year. He predicted 100,000 orange trees for Texas next year."

CHRISTIAN COURTESY

(From Houston Chronicle, March 4, 1926)

Simple but most gracious action by the bishop of one of the great religious denominations, who is the official and spiritual head of one of the dioceses of Texas, furnishes proof as strong as it is gratifying, that a spirit of broader charity and tolerance is moving upon the hearts of men of all religious denominations.

When Monsignor Kirwin, a leader of the forces of Catholicism in Texas, died recently, the council of the Diocese of Texas of the Episcopal church was in session, and as soon as that body received tidings of the death of the great religious leader, it paused in its work to pay homage to his memory deserved honor.

The action was in entire accord with conventional usage, but it carried a more valuable import and had deeper meaning than such perfunctory action as is commonly taken in such circumstances, could possibly have done.

It was the spontaneous manifestation of that spirit of brotherhood which the Master had in mind when he said, "And there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

The action of the official body of the Episcopal church brought prompt and most gracious response from the Catholic bishop of Galveston.

Addressing his reply to the secretary of the Episcopal Diocesan Council, he said:

"I thank you and the members of the Council of the Diocese of Texas of the Episcopal church for the beautiful charity which prompted you to pause in your work and pay your tribute to our dear Monsignor Kirwin. I shall include your resolution in a little booklet which we are getting up for his aged mother of all the tributes paid to him from so many sources. With all good wishes,
"Yours faithfully in Christ,
(Signed) C. E. BYRNE,
"Bishop of Galveston."

Such graceful and manifestly sincere exchange of courtesies holding, as regards many questions of theology and scriptural interpretation, widely divergent views, is commended to all those who, ignoring tolerance, and that great-est of all virtues, charity, assume to sit in judgment upon all who differ from them and would, if it were in their power, exclude all others from the temple and the altar. The Chronicle records the incident with great pleasure.

WILL WAR UPON SUMMER ILLS

Dr. H. O. Sappington, president of the state board of health and state health officer, makes the announcement that he is organizing his forces for a vigorous spring and summer campaign in Texas to preserve the health of the state against summer contagions. Work will not end with the close of the state-wide clean up campaign now well under way, but at its close, continued warfare will be waged on the mosquito in the malarial districts to keep down that malady to a minimum. Attention will also be constantly given to the protection of water supplies that water-borne diseases, such as typhoid fever and dysentery may be kept under control. As a further protection against these two diseases, efforts will be made to secure the adoption of a milk sanitation program by every city in the state. Sewage disposal will also come in for its share of attention, as it is a very necessary health measure that public water supplies be protected from contamination.

Rains make crops and help farmers to forget the harangues of politicians until their work is done.

The opening speech of the gubernatorial campaign will be made by Lynch Davidson at Palestine next Saturday, March 13. Others will follow.

"Purely patriotic" is what the imperial wizard says the Klan meeting to be held in the brush near Temple on San Jacinto day will be. The record of imperial wizards for veracity does not warrant full acceptance of this statement. The label of "Patriotism" has been applied by kluxers to some monstrous conduct.

The Hamilton Herald-Record thought it could guess what Dan would do but it missed it and Dan is a gubernatorial candidate this year in spite of the Herald-Record's warning that "The handwriting above the horizon at present is entirely too feminine to admit of any ungentle advances from the chivalrous general's department this year."

Recent political history is recalled by Fletcher's Farming, published in Hondo, Texas, in the following interesting little paragraph: "Tom Love, he who kicked out of the democratic traces last year and went over to the Butte-kluxer bunch has announced as a candidate for state senator from the Dallas district. Wonder if he will submit his candidacy to the republican primary or expect democrats to be bound to him should he win in the democratic primaries?"

Mr. Moody Becomes Highway Engineer

(Senator J. Roy Hardin, in Terrell Times, March 5, 1926)

In a written communication to the Highway Commission, Attorney General Moody objects to the contracts about to be let for resurfacing and maintaining the roads involved in the American Road Company suit. He makes three objections. The first objection is that gravel roads should not be surfaced with asphalt. The second objection is to the provision requiring the operation of ten spreaders and the third objection is that too much discretion is given to the supervising engineer in charge of the work.

Mr. Moody is the chief legal officer of the state, but we didn't know it came within his duty to pass on the technical aspects of road construction. We supposed that the engineering problems involved in the building of our state highways were to be determined by engineers and not lawyers. The objections urged by Mr. Moody bear no relation whatever to the laws of Texas, he is merely telling the commission, it seems to us, how to build roads.

It may be a mistake to put an asphalt surface on a gravel road, we don't know. We do know that a gravel road without an asphalt surface is not worth a tinker's dam, and we can prove it by all the tax payers of Kaufman county. We can think of no more indefensible waste of public funds than to build a gravel road and leave it without a protecting surface and permit it to be ground up and blown away in a few months time. And we are inclined to think the highway commissioners and their engineers are right in their efforts to protect a public investment of many millions in gravel roads by applying an asphalt surface.

It has been less than two years since the Kaufman-Terrell road was completed. It was built at an enormous cost and it is now practically destroyed. Last year we tried to induce the highway commission to put asphalt surface on that road, Chairman Lanham expressed a willingness to do so and it probably would have been done but for the upheaval in the highway department. Our county engineer said that was the only way to protect the road and we think he knows as much about it as Mr. Moody does. There is not a man in Kaufman county who believes it would have been a mistake to surface that road and keep it from being ground up and blown away. It was a worthy project, and had it been carried out none of us would have quibbled about how many spreading machines were used or how much discretion the supervising engineer was permitted to exercise.

In attempting to give orders to the highway commissioner and its engineers as to how they shall maintain the roads of Texas, Mr. Moody, it seems to us, has strayed far from the field of his official duties.

These proposed contracts are for the maintenance of roads involved in the American Road Company suit, and there is a general opinion among those who profess to know that when these contracts are let it will be seen that Mr. Moody saved the state nothing by his celebrated suit. Mr. Moody's letter seems to have been actuated by some such fear. Having cancelled the American Road Company's maintenance contract by court action he has now embarked upon a course by which he would prevent any maintenance whatever.

Directions for Control of Melon Lice and Cucumber Beetles Given For Gardeners and Truck Growers

College Station, Tex., March 10.—R. R. Reppert, Entomologist at A. & M. College gives the following directions for controlling melon lice and cucumber beetles:

Dusting with nicotine sulphate dust has become the approved method of controlling the melon louse and cucumber beetle, and as these insects begin their work early in the season, a brief description of the method is in order.

Nicotine sulphate of forty per cent strength, the kind extensively used as a liquid spray, is mixed with an inert carrier of fine texture. In our section the most available substance that is suited to this purpose is hydrated lime.

Varying mixtures may be made, the most common strength containing two per cent actual nicotine sulphate. For this strength five pounds of the forty per cent nicotine sulphate must be mixed with one hundred pounds of hydrated lime. For a three per cent strength seven and a half pounds of the liquid must be used, for four per cent, ten pounds, and so on.

If this substance can be purchased freshly mixed from a reliable dealer, it will not pay to mix it at home. None should be used that has been stored for some time. It can be mixed at home by placing the lime in a tight barrel through an opening cut in the side, sprinkling the required amount of nicotine sulphate on the lime, introducing a quantity of rounded pebbles to break the lumps, closing the opening tightly, and the nattering barrel slowly until the materials have been reduced to a fine dust by the action of the pebbles. The pebbles are then removed by means of a screen.

The mixture may also be made by means of a box, midway between top and bottom of which are nailed cleats and on these a brass screen of twenty mesh to the inch or finer. After securing as even a mixture of the lime and nicotine sulphate as is possible by sprinkling, the mixture is thrown on this screen and worked through by means of a coarse brush.

The dust is applied by means of any of the various dusters on the market. It is not effective at temperatures below seventy degrees, and hence should be dusted over the plants on a warm day and when the air is quiet so the dust cloud will hang over the plants.

A two per cent dust will control the louse, but a six per cent nicotine dust is applied for the control of the cucumber beetle.

An effective way of dusting for the cucumber beetle, as well as for the first lice, is described in the following

sentences. A tight box measuring about twelve inches in all dimensions is secured. Turn the box open side down. In the bottom, now turned upward, cut a hole about four or five inches in diameter, and around the edges of this cut a coarse muslin or cheese cloth bag, so it hangs downward about five inches into the interior of the box. After filling this bag not more than three-quarters full of the prepared dust, cover with a lid, hinged to the box, and padded so the dust cannot escape toward. For further convenience, two inch strips are nailed to opposite sides of the box extending upward about three feet to serve as handles.

After loading with a quantity of the dust, this box is set down over a plant with a jar to release a quantity of the dust. It should be allowed to remain over the plant for about one minute—longer will be more effective and will not injure the plant. A battery of ten or more of these boxes will keep one person busy and allow sufficient time for fumigating each plant.

For killing lice after the plants have made further growth, dependence must be placed on dusting this material over the plants in sections for which a quiet day must be selected. The Extension Service is at present interested in determining whether it will pay to dust large vines under a cover of canvas or muslin, dragging a large sheet over the vines while dusting under the forward edge, so as to expose each individual plant to the dust for at least one minute. Our plan is to use into the edges of the cloth a light chain, to hold it to the soil surface. We hope to determine the practicability of this in the more southern portions of the state early in the season so as to be able to give definite advice later to the growers in sections farther north. At the present, however, this is only mentioned as a suggestion to whoever may care to try it independently.

In controlling the melon louse, late heavy infestation can often be prevented by ginning early: consequently melon growers are advised to be on the watch and get the first lice in whatever part of the field they may appear.

Controversy Is Adjusted.

Washington, March 4.—The controversy between the interior department and a group of western senators over state aid for settlers on reclamation projects has been adjusted temporarily on the basis of a compromise calling for a three year experimental period to work out a solution.

THE FATE OF THE FUR FOLK

The Forum has been requested by our good friend, Mrs. M. L. Rogers, of Paris, Texas, to print the poem below written by Edward Markham. Mrs. Rogers writes that the poem was sent to Paris for publication from Chicago by Mrs. Dorothy Howell-Krahl, former Paris girl, graduate of the Paris High School and valedictorian for her class. Mrs. Rogers tells us that Mrs. Howell-Krahl, with other men and women who are leading the crusade against the use of steel traps for catching fur bearing animals regards as one of the most forceful appeals directed to women who wear furs, Edwin Markham's recent poem, "The fate of the Fur Folk."

"I think," said Mrs. Howell-Krahl, "The poem ought to be given to the winds of the world, being an attempt to speak for our lesser kindred, who have no way to protest against their wrongs."

Early, while in the east is pale,
The trapper is out on the frozen trail;
Cruel traps on his back,
Snare to line the woodland track,
Day by day he links the chain
Of these grim machines of pain,
In whose merciless iron jaws
Little fur folks die, because
Men must high on fortune ride,
Women have an hour of pride.

Squirrel, ermine, sable, mole,
Out for food from cliff and hole;
Muskrat, silver fox and mink
At the stream for evening drink—
All are tempted to this hell
That some bank account may swell.
Ladies do you think of this—
Tip where temptest howl and hiss,
Where the folk of hill and cave
Scream with no one there to save?
Do you see them crunched and lone,
Steel teeth biting into bone?

Ladies did you ever see
An otter gnawing to get free?
Gnawing what? His fettered leg,
For he has no friend to beg.
Do you see that tortured shape
Gnaw his leg off to escape?

Have you seen these creatures die
While the bleeding hours go by—
These poor mothers in the wood
Robbed of joy and motherhood?
Do you, when at night you kneel,
See them in their traps of steel?
Not alone by pain accursed,
But by hunger and by thirst?
Do you hear their dying cries
When the crows pick out their eyes?

Yes, sometimes in dreams you hear
Yells of agony and fear,
From the snare of iron teeth,
With that painting thing beneath,
For all that night, where storms are whirled,

Groans are curdling the white world—
Groans of mothers dying so,
Groans of little ones that go
Homeless, hungry in the snow.
Ladies are the furs you wear
Worth the hell of this despair?

State-Wide Clean-Up Program Is Promulgated From Health Bureau and Strict Observance Is Urged

By Dr. H. O. Sappington, State Health Officer.

The annual state-wide clean-up campaign sponsored by the State Board of Health has been set this year for the week, March 28 to April 3.

A special feature of this campaign will be the "cleanest-town" contest in counties to be held under the auspices of local Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Women's clubs, or other organizations.

A similar campaign conducted in Texas last year was participated in by more than 160 towns and cities and resulted in a material promotion of the public health of the state.

Statistics for the year 1925 show a marked decrease in all communicable diseases with the exception of influenza, pneumonia and chicken pox.

Malaria and dengue fever which are transmitted by the mosquito showed substantial decreases, as well as typhoid fever, which is nothing more nor less than a filth disease.

Special Days of the Campaign. Each day of the clean-up campaign has been given special designation in order to enable communities to give concerted action to the elimination of health menaces.

Monday, March 29, has been designated Physical Examination Day and this is the time for every person who is forty years of age or more to go to his family physician for a thorough physical examination.

Tuesday, March 30, will be given over to general clean-up activities. Premises should be given a thorough cleaning, vacant lots cleaned, rubbish hauled away or burned, screens repaired, low places filled in or drained.

Wednesday, March 31, will be Safe Milk and Water Day. Typhoid fever, dysentery, and other intestinal disturbances are both water-borne and milk-borne diseases.

Water wells should be located on an elevated place to prevent the collection of muddy surface water which can easily trickle into the well, and the curbing should be cemented on the inside for a safe distance as a preventive measure against surface pollution.

On rural sanitation day, it is hoped that every rural resident will give special attention to a thorough cleaning of his premises, either hauling away all rubbish or burning it, cleaning barnyards, chicken houses, etc.

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Apology Made by Dry Agent Stops Penalty in Contempt Action

Houston, Tex., March 10.—Charges of contempt of court find some days ago by United States Commissioner Brantley Harris of Galveston against Deputy Prohibition Administrator George A. Hammons were dismissed by Federal Judge Hutcherson in a public apology by the prohibition chief to the court and the Galveston commissioner.

The trial took up nearly two hours. The Galveston commissioner put two witnesses on the stand in addition to himself. Mr. Hammons called two of his agents and then told his own story.

The charges grew out of a statement made by the prohibition chief on Saturday night, Feb. 20, when the Galveston commissioner released prisoners whom Mr. Hammons had arrested shortly before on warrants issued by the Galveston commissioner.

Following the conclusion of the testimony and before Mr. Hammons made his apology, Judge Hutcherson subjected the prohibition officer to a long cross examination as to his intention when he made the statement.

At the conclusion of the cross examination the court said, "I am convinced that the officer had no further intention than the effort to sustain what he considered his prerogatives before his assistant agents. But the dust of publicity is too much in his nostrils. He loves the newspapers too much, and evidently they love him too much. He has had so many stories about him that he thinks he is more important than he is."

The prohibition chief immediately arose, looked at the judge and said: "It is my desire to apologize to the court and to the commissioner."

As the court took a five minute recess, and the audience filed out, Hammons waited for Harris. They met just in front of the door and shook hands cordially.

Committee to Study Dry Law Effects to Open Hearings Soon Washington, March 10.—A representative Hill, republican, Maryland, unanimously re-elected chairman, the unofficial house committee for modification of the Volstead act will hold its own open hearings on March 31 preliminary to drafting a bill to revise the prohibition law.

The modificationists have instructed Mr. Hill, who has led them in congress for some years, to appoint a "temperance board" of five to consider questions on that subject and outline a program for the committee. At the hearings all members of congress and private citizens will have an opportunity to express their views regarding modification.

The subject of prohibition not only was brought up in the house yesterday, but it entered the records of the supreme court, where John W. Davis and Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt debated a legal question arising from the provision of the clause under which permits to sell distilled spirits are issued.

Irwin, Looking Ahead Announces He Wants Dan Moody's Office Dallas, March 10.—Representative T. K. Irwin of Dallas, who led the fight for prison reform in the last legislature, has announced he would open his campaign for attorney general at Huntsville on March 27.

Says Officials Ought Not to Drink Liquor Washington, March 8.—Assistant Secretary Andrews said today it would be helpful if public officials would take a special oath to obey the prohibition law.

Felder Is Denied Appeal. Washington, March 8.—Thomas B. Felder, the New York lawyer, convicted of having conspired with Gaston B. Means and others to bribe government officials was refused an appeal today by the supreme court.

Texas Tech Will Become One of Greatest of State Institutions Having 1,015 Students Enrolled

Austin, Texas, March 10.—Texas Technological College at Lubbock needs \$6,000,000 to complete its building and equipment program and it is destined to become one of the state's greatest schools, was the statement by R. B. Walthall, member of the State Board of Control, who just returned from an inspection of several state institutions where he obtained data for appropriation recommendations to be made to the next legislature.

Mr. Walthall also visited the West Texas State Teachers' College at Canyon and says it has not been hurt by the advent of Texas Tech, as Canyon has a greater enrollment than ever before. It absolutely contended itself to teacher training, Mr. Walthall said, and majors in that work. It does not have the supplemental courses found in some of the other state teacher colleges.

It was explained that Texas Tech does not expect to get the \$6,000,000 at this time, but, among other things, will ask the next legislature for approximately \$1,000,000 to complete the administration building, which he described as a beautiful structure. One unit has been finished and two will complete the plans.

The Wichita Falls State Hospital was visited and Mr. Walthall reports that two new large buildings will soon be completed and thus take care of the 400 senile insane now in the Austin State Hospital Annex composed of the buildings of the old State Blind School. These buildings must be vacated by August 5th.

Rehearing Is Denied By Supreme Court in Archer Road Appeal Washington, March 10.—A rehearing of the Archer county, Texas road district case was Monday denied by the supreme court.

The case, decided by the supreme court last January 4, attracted wide attention because of its effect upon man, municipal house improvement districts organized under conditions similar to those in Archer county, which the court declared invalid.

Attorney General Moody of Texas, asked for a re-hearing when John R. Moore, the attorney who had conducted the case for the county, refused to do so. Subsequently the latter changed his position and also submitted a motion for a re-hearing.

Several other states and individual sought unsuccessfully to intervene in favor of re-opening the case.

Gas of Most Deadly Power Used to Oust San Antonio's Rats San Antonio, March 10.—Armed with hydrocyanic acid gas, the deadliest poison known, the chemical warfare service of Fort Sam Houston has begun a war of extermination against an army of rats that has done thousands of dollars damage to stock in warehouses of the San Antonio air intermediate depot at Duncan field.

Merger of New York Banks Adds Another Billion Dollar Item New York, March 10.—A merger of the National City Bank of New York and the Peoples Trust company of Brooklyn bringing together two institutions with combined resources of \$1,291,000,000 and deposits of \$989,430,000, was announced today. The consolidation strengthens the position of the National City organization as the country's largest bank.

Boy Sells a Stolen Cow to Raise Money on Which to Marry Fort Worth, Tex., March 6.—A Fort Worth youth wanted so badly to get married that he decided to sell a cow. He got \$23.50 for her, went to Oklahoma and was spliced. Then Prof. W. T. Conner of the Baptist Theological Seminary here, owner of the cow, filed a complaint against the young man for theft.

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'Way Back Yonder

By Jim Courneyer in Sherman Chronicle. Way back when we lived in a little log cabin, In the days of soft soap and sassafras tea, When we fastened the ceiling with strings of dried apples, Where the flies used to gather and revel in glee.

How plainly I see it, all plugged up with gumbo; The broken out window stuffed with a rag, And the old batten door with a crack at the bottom, Where we kept out the cold with a two bushel bag.

Up in the left where we climbed on a ladder, There was smart weed and catnip, boneset and mint, And seed corn and beans hung down from the rafters, And round on the floor there were nuts without stint.

And in the south end the big fireplace squatted; 'Twas built out of stone laid in mud, and clay lined; On cold days in winter we'd gather 'round it, And thaw out in front while we froze up behind.

And near the back door the old rain barrel nestled, Where a board shot the drip as it fell from the eaves, And the skeeters that hatched in that smelly old barrel Ran up into numbers no one now believes.

The battered tin pan where we all washed our faces, The crock of soft soap sitting by on the chair, And the long roller towel where we all left our photo, And the little horn comb all gobbled up with hair.

And the little front gate with its stout leather hinges, And the whang leather latchstring, outside all the while, And the neighbor who came to borrow or visit Instead of a card, left a bright happy smile.

Those were glorious days in that little log cabin; Of course there were troubles, we all had our share; But recalling them now is nothing but pleasure, For love in full measure brought Heaven right there.

Health Board Report Shows Birth Rate Is Nearly Twice Deaths Austin, Texas, March 10.—Statistics compiled by the bureau of vital statistics of the state board of health show 90,975 births and 45,702 deaths reported in 1925, this being a ratio of almost two births to each death occurring in the state. Statistics also show that a considerable increase was made in both birth and death reports during 1925, there being 23,426 more of births than deaths reported than in 1923.

Presidential Nominations. Washington, March 6.—Presidential nominations today: Postmasters: Thomas H. W. McDowell, Blackwell, Okla.; Robert V. Anderson, Muskogee, Okla.

VERY DEPRESSED North Carolina Lady Says She Was in a Run-Down Condition Before Taking Cardui. Spindale, N. C.—Mrs. H. S. Miller, of this town, says: "Five years ago I was very much run-down in health. I got so I was scarcely able to go. The worst thing I suffered with was an awful shortness of breath. I would give out with the least exertion. At times I would have to go to bed. "I read of Cardui. . . My husband got me a bottle and encouraged me to take it. I was almost a skeleton, I was so thin. I was run-down, and my general health was very poor. This was very depressing and I was in low spirits. My husband had to help me around. He did all he could for me and had me keep up Cardui. "I continued taking the medicine for several months and it was wonderful the improvement I made. I gained over twenty pounds in weight, and I felt so much better besides. This gain was permanent, too. I have never lost it and my general health has been much better since I took Cardui. As a tonic for women it has no equal. I am glad to recommend it to run-down women and mothers for it helped me wonderfully. "Cardui is a mild, harmless, purely vegetable, medical tonic, in successful use for almost fifty years in the treatment of many womanly ailments."

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Federal Sentences Suspended. Houston, Tex., March 4.—Sentences were suspended for three years in federal court against R. E. Dunn, L. E. Moseley, H. A. Stevens and E. N. Flueger, who pleaded guilty to aiding the mails to defraud in connection with the alleged sale of oil lands in Terrell county.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The Ferguson Forum is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices listed before their names, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held Saturday, July 24, 1926:

BELD COUNTY For County Assessor: W. T. HARRIS, E. H. HAY, E. B. BRIDGES For County Judge: OWEN F. CARPENTER For County Clerk: JOE ALSIP For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: W. M. McDONALD, S. E. WHITE

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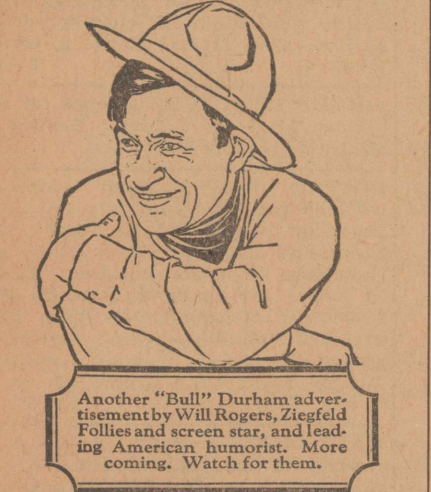
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Mid-Term Session of San Marcos Teachers College Calls Many

San Marcos, Tex., March 10.—Inquiries from mid-term high school graduates are coming in rapidly to the registrar's office of the Southwest State Teachers College concerning the spring term, which begins March 15. At this time the enrollment is expected to increase considerably over that of the winter term.

The BULL'S EYE



News Taken from the Daily Papers

A headline in the paper says "In their war China won't fight on rainy days." They don't mind getting shot, but they won't get wet.

Imagine a sign as you start to enter China; "RAIN. NO WAR TODAY." If that was the custom in this country, we could prevent all wars by announcing that all the fighting must be done in Portland, Oregon.

Another paper asks, "Where does a Florida Real Estate man go in the summer?" He goes to California to his all-the-year-round home.

A newspaper asks "Why does a President of a concern always talk at the Company's banquets?" It's an incentive to the workers, who say, "If that's all he knows I may be President some day."

Another paper suggests, "The cheapest way to enforce Prohibition is to have everyone that drinks watched." Who is going to do the watching?

An article in a Business Man's magazine inquires, "What business in this country has the largest turnover?" Cucumbers for supper have the largest turnover, with Ford's a close second.

The Congressional Record speaking editorially, says, "Bull Durham is the best Tobacco that ever entered these Stately Halls."



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Observatory Given University of Texas by M'Donald Will Prove of Great Service Asserts Dr. Splawn

Austin, Texas, March 10.—It is not known by Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, president of the University of Texas, just how soon the bequest of the late William J. McDonald of Paris, Texas, for the establishment of an astronomical observatory at that institution will be available for use.

The First National Bank of Clarksville is financial agent of the estate. Under the provisions of the will which has been filed for probate, the university shall receive all of the estate except the \$120,000 which is otherwise bequeathed. That part of the document which refers to the University of Texas reads:

"All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give, devise and bequeath to the regents of the University of Texas, in trust, to be used and developed by said regents for the purpose of aiding in erecting and equipping an astronomical observatory to be kept and used in connection with and as a part of the university for the study and promotion of the study of astronomical science. This bequest is to be known as the W. J. McDonald observatory fund.

As soon as my executors shall have paid off all charges against my estate, settled with all legatees and have the estate in shape to turn over the residue to the regents, they shall do so, using only such time to accomplish this as in their judgment is necessary, reasonable and proper.

"Upon receipt of such residue the regents shall proceed at such time and in such manner as in their judgment may seem best to execute the trust and they shall have full power and authority to administer and handle the same for the purpose of carrying out its purpose and object, and in so doing they may apply all or any part of the income from the bequest and all or any part of the corpus of the bequest, as they may deem proper, to use toward such erecting and equipping the observatory, it being my intention that the regents shall have full power and authority to have and to execute the trust bequest, corpus and all accrued income in such manner as to them may seem best in order to carry out the object of the bequest, the only limitation on their authority and power being that the bequest is intended solely for the use and benefit of an astronomical observatory in one or all the ways hereinafter mentioned.

The regents shall have power to sell any real estate at any time.

"All investments are to be made in such bonds and securities as are prescribed by law for the investment of the state common school funds.

"In handling the notes due my estate the regents are requested to use the utmost liberality and leniency in the matter of renewals and extensions consistent with safety.

This generous gift to the university came as a complete surprise to Doctor Splawn and all other persons connected with that institution. Mr. McDonald, so far as is known, had never visited the university, and it was not known that he was especially interested in its welfare.

Doctor Splawn has high praise of this latest benefactor of the university.

"It seems to me that Mr. McDonald had a remarkable insight of the situation in the southwest when he made this generous gift for the promotion of the science of astronomy to the University of Texas," he said. "He could have given the money to a number of things that would be quite useful but which are ordinarily provided by the people."

Red Cross Accident Prevention Meeting in Dallas March 19

Dallas, Tex., March 10.—The Accident Prevention and Water Safety Conference to be held at Dallas, Texas, March 19-20, under the auspices of the American Red Cross and its Dallas County Chapter will bring together prominent laymen and professionals from the surrounding states representing Red Cross Chapters, industries, schools, colleges and community organizations interested in the latest adaptation and broadest application of First Aid and Water Safety Instruction.

Commadore W. E. Longfellow, Associate National Director of First Aid and Life Saving at Washington, will be the guest of the Dallas County Chapter for the conference. Longfellow, who is nationally recognized as "the father of water safety," will speak on the newer phases and most recent developments in accident prevention and water safety.

One of the features of the conference will be a series of round table discussions dealing with the most technical phases of safety, both on land and water. Prominent authorities who will lead the discussions include Dr. L. S. Suggs of Fort Worth, Dr. Guy T. Denton, of Dallas, and Joseph S. Law, Assistant National Director of First Aid and Life Saving, American Red Cross. Mr. Law directs all Red Cross First Aid and Life Saving activities in the 17 states under the jurisdiction of the Midwest Branch Office at Saint Louis.

An introductory water session at the Dallas Athletic Club Pool and a dinner at the Y. M. C. A. will mark the opening of the two days' conference. Any one interested in attending can register through his local Red Cross Chapter or by communicating direct with Dr. Guy T. Denton, care Dallas County Chapter, 316 South Harwood Ave., Dallas, Tex.

Course in Sanitary Engineering Lauded by Austin Official

College Station, Texas, March 10.—"Protection of health should be the first consideration of any government," stated C. N. Avery, water and light commissioner of Austin, who spoke March 5th at A. & M. College to sanitary engineering and city management students.

Complimenting A. & M. College on taking the initiative step in providing courses for students on the training of city managers and sanitary engineers, Mr. Avery further stated, "As to sanitation, the other 15 per cent being matters pertaining to finance, taxation, street maintenance, fire and police protection.

"Every city manager should be well versed in the methods for the production and distribution of safe water to sanitation, the construction and operation of sanitary sewer systems; garbage disposal; sanitary swimming pools; playgrounds; and the mosquito control functions of a city health department."

Texarkana Merger Leaves City With Only Single Paper

Texarkana, Texas, March 10.—The Texarkana Gazette, David W. Stevick, late of Chattanooga, Ill., as owner and editor, made its initial appearance Sunday morning. It represents the consolidation of the Four States Press, morning paper, and the Texarkanian and the Journal, afternoon paper, which recently were purchased by Mr. Stevick. He has announced that only the Gazette hereafter will be issued, but that when the city grows large enough to warrant it, an afternoon paper will be published. Thus for the first time in forty years the city is to have only one newspaper.

The Gazette presents a metropolitan appearance and is being generally complimented by local business men.

Ku Klux Klan Secrets Exposed

Attitude Toward Jews, Catholics, Foreigners and Moslems—Fruitful Methods Used. Atrocities Committed in Name of Order.

Body of Girl Member of Auto Party Found in San Antonio River

San Antonio, Texas, March 10.—Wilma Stevens, 17, was found dead in the San Antonio river near the Travis street bridge March 3. She disappeared Tuesday night, when with friends and relatives she started to get into an automobile in a parking lot beside the river.

Organ of Teachers of Texas Appoints Advertising Agent

Fort Worth, Texas, March 10.—H. H. Avants of Graham, Texas, has been engaged as advertising manager for the Texas Outlook, the official publication of the Texas Teachers Association. He will assume his duties April 1, according to R. T. Ellis, secretary of the association. Avants has for several years been superintendent of county schools. He is an experienced newspaper and magazine man.

The Texas Outlook has lately taken rank with the foremost educational journals of America, according to ratings of the National Education Association. It is near the top of the list in circulation and has taken the leadership in the establishment of several of its regular features. It is one of the youngest state teachers association journals, having been established in 1913 as a quarterly, but since then having been changed to a monthly magazine.

Sam Hefley Will Run For the Legislature From Milam County

Cameron, Texas, March 10.—Sam Hefley will be a candidate for the legislature of Texas from Milam county at the July democratic primaries.

His announcement will be made in a few days including a platform on which he will ask the support of the democrats of Milam county for this place.

Students Driven to Streets Thinly Clad When School Burns

Hagerstown, Md., March 10.—The main building of St. James School, a Catholic Episcopal institution at St. James, six miles from here, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Friday morning.

Nearly 100 students were driven, thinly clad, into near zero weather. James Fowler, student of Philadelphia, was slightly injured.

St. James school was established as a preparatory institution in 1844. The burned building was originally the home of General James Ringgold.

TEXAS POLITICAL COMMENT

Hamilton Herald-Record:—Despite the numerous criticisms of her administration and notwithstanding the human mistakes she might have made during her present administration she has made a good governor. In fact she has made the best governor Texas has had since the days of Jim Hogg and Charley Culberson.

Another noticeable feature is that she has developed no new opposition, while many who opposed her before are now lining up in her favor or are saying nothing. The people are getting weary of the results of the new fangled style of government attempted since the close of world war and are longing for a return to the old, tried and found true form of states rights government—the principles upon which our American government was founded and "Ma" is head and shoulders in the lead on this all important question in this state.

Bald Star:—Mrs. Ferguson has as much right to a second term as any other Governor of Texas in the past, and we think a better than some we could name. In the main Governor Ferguson's administration has been successful, and we believe she has worked honestly and conscientiously to serve the people of Texas. Then why should she not ask for a re-election, if she wants? Oh she promised not to ask for a second term if elected! Yes, she explains this, we think, in a satisfactory manner, but the article is too long, our readers will get all this and what the opposition has to say about her later. One thing that appears certain, now, is that the man or woman that beats Mrs. Ferguson for governor, will know that they have a real race.

Palo Pinto Star:—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has announced for re-election as governor, which was no surprise to many as it has been the custom for over 50 years in Texas to give the governor of Texas a second term and the Star sees no reason why the custom should be broken at this time. It cannot be said that Mrs. Ferguson has not given the state an economical administration of the affairs of the state.

is really pitiful to observe how Dan is allowing that bunch to use him. In 1924 we little dreamed that the time would ever come when Dan would dance to the Doc. Evans music. We knew that the Kluxers would this year put forward some prominent democrat as a stool-pigeon in a desperate effort to capture the state government, but we little thought that Dan would be "it." All of which reminds us, hat our neighboring town at Katy, there is an innocent looking old ox, which goose-hunters use as a "blind" when stalking geese. But, Doc Evans must remember, that Texas democrats are not geese.

Fayette County Record:—Sunday papers over the entire state of Texas carried the announcement of the candidacy of Ma Ferguson for re-election to the office she now holds, the exalted position of governor of the Lone Star state. The wires carrying this news had no chance of cooling off that entire day and night. Barely had the message "I'm running again" gone out and thousands of messages of congratulations and voluntary offers to support her in every way possible came from all directions. This clearly shows that "Ma" is the favorite of the masses. * * * Ma's victory is assured. * * * Dan went into the attorney general's office on the coat tail of the Fergusons. For him to become a candidate for governor against Mrs. Ferguson would be a tool of the anti-administration forces. If Dan will investigate carefully and not allow anyone to blind him with flattery, he will find the same old crowd which did business in creek bottoms under mask and hood, behind the move to make him a candidate.

Fletcher's Farming:—Press dispatches from Austin in the Sunday papers of pronounced anti-Ferguson leanings, in connection with Mrs. Ferguson's announcement for re-election as governor, naively suggest that "it is now expected that Attorney General Dan Moody will make his formal announcement for governor," as if the only incentive he has for offering is to oppose Mrs. Ferguson. If that is the only grounds he has for offering he might profit somewhat by Butte's example—the last tool of these aposties of the gospel of hate!

Brookshire Times:—Ma. Ferguson has consented to lead again the hosts of constitutional government. Now watch the Butte-Kluxer bunch prevail on Dan Moody to try to rake their chestnuts out of the fire. It

666 is a prescription for Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Billious Fever and Malaria. It kills the germs.

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