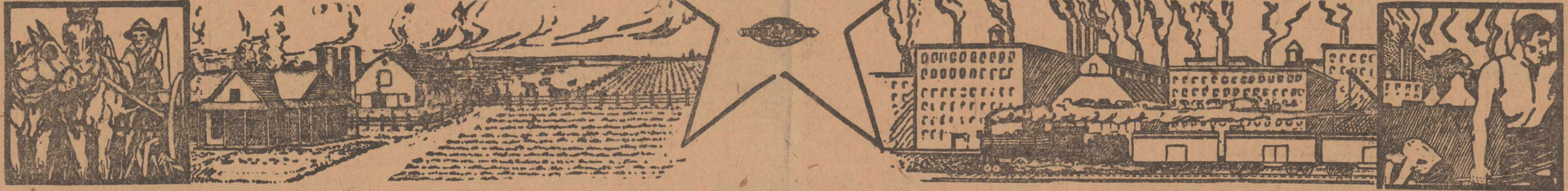


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Klan Called Both Anti-American, Anti-Protestant, and Menace to Life of Nation by 600 Who Quit

In its issue of last week the Forum gave a brief dispatch telling of the denunciation of the Klan by 600 New Haven citizens, former members of the Ku Klux Klan who had repudiated the organization as an "organization of greed" and a "menace to the very life of the nation." In connection with that action by former members of the New Haven Klan two letters were written by the former Kligrapp, (secretary) of the New Haven Klan, one to the imperial Kligrapp of the Klan at Indianapolis, and the other to the press. Extracts from these letters are printed in a special dispatch to the New York World, dated January 4, 1926, as follows:

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Called the greatest menace facing the American people and denounced as anti-American, the Ku Klux Klan today lost more than 600 members here, who resigned from the order, after appealing to the people to "stamp out this slimy serpent that threatens the very life of our Nation." Of the original New Haven Klan only about 100 members remain faithful to the organization.

Arthur J. Mann, who until the recent upheaval was Kligrapp of the order, made public a letter to Walter J. Bossert, Imperial Kligrapp of the Klan, at Indianapolis, Ind., in which he declared:

"As Kligrapp of Provisional Klan, No. 1, Realm of Connecticut, it is my duty herewith to inform you that on Dec. 22, 1925, this Klan made and passed a motion to sever all connections with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, Inc., and to discontinue all klonklaves. Ye will, therefore, make proper note of this action upon the records of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, Inc.

"Organization of Greed"
 "No American worthy of the name can longer affiliate with an organization such as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Georgia, Inc., now and maintain his self-respect. Today under the leadership of . . . the Klan has degenerated into nothing less than an organization of greed. "It has become a travesty on patriotism and a blasphemous caricature professing Protestantism. It is not only anti-Catholic and anti-Jew, but, absolutely anti-American and anti-Protestant.

"It has become without question the greatest menace facing the American people today. For every good man severing his connection with it, ten men are taken in that would shame a hundred of the original Klan. The thousands of good Protestant Americans are blind to its intrigues and crooked methods.

"Real Americans must be awakened and made to use every effort to stamp out this slimy serpent that threatens the very life of our nation. Hundreds of real men in this old city of New Haven are glad to declare themselves, and for that reason a copy of this letter goes to the public press to use as their editors see fit."

Admits Honest Error.

In another letter addressed to the press Mann says that "hundreds of men in New Haven have made a mistake. The honest admission of errors is commendable," and he adds that it is under their instructions that copies of his letters to Imperial Kligrapp Bossert are made public.

The Walter F. Bossert to whom the letter is addressed is generally recognized as the man who placed Governor Jackson of Indiana in office. He was manager of the Jackson campaign, and when the Indiana Klan split took control of the faction that remained true to the Atlanta organization of Dr. Evans.

Bossert, who first entered politics in Liberty, Ind., became a local republican political leader during the term of Will H. Hays as National Chairman.

It has been no secret here that the Connecticut Klan, especially the local organization, was seriously at odds with the national body. Late in September of last year a Klan ceremonial was held at Double Beach, near Branford. It was understood at that time that many New Haven Klansmen were refused admission to the grounds because their membership cards were not the same color as those issued by imperial headquarters. The New Haven Klan was not in unity with headquarters then, but the decision to disband was not made until three days before Christmas.

Law Forbids Keeping Venison Slain in '25 Too Long in Storage

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.—If any hunter has been saving a prize piece of venison that he killed during the season of 1925, he had better get rid of it double quick. No game killed during an open season may be kept in cold storage longer than ten days after the close of the season. Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner T. E. Hubby said Monday. The season on deer, turkey, doves and squirrels closed Jan. 1.

This is the last week for quail shooting, the season closing Jan. 16 in the southern zone of the state. The season in the northern closed Jan. 1. Geese, ducks and snipes are the only game which may be killed during the latter half of January. The season on these closes Jan. 31.

It is not unlawful to shoot crow, hawks, buzzards, road runners and jaybirds at any season of the year, but all song birds and insectivorous birds, including robins and larks, are protected the year round by state and federal law.

Woman Deputy Clerk Issues Own Wedding License and Quits

Thorndale, Texas, Jan. 13.—One of the last official acts of Miss Inez Tyson, deputy county clerk, of Milam county, was the issuance of her own marriage license, to B. P. Voss of Dallas, whom she married during the holidays.

Only Rubber Factory in United States is in Small Texas City

Marathon, Texas, Jan. 13.—This little town in the mountains of Southwest Texas claims to be the home of the only rubber factory in the United States. Rubber is made here from the guayule plant, which grows wild all over this section. The factory here has reached an output of a ton a day, and under the spur of high rubber prices is now running at full capacity.

The guayule is a shrub three to five feet high, having the appearance of a sap known as latex, from which the rubber is made.

The shrub is pressed into bales resembling bales of hay. The sap is pressed out in a machine called a pebble mill. About 30,000 gallons of water is required to produce a ton of rubber. The water is supplied here by wells.

The rubber producing shrub grows over a territory of about 10,000 square miles in Texas, and across the border in Mexico it covers a large area. It appears to be native to this section, growing principally in the mountainous districts. The plant is gathered root and all and brings about \$40 a ton at the factory here.

The finished product comes from the presses in sheets about three inches thick, 30 inches long and 15 inches wide. It is placed in sacks and shipped to the market in New York.

Named on Shipping Board.
 Washington, Jan. 12.—President Coolidge today nominated Phillip S. Teller of California to be a member of the shipping board to succeed Commissioner Lissner, who resigned.

Pay Your Poll Tax

There remain barely two weeks in which to make payment of poll taxes as the tax must be paid before midnight Jan. 31. The potential voter who fails to make himself or herself a full-fledged and qualified voter by paying their poll tax will regret the failure before July 24, the date of the first primary.

The small sum required for the payment of a poll tax may prove burdensome to some of the victims of the drouth in a large portion of Texas, but the privilege of having a voice in the primaries this year is worth a sacrifice and all should make that sacrifice and be prepared to go to the polls and cast their ballots as freemen. The spectre of hooded bull-dozers has been banished from the voting booths and the insidious campaigning of a grand dragon this year will find scant co-operation from the Texans who are true to their state and who believe in the constitution and the bill of rights.

The campaign will be one of the most interesting Texas ever has witnessed and the citizen who takes any sort of interest in its outcome will not fail to qualify as a voter by paying his poll tax. In the larger cities booths have been placed at convenient points in large stores or business centers at which properly authorized deputies will receive payment and issue poll tax receipts. There is going to be a lively campaign and every citizen should prepare himself to exercise the franchise.

The first primary will be held July 24, the fourth Saturday in July, and both democrats and republicans will hold primaries on that date as required by law, the republicans holding primaries for the first time in the history of their party in Texas. The second or run-off primary will be held the fourth Saturday in August, which is the 28th day of the month. State conventions will be held by both parties Sept. 7.

Remember the time within which poll taxes must be paid is short and do not let the collector's office be closed Jan. 31 with your name omitted from the roll of qualified voters in Texas. Remember also that the law permits absentee voting and if you are to be away from your voting place July 24 or August 28 inform yourself as to the procedure fixed by law for casting your ballot under the absentee voting provision.

If you are interested in the welfare of your state and the success of your friends you must have a poll tax receipt. Get one and don't delay.

Relic Whose Mate is Valued at \$11,000 is Found Used as Work Table for Painters in Houston

Used by house painters in Houston as a work table, spotted and covered with paint, one of the famed seventeenth century "Columbus tables," the mate of which, valued at \$11,000, is in the British museum, has been discovered among debris in Houston and brought to Austin through one of the queerest tricks of fate which ever favored an antiquarian.

This is the story of the historic antique as told in the Houston Chronicle by Henry Brenner.

An eminent Boston family which had come upon hard times in Houston, the wife of a Houston hotel keeper, and painters who used the Columbus table to work on—these are some of the factors, according to Roy Lane, Austin collector and antiquarian, which brought about the discovery of the masterpiece thousands of miles away from the place where it first saw the light and 300 years after it was first made.

Of marvelous inlay work in ebony and walnut, and of a glossy brown color, the table representing on its top Columbus before King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, now stands in one corner of the living room at the Spanish home in Austin of Dr. D. A. Lane, father of Roy Lane.

The younger Mr. Lane, an inveterate collector of antiques and a world traveler, was watching painters at work in Houston a few months ago, when he noticed they were painting a chair and were using a curiously carved table as a stand. The claw-like legs of the table attracted his attention, and reasoning that it was worth picking up, he spoke to the foreman about a purchase. The foreman hesitated.

Mr. Lane then learned it had former part of the selection of an eminent Boston family which had met reverses and that they had sold it at auction along with other furniture. According to Mr. Lane, the wife of a proprietor of a Houston hotel had picked up the table and sold it to a painter.

She was an acquaintance of Mr. Lane's and consented to buy the table back and sell it to him. Mr. Lane sent it to Austin, thinking that a new top and a coat of paint would transform the paint-splotted, clumsy painter's stand into an elegant table.

It remained for some time in the

Modification of Dry Act is Supported by Women in Congress

(From Chicago Tribune)
 Mrs. Florence Kahn, representative in congress from California, has announced herself in favor of modification of the Volstead act and has accepted a place on the house committee created unofficially to bring that modification about. Mrs. Kahn, mother of two sons, has found that she can consistently support both welfare work and the modification movement; for she says:

"While I believe in law enforcement, I am confident that the evils attendant upon the Volstead act, as now enforced, are far greater than any that could possibly follow its modification."

It means much that a woman says that, especially a woman of Mrs. Kahn's experience in the ways of Washington. There are two women now on the modification committee. Mrs. Kahn and Mrs. Mary T. Norton, representative from New Jersey. Their presence on the committee proves that one can be a wet without being an ex-saloon keeper or a member of the brewers' association.

The fervent pleas of dry congressmen for money with which to collect evidence of prohibition violations struck no responsive chord in Mrs. Kahn's nature. In fact, she termed her colleagues only "so-called dries," proving that she must have met some, perhaps, who belong to that class of reformer which sings through its nose in public and wets its nose in private.

There were congressmen who spoke on the floor of the house who were willing that prohibition agents should use any method, honest or dishonest, to get the evidence. The Anti-Saloon league has installed itself as an arm of the government; there were those who advocated that the government should adopt Anti-Saloon league methods.

No wonder Mrs. Kahn believes that "they are undermining the moral fabric of our nation." Women led when it was the old time saloon that needed reform. At least two women, Mrs. Kahn and Mrs. Norton, are stepping into the lead now that it is a reform gone out of hand that needs reforming.

Ninth Victim in Fire.
 Natchez, Miss., Jan. 13.—The death of J. M. McCorkle, Dallas, Texas, in a hospital here today increased the death list of the Johnson hotel fire at Ferriday, La., yesterday to nine. Two of the men burned to death have not been identified.

Pay Your Poll Tax and Then Set Down the Dates Here Given Which Relate to This Year's Elections

Remember that the dates here given will be of no concern whatever to you unless you pay your poll tax or get your exemption certificate, because without this qualification you will be ineligible to vote in the 1926 primaries or general election. Therefore it is first importance that you pay your poll tax and qualify yourself to vote.

Both democrats and republicans will hold primaries this year and that will add to the interest of the campaign. It has been ruled that the primaries of the two parties can be held in the same election place but each must have its separate election officers, judges, ballot boxes, ballots, etc. The primaries and the precinct, county, district and state conventions of both parties must be held on the same dates. Under this provision of the law the general primaries will be held July 24, being the fourth Saturday in July, the second primaries will be held August 28, that being the fourth Saturday in August, and the state conventions of democrats and republicans will be held September 7 while the general election will be held November 2.

Only state, district, county and precinct officers are to be nominated this year it not being a presidential year. Congressmen from the eighteen Texas districts are to be nominated and elected.

Early returns from poll tax payments indicate that there will be approximately 1,250,000 voters who will qualify this year in Texas. Whether the Ku Kluxers who voted in 1924 for the republican nominee, Dr. Butte, for governor will remain loyal to their new alliance with the republican party is not disclosed. As they took the democratic pledge in the primaries in July and August 1924 to support the nominees of that party and in November bolted and lined up with the republican party there may be some question as to their eligibility as democratic voters.

The chief dates on the political calendar for 1926 have been figured out as follows:

June 7—Last day for filing by candidates for state offices of applications for place on the ballot. Candidates file applications with chairman of state executive committees.

June 14—State executive committees meet and certify names of candidates for nomination to county clerks.

June 19—Last day on which candidates for county or precinct office may file applications with county chairmen.

June 21—County executive committees meet at county seat and determine by lot order in which names of candidates for each office shall appear on the ballot.

July 12—Primary committee of each county executive committee, and chairman, shall meet and make up ballot in accordance with the list prepared June 21.

July 24—Primary election day.

July 29—Last day for election officers to make returns.

July 31—County conventions to certify returns and elect delegates to state convention. One delegation for each 300 voters. Delegates also to be elected to district conventions.

August 9—State executive committee shall meet and canvass returns for all state offices and announce nominees. In case where no nominees are secured, names of two highest in each race shall be certified for the ballot of the August primary.

August 28—Second primary.

September 1—Last day for returns by election officers.

September 6—State executive committee shall meet and certify nominees of second primary.

Sept. 7—State convention shall be held to declare nominees for state offices, and to certify nominees to secretary of state.

Nov. 2—General election.

Nov. 8—County commissioners shall open and declare results, and certify to secretary of state.

Dec. 18—Secretary of state shall count returns and governor shall deliver certificates of election to persons receiving the highest number of votes. This applies to all elections except governor and lieu-

tenant governor. For these offices, the secretary of state hands the returns over to the house of representatives, which canvasses the returns and declares the result.

El Paso Chosen for Next State Teacher Annual Convention

Port Worth, Texas, Jan. 13.—The Texas Educational Commission will be formed immediately by the Texas State Teachers association. This decision was reached Saturday by the executive committee of the organization in session in Fort Worth.

President J. M. Bledsoe appointed Lee Clark, Gainesville, L. V. Stockard, Dallas, G. D. Staton, Wills Point, and R. T. Ellis, Fort Worth, to work out the details of organization with him, and directed that it begin operation at once.

El Paso was chosen for the association convention, which will be held November 25, 26 and 27 this year. The convention met there last in 1900. Attractive railroad rates will be offered.

Texas Stands Third in 1924 Production of Fuller's Earth

Washington, Jan. 13.—The South continued in 1924 to be the largest producer of Fuller's earth in the country, according to the federal geological survey. Thirteen operators in six states reported an output of 177,994 short tons, valued at \$2,632,342. This was a 49 per cent greater production than in 1923, but the price was \$5 lower per ton than in 1920 when it reached a peak. Georgia replaced Florida as the great producing state. Florida was second and Texas was third. The Fuller's earth deposits in Texas surround Houston. These three states produced 93 per cent of all Fuller's earth produced in 1924, according to the survey.

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:

Precinct offices	\$10.00
County offices	\$15.00
District offices— judges, district attorneys, etc.	\$25.00
State offices	\$50.00

Cash must accompany notice.
 If you put your announcement in the Forum the voters will see it.

105 Men Entombed by Explosion In Oklahoma Mine and But Eight Are Known to Be Alive in Shaft

Wilburton, Okla., Jan. 13.—Eight of the 105 men entombed by an explosion at a coal mine near here this morning, emerged from the mine alive late today. All eight were negroes.

Wilburton, Okla., Jan. 13.—Only eight of the 105 men who were entombed by explosion at the Degnan-McConnell mine near here today are known to be alive. They are at the bottom of the main shaft, buried under 100 feet of debris.

Rescue crews have been able to reach the bottom of the air shaft, but their progress in the mine has been blocked by the prevalence of "white damp," a gas resulting from the explosion.

The surviving men are huddled in a small space into the bottom of the shaft. Strenuous efforts were being made to clear away the debris.

Members of the mine rescue crew, carrying cages of canaries, descended to the bottom of the air shaft, but the birds were unable to withstand the damp fumes, and the men did not go into the mine. W. W. Fleming of the United States Bureau of Mines has telegraphed to Kansas for a special car equipped for rescue work.

Names of the trapped men were not made public, pending a check.

Wilburton, Okla., Jan. 13.—Most of the 105 men working in the Degnan-McConnell mine three miles west of here are believed to have been instantly killed today in a terrific explosion that wrecked the main shaft and entombed them.

A rescue crew started work at 10:30 a. m., and will attempt to reach the trapped men through the air shaft, which is still open. Some of the victims are still alive and conversed with rescuers through the air shaft. They were advised to remain near the shaft.

J. B. Hynal, chief of the United States Bureau of Mines rescue crew at McAlester was in charge of the work. Equipped with gas helmets, he and two helpers entered the shaft. The blast wrecked the tippie and destroyed the hoisting apparatus. Emergency hoisting apparatus was being installed.

Austin Parks, sheriff of Latimer county, where the mine is located, declared that survivors have less than one chance in a hundred of being brought to the surface alive. Parks and his full force of deputies are assisting in the rescue work.

A frantic group of the entombed men's relatives gathered about the mine. Word of the explosion spread quickly and crowds of sightseers from neighboring towns assembled. The shaft was roped off to hold back the crowd and expedite rescue work. Workmen from other mines in the Wilburton valley rushed to the scene and volunteered their assistance in the rescue work.

Rescue work was being hindered somewhat by the blocking of the main passage way into the mine. The first rescue crew was forced to turn back a second time after they were unable to squeeze their way through the debris blown in to the main way by the explosion. Previously they had turned back to don gas masks when larger ones were found to be burdensome and in the way.

A. P. Thompson, mining engineer of Hartshorne, who was here doing survey work for the Degnan-McConnell company, was among those entombed.

A hospital train was being made up here for transportation of injured miners to McAlester.

The shaft of the mine where the explosion occurred is 400 feet deep. Little hope is held for the rescue of the men. Strong was the explosion that timbers were blown from the bottom of the mine shaft.

Fans were still working after the explosion, but rescuers were waiting for gas helmets before venturing into the bottom of the shaft, which is about sixty feet deep.

The blast is believed to have been the result of accumulation of coal dust in a pocket.

The mine was being operated on a non-union basis, under the 1917 wage scale.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 13.—Governor M. E. Trapp today ordered a company of national guard at McAlester to report to Wilburton where more than 100 men were entombed in a mine explosion. They are wanted for guard duty.

Cash to Pay School Warrants Raised by Treasurer Hatcher

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 13.—Arrangements were made Monday by W. Gregory Hatcher, State Treasurer, with three depository banks to advance funds on \$256,000 in rural warrants. The banks are the Fort Worth National, the First National and the Farmers and Mechanics National. They have agreed to carry state warrants issued to rural schools under the provisions of the rural aid bill.

Collections of the Tarrant county tax office for December, \$225,000, were turned over to the state treasurer by John Penningly, county tax collector. County tax collectors have until Jan. 21 in which to turn over state funds, but the Tarrant county collector, at the request of the state treasurer, turned over the funds early in an attempt to avert a deficiency in the state general fund, it was said.

Mr. Hatcher expects to make a similar appeal to the collectors of Dallas and Harris counties in person and a general appeal to other collectors.

Ford Denies Report of Plan to Found an Old Time Village

Sudbury, Mass., Jan. 9.—Henry Ford today denied that he had formed any definite plans to erect a colonial village in Sudbury, around the historic Wayside Inn.

The manufacturer, who is here for a visit, said it was true a grist mill saw mill would be operated, but said stories that he planned to have a settlement of 300 persons that would be a reproduction of an early American community were "exaggerated."

People Urged to Eat Corn Bread as Aid to Use Up Corn Surplus

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The "staff of life" has been changed from wheat to corn in the grain.

The golden corn, one of America's contributions to the world's food supply, is going on mid-western tables in every conceivable form—corn pone, corn meal mash, corn fritters, corn syrup and even corn sugar.

Faced with a crop surplus, farm leaders hope in this way to turn the gold of the corn into the gold of a dividend for the grower or at least to provide a means of working off excess supplies.

Corn days and corn meetings are planned throughout the central west, with one of the first scheduled at Morris, Ill., on Saturday. A feature of the Morris affair will be a free corn dinner, running the gastronomic scale from corn fed beef, corn gravy, succotash, corn bread, and corn syrup down to coffee sweetened with corn sugar.

White plains are on foot literally to eat up the corn supplies, the international harvester company has announced a program involving corn that goes back to the most primitive means of commercial trading—barter.

The concern will trade implements to farmers for corn. The basis is \$1 a bushel for number two corn at Chicago, a price which the company believed would be reached in the next six months. May corn closed yesterday at a spread of \$3 3/8 at Kansas City to \$5 5/8 at Chicago.

If corn goes above \$1 a bushel before the farmer is called on to deliver next May, June and July, he can sell it elsewhere and settle for his implements purchased in the regular way. The offer is not open to speculators, applying only to bona fide purchases covering the farmer's reasonable requirements, and is to hold good until further notice. The announcement said corn would buy more equipment on this offer than the same number of bushels would have brought in the five year period preceding the war.

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Sam H. Chapman, new president of the Farm Bureau federation, has sent bulletins to every bureau in the country recommending the holding of "corn days" as a means of stimulating consumption of corn products.

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Blue May Supplant Khaki in Uniforms of U. S. Doughboys

Washington, Jan. 13.—Careful survey of American resources for the manufacture of khaki breeches has convinced army officials that it is necessary to develop a force of 2,000,000 men into the field in less than eight months most of them would have to fight in their shirt-tails.

Faced by this appalling possibility, the industrial mobilization wing of the national defense planning machinery started a study of its own. It found that it would be entirely possible to completely uniform 2,000,000 men from head to foot in fifteen days, provided blue cloth instead of khaki was used.

The trouble with the khaki outfit is that not enough cloth of that color is in ordinary civilian use. There are ample stocks of blue and gray, but wool and cotton fabric. The result has been the working out of a tentative list of military uniforms which could be supplied in ample volume for a mobilization, to be discarded as units completed their preliminary preparation and moved out for final training near the zone of operations.

By that time complete khaki outfits with tan leather trappings would be ready to them, giving them the necessary degree of low visibility in the field.

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America Did Not Formulate War Lies, Says Head of Information Service of United States Abroad

Washington, Jan. 13.—"Flat denial that the American army authorities in France circulated 'war lies' as a propaganda measure during the world war was made here today by James Kerney, editor and publisher of the Trenton, N. J., Times in an address delivered at the Army War college. Mr. Kerney served eight months as director of the American information service in France, and told the war college class he did not recall a single official lie which general headquarters A. E. F. put out, even indirectly.

He referred to the stir created by published reports of remarks by General Charteris, "one of the most capable minds employed in British general headquarters in France" at a dinner in New York recently at which the general "elated on war time propaganda."

There had been widespread and widely differing comments on these remarks, Mr. Kerney said, and it appeared to have been decided "that this was a good time to denounce the army and all its works in which for current purposes, 'atrocity' propaganda was included."

Many charges were made against the communiques in France, he said, "but I never heard it charged that they told things which were not so."

The chief complaint by the correspondents was that they did not tell anything, so or otherwise.

It had been conceivable that a lie would have saved lives at the front, Mr. Kerney said, "but he probably would have been told by some interested persons."

"But really accomplished liars are few, and in the absence of a genuine artist it's better to stick to the truth which even a novice can tell without coaching," he added.

The speaker said that nearly all so-called "war lies" were folk tales and popular myths handed down through the centuries and modernized to fit any war. Investigation, he believed, would disclose that virtually any of them started as gossip either at the front or at home. He continued:

"Crucified Canadian sergeants, Belgian babies with their hands out for angels flying over the thinning ranks of the British 'contemptibles' at Mons, Russian armies moving through Scotland and England toward the front in France, all these and their equally foolish fellow tales grew out of gossip, were broadcast through gossip and were im pregnably implanted in the popular mind long before any of them got into print or came officially to the attention of the governments engaged in the war."

Lee P. Pierson, of Dallas, Gives Out Platform as Candidate for Seat on Criminal Appeals Court

Lee P. Pierson of Dallas, one of the leading attorneys in Texas, has announced his candidacy for a position on the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas. Mr. Pierson was campaign manager for T. W. Davidson in the last gubernatorial campaign, and after the first primary he campaigned the state in behalf of Mrs. Ferguson, starting with an address at Kaufman for the first County Democratic rally and continuing actively through the second primary and also through the general election, closing the campaign in Dallas county at a large open-air meeting on Main and Ervay streets.

Mr. Pierson in his statement says that in the past only lawyers seemed to take an active interest in judicial races, but that since his tentative announcement in August that he has received proffers of support from lawyers, doctors, farmers and business men, a more general interest in every county in Texas, the large number of endorsements making it impossible to give them in detail. He says that he will appeal to all classes, and will go to the people actively.

His platform given to the press follows:

Governments were organized to regulate the actions of mankind, and dependent upon the subservience of the citizenship of this government to the duly organized and constituted channels of government is the future welfare of this state and nation. The constitution of our government is the bulwark of our civilization; and a departure from such or the refusal to enforce our laws through such agencies will lead to lawlessness and crime. Therefore, I say that I am opposed to any violence, and believe in the strict enforcement of our laws through the duly constituted authorities of our State; and a strict compliance with the constitution, the organic law of our land.

Crime and lawlessness are rampant in our state. Life is cheap and property is subjected to the hijacker and thief on our highways; to such an extent that one hesitates peaceably to drive over them. Delays in meeting out justice by constant reversals of cases add insecurity to the lawless element. I favor swifter justice and fewer technicalities in our administration of the laws of the state; and when I am elected Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas will lend my services to the state of Texas to the best of my ability, and will be safe and property rights rigidly guarded. For example: I will not reverse a case every time the district attorney sneezes at the defendant in the trial of a hijacker; neither will I reverse a case on the trial of a murder because the deceased was killed with a "sucker rod" and hold that "the state did not prove that a sucker rod is a deadly weapon." The intent and not the instrument used only is material. The defendant should be given a fair trial, but the citizenry of Texas should be protected from the promiscuous turning loose of criminals upon the general public through the technicality route.

I am opposed to the Courts constantly reversing their own opinions; such could be construed as not giving such cases close study at the time of their first hearing, and causes much delay and congestion in our courts, and as a result many important cases have to remain on the docket untried, while such court reverses itself. The constitution of Texas gives each member of the court eighteen months paid vacation in each term of office, or a total of \$6,500.00 per year, or a total of \$9,750.00 vacation money each term of office, or a total for each of the three members of the court of approximately \$20,000.00 each term of office. A portion of such time could be utilized in the study of requests so that constant mistakes in opinions might not occur. With congested dockets this is too much vacation. I believe it an intolerable and unjustifiable practice for this High Court to reverse its own decisions, especially when such action is taken because of the admitted fact that the case had not been carefully studied in the first place. I favor a system of rendition of

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I have always been opposed to the Ku Klux Klan attempting to control the politics of this state. When democracy was endangered in Texas I was one who came to her assistance and fought for the preservation of a free and untrammeled democracy. If occasion demands, I will do it again.

LEE P. PIERSON, Dallas, Texas.

Boy Who Refuses to Take a Dare Brings Bank Loot to Light

Granbury, Texas, Jan. 13.—A boy, nine days' being from one had to another Sunday caused the recovery of \$9,000 worth of Liberty bonds and stock certificates stolen in the sensational daylight holdup of the First National bank of Strawn, Palo Pinto county, on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 2, when bank officials and customers were locked in the vault by bandits who in true Wild West style escaped with cash and bonds totaling \$30,000.

Two Granbury boys were playing Sunday afternoon under a hedge that spans the Brazos on Highway No. 10, just out of the city limits. One of them noticed a tow sack partly filled, which for several weeks has been on a sand bar. One of the lads challenged the other to swim out to the bar and bring in the sack. The dare was accepted.

When the lad reached the sandbar he curiously peered inside the sack. In it he found what he thought were a lot of worthless papers and receipts, but there was also a veritable treasure trove, to his boyish heart, in the shape of a dollar bill.

The boy took the bill and the sack, which had been emptied of part of its contents in the ransacking and swim back to the bank. Gladly the youngsters got their dollar bill to a loaned garage, and said they wanted it changed, as they were to divvy up on the proceeds.

The garage man questioned the lads and they told him the story. With other citizens, hurriedly called an adult party was formed and headed for the bridge. A hasty count was made and it was discovered that the boys had uncovered \$9,000 in registered Liberty bonds, besides a number of notes, insurance policies and other papers indicating ownership by the First National bank of Strawn.

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Ferguson Forum Good Roads Campaign

HIGHWAYS

-- Typical of Texas Progress --

Half a million miles of surfaced highway in the United States. Over twenty thousand miles of designated State highways in Texas. Where do the roads go, and to the question the idealist will answer, they take you away from man made world to breathe the fragrance of meadows—to the heights and beauties of the hills and canyons, to view the panorama of nature.

The materialist will say that highways traverse the land, developing industries, building communities, increasing values of resources, and promoting peace, happiness and contentment.

Of Texas highways we can afford to be specific and say where our highways go—they lead and the traveler follows, follows to reach a destination that may be west in the great plains country, or east in the heart of agriculture, or north where metropolitan cities and commerce mark the way of progress, or into the wonderful country south where all commerce, industry, climate, and

soil unite together to contribute to the great whole, a magnificent quota.

A year in highway building has closed and a new year has begun with highway building plans well laid, and at the end of yet another year the rehearsing of the records will be interesting.

State Highway No. 1 passes through the state from border to border, connecting the east with the west. From Texarkana to El Paso the highway leads, serving a territory that is devoted to a diversified interest. A territory that is yet in its infancy of growth and development. Vast undeveloped resources are yet to give forth of their substance, development along lines of agriculture and manufacturing is yet in the formative state, and all depends in large measure upon the service the highway affords. The news is frequently broadcasted that communities are growing, urban and rural population increasing and new enterprises coming because of highway facilities.

The log of our achievement, our progress is made via the modern highway. We start with the highway and pass the milestones, noting the while the signs of new endeavors, new wealth, increasing prosperity and progress.

The highway ever typical of progress, is taking Texas onward—mile by mile to a new era, a splendid development.

Texas has her through state highways from border to border, east and west, and north and south, and too, she has her highway No. 3 which skirts the Mexican border from Del Rio to El Paso, one of the scenic highway routes which motorists may travel to see Texas.

There is too, State Highway No. 5 from Texarkana to Texline, an unbroken stretch across the northern border of the state, traversing a portion of the state rich in resources. Serving territory that takes in eighteen counties.

Federal Aid System

We have today 3,000,000 miles of highways, ranging from mere trails to the highest type of improved road.

Half a million miles have some type of surfacing.

A central system of highways has been established—the Federal 7 per cent system of approximately 200,000 miles.

State highway systems are closely coordinated and largely co-extensive therewith.

Both State and Federal Governments are putting every energy behind the early completion of this system. More than 60 per cent of it is now improved to some extent.

Some 80,000 miles on the Federal aid system have been selected in co-operation with the States for uniform danger and direction sign posting. Soon the motorist starting on No. 1 highway at Portland, Maine, can follow that number through Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, southward to Miami—almost the entire distance on improved roads.

The enactment of the Federal aid act of 1916 marked the re-entrance of Uncle Sam into highway building.

When he started to help the States in the construction of a national system of highways he insisted that they also maintain departments to centralize work on the main roads of the State.

Since then co-operative economic surveys between the United States Bureau of Public Roads and State Highway Departments are saving road taxpayers millions annually by pointing out trends and requirements of traffic.

Research studies by the Federal bureau point the way to economies in construction.

Uniform types of construction and methods of maintenance have been largely agreed upon and accepted.

Our highway program seems to be well stabilized at approximately \$1,000,000,000 a year.

It is the largest public works job the world has ever known—and the freest from corruption.

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ANOTHER ITEM OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

There have been mentioned a number of things which have brought great good to the people of Texas through the administration of Governor Ferguson but the Butte press either is blind or deaf or so soaked with hate and prejudice that editors of Butte papers have failed to mention even in the most casual way any of these good things that have been accomplished.

Here is an item mentioned by Mefo as a credit to the Ferguson administration which is among those which have been neglected by the Butte papers and editors:

"No matter how you may disagree with the Ferguson administration, you must admit that the game, fish and oyster commission is being well managed. Commissioner Turner E. Hubby and his able associates are doing great work. They are not only enforcing our game laws, but they are building up our game preserves. Their work will eventually make Texas one of the best game states in all the Union. It will bring back the fish and animals which years ago made Texas the sportsman's delight. The game preserve law became effective on Sept. 1 last, and much has been accomplished in the few months that have elapsed. Thirteen preserves are already well stocked, and the program for the commission calls for 25."

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TIMELY QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS

Do we know our children are safe when they are in school? This is one of a series of questions put to the parents of Texas by State Fire Marshal J. J. Timmins, who adds the following in an official circular sent out from his office in Austin:

- The average school year lasts about eight months.
- More than a million school children are in the Public Schools in Texas.
- Experts have pronounced sixty per cent of the School Buildings in the United States as death traps.
- Texas had many school fires last year.
- What about your public schools, are they safe?
- Are your schools teaching Fire Prevention?
- Are Fire Drills conducted regularly?
- Are the buildings inspected frequently?
- Do the janitors understand fully their duties?
- Are the exits to Fire Escapes kept free from all obstruction?
- Are the exits to Fire Escapes kept unlocked at all times during school?
- Is the school building properly equipped with fire extinguishers?
- Are the fire extinguishers kept in good condition and recharged annually?
- Do the teachers and older pupils know how to handle fire extinguishers?
- Many school fires in 1925 were due directly or indirectly to the heating sources, are yours safe?
- School attendance is compulsory, our children should have every protection from fire, are they getting this protection in your school?
- If we cannot cure the present generation of carelessness, we can teach the coming one by educating them to the needs of Fire Prevention, but do not let the children burn to death while they are learning.
- If your school building is a fire menace, stir up the community, go after the school board, if necessary call a mass meeting and correct the hazardous condition of your school building, if the State Fire Marshal can be of any assistance call on him at any time.
- Parents it is your duty to visit your schools and satisfy yourselves that they are safe.

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"HOW HAVE THE MIGHTY FALLEN!"

There is something highly amusing in the recent raids made by masked men, in Birmingham, Ala., claiming to be Ku Klux Klan members, on four cafes operated in that city by Chinamen, and the almost immediate repudiation by the sheriff, himself a leading official and worker in the Klan, of this act of cowardice and outrage as authorized by the Klan. The raiders, or some of them have been arrested and have said that deputies, also masked, accompanied them and took charge of the victims of their wrath, but the chief deputy sheriff, in the absence of the sheriff, contradicted this statement and asserted that no deputies went with the raiders. The sheriff, on his return, denounced the raid and the raiders and said if the raiders used Klan regalia they would be punished.

There you are. It looks like just another case of Klan lying, a procedure which Texans know is or has been practiced by Klansmen in this state. In connection with this Birmingham raid Mefo made a pertinent comment as follows: "It's rather amusing to see how the one-time militant and Medusa-like Ku Klux Klan has deteriorated. The other day Associated Press dispatches told that the Birmingham bunch of heroes had raided three Chinese restaurants and told the proprietors this was a 100 per cent country, and for the 'Chinks' to leave. It took 20 rebel Klansmen, armed with guns, to do that great act of alleged Americanism. Hasn't the great uplifting order fallen pretty low in the scale when the only way it can attract attention is to jump on a poor, helpless, friendless Chinaman?"

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Texas as a free government will be 100 years old in 1936. P. Y. P. T., which being interpreted means: "Pay Your Poll Tax."

There is a good season in the ground in nearly all parts of Texas and farmers are hopeful for a good crop year.

Read the Forum and you will be informed about things that are going on in the political camps of the state and you will know what is doing in the agricultural line.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX!

An Osage Indian belle whose accounts are audited by Uncle Sam is reported to have spent \$373 in six months for modern "war paint" in the form of powders, lipsticks, etc.

Report comes from Fresno, Cal., that a snake with two heads has been found by a citizen of that place. Let's see, isn't Fresno tolerably close to the Mexican border where Tia Juana is located?

Making three bales of cotton on an acre is an achievement that puts Texas again in the lead. Indications are that growing one to two bales of cotton on an acre is going to be fashionable in Texas before long.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX!

TRIBUTE TO A VANISHED FOE

The New York World, which has been vigorous and unafraid in its condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan and its crimes and outrages against law and decency, takes notice of the demise of the American Standard, the Klan organ, in the following which it entitles "Tribute to a Vanished Foe:"

To every man upon this earth
Death cometh soon or late;
And how can man die better
Than facing fearful odds
For the ashes of his fathers
And the temples of his gods?

—Macaulay; Lays of Ancient Rome.

So the American Standard, organ of the Ku Klux Klan, is dead. Driving the dirk into its bosom, it dies on its own motion and goes out like a fading whisper; no despatches record its demise, no resolutions of sorrow appear in the public prints. An end to such shabby treatment! It shall have a citation, with palm, and in these columns long against it; it shall have a tribute, an epitaph; it shall have a chaplet of laurel on its tomb.

In case you do not know, these were the truths which it held to be self-evident:

That Romanism is the greatest menace in the United States.

That the Jesuits cast a spell over President Harding and killed him.

That the Jesuits cast a spell over President Coolidge and inoculated him with notions of tolerance.

That Christopher Columbus was acclaimed discoverer of America as a result of a Papist plot to rob Leif Ericson, the real discoverer, of his rightful credit.

That America, instead of being named after Amerigo Vespucci, was named after this same Ericson.

No great material for a publicist, surely. Yet with what charm and skill the editor developed and presented it! Whoever he was, he could write: he knew the effect of the stinging word, the telling epigram. But he did not stop there. Over these things he stood, for he managed to cast a great glamour: out of them he made a bright trail, and with flaming sword and starry eyes he led his cohorts on and on and on; his heart pounded to the rhythm of a word called Excelsior; nor paused nor faltered he until 100-percent Nordie Protestantism would be inscribed as the supreme law of the land, and Catholics, Jews and Negroes had been routed and their mouths stopped with dust. And now he has folded his tent. We lose something. Ere he departs to far-off Kukuluckia may we invite him down to shake us by the hand?

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WHAT DANIEL WEBSTER SAID

More than seventy-five years ago Daniel Webster in a speech gave expression to his veneration for the constitution of his country and his words may fittingly be repeated in these days for the edification of those who would trample under foot the solemn guarantees of that sacred document.

Here is what Webster said of his attitude toward the American constitution July 17, 1850:

"I mean to stand upon the Constitution. I need no other platform. I shall know but one country. The ends I aim at shall be my country's, my God's and truth's. I was born an American; I live an American; I shall die an American; and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career. I mean to do this with absolute disregard of personal consequences. What are personal consequences? What is the individual man, with all the good or evil that may befall him, in comparison with the good or evil that may befall a great country in a crisis like this, and in the midst of great transactions which concern that country's fate? Let the consequences be what they will, I am careless. No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffers or if he falls in the defense of the liberties and Constitution of his country."

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MUTINY IN THE KLAN

(From New York World)

The fury of disillusionment, the pathos of unrequited idealism are present alike in the letter to the Imperial Klaliff in which the Connecticut Klan announces its withdrawal from the invisible Empire. The secessionists allege that the Klan is corrupt, dishonest, intrigue-ridden and a menace to American institutions. Well, we have been saying those things ourselves for some time now. But we refrain from shouting "I told you so" or "Who's loony now?" or some other similar gibe. We all make mistakes. The very heat of their letter proves that these Connecticut Klansmen have been disappointed in something; they hoped to find ideals, and instead they found graft and politicking for fat offices. If they cherished ideals, we can respect them; if their hopes are fallen, we can sympathize with them.

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January 31 is not far away. Pay your poll tax now and save worry.

Don't have any regrets when the campaign opens. Pay your poll tax.

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Subscribe for the Forum and get a poll tax receipt and you will have a voice in the primaries.

A Houston lumber man has been sued for \$1,000,000 by a young woman who charges breach of promise.

Esthetic realtors in Florida have had the name of Cock Roach Bay changed to something less suggestive of the truth.

Thrift week begins Jan. 17. By that time one can make some sort of guess as to where he is "at" and what he can do about practicing thrift for the year 1926.

Annual elections and reports of national and state banks in Texas show all these institutions in healthy condition and most of them giving evidences of great prosperity.

The Chicago Young Women's Christian Association giving lessons in the "Charleston" as a health measure may have the effect of increasing membership in the association.

The British rubber monopoly is likely to stretch prices to the breaking point. Texas has a rubber factory in full operation and that will set Americans to thinking of the possibilities of breaking away from the British extortioners.

Teas will be on a cash basis all of 1926, according to the statement given out at Dallas by State Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher. That is something to thank the Ferguson administration for but the Butteites cannot reconcile themselves to truth. They prefer hate and falsehood.

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Just on the heels of the raids made around Houston in which eight stills and more than 10,000 gallons of high powered liquids were confiscated, there appears in the Chronicle the advertisement of the Keeley Institute at Dallas that it can successfully treat the whiskey habit. Page Atticus!

The Texas centennial in 1936 should receive attention now. It is none too early to make plans for the proper celebration and commemoration of the birth of a free republic which achieved its own independence and later voluntarily hauled down its flag to join the sisterhood of states beneath the Stars and Stripes. Texas history is thrilling, inspiring and incomparable.

BETTER FARMING IN TEXAS

The reports from various counties in which crop contests were conducted last year giving details of larger yields of cotton, corn, sorghum, etc., are attracting attention all over the country. Many comments have been printed about the marvelous results that have been accomplished in some of the counties.

Under the caption of "Intelligence, Industry and Good Crops," the Houston Chronicle thus discusses the new era of Texas farming:

"The Chronicle has long sought to drive home on the minds of its readers that farming is by far the most important business any man ever engaged in and that an intelligent, industrious farmer who fertilizes his land, cultivates it intensively and diversifies his crops is the most useful factor in any community.

"The offering of prizes for the best crops has resulted in proving that any industrious, intelligent farmer can just as certainly raise two bales of cotton to the acre as he can raise a half bale.

"If he does not do so, it is, other things being considered, because he does not apply brains and sweat combined to his land.

"The plain truth is that the cause of many poor crops in Texas is nothing more nor less than plain, simple laziness.

"Many farmers never take pains to select either improved seed corn or improved cotton seed for planting.

"Many of them allow the valuable fertilizers produced on every farm to be unplied, until all the elements which give them value have been evaporated by heat or washed away.

"They plant the same land to the same crops year after year, when it is elementary and primary knowledge that rotation of crops is essential to profitable production.

"There is not an acre of the poorest sandy land in Texas that will not, if properly fertilized, planted in improved seed and intensively cultivated, produce a bale of cotton or 50 bushels of corn.

"If any reader doubts the truth of this statement his skepticism may be removed when he is told that there has been produced on a single acre of Virginia upland over 200 bushels of corn. That fact is so attested under oath so as to leave no possible room for doubt.

"The day has passed when crops can be planted in March, plowed once and 'laid by' in June or early July, and the farmer then go fishing. That kind of farming means a quarter of a bale of cotton, or ten to twenty bushels of corn to the acre, and that kind of crop spells continued debt and poverty."

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CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS

(From Waco Times-Herald)

Comparisons are said to be odious, and yet it is the method by which humanity is spurred on to greater achievements.

The area of California is 159,297 miles, as against 263,896 for Texas.

The wealth of California is placed by the 1923 census at \$16,031,734,000, as against \$9,850,888,000 for Texas.

The greater portion of California is either desert or mountain, and such being the case, now does it come that she has outstripped Texas in wealth—Texas that brought her into the Union.

There are 4,219,040 acres under irrigation in California. California nearly quadrupled its manufacturing output in the decade 1909-19.

There's the secret of how it comes that California has run ahead of Texas in wealth—along with irrigation goes manufacturing.

Professor Budaly tells us that last year here in McLennan county, irrigated cotton yielded a bale to the acre and unirrigated cotton not more than half a bale.

This same authority tells us that this year—this year of 1926 with an unprecedented drought—one field of cotton irrigated before August 15 yielded at the rate of a bale per acre, while adjacent fields could only boast a bale from seven to fifteen acres.

No effort should be spared to place farm and factory side by side, the factory helping to boost prices for the products of the irrigated farm.

We here in Texas, good people, must be done with antiquated methods of farming.

We here in Texas, good people, must abandon the practice of going elsewhere for goods, wares and merchandise which we ourselves can produce.

We here in Texas, good people, must give more attention to the marketing problem; as Charles B. Metcalf of San Angelo has said, "no amount of production can make up for a poor market."

The scriptures tell us that to him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

We have the climate.
We have the water.
We have the soil.
We have the fuel.
Who can set any bounds to our prosperity if only we take advantage of our every opportunity?

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"Red" Grange, football star, was asked to visit Houston and take part in a football game. His reply was that he would come if guaranteed \$25,000. This response prompted the Houston Chronicle to comment thus: "Let this be referred to those South Texas capitalists who were willing to underwrite a special legislative session. 'Red' will draw a larger crowd than a special session. Also, the show will be staged in Houston, the magic city with a climate like Florida and more 'pep' than Los Angeles."

Among the big Christmas editions of Texas newspapers that reached the Forum office was the Houston Labor Journal which issued a magnificent edition both in size and quality. There was abundant advertising, showing the Houston merchants and bankers, railroads and contractors believe in advertising. The editorial columns were filled with appropriate and timely articles and the general news columns carried many holiday greetings and items of interest to members and those interested in organized labor. We congratulate the Labor Journal upon its praiseworthy edition.

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It was to be expected that the envenomed pens of some Texas Butte editors would be used to distort the report carried by the Associated Press announcing the repurchase by Former Governor Ferguson of the ranch in Bosque county which had been sold under the foreclosure proceedings. Although not a dollar of cash was passed, and the purchase was made with promissory notes, some of these self-anointed saints did not hesitate to howl that this transaction was suggestive of graft. Men who prate of virtue have sunk low, indeed, when their foul minds see no good in one who dares oppose their will.

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There is a warm campaign coming and those who have no poll tax receipts will not get a look-in at it. Pay your poll tax.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX!

The Forum carries you the political news of Texas and if you are not reading the Forum you are missing information about affairs that is worth while.

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Fletcher's farming reminds the thirty or forty solons, who seemed so eager "to get the public teat between their teeth by means of an extra session," that snow shovelers are in demand and they can make good pay and serve their country in a real worthwhile way.

Beginning of Work on Mexican Highway Will Be Notable Occasion

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 13.—D. E. Culp, president of the Texas Division of the Meridian Highway and general chairman of the convention and celebration to be held at Laredo, Texas, February 18, 19 and 20, in commemoration of the beginning of construction on the Meridian Highway in Mexico has given out the following information concerning the "Governors' Special" which will be operated from the Canada border to the Texas border bringing Canadian officials and governors of several American states to the scene of the celebration.

A special train will be operated from Emerson, North Dakota, on the International line between the United States and Canada, this being only 69 miles from Winnipeg, the extreme northern terminus of the Meridian highway and from which point the delegates from Canada will mobilize at Emerson, on account of the necessary delay and expenses in sending a train to the city of Winnipeg.

S. W. Forester, chairman of the reception committee, and Geo. F. Lupton, member, together with Chas. F. C. Ladd, chairman of the publicity committee, and D. J. Price, will go to Emerson, in two private cars, which will be tendered the officials of Canada and the governors. These gentlemen will be in charge of the "Governors' Special" to Laredo, thence to Mexico City.

The schedule of the special will be through, as near as possible, the following towns:

- North Dakota: Grafton, Grand Forks, Fargo, Wahpeton.
- South Dakota: Sisseton, Madison, Yankton.
- Nebraska: Wausa, Norfolk, Madison, Columbus, Osceola, York, Chester.
- Kansas: Belleville, Concordia, Minneapolis, Salina, McPherson, Newton, Wichita, Wellington.
- Oklahoma: Medford, Enid, Kingfisher, El Reno, Chickasha, Marlow, Duncan, Comanche, Waurika, Ryan, Terrell.
- Texas: Bowie, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Catarina, Laredo.

The train will receive, en route, in addition to the Canadian governors and other officials, the governors of North Dakota and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

This will be the biggest Good Roads convention ever held in America, and we are planning to operate a special train from Chicago to join the governors' special at Fort Worth, at which point we plan to spend about three or four hours, visiting the places of interest of that city, and then the two trains will proceed to Waco, Austin and San Antonio, where they will again be permitted to spend about three hours in sightseeing, before proceeding to Catarina, where an old fashioned barbecue will be served at noon, and the guests permitted to pick from the orchards all the oranges and grapefruit they can eat, then en route to Laredo, where the convention and celebration will be opened on scheduled time. These details will be completed and announced through the press within the next two weeks, together with the train schedule.

An invitation is being extended the governors and other officials of Mexico to meet our governors on arrival at Catarina.

A joint meeting of all the committees from both San Antonio and Laredo will be held shortly, to complete further details and arrange a program for the convention and celebration.

Girl, 15, Heiress to Woolworth Richest Maiden in the World

New York, Jan. 13.—Fifteen year old Barbara Hutton, granddaughter of the late Frank W. Woolworth, has rung up one hundred million dimes on the cash register of the five and ten cent store business he founded.

Last week her representative sold 50,000 shares of Frank W. Woolworth company common stock which she inherited from her grandmother for more than \$10,000,000. It was one of the largest private sales of common stock in the recent history of Wall street.

The sale was made to investors throughout the country, yet the demand for the shares was so great that allotments had to be reduced. The market was slightly heavy as a result of the transaction, but recovered.

Barbara still has about 95,000 shares of Woolworth stock from her inheritance and the proceeds from the sale in the open market of 30,000 more of her shares about a year ago. With the increased value of her holdings it is estimated her total inheritance is approximately \$36,000,000, making her possibly the richest girl in the world.

She is the daughter of Frank L. Hutton, a broker, and Mrs. Edna Woolworth Hutton, who died in 1917. Her inheritance came from her grandmother, widow of F. W. Woolworth, who died in 1924, leaving Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue, Mrs. Helena W. Mackean, daughters, and Barbara, a granddaughter, as sole heirs of an estate her estimated value of \$38,000,000. Barbara's inheritance was 175,000 shares of the Woolworth common stock.

Even before her grandmother's death Barbara was wealthy. When her mother died she was left \$111,000. She makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. Donhue.

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Boy Who Makes Meal of Family Bible Has Case of Indigestion

Moultrie, Ga., Jan. 13.—The cover and two pages was all that remained of the family Bible when Melzo McCoy, 12 year old boy, was suddenly attacked with indigestion. His father said he previously was unaware of his son's appetite for paper.

United States Protests Against Mexican Land Legislation Which Affects Big American Interests

Washington, Jan. 13.—Formal representations against retroactive features of the new Mexican anti-alien land law have been filed with the Mexican foreign office by American Ambassador Sheffield.

Ultimately there will be an amicable adjustment. The conversations of Mr. Sheffield and Foreign Minister Saenz are said to have been pleasant thus far.

Plan Proposed to Grow Rubber in United States and Escape Clutch Of Great Britain's Monopolists

New York, January 13.—Definite plans involving the expenditure of millions of dollars by American industry to break the foreign crude rubber monopoly are now in progress and have received the approval of Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

British capital has \$600,000,000 invested in rubber in Sumatra, Java and British colonial possessions.

Mellon's Aluminum Company Is Under Inquiry in Senate

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Aluminum Goods Manufacturing company, one third owned by the Aluminum Company of America, has become the subject of a special investigation by the department of justice.

price maintenance and causing discontinuance of competing lines.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Under further questioning by a senate investigating committee, Attorney General Sargent said today he would test out the right of the justice department to secure necessary evidence in the department's inquiry into the conduct of the Aluminum company of America.

Ordinance Passed Changing Name of Old Wine Street

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 12.—An ordinance changing the name of wine street to Glenwood street has been passed by the city council and signed by the mayor.

Geneva Surprised Over Proposals to Delay Arms Meet

Geneva, Jan. 12.—A Reuter dispatch from London, suggesting that the League of Nations preparatory disarmament meeting may be postponed from February 15 and intimating a divergence in the views of the various governments over some elements of the agenda, has caused surprise here.

Tenure of Briand Ministry in France Is Very Uncertain

Paris, Jan. 12.—How long will the government of Aristide Briand last? This question was being asked by the average Frenchman today coincident with the opening of the regular parliamentary session of 1926.

Senate Votes to Seat Gerald Nye of North Dakota

Washington, Jan. 12.—The senate voted today to seat Gerald P. Nye, as a senator from North Dakota.

Wilbur Resents View of Admiral Sims Upon Officers From Ranks

Washington, Jan. 13.—Exception was taken by Secretary Wilbur to recent assertions by Rear Admiral Sims, retired, about the naval war college.

ASKS \$500,000 AS HEART BALM FOR LOSS OF WIFE

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 13.—Suit for \$500,000 for alienation of affections was filed in superior court here yesterday by Edward L. Olmstead, against William D. Howard, former president of the Continental National Bank of this city and his wife, Mrs. Lillian Howard.

Skull of Missing Dallas Man Found; Mystery Cleared

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 12.—Mystery which had veiled the disappearance of John L. Knight, prominent Dallas business man, since July 1921, when he was crossing the Hassayampa desert in Arizona, was solved here today with identification of the skull found on the desert recently as that of the missing man.

Mine Explosion in Japan

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 13.—Vernacular dispatches from Fukuoka report seventeen dead and twenty-three injured in the mine explosion in number 3 pit of the Takamatsu Colliery in northern Kyushu.

Luther to Form Cabinet

Berlin, Jan. 13.—President Von Hindenburg today commissioned Chancellor Luther to form another cabinet.

Man Hurt in Fight Dies

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 13.—Richard M. Medford, 40, of Hico, died at a Dallas hospital today after an operation for injuries received during an altercation at Hico six weeks ago.

Editor of College Magazine Expelled for Racy Number

Washington, Jan. 7.—George Washington university officials today were considering expulsion of other students connected with The Lash, new and unofficial publication of the school and whose editor, John R. Bromell, has been dismissed.

Stranged Husband Kills Mother-in-Law and Blows Head Off

St. Jo, Tex., Jan. 13.—When refused permission to see his wife, from whom he had been separated for several weeks, Dan Trammell, 25, shot and almost instantly killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. George Henson, 67, then turned the gun on himself and blew his head off, in front of the Henson home here shortly after 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

Confessions May Shorten Inquiry in Murder of Indians

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 12.—With confessions of Ernest Burkhardt and John Ramsey, both facing murder charges in connection with the Osage "reign of terror" reported in the hands of federal authorities, the crop of rumors attendant on the grand jury session here grew a pace today.

Citrus Fruits, Cotton and Corn, Without Irrigation Make Big Yields!

With eager interest prospectors are journeying to Live Oak county to look over the fertile lands of the historic George W. West ranch, of 65,000 acres which is rapidly being apportioned into farm tracts and settled by thrifty farmers.

Surrounding these two towns are fertile acres adapted to every variety of farm, orchard and garden crops. Citrus fruits can be produced here in abundance without irrigation.

Many tracts have already been sold to actual home builders who have built homes, barns, and made extensive improvements.

These lands are being offered in tracts of 80, 160, 240 and 320 acres with the restriction that not more than 320 acres will be sold to any one buyer. Prices range from—

\$15.00 to \$30.00 An Acre

with one-fourth cash and the balance payable in ten years "on or before" at 6 per cent interest.

Come and See These Lands

Our representatives will meet you at George West or San Antonio.

For Further Information Call On or Address

J. H. Kohut Land Co.

Main Office, George West, Texas

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One Act of Courtesy Made Millionaire of Barber in New York

New York, Jan. 13.—An act of courtesy that made a millionaire of a penniless man was celebrated at an anniversary dinner given recently by Louis Morgan, proprietor of the barber shops in the McAlpin and Martineau Hotels.

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:

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WINTER GARDEN SHIPPERS, Dilley, Texas. Are now shipping hardy plants. Leading varieties Frost proof Cabbage and Crystal Wax Onions.

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BUY DIRECT FROM OWNER. Threshed maize heads, German millet seeds, millet hay and red-topped cane seeds.

BABY CHICKS—Hatching every week in the year. I am the only poultryman in the South that ever went to England for poultry.

SPECIAL DOLLAR GARDEN. Frost proof plants Ready 125 Cabbage, 200 Onions, 100 Head Lettuce, 50 Collards, 25 Cauliflower.

CORRECT GRADING, QUICK RETURNS, NO COMMISSIONS. SHIP YOUR RAW FURS TO ED. D. BARKER, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

FARM FOR SALE—I am offering one of the best highly improved black land 150 acre farms in Goliad county. Newly painted five room house, well, windmill, barns, etc.

RED INDIAN—Large, sweet, juicy, clingstone peach we knew when we were boys. Four-foot tree \$1. R. G. Martin, Stephenville, Texas.

ALL KINDS high grade Fruit Trees and Nursery Stock. Low prices. Free Catalogue. Southland Nursery Company, Box 591-G, Tyler, Texas.

100 ENVELOPES and 200 5 1-2 by 8 1-2 Note or Lettersheets, printed with your name and address and post-paid to you, \$1.00. Send \$1.00 for one year subscription to our farm and home journal and 25 cents extra to pay postage and get a trial box of stationery free. Send cash with order to Fletcher's Farming, Hondo Texas. If you prefer, send two dollars and get both Farming and the Forum for a whole year without the stationery.

Call Is Sent Out For Generous Response to Appeal to Purchase Stone Mountain Memorial Coins

By O. P. Gresham. In sixty years after a war that threatened to divide the United States into rival republics with a heritage of animosity which might have kept them eternally in arms against each other, the victorious north mints five million coins as a "Memorial to the Valor" of the vanquished south.

The occasion for the coinage is the commencement of a great monument in memory of the armies of the south who surrendered in the face of the overwhelming odds after four years of terrible privation and magnificent valor that it can be used as an instrumentality for raising funds to carry on that monument.

So profound is the meaning of this event that we today cannot adequately comprehend it; another generation will take our place before its deep and far reaching influence will have come to full fruition in our national life.

Nowhere else in history can be found an instance of a people so bitterly divided and so perfectly reunited within the life span of one generation.

By we appreciate what it means to us the descendants of Confederate soldiers, to have this tribute of admiration bestowed upon our fathers by the nation against which they were once in arms, but to which they gave back their sacred allegiance?

From the standpoint of numbers, it is ten times greater than any other commemorative coin ever issued by the United States, and the number was placed at five million because it was believed by congress that among twenty-five or thirty-five million descendants of Confederate soldiers, less than five million would be so inadequate as to make the coinage a disappointment.

It is the only coin issued by the United States in memory of any American army, and the army in whose memory it was issued was not which how them in command of Confederate soldiers.

Over General Lee and General Jackson on horseback in uniform, with the sword of Lee resting in its scabbard by his side.

And below this inscription the most thrilling word in the language of Americans: "Liberty."

North Texas Schools Quit Interscholastic League of University

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 13.—An interscholastic athletic conference independent of the University of Texas was formed today and a committee of seven members of government high schools in north Texas with Waxahachie and Sherman as leaders. It will be known as the North Texas Public School League.

The first meeting of the league was held in Waxahachie two weeks ago and temporary organization was accomplished then. A permanent body was formed today and a committee appointed to draw rules for adoption at a third meeting to be held here Feb. 6.

Fort Worth public schools are not ready to enter the league, but will watch it with interest and if it becomes advisable to leave the university organization, they will seek entrance to the new body, said E. S. Farrington, director of public school athletics here.

Highest Court Has Negro Segregation Up For a Decision

Washington, Jan. 13.—The question of race segregation in cities was argued before the supreme court Jan. 3 in a case involving the enforceability of contracts made among property owners to restrict the sale and use of their property.

Owners of the property in the block in dispute—between 17th and 18th streets—made a formal contract in 1921, that for a period of 21 years no one would sell to a negro.

Three Persons Hurt When Stove Explodes on Cotton Belt Road

Waco, Tex. Jan. 9.—Explosion of a heater in a chair car attached to the rear of a South bound Cotton Belt train, eight miles south of Texarkana, about 12 o'clock last night, resulted in two persons being burned, one seriously and another passenger being injured in jumping from the blazing car.

Woman Who Won Beauty Contest at 70 in Poor House

Janesville, Wis., Jan. 13.—Mary Lulu Lee, 71 year old victor over a hundred aspiring young women in a beauty contest a year ago, has bid goodbye to her little shack in the railroad yards to go to the poor house.

Smithville Wins in Long Fight to Hold Katy Headquarters

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—The state supreme court today ordered the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad to maintain its divisional headquarters, round house and shops, at Smithville.

More Than One Billion American Dollars Put Into Foreign Loans Making New High Record for 1925

New York, Jan. 13.—The flow of American capital into foreign and domestic investments, comprising loans for governments, municipalities and corporate enterprises, reached unprecedented proportions in 1925. While accurate compilations are not yet available, preliminary estimates indicate that the total of capital flotations eclipsed last year's record of slightly more than \$2,000,000,000.

Although many substantial gains were recorded during the year, the market lacked the wide price movements which featured the recovery of many speculative bonds in the preceding year. Obligations of one southern railroad, which carried unique warrants to purchase stock in a Florida land company, soared almost 100 points before they were retired.

Several factors contributed to the market's loss of animation. For one thing, bond trading lacked the impetus which it derived in 1924 from three reductions in the New York Federal Reserve discount rate.

Weird Superstitions and Notions Held By Negroes and Many White Folks About Hoodoos and Haunts

Scratch the veneer of civilization on any man and you'll find the savage afraid of shadows and devils and witches. It is any wonder, then, that the uneducated negro is surrounded by an unseen world of omens and signs and strange taboos? Here are some of them as compiled by the Honey Grove Signal.

United States Wins \$1,000,000 Verdict Against Doomed Man

New Haven, Jan. 13.—Gerald Chapman, under sentence to be hanged March 3 for murdering a policeman, owes the United States one million dollars.

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self in the mirror before it is three months old it will die. If a baby does not fall out of bed at least once before it is a year old it will die. It is bad luck to carry a spade, a hoe or an ax through the house. A picture falling from the wall betokens death or serious injury. If it is a picture of a living person, it means that person's death.

Publicity Law For Tax Reports Loses Aid of Democrats

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The prospective fight in the senate for retention of provisions in the present law permitting publication of income tax returns will not have the support of democrats as a party. Senate democrats gave the proposal almost united support when it was written into the law two years ago on the motion of Senator Morris.

Shipping Line Director Dies

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Richard Peltzer, director of the freight department of the Hamburg-American line, is dead. He was 54 years old.

Mayor of New Orleans Dies

New Orleans, Jan. 12.—Martin Behrman, 61, mayor of New Orleans for his fifth term, died here today after an extended illness. Heart trouble was given as the cause. Early arrangements were made for a public funeral.

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Bees and Honey

Honey has been an item of food for the people of Texas since the time when the Indians roamed her wild woods and prairies unmolested. The hives were hollow trees, and often a fire was built on the ground at the foot of the tree in order to smoke the bees out at the top. Then the lucky marauders would feast on the "food for the gods" and the bees which had escaped the fire would seek a new home and begin all over again. The coming of the Spaniards did not make any marked difference in this process, and the earliest people from the United States still found the wild honey a valuable source of food. Very soon, however, they began to introduce the methods followed in the "Old States" and prepared hives for the wild bees to find when they were driven from their homes in the woods. Most of these early pioneers soon provided themselves in this way with sufficient bees to give satisfaction for his own sweet tooth and that of his family. Many a dainty morsel for which we now consider sugar a necessity was tastefully seasoned with the honey from these hives, and the beeswax was found useful in many ways.

Along about 1900 the value of bees and honey as a commercial product began to be realized by a larger number of farmers, and api-culture in Texas seemed to grow by leaps and bounds. This necessarily called for new methods of breeding and robbing. Better hives

were constructed and especial attention was directed to the production of queens which has resulted in the shipping of these bees to many other parts of the United States, and a swarm of wild bees, such as the pioneer farmer would have been proud to own, would now be considered not worth the trouble required to capture and hold it. The breeding industry has its center in the southern part of the state, but practically every section of the state now finds that honey may be produced with comparative ease, and certain profit. Formerly it was thought that the plains country was not suited to this industry, but the growth of alfalfa in that section has made it possible for some honey to be produced in spite of the handicaps of a shorter season and higher altitude.

The mild winters, bountiful plant life throughout the year, and the balmy winter days make it possible for the bee to continue his work in South Texas throughout the year, and thus to a limited extent stabilize the production of honey. In this way, he continuously



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"works for his board and also feeds his master," a faculty not possessed by all farm assets. As a result of this untiring industry, the city of Uvalde holds the record of shipping more honey than any other city in the United States, and it is not uncommon for carload lots of this toothsome product to be shipped all along the line from Kinney on the Rio Grande to Houston. North and Central Texas come in for their due share of credit, Caldwell County often exporting as much as thirty tons in one year, and areas centering around Coke and Mitchell, Bell and McLennan, Hunt, Lamar, and Bowie Counties furnish honey for northern and eastern markets.

Where does Texas stand among the other states as a producer of honey? The census of 1900 gave her first place and since that time her leadership has been maintained and the output and profit from this industry has been sufficient to assure its continuance and increase. In 1920 there were 232,195 hives reported to the Census Bureau valued at \$1,188,029. 5,041,236 pounds of honey and 88,671 pounds of wax were produced, and meant \$1,036,623 to the State of Texas and her citizens. Producers and others interested in the bee and honey industry in Texas state that there has been a growth since that time and estimate the commercial production of 1924 at more than 5,000,000 pounds.

Daughter of Clarence Mackay is Happy, She Says, as the Bride of Irving Berlin, the Prince of Jazz

New York, Jan. 13.—Irving Berlin, Broadway's prince of jazz, once a singing waiter in Nigger Mike's Catinatown saloon, and his society bride of this city, the former Ellen Mackay, slipped away from Berlin's apartment in the west forties late in the day of January 4, motoring to Atlantic City, where they registered at the Ritz Carlton shortly before midnight. On Saturday last they boarded the Leviathan, on which a presidential suite had been reserved at a cost of \$5,000. They will spend some time abroad.

They disappeared in the composer's limousine—nightly with royalties from the films that have made Berlin a millionaire—after brief telephone announcements to their friends that they had been married at the city hall and a hasty note to the bride's millionaire father, Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph company.

The romance and marriage of Broadway's melodic genius, who began life as Izzy Baline, Russian immigrant, contains all the thrills of many of his own sentimental songs. "All alone by the Telephone," Mr. Berlin once wrote in one of his many hits, and it was by the telephone that the couple's sudden decision to wed was made. At 9 o'clock in the morning he called Miss Mackay. In the afternoon they were married in the municipal building.

Their engagement had been rumored a dozen times and as many times denied. Mr. Mackay disapproved of the match. He issued this statement: "The marriage comes as a complete surprise to me, and was done without my knowledge and approval."

Berlin's early life was spent selling newspapers on the bowery. His bride is of Fifth Avenue society. Mr. Berlin is a Jew, his father was a rabbi. His bride is a Roman Catholic. Her father is one of the most prominent Catholic laymen.

Berlin was asked about the religious question. "We will simply continue in our own religions," he answered.

The wedding party went to the municipal building by subway, one of the few subway trips the bride had ever taken, and a deputy city clerk performed the ceremony.

Many of Berlin's popular songs have been woven around incidents in his life. After the death of his first wife, Ray Goetz, on their honeymoon in 1913, he wrote "When I Lost You." Isadore Baline, Mackay, recently was sent to Europe by her father, Berlin wrote "All Alone," and "What'll I Do?" and "I Am Blue, What'll I Do?"

Next he wrote "Don't Wait Too Long," and soon after that "Remember."

Berlin denied that the songs held special significance, but Broadway never was convinced.

His first great popular hit was "Alexander's Rag Time Band." "Oh,

Directions Given to Stop Ravages by Cut Ants on Plant Life

(By R. R. Reppert, Entomologist, Extension Service.)

College Station, Texas, Jan. 13.—The great number of letters reaching our office this fall, asking for methods of controlling cut ants, makes it evident that these insects are unusually numerous this season, and this article is published to meet a popular demand.

Cut ants build towns, evident because of the extensive mounds of earth, often thirty feet in diameter and several feet high. The dirt composing these mounds is taken from various cavities in the earth underlying to a depth sometimes as much as twenty or thirty feet. The individual cavities are about as large as a person's head and connect with each other by open passage ways.

The ants' damage, as all know, consists in their cutting the leaves of various plants, which they carry into these subterranean cavities. They often defoliate an entire orchard or one town will destroy several acres of young cotton. The leaves are not used for food, but made into a pulp and then grown a kind of fungus, or mold, which itself constitutes the ants' food.

Queen ants, like queen bees, alone are able to lay eggs. The remainder of the population are workers. As in the case of bees, however, new queens may be produced from eggs, should the old queen be killed. Queens and young, as well as eggs are confined to the main town so that in considering measures of control, no attention need be paid to the small hills, often several hundred feet from the main town, the connecting with it by long passage ways.

Carbon bisulphide, or highlife, is most widely used to kill cut ants. It readily vaporizes into a poisonous gas, that being heavier than air sinks downward from one cavity to another. We prefer to open up the town to a well inhabited cavity. Such a cavity can often be located by a preliminary prodding with a wagon rod, though often this is not a sure test and digging may have to be done blindly. After a good cavity has been opened, a pint of carbon bisulphide should be placed in an old paint bucket or shallow pan in the bottom, and the opening of the hole closed with boards and dirt thrown on top. All openings about the town should be trapped shut to prevent escape of the gas. Since the gas does not destroy the eggs, and since it is possible under certain conditions for new queens to be reared from these, a second treatment about three weeks later may be advisable.

Many people have claimed best results by setting fire to the gas after application. There are some advantages to this, but in our mind, the disadvantages are greater, and we prefer to place it without setting a

How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" was written when he was a sergeant at Camp Upton during the war.

He now heads his own musical publishing firm, is producer of the annual Music Box Reviews and is reputed to have an income of \$500,000 a year.

Berlin is 37 and his bride 22. Recently she attracted attention by writing an article explaining why debutantes prefer cabarets to exclusive social functions whose "boredom" could not be overcome.

They met at a social function on Long Island.

The bride's mother who married Dr. Joseph A. Blake, after a divorce, declined to comment on her daughter's marriage. Some reports even went with opposition to the marriage, others say she has been willing to let her daughter follow the dictates of her heart.

Friends of the couple predicted that Clarence H. Mackay, her father, would become reconciled to her marriage as soon as he had had time to reflect on the parallel between the romance of his own family and that of the house of Berlin.

The only possible factor that could cause him to cherish his resentment after such a reversal, those friends contend, is the matter of racial or religious. And these barriers that are not supposed to count permanently in the America which gave both families their chance. If an Able's Irish Rose, could flourish year after year on the stage, they contend, there is no reason why a Jewish-Irish wedding can not succeed in real life.

Aside from the racial or religious element, about the only difference between the house of Mackay and the house of Berlin, after all, is that the Mackays got to America a generation earlier. The name of Mackay has been a name to conjure with only for a matter of 40 or 50 years.

Clarence H. Mackay's father came to America as an immigrant boy from Ireland. He started life as a ship builder, but seized upon the California gold rush as his big chance, journeyed west and obtained a share in the bonanza mines of the Comstock Lode, which eventually yielded him a fortune of many millions.

Healthily, but not yet socially elect, he returned east and started to build up the family position. Clarence Mackay himself finally cemented that position when he married Miss Katherine Duor, daughter of one of New York's oldest families.

Isadore Baline, now known as Irving Berlin, the jazz king—came to America from Russia with his family as an immigrant at the age of four. He started life as a newsboy, then became a "singing waiter" in a bowery saloon—and finally found his gold mine in his genius for jazz music.

And he, in his turn, is cementing his social standing—with the younger set at least—by his marriage to Clarence Mackay's daughter.

match to it. If to be fired one should be very careful; a matter that will suggest that great care in handling the material must be exercised, since in the presence of fires or sparks, it is explosive.

Some have with success, instead of digging a large hole to a cavity used a two inch auger with extension shanks, to drill into the town. After large cavity has been found, a gallon or so of water is poured in to soak up the soil, followed by the dosage of carbon bisulphide. This is no doubt a good practice, but we suggest in such cases the use of a length of gas pipe to be inserted in the hole, so the material may be poured directly to the bottom, and not absorbed into the soil along the sides as it runs down.

Potassium cyanide, or sodium cyanide, is effective also. These materials are violent poisons, however, and we hesitate to advise their use by any person that does not fully realize the danger attending their use. If you do not know the danger, and can get no instruction from some local person who does know the danger, leave them alone and live longer.

One who has used them should dissolve an ounce of either of them in one gallon of water. This solution is poured directly on the soil in the bottom of an excavation made as suggested for the use of carbon bisulphide. It is best first to pour in a quantity of water, so as to soak up the soil, in order that less of the solution may be lost. Sometimes, though with less effect, this solution is poured directly into one of the larger entrances.

From New Year until about the middle of March, is the best time to attack the cut ants, since the colonies are at that time weaker, and the individuals grouped together in the main town. A campaign of control can with profit be organized in every community suffering extensive damage. The element of numbers not only lends enthusiasm, but materials can be purchased more cheaply. On account of fire hazard, druggists are compelled to charge a seemingly high price for carbon bisulphide. If, however, farmers and truckers will pool their orders, agreeing to take the material from the station on arrival, the local druggist will doubtless be able to make a price that is much lower than could otherwise be obtained. Also, if a campaign is organized each person can profit by the success and failure of every one, including himself.

Minister Unfrosted For Heresy Goes on Road as a Drummer

New York, Jan. 11.—The outlook, in its January issue, says Rev. Lee W. Heaton, Baptist minister of Fort Worth, Texas, who was proclaimed a heretic two years ago for his modernist preachings, has left the ministry and is selling food products in Boston.

Big Robbery in New York. New York, Jan. 11.—Two jewelers were robbed today of a bag containing more than \$100,000 worth of uncut diamonds by three men who knocked them down with pistols in 48th street near Fifth avenue. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

Texhoma Oil Control Sold for \$6,000,000 by Wichita Falls Men

Wichita Falls, Texas, Jan. 13.—A controlling interest in the Texhoma Oil and Refining Company, one of the largest independent companies in Texas, has been acquired by the Continental Oil Company of Denver, Colo. It was announced Saturday. The consideration, full details of which were not made public, involves a capitalization of \$6,000,000, with the transaction made on a basis of \$1.25 paid on each \$1 of paid in capital.

The transfer does not include an outright sale of the Texhoma, as a considerable interest is being retained by the former owners. The deal takes rank as the largest ever consummated in Wichita Falls, however, and is said to rank as the largest oil company sale in the State since the Humphreys interests at Mexia were acquired by the Pure Oil Company several years ago.

Announcement of the sale was made Saturday night by officials of the Texhoma Company and W. H. Ferguson of Denver, vice president of the Continental, Mr. Ferguson and S. H. Keoughan, president of the Continental have been in Wichita Falls for some time. Final details of the transaction will be consummated in New York in the near future.

The Texhoma, organized here in 1916, is controlled almost entirely by Wichita Falls business men. Only one director of the concern maintains an office outside of this city. Its officers are W. B. Hamilton, president; N. H. Martin, J. M. Perkins and E. H. Eddleman, vice presidents; C. W. Snyder, treasurer, and J. D. Bright, secretary. The board of directors includes these officers, with the exception of Mr. Bright, and J. A. Kemp, Frank Kell and C. W. Gilliland of Wichita Falls and W. A. Brook of Forney, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Martin have been the active executives of the corporation.

Starting in 1916 with a capitalization of \$192,000, the Texhoma began operation in the Burk Burnett shallow pools and was one of the most active concerns to profit by the Burk Burnett boom a few years later. In 1918 the capitalization was increased from \$192,000 to \$1,500,000, and in 1919 this was doubled to \$3,000,000. In 1920 a 100 per cent stock dividend was declared and the capitalization raised to \$6,000,000.

The company owns some 347 miles of pipe line, a 5,000-barrel refinery in this city and has extensive holdings scattered through practically all of the North Texas points.

Modern Apartment on Site of Poet's Home to Welcome Children

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Childish prattle again will be heard on the spot where "Little Boy Blue" was wont to toot his horn when a skyscraper apartment hotel is built on the site of the home of the late Eugene Field, the children's poet.

In the spacious first floor of the \$1,500,000 structure a great playroom will be provided. His widow had planned that the home, where the poet wrote many of his famous works, should be preserved as a memorial to him. She had maintained his room, with his chair, desk, his jacket and the most of the other mementoes of the poet exactly as he had left it. School children gave their pennies to the project, but it was never fulfilled.

When Mrs. Field, who had moved to Tomahawk, Wis., learned that the memorial plans must be given up and that the growth of the city had made impracticable the maintenance of the old home, she decided to sell. But she expressed the hope that "through the irony of fate," whatever type of building should supplant her former home it would not be one that would exclude children.

So again the children may hear of "The Sugar Plum Tree" as Field wrote wrote:

"Have you ever heard of the sugar plum tree? 'Tis a marvel of great renown; It blooms on the shore of the Lollipop sea. In the garden of Shut-Eye Town,"

Field loved children, toys and dolls, of which he had many models about the chimneypiece of his writing room, a reproduction of which will be in the Chicago Historical Society. He was the father of eight children.

Judge Ben. Terrell Appointed to Bench by Ferguson is Dead

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 13.—Ben M. Terrell Sr., judge of the Sixty-seventh district court, died here Sunday night at the age of 65.

Judge Terrell was appointed by Gov. James E. Ferguson during his first administration. The duty of appointing his successor now devolves on Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, wife of the former governor. Judge Terrell had been a member of the bar for thirty-eight years. He was born in Kaufman county, Texas. All Tarrant county courts closed Monday and during the funeral services held Tuesday.

Surviving are his wife and one son, Ben M. Terrell Jr. Educated at Trinity university, Waxahachie, Terrell taught school for several years and just prior to moving to Fort Worth was superintendent of public schools at Arlington. On coming here he became associated with the law firm of Furman & Steadman, being admitted to the bar in 1888. In 1893 he was elected county attorney.

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Resorts With Church Stewards as Patrons Raided by Maskers

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 13.—City Detective Cole testified Saturday that one of the four defendants on trial charged with raiding Chinese restaurants for liquor, said he had a list of church stewards who had visited the restaurants raided. In company with women other than their wives.

Cole named W. J. Worthington as the defendant who had made the statement. The court would not allow names of men on the list to be given.

Four restaurants were searched last Saturday night by masked and robed men, several of whom it was testified were local officers of the Ku Klux Klan.

W. W. Israel, Ku Klux Klan official, declared he led the party and that he was accompanied by two deputy sheriffs, among others, who served warrants upon the places. Israel said the deputies were masked as were all other members of the party except himself. He said five persons were arrested and turned over to county authorities.

Guests at the cafes were searched by the raiders, presumably for liquor. Chief Deputy Sheriff Henry Israel said none of the deputies participated in the raid. In the face of Israel's statement he also said, no persons were turned over to his office and none was granted bond. Sheriff Shirley was absent from the city.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 13.—That investigation of raids conducted in Birmingham by hooded bands might be carried into the federal courts was foreseen by the appearance of a department of justice agent at police headquarters in connection with the examination of four men under arrest.

Another turn in events was chronicled when Sheriff T. J. Shirley, who is high in official circles of the Ku Klux Klan, announced that the Klan might take a hand in the probe. He qualified his statement by saying he was not speaking with authority, but he frankly said that if any members of the raiding parties were found to be members of the order that "they would pay for it."

"The Klan does not take the law into its hands," continued the sheriff, "and if the organization takes action it is against the law and is unconstitutional, also unconstitutional under the new law if one was passed. The president of the United States and congress itself can not override the decisions of the supreme court of the United States much less the governor of Texas right the legislature. If the supreme court of the United States has held any of the Texas law unconstitutional governing any of the precinct road bond issues in Texas, the only remedy around the matter is for the supreme court to set aside the decision, and (declare the law is constitutional, for the legislature is helpless in such matters. If the decision of the supreme court handed down in the case from Archer county does not affect the other bond issues of the state, then the law is all right the way it now stands on the statute books and the bonds collectable. I believe that the people who bought the road precinct bonds and paid out their hard earned money for them should be paid. It would be awful for them to have to lose their money, but if the supreme court of the United States has actually held the law under which they were issued unconstitutional all the legislatures in the world and congress thrown in can not do them any good by passing laws attempting to nullify the decision of the

Sherriff Shirley's principal criticism was leveled at improper use of force in fact was in a serious matter will probably lead to an inquiry by the Klan itself, he said.

Pretty Campus for All Schools Urged by State Teachers

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 13.—Trees and flowers and shrubs can be a part of every school campus, according to facts compiled by the offices of the Texas State Teachers association. Small flower beds, well arranged clumps of shrubs, and a few well placed trees will add to the attractiveness of the school grounds, and will be worth much in the way of example and training in civic pride.

Mistaken plans often spell disaster in the beautification of school campuses. Ordinarily, too much is undertaken. It is better to pick out two or three good locations to show off to the best advantage and cultivate these carefully. Especially where the campus is the general play ground, little can be done, for grass and flowers and trees will be destroyed by the children at play. Better to start with a corner that can be protected and there build a thing of beauty that can be repeated in other corners as the seasons pass.

Strikes a Match to See if Gas Tank Dry; Two Women Injured

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 11.—Two Mexican women are in local hospitals as the result of burns received when a youth struck a match to see if there was any gasoline in the tank of an automobile.

PALE, NERVOUS, THIN!

West Virginia Lady Was in a Serious Condition, But Is Stronger After Taking Cardui.

Huntington, W. Va.—"I was in a very weak and run-down condition," says Mrs. Fannie C. Bloss, of 1964 Madison Avenue, this city. "In my left side the pain was very severe. It would start in my back and sides. Part of the time I was in bed and when up I didn't feel like doing anything or going anywhere. "Life wasn't any pleasure. I was very pale, I was nervous and thin, and so tired all the time.

"My druggist told me that Cardui was good for women and I bought a couple of bottles. I took two bottles, then I noticed an improvement. I kept on and found it was helping. In a few days I had bought a couple of bottles. I'm stronger now than I have been in a long time."

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LETTERS TO THE FORUM

The Road Bond Controversy. Editor Forum:

About the thinnest thing I have read recently in the newspapers was an article stating that certain members of the legislature wanted the governor to convene that body so that they could help pass a law to validate all the road precinct bond issues in Texas which have been issued under a law passed by the Texas legislature, that is supposed from newspaper account to have been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States in a recent decision handed down by that court in a case appealed from Archer county. From the reading in the newspapers, it seems that an election had been held in a certain road precinct laid out by the commissioners' court of Archer county, and at that election the majority of the property tax paying voters cast their ballots in favor of the issuance of precinct road bonds, but there was opposition to the issue and a suit of some kind was brought in the lower court and finally carried to the supreme court of the United States on appeal, and from newspaper account the supreme court of the United States has declared the Texas law under which these bonds were issued unconstitutional, hence if this be a fact the bonds are uncollectable, as the supreme court of the United States is the court of last resort and its decisions are the supreme law of the land as there can not be any appeal taken to any higher tribunals because there are none.

It looks like any school boy ought to know that the Texas legislature would not have any authority to pass a law and make it stand that would undo a decision of the supreme court of the United States declaring one of the Texas laws unconstitutional, for if the supreme court of the United States declared a law unconstitutional passed by a state legislature and held that certain taxpayers did not have to pay certain bonds, then it would stand to reason that it would also hold any legislation passed by a legislature called together by the governor to validate and make collectable the same bonds which the court held were unconstitutional, also unconstitutional under the new law if one was passed. The president of the United States and congress itself can not override the decisions of the supreme court of the United States much less the governor of Texas right the legislature. If the supreme court of the United States has held any of the Texas law unconstitutional governing any of the precinct road bond issues in Texas, the only remedy around the matter is for the supreme court to set aside the decision, and (declare the law is constitutional, for the legislature is helpless in such matters. If the decision of the supreme court handed down in the case from Archer county does not affect the other bond issues of the state, then the law is all right the way it now stands on the statute books and the bonds collectable. I believe that the people who bought the road precinct bonds and paid out their hard earned money for them should be paid. It would be awful for them to have to lose their money, but if the supreme court of the United States has actually held the law under which they were issued unconstitutional all the legislatures in the world and congress thrown in can not do them any good by passing laws attempting to nullify the decision of the

supreme court of the United States. G. E. JOHNSON, Anson, Jones County, Texas.

From a Massachusetts Friend. Editor Forum: Enclosed find \$2.00 for another year's subscription to your paper. While I don't know much about Texas, I am interested in the work of the governor and I can keep posted by reading your paper.

I am pleased at the way she comes out ahead of some of the people there, and I hope she will be successful for the coming year. I wish you a happy and prosperous new year and the same to all your family, even the little grandchild who looks so good in his uniform.

P. H. FERGUSON, Box 116, Cheshire, Mass.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX!

New Health Course at A. and M. Is On Rural Sanitation

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.—Rural sanitation will be a new course in public health education that will be available for students of A. & M. college for the next school term, according to plans worked out by college officials.

The course will be elective, and will include studies of the things most vitally affecting health in rural districts, such as: safe sewage disposal for rural home; necessity for and safeguarding farm water supplies; malaria control; hookworm control; sanitation of rural schools; milk as a disease-carrying vehicle; sanitary requirements of municipalities governing rural dairies; community and county health work; and the general relation of sanitation to health.

The adoption of this course by the State Agricultural and Mechanical college is another evidence of the increasing interest in public health work throughout the country, and especially in Texas, this being the second course of this character now being offered by the college, which other public health courses are also being offered by Baylor college, with indications pointing to the adoption of similar courses in other leading colleges and universities of the state in the near future.

The other public health course which is at present available for A. & M. students, and which was added at the beginning of the current year, is that of city management and sanitary engineering. This course was made necessary by the great demand by municipalities of the state for trained health workers, and offers a new field of service that will appeal to the best talent in the country.

This course includes such subjects as: city government; the administration of city departments; city planning; public utilities; principles and methods of sewerage treatment; water purification; garbage and refuse collection and disposal; mosquito control; and sanitation and public health.

GERRY TO HEAD SENATE CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRATS

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senator Gerry of Rhode Island, was selected today chairman of the democratic senatorial campaign committee, succeeding Senator Jones of New Mexico.

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Ten Dead in Hotel Fire in Louisiana and Many Injured

Natchez, Miss., Jan. 12.—Ten persons are known to have lost their lives in the destruction by fire of the Johnson Hotel at Ferriday, La., this morning. Quins of the burned buildings are being searched with a possibility the other bodies may be recovered. In addition to the Johnson Hotel an adjoining block of frame buildings and the Van Noy Hotel were destroyed.

Only four of the dead have been identified and two of these, a father and son, have been identified only as "Keens." Their home is believed to have been in Alabama.

Natches, Miss., Jan. 12.—Six bodies have been removed from the ruins of the Johnson Hotel at Ferriday, La., which together with an adjoining block of frame buildings and the Van Noy Hotel, across the street, was destroyed by fire early today. Others reported by having occupied rooms in the hotel are missing, and it is feared that the death list will mount higher. The loss was estimated at more than \$75,000.

Nine persons received injuries from burns and by leaping from the second story of the hotel.

Four of the six bodies found have been identified as a father and sons named Keene. The others identified were: D. W. Roberts, a planter of Deer Park, La., and W. C. Hastings, a mail carrier at Ferriday.

The injured: P. G. Carlyle, Brookhaven, Miss., burns. Marcus Carmichael, Galveston, Tex., burns.

F. E. Jones, Ferriday, La., burns. J. H. Kirke, Ferriday, burns. Lee Mulberry, injuries to legs and back.

J. C. Marvin, Beaumont, Texas, dislocated hip. M. L. McCorkle, Dallas, Tex., dislocated hip.

Joe Knapp, broken hip. J. F. Shephers and two traveling men supposed to have been guests of the hotel are missing, and it is believed that they perished in the flames. It is also feared that an unidentified ten year old girl perished.

Wife of Santa Fe Attorney Dies. Oklahoma City, Jan. 12.—Mrs. E. E. McInnis, wife of the newly appointed general solicitor for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad died at a hospital here last night. She underwent an operation several days ago from which pneumonia developed.

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