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John Sealy, Head Great Banking Firm at Galveston, Widely Known Philanthropist, Dies in France

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 24.—John Sealy, banker, capitalist and philanthropist, died February 19 in Paris, France, where he had gone in search of health, according to a cablegram received here. His body is being brought back to Galveston for burial.

Mr. Sealy was head of the banking house of Hutchings, Sealy & Co., founded by his father, the late John Sealy, more than half a century ago.

He was chairman of the board of the Magnolia Petroleum Company and the Galveston Wharf Company, as well as being interested in many other corporations.

Mr. Sealy was born at Galveston of a pioneer family, which has played a prominent part in building up the island city. He was 59 years old and a graduate of Princeton.

The banker became ill about a year ago and after undergoing treatment in the east, went to Europe some months ago, accompanied by his physician, Dr. William Gannon, of Galveston. He was reported on the Riviera recently.

Mr. Sealy was the son of the late John Sealy Sr. of Galveston. The elder Sealy had left a bequest for his wife to do something in the way of public benefaction, she to select the subject; and she built the John Sealy Hospital, which was the nucleus for the medical school of the University of Texas. In the years that followed John Sealy Jr. and his sister, Mrs. R. Waverly Smith, repaired the hospital plant at their own expense after the storms of 1900 and 1915, and they also

paid for additional buildings. For a long term of years, too, John Sealy Jr. paid the deficits of the hospital as its receipts, together with the city appropriations were not sufficient to conduct it on a high plane. The fact of these contributions was not known for more than fifteen years after they had started. Mr. Sealy was an extremely modest man and went to great lengths to avoid publicity of his benefactions.

He was a member of the relief committee in Galveston after the storm of 1900.

He was one of the wealthiest and some of the best men in Texas. Mr. Sealy was said to be the wealthiest man in Texas.

He was the president of the Magnolia Petroleum Company and continued in that office until last year when he was made chairman of the board, E. R. Brown becoming president.

Mr. Sealy was very much interested in the promotion of a bill passed by the legislature of Texas in 1925 amending the inheritance tax law so as to exempt bequests to Texas educational institutions. He told friends at the time that as the law stood there was not much incentive for a man of means to make a bequest to such institutions, but there would be if the law was changed. Considerable significance was attached to this statement by these friends. Mr. Sealy for a number of years was a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas and was much interested in the promotion of that institution.

Senator Hardin Writes On Right Of the Governor To Make Race

The following communication from Senator J. Roy Hardin, of Terrell, representing the Sixth district in the Texas senate, is published in the Dallas News of Wednesday, February 24:

The campaign for governor this year presents an unusual situation. With Mr. Davidson ready to open his campaign and with Mr. Moody's friends assuring us that he will be in the race, the important unanswered question is whether Governor Ferguson will run for re-election.

That question never has entered into Texas politics before. The second term idea is a part of our political philosophy and has been adhered to so uniformly that serious proposals have been made to make the term of a governor four years instead of two, thus dispensing with an unnecessary election. This generation of Texas voters knows no such thing as a one-term governor. Good, bad and indifferent, the governors of Texas are given a second term.

It seems to me an unwarranted assumption that Governor Ferguson would step out at the end of her term and not ask for re-election. No other governor and no other official has voluntarily effaced himself in order that some body else might have the office. Such a course is almost unheard of in our politics, so why should Governor Ferguson choose to break the long-established, unbroken precedent and time-honored custom of a second term? We have given women political equality with men, so why expect a woman governor to do what no man governor would do? Certain politicians are asserting that Mrs. Ferguson will not run and should not run, and every one of them knows he would be running for a second term if he were in her place.

The assertions that Mrs. Ferguson will not be a candidate this year are based, in a way, on a statement she made in her campaign two years ago. The statement was this: "I am not in this race through any great desire to hold office and shall not become again a candidate if our prayers for vindication are answered." That statement, or promise, contains a condition, and if the condition has not been fulfilled the promise is not binding. If her prayers for vindication have not been answered she is under no obligation not to run. I took the view that her election might reasonably be construed as a vindication, and in accordance with that view I introduced the resolution that led to the amnesty bill. But from all over the state arose the cry that the election was no vindication at all, that it meant nothing but an anti-klan victory. The amnesty bill was contested at every point and the thought of vindication was repudiated at every turn by the enemies of the governor. And since they deny that her prayer for vindication has been answered, they must admit that her promise not to run is no longer binding.

It seems to me a rather inopportune time, anyhow, to be stressing the binding force of a political promise in Texas. Is Governor Ferguson the only one who made a promise in 1924 and didn't live up to it? Here where the democratic party came perilously near to defeat through the wholesale repudiation of a solemn, unconditional, iron-bound pledge, the importance of a simple, immaterial campaign statement is not apparent to some of us, nor is it likely to have much effect on Governor Ferguson if she desires to run.

I am not defending Governor Ferguson's administration, nor her right to have a second term; I'm merely defending her right to run for a second term if she desires. I'm not saying that I will support her if she does run. I'm only saying that Governor Ferguson should be conceded the same right and privilege that every other governor has been accorded and that all this flimsy, frivolous talk about her having no right to run should be dispensed with in the beginning. She may not choose to run, but if she does run that is one objection that no candidate can afford to urge against her. For the candidate who defeats her must inevitably do so through the votes of those who broke their promises in the election two years ago.

J. ROY HARDIN,
State Senator.

Terrell, Texas.

Anti Saloon League Home Town Is Scene of Big Rum Scandal

Westerville, Ohio, Feb. 24.—Anti-Saloon League of America and the World League Against Alcoholism, is in the throes of a liquor scandal.

The village marshal, Harry Hutt, has been summoned to appear before Governor Vic Danahy to tell what he knows about the raid on his office by a state prohibition agent, aided by a woman, who admits she had often been used by the agents to get evidence against liquor law violators. The Westerville raid was conducted at the solicitation of City Manager L. G. Whitney, who told Deputy State Prohibition Commissioner S. A. Probst that the village should be cleaned up. The woman in the case admits that she was "planted" to get

evidence against the village marshal. Marshal Hutt, however, denies the raiders found him with the woman when they tore down the door of his office and obtained information which led to the arrest of another man who had a supply of home brew on hand.

Governor Donahy has issued a statement in which he promises the use of women by state prohibition agents to entrap citizens will be thoroughly investigated.

Will Exterminate Buzzards.

Vera Cruz, Feb. 23.—The winged "sanitary police" of the port of Vera Cruz—the buzzards—are to be exterminated. They have become so numerous they are declared to be a menace to health. They are specifically charged by the department of health with being propagators of microbes which are injurious to cattle, and orders have been issued to kill them.

Arrested for 68th Time Woman Is Held as Drunken Motorist

New Orleans, La., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Louise Dwyer, 24, was arrested here today on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Police said she has been arrested 68 times, several of the charges being the same as that she now faces.

To Run for U. S. Senate.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Charles W. Waterman of Beaver, general counsel of the president's oil board, announced today his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator from Colorado.

W. G. Love, Houston, Named Judge Harris County Criminal Court By Governor; Successor to Robinson

Austin, Texas, Feb. 20.—William G. Love of Houston, today was appointed Judge of the Harris County Criminal District Court to succeed the late Judge Cornelius W. Robinson.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson referred to the fact that Judge Love had been a member of the Houston bar for 30 years, and said:

"There were many prominent and capable aspirants for the position and it was with some difficulty that I reached a decision among them. I realize that this appointment may not please everybody, but I was impelled by a sincere desire to appoint one whose ability to fill the position would be unquestioned, and this regard of political or other considerations.

"I believe that Judge Love will make a great judge and he is well versed in the law and his standing as a man in the community in which he lives is without blemish."

Judge Love was James E. Ferguson's personal attorney in litigation involving the former governor's right to place his name on the gubernatorial ticket in the primary of 1924. He appeared for Ferguson when this case went to the Supreme Court which barred Ferguson from the ballot because of the 1917 impeachment.

Love again represented the Ferguson family when he defended Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson in the suit brought by Attorney Charles Dickson of San Antonio to have her declared ineligible to hold the office of governor because of the legal disabilities of sex and marriage. This suit was decided in Mrs. Ferguson's favor. Love has also represented the Fergusons in other litigations.

ing near the brass railing of the court were expressing satisfaction at the governor's selection of W. G. Love for the judgeship. "He'll make a splendid judge of this court," said E. T. Branch, former district attorney and well known authority on criminal law.

General approval was expressed in court circles and among members of the bar with Judge Love's appointment.

Judge Love has been personal attorney for James E. Ferguson, husband of the governor, for several years, and defended Mrs. Ferguson in the suit brought by Attorney Charles Dickson of San Antonio, to have her declared ineligible to hold the office of governor because of the legal disabilities of sex and marriage. The suit was decided in Mrs. Ferguson's favor.

Judge Love was born in Dallas County and reared in Bell County. Following his graduation from the law department of the University of Texas in 1899 he practiced law in Luling, Caldwell County, and in Brazoria County.

Judge Love moved to Houston in 1893. In 1896 he was elected mayor of Houston Heights, which was then a separate municipality. He served as mayor for three terms. He also served for 12 years on the Houston Heights school board.

In February, 1908, he was appointed district attorney by Governor Campbell and was re-elected to that office in the fall of 1908. At the expiration of his two-year term he retired to private legal practice, which he has followed since.

Creager Will Fight Wurzbach for Return to Seat in Congress

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congressman Harry Wurzbach of San Antonio, the only republican from Texas in the national house, will meet the opposition of E. B. Creager of Brownsville if he enters the July primary.

This is clearly indicated in a statement issued by Mr. Creager, republican national committeeman, who replied to Mr. Wurzbach's statement that the party in Texas and the south was in the hands of "patronage dispensers" and that the party never would grow until this control was eliminated.

Mr. Creager issued his declaration of war against the congressman in these words:

"The question is in the hands of the republicans of the 14th congressional district, and it will be for them to determine in the July primaries whether their congressman shall be a man who believes in the integrity of our national party leaders, or Mr. Wurzbach."

State Railroad With \$30,500 in Cash in Treasury, For Sale

Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—The State Railroad had a cash balance of \$30,500 on Jan. 1 last, according to a semi-annual report filed with Governor Ferguson February 19 by the board of managers, consisting of Lynch Davidson of Houston and John A. Glenn of Beaumont. It was presented in person by Mr. Davidson, who spent some time in conference with the Fergusons.

It was declared in the report, which covered the last six months of 1925, that the lessee of the State Railroad, the Texas and New Orleans or Southern Pacific system, had expended \$212,740 in improvements and that the thirty-two miles from Rusk to Palestine now is a standard railroad of the first class.

A further statement in the report was that the board is continuing its efforts "looking to a satisfactory and profitable sale of the road, believing as the board does, that the State of Texas can not economically engage in business pursuits."

Will on "Petticoat" in Which \$250,000 Is Disposed of Upheld

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—The "petticoat will" of George W. Hazeltine, recluse, who left an estate of \$250,000, was upheld by a jury in probate court here.

The verdict, if sustained, will result in the estate going to Hazeltine's grandniece, Mrs. Lorraine M. Richmond, instead of the Pomona college, the Red Cross and the recluse's two attorneys, as provided in a prior will.

The will was scrawled on the hem of the petticoat of the nurse who attended the recluse.

Historic Old Hotel Ordered by Court to Have Doors Locked

New York, Feb. 20.—Padlock proceedings were started today by U. S. District Attorney Buckner against the Hotel Brevoort, one of New York's best known hotels. The Snugglers' Snug Harbor, owner of the land upon which the hotel stands, also was named as a formal defendant in the proceedings.

The papers filed in the Federal court charged that liquor had been sold in the hotel on numerous occasions, constituting a "public nuisance." The hotel is operated by Raymond Ortel Jr. The elder Ortel in 1925, offered a prize of \$25,000 to the winner of a ten-stop airplane flight from Paris to New York. On June 1, last year he extended his offer for a further period of five years from that date.

The Brevoort was built in 1845. Among its guests in earlier days were President Garfield, the Marquis of Queensbury, the Duke of Marlborough, Prince George of Greece and numerous other noted persons.

This is the first time padlock proceedings have been started against a hotel in this city. Discussing his action, Mr. Buckner said:

"Hotels, saloons, night clubs, speak easies and holes in the wall must all stand equal before the law."

Wife Hears Voice of Fugitive Husband on Radio and Nabs Him

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Errant husbands should not sing over the radio. Harry Gelse, radio singer, said so last night after being arrested on complaint of his divorced wife for being in arrears in alimony payments.

Gelse vanished last April and the other night Mrs. Gelse, twirling the dial of her radio, heard a familiar voice singing "How D' You Do." It was Gelse broadcasting from a station just outside Chicago. He was found there by a deputy sheriff.

Prince Henry, Third Son of King George Is Engaged to Wed

London, Feb. 24.—The engagement of Prince Henry, third son of King George, to Lady Mary Scott, daughter of the Duke of Buccleuch, it is understood, will be announced shortly after the period of court mourning for Dowager Queen Alexandra, which ended Feb. 20.

Prince Henry will celebrate his 26th birthday March 31. Lady Mary Scott, the fourth daughter of the Earl of Buccleuch, is 20.

Two Firemen Killed in Blaze. Valparaiso, Ind., Feb. 19.—Two volunteer firemen were killed and two other men injured in a fire today that originated in the Academy of Music building here and spread to two adjoining buildings causing a loss of \$800,000.

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.

Political Calendar For 1926 In Texas With Dates of All Actions Scheduled by Election Statutes

The following compilation of the dates on the political calendar of Texas for 1926 is more complete and specific than one published in the Forum some time ago and is given here for the information of voters, election officers and citizens generally. All references cited refer to the revised civil statutes of Texas as revised and adopted at the regular session of the thirty-ninth legislature, 1925.

The statutes provide that at the February term of the commissioners' court in each county the state judges of election selected from the different political parties shall be appointed by the commissioners. In 1926 this date was February 8 and it is presumed that the commissions compiled with the law.

Subsequent dates of interest to voters are as follows:

- 4—April 1—Before this date, county collector shall furnish the county election board (county clerk, county judge and sheriff) list of all persons who paid poll tax or secured exemption. (Art. 2975.)
- 4—June 7—On or before this date candidates for party nominations for office to be filled by the voters of the state shall file with their state chairman application for place on primary ballot. Such request may be made by twenty-five qualified voters instead. (Art. 3111.)
- 5—June 7—On or before this date, candidates for party nomination for office in districts shall file with their district chairman application for place on primary ballot. If there is no district chairman applications may be filed with the county chairman of the counties comprising the district. This request also may be made by twenty-five qualified voters residing in the district. (Art. 3112.)
- 8—June 14—State executive committee of party shall meet on this date to certify to county chairman names and residences of all candidates for state office to go on primary election ballot (Art. 3111) and to name place for holding state convention on second Tuesday in August. (Art. 3136.)
- 7—June 14—County executive committee meets and issues call for precinct convention to be held on primary election day (July 24) for purpose of electing delegates to county convention to be held on July 31. The chairman for each precinct is the member of the county committee from such precinct and the hour and place for holding these precinct conventions should be announced. (Art. 3134.)
- 8—June 19—On or before this date candidates for party nomination for office to be filled by voters of a single county or a portion thereof, or for county chairman, must file application for place on primary ballot with county chairman. This request may be filed by twenty-five qualified voters residing in county. (Art. 3113.)
- 9—June 21—County executive committee meets to determine order of names on primary ballot, estimate cost and apportion same and transact other business. (Art. 3117-3108.)
- County chairman with approval of county committee appoints sub-committee of five with himself as chairman to meet on July 13 to make up ballot, etc. (Art. 3115.)
- 10—June 23—On or before this date candidates in primary election must pay ballot fees assessed against them. (Art. 3108-3116.)
- 11—July 12—Subcommittee of the county executive committee meets to make up primary ballot. (Art. 3115.)
- County executive committee has general supervision over primary in such county and is charged with full responsibility for the procuring and distribution to presiding judges of all election supplies. (Art. 3119.)
- 12—July 13—Each of the county chairman gets from tax collector complete list of voters in his county, arranged by precincts, paying \$5.00 therefor—such list to be used in primary election. Primary election is not legal unless such lists are obtained and used for reference by election judges during the election. (Art. 3121.)
- 13—July 19—On or before this date persons who have moved from one ward in a city over 10,000 to another ward, before the delivery of certified lists of voters to precinct chairman, shall appear before the tax collector and obtain a corrected receipt or certificate of exemption. (Art. 2966.)
- 14—July 20—On or before this date persons who have moved from one precinct to another or from one county to another, and who desire to vote in the primary election, must apply to county collector for and secure record of transfer. This applies only to those who move to cities of 10,000 or more. (Art. 2967.)
- 15—July 24—PRIMARY ELECTION DAY—Polls open at 8 A. M., close at 7 P. M. (Art. 3102.)
- Returns of primary election are delivered to county chairman.
- On this day there is also held in each precinct a convention to name delegates to county convention to be held July 31, where delegates are elected to state and district conventions. The chairmen of these precinct conventions certify to county chairman the names of delegates elected to county convention. (Art. 3134.)
- 16—July 31—County Executive committee meets to canvass returns from primary election. County chairman certifies all results to county clerk, and to district and state chairman as to district and state officers, respectively. County chairman makes tabulated return and, with county secretary, certifies number of votes cast for each office filled by voters of state, or a district comprising more than one county, to the president of the next state convention of the party and for district committee. This certificate is published in a newspaper of the county. If any county chairman also certifies to county clerk name of person elected county chairman. (Art. 3124-3125-3127.)
- 17—July 31—County Convention to elect delegates to District and State conventions. Chairman and secretary

of this convention immediately certify to state chairman list of delegates elected to state convention and to district chairman list of delegates elected to district conventions. (Art. 3134.)

18—Aug. 3.—On or before this date all candidates, all managers of campaigns and others who have expended money in behalf of any candidate or political party during any preceding primary must file statement of expenses with county.

19—Aug. 9.—State executive committee meets to canvass returns of primary election. (Art. 3137.)

If no candidate receives a majority of all votes, the committee shall prepare a list of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for such office and certify said list to county chairman to be placed on ballot as candidates at second primary. (Art. 3102.)

20—Aug. 23-24—Same provisions as to transfers as under July 19 and 20.

21—Aug. 28.—Second or Run-Off Primary Election where one candidate for any office has not received a majority of votes cast at first primary, polls open at 8 a. m., close at 7 p. m. (Art. 3103.)

22—Aug. 28.—District Conventions held; immediately following with chairman and secretary of such conventions shall certify district nominations to secretary of state. (Art. 3135.)

23—Sept. 6.—State Executive committee meets to canvass votes at Second Primary; also to prepare complete list of delegates elected to state convention from each county.

State chairman presents to Temporary chairman state convention on September 7 results of First and Second primaries and list of delegates to state convention. (Art. 3137.)

24—Sept. 7.—On or before this date all candidates, all managers of campaigns, and others who spent money in behalf of any candidate or political party during or preceding the run-off primary must file statement of expenses with county judge. (Art. 3144-3145.)

25—Sept. 7.—State Convention to (a) Canvass vote for state officers. (b) Announce resulting nominations. (c) Chairman and Secretary of Convention certify such nominations to Secretary of State. (d) Adopt platform. (e) Elect State Chairman. (f) Elect State Executive Committee—one member from each State Senatorial District—the member from each district is recommended by the delegates from the counties comprising such district. (Art. 3138-3139-3140.)

26—Oct. 27.—On or before this date county chairman nominates one supervisor for each election precinct in his county. Such nominations to be in writing and approved by county judge. (Art. 2941.)

27—Oct. 28-29.—(Same provisions as to transfers under July 19 and 20)

28—Nov. 2.—County chairman should on or before morning of election day appoint (in writing) one challenger for each polling place. (Art. 2938.)

29—Nov. 2.—General Election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. (Art. 2930.) (Each county chairman should, without fail, see to it that his party has supervisor and challenger at each polling place.)

30—Nov. 12.—On or before this date all candidates, all managers of campaigns, and others who spent money in behalf of any candidate or political party during or preceding the general election must file statement of expenses with county judge. (Art. 3144-3145.)

Man Who Burned Up Horse Meat Packing Plant Found Insane

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 24.—Frank Litts, self styled cowboy, who claimed his love for animals spurred his attempts to destroy a horse meat packing plant here, has been found guilty of arson and declared insane.

Litts will be sent to the Chester penitentiary for the criminal insane as a result of the jury verdict returned last night. The defendant vigorously fought the insanity defense of his counsel.

Litts made numerous attempts to destroy the Chappel Brothers plant, where horses are slaughtered for foreign consumption and for domestic use as animal food. One fire started last October and resulted in damage of \$80,000, while others were extinguished with little damage. His plan to blow up the plant with dynamite on the night of December 3 led to his arrest.

He claimed he came to Rockford to destroy the plant after learning on a Montana ranch that animals were sent here for slaughter.

Litts' claims of having been a cowboy later were discredited by authorities who said he was a miner and a member of several radical societies.

Girls Given Sight by Operations Guests at a Movie Theatre

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 19.—Two mountaineer girls who were given their first vision last December by operations, viewing their first theatrical performance here, agreed that the motion picture actors were not real persons, but could not quite decide whether the vaudeville performers were flesh and blood.

The girls, Mayme Cook, 24, and her sister, Kay, 17, who were sent to a hospital for the operation, by neighbors who subscribed funds to defray their expenses, were guests of a local theatre manager last night.

Hatcher Gives Out Statement of How State Cash Stands

Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—State Treasurer W. G. Hatcher has given out the following statement:

"The amount of \$2,761,871 is now in the general revenue fund and the fund will probably reach \$5,000,000 by March 1. This precludes any possibility of any deficiency. Hatcher stated, and the credit was due to the banks for keeping the state off deficiency, which on Jan. 30 were carrying warrants for the treasurer to the extent of \$2,000,000, on that day the treasurer paid warrants held by the banks amounting to \$1,000,000 and on Feb. 13 took up all remaining warrants held by the banks.

"On Nov. 1, 1925, the state comptroller's report showed a deficiency in the general revenue of \$2,007,619, with only \$7,841 in the general revenue. It was at this time that we borrowed the first \$500,000 to keep the state off deficiency. The deficiency continued to increase and on the first day of January, 1926, as shown by the state comptroller's report, the deficiency amounted to \$3,226,064, and at that time there was only \$75,729 in the general revenue fund."

Per Capita Cost of Government Put at \$58.71 in Reports

Each man, woman and child in the United States cost the federal and state governments about \$58.71 in 1925, it was revealed in figures made public by the National Industrial conference board.

Of the \$58.71, \$16.09 went for education and libraries, \$12.03 for highways, \$9.69 for interest and amortization charges, \$3.57 for protection of persons and property, \$2.83 for general health and sanitation purposes, \$3.24 for administration and general government expenses, \$2.74 for crutches, hospitals and correctional institutions, \$1.00 for recreation and \$3.60 for public service enterprises.

Report of Council of Churches on Dry Law Is Denounced

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The recent report on prohibition by the research department of the federal council of churches is attacked as an inexcusable betrayal of many church bodies" in a statement issued by high officials of the Methodist Episcopal church, Methodist Episcopal church, South, the Methodist Protestant church and the United Brethren church.

The statement said the "present confusion seems to be due in large part" to the federal council's report, adding "we repudiate it as unscientific in its methods, unwarranted and misleading in its conclusions, a product of provincialism, a striking example of the domination of local surroundings and special conditions."

Attached to the statement were the signatures of Bishop James Cannon Jr., chairman of the commission on temperance and social service of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; Bishop William F. Dowd, of the Methodist Episcopal church, North; Clarence Tru Wilson, secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, of the Methodist Episcopal church; Bishop W. M. Bell of the United Brethren church, and Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, president of the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church.

"There has been no change in the fidelity to the prohibition law of the churches which we represent," the statement said, and there is "no apparent change in the sentiment of the people as a whole toward this law." It added, however, that the issue has been squarely drawn since national prohibition was adopted, "outside of the territory surrounding New York city, the people have registered their approval of the law."

"We appeal to the people not to be deceived by the plea for the so-called 'modification.' Modification means nothing less than destruction of the prohibition law. * * * Wine and beer have been intoxicating since the dawn of history."

Man Is Found Slain Near Stephenville

Stephenville, Tex., Feb. 24.—Robbery and vengeance were the motives being considered today in the slaying of George Crane, who lived alone in a cross roads store and garage 18 miles from here, found stabbed to death yesterday. Adding its weight to the latter theory was the fact that Crane's son, Fred, was killed under similar circumstances at Denton about a year ago.

There were three wounds in the elder Crane's head, apparently inflicted with a knife or ice pick, any of which would have proved fatal. Justice of the Peace Boyd of Thurberry decided.

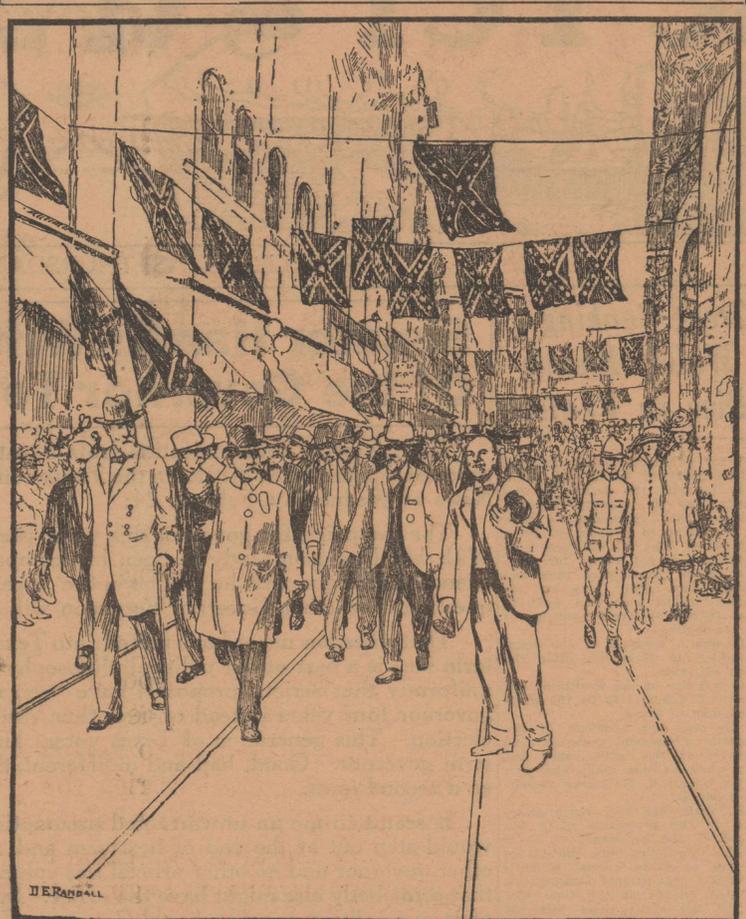
The theory of robbery was discounted by the fact that Sheriff Ned Hassler found \$450 hidden under the mattress of Crane's bed and \$6 in the cash drawer. Only Crane's bill fold had been stripped of cash.

Sheriff Hassler discovered tracks of two men leading from the store to the back door of Crane's place and back again, indicating the men had come in an automobile and left in it.

Aviator Is Killed in Attempt to Fly Plane Through Eiffel Tower

Paris, Feb. 24.—An attempt to fly through the opening of the Eiffel Tower proved fatal today. The airplane, caught in wireless apparatus, crashed in flames and the aviator, Lieutenant Leon Collet, was burned to death. His brother, who witnessed the accident, said the Lieutenant attempted the feat on a wager with an American friend.

What Mean Our Cheers?



"Though we cheer them with the tongues of men and angels, if we have not bought Confederate Memorial Half-Dollars, our cheers become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

KELANTAN WAXING FAT UPON RUBBER

PROSPERITY NOW REIGNS OVER RUBBER PRODUCTION AREA OF ASIAN STATE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—American automobile owners unknowingly helped to pay the award of nearly \$2,000,000 which the Malay state of Kelantan recently gave on court order to an Englishman. Kelantan is waxing financially fat on rubber so the treasury probably found no difficulty in compensating the winner of the case, which, among other things, revealed how English commerce penetrated Kelantan back in the eighties and how the state was incorporated into the British Empire in 1909.

Kelantan's present prospects and the improvements effected in its government are related in a bulletin of the National Geographic Society from its headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Mountains Florida Lacks.

"Think of the Malay Peninsula as an elongated Florida tacked on southeast Asia. Singapore shall be Key West; then the southern boundary of Kelantan is approximately in the position of Orlando and the northern boundary is 150 miles above, that is, at Jacksonville, Florida. Kelantan is 60 miles deep, which is a trifle more than half the width of Florida. Since Kelantan lies 5 degrees from the Equator, it would be quite willing to trade mountains for a bit of Florida's latitude.

"Miami had a 14-inch fall of rain recently which seems to put in the running with Kelantan's average of 100 inches annually in the plains district. When the figures are all in Florida's average will be shown only one-third as great. Kelantan's steeply climate swatches its hills in the densest of tropical forests. The jungle is matted above ground and matted below. An American surveyor boring for a bridge pier cut through 100 feet of crushed and rotting leaves and branches to find the bottom obstructed by a rotting trunk of a forest monarch that may have fallen more than a century before.

"Green is a tyrant in Kelantan. A native will cut out a garden plot in the jungle. By dint of industry he can keep the jungle back for two years' crops of tapioca root. Two years abandonment results in a growth 10 feet high, impenetrable without an axe. Acres of Virginia farms abandoned during the Civil War support 30-foot pine trees, but one can still identify the old corn rows. Ten years after the Kelantan garden patch is surrendered, only the practiced eye can distinguish the spot from natural jungle.

Rice Beds and Pastures.

"But not all of Kelantan is jungle. The plain in the northeast, one of the largest level regions in the whole peninsula, affords views where there are no trees to be seen for miles; only rice beds glistening like windows of an enormous hothouse and grass pastures for cattle. Even the disordered jungle is giving way to the ordered rows of rubber trees. Rubber is now the most valuable export of Kelantan. Two other tree products, coconuts and betel-nuts figure heavily in its

Government, Kelantan Style.

"The native conception of municipal government can be understood best by imagining a parallel political system set up in an American corn-belt town. In the first place, the mayor would regard the community solely as a source of wealth for himself although he would not live there but instead in Chicago. Neither would he take the responsibility of governing the town or of collecting the taxes for himself since he would farm that out to an exacting foreigner. In Kelantan the foreigner would be a Chinese.

"Anyone who committed a crime in the community would be held before a court in another city. Since the chief ends of justice, Kelantan style, are to support the judges, half the damages and costs, together with what terrorism, bribery and blackmail could be exacted would go to these dignitaries. Once in jail the citizen's chance of getting out would be small indeed.

Friends Must Feed Prisoners.

"It would be necessary to abandon the clean, well-kept jail of our hypothetical mid-west town to approach the old Kelantan standard. In a vacant lot there would be erected a high, solid-planked palisade inside there would be a double row of stout wooden cages about 30 inches from the wall and six inches off the ground. The cage dimensions are six feet long, two feet wide and five feet high.

"If the jail is crowded two persons can be put in one cage. Slats of the cell allow a little light and air and there are no sanitary facilities. White men who have entered such compounds in Malay states tell that the stench is overpowering. The jail warden would be permitted by law to feed his prisoners with a half bushel of corn taken from every wagon entering town. None of the prisoners would ever get the corn. Unless relatives and friends feed them, a fee being charged for this by the warden, the prisoners would starve. Indeed, in Kelantan many did starve to death.

"Continuing the parallel, the mid-west citizen's tax would have to be greatly augmented. There would be the poll tax to raise a tribute to the capital. The mayor in addition would send a consignment of goods which the townsmen would have to buy whether they wished the goods or not and at an exorbitant price. At common they would have to leave their cornfields to the weeds to cut timber in the wood lots, float it down the river and surrender it to the authorities and receive no compensation. In addition, if the farmer should try to resist tyranny by abandoning his farm he would be fined for that.

British Cut Tax Burdens.

"British intervention in Kelantan has wiped away most evils of this medieval system, which was far worse in practice than anything Europe ever knew in the blackest centuries of the Dark Ages. Even the native ruler, who is still nominal head of the state reigns in greater luxury because he actually gets the taxes he levies although the British adviser has slashed the amount he may levy.

AVIATION PROGRAM TO BE SUBMITTED

Washington, Feb. 24.—A five year continuing aviation development program, similar to the naval aviation project now before congress, will be submitted to the house military committee by Secretary Davis of the War department next week.

The project provides for a proportionate increase in aviation as compared to other branches of the army. It was described at the war department today as designed to strengthen the army air service materially in equipment, although it was indicated that the plan would not involve so great an expenditure as the \$100,000,000 in the five year navy plan.

The project was described as in the nature of a first phase of the Lassiter board program, which contemplated a ten year expansion to 2,500 planes, but modified to make expenditures reasonable and conservative and also to conform with the recommendations of the president's air board.

Street Car Crashes Into a Truck Loaded Up With 24,000 Eggs

Denver, Colo., Feb. 24.—A 24,000 egg omelet was spread over east Denver early today when a truck load of eggs was hit by a street car. They were the property of Clarence Wright, who had piloted his fragile cargo safely over more than a hundred miles of road from Flagler, Colo., during the night hours and was within a few miles of the wholesale house where he hoped to market his produce when the accident occurred.

Woman Is Elected Mayor of Seattle

Seattle, Feb. 24.—Two women candidates for the nomination for mayor ran in primaries here and in Tacoma yesterday, and one was successful. The winner was Mrs. Martha K. Landes, wife of a university of Washington professor, who led Edwin J. Brown, mayor of Seattle, by more than a thousand votes.

Rev. Anna J. Meyer, candidate for the mayoralty nomination in Tacoma, trailed the thicket, receiving only 107 votes.

By burning seaweed and extracting the ash, iodine is obtained in the British Isles.

Killed at Grade Crossing.

Vernon, Tex., Feb. 24.—Luther Cayce, 29, truck driver of this city was killed when his truck was struck by a south bound Fort Worth and Denver passenger train at a crossing one mile west of Electra Wednesday morning. He sustained a fractured skull and died within five minutes after the accident. His body was carried to Electra funeral home.

PROHIBITION AGENT HELD IN CONTEMPT

Houston, Tex., Feb. 24.—To answer contempt of court proceedings instituted against him Monday by Brantley Harris, United States commissioner at Galveston, George A. Hammonds, south Texas prohibition administrator has been summoned to appear in Federal court here Friday morning.

In his petition Judge J. C. Hutcheson, Harris stated that the transaction leading to the institution of contempt proceedings occurred at Galveston Sunday night following extensive liquor raids conducted there by Hammonds and his agents. The petition alleges that Hammonds attempted to hold in jail men arrested on liquor raids when no charges had been filed against them. It stated that when Hammonds was told by the commissioner that Judge Hutcheson had instructed him to release such men under bond Harris said "I have jurisdiction over these men and if you let them out, I am going to take them to Houston and place them in jail."

Charges were not filed 48 hours after Hammonds had telephoned that he was coming immediately to the commissioner's home to file them, released the men under written bonds the petition says, and Harris then signed by substantial Galveston citizens.

Mrs. Coolidge Not Able to Attend Party, So Calvin Steps Out

Washington, Feb. 24.—A severe cold prevented Mrs. Coolidge from attending a dinner last night and sent White House attaches searching for precedents to guide President Coolidge's attendance with another partner.

The dinner was given at the Willard Hotel by Attorney General and Mrs. Sargent and was one of the weekly affairs by cabinet members and their wives in honor of President and Mrs. Coolidge. At the last moment Mrs. Coolidge felt she should remain at the White House and the president, wishing to attend the affair, sought another partner.

A search of social precedents disclosed that President McKinley had escorted wives of cabinet members to such affairs during the illness of Mrs. McKinley, and that course was adopted. Hurried consultations revealed that Mrs. William M. Jardine, wife of the secretary of agriculture, had no engagements last evening and she accepted the invitation.

The doubt arose as to whether the president should call for Mrs. Jardine or whether an automobile should be sent for her, being joined by the president at the White House, or should Mrs. Jardine be taken direct to the hotel, her escort to find her there.

The McKinley precedent was accepted again. The president's aide escorted Mrs. Jardine to the White House, where Mr. Coolidge joined her and continued on to the hotel. On the return trip the procedure was the same, the aide escorting Mrs. Jardine home after the president was left at the executive mansion.

Old Dominion Pier Is Swept by Fire in City of New York

New York, Feb. 24.—The old dominion pier at the foot of Beach street on the Hudson river was swept by fire today and the steamship Jefferson was barely saved by tugs.

Earlier the Clyde liner Seminole, with a \$1,000,000 cargo of silks, cotton and tobacco was similarly rescued when fire threatened pier 27, Hudson river.

Eight hundred bales of a \$500,000 cargo of cotton had been unloaded from the Jefferson. The heavy smoke from the burning pier, combined with the soft coal maze, turned day into night in lower Manhattan. Six freight car floats were towed into midstream with the Jefferson.

While these fires were raging, another blaze in a factory building at 505 East 80th street on the East river front, drove 30 families from a tenement next door. Firemen ordered them out when it was feared the blaze would spread but it was soon controlled.

Douglas and Mary Will Sell Home and Build Big Hacienda

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—The Beverly Hills estate of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford is up for sale, it became known coincidentally with announcement that the film couple would leave next Tuesday on their tour of Europe. The estate, it is explained, is to be sold to enable them to build a Spanish hacienda farther back in the hills.

Nuns Ejected From Mexico After Years in Convents, Dazed

Mexico City, Feb. 22.—Some of the nuns from isolated convents closed by the government here appeared in the streets for the first time in forty years. They literally entered a new world and appeared amazed and mystified at the changes they saw. Never before had they seen automobiles or street cars. They appeared to be rather helpless.

They also were confused over the changes in the style of frocks and bonnets during their forty years of seclusion and it was only with the assistance of lay friends that they were able to purchase wearing apparel.

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TEXAS MULES

Texas has made great strides in the past as a mule-producing state, and has maintained a leading place within the United States for more than fifteen years. For a long time after the period of "The War Between the States" and the so called "Reconstruction," Texas had to import mules for the heavy labor of clearing the new lands and making the country habitable for the rush of immigrants who came to this state for an opportunity to begin life anew after their struggles and losses in "the old states." In these early days when transportation was much more difficult than it is now the people who had to depend on this mode of agricultural activity were fortunate in being able to import the necessary animals from their neighbors, Mississippi and Missouri. The very useful, in fact almost indispensable, mule was sent into Texas by carload lots and sold to the farmer of Texas. In this way they added to the wealth of the state and contributed greatly to her development, but the profit of breeding them and bringing them to a marketable condition went to the other states. This condition did not prove to be of very long duration, for the thoughtful agriculturalists of the State soon saw wherein they were losing and began to breed their own stock. As a result, Texas mules increased very rapidly in both number and value, and early in the 20th century statistics began to show that Missouri and Mississippi had a formidable rival in their erstwhile dependent neighbor. By the end of the first decade of that period, Texas came out with 350,000 mules in excess of the number of which Missouri boasted, and was thus forced to abandon her claim to the title of leading "Mule State." Texas had outstripped her neighbor and has maintained the lead gained at that time to the present day, and her neighbor states have been forced to acknowledge her continuous leadership. Again the natural advantages of climate, soil, size and location coupled with the enterprise of her citizens has brought Texas to a foremost position. They did not fail to see the profit, advantage and opportunity for breeding mules not only for their own use at home, but also for the use of those other states not so fortunate in natur-

al advantages, or so enterprising in seeing their opportunities. The tables have been turned, and TEXAS exports yearly a large number of these animals and the income derived from this industry rebounds to the profit of both the individual and the state as a whole. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF BLUE RIBBONS WHICH TEXAS HAS MERITED IN THE PAST, AND MAY ATTAIN IN THE FUTURE. CAN ANY STATE RIVAL THE LONE STAR IN VERSATILITY OF INTEREST AND DIVERSITY OF SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION? WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE ANY OF THEM A CHANCE IF THEY THINK THEY CAN APPROACH HER FROM ANY DIRECTION.

The number and value of Texas mules since 1905 is shown in the following table:

	Number	Value
1905	399,000	\$21,983,000
1906	508,000	\$35,533,000
1907	631,000	\$58,763,000
1908	637,000	\$57,967,000
1909	688,000	\$63,984,000
1910	702,000	\$69,498,000
1911	696,000	\$75,168,000
1912	703,000	\$73,112,000
1913	724,000	\$79,640,000
1914	753,000	\$82,077,000
1915	753,000	\$75,300,000
1916	768,000	\$76,800,000
1917	800,000	\$82,400,000
1918	808,000	\$86,456,000
1919	792,000	\$91,081,000
1920	784,000	\$109,760,000
1921	792,000	\$84,744,000
1922	854,000	\$72,590,000
1923	863,000	\$69,040,000
1924	854,000	\$73,344,000

From this we can see that the number has almost consistently increased, but the monetary value has been a more variable quantity ranging from \$56 in 1905 to \$140 each in 1920. The average value for the whole period proves to be \$95 and that of 1924 falls below this amount by \$10. Does that indicate to us that perhaps the actual value of this industry is declining, and that Texas will have to turn the energy hitherto used in raising mules to the manufacture of machinery which will in time render the mule obsolete in agriculture?

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RICHES IN TEXAS WEEDS

Recent discussions of the possibility of Texas entering the lists as a factor in breaking down the British rubber monopoly through development of rubber producing plants in West Texas have attracted attention to other fortunes that may be made from Texas weeds. J. M. Del Curto, plant pathologist for the federal government and for the state of Texas has made investigations into the possibilities of certain Texas plants which grow in profusion from which fortunes may be realized through proper development.

Professor Del Curto reports that he is receiving inquiries from music companies, perfume manufacturers, burlap manufacturers, and rubber companies about giant cane, cape jasmynes, bluebonnets, bear grass and other plants that grow wild in Texas. The companies are seeking new sources of supplies for their business, and Mr. Del Curto says they are here in Texas for the asking.

A New Orleans concern, which manufactures bags and bagging, has been buying large quantities of yucca or bear grass from New Mexico people, but is looking for a source nearer home. The concern asked Mr. Del Curto if the plant, a hardy wild fiber, grows in Texas, and was informed that it grows profusely in this state, especially in West Texas. In sections of West Texas laborers have been employed at great expense to clear the land of bear grass, the owners not knowing the fiber plant is in great demand by manufacturers.

From New York comes an inquiry from the largest music instrument manufacturing company in the world about the giant cane known as "Arundo Donax." The company explained this plant provides excellent reeds for saxophones. The plant grows in abundance in some sections of the state, Mr. Del Curto said.

Inquiry about the growing of cape jasmynes and bluebonnets in Texas has been made by a French perfume manufacturing company. Mr. Del Curto said that in Galveston and Brazoria counties the cape jasmine grows wild on thousands of acres, while the bluebonnets cover millions of acres in southern sections of the state. He explained that the cape jasmine produces aromatic oils, and that perfume manufactured from it is superior, in opinion of many persons, to that of the rose. The aroma from the bluebonnet is one of the most pleasant produced by flowers, he asserted.

VALUE OF THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM

The tendency of many advertisers to play the daily newspapers and ignore the weeklies has brought to the front again the ever recurring discussion of the value of the weekly as a medium for profitable and result-getting advertising. Writing in Editor and Publisher, a newspaper man's publication, Bert Moses takes the ground that national advertisers do not realize the value of the weekly newspaper as an advertising medium. The article by Mr. Moses is prompted by C. P. Rowell's attitude in opposition to the weekly, and after declaring the Rowell is mistaken Mr. Moses continues:

"For let it be here stated still again that the weekly paper is a power in its own territory. Its influence gets under the skins of its readers, and what the editor of the weekly thinks is precisely what most of the folks in his community think. If you doubt this, ask any politician who knows politics. He will tell you that while he does not exactly relish the opposition of the big city daily, he is most anxious not to be opposed by the country editor.

"Rowell's contention was that the weekly's circulation was too small to be effective. Let's see about that. Practically everybody in small communities takes the weekly paper, while but a few take a magazine or the big town daily. The weekly covers the territory intensively, while the big daily and the magazine scatter like a parcel of boys shooting craps when the constable shows up in the offing.

"And yet the national advertisers spend a big percentage of their appropriations in city dailies and magazines. This is all right, of course, but the advertiser who thinks he is reaching the country folks when he omits the weeklies needs his mental machinery overhauled.

"There are not so many weeklies as there used to be, but there are a lot more dailies. In many cases the good weekly has gone out and the poor daily has come in. Today, in countless small cities little dailies are struggling for existence where weeklies formerly made good money. The poor daily hasn't the power and influence of the good weekly, by a long shot, as we would say in Boston, and my choice in such a case would be the weekly to carry my ad every time.

"The publisher of the weekly does more hard work and gets less out of it than any other worker I know. He is the balance wheel and safety valve of the neighborhood he serves. His influence is always for the good, and I salute him as Brother. He has my sympathies and is close to my heart.

"To make these few remarks for him gives me joy, and to at least modify the poor esteem in which he is held by national advertisers is the one thought that pushes this pen along."

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Now the women are talking of organizing their own national political party. If they do this there will be some restless moments in for the leaders of the two old parties.

Up in Oklahoma farmers are learning how to make six bales of cotton on five acres. Pretty soon they may climb up closer to the record of Mont Adams of Smith county with a mark of sixteen bales on five acres.

March may not come in like a lion but there will be a grand rush of political aspirants for public attention that will create some breeze over the whole state. Word has been passed out that candidates will make their announcements March 1.

Correspondence in some of the Texas dailies indicates a growing doubt on the part of writers whether Woodrow Wilson really ever exercised the functions of president of the United States. In the light of Colonel House's memoirs there seems to be ground for this doubt.

Publication in the Forum recently of the address of Mr. Hutchinson at Corsicana telling something of the marvelous wealth that Texas has in her undeveloped resources has brought a number of inquiries for further information concerning Mr. Hutchinson and the Society for the Development of the Natural Resources of Texas, in the interest of which he spoke. Judge J. M. Spellman is president of the society whose headquarters is at Dallas.

EDITOR NOT FOOLED ABOUT KLAN ISSUE

The editor of the Fayette County Record, published at LaGrange, is not a believer in the ideas of some people that the Klan will not figure in the 1926 elections in Texas. He believes the Klan issue will be a feature of the campaign and in an editorial discussion of political gossip and guessing by some of the Austin staff writers for big dailies, he says:

"About that Klan issue they are wrong. The Klan will be an issue all right. Should it (the race for governor) be Dan Moody against Mrs. Ferguson (every son-of-a-gun of a Ku Kluxer will be 'whooping it up' for Dan. But personally we don't believe that there will be such a thing as a 'run-off' in the governor's race. We believe Mrs. Ferguson will defeat all in the field in the primary, get the nomination and make the second primary unnecessary."

MANUFACTURING IN TEXAS

Texas as the greatest producer of raw material of any of the states ought to rank higher in manufacturing. This is the opinion expressed the other day by Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Texas railroad commission, in an address to a large gathering of members of the Texas Manufacturers' association. Mr. Gilmore dwelt upon the possibilities of developing Texas as a manufacturing state and told of the advantages enjoyed here which should induce capital to invest in factories.

"We are the greatest producer of raw material in the United States and it follows naturally that we should lead in the manufacture of those products into the finished articles," said Mr. Gilmore. "To manufacture our raw products at home not only gives employment to labor and keeps in Texas for its further development that which would go to other states, but it makes a better market for the products of the farm, a result of vital interest to all, regardless of creed or calling.

"We rank, if not first, near that point, in the manufacture of petroleum products, the value of which was nearly \$250,000,000 in 1923, with a substantial increase since that time. Next is the packing business, with more than \$125,000,000, and third is cotton seed products valued at \$102,111,850 in 1923. There are many other lines that have reached the substantial point—cement, cotton goods, flour, rice and grain products, lumber and timber products, clay and stone products, saddlery and harness and many others.

"It is doubtful if there can be found in any state in this Union so many of the essential elements for the success of manufacturing as may be found in Texas. The essentials for the development of factories are capital, power, water, labor, raw material, market and transportation—and all of these Texas has.

"There was a time when we had to seek our capital out of the state, when we were at the mercy of the promoter, but that day has passed. Today Texas has idle capital of her own seeking investment. At the close of business on Dec. 31, 1925, there was on deposit in Texas banks the sum of \$1,100,460,728.71. This is nearly twice as much as the total investment in Texas factories today.

"One of the greatest things we need is confidence in ourselves and the courage to take hold of the opportunities we have. We are too prone to yield to the human temptation to look beyond our immediate surroundings for the big things in life, often overlooking the very best in our back yard.

"Naturally, power is one of the essentials in manufacturing, and in that particular Texas is especially blessed. Power and fuel are almost synonymous. We have in abundance practically every known fuel. Our apparently inexhaustible supply of natural gas already discovered, our fuel oil, our coal and lignite, make possible a power production at the lowest possible cost price. Practically all of these are produced in many sections of the state and are in such large quantities as to make them dependable. Our inexhaustible supply of lignite offers one of the most inviting prospects for power. It is so distributed over the state as to make it available for fuel at many points regardless of its infirmities as to shipping and handling, but perhaps its greater value lies in its possibility for conversion into electric power at plants located at the source of supply of the lignite."

SAFE FARMING ARGUMENT

The Texas Safe Farming Association, which has for its purpose the encouragement of the production of better cotton on fewer acres and more feed on more acres in this state, has undertaken a task that ought to appeal to Texas farmers and result in good for the entire state. Clarence Ousley is director of the work of this association and from him the Forum is in receipt of a little notice that is designated as the choicest argument yet heard in respect to safe farming.

Mr. Ousley writes as follows: Editor Forum:—I am handing you what I consider the choicest argument I have ever heard in respect to safe farming. I hope you will find space for it because I think it is worth reading.

Here is the best argument I have ever heard for safe farming in Texas: At a typical county seat in North Texas, the first week in February a meeting was held, attended by about two hundred farmers, bankers and leading business men of the town. Several addresses were made on the present cotton crisis and the danger of further losses from another big cotton crop.

Finally one of the bankers present asked that all farmers who had corn in the crib of their own production to arise. Twelve men arose. After they were seated he asked for all farmers who had meat in the smokehouse of their own raising and curing to arise. The same twelve men arose. After they were seated he asked that all who had money in the bank which they did not borrow to arise. The same twelve men arose.

There is material for serious thought in that story. The condition which prevailed at that meeting may be found wherever similar questions are put.

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Texas is again solidly upon cash basis. Through all last year, from early in January the state treasury was steered clear of a deficit and through the confidence of bankers in the state administration there always was cash on hand to pay warrants.

Texas bankers seem pleased with the outlook for the year and that will go far toward promoting a feeling of confidence and hopefulness. In fact, Texas faces a season of prosperity and development that will surpass former records unless some disaster, now unforeseen, befalls.

The Lockhart Post Register urges upon every citizen an interest in the elections by which incumbents are to be removed from various offices. The Post Register says: "Every citizen should unselfishly lend his assistance to electing proper men to fill all offices in Texas from governor to constable."

In another field of endeavor Texas has shown superiority over Florida. Greyhounds from Temple, Texas, have set a record for speed at St. Petersburg that proves how easily Texas can lead when she sets out to do it. Although one company in the Florida resort paid \$30,000 for 25 dogs, the Temple man scored four first place victories with his small bunch of Texas greyhounds.

Cottonseed Meal Rated High As Fertilizer By G. S. Fraps, Chief Chemist for Experiment Station

College Station, Tex., Feb. 24.—G. S. Fraps, Chief of the Division of Chemistry, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, in a bulletin for the press discusses cottonseed meal as a fertilizer, as follows:

Under ordinary conditions, cottonseed meal is worth more as a feed than as a fertilizer. It should be fed as extensively as possible and a large part of the fertilizing value secured from the solid and liquid excrements of animals. There are times, however, when cottonseed meal sells at a price less than its fertilizing value, and there is no reason why southern farmers should send away good material at a low price and pay more for nitrogen from other sources. Under these conditions, cottonseed meal can be profitably used as a fertilizer.

It must be remembered, also, that "off" cottonseed meal, or damaged meal, is equally as good for fertilizer as high colored meal, provided it has the same nitrogen content. The meal must decay in the soil before plants can secure the nitrogen. This decay begins almost as soon as the meal is put in the ground. "Off" cottonseed meal can frequently be secured at an attractive price.

A mixture of 300 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal will give a fertilizer containing nearly 3 parts of phosphoric acid to 1 part of nitrogen. If potash is desired, the addition of 30 pounds sulphate or muriate of potash will give a ratio of 3:1:1. With the latter mixture, 550 pounds would about equal 400 pounds of a 12-4-4 fertilizer.

A mixture of 200 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal would give a fertilizer with a plant food a ratio of 2 phosphoric acid to nearly 1 of nitrogen. The addition of 30 pounds muriate or sulphate of potash would give a ratio of 2:1:1. With the latter mixture, 450 pounds would approximately equal 400 pounds of an 8-4-4 fertilizer. A mixture of 150 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal would give a plant food ratio of 1 1/2:1:0 while a mixture of 100 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal would give a ratio of 1:1:0. In either case, 30 pounds muriate or sulphate of potash would be added to get a ratio of 1 1/2:1:1 or 1:1:1.

A consideration of the above mixtures will help one to decide whether he wishes to make up his own fertilizer mixture or buy fertilizer already made up. The prices of the materials and the cost of mixing should, of course, be taken into consideration.

Marian Talley Takes Her Rank as Star in Grand Opera Circles

New York, Feb. 18.—Marian Talley, once a choir singer in Kansas City, today at 19 stands acclaimed America's newest and youngest prima-donna of the first rank.

Last night she swept to a brilliant triumph in her debut at the Metropolitan Opera house as 5,000 persons outside stormed the doors and a capacity house of more than 4,000 gave her an ovation rivaling those accorded Enrico Caruso.

Twenty times the young soprano was called to the curtain when the opera was finished. The aria "Caro Nome," the high spot in her performance as Gilda in Verdi's "Rigoletto" brought nine calls.

Though New York took the shy singer to its heart with enthusiasm, none was happier than Miss Talley's parents and 200 friends and relatives who came from Kansas City to see her triumph.

The young singer herself was least demonstrative of all. "I'm awfully happy that I have pleased these wonderfully kind and friendly people," she said.

While those within the huge auditorium were hearing her first notes, mature and full, mounted police were riding four abreast along the sidewalks outside to clear them of the crowd.

Across a little corridor from the stage Charles M. Talley, a telegraph operator for the Missouri Pacific railroad and once an operator for the Associated Press, ticked out over a wire installed by the Associated Press news that the dreams of the family had come true.

Blayney Soon Stops Threatened Revolt of C. I. A. Students

Denton, Tex., Feb. 18.—A threatened revolt among students of the College of Industrial Arts here in favor of Dr. Lindsey Blayney, resigned president, was nipped in the bud today by President Blayney himself.

At the regular weekly student assembly Miss Margaret Dowling of Houston attempted to read a statement giving a resume of conditions that led up to Blayney's resignation, declaring conditions in the school were unhealthy, that student complaints had been ignored by the board of trustees and containing other complaints from the students.

Before she had gone far into the statement, Dr. Blayney, president, stopped her, stating that a ruling of the executive committee of the school prohibited publication of such statements before the student body. He stated only the board could consider the statement.

Miss Luraine Gentry, also of Houston, was ready with a reply to Miss Dowling's statement, purporting to set forth the view of the section which holds that conditions at the school are proper. Both of these statements, it was said would be presented to the board.

As Dr. Blayney entered the assembly room he was given an enthusiastic ovation, and the meeting was punctuated at intervals by applause and cheers for him.

The student body appeared to be divided in the three cornered dispute among Blayney, the faculty, and certain members of the board.

Charleston Dance Vigorously Assailed by Nebraska Women

Omaha, Neb. Feb. 20.—The Charleston is the object of criticism and attack by Nebraska clubwomen and social organizations.

At North Platte they have proposed an ordinance forbidding a man to place his arm more than half way around his partner. And the welfare board says it is aimed directly at the Charleston.

The Lincoln city attorney has been asked to enforce the ordinance against vulgar dances, another rap at the Charleston, it is claimed. "Shimmying" would also be taboo under the measure and unmarried persons under 21 would have to register when they went to public dances.

meal will give a fertilizer containing nearly 3 parts of phosphoric acid to 1 part of nitrogen. If potash is desired, the addition of 30 pounds sulphate or muriate of potash will give a ratio of 3:1:1. With the latter mixture, 550 pounds would about equal 400 pounds of a 12-4-4 fertilizer.

A mixture of 200 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal would give a fertilizer with a plant food a ratio of 2 phosphoric acid to nearly 1 of nitrogen. The addition of 30 pounds muriate or sulphate of potash would give a ratio of 2:1:1. With the latter mixture, 450 pounds would approximately equal 400 pounds of an 8-4-4 fertilizer. A mixture of 150 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal would give a plant food ratio of 1 1/2:1:0 while a mixture of 100 pounds acid phosphate and 200 pounds cottonseed meal would give a ratio of 1:1:0. In either case, 30 pounds muriate or sulphate of potash would be added to get a ratio of 1 1/2:1:1 or 1:1:1.

A consideration of the above mixtures will help one to decide whether he wishes to make up his own fertilizer mixture or buy fertilizer already made up. The prices of the materials and the cost of mixing should, of course, be taken into consideration.

Fugitive Leaders of Move for Revolution in Mexico Are Held

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 19.—The trial of eight Mexican political refugees indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury was arrested today when General Lorenzo Nieto was taken into custody as he entered his insurance office. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of violating the neutrality laws by plotting an expedition into Mexico and was taken to the county jail in default of \$2,500 bond.

Imprisoned with him today were R. Esparza Martinez, a former secretary of the Mexican congress and General Francisco Coss, prominent foreigner in several revolutions in the southern republic. Arrested yesterday and last night they, too, were unable to make bond when arraigned before the United States commissioner.

The indictments charge the men with having held a meeting with others on or about September 1, 1925 to elect a committee to select and equip an expeditionary party for the purpose of overthrowing the present Mexican government.

According to the indictment advance parties were instructed to rob and kill all foreigners on Mexican trains to arouse sympathy of foreign nations after showing that the present Mexican government was not capable of protecting foreign citizens.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Jorge Prieto Laurens, formerly governor of the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, was arrested here today on a federal indictment returned yesterday at San Antonio, charging violation of the neutrality laws.

Laurens came to Kansas City ten days ago and established a Mexican newspaper here, federal officials declared. He was arraigned before a United States commissioner and his preliminary hearing set for February 25. Bond was fixed at \$2,500.

El Paso, Te., Feb. 19.—Alfonso De La Huerta, brother of Adolfo, leader of the revolution in 1923 against President Obregon and General Salvador Uria, surrendered to department of justice agents here today on charges involving a revolutionary plot against the Mexican government.

Leo Garcia, minister to Cuba of the Calles government, and Antonio Hernandez Ferrera are being sought here, but De La Huerta and Uria deny they are in El Paso.

W. C. T. U. to Fight Line-Up Against the Dry Law Amendment

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is planning "an aggressive campaign against the association against the prohibition amendment," Mrs. Ella Boole, national president said in an address last night at the woman's antinial exposition.

The association against prohibition, Mrs. Boole said, plans to elect wet congressmen in every district now represented by a dry, and added that "we plan a citizenship campaign for election of dry governors, dry United States senators, dry congressmen, dry legislators, and dry judges and local officials."

Woman Is Seriously Injured When Pipe Is Thrust Through Body

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Adeline Slaick, 24, was seriously injured early today when an air pipe running beneath the flooring of a street car on which she was riding, suddenly burst, a section of the pipe being thrust through her body.

With one end of the pipe held fast in the woodwork of the street car seat, the woman was held prisoner until a fire department squad severed the pipe with an acetylene torch. Mrs. Slaick was taken to a hospital and specialists summoned to devise means of removing the pipe from her body.

PENALTY FITS CRIME Moberly, Mo., Feb. 19.—Pleading guilty to stealing one dollar from his grandmother, Sidney Patton, negro was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$500 in circuit court today.

Cause of Losses in Flow of Rio Grande Now Being Traced

Austin, Tex., Feb. 18.—Causes of an enormous loss in the flow of the Rio Grande between Eagle Pass and Laredo are being sought by C. E. Ellsworth, district manager of the United States geological survey.

Ellsworth and his assistants in a motorboat are traveling the 150 miles between Eagle Pass and Laredo, stopping every few miles to measure the flow. A. H. Dunlap, member of the state board of water engineers, declared the alarming losses had been noted for a number of years, and that Ellsworth and his party are engaged in an undertaking that may be worth millions of dollars to owners of irrigated lands along the Rio Grande valley.

Despite the fact that thousands of square miles of contributing territory lies between Eagle Pass and Laredo, the flow at Eagle Pass over a period of several years has been much greater than at Laredo, Mr. Dunlap said.

"If this huge volume of water is permanently lost, being diverted into an underground channel, for instance, it is apparent Texas growers below Laredo eventually will suffer. As many thousands of additional acres demand irrigation in the lower Rio Grande valley, waters of the Rio Grande will increase greatly in value, and there may be an acute shortage."

Mr. Dunlap expressed hope that Mr. Ellsworth's investigations would show the water was not permanently lost—that it was diverted underground from the main channel a few miles above Laredo and returned to the river below Laredo. "This would be entirely possible," he said.

Pat Marr Files Suit Against Receivers of Big Oil Corporation

New York, Feb. 18.—Pat Marr, principal stock holder of the Marr corporation has filed suit in the supreme court against the receivers of the Southern States Oil corporation, to recover his original certificates, traded in exchange for stock in the later corporation. Marr alleged that he was defrauded by two of his associates in trading the stock.

The receivers were Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, and the late Julius Mayer, former appeals judge.

He charged in the petition filed yesterday that Louis T. McFadden and Arthur T. Rotenberg, both of whom had been directors in his company, engineered the deal as his agents, whereby he traced the entire voting stock of the Marr corporation for 21,882 shares of stock in the Southern States Oil corporation Aug. 15, 1923.

Young Millionaire Is Burned to Death in a Chicago Hotel

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—Frederick W. Pearson, 30, whose father died two years ago, leaving a \$6,000,000 estate, was burned to death today in a fire in his room at the Claridge Hotel, started by a lighted cigarette. John H. Hogshead, his young companion in a night of revelry, narrowly escaped.

The young men registered at the hotel at 4:45 a. m., after a night at the six day bicycle races and pleasure resorts. Both had been drinking, Hogshead said.

The room was in flames before Hogshead, who had thrown himself upon a bed with his clothing on, was awakened. His clothes were afire and the flames singed his hair before he staggered to the door and shouted for help.

Hotel employes prevented the fire from spreading and when firemen arrived it had been extinguished. After policemen arrived Hogshead began asking for his companion. Investigation disclosed Pearson's body, terribly burned, seated in the charred remnants of an overstuffed chair in which he had fallen.

You Should Worry About End of World, Says an Astronomer

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Prof. F. R. Moulton of the University of Chicago has fixed the date of the end of the world. But there is no immediate cause for alarm.

You may figure it out yourself, he said, like this: The earth is two thousand million years old. The average life of such a planet is a thousand times a million times a million years, or one quadrillion years. So it will go on whirling on its orbit for another 500,000 times as long as it has already whirled.

And when that time comes, the sun will get too close to this planet and pour!—that will be all. Just like the sunning out of a candle, it will melt and be destroyed.

Discussing the universe before a group of students, Professor Moulton pictures it as a vast space, 30,000 light years from top to bottom, and 200,000 light years from end to end—a watchlike disc. Light years are based on the traveling speed of light, 186,000 miles a second.

Chillicothe Store Robbed. Vernon, Tex., Feb. 18.—The dry goods store of S. H. Williams and Son of Chillicothe was robbed of approximately \$8,000 worth of silk dresses and other articles Wednesday night, according to reports made to the Wilbarger county sheriff. The store's cash register was rifled and about \$3 in small change was taken. No arrests have been made, and officers who are investigating the robbery state that they have no definite clues.

Pretty Girl Dancing Nude for Men's Party Arrested by Police

New York, Feb. 24.—A pretty dancer, 25 years old, is held on a morality charge because there were no cells available to accommodate the 500 men who were watching her dance in the nude at the fashionable Park Avenue Hotel.

She gave her name as Lillian Mackey when detectives raided the entertainment.

The gathering was listed as the banquet of the "Alumni Association of P. S., '93." The room was in semi-darkness when the detectives entered.

When a detective stepped into the spotlight, laid his hand on the naked shoulder and announced the place was raided, a panic ensued in which the more than a dozen guests were trampled under foot.

Civil War Veteran Dies. Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 20.—Edward Rush, 80, Civil war veteran, rider in the Pony Express and pioneer railroad builder, died at his home here today.

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Supreme Court Urged to Refuse New Hearing in Archer County Road Bond Case at Washington

Washington, Feb. 20.—Counsel for property owners in the celebrated Archer county, Texas, district road bond suit today urged the supreme court to refuse a new hearing in the case, claiming that now new ground had been offered in the state's plea for a reversal of decision.

A new angle in the case was presented by appeals from certain fraternal orders seeking to have the bonds made valid, so that they might protect their moneys invested.

Counsel for Perry Browning and other successful litigants in the original proceedings asserted in their reply brief that the state and county are asking a rehearing mainly upon the theory that the burden complained of is a general tax imposed by a quasi-municipal corporation in exercise of general taxing power.

Every member of the American Universities expedition believes, he said, that "the bolshewiks plan to beat us in finding the continent we feel sure lies in the uncharted seas above Alaska."

He cited the closing of Wrangell Island, the Kamchatka Peninsula and North-east Siberia to foreigners as evidence that Soviet Russia is planning an expedition to head off discoveries and claims by other nations.

American armmen know that Russia has as large an air force as the United States, and as much equipment, he insists. Russia is now manufacturing its own planes.

The Detroit manufacturer plans to add the old Taft blacksmith shop on Chestnut Hill to his collection of old New England buildings and implements in the vicinity of Wayside Inn at Sudbury.

Noted Italian Tenor Scared Out of Detroit By Blackhand Letter

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 23.—After spending an evening under police guard in a suite at a hotel here, Beniamino Gigli, Italian tenor, left Buffalo shortly after 3 o'clock this morning without filling a concert engagement here tonight.

Two Men Murdered

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 19.—Authorities of the state plant board here were advised today that William Minge and J. A. McLemore, employees of the Federal Bureau of Entomology, were murdered late yesterday or last night. Their bodies were found today near Picayune, Miss.

Radio Drama Plays to Biggest "First Night" Assemblage

Playing before the largest first night audience in the history of the drama, "The Night Herd," \$500 prize radio play, opened over WLS, the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation station, Chicago, Feb. 17th.

The deep rich voice of Nance O'Neil tried to the far away audience the picture of Lolita, the beautiful, turbulent Spanish wife, Holbrook Blinn, playing in "The Dove," became the road bonded dreamy eyed Tex, riding hard on his ponk Buck. Harry Dean Sandler, director of dramatic production at W. L. S., took the part of Jim, the husband.

George Arliss, playing the lead in "Old English," who was one of the judges in the contest, presented the Hoover Trophy Cup to the winning author, Levi Chambers Ballou, of Buffalo, N. Y., who responded by "Heartiest thanks to George Arliss for his inspiring words and to you and cast for your sympathetic presentation of my play 'The Night Herd'—probably the first time a similar presentation has been made by word or mouth over some six hundred miles of space."

"The Night Herd" is the first play written especially for radio production to be played by an all star cast of professional actors. It was produced under the direction of Alexander Dean, head of the School of Speech, Northwestern University. It was presented over WLS by the Drama League of America, as one of the features of National Drama Week as a recognition of the place which radio drama is to hold in relation to the stage, according to Mrs. A. Starr Best, vice president of the League and chairman in charge of the contest.

The scene of "The Night Herd" is laid on the western plains. The cattle have been branded and herded, ready for the long trip to Chicago, and Tex croons to his pony as he rides hard under the cloud veiled moon. The distant bay of the coyote, the occasional rustling of the moving herd, and the rhythmic slick of the plow are the only "scenery."

Yet the illusion of the play is surprisingly complete. Miss O'Neil has deep, resonance of voice which comes almost flawlessly over the air. To those who saw, as well as heard her remarkable dramatization, it was interesting to see that she threw heretofore into the part completely, using gesture, as well as expression to carry her part away from the audience.

"The Night Herd" was selected from among more than five hundred entries because of its splendid dramatic quality, and the clever way in which the author had adapted his play to a sightless audience.

The play awarded second and third place will be played over WLS during the first week of March.

Cave That Hid Still Proves Fatal to Man Who Operated Plant

Athens, Ohio, Feb. 22.—In a cave reached by a 50 foot passageway fourteen inches high, prohibition officers today found the charred body of Frank Lenigar, 26, and the unconscious form of his brother, Amos, 23.

Foothold in Mexico Sought by Germany in Industrial Way

Vera Cruz, Feb. 22.—A number of German merchants and industrialists headed by Dr. Grieme, general secretary of the Berlin chamber of commerce, arrived here today on the steamer Rio Panuco, bringing many samples of German workmanship. It is the intention of the Germans to open a sample fair in Mexico City. A representative of the secretary of industry and commerce welcomed the visitors.

Blueweed Pest Being Eradicated by Work of Extension Board

College Station, Tex., Feb. 24.—In parts of west and southwest Texas the Blueweed, a close relative of the common sunflower, becomes a troublesome pest when the land is in cultivation. Experiments were conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, at the Lubbock Station, 1917 to 1919 looking to the control of this pest and the results were published in Bulletin No. 292. The publication proved very popular and the edition was quickly exhausted so that it has become necessary to reprint this bulletin and any one interested can secure a copy now by writing Dr. B. Youngblood, director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas.

The experiments showed that the weed propagates itself largely from the under-ground stems which live over from year to year and are very persistent and although the weed produces a large seed crop, the seeds are of very low viability and there does not seem to be very much, if any, reproduction from this source.

Tests showed conclusively that the Blueweed can be killed out completely in two seasons by plowing at intervals of about two months during the growing season. Plowing seven inches deep proved more efficient than plowing four inches.

Lining or cutting the weed at the surface with a hoe proved less effective as a means of eradication and would require a longer time for eradication than plowing. A combination of deep plowing, smoother crops and clean-filled row crops were effective on the larger and more thinly infested areas. The badly infested patches should be uncropped and the weed eradicated by more intensive measures.

Book Firm is Given Permit to Ask For Writ Against Marrs

Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—Permission to file petition for mandamus compelling S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction to recognize the \$550,000 American Book Company contract was granted by the supreme court.

The application was filed by the American Book Company some days ago. Marrs contends the contract is not valid, and is supported in this contention by Attorney General Dan Moody, who ruled the company did not file with its bid certain affidavits required by law.

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Rude Police Break Up Merry Dance in 'Nude' by 'Friends of Light'

Munich, Feb. 24.—Fifty members of a cult called "the Friends of Light," have pleaded guilty to charges of prancing about the wooded Bavarian Alps clad in costumes of Adam and Eve. Each was fined from \$100 to \$150 for disorderly conduct.

Cold Cash Scores a Victory Over Sunday Dancing in Venice

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20.—Cold cash has scored a victory over blue laws here. Because it would cost \$75,000 to hold a special election to decide whether Venice, beach resort which recently was annexed to Los Angeles should be allowed to resume Sunday dancing, which the resort lost when it became a part of the city, the city council decided to allow dancing on the Sabbath until the matter can be voted on at the August primary.

Check-Up of Whiskey Stocks Is Under Way But Mellon Objects

Washington, Feb. 24.—Although Secretary Mellon is opposed to the idea, Assistant Secretary Andrews announced that a survey of whiskey stocks was being made, at the suggestion of members of congress, to determine the effect of having the government take over the existing supply.

Mr. Mellon's idea is that the proposal would violate the principle of keeping the government out of business, but the Assistant Secretary who has charge of prohibition enforcement, expressed the belief that leakage of liquor into bootleg channels would be stopped if it were under government control.

He added that the government by taking over the entire medicinal stock, would know the exact quantity within the confines of the United States and could take steps at the proper time to manufacture additional quantities at least five years before it was needed.

Mr. Andrews expressed the belief that a commission to study prohibition effects, such as has been proposed in the house, should be able to supply advantageous facts as to the success of the law. Foreign nations frequently have asked for information as to the results of "our sociological experiments," he said, "and the treasury has been embarrassed," in that it could not answer those inquiries with any degree of accuracy.

Bride and Groom in Death Sleep as They Open Wedding Gifts

New York, Feb. 22.—The eagerness of a young bride and groom to open their wedding presents cost Pablo Rodriguez and his wife a few hours of their lives.

They were found dead in their newly rented apartment late yesterday. Gas was pouring from two unlighted jets in a kitchen range which had been piled with unopened presents. The police recorded the deaths as due to the accidental opening of the jets by a string from one of the packages.

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Capture of Sniper Puts End to Omaha Reign of Terror

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 23.—Stark terror which had gripped Omaha and Council Bluffs for more than a week gave way to relief today with the knowledge that the "maniac gunman" who slew two persons and fired at many others was behind bars.

Frank Carter, 46, captured at Bartlett, Iowa yesterday and brought back to Omaha after confessing that he was the "sniper" stoically beguiled time in the county jail as Omaha resumed normal activities.

The city caught up the thread of its business and social life after it virtually had been severed through fear of the prowler whose 22 calibre shells invariably were left as grim testimony of his activities.

A speedy trial was promised by County Attorney Beal, who said he would ask for the death penalty.

When arrested Carter, who said he was a former farm laborer, possessed a .22 calibre pistol equipped with a silencer, and a leather vest.

Carter asserted he killed W. L. McDevitt and Dr. A. D. Seales because "they made me mad by thinking they could resist." He said he shot Ross Johnson in Council Bluffs "for protection when I thought he would spread an alarm."

Robbery was the motive for his crimes, Carter said.

Old Time Fiddlers Plan to Stage Big Contest at Cameron

Cameron, Texas, Feb. 22.—The American Legion will stage an Old Time Fiddlers contest on March 11. The committee in charge is headed by L. Van Perkins, adjutant of the post who believes he will have a large number of old time fiddlers in the contest.

Rattlesnake Oil at \$100 Per Gallon Now Offers New Industry

Clisco, Tex., Feb. 22.—Rattlesnake oil at \$100 a gallon has brought a new industry to this section of Texas. Clisco long has been known as an oil center, but this is an entirely new phase of the business. The oil is used in medicine.

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Advocates of Dry Law Change Put Recipe of George Washington for Making Beer on Dinner Menu

Washington, Feb. 22.—Facing possible legal action, the second "face the facts" conference of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment had printed on its program and banquet menu cards for its anti-prohibition meeting today a recipe by George Washington for making beer.

An opinion on the question whether the reading or displaying of the beer formula would be permissible under the Volstead Act had been requested of Attorney General Sargent, but this was not forthcoming.

W. H. Stayton, head of the association, said he had the recipe printed for distribution to the delegates despite suggestions from Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, that such action would be unlawful.

"I have taken the responsibility," Mr. Stayton said, "of having printed the recipe of George Washington on the menu cards and on the program to show what he did have to say on the question."

"In doing this, it is not in the spirit of looking for trouble, but done in the spirit that even my government cannot restrain me from teaching those fine things that Washington taught."

The recipe was taken from a notebook kept by the first president when he was a Virginia colonel in 1757.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A new and concerted bombardment was directed at prohibition today and mingled with the fire of general criticism were demands for repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The guns were trained from the luncheon table set by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment from its second "face the facts" conference. The contention that six years of prohibition under the Volstead Act has proved a failure provided the keynote of the meeting.

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coupled with the demand that light wine and beer be legalized.

Addresses by a number of persons prominent in and out of congress supplied the ammunition for the onslaught of prohibition, which they described as "immoral and indefensibly stupid," "despicable mockery and hypocrisy," and as making a "crime of what most people do not even regard as a sin."

Describing himself as "one who has spent the better part of seven years of his life to bring about sanity and rationality in the matter of law enforcement," Senator Edwards, democrat, New Jersey, declared that "the despicable mockery and hypocrisy" of prohibition, which has become a "stench in the nostrils of right living and right thinking persons."

"Whether we will or not," he added, "facts—cold, hard, indisputable facts—must be faced if America is to maintain the respect and regard of her citizens."

Since the advent of prohibition, he asserted, fair minded, honest and just Americans have tolerated the blunders, immoderations, intolerance and autocratic exercise of super power by an inconceivably small minority, seeking to overthrow a tolerant but unassertive majority.

But now the entire nation has awakened to find itself beset on every hand by false statistics, false hopes, false promises and false enforcement measures and regulations having to do with prohibition.

"The eyes of a nation deceived have been opened," he said, "and a hundred millions of people are ready and willing to follow our leadership."

An offer to prove, as a physician by profession, that 2.75 beer is, as a scientific and legal fact, not intoxicating, was made by Representative John J. Kindred, democrat, New York. "I have made actual personal experiments upon myself and others," he declared, "which conclusively prove that beer of 2.75 per cent alcoholic content consumed by us to the full capacity of the stomach would not and could not cause intoxication."

Contention that "they cry prohibition, when there is no prohibition," was expressed by Rabbi Morris H. Lasaron of Baltimore, Md., who advocated repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment or at least legalization of beer and wine.

"I favor temperance," he said, "but not the disgraceful self-delusion and hypocrisy which parade under the name; not the kind which makes our country a 'hissing and a byword.' What is this loathsome spirit which has possessed our people, which makes them content to live under a lie and give the shelter of the constitution of the republic to a shameful falsehood?"

William H. Stayton, founder and

head of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment and officials of the Anti-Saloon league exchanged retorts in statements last night concerning the part George Washington would play in the controversy were he alive now.

The league statement said the first president would "scarcely thank the wet organizations opposed to the constitution for choosing his natal day for their meeting in Washington to boost a new booze rebellion."

Mr. Stayton countered with the declaration that if Washington were living today his prayer would be "from King George the Third and Wayne B. Wheeler, the oppressors, may the good Lord deliver us."

He referred to Mr. Wheeler, general counsel of the league.

Mr. Stayton has asked the attorney general for a ruling that he may legally read to the conference the George Washington beer recipe, but had received no answer today. The information that such act would be unlawful, however, has come from Mr. Wheeler.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Substitution of a modified prohibition system, legalizing light wine and beer, for the present Volstead act, is to be asked of congress.

Incorporating sentiment expressed at the second "face the facts" conference concluded last night by the association against the prohibition amendment will be drawn and presented to congress by a committee of 21 prominent persons selected by the conference.

The committee was appointed after numbers of speakers, including members of congress and men and women well known in business and club life and the clergy, condemned prohibition under the Volstead law as a failure.

Comprising the committee are Senators Bayard, Delaware, and Bronson, Louisiana, democrats; Representative Hill, republican, Maryland; Benedict Crowell of Cleveland, former assistant secretary of war; James Duncan, first vice president of the American Federation of Labor; P. S. Dupont, Wilmington, Del.; William P. Eno, Washington; F. Franklin, New York; Dr. Julius Friedenwald, Baltimore; Archibald Hopkins, Washington; Rupert Hughes, the novelist; J. P. Murphy, New York; Henry S. Priest, St. Louis; Charles R. Racker, Boston; Charles T. Stout, New York; William M. Stoen, Princeton; N. J.; Dr. J. J. Seelman, Milwaukee; M. O. Terry, Colorado, Calif.; Augustus Thomas, New York; Calvert Townsend, New York; and R. F. Wood, Philadelphia.

The conference, after hearing at afternoon and night sessions repeated demands for re-writing of the prohibition law, was concluded after the George Washington beer recipe was read by Representative Hill.

The formula had been given to the delegates on menus at the afternoon luncheon. William H. Stayton, national chairman of the association, failed to receive from the department of justice a ruling he requested as to the legality of making it public.

Mr. Hill, who was toastmaster, advised the delegates that if any of them feared that by taking home a copy of the recipe he would be violating the law then "the secretary of agriculture is equally guilty for having printed a recipe for unfermented grape juice." Concerning the beer formula, Mr. Hill said George Washington would play in the controversy were he made thirty gallons at a time.

New Jersey, known as one of the "wet" states, was well represented in the conference, having three members. Unfortunately, the two senators, Edwards, democrat and Edger, republican, and Representative Mary T. Norton, democrat.

Prohibition has resulted, Mrs. Norton said, in "nationwide traffic in illegal, untaxed, poisoned liquor with the bootleggers king of the surveys, paying tribute to the Anti-Saloon League," she contended the menace does not lie in a well known licensed establishment, but in the home of anyone who can support a bootlegger.

Atchafalaya, Va., vice president of the American Federation of Labor, told the conference that the duty of modificationists, as Christians, of whatever church or faith, is to "unmask the pretenders of Christianity and democratize the church in order that it may truly reflect the opinion of the people."

American labor, he said, clearly visioned the consequences of prohibition, adding that "we, too, engaged ourselves in favor of temperance. We voiced a protest against enactment of the 18th amendment and the Volstead act but unfortunately we were concerned in the winning of the war, and while thus engaged what did our good friends do?—went into the political arena and perpetrated the most gigantic constitutional and political power ever imposed upon the people."

"Facts to which we must first be written in the hearts of the people," said Dr. James Empringham, national superintendent of the Church Temperance Society of the Protestant Episcopal church, which recently advocated legalization of wine and beer.

He said that for ten years he worked for prohibition "in defiance of the constitution of our society, which stands for temperance" and that now it had elected a new board, "every member of which stands for Christ with moderation."

Atchafalaya in body, the New York democratic delegation in the house said in a statement that it did so because it would aid in calling attention to the "manly, vigorous virtue of temperance and self control of George Washington which enabled him to make proper use of beer and wine and even strong spirits and to avoid the abuse thereof."

Countess Cathcart Given Permit To Enter United States and May Remain in Country Indefinitely

New York, Feb. 23.—Friends of the Countess of Cathcart now regard the mystery surrounding her sudden admission to the United States on a ten day leave as indicative that she will be able to remain as long as she likes.

They base their belief on the contention that the acts she admitted to immigration inspectors do not constitute a crime in South Africa, where they were committed, and that she will get a rehearing and be granted admission.

Her attorney, Arthur Garfield Hays, wired Secretary of Labor Davis last night asking a rehearing. Her admission that she ran away to South Africa with the Earl of Craven in 1922 cannot be an admission of a crime of moral turpitude, Mr. Hays says, because adultery is not a crime in South Africa.

The hearing scheduled for today on the habeas corpus petition filed for Lady Cathcart has been postponed a week. United States attorney Emory R. Buckner who was to oppose the writ, contends the admission of the countess from Ellis Island took her out of the court's jurisdiction and left her fate up to the labor department alone. Mr. Hays disagrees with him. The postponement of the court hearing was a compromise.

Commissioner of Immigration Henry H. Curran in a statement urges congress to change the law under which the countess was excluded. He would have the law name specific crimes, in

order to avoid the general term of moral turpitude.

New York, Feb. 20.—Counsel for the Countess of Cathcart, successful temporarily in warding off her exclusion from this country, are now turning attention to a study of what constitutes "moral turpitude," the grounds on which she has been denied admission.

Although the countess has admitted eloping with the Earl of Craven, a married man, in 1922, Arthur Garfield Hays, her attorney, contends that her relations with the earl did not constitute a crime within the federal laws of this country nor a crime in the countries in which the confessed acts were committed, France and South Africa.

Mr. Hays staved off the countess' deportation on the Aquitania today by obtaining a writ of habeas corpus yesterday by which she must be produced in federal court Tuesday morning. She is now at Ellis Island. If the court decides against her, Mr. Hays says he will carry the case further. The countess, however, may not remain to see Mr. Hays, one of the defense counsel in the scope evolution trial, conclude the fight. A play, written by her, is to be produced in London in three weeks and she has cabled that she hopes to attend the opening night.

Replying to critics of the department of labor, W. W. Husband, second assistant secretary of labor, has disclosed that 251 persons have been deported for moral turpitude, men outnumbering women in the ratio of 3 to 1.

Saunders of Piggly Wiggly Fame Billed For Fraud in Mails

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20.—Clarence Saunders of Memphis, Tenn., former president of the Piggly Wiggly corporation, was indicted by a federal grand jury here today on a charge of using the mails to defraud in sale of corporation stock in 1923.

Bond was fixed at \$7,500. The indictment was returned after an investigation made by postoffice inspectors under section 215 of the federal penal code, covering use of the mails to further a scheme to defraud, a felony.

Twelve witnesses appeared before the grand jury Thursday, including seven residents of Memphis who were officers or employees associated with Saunders.

The postoffice inquiry resulted from complaints of some of the approximately 1,500 St. Louisians who bought Piggly Wiggly stock and lost money. The indictment contains six counts, each of which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$10,000 fine or both.

Five of the counts were based principally on testimony of Charles A. Hall, Calvin Barlett, J. D. Kilborn, E. T. Standard and P. W. Tierney, all of St. Louis, that they received letters from Saunders early in 1923 stating he was glad they had bought stock in the company and urging them to get others to invest. The sixth count was based on a letter from Saunders to Hall inclosing cancelled notes in payment for stock.

The indictment charges that Saunders made "false and fraudulent representations" in newspaper advertisements, pamphlets, circulars and letters.

These representations, the indictment states, were that he had acquired 50,000 shares of common stock of Piggly Wiggly corporation, a chain grocery store system, which he would sell in blocks of not more than 1,000 shares so the public might participate in the prosperity and profits of the company, and that the corporation was paying and would continue to pay out of earnings a quarterly dividend of \$1.00 a share.

Saunders, in fact, the indictment charges, had no intention that the public should participate in the company's profits and converted the money obtained from stock sales to his own uses, namely, to purchase other stock, to protect himself on original stock purchases and to repay loans made to him for purchase of stocks.

Further allegations were that Saunders did not limit public stock sales to 1,000 shares to a person and that earnings were insufficient to pay the dividends promised.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 20.—Declaring that the federal indictment at St. Louis was "just one more battle in the daily round of life," Clarence Saunders said he expected to be vindicated in this case "as I have been vindicated in numerous other litigations."

"I have only one thing to regret in this new affair and that is my mistle encounter with John C. Burch. I know now that he had no part in this indictment."

Saunders and Burch recently engaged in a fist fight here when Saunders charged Burch, secretary of the Piggly Wiggly corporation, with being the instigator of the contemplated federal action against him.

Steel Coated Vest Saves Officer From Death in St. Louis

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 20.—A steel coated vest worn by Walter Vincent, motorcycle patrolman, saved his life last night when it stopped four bullets fired from a speeding automobile on Lake Drive. The speeders escaped.

Vincent's vest showed the mark of four bullets, any of which might have inflicted a fatal wound had it penetrated. Four men were in the car and two of them fired at the officer, he reported.

Bert Haney Resigns His Job as Member of Shipping Board

Washington, Feb. 23.—Bert E. Haney, democrat, Oregon, resigned today as a member of the shipping board, effective March 1.

The action brings to a head a troublesome situation which has existed since last August, when President Coolidge requested Mr. Haney's resignation on the ground that by proposing to remove Leigh C. Palmer as president of the F. Corporation, the commissioner had run "contrary to the understanding I had with you when I re-appointed you."

Mr. Haney declined to resign on any such grounds, denied any knowledge of an understanding with the president to support Mr. Palmer, asserted that the chief executive knew of his opposition to Mr. Palmer, and declared that to accede to the president's request for his resignation "would carry an implication which I cannot permit."

In his letter of resignation the commissioner said he felt he could properly end his services now, as three months had elapsed since congress convened and Mr. Coolidge had stated that he would not be re-appointed.

The letter declared that since the shipping board had "reasserted its power" over the government merchant fleet after the dismissal of President Palmer by majority vote of the shipping board, condition had improved to the point that "American shippers today are being furnished substantially better service and foreign shipping is no longer gaining ground at the expense of the government owned fleet."

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:

- BEEL COUNTY**
- For County Assessor: **W. T. HARRIS**
- H. H. RAY**
- E. B. BRIDGES**
- For County Judge: **OWEN CARPENTER**
- For County Clerk: **JOE ALSUP**
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: **W. M. McDONALD**, **S. E. WHITE**

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- FOR SALE** to highest bidder about 90 spools barb wire, 354 spools 20 rods of 30 inch hog wire, now up on posts in Harris and Galveston counties. Was used in foot and mouth disease eradication. Purchaser to take wire down at own expense, bids will be opened March first. Certified check for \$100.00 must accompany all bids. Address, Live Stock Sanitary Commission, 205 Westholm Bldg., Houston. 2-25-1
- BABY CHICKS**—Hatching every week in the year. I am the only poultryman in the South that ever went to England for poultry. In 1923 I returned with the largest shipment of English White Leghorns ever brought to America. I also have the American Utility and Show Leghorns. Have Cockerels to mate to your flock that will improve the laying quality of your strain. These Cockerels are from eggs produced by my own hens and raised by me. The sisters (hens and pullets) to these Cockerels are my laying stock. I have paid more for my foundation stock than any poultryman in the United States. The strain that I have, won in more egg laying contests in 1924-1925 than any other strain. Write for catalogue. The Original, the Oldest Johnson Poultry Ranch in Texas, Wolfe City, Texas. 12-31-4
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- PINE BARRED ROCK** cockerels. Hatching eggs from prize-winning Partridge Rocks. Prices very reasonable. Mrs. J. R. Beauchamp, Cleburne, Texas. 2-25-1
- HOGS AND SEEDS**
- FOR SALE**—Pure bred, certified seed corn of following varieties: Sure Cropper, White Wonder and Yellow Dent at \$3.50 per bushel, F. O. B. here. Safe delivery and satisfaction guaranteed. Send check with order and advise shipping instructions, express or freight. Also improved Mebane cotton seed at \$4.50 for 3-bushel bag delivered anywhere in Texas. Limited supply; order quick. Also Duroc Jersey, Hampshire and Poland China hogs. Buy from Texas breeders or reputation for square dealing. **LILLARD FARMS** Geo. P. Lillard & Sons, Arlington, Texas, Route 16A. 2-11-3
- REGISTERED** Jersey cattle, any age, good type and producers. Bull ready for service. Prices reasonable. John B. Beauchamp, Cleburne, Texas. 2-25-1
- ABSTRACTS** Prepared, Copied and Examined on Lands in any county in Texas. Also loans, appraisals and information. Statewide service. Get your title in condition before the big Texas boom and be ready. Associated Abstractors of Texas, Austin, Texas. 2-25-2
- FROST PROOF** cabbage plants ready to go. Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield, 500 for \$1.00; 1,000 for \$1.50; postpaid. L. C. Isaacks, Dialville, Texas. 2-17-2
- HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE** inexpensively overcome, without drugs. Gladly send particulars. Dr. J. Stokes Mohawk, Florida. 2-15-4
- OPEN FIELD GROWN PLANTS**—Frost Proof Cabbage Plants, 100, 35c; 300, 75c; 500, 95c; 1,000, 1.50. Genuine Bermuda Onion Plants, 300, 50c; 500, 75c; 1,000, \$1.25; 5,000, \$5. All prepaid. Satisfaction guaranteed. Valley Plant Farm, Raymondville, Texas. 2-4-4
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- CABBAGE PLANTS**—Leading varieties, prepaid, 6,000, \$7.50; 10,000, \$12.50; 500, \$1.00; 250 60c. Crystal Wax Onions same prices. Bermuda Onions, prepaid, 6,000, \$5.50; 10,000, \$12.50; 500, 70c. Prompt shipment, count and delivery guaranteed. Get Wholesale Prices. Sweet Potato, Tomato, Pepper plants in season. Winter Garden Shippers, Dilley, Texas. 2-13-4
- RED INDIAN**—Large, sweet, juicy, clingstone peach we knew when we were boys. Four-foot tree \$1. R. G. Martin, Stephenville, Texas. 11-12-
- 100 ENVELOPES** and 200 5-1-3 by 8-1-3 Note or Letterhead, printed with your name and address and postpaid 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, Honde, Texas. If you prefer, send two dollars and get both Farming and the Forum for a whole year without the stationery.

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Fears Count Salm May Become Public Charge in America

Washington, Feb. 23.—Representative La Guardia, socialist, New York, announced today he would ask the labor department to investigate the status of Count Ludwig Salm Von Hoogstraten, husband of the former Millicent Rogers, to determine if he was subject to deportation on the ground that he might become a public charge.

Count Salm arrived here today with his mother from Palm Beach, where he created a stir by his efforts to see Peter Constantino, his 18 months old son. The count shut himself up in his room.

Woman Being Held in New Orleans, Charged With Giving of Poison

New Orleans, La., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Renett Bussey, 23, was placed in prison here today on a charge of "administering poison." Police said that her five year old daughter, Verdia, was in a critical condition at a hospital, believed to have been poisoned.

The accused woman's husband, Lawrence Bussey, 28, a city fireman, died April 3, 1925. Clarence Bussey, three year old son of the couple, died Dec. 5, 1925 and Esther Bussey, 16 months old infant, died Jan. 1, 1926.

Ferguson Forum Good Roads Campaign

Using Natural Roadbed In Texas

Proof of what Texans can do with the natural roadbed given them is out in West Texas along what is known as State Highway No. 1. It stretches from San Antonio to El Paso.

The road runs for hundreds of miles along the foot of the Davis and Van Horn Mountains. Those stern and solemn hills lift up their noble brows to the finest air, the clearest sunshine, the bluest skies in the world.

Countless mile after mile of yucca and cactus, sage brush and prickly pear dot the hillsides in grey specks. Here and there are gleaming granite rocks. Scattered about are the white faced Herefords that graze on West Texas plains, as their predecessors, the Texas Longhorns, did for years before them.

Streaking across those beautiful plains—beautiful in the early morning with the gray green, shifting now to pink with the sunshine, dazzling now with the gleam of a lake mirage, beautiful with the beauty of endless, breath-taking distances—are the gleaming steel rails that mark the faith the railroad builders had in the west.

And running along side the steel rails, branching here and there, turning now and then to wander off in greener pastures, and coming back to run beside the rail again, goes State Highway No. 1.

It gleams ahead of you in the moonlight, if you are fortunate enough to do part of your traveling in the early evening, like a silver ribbon, mile after mile of the smoothest road, over which travel is a constant pleasure.

Yet that road has been made on a natural roadbed, placed there ages ago by the Creator, and the smoothest pavements in our cities have little the best of it. Right now beside it are hundreds of little stacks of gray gravel, ready for the machine which will spread them out to make the road smoother.

They will not make the road bed. They but make the surface smoother. The road bed was made by God—one of the gifts of a Bountiful Creator to this great state.

What West Texas has done there can be done again to connect the hundreds of little towns that sprinkle the

great plains. This state highway runs between the two big cities of West Texas, San Antonio and El Paso. It touches here and there at fortunate towns, but there are hundreds of smaller places that can do the same thing at a moderate cost if they will to do it.

The great dream for Texas is to see her smallest village connected with the next village by these wonderful roads.

West Texas is indeed fortunate that this roadbed exists. Over in the central portion of the state and off to the eastern part, they have to build their roadbeds. Build them, in places, at great expense, over the muddy flats and river bottoms.

Those folks know what a road bed means. West Texas does, too, without doubt—this is but a congratulation to her, and a hope that she will build yet more and still more of those wonderful roads.

A hope that the day will come when all of that great domain is a net work and no town is shut away, but is linked with those ribbons of gleaming road to the outside world.

American Cars In World Progress

One striking and significant fact stands out above all others in the world economic situation, according to R. D. Rabon, Houston automobile manager. This is the fact that 500,000 motor cars were exported from this country in 1925.

"It would not be over sanguine to predict that 25 per cent of the motor car production in the United States will go to foreign countries within a few years, and eventually we may be building more cars for the people throughout the world than we are for the people of the United States, when it is observed that while we have one car to every six persons in the United States, totaling about 19,000,000, there are only about 5,000,000 cars in all the world beside," he added.

"Since the proportionate number of automobiles to the population in various countries ranges all the way from one to each six persons in the United States to one to each 34,000 people in China, the opportunity for American manufacturers, and the remoteness of the saturation point is revealed," he said.

"American motor cars," he went on, "have been built for the most difficult road conditions, and can go even to these countries where roads have not been prepared for them; but there is a great road building movement going on through-

out the world. The world is waking up to the necessity for transportation. The forward looking leaders of all countries in the world now realize that the progress of civilization is dependent upon the standard of living and the wage scale of the people, and therefore the standard of culture really upon the progress made in reducing the cost per ton mile of transportation and in the spread of rapid communication. Those nations of the world which became dominant in their time have been able to reach the position through extending lines of transportation and reducing the cost per ton mile. That was the history of the Phoenicians in their time. That gave Britania dominance of the seas; and it has been the development of transportation and communication throughout the United States which has given to this country a total wealth of three hundred billions of dollars, against ninety billions, the wealth of our nearest rival, Great Britain.

"It has been the development of transportation which has made possible the spiritual and political union of 48 states as against a divided group of countries such as exist in Europe.

"In a nutshell the automobile has made it possible for the man who lives in Portland, Maine, to travel to San Diego, California, and to discover while on his way that the man in Texas no longer carries a gun."

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Sailor Wins All Cash From Mates in Poker Game and Obtains Aid of Uncle Sam in Collecting Winnings

New York, Feb. 24.—Charles C. Davis, able seaman, not only won all the ready cash of his mess mates in a 25-day poker game on the high seas between San Francisco and New York, but obtained the aid of the United States government to collect some of his winnings.

He shipped on the oil tanker Labrea January 28 without a cent in his pocket and today quit the ship with \$72 in pay and \$133 in poker winnings tucked away.

It took the moral support of a United States commissioner an assistant United States attorney and a detective from the New York police for him to collect, however. A five-cent

poker game started at San Francisco, was continued with time off for sleep, meals and work. When the tanker reached New York the game was well open and Davis had \$350 in cash and \$500 in I. O. U.'s, all on a borrowed dollar from the ship's cook. The players got suspicious, examined the cards, detected what they felt were rather unethical markings and descended on Davis. They relieved him of his winnings and split them up pro rata. In the ensuing discussion Davis was mauled badly and came into port wearing bandages on his head.

He went to the customs house, the city hall and other "political looking places" and finally told his story to

Assistant United States Attorney Catinella. He wanted to press charges of assault. Mr. Catinella got in touch with Commander Cotter who got a detective sergeant in the case and all went out to the Labrea in a hired tug when they learned she was due to sail this morning. As the crew was lined up Davis suddenly announced that he would withdraw the assault charges if the players compromised. He got \$63 from one, \$70 from another and smaller amounts as he passed his hat. Then he announced that as far as he was concerned the matter was over. Government officers are now wondering who will pay the \$100 for the hired tug.

Girl Takes Bath In Tub of Wine As Men of Gay New York Party Sip Liquor With Apparent Relish

New York, Feb. 24.—The New York American describes today a party given at Earl Carroll's theatre at which a show girl bathed in a tub of wine while the men present passed in line and drank of the wine.

Among the 300 guests were Vera, Countess of Cathcart, Irvin S. Cobb and Harry Thaw. Cobb remarked to Thaw: "That's pretty raw."

Before the show girl's bath, the tub had been used as a container for wine, with a spigot attached where the plug is usually placed.

Countess Cathcart has signed contracts with Earl Carroll for the production of her play "Ashes" with herself as leading lady. She will have a salary estimated at \$3,000 weekly with a \$5,000 advance royally on her play. The actress also has been besieged by offers from night clubs.

Mr. Carroll said: "There is absolutely nothing to the story. I did give an anniversary party at which, including the cast of the Vanities and the stage hands of the theatre, there were about 200 guests. But the party was as orderly and decorous as any affair ever given anywhere. It might have been held in a church, for all the revelry there was among the guests. It was a party which any man, even a minister might have with propriety attended with his wife."

New York, Feb. 24.—Police Commissioner McLaughlin today ordered an investigation of the facts surrounding a party given Monday night at the Earl Carroll theatre by the producer, Earl Carroll, at which a show girl is said to have bathed in a tub filled with wine from which male guests drank.

The investigation was ordered, notwithstanding an emphatic statement by Mr. Carroll that there was no such incident and that the party was perfectly orderly.

If the facts disclosed by the investigation warrant, the matter will be directed to the attention of Dis-

trict Attorney Banton, the commissioner said.

At the district attorney's office it was said that if any violation of law was committed it would come under the indecent exposure clause. No action would be taken, it was said, unless some person present at the party was offended and made a complaint.

An inquiry of the alleged infraction of the prohibition law was underway by Assistant Prohibition Administrator R. E. Tuttle.

He said that after reading newspaper accounts of the affair he had sent a representative to U. S. Attorney Buckner to request subpoenas for every person mentioned as being present. Mr. Buckner refused to comment.

Gas-Milk Cocktail As Jag Producer Latest Booze Fad

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Prohibition agents are worried about a new type of non-alcoholic intoxicant which they say produces drunkards as effectively as the most potent old-fashioned alcoholic beverage.

A jag-loving, but law abiding genius in Sacramento has evolved the new style drink and Colonel Green, prohibition administrator, said today that he had received a letter from A. R. Shuteoff, in charge of Sacramento enforcement, asking for advice.

"The town is full of 'gas hounds,'" the letter said. "Gas hounds" is colloquial for those who mix two quarts of milk with one quart of automobile gasoline and drink the result.

"It makes them drunk, in a broad sense of the word, but since they obviously use less than one half of one percent alcohol to attain their drunkenness, what are we going to do about it?"

The gas-milk cocktail is spreading like wild fire in Sacramento, Shuteoff says. Colonel Green has taken the matter under consideration and may write to Washington about it.

The drunk causing imbibers to become fired with the same degree of intoxication as would be brought on by high powered whiskey but proves a greater desire for hilarity. The condition results in local disturbances of the peace which annoys prohibition agents and police.

In its latter stages the intoxicant sends its victim into a stupor from which he does not recover for several hours. The drink is harmful, according to the authorities.

Will of George West Leaves Large Estate to Close Relatives

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 24.—George West, pioneer cattleman, who died February 10, directed in his will, which was filed for probate Friday, that none other than blood relatives shall receive any benefit from his estate.

Albert West, Charles Schreiner Jr., Charles H. Burns, Seth S. Searcy and the San Antonio Loan and Trust company are named executors without bond. Valuation of the estate cannot be given until after an appraisal, but it consists largely of real estate in Bexar and Live Oak counties.

The document disposes of only the rancher's half of the community property, leaving the widow in charge of the remainder. It does provide, however, for the care of Mrs. West in case she loses her own estate.

Eighty per cent of the estate is to be equally divided among the family, his brother, Ike West, and the remainder equally among the family of his brother, Sol West.

The estate, however, is not to be divided until Jan. 1, 1933, except in case of the death of eight nephews, five of whom are the children of Ike West and three of Sol West, before the date set. The executors are directed to make a detailed statement of the condition of the estate on the first of each year to the families of the two brothers.

The home, a landmark of San Antonio, remains in the estate of Mrs. West.

Any attempt to contest the will draws an automatic forfeiture of the contestor's part, the document provides.

Pope Pius in Letter Condemns Conditions About Him in Italy

Rome, Feb. 23.—Pope Pius' letter to his secretary of state, declaring that no accord between the ecclesiastical and civil authorities can be reached so long as "the iniquitous condition imposed upon the holy see and Roman pontiff still exist," is printed textually by nearly every important newspaper in the kingdom today. The "iniquitous condition" referred to is the deprivation of the pope's complete liberty and independence, which condition has continued since the formation of united Italy and the fall of the papal temporal power in 1870.

Referring to the work of the Italian commission on ecclesiastical legislation, the pontiff's letter said: "There is imposed upon us the duty to declare that respecting such things and persons we cannot acknowledge to anybody else the right and power of legislation without previous opportunity negotiations for legitimate accord with this holy see and with us."

Gift of \$50,000,000 to Help Children Is Rich Man's Promise

New York, N. Y., Feb. 24.—John E. Andrus, of Yonkers, known as the "Multimillionaire subway strap hanger," whose wealth has been estimated at \$100,000,000, selected his 85th birthday to announce that he would leave on his death 40 per cent of his entire fortune in the form of a trust fund for the endowment of an institution for the poor children of Westchester county. Mr. Andrus is head of the Arlington Chemical company.

Mr. Andrus plans a combination hospital, recreation center and orphan asylum with educational facilities. The institution will be named for his wife.

He plans to place the large sum, estimated now at perhaps close to \$50,000,000, in trust for the proposed institution, to which, each year, the income will be given.

Mr. Andrus made his first dollar by selling fish to Horace Greely, 75 years ago.

Teachers of South Texas to Meet at Mission, March 25

Mission, Texas, Feb. 24.—The South Texas Education association will meet in Mission March 25, 26 and 27. The people of Mission are planning to entertain the teachers in a royal fashion. The tentative program for the South Texas Education association is as follows:

General Sessions
Thursday Evening, March 25, 8 P. M. School Auditorium
Preliminary Band Concert—Mission high school.
Mass Singing—Supt. Paul Phipps. Invocation—To be supplied.
Response—Mayor Willard Ferguson.
President's Message—Pres. C. A. Cowan.
Dr. E. E. Oberholzer, Supt. Houston City Schools, Friday Morning March 26, 9 o'clock at the School Auditorium
Preliminary Music—Mission schools
Mass Singing—Supt. Paul Phipps.
Address—General Speaker, Dr. Oberholzer.
Address—To be supplied.
Friday Evening, March 26, 8 P. M. School Auditorium.
Preliminary Concert—Mission.
Address—General Speaker, Dr. Oberholzer.
Music—Local talent.
Address—To be supplied.
Saturday Morning, March 27, 9 o'clock.
Preliminary Program—Mission schools.
Address—Dr. Oberholzer.
Business session.
Adjournment.
Officers—Principal C. A. Cowan, president, Kingsville; Miss Cleo Dawson, secretary, Mission; H. C. Baker, chairman high school section, Edinburg; Mrs. Edna Tobias, chairman intermediate section, Robstown; Miss Gladys Snavely, chairman rural section, Edinburg. Chairman of primary section to be chosen.

Panhandle Paper of Satterwhite Is Sold To Amarillo Buyers

Panhandle, Tex., Feb. 20.—Lee Satterwhite, speaker of the last session of the Texas legislature and owner of the Panhandle Herald, today announced the sale of the publication to David M. Warren, Dr. E. Nunn and J. L. Nunn, all of Amarillo.

The Nunn's formerly owned the Amarillo Daily News, selling that publication about six weeks ago. Mr. Warren was managing editor of the News for several years and is at present with the News and Globe staff. He will move to Panhandle to take charge of the Herald on March 1.

Mr. Satterwhite has not announced his future plans but it is expected he will continue to make Amarillo his legal home. He has already announced his candidacy for re-election to the house.

Two Women and Two Men in Fort Worth Bound by Bandits

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 22.—Three men held up and robbed two men and two women last night, bound them and foot and left them in a deserted house north of town.

Thornton and Brown Burgess, Mrs. William Huey and Loanne Morrow were the victims of the alleged robbery in which they said the total loss was \$2,000 in cash, a wrist watch, a knife and a man's scarf.

According to the story the robbers forced them to drive an automobile to the deserted house, bou and left them under guard until 4 a. m.

One of the men freed himself and loosed the others shortly after departure of the robbers.

Schlitz Offers Beer to Prove It Is Not Intoxicating Fluid

Wilwaukee, Wis., Feb. 24.—In an effort to prove to congress that "the beer that made Milwaukee famous"—that of pre-Volstead days—is non-intoxicating, the Schlitz Brewing company offers to manufacture a quantity sufficient for every member of congress for a test.

This offer is made on the condition that congress authorize the brewing of such beer.

In a recent congressional discussion of the "wet" question, Congressman Blanton, Texas, made the assertion that Milwaukee beer in pre-Volstead days was intoxicating.

Representative John H. Hill, of Maryland, disagreed and offered to prove it was not intoxicating, not only to Congressman Blanton, but to the entire membership of congress.

The exchange brought about the offer of the Schlitz company.

Garner Raps Senate For Its Repeal of Inheritance Taxes

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house today finally approved the \$87,000,000 tax reduction bill as agreed to by house and senate conferees.

Repeal of the inheritance tax by the senate was assailed in the house by Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, as an action resulting from "the vicious campaign conducted by the American Bankers League."

Taking direct issue with democratic leaders in the senate, Mr. Garner warned southern democrats they would have to fight their senators or "change your viewpoints."

The attack on the campaign for repeal of the inheritance tax, which was restored to the revenue bill upon the insistence of the house, preceded a vote on adoption of the conference report on the bill.

Amid applause from both sides of the chamber, Representative Garner charged that the American Bankers League had "bought legislators to come up here and lobby for repeal of the inheritance tax."

"They got some congressmen in the other chamber," Garner declared. "The are after me but they won't get me to change my views."

He said the organization had "paid the expenses of state legislators to come here and work for us."

"Name them," a member shouted.

"Speaker Brown of the South Carolina house," Mr. Garner replied, "and members of the legislature of Arkansas, Iowa, and Texas."

Representative Tillman, democrat, Arkansas, said he would have the record show that "Hill and McCall of the Arkansas legislature came here to lobby."

"We don't even have to name the Texas propagandists," Representative Blanton, Texas, interjected, "because the people of Texas already have their number."

"Yes, Speaker Brown came here for an interview," Mr. Garner said, "and I gave him one he will never forget."

Former Police Officer in Seattle Says Booze Business Is All Right

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—Roy Olmsted, former police lieutenant and convicted leader of a \$500,000 liquor conspiracy, declared here today that he believes it no crime to buy and sell whiskey.

"I don't feel that I've committed any crime, though the court and jury ruled that I have," he said. "I am going to appeal to the higher courts. It is a gambler's chance, of course."

He asserted he has put up his home for sale at \$35,000.

Most of 20 others convicted Saturday with him are expected to appeal with him. Eight defendants were acquitted.

Women's Scant Garb Basis of Appeal to Boost Baggage Rate

Albany, Feb. 24.—The modern woman's mode of dressing—or not dressing as compared with the clothes of her sister of fifty years ago—and the increasing use of taxicabs have put a crimp in the profits gained from handling baggage.

So officials of the Westcott Express company and the New York Transfer company informed the Public Service commission in a petition which seeks to increase the fee for handling travelers' luggage.

Modern women, it was explained, don't wear enough to fill a trunk, while taxis now are allowed to carry heavy baggage. The petition asks an increase of 15 cents in the basic rate of \$1.00 charged for transportation of trunks and proposes a 5 cent reduction in the basic rate of 80 cents for transferring hand baggage.

Other changes requested would eliminate the extra charge of 15 cents for carry commercial baggage, and in the case of a load rate would reduce charges for carrying forty trunks or bags by one-half.

The petition says the basic rate until April 1922 was \$1.15 for trunks. The reduction to \$1 was in the nature of an experiment, it was asserted, but the companies have experienced a substantial falling off in patronage.

Lady Says She Was Weak and Her Back Hurt—Felt Better After Taking Cardui

Rockdale, Texas.—"My experience with Cardui has been perfectly marvelous," declares Mrs. Alvin Harnes, who resides on the Minerva road near here.

"I used this splendid tonic during . . . I was very weak and run-down when I got in that condition. I had to drag one foot after the other. I could not keep any solid food on my stomach and all the time I was as nervous as I could be. The least noise upset me.

"I have four other children and their romping at times nearly drove me frantic. I was not able to do my work, and felt miserable all the time. One day my mother asked me why I did not try Cardui. She had taken it about four years ago and it had been a great help to her during the change, so I made up my mind to try it.

"I had not taken half a bottle until I felt greatly improved. . . . It not only increased my strength but my nerves became much steadier. I slept better and could eat anything with no ill effects which was a great blessing. . . . I am in splendid health, never felt better in my life.

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Accused of Faking Accident in Order to Conceal Murder

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 22.—Jim Thomas, 21, of Saginaw, charged with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Mary Bentley, Friday as a result of injuries suffered Tuesday night, was questioned today by the district attorney's office.

Statements obtained from G. B. Ard, 15, John A. Beckley, 16, and Mrs. Hazel Pinner, were that Thomas, angry at Mrs. Bentley because he believed she had "tipped" detectives concerning joy riding activities in which he was alleged to have been implicated, that he had beaten her until she was unconscious, then maneuvered the car until it could be turned over by hand, after which her body was placed under the overturned machine.

The carefully built up story of a "joy ride" ending in a crash which had been maintained by the participants in the affair for nearly a week, went down with a crash under grilling by the authorities of the two younger boys. They said their companion beat the girl, tossed her nearly lifeless body out of the machine, and then arranged the "accident."

The statements also told how the others had torn and cut their clothes and how Ard had faked injuries to substantiate their story.

Arkansas District Attorney W. H. Tolbert has insisted no bail be allowed Thomas.

Women Riot in Protest Against Closing of Schools In Mexico While Feeling Runs High There

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—During a woman's riot at the Catholic church of the Sacred Family, the chief of police of the tenth district was seriously wounded and four civilians were injured yesterday.

The gendarmes fired a volley over the heads of the rioters, composed mostly of women before they dispersed. The playing of a hose upon them by firemen had no effect.

The trouble began when gendarmes endeavored to disperse parishioners who had gathered in the belief that the government was endeavoring to close the church. As a matter of fact, however, a Mexican priest, Father Carrasco, ordered the edifice closed.

The women attacked the police, centering their efforts on the chief, who was clawed and mauled badly.

When the firemen turned a stream of water on the women, they marched toward the department of the interior with the intention of making a protest against the shutting of

the doors of the church. Here also the firemen again were called out, and after more water was played on the women, they broke ranks and went home.

This is the most serious incident that has developed since the government started enforcing constitutional prohibitions against foreign ecclesiastics.

Advices from Chihuahua City say that in protest against government interference with religious schools a big demonstration is to be held next Sunday. Twenty-three schools there, including a Baptist academy, have been closed. They have a total of more than 6,000 students.

The government of the state of Tamaulipas has informed the Catholic bishop that foreign priests must quit the country or be expelled. In Tampico the mayor has sent out a similar notification. The Church of Maria of Auxiliadora will be closed as Spanish priests are officiating in it.

Houston Priest Made Rector of St. Mary's in Place of Kirwin

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 24.—The Rev. John B. O'Leary of All Saints church, Houston, will be rector of St. Mary's Cathedral here to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rt. Rev. Mgr. James M. Kerwin, according to announcement made by the Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, bishop of the diocese of Galveston.

No appointments to offices of vicar general of the diocese or president of St. Mary's Seminary have been made.

Other changes include: The Rev. J. J. Kearns, now assistant rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, will go to Palestine to supplant the Rev. Robert Fry, who will be pastor of All Saints Houston; the Rev. Joseph Kelly, Mexia, will be first assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral, and the Rev. Christopher Martin, now of St. Mary's Cathedral, will go to All Saints, Houston. The Rev. P. J. McCarthy, now of All Saints, Houston, will go to Mexia.

The Rev. T. F. O'Sullivan, now of Galveston, will go to Waco to take the place of the Rev. George W. Black, who will come here for special duty. The Rev. Stanislaus Kmiecok of Galveston will be assistant at the Blessed Sacrament church, Houston.

The Rev. J. M. Leahy of Texas City, will go to St. Mary's seminary for teaching work. The Rev. Henry Rops of Burlington is assigned to Texas City, and the Rev. Simon Spinneweather is made pastor at Burlington.

The changes are effective Feb. 28.

Peggy Joyce Has New Divorce Which Frees Her From Her Count

Paris, Feb. 21.—Count Morner grew tired of Peggy Hopkins Joyce during their honeymoon, at least that is the secret evidence offered in Peggy's petition for divorce, it was learned Saturday night.

The secret divorce granted Peggy from Count Morner, which restored her to the ranks of the free, was handed down only after Peggy had offered testimony that during the honeymoon Count Morner had said that marriage already was beginning to bore him.

The record of the divorce contains a letter which the count wrote to the court affirming his intention never to live with Peggy again.

New Orleans Mayor Leaves But \$25,455 Estate Upon Death

New Orleans, La., Feb. 24.—That the late Martin Behrman, who served the people of New Orleans as their mayor for seventeen years, died a poor man, was proved when the inventory of his estate was filed in the civil district court, showing that his worldly wealth was only \$25,455.40. This did not include \$15,000 life insurance.

Under the terms of his will, his entire property was left to his wife. Many people had been under the impression that Mayor Behrman had accumulated considerable wealth.

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