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The picnic under the auspices of Dressy Camp W. O. W. was a high success in all particulars, nothing occurring to mar or cause a hitch, or in any way create ill feeling. Every body was in a good humor; all lovely and the "Goose hung high". This Lodge is to be congratulated and deserves the thanks of all who participated in this nice entertainment. May they live long and prosper in their grand effort for the betterment of their fellowman and the good of

humanity, keeping ever aloft that grand principle, "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man". There were present about 600 people from Dressy, Cross Plains, Cottonwood and surrounding country, and all mingled together as one family as if bound by the tie of Fraternal love. There was a noticeable absence of the candidate, all having gone to Oplin after bigger game. After the welcome address by Jno. W. Aiken, Bro. Chambliss, of Baird spoke to the people for about an hour in an effort to prove "submis-

sion", as they style it, democratic. And then dinner was announced, and such a dinner Pencil is inadequate to tell: Our many thanks are due the dear ladies who so kindly prepared this bountiful repast. God bless the fair ladies and he will in due time pay his respects to the scrib man. After dinner a game of ball was played by Dressy vs Burkett in which the latter were victors, the score standing—we don't know. Next the tournament riding, in which was displayed the chivalry of

these parts and reminded us of the Grand Knighthood of old, of which we read. Sir Knight Halton McDermott being the successful one gallantly crowned his lady love. After this came the broncho busting, which was the drawing card of the day. You ought to have seen the boys tackle the untamed and unconquerable animals. It reminded us of the by gone days of the "wild and woolly west." All good humoredly adjourned to meet at some future time under the same pleasant circumstances.

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When you see Powell think of drugs. 10-1f
S. M. Braswell, editor of the Moody Courier, came in Monday night to see his wife and new daughter.
Wm. Bursan and his mother, from near Cottonwood, were in town the first of the week

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It had been largely through his advice that the dispute between the two nations, trivial in itself but portentous in possibilities, had been used as a pretext for war. Thoroughly conversant with congressional methods in the United States, he had watched year by year the quibblings of legislators over naval bills which usually ended in inadequate appropriations. Of broader mind than they, he had long foreseen that a country which had come into distant colonial possessions must of necessity enlarge its navy and augment its efficiency, expend money in unremitting streams for maintenance, and stimulate its men to seek individual excellence in gunnery and drill. He had observed the growth of conceit, which, like rust beneath a coat of paint, led men to believe so devoutly in American superiority that they neglected to analyze the actual power which could positively be developed. By a process of elimination he estimated the fighting value of the American navy, discarding vessels still in service but obsolete, and others still on paper but looked upon by the unsophisticated as a part of the nation's strength. National prowess he regarded as a small factor when granting equality.

Seigo's observations had been so careful and his conclusions so logical, that reports sent to and passed upon by the elder statesmen of Japan had led them to feel certain of victory long before war was declared. Nor had his predictions in the opening events been unfulfilled. True he had not expected the abandonment of the Philippines; but he had confidently foretold the period of torpidity, of confusion and lack of cohesion, which had followed. It was with satisfaction, therefore, that he observed the trend of events when hostilities were finally declared, and from the quietude of his study saw the whole country waiting for the government to act while apparently it remained somnolent.

The surrender of the islands came as the first perplexing problem for which he could neither account nor understand, and his activities prior to that event were nothing when compared with those subsequent. He was too adroit ever to have appeared as a laborer in the limelight, and was therefore eminently fitted to drop from sight at the outbreak, when his fellow countrymen were leaving by hundreds seeking places of refuge across the border lines north and south or embarking on the high seas for foreign ports. Singularly enough, race prejudice in the eastern states had never reached the point of acute discrimination which made the denizens of that section classify the Japanese and Chinese in one broad category as orientals; it was therefore easy for Seigo to don the garb of a laundryman in the city of Washington, improvise a pigtail, and without interruption assume to pursue this vocation.

Fertile of resource, he readily discovered that in a situation where anarchy might thrive the followers of the red flag would be his most valuable spies. Without difficulty he allied himself with this element, and gained a friendly footing with them by ostensibly favoring the advancement of their cause in Russian domains. Their confidence in him was strengthened by the fact that he was accomplished in their language, which he spoke fluently, and was a liberal contributor to their treasury.

Having thus ingratiated himself, the next step was made easy. He selected such tools from the ranks of these malcontents as seemed best fitted to his hands, and thereby established a means of securing news that would have been impossible in any other way. From his little hovel he directed these men as seemed best, assigning them to tasks of more or less magnitude, and paying lavishly for anything of value; and to his obscure place there came divers men when night time offered the cloak of darkness to the furtive.

Seigo's most valuable ally was one Meredith, of English parentage, and a man who for years resided on Cross street, Paterson, N. J., that unfortunate city whose very industry and peacefulness had made it the gathering place of the Reds. Meredith was a machinist by trade, and an employe of a supply house; so it was not surprising that he brought news of strange and unusual purchases made through many sources by the United States government. In this there was nothing alarming, and it was rather with curiosity that the astute descendant of a Samurai looked over

these reports and vaguely wondered whether they might have bearing on war. He was sufficiently painstaking to ask for others and check them up; but in this he gained nothing beyond the certainty that the navy department, while existing in a state of seeming stagnation, was inwardly very active. He made many trips to the points where these purchases were made, but found them innocuous in so far as he could reason.

As time went on, however, he found that the greater portion of these shipments were being sent to Miami, Fla., and was driven to the final conclusion that if the government was active in any way at all, the key must be at the



Seigo's Most Valuable Ally Was One Meredith.

small city on the southeastern coast. News had leaked through to him to the effect that the ships of the United States were scattering out over many seas instead of mobilizing in western waters. More than this, Seigo learned that in all navy yards there had been a cessation of work, whereas an increase would have seemed more reasonable, considering the unfinished state of several cruisers and battle ships.

On first thought he attributed this latter lapse to one of the frequent changes of policy or a dearth of funds, but now, in view of these later shipments and purchases, he began to question. In Washington no news was obtainable. The administration was preserving a wooden front toward not only the world but its own people as well. Congressmen and senators knew nothing beyond the declaration of war and the empowering of the president and his cabinet in special session to act for the country, and the administration was apparently doing nothing whatever out of the regular routine of business. It was this paucity which drove the sham laundryman from his irons and away upon a journey.

His trip southward was accomplished with ridiculous ease. He bought his ticket to Miami without being subjected to interrogation, boarded the second-class or smoking coach at the head of the train without hindrance, and rode away in undisturbed solitude. No one seemed aware or in any event to care for his presence. There were no attempts at conversation, except in one instance where a good-natured southerner hailed him with: "Hello, John! Going to start a wash shop somewhere?" nor was he in the least perturbed save on an occasion when a rough threatened to tweak his pigtail; but even this went no further than words.

Everywhere were criticisms of the conduct of the war and imprecations against the administration. The Americans themselves were no more cognizant than he of why soldiers had been stretched along the border line, ports closed, and communication cut off. The citizens of the country itself were as mystified as the Japanese, and frankly thought the situation a foolish one. In all that long journey down the eastern coast he learned nothing whatever of importance.

His delayed train dropped him off late at night in the Florida town, and he was compelled to seek lodging with strangers or to sleep in the open. He chose the latter course, and went out below the city, across the bridge and toward the Punch Bowl, where he found rest beside the road till early morning. When the first rays of the sun were filtering through the great trees and drenching the creepers with light, he returned to the city, assisted

on his way by a kindly farmer who was driving in for supplies.

From him he learned where the Chinese laundries were situated; but could gather nothing whatever confirming his suspicions that the government was either in possession of a plant at this point or even conducting any experiments in the vicinity.

Still disguised and acting upon what had been told him, he sought the abode of the Chinaman, who was already sweating over his tubs, and found him amenable to persuasion and desirous of giving assistance when paid considerable sums of protection money. His horn of plenty was a golden one, but proved useless in a day of fruitless effort, his most careful inquiries bringing nothing in the way of return. Tired and discouraged, he passed the early part of the night in sleep from which he was aroused by nightmares of horror and forebodings of failure, his mental state robbing him of rest.

In the hope that fatigue would cure insomnia, he donned his clothing and sauntered away through the deserted streets, his heavy leather soles clumping upon board walks and across sandy patches. It was past one o'clock in the morning, and all was still. He wandered idly along the main thoroughfare, and reached the far end of the town, before his attention was attracted by a sound from the water front, where hollowly through the stillness a steam whinch was chugging and sputtering as it toiled away with its load. It brought him to a quick halt and aroused in his mind a multitude of questions, because along the entire shore line of this great country no craft was now loading and none arriving, according to his knowledge. He hastily directed his steps toward the wharves, stealthily seeking the shadows of the palm trees, and stopping now and then to avoid any chance of being observed.

Lying against the pier was a small gunboat of the United States navy, which was receiving supplies, and the men at work were evidently hurrying at their utmost. The vessel had not been there during the daylight hours—of this he was certain—hence her loading at night could indicate but one thing, a desire for secrecy. His nerves keyed up in the hope of a discovery, alert and inquisitive, he crept close to the freight shed where the arc lights threw huge spots of white.

So this accounted for the disposal of those mysterious orders which had been reported to him by Meredith and others! But where could they be bound? What was the destination of this ship which, even as he watched, was casting off her lines preparatory to sailing away into the night?

In his anxiety he was on the verge of rushing out and trusting to any convenient pretext, when a boy came hurrying past him, whistling as he went and homeward bound. Here was the spy's opportunity, and he accepted it. He hailed the lad, and in pigeon English told him he wanted to get aboard the vessel if he could.

"Well, you can't do it," came the response. "If you wanted to git on, why didn't you run after the ship instead of stopping me?"

"Where she go?" queried Seigo. "Oh, you want to know where she's going now, do you, Mr. Chink. Well, a fellow on the dock said she was going to Guantanamo, and that means you couldn't go on her if you wanted to."

Then with a derisive laugh he took up the strain of his melody at exactly the same place he had left off when accosted, thrust his hands into his pockets and continued his way.

Seigo was elated. That accounted for it, then! The United States was playing some crafty game, using its Cuban naval station as a base; was conducting some experiment or outfitting some strange expedition with necessities that could not be obtained in the big island to the south. The only perturbing thought was that the navy, instead of being inactive, had some secret task on hand which had been taken away from home stations. He decided he must return to Washington with this single strand of information and there endeavor to secure others. He watched the lights of the ship grow dim, and then as furtively as he had come returned to the home of the laundryman.

The latter counted his pay and wondered why his guest departed for the north on the early train of that morning. Seigo offered no explanations for his erratic action, and as he traveled to Washington he was in a gleeful mood. In due time he arrived, and once more ensconced himself in his headquarters, hoping within a few days to gain more complete knowledge. He was handicapped in his quest, however, because he had no actual means of access to government circles where such data as he wished might best be obtained. But again accident favored him, and again it was in the night when he sallied forth.

The hour was late when Meredith brought him word that several visitors had called upon the president, and, not trusting to others a mission so important, he took upon himself the task of spying upon the great white building where the ruler of the country lived. From the darkness of his

alleyway he emerged into a broader street, when an automobile went chugging past him, and then, just as it came beneath the rays of an arc light, a face leaned to the window, an arm was extended evidently for the purpose of shaking the ash from a cigar, and Seigo shrank back. In the shivering white rays he recognized as one of the passengers in the machine no less a personage than the president, and with him was another man whom he believed to be the secretary of war.

From down the road came the sound of another motor, which in turn whizzed rapidly along, taking the same direction as the previous car. Seigo was not certain, but conjectured that within it were other officials, and, being a man of action, unhesitatingly dashed after it, neared the closed tonneau, and after a breathless run succeeded in swinging himself to the springs behind, maintaining his place by clutching the overhang of the fenders.

Away through the outskirts he rode, hearing nothing from within and in constant danger of falling off his precarious perch. The car gained speed until his peril was great, for to be thrown would be to receive certain injury. His fingers were strained convulsively in their effort to hold on, and once he was almost cast off by a sharp declivity in the road. Now he could only trust to chance that the automobile on which he rode was following that of the president; but as mile after mile was reeled off without a sight of the other machine on either hand, he felt assured that the party was all one. He leaned out across one of the great rubber tires and peered ahead to where now and then he could catch the glow of a red back lamp, and was content. His journey was not without discomfort, as the dust of the road whirled upward and into his nostrils in stifling volume, until he was begrimed and almost strangled; but he clung on grimly, waiting for the mysterious trip to end.

The big car stopped so suddenly that he had scant time to loosen his hold, fall off into the dirt and roll hastily into a ditch by the roadside where he might be hidden from sight. To his surprise the vehicle turned through a gateway into a field, where he heard the slow crunching of the great wheels over the stubble. He raised himself to his knees, and then in a crouching posture essayed to follow it in its wanderings, when he was arrested by a sharp challenge, betraying the fact that although the visitors had been expected no chance was being taken of entertaining others. Again he threw himself on his face, waiting patiently for other sounds. The great fat before him showed dimly in its yellow bareness, stretching down to where the broad expanse of river gleamed dully, and he could discern other lights than those of the motor on which he had been an undiscovered passenger. These suddenly vanished, and he surmised that the chauffeurs had extinguished them preparatory to leaving the cars. He could trace out no other shapes in the gloom. Not even a building raised its dark bulk in the night. He felt the necessity of advancing farther.

Foot by foot he wriggled forward, the splinters of the field imbedding themselves in his flesh unheeded, straining every nerve to avoid making a noise, and listening at intervals in the hope of catching some word of conversation which might give him a clew to the cause of this nocturnal mission. From a short distance ahead came the mutterings of low-pitched voices, and then a period of silence. He was past the machines now, still crawling carefully. Once more he paused, when he heard a sullen muffled crash from the direction of the water, and in an agony of surprise and terror rose to his knees, forgetting that he might be observed. His hands interlocked themselves in stress as he watched in breathless suspense for a moment, and then, almost moaning in despair, he crept rapidly back to the road, went cautiously down it for a hundred yards, and took madly to his heels with fright.

All caution was thrown aside, and as he ran like an insane man through the night, with his overworked lungs bellowing in and out until they felt aflame, he burst into sobs, muttering to himself again and again: "Only the gods can save Nippon! The gods help Nippon!"

CHAPTER VI.

The Flight of Seigo.

Seigo understood at last that the sleeping eagle was preparing to descend from its aerial with mercilessly bared talons. In his flight to the city he counted every moment of value, and through his mind went but one thought! How to get news to Japan in time to avert disaster. What he had witnessed was so convincing that he was amazed at the devilish ingenuity of the Americans, who had led the whole world to believe them defenseless when they were in reality only luring other nations on to their

doom. He was filled with resentment. The shoe was on the other foot now, and it made a noticeable difference. When he believed the United States

powerless to defend itself, it had been only fit and proper that Japan should harry her, conquer if possible, and gain concessions of territory and money indemnity; but with the knowledge that the country was not only in a position to care for itself, but also to conquer an enemy, he viewed things in an entirely different light.

Worst of all, he realized that he was more largely responsible for the outburst of war than any other man, and aside from the ignominy which must be imposed upon his people was the appreciation of what might happen to his own precious head when resentment chanced to act against him. Yesterday he had been smiling, supercilious and confident. To-night as he ran, he was terrified, ashamed and despairing.

Information had come to him that the blockade was complete, and in no instance was he certain that any of his reports had passed through the lines. He rapidly reviewed the chances, and decided that he must get word to every man at his command to strive to pass a warning through to Canadian territory where it might be cabled to Japan. He counted, with Japanese reasoning, on his ability to bribe some one along the border, forgetting that when American patriotism is at full tide money has little weight. He had large funds at command, and in a crisis like this was ready to pour them out lavishly.

His return to the capital was rapid, as he strained his physical powers to their utmost, and he was almost exhausted when he reached the section where his Chinese ally dwelt. With dragging steps he was turning down a street, when a sharp whispered calling of his name from the depths of a hallway arrested him. Stepping inside, he recognized his friend. The instant he was under the cover of darkness he was grasped by the arm and hurried through a doorway and up a flight of stairs. He would have remonstrated at this strange proceeding had not his conductor mumbled: "Come fast and ask nothing! It's your only chance to save your life!"

Through a long corridor where there were no lights, out to a back porch which overhung skeleton-like from the building in which the residents were evidently all asleep, down another flight of rickety stairs, and into a vacant space, presumably a back yard, he followed. Not until they reached this secluded place did he have a chance to ask an explanation, and then, before he could formulate a question, it was volunteered.

"The American secret service men have been after you. They are watching the house inside and out. They've seized your papers and everything else in the place. I escaped and brought you money with which to go."

"But my men?"

"Arrested as fast as they came; taken quietly away, and now in prison."

"Meredith, too?"

"Yes, he was taken in the street above."

Seigo gasped in astonishment. "But there must be some who got away?"

"No, not even one. You're the only man left. The Americans are a terrible people. They have hoodwinked you until the time was ripe, then reached out and caught you all as a fisherman with his net takes in a school of minnows. Even now they are waiting for you, and you'll have to act quick or they will get you too."

The spy felt suddenly that he had underestimated the enemy completely. An involuntary shudder contracted his muscles when he comprehended that not only had he been watched until the propitious time for his taking, but that he had been deliberately played with, an unconscious mouse beneath the eyes of a vigilant cat. Worst of all, this in itself was confirmation that none of the later reports he had sent out to Japan had reached their destination. Probably every message he had dispatched was now in the hands of the Americans. His only hope of conveying warning to his countrymen and for his own life depended on his escape from the clutches of these men, who could appear ignorant and torpid when in reality they were advised and alert. In a burst of impotent rage he shook his fists at the stars. His companion caught his arm.

"Listen!" he said. "You have but one chance. You must get away from Washington to-night. I have a friend, a Canton man, who is a gardener in the outskirts. If we can reach him he will take you in his wagon to a railway crossing before the light comes. There you can get aboard a freight train."

"Go as a tramp?"

"Yes, because all other trains will be searched."

Seigo shrugged his shoulders in disgust. He would have uttered a protest in words had not his companion checked him and continued:

"If you are careful you can get to Chicago, where other friends of mine will help you. Then you must try to reach Canada as best you can."

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PRIMARY FIGURES.

Returns Received Up to Tuesday Morning.

Dallas, July 28.—Primary election returns up to 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, representing about 200,000 votes, indicate Attorney General Davidson's majority will be about 20,000. He had a lead up to Tuesday morning of 14,219.

As to other contests, it is indisputable that Robison has been nominated for land commissioner, Cousins for superintendent of public instruction and Davidson for judge of the court of criminal appeals. As to the race for controller, the News has kept its account of the returns until now, but it is evident that there will be no longer any necessity for doing so, as Mr. Stephens has gained a lead of over 10,000 votes over Barker, which seems to make it certain that he has been renominated.

The congressional contests are all decided except that in the Second district between Mr. Cooper the incumbent, and Mr. Dies. The count shows 9,928 for Cooper and 8,486 for Dies. This would seem to show that Mr. Cooper has been renominated, but dispatches from Beaumont say that still fuller returns got there give Cooper a lead of only 300, with Panola county to yet hear from. It is conceded that Panola county is favorably disposed to Dies. Therefore the result of this contest will depend on what Panola county has done for Dies. As yet no full returns can be got from that county.

For submission the vote stands 71,025 for and 79,021 against.

Following are some county returns:

GALVESTON COUNTY.
Galveston—Complete: Davidson 2,512; Wynne, 619; Barker, 357; Stephens, 1,371; for submission, 693; against 2,178.

QUEEN CITY—Complete: Campbell, 89; Williams, 3; Davidson, 11; Wynne, 76; Barker, 4; Blades, 77; Parker, 1; Stephens, 1; White, 0; for submission, 55; against submission, 19; for local option, 19; against local option, 4.

NAVARRO COUNTY.

Complete returns from 34 out of 44 precincts in Navarro county: Campbell, 1,684; Williams, 1,577; Davidson, 1,318; Geers, 709; Davidson, 1,784; Wynne, 1,210; Barker, 697; Blades, 898; Parker, 228; Stephens, 387; White, 143; Robison, 1,545; Stone, 1,064; Colquitt, 1,303; Thomas, 872; Alderdice, 1,753; Cousins, 995; Davidson, 1,539; Lattimore, 1,100; for submission, 996; against, 959.

HOPKINS COUNTY.

Cumby—In some manner the total vote as cast for governor at this place was given out wrong, as it was made to appear that Campbell received 134 votes, when in reality he only got 95, and that Williams' vote was only 192, when it was 215. Mr. Williams carried both boxes here by more than two to one.

HILL COUNTY.

Complete returns from 23 out of 40 election precincts of this county, including Hillsboro: Campbell, 2,143; Williams, 998; Davidson, 2,915; Geers, 917; Davidson, 1,456; Wynne, 1,583; Barker, 645; Blades, 839; Parker, 318; Stephens, 864; White, 145; Robison, 1,336; Stone, 1,502; Colquitt, 2,272; Thomas, 849; Alderdice, 1,410; Cousins, 1,537; Davidson, 1,144; Lattimore, 1,774; for submission, 1,807; against, 881; for local option, 531; against, 881; for local option, 531; against, 195.

DALLAS COUNTY.

Complete returns from 75 out of 73 precincts in Dallas county give: Campbell, 4,122; Williams, 6,077; Davidson, 6,258; Geers, 2,722; Davidson, 6,353; Wynne, 3,663; Barker, 2,657; Blades, 1,083; Parker, 947; Stephens, 2,670; White, 1,281; Robison, 5,558; Stone, 3,689; Colquitt, 7,121; Thomas, 1,820; Alderdice, 5,158; Cousins, 4,512; Davidson, 6,045; Lattimore, 3,772; for submission, 3,824; against, 4,353; for local option, 4,829; against, 1,253.

MORRIS COUNTY.

Daingerfield—Complete: Campbell, 688; Williams, 263; Davidson, 611; Geers, 270; Davidson, 427; Wynne, 490; Barker, 238; Blades, 104; Parker, 47; Stephens, 286; White, 68; Robison, 883; Stone, 53; Colquitt, 574; Thomas, 253; Alderdice, 343; Cousins, 450; Davidson, 469; Lattimore, 414; for submission, 435; against submission, 331.

McCLENNAN COUNTY.

Partial returns from 32 out of 49 precincts: Campbell, 2,603; Williams, 2,255; Davidson, 2,307; Geers, 2,409; Davidson, 2,482; Wynne, 2,319; Barker, 1,102; Blades, 409; Parker, 507; Stephens, 1,220; White, 304; Robison, 2,400; Stone, 291; Colquitt, 3,110; Thomas, 2,315; Alderdice, 2,681; Cousins, 3,970; Davidson, 3,720; Lattimore, 3,115; for submission, 3,020; against, 2,970; for local option, 2,790; against, 2,890.

BAYLOR COUNTY.

Ten out of twelve precincts give Campbell, 479; Williams, 256; Davidson, 314; Geers, 387; Davidson, 252; Wynne, 463; Barker, 26; Blades, 9; Parker, 42; Stephens, 120; White, 498; Robison, 287; Stone, 399; Colquitt, 495; Thomas, 206; Alderdice, 269; Cousins, 456; Davidson, 480; Lattimore, 228; for submission, 400; against, 254; for local option, 233; against, 36.

LAMAR COUNTY.

Complete returns from 29 out of 39 give Campbell, 2,229; Williams, 1,264;

Davidson, 2,294; Geers, 587; Davidson, 1,769; Wynne, 1,377; Barker, 503; Blades, 255; Parker, 396; Stephens, 454; White, 1,428; Robison, 1,943; Stone, 1,021; Colquitt, 2,081; Thomas, 987; Alderdice, 1,334; Cousins, 1,467; Davidson, 1,481; Lattimore, 1,204; for submission, 829; against, 1,076.

COLLIN COUNTY.

Returns from 26 out of the 40 boxes giving the following result: Campbell, 2,624; Williams, 1,939; Davidson, 1,719; Wynne, 2,619; for congress, Randle, 2,752; Barrett, 2,026; district judge, Pearson, 2,834; Mangum, 1,963; state senate, Perkins, 2,084; Finch, 1,534; Cottrell, 1,067.

TITUS COUNTY.

Complete returns from 10 out of 12 precincts give: Campbell, 978; Williams, 631; Davidson, 1,141; Wynne, 634; Barker, 40; Blades, 119; Parker, 63; Stephens, 1,060; White, 154; Robison, 1,326; Stone, 187; Alderdice, 322; Cousins, 1,116; Davidson, 675; Lattimore, 856; for submission, 713; against, 387; for local option, 256; against, 146.

HARDEMAN COUNTY.

Quanah—Complete: Campbell, 309; Williams, 142; Davidson, 202; Geers, 195; Davidson, 186; Wynne, 234; Barker, 9; Blades, 19; Parker, 106; Stephens, 86; White, 81; for submission, 298; against, 144.

ORANGE COUNTY.

Messrs. Cooper and Dies, aspirants for congress, each received 419 votes in this county. Attorney General Davidson received 314 votes and his opponent received 280. Submission lost by a bout 20 votes in this county.

HOOD COUNTY.

Granbury—Complete: Campbell, 505; Williams, 217; Davidson, 390; Geers, 264; Davidson, 423; Wynne, 314; Barker, 59; Blades, 48; Parker, 403; Stephens, 95; White, 19; for submission, 1,109; against, 200.

DEWITT COUNTY.

With three boxes to hear from Wynne has 324, Davidson, 1,031; Stephens, 822; Barker, 188; for submission, 204; against, 1,145. The three boxes to hear from will sharply increase the lead of Davidson, Stephens and anti-submission.

TARRANT COUNTY.

Tabulated election returns prepared by County Clerk Kee and others make it appear that Campbell received 5,999 votes in Tarrant county and Williams, 3,850; Wynne, 6,265; Davidson, 2,805.

YOUNG COUNTY.

Complete returns from 15 out of 19 precincts give Campbell, 738; Williams, 542; Davidson, 711; Wynne, 482; for submission, 652; against, 329; for local option, 237; against, 97.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Complete returns from 18 out of 19 precincts in this county give Davidson, 1,432; Wynne, 496; Barker, 769; Stephens, 888; for submission, 153; against, 1,810.

ROCKWALL COUNTY.

Rockwall—Complete: Campbell, 532; Davidson, 416; Wynne, 480; for submission, 228; (Rockwall box only), against, 113; for local option, 87; against, 17.

CAMERON COUNTY.

Nine boxes reported: Davidson, 135; Wynne, 501; Barker, 12; Stephens, 543; for congress, M. J. Denman, 15; John N. Garner, 625; for submission, 24; against, 468.

HARRIS COUNTY.

Complete returns from 57 out of 61 precincts: Davidson, 4,525; Wynne, 2,991; Barker, 2,896; Stephens, 2,553; for submission, 2,140; against, 4,935.

STONEWALL COUNTY.

Complete returns from 10 out of 11 precincts: Campbell, 336; Williams, 217; Davidson, 317; Geers, 20; Davidson, 204; Wynne, 348.

COLORADO COUNTY.

Complete returns from 13 out of 16 precincts give: Davidson 759; Wynne, 489; Barker, 153; Stephens, 826; for submission, 336; against, 953.

REEVES COUNTY.

Partial returns from 11 out of 12 precincts: Campbell, 239; Williams, 112; Davidson, 272; Geers, 73; Davidson, 264; Wynne, 97.

CROCKETT COUNTY.

Complete returns from 5 out of 6 precincts give: Davidson, 39; Wynne, 74; Barker, 26; Blades, 104; Parker, 47; Stephens, 286; White, 68; Robison, 883; Stone, 53; Colquitt, 574; Thomas, 253; Alderdice, 343; Cousins, 450; Davidson, 469; Lattimore, 414; for submission, 435; against submission, 331.

NUECES COUNTY.

Corpus Christi—Complete: Davidson, 414; Wynne, 193; Barker, 95; Stephens, 142; for submission, 261; against, 337.

WALKER COUNTY.

Complete returns from 9 out of 11 precincts give Davidson 270, Wynne, 465; Barker, 134; Stephens, 358; for submission, 375; against, 268.

DENTON COUNTY.

Twenty-seven boxes complete out of twenty-nine and one partial give Campbell, 2,188; Williams, 1,174; Davidson, 1,089; Wynne, 2,222.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Complete returns from 17 out of 20 precincts: Davidson, 694; Wynne, 329; Barker, 464; Stephens, 307; for submission, 133; against, 892.

TAYLOR COUNTY.

Complete returns from 17 out of 20 precincts give: Campbell, 1,603; Williams, 612; Davidson, 900; Wynne, 1,293.

UPSHUR COUNTY.

Partial returns from 7 out of 14 precincts give Davidson 646, Wynne, 432.

UVALDE COUNTY.

Complete returns of twelve precincts

give Davidson, 234; Wynne, 146; Barker, 162; Stephens, 73; for submission, 22; against, 91.

HIDALGO COUNTY.

Hidalgo—Complete: Davidson, 13; Wynne, 575; Barker, 584; Stephens, 3; against submission, 587.

COOKE COUNTY.

All but four boxes give Wynne, 2,189; Davidson, 1,003.

Senator Bailey Informed.

Bay City, Tex., July 28.—The Anti-Bailey Democratic club of this city sent this telegram to Senator Bailey: "Joseph W. Bailey, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City. Attorney General Davidson was renominated by the Democrats of Texas. Signed, Anti-Bailey Democratic Club."

Willacy's Estimate.

Austin, July 28.—John G. Willacy, chairman of the Anti-Prohibition league, said in his headquarters here that the anti-submission had carried over the state by 3,100 majority.

Elgin Butter Sales.

Elgin, Ill., July 28.—Butter sales past week were 996,000 pounds.

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If you have a bicycle, sewing machine, graphophone, gun, pistol, typewriter or anything in that line that needs repairs bring it to us, Baird Machine Co., Harry Berry, Mgr. 25-tf

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Go to Boydston's and get some of those cheap lawns 32-tf

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Misses Willie Gilliland and Maude McFarland returned home last Saturday from Abilene, where they attended the Summer Normal.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.

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My, didn't we have a race though?

Say, Cone Johnson turned pro too soon.

At least half a dozen gubernatorial booms were "busted" in the primary.

Say that Davidson layout are all good runners, and no kin either. All elected.

It seems that our old friend, C. W. Geers, of the Denton Monitor, let A. B. Davidson do all the running for lieutenant-governor.

Callahan County refused to submit. Old Callahan is usually about right on all political questions.

Five thousand dollars reward for the thief who stole the Williams gubernatorial boom. Apply to S. P. Strong, chairman of the "submission" committee.

A news item says Col. Wynne refuses to talk. Well, when a man loses a "dead sure thing", he is justified in keeping silent, because the average Texan, at least, feels that he could not do the subject justice under such circumstances.

The Campbells have come again. Well, THE STAR can stand this better than our old friends, Col. R. M. Johnston, of the Houston Post; Wiley Mangum Imboden, of the Austin Statesman, and Clarence Ousley, of the Ft. Worth Record, can stand Davidson. Say, it makes us sorry for these boys when we think of the awful dish of crow they have set before them. They are in a h—l of a fix.

Personally this editor feels gratified over the State election. Out of all the State officers only one THE STAR favored was defeated. In the district offices we did not fare so well, as we won out on two and lost three. With Davidson elected and State prohibition defeated THE STAR would have been content had it lost everything else on State offices. There is very little crow coming to THE STAR this load of polls, thank you.

The Austin Statesman, Houston Post and Ft. Worth Record were so sure they had Davidson defeated that they seem to have burned their bridges behind them and now just look at the enormous dish of crow they will have to tackle. It makes us sick to think of it. The Post and Statesman, especially, made the most reckless charges against Davidson, and now they have to take their medicine, because Davidson is the nominee, and "nominee" according to their contention is sacred.

The Bailey fight has caused the death of a good man in Comanche county. Ed Gaines, present incumbent, shot and mortally wounded his opponent, J. W. Reese, present District Clerk. Reese died Sunday morning. Gaines was anti-Bailey and Reese, Bailey. Gaines, notwithstanding the unfortunate affair, was elected in Saturday's primary. This is the fruit of bitter personal politics. One man dead, a widow and orphans, left possibly, without support. Another man probably ruined financially if he comes clear. Could men stop and think in their sober senses how many of such calamities would be avoided. What is it all worth in the end?

STATE ELECTION.

The following candidates have carried the State:

- Governor, Campbell.
- Lieut-Governor, A. B. Davidson.
- Attorney-General, R. V. Davidson.
- Comptroller, J. W. Stephens.
- Land Commissioner, J. T. Robison.
- Treasurer, Sam Sparks.
- Railroad Commissioner, O. B. Colquitt.
- Supt. Public Instruction, R. B. Cousins.
- Congress, 16th Dist., W. R. Smith.
- Judges of Court Civil Appeals, Irby Dunklin, Ocie Speer.
- State Senate, W. J. Bryan.
- Representative 103d District, J. T. Barrett.
- District Judge, Thos. L. Blanton.
- District Attorney, Probably W. J. Cunningham.

Though the race between Mahaffey and Cunningham is close and the official count is liable to show either one of them ahead.

LATER—It is claimed that Mahaffey is elected.

Congressional Race.

One of the surprises of the primary was the ease with which Judge W. R. Smith defeated J. E. Cunningham, of Abilene, for congress. Two years ago Judge Smith only had about 165 majority, this year his majority is said to be about ten thousand. All the old congressmen have been returned unless it is Cooper in the Beaumont District. The race between Cooper and Dies is very close. Friends of both Randall and Gillispie feared the Bauey question would defeat them as both were known to be opposed to Bailey and as Bailey was strong in both districts all recognized the danger of defeat, but both were nominated.

The Fort Worth Record Wednesday finally admitted Davidson's nomination, though in a very ungracious way. The Record says the result was brought about by the anti-prohibition vote, the railroad vote and the anti-Bailey vote. The truth is, whether the Record will ever see it or not, is that Bailey's friends did not all line up for Wynne. In other words, while they were for Bailey they refused to let Bailey or any one else dictate to them how they should vote on other candidates. Many of Bailey's friends in this county voted for Davidson, and some who opposed Bailey voted for Wynne. No matter what theory the Record may advance Davidson has won after one of the hardest and in some respects, over the most disreputable methods ever employed in a state campaign.

Galveston county answered the slanders of the Austin Statesman in an emphatic way by voting for Davidson four to one. Don't you know that if these infamous charges were true the people of Davidson's own county would never have done this. They would have defeated him without a doubt. Some of the big papers of Texas that have fought Davidson so relentlessly have gotten themselves in a nice pickle and they have no one to blame but themselves. The "big three", Post, Record and Statesman, marked Davidson for destruction because he had the manhood to defend himself against Bailey, who undertook his usual bulldozing tactics with Davidson that he had so successfully practiced on lesser men. Had Davidson played mum and a traitor to Texas and never disclosed the possession of the Bailey vouchers, and let the Waters-Pierce Oil Company escape just punishment, Bailey and his organs would never have attacked him. Just this much to keep the record straight. One of the most vindictive campaigns ever waged in Texas to destroy a faithful official has come to naught, though it came very near succeeding. The people of Texas will not forget, and the echoes of this fight, like Banquo's ghost will rise up to confront the conspirators in years to come. The right has triumphed, but it required a tremendous struggle to thwart the powerful combination against Davidson. Some day the people will see plainly the object of this attack on a faithful public servant, that when the passions and prejudices engendered by the Bailey strife has died out, and many will be amazed to see how they were deceived.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCTS.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 13, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide for subsequent redistricting of a county into commissioners' precincts, defining the manner thereof; for submitting same to the electors of the State, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 13, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Each organized county in the State, now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people, into justice precincts, not less than four and not more than twelve. The present county courts shall make the first division. Subsequent divisions shall be made by the commissioners' court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected, at each biennial election, one justice of the peace and one constable, each of whom shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided, that in any precinct in which there may be a city of eight thousand or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two justices of the peace. Each county shall in like manner and in the first instance, be divided into four commissioners' precincts, in each of which there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof one county commissioner, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Subsequent divisions of a county into commissioners' precincts shall be made as is now or hereafter may be provided by law. The county commissioners so chosen, with the county judge as presiding officer, shall compose the county commissioners' court, which shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed.

Sec. 2. That the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense of submitting the above proposed amendment to the people of the State, at the next general or special election in the manner required by law, by the Governor of the State.

W. R. DAVIE, Secretary of State.

Mrs. W. H. Ross and daughter, Miss Francis, are visiting in Dallas.

J. W. Robinson left some nice peaches at THE STAR office yesterday. They were called the sugar loaf.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Macdonald and childred left Tuesday night for St. Paul, Minn., to visit relatives.

The \$250 Diamond Ring belonging to M. C. Chanley, was raffled off last Wednesday evening, the lucky No. 28 belonging to J. A. Friman.

McManis Bros. are bringing large quantities of cantaloupes to market from their irrigated farm on the Bayou.

Lost—Plain gold head of parasol handle with initials "B. M. F." engraved thereon. Return to Miss Bessie Franklin. 35

Notice—The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet with Mrs. Wathen Tuesday, Aug. 4th at 5 o'clock p. m.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Everybody remember, there will be preaching at the Presbyterian Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present at each service to hear the new preacher.

S. A. BRYANT, Pastor.

Fine Crops.

Everything points to a fine business at Baird in the fall. Crops were never finer and if nothing happens to it the biggest cotton crop ever made in the county will be gathered this fall. Wheat, oats, corn and all feed crops were never better in the county.

New Firms.

Jessie Hart and Grover Pruitt will put in a stock of saddlery and hardware in the Cooke building. They are at work now fitting up the building.

Dr. Brumby, State health officer, was here last week; and in conversation with Dr. S. T. Fraser, county health officer, he asked why don't you cut the weeds in all these side streets. Dr. Fraser remarked that "it would never do to cut the weeds and clean up generally as we doctors would not have anything to do." The State Health Officer saw the point and did not press the matter farther.

J. B. STOKES President HENRY JAMES V. P. B. L. RUSSELL Cashier
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ELECTION RETURNS.

It is impossible to get the election returns for any except county candidates until the vote is counted tomorrow, as parties sending in reports by phone failed in most instances to give the vote for State and District officers. Enough is known though that warrants us in saying that the county went for Williams for governor; Colquitt, Railroad Commissioner. Have no information except rumors as to how the county went for other State and District officers. For Attorney-General both claim the county but it is believed that it went for Davidson. Bryan for the Senate; Barrett for Representative; Blanton for District Judge and Cunningham for District Attorney is the way the rumor goes, but THE STAR has no information that can be relied on absolutely and we will have to wait for the official returns.

The county officers nominated are:

- C. D. Russell, County Judge.
- Geo. B. Scott, County Clerk.
- C. W. Taylor, District Clerk.
- T. A. Irvin, Sheriff.
- T. J. Norrell, Tax Assessor.
- W. E. Melton, County Treasurer.
- R. D. Green, County Supt.
- R. L. Alexander, County Atty.
- T. H. Floyd, County Surveyor.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

- W. A. Hinds, Precinct No. 1.
- Phillip Yost, " " 2.
- " " " 3.
- J. G. Aiken, " " 4.
- J. E. W. Lane, J. P. Baird.
- W. C. Asbury, Const. Pre. No. 1.
- J. R. Price, Public Weigher, Baird District.

The following candidates for county offices that had opponents, carried the Baird box, 359 votes polled; figures give majority:

- Russell 52; Scott, 133; McGowen, 29; Uzzell 9.
- For Submission - - - 100
- Against Submission - - - 195
- For Local Option - - - 110
- Against Local Option - - 69

Submission is defeated in the county by 75 votes, so A. G. Webb, Pro leader informs us.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

- Sunday, Aug. 2, 1908.
- Subject, The Race of Faith.
- Scripture, Heb. 11-32 12:2.
- Leader—Miss Bernice Foy.
- Song. Prayer.
- What others have done we can do.—M. W. Uzzell.
- Open sin has no place in a life of Faith.—Miss Jessie Coffman.
- Song.
- The question of the weights.—Miss Lilhan Coffman. Miss Louise Sulres.
- Patience.—Miss Mary Joiner.
- In our Place.—Miss Maggie Miller

CARD OF THANKS.

We, the Ladies of the Methodist Church, wish to extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. J. H. Terrell for his kindness in the use of his house, and the refreshments which he so kindly donated.

Mrs. J. B. HARMON, Pres.
Mrs. C. B. CROSS, Secy.

Clarence Rice, of near Belle Plaine left some fine samples of Elberta peaches also one large Chinese cling, at THE STAR office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

NOTE:—Announcement fees for all District and County offices \$10.00 payable in advance.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the Democratic primary:

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

42d District composed of the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford and Taylor:

- THOMAS L. BLANTON, of Albany.
- J. T. HAMMONS, of Eastland.
- D. G. HILL, Of Abilene.
- J. H. CALHOUN, of Cisco.

For District Attorney.

- W. P. MAHAFFEY.
- W. L. GROGAN.

For State Senator 28th Dist.

- W. J. BRYAN.
- R. C. CRANE.

For Representative 103d District.

- J. T. TUCKER.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

For County Judge.

- C. D. (Clarence) RUSSELL.
- W. R. ELY

For Sheriff & Tax Collector.

- T. A. (AD) IRVIN.
- W. A. MCGOWEN.

For Tax Assessor.

- T. J. NORRELL.
- R. F. (FRANK) BENNETT.
- M. W. UZZELL.

For County & District Clerk.

- Geo. B. SCOTT.
- J. H. (Joe) SHACKELFORD.

For District Clerk

- C. W. (Wilburn) TAYLOR.

For County Treasurer.

- W. E. (Eugene) MELTON.

For County Attorney

- R. L. ALEXANDER

For Public Weigher Baird District

- J. R. PRICE

For County Superintendent.

- R. D. GREEN.

For Commissioner Pre No. 1.

- W. A. HINDS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 2.

- PHILLIP YOST.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3.

- WORTH WILLIAMS.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4.

- Geo. ANTHONY.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 4.

- J. G. (Jack) AIKEN.

For Constable Pre. No. 1

- J. A. COATS.

For Constable Pre. No. 1

- J. W. FARMER.

- W. C. ASBURY.

Baird As a Grain Market.

Baird is becoming a pretty good grain market. McGowen Bros. informed us yesterday that they had shipped thirteen cars of wheat and four cars of oats this season. B. L. Boydston the other buyer, probably has shipped as much, though Louis said he could not give the exact number of cars shipped. The buyers are paying for wheat 85 to 96 cts., and 45 to 47 cts. for oats. A stream of wagons have been coming in from the country all the week. H. A. McWhorter, Bud Lambert and Mr. Jordan on the Bayou, each sold a car load of oats to McGowen Bros. this week.

Ed Summers treated THE STAR force to a fine watermelon yesterday.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND

Arrives.
No. 4. Through train, Mail. 11:15 a. m.
No. 6. Mail 12:50 a. m.
No. 8. Ft Worth local, no mail 9:45 a. m.

WEST BOUND.

Arrives.
No. 5. Toyah local, mail. . . . 4:10 a. m.
No. 7. Sweetwater local, mail. 4:00 p. m.
No. 3. Through train, no mail 7:10 p. m.
J. B. HARMON, Agent.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown and children are visiting in Bell county.

Hugo Foy and sister, Miss Roma, have returned from Stamford.

Misses May Norton and Mary Ayers, of Cottonwood, were the guests of Mrs. E. C. Fulton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kendrick and children, of Mexia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Gilliland and sons, Royace and Jack, left Tuesday for Vinita, I. T. to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall.

Mrs. Geo. W. Frazier, of Fort Worth, was the guest of Mrs. E. C. Fulton last week.

C. J. Steel, of Dressy, was in town yesterday. Like every one else he says crops are fine as can be in his section.

Residence For Sale:—My place in West part of town for sale at a bargain if sold at once. Geo. A. Clements. 34tf

HORSE WANTED.

Will exchange lumber for a good horse. Must be a good buggy horse, and work anywhere.
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Mrs. R. J. Harris and daughter, Miss Jennie, who visited her sons at Ramsdell, also spent a few days with Mrs. A. A. Callahan, of this place. They went up to Amarillo Monday to visit friends before returning to their home in Callahan County.—McLean News.

Dr. Griggs made a trip to Abilene Tuesday.

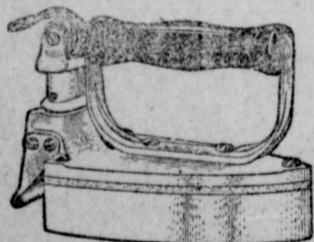
Misses Mary Shackelford and Lollie Brittain, of Putnam, were in town Wednesday.

J. M. Thaxton, of Oakland, Miss. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McGowen.

Miss Nina Griggs has returned from Abilene. She was accompanied home by her cousin, Russell Miller, of Abilene.

Judge W. H. Cllett left yesterday for Mineral Wells and other points east.

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SOCIAL EVENTS.

Mrs. Cross entertained Thursday morning, July twenty-third, with a Japanese breakfast in honor of her niece, Miss McKinnon, of Georgetown. The Cross home was artistically decorated a la Japanese, and the guests came attired in costumes befitting the occasion. The morning was given over to the enjoyment of several unique contests and games. At 11 o'clock ices were served the following young ladies: Misses Rogers, Foy, Maria and Aurelia Bowyer, Oliver of Dallas, Bell, Floyd, Kendall of Austin, Cosette and Anna Faust, Wilkerson, Hart, Bess Franklin, Ada Powell, Reagan, Miller, Spragins, and the honoree, Miss McKinnon.

Misses Cosette and Anna Faust entertained last Monday evening with a pretty open air party in honor of Miss Grace Kendall, of Austin. The lawn and porch where Progressive "42" was played were lighted with chains of Oriental lanterns.

The Misses Faust were assisted in receiving by their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Faust and little Miss Louise Faust, who graciously presided at the punch bowl. During the course of the evening delicious cream and cake were served.

The personnel of the guests includes Misses McKinnon of Fort Worth, Wilson of Navasota, Reese of Fort Worth, Oliver of Dallas, Kendal of Austin, Bell, Wilkerson, Mabel and Verna Miller, Hallie and Daisy Powell, Ada Powell, Bernice Foy, Lillian Schwartz, Jessie Coffman Maud and Ermine Wilson, Baringer, Johnson, Rogers, Spragins, Collier, Bess Franklin, Jonier, Lillian Frazier Frenchie Emmons, Lois McDermott, Ella Alvord. Messrs Boydston, Ford Driskill, Homer Driskill, Franklin, Stokes, Frank Hall, Cale Hall, Earl Hall, Uzzell, Watts, Carter, Wristen, Fred Foy, Trent, Kershner, Chas. Hadley, Terrell, Gray Powell, Hinds Spragins, Parks, Holmes, Andrews, Coleman, Davis, Cosby and Henry Pratt of Stamford.

Mrs. E. C. Fulton entertained last Thursday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Geo. W. Frazer, of Ft. Worth.

The afternoon was delightfully spent in "Solving Contests." The first contest was "Advertisements" in which Mrs. J. B. Harmon won the prize, a burned wood plaque. Mrs. Harmon presented the prize to the guest of honor, Mrs. Frazer.

The second contest was a "Musical Romance." The prize, a hand painted pickle dish, was awarded Miss Wilson. The guests were then invited into the dining room, where delicious ice cream and cake was served. Those present were:

Mrs. Geo. W. Frazer, Ft. Worth; Madames J. D. Boydston, Van Jones Ed Arnold, L. M. Hadley, Francis Sargent, S. L. Driskill, H. C. McGowen, Geo. B. Scott, J. C. Gray, W. D. Boydston, H. O. Powell, B. F. Austin, J. B. Harmon, C. H. Mahan, Hillswick, H. Schwartz, G. M. Hall, J. A. Scott, Miss Maggie Wilson, Navasota, Miss Ada Cooke.

Mrs. J. E. Smith entertained complimentary to the Wednesday Club, this week. The afternoon was a most pleasant occasion. The guests enjoyed a unique diversion entitled, "The Bride's Reception in the Kitchen", which afforded much amusement. A splendid paper was read by the hostess. A delightful two course luncheon was served.

Mrs. Smith will soon sever her connection with the Club, and the loss sustained will be inestimable. She has endeared herself to the membership and one and all wish her many joys in her new home. Visiting guests were: Misses Roma and Bernice Foy, Grace Kendall and Jessie Oliver.

Saturday afternoon, July the twenty-fifth, Miss Lyde Spragins entertained in honor of Miss Grace Kendall of Austin, Texas.

Upon entering, the guests were given pretty score cards and were escorted to the tables indicated thereon. Much interest and excitement then ensued for awhile, as all learned the game which they were to play in Progressive Harts. After eight games had been played, the guests were requested to remain at their tables.

Three girls, Francis Ross, Jeanette Reagan and Cosette Faust, won

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seven of the eight games, and "cut" for the prize. Miss Reagan was the successful one, and received a beautiful cut class vase as her reward.

Misses Spragins and Kendall then served the refreshments, which were especially dainty and original. Each girl received a plate, on one side of which was a salad course, with the salad and two cunning little beaten biscuits. On the other side of the plate was a glass of tempting ice grape juice and two nabiscos.

Before long, everyone began to depart, and each one declared it was the most delightful afternoon she had spent for ever so long.

Those present were Misses Nannie Bell, Margerite Wilson of Navasota, Daisy Powell, Jess Oliver of Dallas, Willie Floyd, Bernice Foy, Mable Reese of Fort Worth, Laura Blythe, Mable Miller, Verna Miller, Mamie Hart, Francis Ross, Ann Macdonal, Cosette Faust, Anna Faust, Jewel Johnson, Kittie McKinnon, of Georgetown, Corrie Wilkerson, Cookie Work, Corinne Baringer, Edith Collier, Ada Powell, Jeanette Reagan, Kate Chambliss, Hattie Waller of Dallas, Alice Cutbirth, Lois McDermott, Bess Franklin, Irene Seay, Frenchie Emmons, Mary Joiner, Ada Cooke, Louise Rogers, Mrs. Elmer Walker, Lillian Frazier, Lillian Schwartz, Louie Surles, Grace Kendall, Lyde Spragins.

Mahaffey Elected.

The latest rumor is that W. P. Mahaffey, present incumbent, is elected District Attorney.

Miss Bertha Stuart, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. L. D. Boyd, returned to her home at Strawn last Saturday. Mr. Boyd went down Saturday night and he and Mrs. Boyd returned home Sunday.

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Born—Monday, July 27th to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braswell, a girl.

Lost—A Scottish Rite charm, Wednesday in town somewhere. Return to Geo. B. Scott and get reward.

Miss Chassie Coffman returned Wednesday from Cross Plains.

Mrs. Mary Swanzy Driskoll, of Marion Junction, Ala., arrived yesterday on a visit to her uncle, R. E. Nunnally. Mrs. Driskoll has many friends here, who extend to her a cordial welcome.

Misses Jessie and Lillian Coffman are attending the B. Y. P. U. meeting at Stamford.

RAVISHER SOON ROASTED

Mob Wreaks Vengeance Before Hunt County Courthouse.

BURNED ON THE SQUARE.

Ted Smith, a Negro, After Miss Viola de Lancey Identifies Him, Is Taken From Sheriff, Wood and Oil Utilized and Converted Into Ashes.

Greenville, Tex., July 28.—As Miss Viola de Lancey, sixteen years old, residing near Clifton, about five miles west of Greenville, was returning from getting mail from the rural delivery box, a quarter of a mile away, at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, a young negro lying in some weeds jumped up and striking her with a pistol criminally assaulted her. She was found some time afterward unconscious, but revived and told of the terrible treatment she had received.

A telephone message to this city resulted in the sheriff, deputies and police repairing to the scene. By this time the entire Clifton community had been aroused and started in pursuit. The wretch, named Ted Smith, was surrounded in the Caddo bottom. He managed to escape, but was captured about dusk on Wes Chumley's place, west of here, by two officers. The latter took him into the brush. The officers eluded the mob and at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning Marshall Norman lodged the negro in jail.

All Monday night crowds were on the square. At 6 o'clock a mob went to the jail, but Judges Montrose and Thompson and Sheriff Hensell made talks and the crowd left.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday morning the crowd promised not to molest Sheriff Hensell while he took the negro to the girl's home. She was sitting on the gallery and when she saw the negro said: "That is the 'nigger,'" and fully identified him. The sheriff brought him back and nearing the jail a mob surged around the buggy and taking Smith dragged him to the square. On the northwest corner they put a rope around his neck to hang him. Some called out to burn him. The crowd dragged him to the south side, soaked him in oil, put a load of wood over him and set the pile on fire. He was burned to ashes. The crowd was large but orderly.

During the burning an old negro made a remark about it being too bad. He was severely horsewhipped.

An immense concourse witnessed the negro burn and the excitement was tremendous. Every window on the side of the court house where the cremation occurred.

DR. DYCUS DEAD.

Body Terribly Mutilated Found on Track Near Wichita Falls.

Wichita Falls, Tex., July 28.—The body of Dr. Earl Dycus, formerly of Fort Worth, aged twenty-two, was found Tuesday morning on the Fort Worth and Denver track about two miles from this city. He had been dead several hours. The body was found by a train crew and was mutilated and cut almost beyond recognition. It is believed he met with foul play, although the manner of death is confirmed.

He was a son of the late Judge F. E. Dycus of Fort Worth and prominent. He removed to Archer City recently. At Wichita Falls Monday Dr. Dycus quarrelled with two men whom he said were trying to rob him. These men have disappeared. Officers are investigating.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.

Kirby Lumber Company Taken Out of Bankruptcy Court.

Houston, July 28.—Judge Waller T. Burnis placed his signature to the agreement between the parties to the famous suit in Federal court between the Maryland Trust company, Houston Oil company and Kirby Lumber company in which millions of dollars are involved and over which many thousand pages of court records have been written. This agreement takes the Kirby Lumber company out of the bankruptcy court.

Foot Lacerated by Gar.

Houston, July 28.—A five foot alligator got terribly lacerated a foot of Harry Newning, aged twelve years at Seabrook. The boy was trawling his feet overboard from a launch owned by John S. Bonner when the big fish struck and fastened his saw like teeth through the boy's foot, and tried to pull him overboard. The foot was terribly lacerated and the fish had to be killed to make it turn loose. Mr. Bonner made the rescue.

Only Fourteen Reported.

Austin, July 28.—Out of thirty-one insurance companies doing business in Texas only fourteen have so far reported to the insurance commissioner the amount of reserve and investments on Texas business. These reports have to be in by Aug. 1 under the Robertson law. Failure to make these reports lays the company liable

to a heavy penalty. The report of five Texas companies have reported. Those are the Texas Life, Waco; Fort Worth Life, Fort Worth, and Southwestern Life, Dallas. All make a good showing.

Postoffices Robbed.

Austin, July 28.—The postoffice inspector's department here has reported the theft at Handley, Tarrant county. The postmaster took the funds home with him for safe keeping and during the night his home was entered and funds stolen.

The postoffice at Bedford, Tarrant county, was also entered and several dollars stolen.

WRITES FOR COMMISSION.

R. R. Williams Had Neglected to Secure Document.

Austin, July 28.—Secretary of State Davie Monday received a letter from R. R. Williams of Cumby, late candidate for governor, in which Mr. Williams writes for his commission as justice of the peace of precinct No. 4, Hopkins county. The letter is dated July 21. Mr. Williams writes that he was appointed last January, but neglected to take out his commission. This was made an issue in the campaign, opposition to Williams claiming that he was discharging the duties of justice of the peace without a commission. The secretary of state did not send the commission, as the department has no official notice of Williams' appointment. He was so advised.

At Attorney General Davidson's headquarters here Monday it was announced that Davidson's majority is 13,000 and expected to reach 25,000. Robison claims to have won for land commissioner by a majority so far of 8,000. The race for comptroller between Stephens and Barker is still in doubt. Comptroller Stephens said that his information indicated that he was approximately 10,000 votes ahead and a section of the state yet to be heard from that is in his favor. Returns from over the state are slow in getting in.

MACK CHAIRMAN.

Buffalo Journalist Heads Democratic National Committee.

Chicago, July 28.—At the meeting of the subcommittee of the Democratic national committee, to whom were delegated the duty of selecting the officers of said body, Messrs. Bryan and Kern also being present, the following selections were made.

Chairman—Norman E. Mack, New York.

Vice Chairman—T. L. Hall, Nebraska.

Treasurer—Governor Haskell Oklahoma.

Secretary—Urey Woodson, Kentucky.

Sergeant-at-Arms—John I. Martin, Missouri.

The chairman, Mr. Mack, is proprietor of the Buffalo Times, and a strong friend of Mr. Bryan. Tammany leaders made no objection to him. Mr. Mack stated headquarters would at once be established at Chicago and a branch at New York City.

Vice Chairman Hall and Governor Jennings of Florida will take charge of the Chicago headquarters.

HORRIBLE REVENGE.

Pulls Out Woman's Tongue, Man Dragged to Death.

Padua, Italy, July 25.—A mob inflicted terrible punishment on Francesco Vergani, who had just returned from Boston. Vergani labored six years in America to earn enough to marry Elois Ferrari. He returned to find she had married another. Masquerading as a traveling dentist at a country fair, when Elois took the chair Vergani pulled her tongue out with forceps. A mob tied him to a horse, drove two miles in a gallop, dragging Vergani until he was pounded to a pulp.

Shares to Be Sold.

Houston, July 27.—Notice of sale of 4,250 shares of stock of the Kirby Lumber company to satisfy the remainder of the judgment for \$18,794.82 in favor of William Weiss against Patrick Calhoun have been posted in the Federal court. The sale is advertised for Aug. 4, but it is believed that some sort of arrangement will be made prior to that date. Of the original judgment for \$18,794.82 the sum of \$12,900 has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$6,194.72 and \$79.10 of costs yet remaining unpaid. Once before a sale was advertised of this stock, but the matter was fixed up by the payment of two installments aggregating \$12,600. The third installment is still claimed to be due, and this notice is posted in order to obtain it.

Mammoth Catfish.

Arthur City, Tex., July 27.—Mary Monroe, a negro, living on Red river, north of here, caught the biggest fish that was probably ever taken out of a pond with an ordinary hook and line. While she was fishing in Button Willow lake, a shallow pond or slough on the Oklahoma side, between the river and Roebuck lake, below Grant, she hung a yellow catfish that weighed eighty-seven pounds. Three men assisted her in landing the monster. It

is supposed that the big fish got out in the bottom during the flood in May and was left stranded in the pond.

Shotgun Clutched In Hand.

Paris, Tex., July 27.—Irby Ballard, seventeen years old, son of W. N. Ballard, a well known farmer south of Paris, was found dead in a room at his father's home. His mother heard the report of a gun, and going into the adjoining room, found the deceased lying across a bed with a terrible wound in the head. A shotgun was clutched in his hands. The charge from the gun had entered his chin, and ranging downward, had inflicted a mortal wound. He had been sick a few days.

Third Well Brought In.

Brownwood, Tex., July 27.—Pippin well No. 3 was brought in Friday and, from indications as far as they have gone in the oil sand, it will be the best well brought in here. The gas is also much stronger than in Pippin well No. 2. A pump will be placed in the well to determine what it will do. It is the intention of the company to sink two other wells near this one and pump all three with the same pump.

Japan's military will be strengthened.

REESE BADLY SHOT.

Representative Gaines Is Placed Under Bond.

Comanche, Tex., July 24.—The result of a difficulty between E. C. Gaines and J. W. Reese the latter received a wound which surgeons pronounce mortal. The ball entered just above the right nipple and ranged downward, coming out below the sixth rib, badly lacerating the lung.

A complaint charging assault with intent to murder was made against Mr. Gaines, under which he was arrested and released on \$2,000 bond.

Mr. Reese and Mr. Gaines are rival candidates for the Democratic nomination for representative from this county, and the campaign that has been waged has been at times quite bitter.

Wednesday some circulars purporting to be signed by J. W. Reese were distributed among the crowd at a Woodmen picnic and in town, which circulars contained statements which Mr. Gaines says reflected upon his character and integrity.

Thursday morning as Mr. Reese was coming down town Mr. Gaines, in his buggy met him, and getting out of his buggy accosted him about the authorship of said circulars and the reason for the same.

In a difficulty which ensued Mr. Reese received a shot which took effect as above stated.

Mr. Gaines is the present representative from this county in the Thirtieth legislature, and has a wife.

Mr. Reese is the present district clerk, and has a wife and six children.

Mr. Gaines refused to vote for Senator Bailey until instructed to do so by a second primary.

REESE EXPIRES.

Succumbs to Wound Sixty-Five Hours After Being Shot.

Comanche, Tex., July 28.—Hon. J. W. Reese, shot last Thursday, died at his home Sunday morning about 4 o'clock, sixty-five hours after he received the fatal wound.

Interment was had in the afternoon under the auspices of the Woodmen lodge, of which he was a member.

Deceased was forty years old, and survived by his widow and six children and an only brother, George Reese, of Portales, N. M., who reached here Friday night.

Mr. Reese taught school in this county for a number of years, and four years ago was elected district clerk and re-elected to the same position two years ago, which position he was holding at the time of his death. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative from this county in the election held Saturday.

TEXAS STATE BANKS.

Report States They Are In a Splendid Condition.

Austin, July 24.—The department of state banking has made public a condensed statement of the financial condition of 324 state banks and trust companies at the close of business June 30. The statement shows these institutions in fine condition, the total reserve being 48 1-2 per cent of demand deposits in cash and other banks, while the law only requires 25 per cent cash and 13 per cent of the demand deposits in actual cash in the banks.

Individual deposits aggregate \$16,607,545, which is a slight decrease from the last statement, due due to the recent panic.

BAILEY SOON TO RETURN.

Senator Makes No Speeches Until After Oct. 1.

New York, July 28.—Senator Bailey, who has been under treatment in this city for bronchial ailment for more than a month, is about to go home. He said at the Waldorf-Astoria, in speaking of the political situation,

"I have been under the care of the doctors since the Denver convention, and have met but few people. I expect to return to Texas in a few days, but I do not expect to make a political speech until about Oct. 1."

HACKMAN SHOT ON SEAT.

Fell Over and in Five Minutes Breathed His Last.

Houston, July 28.—N. J. Bonner, owner and driver of a truck at La Porte, was shot and killed at the East railway depot at that place Sunday, and J. L. Mitchell, a prominent jeweler of Houston was taken in custody at his summer home, where he went right after the shooting, by the sheriff in connection with the killing. The shooting threw the little bay shore town into a fever of excitement, and the prisoner was hastened to Morgan's Point, where a launch was secured and the party came to this city.

Witnesses testified that Mitchell alighted from the morning train from Houston, walked around to where Bonner, who is a one-legged man, was seated on the box of his hack, and after a few words had passed between the men, Mitchell drew a pistol and fired three shots. Two shots took effect, one entering the region of the heart and the other in the back. It is claimed that either wound was sufficient of cause death.

Bonner fell back on his seat and asked a bystander to come to him and lay him down. He lived about five minutes, and spoke no other words, dying on the seat of his hack.

Dr. Holly Expires.

McKinney, July 25.—Dr. J. R. Holly of Copeville, who was assaulted Thursday, his skull being crushed, died Friday morning. Dutch Nowlin, a well known farmer of that community, charged with the killing, was brought here.

\$50.00 Reward.

We will give \$50.00 to anyone furnishing evidence that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons violating the Local Option Law.

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You need something to put under your new carpets, get old newspapers at THE STAR office 25cts a hundred.

NARRATED IN NOTES.

Teague, Tex., is to have waterworks. Cuba's "first real election" is to be held Aug. 10.

Mrs. W. K. English, a leading lady of Houston, is dead.

Ardmore, Okla., is to pave 100,000 more yards of street.

Six Katy freight cars were wrecked near Greenville, Tex.

The Katy railway will erect a fine station at Waxahachie, Tex.

Property values of Cleburne, Tex., have increased over \$400,000.

Louis Dittman met death in Lake Michigan quicksand at Chicago.

The water mains of Dallas are to be extended at a cost of \$35,000.

Near Uniontown, Pa., lightning killed George Walls and shocked his father.

Decatur, Tex., is to have a water tower with a capacity of 60,000 gallons.

Forty passengers were badly shaken at Chicago by the derailment of a train.

One mile west of Malakoff, Tex., Oma Granville, a negress, was shot to death.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Grace Love has been granted her sixth divorce.

Total loss of recent fire at Posa, Okla., foots up \$100,000, with \$50,000 insurance.

Near Tioga, Tex., Joe Pitts, a negro, was killed by lightning while at work in a field.

A button strangled to death at Bowie, Tex., the three-year-old son of Ran Boreing.

Ed Terrell was terribly wounded at Dallas by an ax in the hands of another negro.

Jim Davis was held without bail at Texarkana on charge of killing Carey Fowler, another negro.

George Bordeaux, many years a leading citizen of Palestine, Tex., died at Los Angeles, Cal.

In two hours \$3,676 was contributed in Oklahoma to the Democratic national campaign fund.

Sixty carloads of structural steel were shipped at one time from Pittsburg to the northwest.

While bathing in Lake Erie at Cedar Point, O., Mrs. Howard Dickson, married last May, drowned.

Lightning killed John Condren, a lad, near Connellsville, Pa. His sister was knocked unconscious.

Parsons' Texas Cavalry Brigade association meets in annual reunion at Ennis, Tex., Aug. 5 and 6.

An artesian well flowing over 1,000,000 gallons per day has been brought in at San Antonio.

Naka Naru, a Jap, shot to death at Harlem, N. Y., Hazel Kirk, a mulatto, and seriously wounded himself.

Mrs. Scranifa Salmon fell off a porch near Pittsburg, Pa., sustaining injuries that resulted in death.

Estimated cotton output the coming season for the gulf coast country is 25,000 bales. In 1905 it was fifty.

In a runaway near Farmersville, Tex., R. L. Moody was killed. His little son, with him, was uninjured.

If the New York Republicans so desire, Governor Hughes says he will be a candidate for another term.

Nine Chinamen were taken out of a freight car at Brady, Tex., and turned over to the Federal authorities.

Store of Hunter & Tyland at Bullard, sixteen miles south of Tyler, Tex., was robbed of \$250 worth of goods.

Lubbock, Tex., is to have the machine shops of the Altus, Roswell and El Paso railway and to be a division point.

Eight cadets, under suspension from West Point under charge of hazing, have been sent home pending investigation.

Four arrests in connection with the killing of two men and wounding of seven other persons were made near Boston.

Farmers, truck and fruit growers of east Texas are called to meet at Marshall Aug. 22 to discuss future prospects.

National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers, in session at Boston, elected George M. Courts of Galveston third vice president.

J. A. A. Vaughn, a Philadelphia bank runner, was choked by a man on a street car, who seized a wallet containing \$1,900 and escaped.

American Bankers' institute, in session at Providence, R. I., elected F. L. Johnson of St. Louis president. Seattle, Wash., is the next meeting place.

Pennsylvania railroad forestry department has this spring set out 625,000 trees, making 2,425,000 planted by that railroad since it undertook the work.

To save little Helen Gordon, saturated with burning oil from an exploding lamp, from death, W. C. Puyters threw her into Lake Michigan at Chicago, then jumped in and rescued her.

Safe in the store of W. H. B. Croom at Mooringsport, La., was blown open. There was no money in it. The safe is a total. Several sacks of flour were placed on it to deaden the explosion's sound.

Mistaken For a Squirrel.

Waxahachie, Tex., July 27.—James Shaw, a farmer of the Howard community, was accidentally shot and seriously wounded while hunting squirrels in Trinity river bottom near Tel-

lico. The gun was in the hands of Delta Floyd, who mistook the shaking of bushes by Mr. Shaw for a squirrel which he had heard barking. Mr. Shaw received the full charge of small shot from one barrel of a double barreled shotgun.

Culberson at Home.

Dallas, July 27.—Senator Culberson, wife and little daughter have returned from Washington.

Dies Suddenly.

Dallas, July 28.—J. P. Lewis died suddenly Sunday near here.



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Our friend was borne to his last resting place, and the sad rites performed under the auspices of the Odd Fellows fraternity. Bro. Shelton was an Odd Fellow of the best type and nowhere, it seems to me, have I ever met a more righteous man.

A good citizen, a worthy friend, a devoted husband and a kind father has passed beyond the borders of this life. A Christian gentleman has gone from the sanctity of his earthly abode to that home where sorrows and death are never known.

At the Baptist Church Rev. G. W. Parks spoke tenderly of our deceased Brother, and in his strong, manly way, offered kind words of consolation to the bereaved relatives and sorrowing friends and then, for the last time on this earth the serene face of our departed Brother was looked upon by the mourning multitude. We placed Brother Shelton's body in its bed of clay in the Clyde cemetery, but his spirit has gone to Him who breathes the perfume into the flowers of the prairie and inspires the songs of the birds in the forest.

He believed in the strength of manhood; in woman's tender devotion. He believed in duty and in God. He was true to his obligations. He lived and acted honestly and fairly with his fellow men until the close of his destiny came with an olive wreath from a happier land and found him ready to go.

It is better to have true friends and be called a good man, than to be the king of any domain or president of any Republic. We cannot overpraise the truly true and just. No eulogy is adequate for a righteous life except a satisfied conscience, and God's eternal approbation.

These are the first lines I've ever written to the memory of a deceased friend, but I was a friend to Brother Shelton and to the family he has left to mourn his loss. Let his profit by the example of his life. We are the guardians of the loved ones he left in his earthly home, but Odd-fellowship at Clyde has a vacant chair. We loved him, but he meets with us here no more. Up yonder where angels dwell, let it be entered upon the minutes of Heavens' Fraternity that Clyde wept when J. A. Shelton died.

To his family and friends this feeble tribute is offered in F. L. T. Fraternally,
M. C. COUNCIL.

The Postoffice has been moved to the new quarters in the Home National Bank building. A splendid and complete new outfit has been put in. One innovation is that all boxes lock with a combination, no keys as with the old system. Some one remarked that a few boys in town would soon learn every combination in the office. Just a word of warning on this point; this would be dangerous to any one. To open another person's box is a serious offense, a penitentiary offense we believe. Uncle Sam does not allow any tampering with his affairs.

Candidates Expenses.

All candidates must within ten days after the Primary file with the County Clerk an itemized bill of all money spent in the campaign. Candidates must do this or lay themselves liable under the law. Better do it today.

Lawrence Bowls, after spending sometime with the home folks, has returned to Dallas where he is taking a business course.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Sections 5 and 17 of said Article 4 so as to fix the compensation of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8000) dollars per annum in addition to the use of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, and the compensation of the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars per annum.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to provide that the Governor of the State shall receive as compensation for his services, an annual salary of eight thousand (\$8000) dollars and with the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, said Section 5 as amended, to read as follows:

Section 5. He shall, at stated times, receive as compensation for his services an annual salary of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars, and no more, and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture.

That Section 17 be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 17. If, during the vacancy in the office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor should die, resign, refuse to serve or be removed from office or be unable to serve or if he shall be impeached or absent from the State, the President of the Senate, for the time being, shall in like manner administer the government until he shall be succeeded by a Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per year, and no more. During the time he administers the government as Governor, he shall receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office, and no more. The President of the Senate, for the time being, shall, during the time he administers the government, receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received, had he been employed in the duties of his office.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, to be voted upon on the day of the next general election of the State of Texas, which will be held on the day fixed by law hereafter. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation and election. W. R. DAVIE,
(A true copy.) Secretary of State.

Fire Dept. and Band Boys Benefit.

On last Friday Mr. J. H. Hicks gave the Fire Department and the Band Boys a benefit at his ice cream parlor. At 5 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evening the Band Boys rendered a nice concert at the ice cream parlors and while business during the day was not so good as was expected the crowds that thronged the parlors in evening thoroughly compensated the boys for their trouble. The receipts of the evening amounted to nearly \$25 and with \$5 that J. Horace Terrell donated to the boys made them feel that they had done a good days work.

The Fire Dept. and Band Boys desire to thank Mr. Hicks for the liberality that he showed them and also Mr. Terrell for his liberal donation. These are the kind of sprits that help make public institutions a success. The boys also desire to thank all those who attended their benefit and hope they were well pleased with the evenings exercises.

Morrow Bros. are thoroughly renovating their barber shop and bath rooms and when completed Baird will have another up-to-date barber shop.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF THE—
FARMERS' NAT'L. BANK,
At Cross Plains in the State of Texas,
at the close of business, July 15, 1908.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$30,497 96
Overdraft secured and unsecured	145 53
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,300 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	306 63
Banking house, furniture, etc.	1,928 24
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,033 37
Due from State Bank and Bankers	67
Due from Approved reserve Agents	365 10
Checks and other cash items	204 81
Notes of other Nat'l. Banks	615 00
Fract'l paper cur'cy nickels and cents	10 39
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	2,226 00
Legal-tender notes, 1,953 00	4,178 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas., 5 per cent circulation	9,315 00
Total	\$45,840 70

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Surplus Fund	500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	608 95
National Bank notes outstanding	6,300 00
Due to other National banks.	62 40
Due to State Banks and Bankers	164 01
Individual deposits subject to check	12,144 09
Time certificate of deposit	1,000 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	1 25
Liabilities other than above stated Uncertified stock	
Total	\$45,840 70

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN) S.S.
I, S. F. BOND, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. F. BOND, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 1908.

W. Q. CROSS,
Notary Public, Callahan Co.
Correct—Attest:
E. J. BARR,
J. O. BARR, } Directors.
W. H. CLEMENTS }

TAXATION—SUBMITTING AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Joint Resolution amending Section 2, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted on school districts and providing for a majority vote of the property tax paying voters of such district to vote such tax.

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 2 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 2. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed twenty cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts within all or any of the counties of this State by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such school districts for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State of Texas shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election or at a special election called by the Governor and the sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publication of such proclamation. At such election the qualified electors voting and favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "For amendment to Section 2, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State, relating to public free schools," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on the ballot as follows: "Against amendment to Section 2, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State, relating to public free schools."

(A true copy.) W. R. DAVIE,
Secretary of State.

NOTICE

On Friday July 31st, at 8:30 p. m. the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will present in the Opera House a play entitled

"Scenes in Union Station"

It is a play of unusual merit, depicting in the truest sense the various phases of life. There are to be found the widower with his five small children, the old maid, school girls, dude, bride and groom, college quartette, colored people and numerous other equally entertaining characters.

The ladies feel safe in assuring all those who purchase tickets that the evening will be one of rare enjoyment, the cast of characters being particularly strong. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Tickets for sale by several young ladies of the Methodist Church and at Hick's Confectionery, where seats are reserved.

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Than Warren says, "You just ought to have seen two of the oldest cowmen in the county out with a bunch of cattle Monday." Than and Willis Asbury carried a bunch of bovines from Baird down to some pasture on the Bayou.

Byron Snyder and family left for Ohio Sunday, where they go on a visit to Mr. Snyder's relatives.

C. J. Sender, of Goldthwait, will open a tinnars and plumbing shop at the old Post Office stand next week.