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### Wants Guarantee for Bank Deposits.

Ryan declares emphatic federal guarantee of national banks. In his stay at Fort Worth said: "It is also an evidence that national banking laws are unequal to the emergency that some radical measures are imperative if the safety of the banks as well as the interests of the depositors are to be protected. We said elsewhere, a national guarantee of bank deposits is the only solution of the problem. This could be simply the entanglement alleviated by a general guarantee which would be supplemented by other guarantees. Oklahoma has taken the lead in this matter and I hope to see Texas a close second. I would even like to see the legislature called in special session to pass a bank deposit guarantee law."

### National Bank Condition.

A statement showing the condition of the National banks of the United States at the close of business Dec. 3 was Monday made public by the Comptroller of Currency. It shows that the total loans and discounts of the banks aggregate \$1,370,094; individual deposits \$46,873,717; cash resources, \$26,801,901; and deposits, \$1,370,094.

### Senatorship for Roosevelt.

A Washington correspondent says President Roosevelt will be a candidate for United States senator if Taft is elected president. This can be accepted as authoritative and final. He does not wish to be senator if a "reactionary" of his own party is elected. If he was, under those conditions, he would possibly be placed in the position where he would feel called upon to criticize his successor freely. If Taft is elected, the president feels free to say he would be glad to be in the senate.

Some time ago the president said he would like to go to the senate, but he doubted if he could ever be elected by a New York state legislature. He said that his only chance to be elected would be by a popular vote. Since then there have been some radical changes in the political situation in New York. It is to be noted that some of the republican leaders, in and out of the legislature, have been working in harmony with the national administration.

Every farmer should know the Russian thistle and be on his guard against its possible introduction into his fields. This weed is so pernicious in character that several western states have enacted very stringent measures for its control. Some of these states have even been obliged to aid in its destruction. Seeds of this pest have again been found in certain alfalfa seeds sent to Dr. O. N. Ball of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. A few years ago, he pointed out that alfalfa seed containing the seeds of Russian thistles were being sold by certain seedsmen. The weed itself has been found by Dr. Ball in several places in the state, especially in the Panhandle. It has been carefully described, and its seed figured in Bulletin 83 of the Texas Station. Parties intending to plant alfalfa should have their seed examined for this and other possible weed seeds. This will be at a cost, if a small sample is taken, of about 25 cents. Dr. O. N. Ball, Botanist, College Station, Texas.

Official statistics show that the total Catholic population in the United States is 6,862,413. Ministering to the needs of this vast body are 1,078 secular and regular priests, an average of one priest for 6,365 Catholics. In the United States, with a Catholic population of 6,862,413, there are only 1,078 priests.

### Business Phones.

Messages from Copenhagen that wireless telegrams were transmitted to the Weissen Zee near Berlin and the Baltic, near Copenhagen. Poulson, who has developed a new system of transmission, that he hoped to communicate with America, via Ireland, by telephone in February next.

### Heavy Weight Children.

The Dallas News gives a picture of two remarkable children. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ashcroft, of near Lannus, Fannin county, Tex. The eldest son, William Dewey, was born in 1898 and weighed 9 1/2 pounds at birth. At one year of age he weighed 52 pounds; present weight at 9 1/2 years 255. His height is 5 feet; waist 52 inches. At the age of 7 months he had an abscess in the throat; at 2 years of age he had pneumonia; at 2 1/2 years whooping cough; at 6 years diphtheria; at 7 years typhoid fever. His brother, Ernest Z., was born Dec. 4, 1903; weighed at birth 10 pounds, at 1 year 40, at 3 years 76, at present his weight is 105 pounds. His height is 3 feet 7 inches; waist 36 inches. These boys have five delicate little sisters, older and younger than themselves. The children are all strong and bright, healthy and happy. Their father is 6 feet in height and weighs 168 pounds; the mother is 5 feet 10 inches and weighs 150 pounds. The parents are natives of Georgia, but the children are all Texans.

A safe in Miller & Nelson's general store at Grant, Ok., 20 miles north of Paris, was blown with nitroglycerin between Sunday morning and the burglars took about \$700 in cash and checks. Another safe was opened by working the combination, but it contained nothing of value.

This office for neat job work.

### Want Teachers in the Philippines.

Qualified school teachers who would like to assist in the civilizing of the little brown brother in the Philippines will have an opportunity this week to accomplish their ambition. The civil service commission has arranged examinations for the holidays to fill nearly 300 vacancies in the islands of the far East. Unmarried women who have no fiancés or male relatives in the islands will be barred from taking the examination, as it has been found that such "unattached females" soon become homesick and have to be sent home before completing their contracts. A majority of the appointments will be made at an entrance salary of \$1,200 per year, and ambitious educators may in time be promoted to division superintendents and other important places in the civil service of the islands, with a corresponding increase in salary. One thousand American teachers are now maintained by Uncle Sam in the Philippines, and as a result it is declared that English is the dominant language, although Spanish was the language of the ruling race in the island for two and a half centuries.

### Chinese Treatment of Animals.

They never punish, hence a mule that in the hands of a foreigner would be useless or dangerous to those about it, becomes in the possession of a Chinaman as a lamb. We never beheld a runaway, a jibing or a vicious mule or a pony in a Chinaman's employment, but found the same, rattling, cheerful pace maintained over heavy or light roads, by means of a tur-r or cluk-k, the beast turning to the right or left, and stopping with but a hint from the reins. This treatment is extended to all animals they press into service. Often have I admired the tact exhibited in getting a large drove of sheep through narrow, crowded streets and alleys by merely having a little boy lead one of the flock in front, the others steadily following. Cattle, pigs and birds are equally cared for. We met in Paris in 1869 Mr. Burlin game, who was then our minister to China. We asked him whether a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals ought not to be formed in China. His reply was that there was no such thing in China as cruelty to animals; the Chinese were about the kindest people in the world in their treatment of them.—Our Dumb Animals.

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### STATE NEWS.

Since Williamson county went wet 20 saloons have opened. By Jan. 15 there will be 20 more.

Jas. A. McVittie, a cotton buyer of Sherman, was burned to death in a hotel fire in Fort Smith, Ark., Sunday morning.

E. L. Swains shipped about 2, 200 turkeys from Van Alstyne the 23d. Forty-odd wagons were at one time waiting to be unloaded.

Last Saturday Widd Payne, late of Rays' Mill, Collin county, was killed on the Boon place, 12 miles southwest of Memphis, cistern walls caving in, covering him with about 20 feet of earth.

Near Bracken, eight miles from San Antonio, W. Schaeffer, a stockman, was held up by four men and \$1,200 which he had just realized from a sale of livestock, taken from him. He resides in Comal county.

### Losing in Politeness.

The boy who refuses to say "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," to the man who is his elder only demonstrates that he is placing rotten rungs in the ladder of his life, which sooner or later, by the pressure of his own weight, will bear him down to the low level of life, where he belongs. The common law of all countries is to respect age and position. No other people in the world fail on this line like the American people, so statistics show.—Bonham Herald.

But, State Press is informed that even in the public schools in these days children are taught that they should not say "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," or "Yes, ma'am," and "No, ma'am." Upon what grounds this teaching of impoliteness or rudeness, as State Press regards it, is attempted to be justified he has not had the patience to inquire. There would be some sense in teaching a child to cut "Sir" and "Ma'am" if he were writing a telegram which is charged for by the word. That would be in the line of business education. It is barely allowable for the telephone girls to leave off the "Sirs" and "Ma'ams," as towns grow and the wires crowd, but to teach that these good, old-fashioned appellations of respect should be eliminated from our vocabulary is going altogether too far. Of course, we know more than our fathers did about a great many things, but "manners" isn't one of them.—Dallas News.

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**Governor's Appointments.**

Governor Campbell announced Tuesday that upon his return from his hunting trip with Wm. J. Bryan he will appoint Wm. F. Ramsey of Cleburne, at present chairman of the Penitentiary Board, Associate Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals, to succeed the late John N. Henderson.

He also appointed J. Boyd, assistant superintendent of the penitentiary at Rusk, superintendent of the state reformatory at Gatesville, to succeed the late E. F. Douglas.

The many friends over the state of Chas. H. Jenkins, of Brownwood, was in hopes the governor would appoint Mr. Jenkins to succeed Mr. Henderson.

Isaac Cohen, an old and well known Jewish character in Dallas and in Jewish circles generally over the state because of his frequently acting in the capacity of rabbi in smaller towns on holiday occasions, was killed on the Santa Fe railroad tracks a short distance from his home in Dallas Christmas night.

Three Amarillo prisoners broke jail at that place by overpowering and gagging the jailer Christmas day. All were accused of theft, two of them of horse theft. They are G. G. Blessing, C. G. Thomas, E. W. Felts.

A Connecticut woman says she has been married 56 years and has never had a fuss with her husband. That goes to show how docile some husbands really are.—Fort Worth Worth Record.

We have had but little opportunity to get up matter for this issue, hence there is some curtailment of news.

**The Mineral Wealth of Texas.**

Little attention is paid to the mineral wealth of Texas at this time and one of our greatest fields of industrial exploitation is sadly neglected, due in part no doubt to the backward step taken by the Twenty ninth legislature in abolishing the State Geological Survey that was established in 1903. What influence is brought to bear, if any, or what psychological phenomena deters our people from making a thorough investigation of our apparent mineral wealth, is hard to understand.

Before the civil war we established a State Geological Survey which was making great progress even with the difficult means of transportation of that time, but the war came on and the hard times consequent of it caused the work to be abandoned. Another start was made in 1903, but the legislature killed it about the time it got fairly set to work and had begun to arouse the attention of the people by making investigations and publishing their results.

The study of geology and mineralogy has not been fostered in our state to a large extent and among our citizens today there is less general information on these subjects than the early settlers had, for the reason that the knowledge of these subjects is not so common in this new unknown country. Furthermore, they traveled overland in the slow going "schooners" and the necessities of their journeys made long stops en route compulsory and considerable time and opportunity was afforded to become familiar with the topography and geology of the land. Now a-days, when we travel we go whirling on a railroad train and most of us have got out of the habit of investigating and examining Nature's wonders. Nothing, of course, is of any value "around home," the home rocks, soils and sands, being without honor like the home philosopher.

The histories, biographies and personal recollections that come to us from the early settlers invariably give accounts of reports

ed or actual mineral finds or prospects.

The first map of the territory which afterward became the Republic of Texas which was printed in Lexington, Ky., in 1836, records the fact that copper mines existed in the Wichita mountains, which, according to old Spanish records, were worked in the early years of the nineteenth century. Even to-day there are evidences of these mining operations of a hundred years ago.

The salt lakes of Van Zandt county were discovered early in the 40's when the old Dallas and Shreveport road was the commercial highway between the steamboats on the Red River and central and north Texas and Van Zandt salt was transported far and wide. A village of salt makers sprang up at the lakes who did a prosperous business in making salt the year round until about 1871 when the Houston & Texas Central railroad from tide water reached well up into central Texas.

The Llano region since the earliest advent of the Anglo-Saxon has been a fabled land of gold, and fortune hunters by the score have ransacked its hills in an endeavor to discover the "mother lode" from which for thousands of years there have trickled the particles of gold that are found in the beds of every stream in that region. A "lucky strike" may yet make a modern Croesus out of some unsuspecting sheep herder or farmer.

Harden county was famed for its mineral oil before Moses Austin had perfected the plan to colonize this territory, but it took a hundred years of knowledge to crystallize an effort to bring from the bowels of the earth the vast treasures hidden there. Had it not been for one man, Capt. A. F. Lucas, who spent

his limited means with such determination and sublime faith in boring an oil well near Beaumont in 1901, possibly many more years would pass before the secret of the enormous oil deposits would be known. According to the reports of the United States Geological Survey, during the five years subsequent to the discovery of oil by Capt. Lucas, a hundred million barrels of oil was produced from the Beaumont or Southeastern oil fields.—Milton Everett.

**A Woman's Back**

Has many aches and pains caused by weaknesses and falling, or other displacement, of the pelvic organs. Other symptoms of female weakness are frequent headache, dizziness, imaginary specks or dark spots floating before the eyes, gnawing sensation in stomach, dragging or bearing down in lower abdominal or pelvic region, disagreeable drains from pelvic organs, faint spells with general weakness. If any considerable number of the above symptoms are present there is no remedy that will give quicker relief or a more permanent cure than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It has a record of over forty years of cures. It is the most potent invigorating tonic and strengthening medicine known to medical science. It is made of the glyceric extracts of native medicinal roots found in our forests and contains not a drop of alcohol or harmful, or habit-forming drugs. Its ingredients are all printed on the bottle-wrapper and attested under oath as correct.

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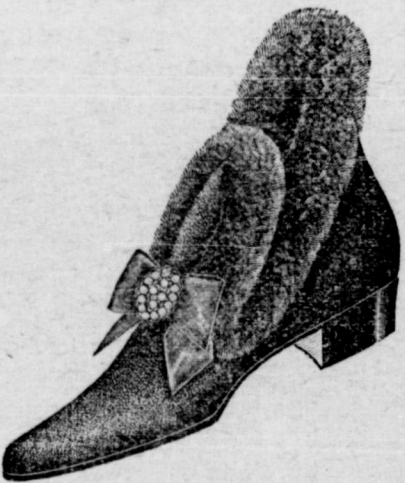
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