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## Townsend Defends Rate Law—Cockran Calls Financiers Criminal.

In a congressional debate Monday Mr. Townsend said he knew of no self-respecting railroad manager who ever claimed that the rate law injured the railroad business. Some criminals, he said, were brought to justice and others were at least exposed to arrest. He spoke of the raid on the banks of the country in October and November last, and of the millions of dollars withdrawn from business for hoarding purposes.

"If," he said, "the gentlemen may mean that because some men who saw that the rate law itself could not disturb business, but rather would make it more stable and therefore more desirable, were still intent on discrediting it and the administration which fathered it; if they mean these men, a few of them, became worse than the vilest burglar who ever blew a safe or used a jimmy, worse than the highwayman who in the pistol's flash, puts out life and steals the purse, tapped the arteries of the financial system and drew out sufficient of the circulating medium to threaten commercial life with stagnation and death, then I can see some logic in their contention."

These logicians, he said, said that these financiers would not ruin themselves to vent their spite. If, he said, the country had reached the point when the conscienceless powerful must be left alone in order to avert even a general panic, he believed the honest and thoughtful sentiment of the great majority of the people in saying:

"Let the structure fall, and on the ruins, from our great national resources and with our pathetic citizens of all classes, unhampered and unfettered by the powerful we will lay deep and strong a foundation of an industrial edifice which cannot be wrecked by men who profit by the losses of others and thieves on threats of destruction."

Mr. Townsend denied that the rate law and the principles it represented were of democratic origin or concoction, and he inquired if the president had departed from republican policies when he advocated it.

He then discussed anti-trust legislation, and compared the action under the administrations of Cleveland and Roosevelt. As compared with Cleveland's administration he said, there had been under President Roosevelt's administration four times as many bills in equity filed, nine times as many indictments found and seven times as many convictions had, with nine indictment cases still pending. Anti-trust laws, he said, were not of democratic origin and their enforcement was not to be democratic credit.

In making a reply to Mr. Townsend, Mr. Cockran grew vitriolic in his denunciation of bank presidents and corporation officials who had been guilty of illegal action. He first referred to the investigation and in speaking of the recent financial crisis, said it had been caused by relations of depravity in high places in the financial world.

"Was the president responsible for that?" he inquired.

The whole thing, he declared, grew out of a quarrel of the plunderers of insurance companies over the distribution of the spoils. So deeply had the public conscience become appalled, he said, by the spectacle of unpunished crime that never did it seem to draw on any one, publicists, journalists or prosecuting officers or even politicians, that instead of certain corporation heads being suffered to do some

house cleaning in the corporations they had pillaged, they ought to be sent to do some cell clearing in the penitentiary.

Regarding recent bank failures in New York, Cockran said that not one of them failed through error of judgment. "Every one of them," he said, "was ruined by crime."

He charged that the officers which were being pursued before grand juries and criminal courts actually had set themselves to work to raise funds to re-open the concerns and induce depositors to sanction delay in the payment of their money, and he said "they are treated as saviours of society because they had not blown up the building in addition to pilfering the funds."

He did not believe the president yet had exhausted all his powers, but he said, "I do say that this message shows he appreciates his duty."

### More for Pensions.

Under suspension of the rules the house Tuesday took up the Sulloway bill granting a flat pension to all widows of honorably discharged soldiers. Its provisions were explained by its author, who said it involved an additional expenditure of \$12,741,000.

An amendment was sought to be added to the bill by Mr. Fulton of Oklahoma, making the pension \$30 per month, but under the rules that could not be done. He, however, expressed his approval of the measure and urged its passage.

Amid loud applause, the bill was passed without division and with only one voice in opposition. The bill increases the pensions of widows from \$8 to \$12 per month, and it is applicable to all such pensions for less than that rate, which have been or may be granted under existing pension laws.

### To Make Corporations Pay.

The attorney general's department furnished the comptroller with an opinion to the effect that all corporations in the state are subject to the gross receipts taxes and liable to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for a failure to make reports to the department as to the gross receipts, also to a penalty of 10 per cent for failure to pay the tax when due. This means that 400 corporations which failed to pay the tax must give the state an aggregate of half a million dollars.

Ten thousand men have been laid off since December by the Baldwin locomotive works of Philadelphia because of a slack of orders for engines. A member of the firm, in speaking of conditions at the works, says: "No substantial orders have come in since December. Where we formerly turned out about 60 locomotives a week, we are now turning out only 20 and in a short time will have finished up all our work. When asked the reason he replied: "Lack of orders not only from American but European sources. Japan is in a financial trouble and is sending us no orders at all. It is the same everywhere, not only in America but other countries from which we have received orders."

Rev. A. E. Dixon, pastor of Moody church, one of the largest congregations in Chicago, declared in an interview Monday night that President Roosevelt was like the prophet Isaiah in carrying the nation's sin. He said Roosevelt was the first of all presidents to apply, uninterruptedly the Christian principles in every day life and enforcement of the law. In the prayer meeting service Mr. Dixon declared the president's message the greatest sermon ever written.

Valentines at Stocking's store.

### Boycott Illegal.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Today, for the third time within a month, the supreme court of the United States promulgated an opinion construing laws adversely to the contentions of organized labor.

The first of the decisions was rendered Jan. 6 in the case of some railway employees who sought to secure damages under what is known as the "employers' liability law," making railroads responsible for injuries received from the negligence of fellow-servants, which law the court held to be unconstitutional.

The second important finding in this line was announced on Jan. 23, when the Erdman arbitration act, forbidding the discharge of employees because they are members of labor unions, was also declared to be invalid.

The verdict rendered today was in the case of Lawler vs. Loewe, the former a member of the Hatters' union, and the latter a hat manufacturer of Danbury, Conn. The case involved the applicability of the seventh section of the Sherman anti-trust law to conspiracies by labor unions to boycott articles entering into interstate trade. Under the terms of that provision the complaining party may collect three times the amount of his loss if, the charge is sustained. The union fought the case on the ground that the law is inapplicable to such organizations, but the court, whose opinion was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, failed to accept this view, and in effect held that the unions could not be permitted to interfere by boycott with the free exchange of commerce between the states. There was no dissenting opinion.

### CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

The senate Monday adopted Senator Tillman's resolution requesting the President to give information as to what action has been taken by the department of justice against railroads that have not complied with the laws relating to grants of public lands they have received in the past.

Tuesday a bill was introduced by Judge Smith appropriating \$300,000 for the use of the department of agriculture in its efforts to eradicate the cattle tick. Judge Smith for a long time has taken active interest in the work of fighting the tick.

The first appropriation, of \$82,500, made during the first session of the last congress, was due largely to his efforts and it was largely because of his insistence that in the last congress the amount was increased to \$150,000. Judge Smith thinks the results have justified that expenditure and warranted the doubling of it.

At Weatherford Tuesday night Ranger White was shot and almost instantly killed by a man named Clark, from Fort Worth. It seems that Clark was abusing a woman and some one called White's attention to it and suggested that he arrest Clark. White went up to Clark and told him he was under arrest. Instantly a pistol flashed and a shot followed, White falling to his knees at the first discharge. While in that position he fired twice at Clark, sending one bullet through his lower leg and another through his hip, inflicting two slight wounds. He himself had received mortal wounds in the meantime, one bullet passing through his left arm and into his side, near the heart, and another through his wrist. White died inside of a minute. Night Policeman Henry was at the depot at the time of the tragedy and immediately placed Clark under arrest.

### Abuse of the Injunction.

It was a foregone conclusion that the application for injunction against the officers of the Farmers' union and The Record would be denied upon the constitutional guarantee of free speech and a free press. The only wonder is that even a temporary injunction was granted. If the Record had been willing to get a little free advertising by sensational methods it would have defied the temporary writ by republishing the matter complained of, getting into contempt of court and letting one of its staff go to jail for a few days; but The Record always stands for orderly process and for respect to the courts of the land, even when they are wrong, because it has an abiding faith in the final wisdom of the judiciary and owes a citizen's duty to sustain it by patience and obedience.

The action was brought by O. P. Pyle and George B. Latham to restrain the union officers and the Record from publishing certain statements which the plaintiffs represented the defendants were about to make. Union officers had charged that there was a conspiracy to injure the organization or to restore bucket shops in Texas and the Record published statements from both sides. These statements and publications, the plaintiffs averred, identified them as the men charged by the union officers and they prayed for an injunction to prevent any further expression or publication.

If the doctrine of this application were sound, there would be an end of all liberty of speech. The officers of the Farmers' union might have indisputable evidence of a conspiracy to destroy the organization but they could not utter a warning to the members. Any political officer or candidate could enjoy his critics from expressing an unfavorable opinion of his conduct or qualifications. Any trickster or rascal could bottle up comment by any person or newspaper and proceed to do his worst. The bank wreckers, the trust conspirators, the hoodlums and all could enjoin the press and the officers of the law and hold high carnival of greed and corruption. The "rich malefactors" could enjoin President Roosevelt from calling them what they are.

It is a preposterous proposition. Furthermore, we do not doubt that the courts will sustain a newspaper's right to faithfully report the official acts of executives and managers of a great body of citizens like the Farmers' union, who cannot otherwise obtain proper information, and to faithfully report an altercation, with pertinent statements from both sides of the combat.

To hold otherwise will be to destroy one of the most useful functions of the press and make every newspaper that undertakes to print current events the victim instead of the chronicler of the dispute.

The courts know and the people know that in affairs of this kind touching conspicuous persons, private report exaggerates the facts and public report reveals the truth. A sensation hushed up is always magnified by rumor; faithfully reported, it stands upon its merits for the fair judgment of the people concerned.

Of course, persons and newspapers are responsible, civilly or criminally, for circulating falsehood, but neither an individual or a newspaper is to be stopped from freely speaking what may be true or false; and a newspaper must be allowed to publish the news about any matter or incident of public interest.—Fort Worth Record.

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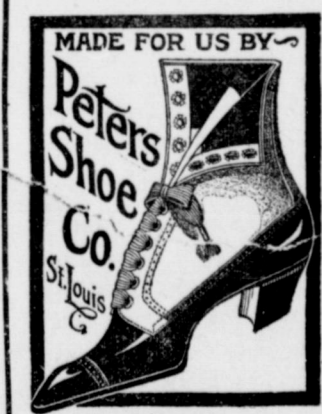
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Persons who are disposed to deal severely with the preacher or the editor whose teaching does not meet their views should remember that many tastes and many shades of opinion are to be met with. The sermon which fails wholly to appeal to you may be precisely what your neighbor wished and needed to hear. The article in your favorite paper which struck you as dull or as inappropriate may have brought to the editor a letter of hearty thanks from some reader who was pleased or helped by it. We should avoid making our personal tastes a criterion by which alone to measure the needs and the preferences of all our fellow-men.—Christian Advocate.

Souvenir post cards, pretty views in colors, of every town of importance in Texas. I have them; 2 cents each, postpaid. Henry Law, Goodnight, Tex. 9 tf

A Missouri dealer who was arrested for selling lemons on Sunday and convicted for violating the Sunday law appealed the case and won on the ground that lemons are medicine. The court had to decide the degree to which a substance must be used as a medicine in order to be classed in that important list of articles.—Panhandle.

Two hundred masked night riders visited Discourge, Ky., early Wednesday morning and applied the torch to Bennett's tobacco warehouse and distillery. The loss was about \$40,000. The riders were from the direction of Kuttawa and Eddyville, Lyon county.

Congressman Stephens of Texas has introduced a bill in the house authorizing the secretary of the interior to sell the odds and ends of unoccupied land in the Big pasture at not less than \$1 per acre.

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Who says no good can come out of Nazareth? A bill to stop betting on horse racing at tracks has been introduced in the Kentucky senate.

A special anniversary illustrated edition of the Mineral Wells Index is out and is a fine advertisement for that resort. W. B. Newton is editor and he takes a lively interest in working for his town.

The state Democratic executive committee is to meet in Fort Worth, Saturday, Feb. 15, to arrange for the first state convention of the party, to be held in May next.

Bids were opened in Austin Tuesday on eight sections of land in Winkler county. There were 30 bidders for the eight sections, the highest bid being \$6.26. One other section sold for \$5.26, and the others sold for about \$4 an acre. The land was listed at from \$2 to \$2.50.

Things are getting pretty hot among the republican politicians in congress. On the floor the other day Mr. Hepburn, in defending the president's message said that the condemnation of it only came from malefactors of the age, "and the gentleman from Ohio," meaning Senator Foraker.

President Roosevelt Wednesday temporarily suspended as public printer, Charles A. Stillings, and appointed William S. Rossister, temporarily to fill the duties of that office. The action as explained officially, is to facilitate an investigation now being made of the government printing offices by congress. Rossister now is chief of the census bureau.

The next meeting of the Texas Press Association will be at Mineral Wells in May, and Weatherford is making preparations to entertain the members as they stop there to change trains. The Fourth regiment band, the crack regimental band in the state, has already offered to furnish music for the occasion, which may take the form of a band concert, and other attractions are in to add to the entertainment of members of the fourth estate.

Not all the Indians are civilized, by any means. There are a lot of them who yet want to keep up their tribal relations and resent the effort to turn them over to the form of a white man's government. It is published that there are 600 full-blood Cherokees, most of them Night Hawks, who will never receive a foot of the princely domain that was once the property of that nation. For five years the government has kept open the allotment work, but these remain without land, without homes and possibly without enough to live on a month when they are forced out by those who have allotted their land. The Cherokee Night Hawks are the most stubborn of all Indians in their hatred of the government. An old Indian woman went to Tahlequah and selected her allotment. It was in the oil belt, and good wells were drilled. She went back among her Night Hawk friends and after that she refused to accept the money that was due her as royalty. When a man would go out to deliver the money to her she would not take it and would not speak even to an interpreter. It was the most baffling case that ever came before the commission. There were 147 Night Hawks who came in and selected land, and when their certificates were sent to them they refused to accept. There were 2,000 who were arbitrarily allotted who refused to accept certificates. The land was deeded them, however, regardless of this.

The hessian fly has begun work on Oklahoma wheat.

Mrs. B. T. Lane fell Monday and wrenched a knee badly and has been bedfast since.

**Dastardly Deeds of Night Riders.**

Two hundred masked night riders visited Dycusburg, Ky., Tuesday morning and applied the torch to Bennett's tobacco warehouse and distillery. Both were completely destroyed. The loss is about \$40,000. The mask riders came from the direction of Kuttawh and Eddyville, in Lyon county.

The mob shot up the home of William Groves, foreman of the tobacco factory, driving him from the building, when he was captured and whipped almost to death.

Henry Bennett, a member of the firm of Bennett Bros., was taken from his home, tied to a tree and whipped. He was left bound to the tree.

Bennett Bros. operate an independent factory and have been buying tobacco from non-association growers, it is claimed.

When the mob called at Groves' house they requested him to come out and be declined. The shooting at once began. Groves was in a room with his wife and children as the bullets began to fly through the windows he deemed it best to come out in order to save the lives of his family.

The News has little respect for any man who expresses his malice or his meanness through the medium of anonymous communications. This is equally true whether such communications relate to the News or to others. There is no good excuse for those who have been sending to Washington such communications relating to the record, conduct or character of Senator Bailey. The News would be the very last to approve any such method of opposition. It is unfair, unmanly and inexcusable.—Dallas News.

The News is eminently correct. Those who want to malign anybody while keeping themselves in the dark are close kin to the assassin who would stand in a dark alley and stab a man in the dark. They are despicable excuses for human beings.

The Review does not think it right to severely criticize a business man for failure to contribute to any enterprise. He may have good reasons for not doing so. This is a free country and a man has the right to do as he pleases with his money in the matter of contributing to public enterprises, the support of which is not a legal duty.—Athens Review.

Correct. Too many business men allow themselves to be mulcted through fear of losing popularity and trade. Through policy a merchant often contributes to collections which do not have his approval, and there is a distinct tendency in every sizable town to take up a collection on any trivial pretext that presents itself. Such collections as are here criticised are not the usual church collections.

The Elgin National Watch company is about to discharge a thousand or two employees who are so nicely protected by the tariff which enables the Elgin Watch company to charge American dealers \$10.15 for the watch that is sold to English dealers for \$7.41.—Ex.

Over at Roswell, N. M., a few days ago J. L. Beard, aged 55, was clubbed to death by S. J. Hucceby, aged 45. Both are farmers with families, and the assault occurred in the presence of the wives of both men. Hucceby is in jail there. Beard formerly lived in Archer City, Texas.

A farmer in Wood county, Tex., employed an Irishman to cut a ditch so long, so wide and so deep. When the Irishman sued the farmer before Hogg in the justice's court, the two did not swear alike. Hogg told the constable to adjourn court for two hours; so Hogg went down, measured the ditch himself, came back and decided the case in favor of the Irishman.—Ex.

**Market Report.**  
The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:  
Steers \$3.85 to \$5.25.  
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For County Treasurer,  
GUSS JOHNSON.  
For Tax Assessor,  
R. H. ELKINS.

**STATE NEWS.**

There were 967 poll tax receipts issued in Childress to Feb. 1st. This is again of 430 over last year.

The infant of C. M. Drake of near Brownwood, fell in a fire and was so badly burned that death resulted.

Walter Brandenberger, a Denton, Tex., boy, sustained a compound hip fracture by a horse kicking him. The broken bones protruded through the flesh.

Joe Daniels, a machinist, was crushed to death Friday while doing special work at Temple in a bank building where a vault was being placed.

At Fort Worth Tuesday night, Mrs. C. F. Gibson, whose husband was killed in a street car accident, lost her home by fire. Loss \$1,800, insurance \$1,000.

One hundred men employed by the Lufkin Land and Lumber company have gone out on a strike because the management requested an 11-hour workday.

Down at Luling Wednesday as a result of a shooting affray S. J. Wyatt of Gonzales, a bystander, and Jim Dukes of Luling are dead. Ed Reedy was arrested.

"Granny" McAdams, said to be 108 years old, died near Chicota, Lamar county this week. She and her late husband went to Lamar county from Missouri in 1870, traveling in a wagon drawn by donkeys.

J. B. Gray of Fort Worth, proprietor of the Moon ranch in Cottle county, has sold 11,000 acres of that ranch to W. Q. Richards for \$55,000. Mr. Richards had formerly purchased the cattle on the Moon ranch.

Edward Greathouse of Mabank was the victim of money snatchers at the lower depot of the Texas and Pacific railway in Dallas Tuesday. They asked him to change a bill; when he pulled out his roll of \$25 they grabbed it and hopped from the train as it was leaving. At the H. & T. C. depot the same day F. T. Jones' pockets were picked of \$20.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Lutie Gresham to Robert H. Templeton, the ceremony to take place at 8 o'clock the evening of Feb. 12, at Point, Raines county, Texas, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ida Gresham. The happy couple will be at home in Wellington, Collingsworth county, Texas, after March 1. The bride is the intellectual and lovely daughter of Newt Gresham, who was the founder of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas and America.

J. D. Earnest of Big Springs has sold his 14,000-acre ranch in Borden county to a company composed of southwest Texas people, who will cut up the land and sell it to settlers. The ranch is said to be unusually well adapted to agricultural purposes. The price has not been announced. It is also reported that 80,000 acres from the Capitol Syndicate ranch has been sold to an agent named Wright, who has just concluded the sale of the W. E. Halsell Spring Lake ranch of 102,000 acres in Lynn and Garza counties. The tract will be put on the market this spring.

There is no such thing as a standstill. Nature abhors it like it does a vacuum. Progression or retrogression is certain in all lines. It appears to mind and morals and to material things alike. Activity is essential to progress, and inactivity is followed by retrogression. Hence it is said: "To him that hath shall be given away, even that which he hath."—Ex.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Robert Sawyer is building an additional rent house on his farm.

Miss Jesse Smith of Rowe visited her brother, Press Smith here this week.

S. T. Sayer has bought the Molesworth property in town at \$2,000.

A. L. Chase of Amarillo spent a day here this week looking over business interests.

Miss Maggie Kenslow of Rowe spent Thursday in Clarendon, the guest of Mrs. Kate Lockridge.

We regret to hear that Mrs. J. D. Calvery is very ill at the residence of J. R. Leather's at Lelia Lake.

Press Smith and family are moving to Wellington, where they can see after Mrs. Smith's mother's affairs.

J. T. Morrow has returned from Arlington, where he was called on account of the sickness and death of his father.

W. B. Jones, over in Wheeler county, shipped a load of pigs averaging 115 pounds to Ft. Worth this week and sold at \$4.25.

Fulton Hardwick, of Memphis, came up yesterday to embalm the body of Mr. Johnson, and was assisted by Will Morgan of Ardmore, Ok.

J. B. Naylor, who has been here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Naylor for a visit, left yesterday for his homestead claim near Portales, N. M.

N. A. Brekner of Gap Mills, W. Va., is here on a two week's visit with his uncle, L. F. Beckner. He will likely do some prospecting before returning home.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis, of Amarillo, is here to spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jack Mann. Mrs. Fannie Davis, of Childress, is visiting Mrs. Mann, also, this week.

Russell Skinner and family have moved here from Berthard, Col., and are living on the J. W. Kent place. Mr. Skinner recently bought the Campbell land south of town.

Rev. Burroughs tells us that the Baptist parsonage has undergone a big improvement and it is about ready for occupancy. The ladies of the church have had the work in charge.

A lot of Fort Collins, Col., people came in this week, among them Edwin Warren and wife, and son, W. B. Warren, F. C. Miller, A. Stewart and wife, and also Andrew Patterson of Denver.

We received a proposition yesterday for a distillery ad., \$21.84, all cash. But this, as all others like it heretofore, was promptly turned down, as much as we need the cash. We propose to run a clean paper while it is in our hands.

J. R. Dale and brother, and Mr. Marris of Brice, were here trading yesterday. They are all highly pleased with the country and say that the Brice country is settling very fast. One of the most urgent needs, they say, is a local store to supply the community. Miss Florence Crews has begun teaching a six months school there. Mr. Dale sends the Chronicle to his father in Tennessee, that he may learn something of the desirableness of the Panhandle.

Our new commercial club might catch a cue from what the Denton club is doing. Between forty and fifty "demonstration" farms will be located in the trade territory contiguous as a result of the efforts of the Club. J. L. Quicksall, representative of the Department of Agriculture, delivered an address before the club this week and a committee has raised something more than \$200 for defraying the expenses of seed, etc. There is an opening here for much on this line.

Mrs. J. S. Hayter is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Brown, of Archer City, this week.

S. O. Thompson was taken off this week to serve his two years by Penitentiary Agent Brown.

Geo. S. Steel sold 160 acres of land this week to H. Lott, taking some town property in exchange.

Miss Myrtle Blake and Mrs. Daisy Chapman, her sister, came down from Dalhart last night on a brief visit with their parents.

E. Dubbs & Sons sold their clothing and notion departments to A. T. Culbertson this week and the confectionery, cigar and soft drink business to C. E. Parks, who owns the building, and will occupy it. Mr. Dubbs bought land from Mr. Culbertson and will go out of business.

Clarendon Commercial Club. Clarendon has at last waked up to the importance of "doing something," and the business men here made a good start towards getting one in shape for active work.

Mr. W. C. Morgan took the matter up by circulating a call for a meeting, getting a number of names, resulting in a meeting at the courthouse Thursday night, during which Geo. R. Ray, the railroad surveyor of Roosevelt, Ok., made them a talk on a new railroad proposition and several local men made enthusiastic talks.

We could not attend the meeting, but are told that there is a lively determination to now do something for the upbuilding of the town. An organization was perfected by electing Mr. H. G. Shaw, president; W. C. Morgan, vice-president; J. E. Cooke, secretary, and W. H. Patrick, treasurer. Messrs. Morgan, Brooks and Blackwell were made a committee to secure club members.

A meeting is to be held tonight to hear the committee's report, adopt a constitution and by-laws and a line of action. A meeting is to be held Monday, at which a Mr. Clark, a railroad promoter of St. Louis, is expected to submit a definite proposition. It seems that these people want to build from Hope, Ark., to Texico, and are not asking a bonus, other than the right of way, but expect parties on the line to take stock.

Prof. Johnson Dead.

Prof. W. F. Johnson, who has been so ill with pneumonia as reported in the Chronicle, died yesterday morning. He was a member of the Clarendon Mercantile Company and had a host of friends, having been, before embarking in the mercantile business, a teacher in Clarendon College. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Hilburn, were held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon, after which the remains were shipped to Rockville, Tenn., for burial. Mr. Johnson was in his 32nd year, in the prime of manhood, and begun an active and useful career. Up to the time he was stricken with pneumonia his promise of a long life looked to be as good as that of any other strong, robust man, but alas, none of us know who the death angel will visit.

Program B. Y. P. U., Sunday February 2.

Subject—"Ministry to Strangers and the sick." Leader Mr. Palmer.

Scripture Lesson—Matt. 25:31-46.

Song. "Ministry to Strangers"—Paper by Lucile Neely.

"Ministry to a Servant"—Matt. 8:15-13—Elizabeth Tatum.

Song. "Ministry to the Sick"—Paper by May O'Neill.

"Ministry to the Multitude"—Matt. 14: 13-21—Obi Gibson.

The Stranger in the Church"—Discussion by the Leader. Closing exercises.

Roadside Trees.

The majority of the highroads in Belgium are now planted with trees along the way, to the great pleasure of travelers and to the advantage of the country. In a total distance of about 4,775 miles there are no less than 800,000 of these roadside trees.

D. B. Keeler, vice president and general manager, and M. A. Spoons, general attorney for the Ft. Worth and Denver, appeared before the railroad commission in Austin Thursday and secured an order extending until March 1 the time within which the road shall make definite answer to the commission's order referring to certain permanent improvements. The commission will also grant more time for the construction of the several depots ordered for certain stations on the line.

Over near Plainview Thursday while out duck hunting in an automobile, a gun was accidentally discharged and J. D. Stone was killed. He lived two hours after the accident and was conscious till twenty minutes before death. He gave the address of his wife in Amarillo and of his people in Arkansas. He belonged to the Woodmen.

A school land purchaser may use his home section as a base upon which to purchase other school land and then may sell to a second person, who may also use this section to purchase other school land. This judgment, handed down by the trial court in Travis county, was affirmed by the third court of civil appeals. The case involved about four sections each of land in Menard county, and if affirmed by the supreme court, will constitute a precedent heretofore not recognized by the general land office.

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The New French Machine Gun. Although the French army remains unshaken in the belief that its new machine gun, firing 650 balls a minute, is the most formidable in the world, certain important defects have been pointed out in all the gunnery camps where it has been tested. Owing to its practically unceasing fire gases generate, which throw it out of gear, though in some cases 10,000 shots have been fired without revealing any fault. The arsenal at St. Etienne has been furnished with designs for modifications which will remedy the defect, allowing for which officers believe that no regiment could advance 500 yards without most of the men and horses being hit owing to the gun's differential action.—London Globe.

Bridge Whist and Nails. Manicure girls find that their business, like most others, is suffering as a result of the slump in the stock market. But they are still doing fairly well, thanks to bridge whist. "As long as folks can afford to play bridge we'll have good business," explained one of the nail polishers. "Women who play the game have to be careful about the looks of their hands, they are so conspicuous when dealing and shuffling. In fact, the bridge craze saved the lives of most manicures. Highly polished nails had gone out of style, and the business was going to the dogs when the bridge craze saved the day."—New York Sun.

Blind Men's Playing Cards. "Since your father is blind, give him a pack of these blind men's playing cards with raised pips," said the dealer. "A fine idea, isn't it, cards for the blind? Many a bridge or poker expert would not regret so much his loss of sight were it not that it deprived him of his favorite game. Now the poor fellow need suffer that deprivation no longer. With a pack of raised cards and a trio of sightless cronies he can put in the evenings beautifully."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Use For a Megaphone. On the desk of Butler Ames in the house there stands a big megaphone when the member is not present, and when he is in his seat he puts the paper mache affair to his ear and not to his lips. "Why on earth have you brought that thing here?" asked a colleague. "So you can make the chair hear you?" "Not at all. I have had a little trouble hearing what is going on here, and I wanted to make sure to hear everything. This thing fills the bill."

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### Walsh on the Quarantine Line.

While in Fort Worth last Saturday Richard Walsh, manager of the Adair ranch and first vice president of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, in reference to the bill to be presented before the Senate Committee Feb. 14, said:

"There is not the slightest doubt in my mind but that the proposition wherein the government shall control the public grazing domains will be passed. Having just returned from the Panhandle district I find that the recent financial flurry made no impression and as a consequence those engaged in the cattle industry are shipping their stuff to the north.

"The Oklahoma probable litigation regarding the proposed installation of a new quarantine line sounds like a joke to me and from my observation it appears that Texas cattlemen will always have an outlet for the usual spring feeding.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

ROOSEVELT STRS 'EM UP. CHRONICLE Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—President Roosevelt undertook to stir up congress by a message calling attention to a number of pieces of legislation badly in need of attention. Truth to say, the message was cheered at the capitol more by the democrats than it was by the republicans. It was a good, stirring message, and it could be taken in two ways according as the hearer was of Roosevelt or anti-Roosevelt tendencies. Either way it was a good campaign document, and there was an order for an immediate edition of 12,000 printed.

The message was prompted first of all by the action of the supreme court recently in denying the legality of the Employers' Liability Act. It was to the need of legislation on this subject that the president called chief attention. He urges the re-enactment of the law, limiting scope so as to bring it within the limits of the constitution. In the same connection he urges the passage of a comprehensive act providing for the compensation of employees in the government service injured in the line of duty. Action is also urged against the "abuse of injunctions in labor cases." Another section calls attention to the necessity for legislation to give better control over corporations engaged in interstate business. A certain measure of federal control over the physical operations of the railroads is also urged. The suggestion is made that the use of the mails, telegraph and telephone service might also be denied to gamblers in stocks and futures, but the president admits that this is a hard matter to handle and will require careful regulation if regulation at all is possible. Finally he urges the fullest power for the Department of Justice in dealing with large corporations.

The president in dealing with the Employers' Liability Act points out that the supreme court admitted the constitutionality of the law so far as it dealt with persons engaged in interstate business, and rejected it only on account of its application to intra-state concerns. He says: "I urge the immediate re-enactment of the law, limiting its scope to the class of business to which it can legally apply, but strengthening its provisions within that scope. With this clear definition of responsibility, the several states will doubtless give to the subject with in their jurisdiction the consideration that its importance justifies."

As to the responsibility of the government, the message says: "I also urgently advise that a comprehensive act be passed providing for the compensation by the government of all employees injured in the government service. Under the present law a workman injured in the service of the government has no remedy and the entire burden of the accident falls on the helpless man, his wife and his young children. This is an outrage. It is a matter of humiliation to this nation that there should not be on the statute books provision to meet and partially atone for cruel misfortune when it comes to a man through no fault of his own while faithfully serving the public. In no other prominent commercial country of the world could such gross injustice occur, for almost all civilized nations have enacted legislation embodying complete recognition of the principle that places the entire trade risk for industrial accidents on the employer, which in this case is the government."

In pointing out why this is a fair arrangement, the president says that if the wage system were ideal, then the wages would be apportioned to cover these trade risks, and if all men were wise they would insure themselves with part of their wages against these risks. But neither of these ideal conditions exist, and in their absence, the only thing to do is to make the employer responsible for the risks necessarily run by the employees.

Naturally, the president refers to some of the attacks that have been

made on the administration and the charges that it is responsible for the present business depression, but he says that not only is the charge groundless but that there is no reason for any misgivings as to the future. He says: "We have just passed through two months of acute financial stress. At such a time it is a sad fact that a great many innocent people suffer through no fault of their own, and everyone must feel the most acute sympathy for them. At such a time there is a natural tendency on the part of many men to feel gloomy. But there is no justification for this feeling. There is no nation so absolutely sure of ultimate success as ours. Of course, we shall succeed. Ours is a nation of masterful energy with a continent for its domain and feels within its veins the thrill that comes to those who know they possess the future. We are not cast down by failure. We are upheld by the knowledge of ultimate triumph. The wrongs that exist are to be corrected, but they in no way justify doubt as to the final outcome. I do not for a moment believe that the actions of this administration have brought on business distress. So far as this is due to local and not world-wide causes, and to the action of particular individuals, it is due to the speculative folly and the flagrant dishonesty of a few men of great wealth who seek to shield themselves from the effects of their own wrong doing by ascribing its results to the action of those who have sought to put a stop to the wrongdoing. But if it were true that to cut out rottenness from the body politic meant a momentary check to an unhealthy seeming prosperity, I should not for one moment hesitate to put the knife to the corruption. On behalf of all our people it is necessary to insist on honesty in business and politics alike, in all walks of life, in big things and in little things upon just and fair dealing as between man and man. Those who demand this are striving for the right in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln when he said: 'Fondly do we hope and urgently do we pray that this scourge may speedily pass away. Yet if God wills that it continue till all the wealth that has been piled up by 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and every drop of blood that has been drawn by the lash shall be paid by another drawn by the sword, then shall it still be said as it was said 3,000 years ago: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. Therefore, with charity toward all, and malice toward none, let us strive on to finish the work we are in.'"

Commendable Filial Devotion. "Not long ago I saw a beautiful young lady walking arm in arm with her dear old father. They were loving chums, as interested in conversation as if they had been sweethearts, and the young woman showed by her every act that she considered it a privilege and a benediction to be the companion of one who had given the best years of his labor and his deepest thoughts to provide her with the many accomplishments she possesses. Here was the beautiful dawn of a glorious day side by side with the gray shadows of a sun disappearing—morning and evening hand in hand. The contrast was beautiful and inspiring. What thrills of love and pardonable pride this old man must feel throbbing in his bosom when he realizes that his loving daughter so loves him that she is only proud to have him for her companion anywhere, any time. He is glad that he has lived to be of use to his own, and now that she loves and respects him, and is not ashamed that others should know it, his latter years are filled with joy and he bravely faces the sunset of life made sweet by loving gratitude of his children."—McGregor Mirror.

At Billston, N. Y., Wednesday the mercury dropped to 45 degrees below zero. Continued cold caused great suffering among the poor.

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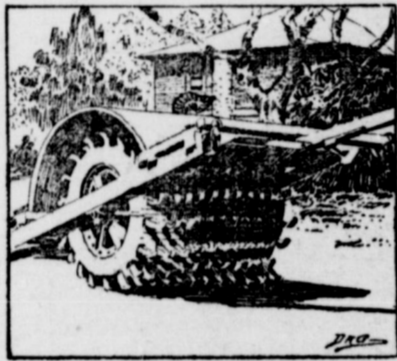
ROLLING TAMPER.

Curious Machine For Preparing a Road For Oil.

A new and curious kind of roller or "rolling tamper" has been devised for use with a type of road invented and used in California. This road has been called, from the place where it originated, the Santa Monica system and is little more than an oiled road in which the oil is caused to penetrate deeply instead of being merely spread over the top. The top soil is loosened to a depth of several inches, so that the oil when applied may penetrate for quite a distance below the surface. The earth thus oiled is then rolled and thoroughly compacted and practically forms an inferior kind of asphalt paving.

From the circumference of a large roller project a considerable number of tamping points, and the effect of this is to compact the soil from the bottom upward, these points sinking into the depth of the loosened earth and rising nearer and nearer to the surface as the bottom layers become contracted, until finally the tamping point sinks but a little distance into the surface of the roadway, says the Municipal Journal and Engineer. In using this method of road construction the earth is plowed to a depth of about six inches and is properly surfaced with a road machine, the clods or lumps having first been broken up with a harrow or similar machine. Asphaltic oil is then sprinkled over the roadway, the endeavor being to give about one gallon of oil to each square yard, and the oil and earth are then thoroughly mixed by a cultivator, after which the roller tamping begins. This process of oiling and tamping is repeated three times, until each square yard has received about three gallons of oil, when the surface is smoothed down by the use of an ordinary roller.

In the construction of reservoir embankments in India the British engineers substituted for the roller, which



ROLLING TAMPER FOR USE ON OILED ROADS is commonly employed in England as well as in the United States, flocks of goats, which were driven continuously back and forth across the earth as it was placed in thin layers by workmen, who brought it there in baskets, and it is probable that the compacting effected by the small hoofs of the goats is more thorough than that which would result from a grooved roller. It is said that the idea of the rolling tamper was suggested by seeing the effect upon the soil of the passing of a herd of sheep, and it would appear as though the effect of the two might be very similar. It is well known that an ordinary flat roller will not give nearly so solid an embankment as will a grooved roller.

Rural Delivery Notes

In Texas a woman has the contract to carry the mail from Kille to Sieral Hill, and Georgia has a woman mail carrier who travels a forty mile route triweekly, besides managing a large farm.

It is now only fourteen years since an appropriation of \$10,000 was made for experiments with the project of rural free delivery, says the Boston Globe. As recently as ten years ago the appropriation for this new service amounted to only \$40,000. Last year it was more than \$25,000,000, while this year rural free delivery will cost \$37,000,000!

Mrs. L. A. Donohue of Edgemoor, the only female rural mail carrier in Delaware, was a heroine the other day, says a Wilmington (Del.) dispatch. Unaided she captured Samuel Stewart, an escaping negro prisoner, at the point of a revolver. Stewart and two other negroes were arrested for acting suspiciously in the Edgemoor freight yards of the Pennsylvania railroad. Watchman Plumline locked them in an office, whereupon Stewart jumped through a window and dashed across the tracks. At this juncture Mrs. Donohue emerged from the railroad station with a mail bag. Running in front of the fleeing prisoner, she drew a pistol and compelled him to hold up his hands. The watchman then captured the negro.

Alexandria, Ind., has long had the honor of having a woman rural mail carrier. With the installation of rural free delivery Mrs. W. W. Condo began work at Alexandria on route 19 and with but a few days' exception, while ill, has not missed a week's service for her patrons. She is one of the most painstaking and popular of the eight rural carriers with routes centering in Alexandria. In the years Mrs. Condo has carried mail she has not neglected her household or social duties, being one of the most active members in two or three literary and social clubs. Tiring of horses, Mrs. Condo decided to surprise her patrons with an automobile. Without consulting any one except members of her family, Mrs. Condo bought an automobile buggy. In a few weeks she mastered the management of the conveyance. Mrs. Condo is financially independent and delivers mail for the benefit of the work and open air trips are to her health.

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