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## What Can Be Done on a Small Farm.

The following paper on the above subject was read at Hagerman, N. M., by H. C. Barron before the Farmers Institute recently:

The subject assigned, 'what can be done on a small farm,' might be said to be as broad as the universe, and extending from the Crucifixion down to the present day. Take the far East, China, where the son succeeds the father, generation after generation, and we find large families living upon a farm of from one-half to five acres. Go to fair Italy and you will find the farm of five to twenty acres producing an abundance for the owner. Sunny France and you find the small farm producing the world renowned grapes in quantities that astonish the Americans. Go to the rugged and picturesque Switzerland and we find the little farm of five, ten and twenty acres, with its own dairy and cheese factory supporting a large family in comfort and contentment, yes, and there is always something being added to the stocking in the closet, and so we might journey to Denmark to Sweden and Ireland where the small farm is an authentic, respective fact.

Coming into our own country where the government has more land than it can give away, and where in many instances the gift is far too large for the owner to profitably cultivate. Even here upon the Atlantic coast we find the small farm in profusion and it was one of these that produced the foundation of the Vanderbilt wealth. On the small farm we would turn to intense farming and would save intense worry.

Relegating theory from the question which if followed in practice would end in failure, I will state those facts which have come under my own personal observation.

Let us take a farm of twenty acres, north of here in the rain belt. The land costs \$500.00 per acre and might be said to be an onion farm as but little other crop was produced in comparison. In the busy season there were employed upon the place eight to ten men at \$1 per day each. Some seasons too much rain, again a drought was experienced. The onions sold at 50 to 60 cents per bushel. The net income per year was alone \$3,000.

A few years ago a gentleman in irrigated Colorado, became the laughing stock of his friends when he said he would make money on a ten acre farm. The ground was planted in fruit trees, such as apples, peach, pear and plum. In between were small fruits and vegetables. The income the first year was derived from the vegetables in the second there was added there to some small fruits. From this time on each year showed again over the preceding one until the tenth year; when we find them selling from that small farm of ten acres in the way of produce and fruits to the amount of nine thousand dollars per year. Coming down into the Pecos Valley we find a somewhat different condition prevailing, a nominally new country although well improved and settled upon, a railroad barely shaped up after its completion, traffic light, the transportation rates, both freight and express in consequence excessive. We find no canning facilities to handle the surplus and low grades of fruit and produce. Again the greater part of our active settlers have removed from a farm of 160 acres usually and are unacquainted with the details of a small one, and so naturally look for quantity especially on learning that by paying one or one and one half hundred dollars per acre for an alfalfa farm clearing a good fifty dollars per acre each year.

But I digress. To be moderate, I have raised onions at the rate of 12,000 pounds per acre, selling at 3 cents per pound. I have raised celery that weighed 28 pounds per bunch of 13 plants, or a little over two pounds per plant, and netted 40 cents per bunch. Tomatoes at the rate of 300 bushels to the acre that netted 20 to 60 per pound, or from \$1.21 to \$1.75 per bushel. Five boxes apples (old Ben Davis) picked from one 7 year-old tree that cleared 500 per box. I have 135 trees per acre in my orchard. Sweet potatoes at the rate of 15,000 pounds per acre that sold for 1 cent a pound.

I will now endeavor to show what can be done on a 20 acre farm. Will not take into consideration price paid for the land as it will depend on location, neither the cost of trees as one may take a high priced 2 year old, another a low grade, of a year. The expense of caring for trees and the results also depends on the farm.

Break up up the 20 acres and shape it well, lay off your tree rows 20 ft. apart, use Jonathan and Black, Ben Davis or Gano for permanent trees, Missouri Pippin for filler, now plant every other one a permanent, vice versa, a Missouri Pippin 16 feet apart in row or 135 trees per acre.

In this way there will be about 10 acres to cultivate if altogether. Plant two acres of onions, two of sweet potatoes, two of tomatoes, two of celery and remainder sun dries and corn for the horse and cow. Those crops, barring accidents, if well fertilized, watered and cultivated with fair market, and when augmented by the income from the cow and 200 good chickens, will return the owner \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year for the first three or four years. The third year the Missouri Pippin will have some scattering apples and from the fourth increase very rapidly. The permanent trees will make some returns the fifth year and increase in quantity for the next 15 or 20 years.

As the fruit increases a corresponding decrease in the produce would naturally follow.

At the tenth year the Missouri Pippin trees will be found to be broken, caused by the crowded fruit, and should be removed, producing \$15 to \$25 worth of wood per acre leaving the orchard 20x32 feet or 73 trees per acre.

From the tenth year onward for 25 years the 25-acre farm would produce clear to the owner \$5,000 in fruit each year, which is a very conservative estimate. I have not taken into account many small fruits, which if planted, do well, and would assist the produce account or decrease its acreage, as desired, during the first three or four years.—Ex.

## Higher Ocean Mail Contracts.

A sub-committee of the house committee on postoffices and postroads Monday voted to report favorably the bill authorizing an appropriation of \$3,600,000 for higher contract prices for carrying the United States mails between Pacific coast points and the Orient and between the United States and ports of South America. Of this amount \$180,000 is to be appropriated forthwith.

Secretary Cortelyou has issued a call demanding all banks holding over \$100,000 in public funds to return a portion of the deposits gradually to the treasury. The secretary states he has made careful inquiry into conditions in various portions of the country, and is satisfied conditions warrant the step. The order means the calling in of 25 per cent. of the public funds on deposit and means a withdrawal of about \$35,000,000 in the course of a few months.

## Deserving Tribute to Davidson.

Attorney Gen. Hadley, of Missouri, has a very favorable opinion of Attorney Gen. Davidson, of Texas, and Mr. Hadley's reputation as a trust fighter will doubtless have its influence in favor of Mr. Davidson.

When asked as to what he thought of political situation in Texas, and particularly as to the fight for the office of attorney general, he said:

"I do not know that I should make any comment upon this situation. Still I am not surprised to find a fight is being made on Attorney General Davidson for re-election. He is simply meeting with the same experience that public officials always meet with who oppose the Standard Oil trust and other special interests that levy an unlawful tribute upon the people. Such interests always favor public officials whom they can use and fight those whom they cannot control. It is said that Standard Oil trust and Mark Hanna once defeated an attorney general of Ohio for re-election because he had fought the Standard Oil trust, but I would be surprised to learn that such a campaign could be successful in Texas."

## School Text Books.

The following books have been selected by the state board and contracts awarded as indicated: Speller, the New Century spelling book (conditional), Silver, Burdett & Co.; Basis readers, Wheeler's primer, W. H. Wheeler & Co. Our Country's readers 1 to 5, Southern Publishing Co., languages, modern English lessons, Newson & Co.; composition, Webster, Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; Geography; all three grades, to American Book Co.; arithmetic, elementary and grammar schools, to Scott Foresman & Co., mental arithmetic, MacMillan & Co.; physiology, D. Appleton & Co.; hygiene, MacMillan & Co.; Towne's civil government, Austin Printing Co.; elementary United States history, Southern Publishing Co.; advanced United States history, Ginn & Co.; Pennybacker's Texas history, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker; elementary agriculture, MacMillan & Co.; writing books, Berry & Co.; algebra, Ginn & Co.; supplementary readers, Wheeler's first, second and third, Wheeler & Co. Only two Texas books were adopted, being Towne's civil government and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker's Texas history. Great disappointment prevails among publishers who did not get contracts.

By its noncompliance, with the state tax law, W. H. Wheeler & Co. of Chicago, whose primer and first, second and third readers were adopted, conditionally, by the state text-book board, loses its contract, which it might have had with the state for the next five years and which would have meant hundreds of thousands of dollars to it. The first second and third supplementary readers of Wheeler will be replaced by these books published by Atchison, Mentzer & Grover of Chicago, and sell for 30, 40 and 50 cents.

Attorney General Hadley of Missouri left Austin Tuesday for home, and before leaving said: "The weakness of the public side of the trust controversy is due to two causes, lack of continuity of effort on the part of state officers and lack of concert of action on the part of states. About the time a state official has the necessary experience to render efficient service to the people, his term of office expires, and he is succeeded by an inexperienced man."

## Waters-Pierce Ouster Sustained.

Austin, Feb. 26.—The supreme court of Texas today sustained the sentence of the lower court wherein they rendered judgment for \$1,600,000 damages and ouster from the state against Waters-Pierce Oil company for violating Texas anti-trust laws. The case will be appealed to the United States supreme court.

## Foraker, the Negro Advocate, Downed.

The senate committee on military affairs Tuesday voted for the resolution submitted by Lodge declaring the negroes guilty who shot up Brownsville two years ago. Foraker offered substitute after substitute, but he was out voted to the last. Practically every negro of the three companies of negro soldiers dishonorably discharged by President Roosevelt testified in his own behalf, while evidence in support of the president was given by many army officers and citizens of Brownsville. Throughout the entire controversy, which in many sections of the country has been made a political issue, the opposition to the president's order discharging the troops has been directed by Senator Foraker.

Five of the eight republicans voted with Foraker, and five democrats voted with the other four republicans to sustain Roosevelt. Foraker should now go "way back and sit down." But, instead, after taking up months of time and the taking of thousands of pages of testimony, he threatens to make a three days' speech in behalf of the discharged negroes.

## Slayden on Useless Extravagance.

Monday in congress the army appropriation bill, carrying \$95,007,566 was taken up. After Mr. Hull of Iowa had explained its provisions, Mr. Slayden of Texas criticized "the enormous extravagancies for the military establishment," while Mr. Holliday of Indiana, pleaded for increased pay for the enlisted men of the army.

"We are now almost, if not quite, a two billion dollar congress," he said. "At the rate we are traveling, we will soon have two billion dollar sessions."

He counseled retrenchment of expenditures in all the branches of the government. Referring to the annual expenditures for pensions, Mr. Slayden said it amounted to \$165,869,000, "a remarkable total that may well make the richest nation in the world 'sit up and take notice.'"

He took up seriatim the army pay bill appropriating \$85,000,000 and said it was sure to be increased by \$7,000,000; the naval bill, which he estimated would carry at the lowest \$125,000,000, and the volunteer retired list an appropriation of \$25,000,000 to \$65,000,000; he warned the members if they wanted their rivers and harbors improved, and their commerce developed, they must call a halt in extravagancies, in military appropriations, because "one spells construction, the other destruction, one will add to the sum of human happiness, the other to its misery."

Sixteen persons were injured, five of them seriously, at Lakeside, a new amusement park in Denver, when a car on the scenic railway left the track and hurled its occupants to the floor, 10 feet below. The railway was not completed, and the accident was due to the absence of a guard rail at the curve.

At Memphis, Tenn., a deal has been made whereby farmers will be loaned \$2,500,000 on cotton placed in storage. The cotton is practically all raised by Arkansas farmers.

## Leading Republican Candidate.

Under the above heading, the Independent, a New York weekly magazine, in its issue of Feb. 13 discusses the Republican presidential situation, as follows:

We made mention last week of the extraordinary unanimity with which our correspondents had expressed their enthusiastic approval of President Roosevelt's policies. The Chicago Tribune has now received about six thousand replies to questions as to the issues and candidates before the people, and has found the same unanimity. This is not so strange in the latter case, for that journal may be supposed to find its clientele mainly in the North Central States, while our circulation is widely distributed over the country, and not least in these Eastern States, where there is great difference of view. If we were to judge from the leading journals. But there is very little difference of view among the people. They take no stock in the "Roosevelt" panic. In this city the Times Sun and Evening Post, not to speak of the sensational morning journals are strongly in opposition, and the Tribune is coolly loyal. But they do not represent the people; they represent their owners.

And it is equally remarkable that the larger portion of the Democrats are as emphatic in their approval of the President's policies as are the Republicans. Indeed, it is not easy to see how the platforms of the two parties can differ, except as one will say protection, while the other will say revenue, and both agree for about the same revision of the tariff. But the tariff is not now the issue. The issue of the Governmental control of corporate activities in interstate traffic; and all these agree, except a few who declare that it is the President who created the panic. As to issues we seem to have come to a period of harmony, and not an "era of good feeling," like that of the time of President Monroe.

What, then, does this mean as to the selection of Presidential Candidates? It means that the Republicans are sure to nominate a man who will claim to represent Mr. Roosevelt's policies. That is settled. It means that the Democrats will do the same. But it also means that those who oppose these policies will work underhanded and seek the nomination of a candidate who will be in favor of the policies and laws, but against their execution. They will seek a "safe" man, a "conservative" man, a man with a less "eratic" and sensational temper and tongue than the present incumbent of office. They will then compare the records of candidates, the temper of their language on these subjects. The Democrats will divide between a man like Mr. Bryan whom the advanced wing will follow while the conservatives will ask for a man like Judge Gray, who will draw off the conservatives from the Republican ranks. Equally the Republicans will divide between a candidate who is positively pledged to the present policy of control, and one whose support of it will be lukewarm and ineffective. Who shall it be?

President Roosevelt believes that Mr. Taft would carry on his work, and wishes his nomination. We see no reason why a President should be forbidden to take an active interest in the selection of his successor, so long as he does not employ Latin-American methods of insuring his selection and election. The fact that the President's choice is for Taft will be a strong influence in his favor. The people believe in Roosevelt, and will believe in the man he believes in. In his speeches Mr. Taft has made his position clear and positive. There is no discount there. This is of es-

sential importance. There are two other things may be added, experience and character. His character is not simply beyond flaw, but from the beginning of his student life he has been noted for his high sense of honor, his avoidance of anything low or questionable. His experience has been beyond that of any other candidate in just those fields of service which will occupy our next president. He is an able lawyer, often spoken of for chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and has had that long judicial experience which gives weight and judgment. As secretary of war he has conducted in an admirable manner the development of our colonial possessions. He has been Colonial Secretary more than Secretary of war, and next to the internal question of control of corporations the control of our colonies in by far the most important business of our National Government. We desperately need a wise and strong man like Taft to see to it that the same sort of men who would monopolize our means of production and traffic do not exploit our colonial possessions to the injury and oppression of their inhabitants. We want a man who, like Taft, has shown his sympathy for the people, and has no patience with the racial antagonism which endangers our relation with them. It is a tremendous advantage which Mr. Taft has, that he has developed self-government in the Philippines, prosperity and good will in Porto Rico, has been benevolently disposed to the people of Cuba, and has ensured the success of the Isthmian Canal and of the little American territory thru which it passes. We do not mean in this at all to minimize the pre-eminent work of the president, but in all these matters, by his management and by his presence, he has done a marvelous service, which certifies what he would do as president. It is for these reasons that the people trust him.

## STATE NEWS.

M. B. Pulliam, a west Texas cattleman, and another party had their pockets picked at Laredo, Tex., in the custom house, each losing \$100.

Ben Sloan was killed at the salt works near Palestine Monday by N. D. Norton. The shooting is claimed to have been accidental. The body of the deceased was shipped to Grand Saline for burial.

The Hereford city council has ordered an election to be held April 7 to determine whether the city shall issue bonds in the sum \$20,000 for the purpose of putting in water works and sewerage systems.

Engineers will be put in the field not later than April 1, surveying a route for a railroad projected from Plainview to Midland, across the great staked plains, says J. H. Ransome, promoter of the line.

Jesse Melton, a farmer, accidentally shot and killed himself at Canton this week. He was crawling under a fence when his gun caught on a wire and was discharged. He had gone out to shoot owls that had been bothering him.

Upon pleas of guilty to indictments of burglary, the jury in the district court at Wichita Falls Saturday brought in a verdict in the cases of J. T. Brooks, J. L. Davis and Harry Johnston, who were caught in Hines Bros.' store at Iowa Park. In the case of J. T. Brooks, he was found to be under 16 years of age, and the jury recommended that his sentence be a term of two years in the state reformatory school. His two companions were sentenced to two years imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

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In refusing to sign a contract with the American Book company, Governor Campbell carried out his resolve that no corporation will be allowed to do business in Texas with his approval until it has proven that it is neither a trust nor connected with a trust. In the passage of the text book law by the last legislature, that body inserted in the bill a clause preventing the letting of contracts for books with any company which is connected with the so-called book trust.

This issue we present more political matter than usual, just for the information of our readers, not that it in any way coincides with our views. The Taft boosters are sending out considerable campaign matter and the Independent article on first page is part of it. We are no republican, and would not be for Taft if we were, or any other military man. On another page is an article on Judge Harmon, favored by the "conservative" element of the democratic party, and who, likely, is being talked of to detract from Bryan. But politics is a great game—read and take your choice.

The adverse criticism in Texas of the action of the democratic executive committee in refusing to submit the selection of delegates at large to the voters in the party, has touched a sensitive spot in Senator Bailey, and at his instance the avowed Bailey campaign committee has issued an open letter to J. M. Edwards of Tyler asking him to join in a request to the state democratic executive committee to alter its action, in opposing the selection of delegates at large to the democratic national convention by direct primary. Signers of the communication are Clarence Ousley, J. F. Hovenkamp, Nelson Phillips, T. N. Jones and W. L. Lemmon.

Kentucky night riders are still at work. Thursday they set fire to the residence of Broussais Gregory, one mile west of Hopkinsville, and fired guns into the bedroom in which Mr. Gregory, wife and baby were sleeping. Mrs. Gregory was shot at as she telephoned into town but not wounded. The residence was burned to the ground. Several miles from Frankfort the same day a large tobacco warehouse, belonging to Head & Switzer, was burned to the ground. It contained about 100,000 pounds of tobacco, which is not in the Equity Society pool. The insurance is said to have been cancelled some time ago. They have threatened outlawry across the river in Ohio.

Some absurd pleas can be put up as an excuse for crime. In the notorious Breathitt county, Ky., where crime runs rampant and where a lot of the inhabitants study enmity and hatred, 75 citizens have sent letters and petitions to Governor Patterson of Tennessee, pleading for the commutation of the death sentence of Ed Turner, formerly of Breathitt county, who has been sentenced to hang for the murder of his wife last April. The plea of petitioners is Turner was brought up in a godless community and he never had an opportunity to know right from wrong. They claim the wickedness of his wife unbalanced his mind and he killed her, not because he hated her, but because he loved her. Those are queer people in Breathitt.

A Massachusetts man knocked his wife down with a dried beef tongue. As an example of effective tongue lashing this incident is hard to beat.—Record.

Guess his own tongue was no match for hers.

A writer in a current publication dwells at considerable length upon the pleasures of the kitchen. But there is a lingering suspicion that the article is merely a cook-with-gas deception.—Fort Worth Record.

No, it wasn't that. It was just a policeman who broke into print who had been having a good time with the cook.

## Roosevelt Still Prodding Corruption.

That there will be no let-up in President Roosevelt's policy in warring against "rottenness and corruption," was emphatically declared by the president Wednesday in an address to the delegates to the department superintendents of the National Educational association during their reception at the White House. Continuing, the president gave his views on educational methods at considerable length and with characteristic catholicity of thought and vigor of expression. Among other things, he said:

"I trust that more and more of our people will see to it that the schools train toward and not away from the farm and the workshop. We have spoken a great deal about the dignity of labor in this country, but we have not acted up to our spoken words; for, in our education we have tended to proceed upon the assumption that the educated man was to be educated away from and not toward labor. We, too, in our turn, must show that we understand the law which decrees that a people which loses physical address invariably deteriorates; so that people shall understand that the good carpenter, the good blacksmith, the good mechanic and the good farmer really do fill the most important positions in our land, and that it is an evil thing for them and the nation to have their sons and daughters forsake the work which, if well and efficiently performed, means more than any other work for our improvement as a whole.

"One thing that I would have you teach your people is that whether you call the money gained salary or wages does not make any real difference, and that if by working hard with your hands you get more than if you work your head only, it does not atone for it to call the smaller amount salary. The term 'dignity of labor' implies that manual labor is as dignified as mental labor as, of course, it is. Indeed, the highest kind of labor is that which makes demands upon qualities of both head and hand, or heart, brains and body.

"We need to have a certain readjustment of values in this country which must primarily come through the efforts of you men and women here, and the men and women like you throughout this land. So teach the boy that he is to be expected to earn his own livelihood, that it is a shame and scandal for him not to be self-dependent, nor to be able to hold his own in the rough work of actual life. Teach the girl that so far from its being her duty to try to avoid all labor also, that it should be a matter of pride to her to be as good a housewife as her mother was before her."

## I. & G. N. Road in Hands of Receiver.

An order of Judge A. P. McCormick of the United States circuit court, appointing Judge T. J. Freeman receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway company, and the complaint of the Mercantile Trust company of New York, upon which the receiver was named, with the consent of the defendant company, were filed in the United States circuit court in Fort Worth Wednesday. Default in paying \$194,620 interest on bonds is given as the cause. The company operates 1,158 miles of road in Texas, one branch running from Longview to Laredo and other branches from Fort Worth and from Palestine to Galveston, and has a bonded indebtedness of \$25,327,053 and capital stock issued to the amount of \$9,755,000.

The pictures on first page this week are correctly labeled, and are not, as might be supposed from resemblance, the likenesses of Bros. Koch and Blake.—Banner-Stockman.

It is well that they were labeled, else no one would have discovered a "likeness" to anything. But, as the cut at top of last page of the B. S. is made to show whitest of the three, perhaps it is of the B. S. editor, wrongly labeled.

## Culberson Scores the Aldrich Bill.

Wednesday Senator Culberson in a speech outlined a number of amendments he will submit to the bill, one providing that after Jan. 1, 1909, every national bank shall keep on hand in its own vaults the reserve of lawful money required, and repealing the permission to keep a part of the reserve in other national banks; also making it unlawful to deposit public money in any national bank to be used, directly or indirectly, by the banks in speculative dealings in stocks or bonds or to supply funds to any operator on the Stock Exchange to be used in dealing on the exchange, and making it unlawful for national banks to make demand or other loans or give credit on their books to operators or any stock exchange to be used in dealings on the exchange.

Mr. Culberson then denounced the pending currency bill. "The operation of this bill," he declared, will give additional power to those whose machinations and lawlessness support and create such financial disturbances."

He contended that the bill would make a market for securities, which was what the financiers want.

"Whatever the cause of the financial crash may be," he added, "it was inexcusable and unwarranted by conditions, and in some of its phases was criminal and infamous."

Contending that there was no industrial cause for the panic, he cited statistics extensively to bear out his contention concerning the abundance of money in circulation. When the out of town banks were calling for the money from the New York reserve banks, he said, \$251,000,000 was loaned out on demand notes and stocks.

Mr. Culberson read newspaper reports on conditions in New York city when the "Morgan pool" was formed to save the acute money stringency there, and declared that it was "a story of violated law and of business dishonesty and immorality of the provisions of the banking law and subordination of the federal treasury to powerful private interests."

What was needed, he contended, was not more currency, but honest and legitimate banking unassociated with high finance.

Mr. Culberson declared that the money power had already dominated legislation from the "packing" of the supreme court of the United States in the legal tender case, down to the law passed last year, which gave the national banks without interest the use of \$250,000,000 of public money.

The house committee on the library Tuesday ordered a favorable report on the bill introduced by Mr. Gaines of Tennessee, appropriating \$30,000 to aid the Ladies' Hermitage Association to care for the "Hermitage," the home of former President Andrew Jackson, and to collect and purchase the remainder of the Andrew Jackson relics.

Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, who on Feb. 20 was condemned to death for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese, has petitioned Emperor Nicholas for a full pardon.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis, the oldest 4 years old, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home in Santa Rosa, N. M., Monday. It is supposed that the fire was started by an explosion of a gasoline stove.

Thirty thousand visitors from the interior of Peru went to Callao to see the American battleships.

Nineteen men started in a six-day walking match in convention hall at Kansas City Monday. They will walk to hours daily. Half a dozen of the contestants are well known pedestrians. The prominent pedestrians include Lightfoot West, an Indian of Oklahoma, and J. E. Blake, of Columbus, O.

I desire to thank all my patrons for their custom while in the tailoring business in Clarendon and ask a continuance to my successor.

R. T. Johnson.

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## THE NEWS

Barney Marshall was arrested in Dallas Wednesday charged with horse theft in Johnson county.

Nine cases of smallpox now exist in the town of Itasca, but it is confined to the negro section of that town.

Walter Meld, a boy, was thrown from a horse near Thorndale. His neck was broken; death was instantaneous.

Fifty-two out of sixty-eight divorce cases were dismissed Wednesday by District Judge Hawkins, at Waxahachie.

Fire at Barstow Thursday morning burned four business houses, causing a loss of \$7,000. The insurance is half the amount of the loss.

Owners of British ship Mary Wadsworth were fined \$200 at Port Arthur for violating law prohibiting foreign ships carrying freight or passengers from one American port to another.

Following a family quarrel at San Angelo Monday night, Seaborn Bell shot and dangerously, if not fatally, wounded his father, T. C. Bell. The weapon used was a shot gun, the father being armed with a 30-30 Winchester. The son was arrested and placed in jail.

Around Denison the fruit trees are so far advanced that a freeze will injure them seriously. Many trees are in actual bloom, while many are in bud. It is the impression of fruit raisers that the sudden cold snaps of March will prove disastrous to the fruit crop.

Fred Valentine, aged 17, was jailed at Ft. Worth Thursday on the charge of arson. He fired a house which burned with two others in North Ft. Worth, the loss being \$5,000. He says he did it at the suggestion of another man to satisfy a grudge against J. S. White, an occupant.

Will Sprinkle, a well known citizen of North Fort Worth, was attacked by two bloodhounds in the river flats this week, and was beating them off with a club when the animals' owner arrived and called the dogs off. They were set on the trail of negroes and accidentally got on the trail of Mr. Sprinkle.

Editor John S. Dunn, of the Bell County Gazette at Belton, was assaulted and seriously cut about the neck and face Tuesday night by Doc Flewelling of Temple. The trouble grew out of something Mr. Dunn had said in his paper with reference to the recent primary election at Temple, printed two or three weeks ago. Mr. Dunn was not anticipating any trouble, as the item had attracted no particular attention. His condition is serious. Flewelling was arrested and placed under \$1,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

## Commercial Secretaries Association Meeting.

We are requested by the publicity chairman of the above Association to publish the following call:

To the Agricultural and Commercial Interests of Texas:  
Pursuant to action of the State Association of Texas Commercial Secretaries in convention held in the city of Fort Worth, on this, the 15th day of February, call is hereby issued for a conference of representatives of the Agricultural and Commercial Interests of Texas for the purpose of discussing and proposing legislation as may be found inimical to the development of the agricultural or commercial interests, such conference to be held in the city of Fort Worth, on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

This conference is to be held with a view to determining legislative needs of the interests above named for the guidance of the legislative committee of the State Association of Commercial Clubs secretaries, organized for the purpose of actively advocating the enactment of needed legislation.

J. A. ARNOLD, President, Texas Commercial Secretaries Association.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Politics and political considerations so dominate the minds and occupy the time of members of congress this winter that there is comparatively little time left for legislation, and possibly this is just as well because of the fact that whenever legislation is considered more attention is given to the political effect which it will have than to the needs of the country or the possible result of the proposed statutes.

In the democratic ranks there is little dissension. Here and there may be found a democrat of standing who is opposed to the nomination of William Jennings Bryan, but they are few and far between, and at present there are no indications that the Denver convention will be other than a love-feast. Of course, the democrats are watching carefully for every misstep on the part of the republicans, hoping such can be turned to account politically and they are inclined to make stump speeches in congress, which, being a part of the Congressional Record, can be sent through the mails without payment of postage.

In the republican ranks, the division is sharply drawn. On the one hand are the president, Secretary Taft and the Roosevelt policies. On the other, are the anti-administration forces, with no particular candidate, the faction being led by Senator Crane, who has as his lieutenants Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, Senator Hemenway of Indiana, and Senators Foraker and Dick of Ohio. "Save us from Roosevelt and the Roosevelt policies," is the cry of certain interests which are strongly represented by the anti-administration forces, and those who have been trying to serve those interests have advocated the nomination of Hughes, Knox, Fairbanks and Cannon in rotation, but no one of these candidates makes sufficient progress to encourage his followers long to adhere to him, and they are as much in the air this week as they have been at any time this winter.

There was a certain gloom cast over the senate this week by the sudden death of Senator Latimer of South Carolina. Mr. Latimer was in the senate and apparently enjoying good health only a few days before his death. He was seized suddenly and operated on for appendicitis but the surgeons discovered too late that such was not his ailment.

There are indications that an excellent amendment will be added to the Aldrich bill before it passes the senate. It is that the railway bonds which the bill provides may be deposited as security for national bank circulation may be so accepted only after the interstate commerce commission has made an appraisal of the physical value of the railroad. In other words, the treasury must not accept a first

mortgage bond as the security for money without first ascertaining the value of the property mortgaged. This amendment has the full approval of the president, who believes it will add to the value of the bill.

The investigation of the government printing office is progressing steadily, although comparatively few of the results find their way into print, at least, accurately. There is such a tangle of the influence of labor unions, political influence and general opposition to economical administration that it is very difficult to arrive at an accurate estimate of the merits of the controversy. One thing seems certain, however, and that is that the former public printer, Mr. Stillings, was incapable of handling the complex organization of which he was given charge.

An exchange remarks that there has been a lot of money in hogs this winter, but the big packers got it.

Tom Galaher, traveling freight agent of the Santa Fe road, spent yesterday here looking after business.

The penal code bill revising and codifying the criminal law which has been before the senate almost since the opening of the session was passed by that body Wednesday.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Jas. H. Kelley is able to be out again since his protracted illness.

The young people enjoyed a party at Grandma Weatherly's last evening.

E. Leach, father of Mrs. Robert Lane, was here on a visit the first of the week.

Miss Susie Patterson, who is teaching at Giles, came up last night to visit home folks.

Mrs. S. E. Houk came up from Dallas Thursday and will again make Clarendon her home.

The city council is having a foot bridge built over the ditch at the rear of the Davis building.

The Rebecas initiated three new members Thursday night and have more to put through next meeting.

Mrs. M. I. Jordan left last night for a two or three weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Heath, at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. G. S. Patterson is still at Waxahachie with her father who is very ill, and whose condition is unchanged.

Yesterday was a real Spring day and it will not take many such to start the buds on the trees and the grass in the flats.

Miss Irene Burdett, who has been in Galveston several months, will return home tomorrow after a few days visit in Fort Worth.

M. K. Bond and son spent the first of the week out on their farm on Glenwood. They are preparing to make extensive improvements.

S. J. Lewis, J. H. King and families loaded their household effects yesterday and will leave today for Coleman, where Mr. Lewis owns property.

Mr. Bogard, who moved away from here two or three weeks ago to southeast Texas, has wrote back for a friend to rent him a house, as he did not find conditions there to all suit him.

Walker Lane and Bob Alexander of Alanreed spent yesterday here. They talk like there is a strong probability of McLean throwing her vote to Alanreed in the coming county seat contest in Gray county.

Commissioner, McGee, of Rowe, calls our attention to the omission of two of road overseers in his precinct, No. 3, as reported by us last Wednesday. They are T. A. Morgan, road 5, Lelia, and W. E. Ballew, road 6, Clarendon. Mr. Jennings initials are E. F. instead of E. T. He is overseer at Bray.

Business has been rather quiet about the court house since the adjournment of commissioners court. However, there has been a little work in justice court. H. Lott was fined \$2.50 by Justice Barnett and costs for being drunk. Besides this, after he was put in jail by Sheriff Patman to sober up, he proceeded to break up some chairs and terrorize the other prisoners until put in another room. A complaint was made against I. H. Doon by his son-in-law, F. M. Sullivan, for cursing the latter. From what we can learn, it is a case of too many trying to live under one roof.

Prof. Wade Willis announces in this issue of the Chronicle for the office of county and district clerk. Mr. Willis, though he has never before been a candidate for any office, has been teaching for the past eleven years, four years in Clarendon, and has always given the best of satisfaction in his school work. He is a graduate of Sam Houston Normal and holds a life certificate from that institution. He is therefore thoroughly qualified to fill the office. He is comparatively a young man, active in business, genial to strangers, social among his neighbors and popular a citizen. Later he expects to mix more with the voters, but he does not intend to neglect his school duties to electioneer.

S. J. Lewis sold his place this week to Lloyd Blackwell at \$2,500.

Attorney H. B. White and wife are spending the week in Galveston.

W. J. Parsons is back from his Guymon, Ok., trip. He says the upper Panhandle shows no effects of the panic.

John Alexander and W. C. Cottrell will leave tonight for Fort Worth to take in the state meeting of Odd Fellows.

R. S. Kimberlin, captain of San Lanham Camp, ex-Confederates, asks us to announce the regular meeting tomorrow at the courthouse, 3 p. m., and ask a good attendance.

A public 10-cent Tea will be given at the residence of Mrs. Al Gentry next Wednesday, 4 to 6 o'clock, by the ladies of the Baptist church. A cordial invitation is extended all.

A fire alarm was sounded Thursday from the home of Wes Lane, caused by Mrs. Lane's attempt to burn some spilled coal oil from the floor. But the fire was soon smothered out with quilts.

Mrs. L. C. Updike, from Loveland, Col., has bought the fixtures of the Clarendon Cafe and opened up in the Tax building. We are pleased to see this opened up again and believe Mrs. Updike will get a good trade.

#### Baptist Church.

Subject for Sunday, 11 a. m.: "Inspiration to Service, as to the Lord and Not to Man."

I. GROUNDS FOR COMMAND—"Do all to the glory of God." God is identified with human life, and there is no antagonism between His moral and physical government. He is related to the minutest and remotest acts of life, hence the injunction.

II. PERSONAL ELEMENT IN OUR SERVICE—We do act doubly in our service. Besides the thing itself, there is a person toward whom it is performed, "As you have done it to these, Christ says you have done it to me, too." Jesus stands in the rugged places of life, and says be a man, be loyal and "do it unto me." I sincerely hope to cheer and inspire some one in the battle of life, to duty and service, who may be about ready to give up.

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#### Theater Party.

Thursday evening Mr. John F. Cooke, of the Banner-Stockman, gave a theater party in honor of the K. K. Klub. The guests of the occasion were the ladies of the club and their husbands. The party witnessed the play, "A Run for His Money," at the opera house, and afterwards all adjourned to the Clarendon Cafe and enjoyed an oyster supper.

Mrs. Cooke, who is in Dallas for the benefit of her health, is greatly improved, and it was to celebrate her improved health the party was given the club, of which Mrs. Cooke is a member. From the way the guest, who furnished us with the item, expressed himself, the affair must have been successful in every way.

#### The Sorrel Horse Again.

The young lady who became interested in the item of the sorrel horse and buggy, said to us this week that the one who made the first mentioned observation should not let Mr. Jones ride alone, as this is leap year.

#### Program B. Y. P. U., Sunday, March 1.

Subject: "Life's Great Opportunity." Leader, Miss Nellie Burdett.

Scripture Lesson—Eccles 11:9-10:12.

Paper on "Love"—Miss

Scripture Reading—John 19—Miss Pearl Summerour.

Paper on "Worship"—Miss Besie Caraway.

Song: Paper on "Play"—Mrs. Gray.

Scripture Reading—Luke 19:29-44—Miss Fay Dodson.

Closing exercises.

Found—A 3-link pin. This office.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our rates for candidates' announcements are as follows, strictly cash in advance: District and county, \$10; precinct, \$5; city, \$2.50.

For District Attorney, A. A. LUMPKIN.

For County and District Clerk, C. A. BURTON.

For Sheriff, WADE WILLIS.

For Tax Collector, PAUL WILLIAMS.

For County Treasurer, JOHN CLOVER.

For Tax Assessor, R. H. ELK.

#### Rowe.

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Mrs. Lawrence Davis left Monday for a month's visit with her parents at Oklahoma City.

The 5-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boston died Tuesday evening, Feb. 25. Interment took place Wednesday in Rowe cemetery. The community sincerely sympathizes with the bereaved family.

Mrs. Lee Smith and children left Tuesday for their home at Boaz, N. M.

Mrs. Guill of McLean is visiting friends in Rowe and Hedley.

Mr. Foster of Jonesboro, Texas, is visiting his son-in-law, Mr. Langdon, of Hedley, and prospecting while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McDougal visited relatives in Clarendon Saturday and Sunday.

Hall Cutler is laid up this week with a siege of lagrip.

Lee Blair has sold his residence property in Hedley to G. A. Wimberly.

A. H. Newton lost a good horse a few days ago with blind staggers. Oat sowing is the order of the day in this community.

We are looking forward with interest to the evening of the teachers' institute, March 7. Arrangements are being made for free entertainment of the teachers.

#### Giles Gossip.

Reported For THE CHRONICLE

The school is progressing nicely, the enrollment for last month being 40 pupils.

Richard Wiley has gone to Wichita Falls.

J. P. Johnson has gone on a prospecting trip to New Mexico.

Mrs. Dayton Shelton has been quite sick this week but is reported better.

Mrs. Watt has recovered from a severe illness and she was visiting in the city Thursday.

Lyle Beckworth is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mevis.

Miss Dessa Young made a business trip to Memphis Thursday.

Mrs. Charlie Crow and children are visiting her father, J. S. Young.

Several of the community received invitations to the wedding of Miss Lillie Devine and Mr. Mart Crawford, which took place Thursday afternoon at the home of the groom's parents. A supper was given in honor of the happy couple.

Mr. Hale went to Memphis last Thursday.

#### Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday:

Steers \$4.00 to \$5.25.

Cows \$2.30 to \$3.30.

Calves \$2.40 to \$4.00.

Hogs \$4.32 to \$4.42.

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No. 27.  
To the Sheriff of Donley County—  
Greeting:  
Mollie E. Killfoil, guardian of the estate of Willie P. Ledgerwood and Annie Guernsey, minors, having filed in the county court her final account of the condition of the estate of said Willie P. Ledgerwood and Annie Guernsey, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days, in a newspaper regularly published in your county of Donley, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the May term, 1908, of said county court, commencing and to be held at the courthouse of said county, in the town of Clarendon, on the 4th day of May, 1908, when said account and application will be considered by said court.  
Witness: C. A. BURTON,  
Clerk of the County Court of Donley County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in the town of Clarendon, this 7th day of February, A. D., 1908.  
C. A. BURTON,  
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