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PURPOSES OF PROHIBITION DEMOCRATS.

Intention Is to Get Matter Before the People—Address to the Party.

Dallas, Tex., March 7.—To the Democracy of Texas; At a conference of democrats from many localities in Texas held in the city of Fort Worth Feb. 29, it was decided to enter into a campaign for the submission of the question of state prohibition to the people.

I was selected as manager of this campaign, and earnestly solicit the aid of every democrat in Texas and all others in sympathy with this great cause.

We will establish headquarters in Dallas and push the work of this campaign with all the energy and power we can muster within our ranks.

At the conference above mentioned the following resolution was passed:

"We, your committee, recommend that the state democratic executive committee be properly petitioned to submit to the democratic primary election of July 25, 1908, the issue as to whether or not the democratic party shall incorporate in its platform a demand for the submission of a prohibition amendment to the Constitution of Texas."

It will be seen by this resolution that we are not trying to commit the democratic party of Texas to new doctrine, but simply ask that it vote in the primaries in July to submit a constitutional amendment to the people of Texas for their adoption, or rejection as to them may seem proper.

To state the proposition more clearly, will say that we are acting under section 120 of the Terrell election law, which provides in part as follows:

"Any political party in this state in convention assembled shall never place in the platform or resolutions of the party they represent any demand for specific legislation on any subject, unless the demand for such specific legislation shall have been indorsed by a majority of all the votes cast in the primary election of such party * * * The state executive committee shall on petition of 10 per cent. of the voters of any party, as shown by the last primary election vote, submit any such question or questions to the voters at the general primary next preceding the state convention."

In accordance with the provisions of this law, we have prepared petitions and sent out to the various counties of the state to secure the required number of signatures. These petitions will be presented to the democratic executive committee at their meeting in June.

The question will then be placed upon the ticket to be voted in the primary election July 25, and all democrats participating in the primary will have the privilege of voting "for the submission of a constitutional amendment" or "against the submission of a constitutional amendment."

If a majority of democrats voting in the primary are in favor of submitting the amendment, then we will ask that it be inserted in the platform of the party, and become a platform demand.

This will give the legislature, which convenes next January, instructions to submit the amendment for state prohibition to the people of Texas for their adoption or rejection as to them may seem proper.

You will understand, therefore, that we are not asking the democrats, who vote in the primary election, to vote for or against state prohibition, but are asking them to vote whether or not a prohibition amendment to the constitution shall

be submitted to the people of Texas for their approval or rejection.

This proposition is democratic and in thorough accord with the principles of the democratic party, from its organization down to the present time. This being so, we earnestly appeal to every democrat in Texas to vote in the primary election July 25, of this year, for the submission of this question to the people of Texas.

The reports we have from various parts of the state clearly indicate that the time is ripe for this move, and if every democrat in sympathy with us will do his duty the results will be call we could desire; so let us rally to this cause with a determination to win.

Very respectfully,
STERLING P. STRONG,
Chairman.

Prohibition Rally.—Meetings Called for March 14th.

Dallas, Texas, March 7, 1908.

To the Democracy of Texas:
At a meeting of democrats, in the city of Fort Worth, Feb. 29th, from all parts of Texas, the following resolution was adopted:

"We, your committee, recommend that the state democratic executive committee be properly petitioned to submit to the democratic primary election of July 25, 1908, the issue as to whether or not the democratic party shall incorporate in its platform a demand for the submission of a prohibition amendment to the constitution of Texas."

It was further resolved that there be a rally of democrats, who favor the submission of this question, at the county seat or other convenient place in each county in Texas on March 14th, 1908, and thoroughly organize for work in this campaign by electing county and precinct chairmen; and making such other preparation as may be necessary to carry on a work of education in the interest of the submission to the people of this amendment.

This is, therefore, to urge every democrat who is in favor of submitting this question to the people to assemble at the time and places above mentioned and organize for work.

We hope every democrat in Texas will attend these rallies as no one should object to this question being submitted to the democratic voters of Texas.

Very respectfully,
STERLING P. STRONG,
Chairman.

Call for Contributions to Prohibition Campaign.

Dallas, Texas, March 7, 1908.—In assuming the management of the campaign for democratic submission of the prohibition question in Texas I realize we need the liberal support of our friends.

Every democrat who wants this question submitted to the people should feel that it is his cause.

If we have state prohibition in Texas it must come through the democratic party. And we are going to need financial aid in this campaign. If you contribute money for this cause be sure you pay it to a person authorized by our committee to collect funds or remit direct to Geo. W. Owens, Dallas, Texas, who is our Treasurer.

Any person who does not have a letter signed by me is not authorized to receive money for this campaign.

There are other prohibition workers in the field collecting funds to build up a prohibition party, and other organizations. Of course we do not undertake to deny their right to do such work, but money paid to them does not aid in the campaign I am selected to manage. Very respectfully,
STERLING P. STRONG, Chairman.

Amarillo Seeks a Packery.

Last week at Amarillo a meeting of the chamber of commerce and citizens generally was held to discuss the matter of packing house and the move will probably result in a deal being closed. President Sanburn of the chamber of commerce introduced O. W. Butts of Kansas City. Mr. Butts said that he had only a few hours to get possession of data necessary, but that the location, railroad facilities and surrounding markets were entirely favorable to the packing house proposition. He said that he would favor establishing a plant with a capacity of fifty cattle and two hundred head of hogs per day. Such a plant he said would place nearly a hundred hands on the payroll. He said that he was prepared to make a definite proposition as soon as he had time to look over the country and conditions a little, and stated that the small packery now had every advantage.

Addresses were made by O. H. Nelson of the Stock Yards Co., representatives of the Santa Fe live stock department, W. H. Fuqua and others, calling attention of the large shipments of hogs from this section of the country its adaptability to raising the finest grade of pork on earth, the advantages of cheaper rates, railroad facilities, markets, and other points of interest to Mr. Butts, and the statement was made that in forty-six counties in this immediate territory over 200,000 hogs were in sight according to the railroad and stock yard figures.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS
The House Committee on Arts and Expositions Thursday decided to report favorably a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the participation of the United States in the international exposition at Tokio, Japan, in 1912.

The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries has agreed to report favorably the bills appropriating \$200,000 for the establishment of fish hatcheries in Texas, Louisiana and eight other states.

The House has passed the bill appropriating \$403,030 for the payment of the claims of the Roman Catholic church in the Philippines for the occupancy of and damage to church property by American soldiers. During the debate Mr. Crumpacker said that he was informed that the claim of the Southern Methodist Publishing House for \$208,000 was based on a loss of only \$50,000. This brought Mr. Gaines of Tennessee to his feet. Shaking his fist at Mr. Crumpacker, he said: "I don't know who the gentleman's informant is, but whoever he may be he is a liar." This utterance was greeted with groans and laughter.

Fort Worth Burglars.
Twenty-three burglary cases out of approximately 55 prisoners in the county jail tells its own story. In other words, almost half of the county's guests at present are locked up on a charge of breaking into and appropriating something from the premises of someone else, and the number of burglary cases almost equals the sum total of every other kind of charge filed against the prisoners. To just what cause this state of affairs should be attributed remains a mystery, but the fact remains that this particular class of crime appears to be alarmingly on the increase, and hardly a day passes but shows its quota of arrests.—Record.

Japan has been compelled to vacate all Russian banks in Manchuria seized during the war.

Letting Out Shop Men.

It was announced in St. Louis Friday by the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain Railroad system that after March 10 the services of 2,000 men employed in the company's shops at the foot of Sidney and DeKalb streets there will be no longer required. With these additional dismissals the total number of idle employees of the system will reach 7,300.

No information as to the extent of the retrenchments now being carried on has been given out.

Concerning rumors regarding a contemplated receivership, M. C. Markham, assistant to Vice-President Clark, said:

"There is no truth in the rumor of contemplated receivership proceedings. We are able to pay all our debts, which ought to be proof enough that this company is not financially embarrassed."

How It Is in the Saloon Towns

Wichita Falls is fast filling up with tin-horn gamblers, hobos and thugs. They are seen daily wandering about the streets, appearing happy and at peace with all the world. No one has ever seen them work or ever heard of them trying to secure employment. They spend the days very much after the fashion of the owl—they sit around, look wise and spot their victims for the night—and when dark comes they sail forth from their respective holes and stalk abroad to do the work they have mapped out during the day and to enter upon any new lines which may present themselves.—Wichita Herald.

Not Destroyed Now.

The Index believes that at least 1,000 trees have been planted on the outside since the stock law election Saturday. You can see them in almost every block.—Childress Index.

Keeping on Easy Street.

The mortgage system has ruined many a farmer, and it has been a curse to many a business failure. There are fewer mortgages recorded in Wichita county than in any county in the whole state of Texas, population considered. Ninety per cent of the Wichita county farmers have paid for their farms and have money to their credit in the local banks.—Wichita Falls Times.

The Gould interest did some clever maneuvering last week to keep the I. & G. N. from doing the bidding of the railroad commission. For years the road has been milked in Texas for the benefit of the eastern part of the system, and the commission very justly ordered them to make some needed improvements. Rather than comply with this reasonable request the Goulds let the road go into the hands of the friendly receiver, and can now laugh at the commission. Railroads have grown to be so powerful in this country that they can even defy the authority of Uncle Sam, and as a power within a power is breeding anarchy, we cannot think of another remedy but government ownership. The United States will be the last of the civilized nations to come to this. Everywhere else it has been found necessary long ago.—Quanah Tribune.

The editor made an overland trip to Graham last week. If the Jack county people could travel over the roads in Young county they certainly would not begrudge the road tax money they pay. It looks impossible that so much work could have been done on our roads with so little money. A man saves in the time of hauling and traveling enough to pay his tax.—Jacksboro News.

Anarchists and Anarchists.

An anarchist attempted to murder the chief of police of Chicago, and when the smoke of battle cleared away the anarchist was dead.

Possibly he was crazy. He came to this country two years ago from Kishineff, a city of Russia, where a thousand Jews were murdered by a Russian mob and Russian soldiers in order to make an Easter celebration a glorious and more sacred holiday.

There is no place in this country for an anarchist. The United States is not Russia. Here all men are supposed to be equal under the law; in this country every man can have his day in court.

There is more of anarchy in America than that which manifests itself under the form of assassination.

Goebel was assassinated several years ago in Kentucky. The act was parallel to that of the slaying of a ruler in Europe.

There is organized anarchy in Kentucky now. Men go up and down the state destroying property and whipping or killing their neighbors. They are banded together. This is organized anarchy. These men do not commit their crimes in the heat of passion. Their plans are well matured and carefully carried out.

The anarchist has no respect for law and when any man raises his hand against the law, that act makes him an anarchist.

The fool at Chicago who tried to kill Shipley may have thought that he was avenging society. The night rider in Kentucky believes that he is protecting his home. The mob that storms a jail and takes out a person who has been convicted and hangs him believes it is doing the right thing against the prisoner; but that mob is committing a greater crime against the state; that mob is an assassin of the law.—Commercial-Appeal.

Written by Trusts.

The charge was made on the floor of the house of representatives Thursday by Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska that the committee on ways and means had been a party, either knowingly or in ignorance, "to gigantic schemes of plunder." He was speaking on the tariff question with special reference to the duty on wood pulp, although he referred to other schedules. He declared that the paper trust wrote in the Dingley bill the paper schedule; that the lumber trust wrote the lumber schedule; the steel trust the steel schedule, and the other trusts other schedules affecting their interests.

In the Nebraska populist state convention Thursday resolutions reaffirming the Omaha platform, enunciated in 1892, and declaring for the support of W. J. Bryan by all populists, were passed after which the convention listened to speeches of the true populist brand.

As organs of "Baileysism," some of the Texas dailies are kept busy knocking Attorney General Davidson, but as newspapers they are frequently compelled to report his success. Recent instances are the repeated victories of the state over the Water-Pierce Oil Company in the courts, and the recovery to the state school fund of thirty-three sections of school land by Commissioner J. J. Terrell and Attorney-General's department.—Wise County Index.

Ellwood T. Hance, first vice-president of the Union Trust company and former postmaster of Detroit, shot and killed himself Thursday in that city. His friends say he has been greatly depressed over his financial affairs and poor health. Hance was 56 years old.

STATE NEWS.

Childress voted a stock law by 136 to 93.

Three divorces were granted at Quanah last week.

There were 85 births and 52 deaths in Grayson county during February.

A party of six persons from Temple who had been bitten by a mad dog arrived for treatment at the State Pasteur Institute in one day last week.

At the State Pasteur Institute in Austin many are taking treatment against hydrophobia. They have been bitten by animals believed to be afflicted with rabies. The institute will soon have treated 1,000 patients. It loss but three.

Will Evans, aged 45 years, was found dead in a small tank, four miles south of Goldthwait Saturday. He left there Wednesday alone and had been fishing in the tank where found. He was subject to sudden illness, and it is supposed he fell on his face and drowned.

As a reminder of days gone by when cattle thefts were numerous, B. S. Boyson has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who took 10 head of cattle from his pens in the edge of Brownwood and from his ranch near there.

An Austin dispatch says the bank reports are showing the state banks to be in exceptionally good conditions at this time of year, and the commissioner of banking is gratified with the showing made as a result of his call for reports at the close of business Feb. 14.

Nordica Pearson, son of Mrs. M. B. Pearson, residing seven miles southwest of Snyder, was found dead, hanging to a rafter in the barn, Friday by his mother. The young man had been away all night, and when his mother next morning searched for him she opened the barn door and the suspended body of her son met her horrified gaze.

W. L. Callahan, inspector of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, with headquarters at Midland, reports that in his section of the country the cattle had wintered better than for many years, the range is in splendid condition and that the weather is all that could be desired. The loss of cattle through the winter will not be 1 per cent. this year, he says.

Dan Clancey, who gives his age as 88 years, arrived on foot in Denison last week. He claims to have walked all of the way from Burlington, Iowa. He will continue his journey on foot to Houston, where he has relatives. He says that he is walking just for the exercise, and says that he owes his perfect health and longevity to living outdoors and strenuous exercise.

Secretary Stratus of the department of commerce and labor will visit Texas next fall to meet various Texas commercial bodies for discussion of the best method to extend export trade from Texas. The secretary announced his intention to Representative Gregg and Colonel Gresham Thursday. They extended to him an invitation from Galveston chamber of commerce to visit Texas this spring.

Upon the suggestion of Col. W. F. Cody, a race of cow ponies from Edgemont, S. D., to Denver is being arranged, the first rider to arrive at the Colorado metropolis to receive a purse of \$1,000.

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We have been told that there is a girl in Clarendon who has eave-dropped so much over the telephone that the receiver has caused corns to grow on her ear.

Formerly it was supposed that cotton would only grow in the Gulf states, but we now wonder if there is any place it will not grow. We note in the Canadian Record that there has been marketed there this year 435 bales of the fleecy staple.

The ladies and a land company of Hereford are planting 2,000 trees in a full block park in the heart of the city. In future years this will be the admiration of every resident and visitor and the promoters will receive praises long after their useful career on earth is over.

The corporation court at Wichita Falls last week fined a man \$50 and costs for public intoxication and put him at work on the streets to work it out. That is the kind of medicine that will have an effect. A mere nominal fine is but a travesty on justice. Sometimes, of course, there are extenuating circumstances, but chronic cases should get the limit.

Texas is not the only lumber state, by long odds. One-sixth of the country's standing timber is in the state of Oregon. It is estimated at 3,000,000,000,000 feet. At \$12 per 1,000 feet, the state's timber is now worth \$3,600,000,000. Single logs, that in the form of sawed lumber, are worth from \$50 to \$100, are commonplace. Six hundred sawmills, employing 15,000 men, besides 7,000 men in the logging camps, produce 2,000,000,000 feet of lumber every year, for which the world's markets pay Oregon nearly \$45,000,000 for forest products of all classes.

The Amarillo Daily Panhandle is enthusiastically boosting a fair for Amarillo. It says: "The fair meeting held last night was large, enthusiastic and determined to do something. It laid the foundation for a Panhandle fair. The upper structure will follow naturally. Amarillo will lead out and there is no question about the following up of other Panhandle towns and counties. We will have a Panhandle fair that will surprise the world."

STATE NEWS

Near Charleston, Delta county, the 3 year-old son of Clarence Clayton was run over by a wagon and killed.

Incensed over some trivial act of Rose, her 7-year old daughter, Mrs. C. S. Barbour of Rapid City, S. D., shot and killed the little one.

Announcement was made Monday of the completion of a deal whereby J. B. Gray sold to W. Q. Richards 11,000 acres of the Moon ranch in Cottle county for \$55,000 cash. Mr. Richards owns an adjoining ranch and will add this 11,000 acres to his already large holdings, making the entire tract comprise about 75,000 acres. He expects to put 1,000 acres in cultivation.

J. R. Doster at Fort Worth has filed suit against the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway company for \$15,000 damages. In filing suit the plaintiff cites that May 8, 1906, he entered the depot at Childress to purchase a ticket to Fort Worth over the Denver line and though the day was chilly, found no fire in the depot. He claims to have asked the agent to start one for him, but was refused. He says he caught cold, then fever, then rheumatism, rendering him unfit for work.

An inch and a half to two inches of snow covered the plains yesterday.

J. J. Schmidt, sausage manufacturer, is to appear before the grand jury in Chicago to answer to the charge of having made his wares from the carcasses of dead horses.

Sermon By Phone.

Four thousand connections were made Sunday, through the Fort Worth telephone company by private subscribers to St. Paul's Methodist church, where a microphone had been installed directly in front of where the minister, Rev. Boeye, speaks. Connections were made with a special circuit at the telephone headquarters.

The plan was adopted to accommodate persons who were ill or detained at home by some other cause. So successful was the experiment that the plan will be introduced in other churches in the city.

The microphone is a small instrument which can scarcely be seen from the rear of the church. It is similar to an ordinary telephone, but a decidedly more delicate instrument.

Kansas Populists.

The populists of Kansas met in mass meeting yesterday at Topeka to decide whether or not they would put out a state ticket. The result we have not yet learned.

In his call for the meeting, Chairman George Hanna appealed to the voters of the party that produced a Jerry Simpson and a Senator Peffer in the following language:

"There is ample reason to maintain the organization of the People's party, with the record of the People's party as the advocate of reform principles which have since been claimed in part by both of the old political parties, each claiming to be the champion of the same. We are proud of the People's party's record in reform and we would gladly greet the old parties if they would adopt our pure democratic principles of government in relation to finance, land and transportation.

"What we call the People's party was organized in the homes and school houses of the country and not in its capitals and chief cities. It organizes sovereign political powers and admits no other organizations to be sovereign. It has no head centers. Unlike committees of other parties which flourish best when people are dormant, our committees cease to live when the people abandon their home organizations."

Amarillo, Hereford, Tullia and Plainview as well as Canyon City all have smallpox, and it is said that all have, or will at once, adopt measures to put a stop to its spread.—Canyon News.

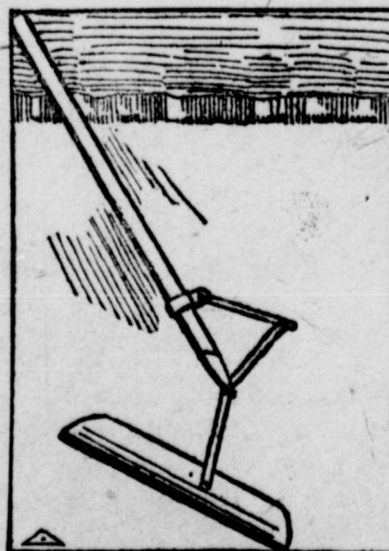
In future all executions in Virginia will be by electricity.

DITCH CLEANING SHOVEL.

Iowa Man's Improved Implement Good For Road Work.

Ditches along the roadsides should be kept clean and free from dead leaves, mud and refuse of all kinds that may collect there. Otherwise the water that runs off the roadbed will stay in the ditches and gradually undermine the foundation of the road and cause much trouble.

To prevent this an Iowa man has designed and patented a shovel that will



USEFUL DITCH CLEANER.

be found exceedingly convenient for cleaning ditches, says the Washington Star. Cleaning a ditch with an ordinary shovel entails almost as much work as rolling a peanut with a toothpick.

In this ditch cleaning shovel the shovel proper is rounded to correspond with the contour of the ditch, providing a convenient means of reaching dirt in the lower recesses of the ditch. The shovel is supported from the handle by an adjustable angle lever, it being possible to tilt the blade of the shovel at any desired angle.

The worst thing that can be said of the town cow is that she is a nuisance on the streets.

Against Ballyhoo.

At the Waco anti-Bailey meeting Saturday 2500 people from different parts of Texas assembled to whom Cullen F. Thomas delivered a hot speech of welcome.

Permanent officers, upon recommendation of the committee on permanent organization, were elected as follows: Thomas S. Henderson of Milam county, chairman; Lewis R. Bryan of Harris county, vice president; R. P. Phillips of Johnson county and A. L. Davis of Jefferson county, secretaries.

Chairman Henderson said the convention did not assemble in a spirit of intolerance, nor for the purpose of waging warfare upon any man. The delegates had no enemies except the enemies of Texas, and wherever they are found, even though entrenched in highest seats of power, he hoped those assembled would have the courage to bid them defiance. He invoked the spirit of Hogg on the meeting.

The following were nominated for delegates at large to the national democratic convention: Cone Johnson of Tyler, O. T. Holt of Houston, Cullen F. Thomas of Waco and Lee Young of Stephenville.

For alternates: R. C. Dial of Greenville, Marshall Hicks of San Antonio, Alvin C. Owsley of Denton and Walter Tips of Austin.

For presidential electors at large: Roger Q. Mills of Corsicana and A. W. Terrel of Austin.

The text of the platform adopted is as follows:

"The supreme issue before the American people is that of the rightful and efficient regulation of corporate enterprises, the restriction of trusts and all other unlawful combinations and schemes to throttle the freedom of trade and commerce. In this issue is wrapped up the very liberty of the citizens and the happiness and prosperity of all the people. No man should be on duty as the servant or representative of the people in any capacity whose vision is blurred by predatory wealth. As said by Mr. Bryan, the great exponent of the principles herein announced: 'Put none but the trustworthiness on duty. The democratic masses are aroused, and they must not be betrayed by representatives of the system.'

"Public servants are unfaithful, who, while assuming to represent the people, receive fees from, or rewards from public service corporations, trusts and criminal aggregations of wealth. They have no right to betray or endanger the right and interest of their constituents by entangling alliances with such interests."

"The practices of Senator J. W. Bailey, as disclosed by the legislative investigation, and in the main finally confessed by him, are indefensible; they are in violation of the democratic principles, usages and traditions; destructive of the public service and an offense against the rights of the people. We oppose his efforts to have the democracy of Texas confer upon him a new office and honor him by electing him as a delegate to the national democratic convention, and call upon all true democrats who believe in the purity of public officials to join with us in this movement.

"The right of the democracy to select delegates to the national convention by primary election is inherent, and has never been prohibited by law. This right was denied to the democrats of Texas by the arbitrary action of a majority of the state executive committee, partisans of Senator Bailey, in refusing to submit to a primary election the election of delegates to the Denver convention. Having failed so far to secure such a general primary election, the only course left open to the people is to exercise their sovereign power, and we submit to the democrats of Texas as the names of four delegates and the same number of alternates to be elected by them, to the end that the people may consider and pass upon their fitness and may know who their delegates are to be in the event the state convention is con-

trolled by democrats believing in the principles herein announced.

"But one name is in the mouth and in the heart of the democracy of the Union as our candidate for president—that name is Bryan. Clean, pure, fearless and wise, he is the friend of man. The delegates whose names are nominated by this convention stand pledged to his nomination and his election.

"The refusal of Senator Culbertson and Governor Campbell to stand for delegates to the national convention is to be commended; their course is appropriate and patriotic, as evidencing a willingness on their part for the people to make the platform which they are to execute.

"Resolved, further, That the able administration of Hon. R. V. Davidson, attorney general, is indorsed, especially his fearless prosecution of trusts and illegal combines."

Thomas for Purity in Politics

In his address of welcome at Waco Saturday, Cullen F. Thomas was frequently applauded as he scored his points, some of which follow:

"You have met today in an historic city. Almost within the sound of my voice more than 50 years ago was held the first democratic convention in Texas. Those were the days in which the central figure was Sam Houston, but in those days of bitter strife meeting all the storms that broke upon his head, no man ever declared that the hero of San Jacinto, in the hour of his country's victory, sought to secure favors from Santa Anna. (Loud applause).

"I welcome you to the home of the knightly Ross, a citizen filling many stations for his state, and, dying, bequeathing only a modest estate, but leaving that far richer legacy, a stainless name. (Applause). Here lived the lion-hearted Coke, who drove a tyrant from power, a senator in the United States senate, in the long struggle against misrule he never prostituted his talents to private gain. (Applause).

"I welcome you to this historic hall dedicated by Wm. J. Bryan, who has dared to denounce through the land those in the service of people that are on the payroll of those who fight the people (renewed applause), and as has been said, in the days that are gone, strode upon this platform James Stephen Hogg, who dared to denounce from the conspiracy by which, with fraud and deception, the corporate marauder denied the state and spat upon her laws. (Applause). Also here stood one whom we now know to be the chief conspirator, who then said the time would never come when any United States senator in Texas would sink so low as to sell his services to corporations.

"We are here today because one who rose so high has sunk so low as to sell his services to the corporations. (Applause). We have come to send to the national democracy a message of condemnation. (Renewed applause). I know not who may speak for Texas in the coming assembly of the national democracy, but there are some who should not voice the sentiments of Texas democracy. Send no man to Denver who may, forsooth, land in St. Louis. (Applause). Elect no delegate who might on the way receive a private telegram to come back home and save Texas. Elect no man who can not borrow enough money for his needs at home, and who might mistake a letter of introduction from his friend as a letter of credit to a stranger. Elect no man who, when Wm. J. Bryan is nominated, might sulk in his seat all summer and surrender his seat in the national congress. (Applause). Entrust not this high commission to one who has been the confidant and consort of one who has been a fugitive from justice or who is known to be, if such there be, a secret agent of H. C. Pierce, or the haudy man of John H. Kirby.

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or step-father for the Houston Oil company, or next friend in Texas to the Standard Oil company. (Great applause). If such you send, I would not suggest that his picture be put in the rogues' gallery, but could say his painting ought to be done in oil." (Cries of "coal oil, at that.")

Mr. Thomas continued in this strain for some time, and then denied the charge that this movement is an effort to destroy the democratic party.

"We have not come to destroy, but to preserve," he said. He declared that this movement stood for the standards exemplified by Isham G. Harris, Cockrell, Lamar, Morgan, Reagan other and great men of the south.

"These are the principles which guide us," said he. "These shall be our 'pillar of cloud by day' and our 'pillow of fire by night.' In such a case I bid you welcome. In such a crusade I bid you God-speed." (Prolonged applause).

GOOD ROADS LORE.

How Even a Few Improved Highways Help the Farmer.

Mathematical good roads lore and the farmer's welfare are thus treated by W. Pierrepont White in the Outing Magazine:

Railroad officials state that in a fairly level country, such as Indiana or Ohio, a steam railroad will have sufficient freight to haul to make it a safe financial investment if it receives the freight produced from the farms for a distance of five miles on either side of the steam road and the road is long enough. In other words, steam roads in rich agricultural sections are profitable investments if located ten miles apart and will not disastrously interfere with the business of each other in securing local freights. The cost of transportation on dirt roads is figured at \$2.50 for the hauling of one ton ten miles, or a cost of 25 cents per ton per mile, and by improving the highways with gravel or macadam and establishing proper grades each wagon in place of carrying one ton will be enabled to carry with the same team three or four tons in less time than the one ton was formerly carried the ten miles to market, and that, too, for the same price of \$2.50 for the haul, thus reducing the cost to 6 or 8 cents per ton per mile. The following table shows the cost of hauling product five miles, which gives readily to the eye the reason why a longer haul than five miles is not profitable unless the product hauled is of a greater than ordinary value to the usual product carried:

How far to haul a ton—	Cost per mile.
5 miles on a common road.....	.25
12 1/2 to 15 miles on a well made stone road.....	.12
25 miles on a trolley road.....	.05
200 miles on a steam railway.....	.005
1,000 miles on a steamship.....	.00012

It can be mathematically demonstrated and actually shown to the eye by the use of highway maps that the improvement of from 8 per cent to 16 per cent of the total highway mileage of a state, being the main highways which follow the natural valleys or are arbitrarily established in level sections, will when improved leave no farm farther away than five miles from the main highways. Therefore the improvement of a comparatively small percentage of the total mileage is of a certain and positive value to the entire agricultural interests of the state, and it is proper that these roads should be built and maintained at state expense as rapidly as may be permitted without the creation of a burdensome tax rate upon the people.

Rural Delivery and Good Roads.

The annual report of the fourth assistant postmaster general states that at the close of the fiscal year there were 37,728 rural free delivery routes served by 37,582 carriers. During the year 2,312 new routes were established and 350 discontinued, leaving a net increase in operation of 1,962. The report pays considerable attention to the subject of road improvement. It is stated that, while ideal roads are not asked for, they still need to be properly drained and free from ruts and washouts. Adequate highway laws properly enforced are suggested.

Wide Tire Law Note.

The good roads committee of the board of supervisors of Niagara county, N. Y., has reported in favor of the proposed wide tire law, which provides that after June 1, 1909, all wagons carrying 1500 pounds or more shall be equipped with tires at least three inches in width. The penalty for violation of the law will be from \$5 to \$25 for each offense.

Watson's Publications.

Those who wish to be well informed upon governmental questions, and in the principles of Jeffersonian democracy, as taught by our forefathers, cannot afford to neglect the two publications which Mr. Watson established after he was reorganized out of the New York Magazine which bore his name.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Soft shirts at Hayter Bros.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Humphrey Saturday, a boy.
 J. B. Oldham has returned from a business trip to Hunt county.
 It tried hard yesterday to sleet, rain and snow, but it cleared up last night.
 Both Mr. Rathjen and Mr. Nelson are very low and their cases are considered almost hopeless.
 Mrs. J. B. Anthony left the first of the week for Lockney, Texas, where her mother is very ill.
 Bond W. Johnson was up from Hedley Monday and spent the day here. He has been having a tussle with lagrip.
 Miss Sarah Porter returned from market Monday, bringing with her an expert trimmer, Miss Irene Evans, of Dallas.
 W. W. Adcox and Miss Ora Martin, of Brice, were married yesterday at the court house by Judge George Morgan.
 Guss Johnson is making some improvements around his place, and among other things, has put up a new windmill.
 Mrs. Maggie Fenwick, of Snyder, Ok., returned with her brother, J. E. Humphrey, yesterday and will remain here on a visit for a while.
 Col. Chas. Goodnight is very ill with lagrip. H. W. Taylor went up yesterday to see him and phoned back that there was some improvement in Mr. Goodnight's condition.
 A case of smallpox is reported at Giles, the afflicted person being Miss Dessa young. On account of it the school there has been dismissed for two weeks to await further developments, and the teacher, Miss Susie Patterson, returned home Monday night.
 Burglars at Memphis broke into the Hall county bank Saturday night and pried off the vault door but they failed to open the inner safe. They only secured something less than \$100. The bank officials did not discover the robbery until Monday morning.
 Mr. Shaw, of the Western Real Estate Exchange, tells us that W. S. Mead, from Iowa, who bought 640 acres of the Bugbee land last week two and a half miles from Clarendon, paid \$16,000 for it. There has been some talk of Mr. Meade starting a creamery.
 W. C. Cole returned Sunday from Tennessee, leaving his mother, who had been seriously ill, much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Cole was visited this week by the latter's brother, Dick Wasson, with his family, who were returning from Indianapolis to their home at Tucumcari, N. M.
 Mr. Benedict, telephone manager, tells us he is spending some \$200 in extensions of the system in the southwest part of town. He also tells us that a good many subscribers are annoyed considerably by their neighbors who will not have phones put in their own homes, but make frequent requests for the use of their neighbors.
 Some 25 youngsters had a good time at the home of Elder and Mrs. Bearden on Friday night in a surprise party, which lasted from 8 till time to return home. After playing snap, Ruth and Jacob, and breaking candy, the crowd departed as happy as field-larks in thrashing time. Those present were: Nell Williams, Minnie and Ethel Rutherford, Earline Hedgepeth, Mary Grounds, Leslie and Florence Antrobus, Beulah Baker, Maggie Williams, Maude Clark, Florence Blevins, Eulab Kersey and Edith Bryan, Masters Earnest Mills, Lawrence Blevins, Jim Rutherford, Noel Morgan, Charlie Carroll, Harry Bryan, Rex Elkins, Eddie Antrobus, Aubin Clark and Luther Kersey.
Soft shirts at Hayter Bros.

Spring suits at Hayter Bros.
 The morning southbound passenger train now passes here at 4:40.

Rowe.

CHRONICLE Correspondence
 The teachers' institute has come and gone. It was quite an enjoyable and profitable meeting to all who participated, though there were not a great many in attendance.
 The Hedley literary society rendered the best program Friday night that has been given since school began. There will be only about five weeks more of our school term.
 The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Portwood of Hedley died on last Friday morning, a week ago.
 Mrs. Mattie Killian has been very sick for the past week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blair are entertaining a very young lady at their home, only one week old.
 Mrs. Mickle of Memphis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Sarvis, this week.
 Miss Laura Brinson is seriously sick at the home of Dr. Odom of Hedley.
 Miss Susie Patterson, the efficient teacher of the Giles school, was in attendance at the teachers' institute.
 Mrs. Hamblen and daughter, Miss Eunice, spent last Sunday at Claude.
 Grandma Smith, who has been sick so long, is reported no better.
 Dr. Stidham has returned from a prospecting trip, and says he will likely locate at Pecos, Tex.
 Prof. Willis, Miss Willis and Miss Maud McLean, three of Clarendon's splendid teachers, were in attendance at the teachers' institute at Hedley last Saturday.
 Miss Vera Moreman, who is attending school at Clarendon, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.
 Hall Cutler is recovering from a severe spell of the measles.
 Capt. E. E. McGee attended the call session of commissioners' court last Saturday.
 Prof. H. M. Pile, one of Donley county's progressive teachers, attended the institute Saturday and read a splendid paper on "Character Building." We wish every school patron in this district could have heard the discussions in the teachers' institute.
Soft shirts at Hayter Bros.
 The only place to get the Eastman Kodak is at Stocking's store.
 Call in at J. A. Burdett's millinery and dry goods store and see the new stock of both millinery and dry goods. Just in this week and up to date. Miss Porter's old stand.
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 Some good young horses. Will sell with part or full payment on time for well secured notes.
 21 tf E. C. BRITAIN.
Market Report.
 The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:
 Steers \$3.40 to \$5.50.
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 Calves \$2.50 to \$4.50.
 Hogs \$4.20 to \$4.70.
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 Story and half 7-room house, brick flues, closets, whole block of land; cellar 14x14. For price, see Wm. Tope, Clarendon, Tex.
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 One good buggy horse, suitable and safe for lady or children to drive, one splendid 3 disc sulky plow, used but little, both bargains.
 21 2t J. T. MORROW, Phone 171.
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 You will find the latest samples of 1908 wall paper at Stocking's store.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 Our rates for candidates' announcements are as follows, strictly cash in advance: District and county, \$10; precinct, \$5; city, \$2.50.
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 A. A. LUMPKIN.
 For County and District Clerk,
 C. A. BURTON.
 WADE WILLIS.
 For Sheriff and Tax Collector,
 J. T. PATMAN.
 J. MARION WILLIAMS
 For County Treasurer,
 GUSS JOHNSON.
 J. M. CLOWER.
 For Tax Assessor,
 R. H. ELKINS.

Memphis.

Herald.
 While here last week Homer Mulkey made a nice view of the oil mill for a post card job.
 George Williams came down this week with a heroic case of smallpox. He is at his home under quarantine. All the old cases have been turned loose.
 At the home of the bride's parents Wednesday night, were joined together in marriage Miss Jewel Shaw and Mr. H. D. Cox. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. R. Carruth.
 The finest block of business houses that have yet been built in Memphis are now being planned to be erected on lower Main street by Bost Bros. and Brumley Bros.
 The man Strickland, who was arrested near Lakeview last week on suspicion of horse theft near Hollis, Ok., is still in jail here. The sheriff and owner of the horse came here from Greer county last Friday, proved property, paid the reward and took charge of the animal.
Air Purified by Curtains.
 Dr. J. Brown, the medical officer of health of Bacup, has drawn attention to the usefulness of muslin curtains in filtering the air of rooms.
 The amount of solid matter removed from the air by muslin window curtains has surprised him. As he says, they are cheap and easily washed and should be changed frequently. One condition he advocates, but does not insist on, is that they should not be dressed or ironed.—London Globe.
In These Reckless Days.
 "It costs so much more to educate a boy now than it did when I was a kid," sighed Mr. Phroogle, reluctantly buying another pair of shoes for Tommy. "That's the second pair he's had since school opened."—Chicago Tribune
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Estray Notice.
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 County of Donley, }
 Taken up, by L. C. Barnes, of Clarendon, Texas, estrayed before A. J. Barnett, justice of the peace, Precinct No. 2, Donley county, Texas: One dark blueish mare, about 14 hands high, about 5 years old, has a little white in forehead, right hind feet white, and branded on left thigh. Appraised at (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars.
 Attest: C. A. BURTON,
 Clerk of the County Court of Donley County, Texas.
 Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 7th day of March, A. D., 1908. C. A. BURTON,
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Notice by Publication of Final Account.
 The State of Texas, }
 County of Donley, }
 The Estate of Willie P. Ledgerwood and Annie Guernsey, Minors.
 No. 27.
 To the Sheriff of Donley County—
 Greeting:
 Mollie E. Killfoill, 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,
 Clerk County Court, Donley County.
 A true copy, I certify:
 J. T. PATMAN,
 Sheriff Donley County.

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Decay in Wood Prevented.

It is estimated that a fence post, which under ordinary circumstances will last for perhaps two years, will, if given preservative treatment costing about 10 cents, last 18 years. The service of other timbers, such as railroad ties, telephone poles and mine crops, can be doubled and often trebled by inexpensive preservative treatment. Today, when the cost of wood is a big item to every farmer, every stockman, every railroad manager—to everyone, in fact, who must use timber where it is likely to decay—this is a fact which should be carefully considered.

It is easy to see that if the length of time timbers can be used is doubled, only half as much timber will be required as before and only one-half as much money will need to be spent in the purchase of timber. Moreover, many woods which were for a long time considered almost worthless can be treated and made to last as long as the scarcer and more expensive kinds.

Of the actual saving in dollars and cents through preservative treatment, a fence post such as was mentioned at the beginning, might serve as an example. The post is of loblolly pine, and costs, untreated, about 8 cents, or, including the cost of setting, 14 cents. It lasts about two years. Compounding interest at 5 per cent., the annual charge of such a post is 7.53 cents; that is, it costs 7.53 cents a year to keep the post in service. Preservative treatment costing 10 cents will increase its length of life to about 18 years. In this case the total cost of the post, set, is 24 cents, which compounded at 5 per cent., gives an annual charge of 2.04 cents. Thus the saving due to treatment is 5.49 cents a year. Assuming that there are 200 posts per mile, there is a saving each year for every mile of fence of a sum equivalent to the interest on \$219.60.

In the same way preservative treatment will increase the length of life of a loblolly pine railroad tie from five to 12 years and will reduce the annual charge from 11.52 cents to 9.48 cents, which amounts to a saving of \$58.75 per mile. It is estimated that 150,000 acres are required each year to grow timber for the anthracite coal mines alone. The average life of an untreated mine prop is not more than three years. By proper preservative treatment it can be prolonged by many times this figure. Telephone and telegraph poles, which in 10 or 12 years, or even less, decay so badly at the ground line that they have to be removed, can, by a simple treatment of their butts, be made to last 20 or 25 years. Sap shingles, which are almost valueless in their natural state, can easily be treated and made to outlast even painted shingles of the most decay-resistant woods. Thousands of dollars are lost every year by the so-called "bluing" of freshly sawed sapwood lumber. This can be prevented by proper treatment, and at a cost so small as to put it within the reach of the smallest operator.

In the south the cheap and abundant loblolly pine, one of the easiest of all woods to treat, can by proper preparation be made to take the place of the high grade longleaf pine for many purposes. Black and tupelo gums and other little used woods have a new and increasing importance because of the possibility of preserving them from decay at small cost. In the northeastern and Lake states are tamarack, hemlock, beech, birch and maple, and the red and black oaks, all of which by proper treatment may help to replace the fast diminishing white oak and cedar. In the states of the Mississippi Valley the pressing fencepost problem may be greatly relieved by treating such species as cottonwood, willow and hackberry.

Circular 139 of the Forest Service, "A Primer of Wood Preservation," tells in simple terms what decay is and how it can be retarded, describes briefly certain preservatives and processes, gives examples of the saving in dollars and cents, and tells what wood preservative can do in the future. The circular can be had free upon application to the Forester, Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

COST OF GOOD ROADS.

Points of Value From an Illinois Highway Commissioner.

George Stevens, a road commissioner of eleven years' experience in Illinois, is quoted as follows by Farm Progress as to the cost of making good roads at a small expense:

The grading can be done with a twenty horsepower traction engine at 40 cents per rod on an average. Four loads of rubble per rod and two loads of gravel make a good road. The average number of loads hauled near Rockford, Ill., per day would be about six. Of course this varies according to distance, but six is about the average. We have no stone crusher, something I very much regret. I have tried to get one for years, but the cost of same has prohibited it so far. We break our rubble by hand.

The cost of this road is as follows: Four loads of stone or rubble, 40 cents;



IMPROVING ILLINOIS HIGHWAY.

Two loads of gravel, 20 cents; hauling same, at 50 cents per load, \$3; breaking stone per rod, 15 cents; work in quarry getting out stone, 40 cents; grading road, 40 cents; total, \$4.55 per rod, or \$1,456 per mile. This makes a good road at all times of the year. Of course more money would make a still better road, but the major part of our stone roads are made still cheaper than this, being made of three loads of rubble per rod and about one and one-half loads of gravel at a cost per mile of \$1,120. There is not one farmer that kicks on account of the cost of these roads. The kick is on the other side or because we do not have more of them.

The north part of our township (south of Rockford) is very sandy, and I doubt if the road drag would do any good there. Here the soil is different, and the drag works all right. I am not saying anything against the use of the road drag, as I think it a fine thing, but where stone and gravel are plentiful I say use them and make a hard road that will be good at all times of the year.

LESSONS ON ROAD BUILDING.

Campaign of Education Begins in Louisiana.

At a meeting of the parish superintendents of education held about a year ago at Baton Rouge, La., the sentiment was in favor of consolidating several of the small rural schools into one large one.

A meeting of the superintendents was held Dec. 14, 1907, at which the subject of road improvement was earnestly discussed. The result of the discussion was the adoption of the following resolution, says the Good Roads Magazine:

"Recognizing the improvement of our schools depends upon the building and maintenance of good roads and further recognizing that it is the function of the public school to promote the social well being of its people, it is the sense of this conference that those who are directly responsible for the management of our schools should give more serious attention to the problem of road building, and in accordance with this belief we recommend that the subject receive more prominent consideration in our institutes, Teachers' association and School Improvement association, that our schools regularly offer to their students carefully arranged series of lessons on the subject and that superintendents and teachers definitely undertake to create among the people a livelier appreciation of the importance of better highways and disseminate a better understanding of the improved methods of road construction."

Value of Good Roads.

Governor Warfield of Maryland has during his administration stood firmly for road improvement and is one of the most ardent advocates of adopting measures to carry on the work in his state. The governor recently said:

"Good roads cost money, but they are far less expensive to the public than bad roads. The roads which the state geological survey commission are constructing cost no more than similar roads north and south and will prove a permanent investment for the people of the state. It is far more economical in the long run to build highways that require but a small amount of maintenance than to construct cheap temporary structures that will constantly require repair, to say nothing of the comfort and pleasure to be derived from smooth, dry roads."

Prizes For Road Building.

A prize of \$500 was awarded last November by the board of directors of the Ontario Motor League to the township of Etobicoke, Ont., for improvements on a mile of road extending west from the Humber river to Mimico creek, says the Good Roads Magazine. A second prize of \$100 was also awarded to the township of Markham for the improvement of a mile of road running from the village of Markham. Additional prizes of \$50 and \$25 were also awarded to the supervisors in charge of the work on these roads. The awards were made on the recommendation of A. W. Campbell, commissioner of public works and chairman of the committee of judges.

WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

A marble bust of Lincoln by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, has been on exhibition in the vestibule of the White House for several days, having been placed there for cabinet members, congressmen and others to inspect. Borglum is the sculptor of the statue of General Sheridan in Massachusetts avenue. The bust of Lincoln is an exceptionally large one and has attracted much attention.

President Roosevelt has given a hearty indorsement to the plans of the Arlington Confederate Monument association for the erection of a monument in Arlington to commemorate the Confederate dead buried there.

A Story of Indian Days.

When Quannah Parker, the most noted Indian chief in the United States, walked into the White House a few days ago, it was noticed that he shook hands with unusual cordiality with Major Charles Loeffler, doorkeeper for President Roosevelt and all other presidents for nearly forty years.

Met on Battlefield.

When he had gone away, the story of their first meeting became known. It was on a battlefield in 1860, Parker then being a small boy. It was Major Loeffler who saved the mother of Parker from being riddled with bullets and possibly the life of Parker himself. Major Loeffler was for many years a soldier in the United States army. He served in the Indian campaigns around the Texas border and in the Red river country. His soldier life was full of thrilling incidents. Once he saved the life of Fitz-Hugh Lee, then a lieutenant in the army.

Saved a Squaw's Life.

It was nearing Christmas week in 1860 when a squad of twenty cavalrymen, in which Major Loeffler was then a corporal, routed a band of Comanche Indians headed by Chief Parker, the father of the present noted leader of the Comanches in Oklahoma. The band fought as it ran. Suddenly a half dozen men under Corporal Loeffler saw a splendid mounted Indian dart across the plains some distance away. The Indian rode like a true Comanche. In a short space of time the men were near enough to the flying figure to begin firing. As they leveled their rifles Major Loeffler raised his hand and commanded them to refrain, declaring that the flying Indian was a squaw. The men were inclined to believe that he was wrong, but they obeyed his command. It was not long until the flying figure was overtaken, and it was found that Major Loeffler was right.

Mother of Quannah Parker.

The Indian was not only a squaw, but she hugged close to her bosom a young boy five or six years old, who had been lost sight of so close did he stick to his mother. The surprise was further enhanced by the discovery that the woman was white, as white as any of the soldiers. She was the favorite wife of Chief Parker and the mother of Quannah Parker, who grew up to be the greatest Indian his tribe ever knew. The woman had been captured by the Comanches when a mere child, had grown up with them and had become the wife of the chief of the band. She was faithful to them, too, and pleaded with the soldiers to release her and permit her to go on with her companions. She was not held in captivity long, being released, and returned to her husband. She died thirty years ago.

A Plague of Mice.

In the Humboldt valley of Nevada there was a plague of field mice. An expert of the biological survey is now on the ground. He has found that in some sections of the valley the mice average 8,000 to the acre, a number that seems almost impossible, but the truth of the report is verified.

The mice were destroying the alfalfa which is grown in the valley at a rate which made it certain that within a short time the industry of alfalfa raising must disappear.

When absolute ruin of the industry was confronting the alfalfa ranch owners, the work of the naturalists of the survey was begun, and it is now practically certain that the plague of mice will disappear.

What a Gopher Cost.

The survey was appealed to by the bureau of irrigation for help in checking the damage done to ditches by burrowing animals. One gopher hole in an embankment caused a loss of \$2,500, and in many places irrigation was almost impossible because of the undermining work done by small animals. The work of the burrowers made way for the water which by the erosion process did the rest. The scientists of the biological survey after experimenting taught the men interested in irrigation how to protect themselves against the inroads of the small beasts "that work in darkness."

Soft Jobs at the Capitol.

There are some strange jobs around the United States capitol building. Many men are carried on the rolls who have mysterious occupations, and it cannot be denied that the whole establishment is one of the most extravagantly conducted in the world.

One favored constituent of an influential congressman draws a fat salary for sprinkling tooth powder in the capitol telephones. Once a week this happy mortal, with a smile upon his face, makes the rounds of the various committee rooms and carefully dusts into the receivers of the telephones a lit pink scented tooth powder. Thus statesmen are enabled to breathe sweet perfume as they talk over the phone.

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