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Plain Talk

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plain talk,

## Commissioners Court

The following are the proceedings of the August term of the Commissioners Court of Borden county.

A. W. Boucher, W. H. Willis, F. W. Park, J. R. Jenkins and W. R. Craft were appointed a jury of view to inspect a road beginning at the N. E. corner of Sur. No. 470, blk 97, H & T C. B. Co, thence south 3 miles along section lines to the N E corner of Sur No 363, same blk, thence west on section lines to the Gail and Lubbock road. Also that part of the said proposed road beginning at H. A. Kincaid's S E corner running west to a point condemned west of Bull Creek and to make an estimate of the number of acres of land it will take running from and back to the lines, and to make a pile of stone at each turn, also to make a plot of said survey and report same at the November term of the court.

In the matter of the petition of I. N. Gray and others for a public road of the first class 40 feet in width, the route was ordered opened and the clerk to issue scrip for damages to Mrs. F. G. Hill \$25 and to Jno. L. Waskom \$80. The Gail and Durham road between the following points was discontinued by order of the court. Beginning at the S E corner of Sec No 226, blk 97, and ending at the N E corner of Sec. 8, blk 30.

After canvassing the votes cast at the election for and against a special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 in school district No. 1, 27 votes were declared for and 5 against said tax. Said tax was ordered to be levied until same should be abrogated by the tax payers of said district. Vote on the amendments was declared as follows. For amendment to Article 7, 27, against 24 For Sec. 3, art. 7, 29, against 17, For Sec. 4 and 5, Art. 11, 27, against 23.

## The report of the Jury of View

in the petition of J. J. Anderson et al for a public road was heard and it was ordered that it be declared a public road of the first class the same to be opened and that scrip be issued for damages payable out of the road and bridge fund.

The report of the jury of view of the road beginning at the S W corner of Sec 47, blk 32, thence north to the county line was heard and approved and the clerk ordered to issue scrip for damages as follows, to J. R. Roper \$28, J. S. Fritz \$50, Miss Caroline Ginn \$56, J. L. DeShazo \$28, J. W. Farris \$10, T C Smith \$19, Dick Smith \$19, J. I. Parker \$30, R. H. Anderson \$28, J. C. Moore \$35, G. W. Miller \$36.

J. S. Weatherford was ordered to index the minutes of the Commissioners Court and that scrip be issued for \$5 as compensation for same when furnished.

The quarterly reports of J. S. Weatherford, County Clerk, and J. N. Hopkins, Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 1, were examined and approved.

It was ordered that Judge Yellett purchase 11 corrugated iron culverts 18 inches in diameter 16 feet long and 2, 12 inches in diameter, 16 feet long for the public roads.

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**Great is Texas**

In the introductory chapter of his "Tale of Two Cities," describing the period in France just prior to the revolutions, and noting the conditions that then obtained. Dickens says that the industrial and social contrasts of the times were marked, and that some of the noisiest enthusiasts of the period insisted that it be received, for better or for worse in the superlative degree of comparison only. To him who would speak of the great state of Texas as it exists in this year of grace 1909 comes always the temptation to indulge in superlatives, but never so in anything to her detriment—to call her territory the largest, her lands the most fertile, her climate the most salubrious, her forests the most valuable, her scenery the finest, her industries the most diversified, her business the best conducted, her institutions the soundest and most beneficent, herself the best governed, her people the most hospitable, her men the bravest and her women the fairest the sun ever shone on. And when all this and much more has been said, something very close to the strict truth has been uttered. In fact whoever knows this Texas and knows it right, whether he be a Texan or only a stranger within her gates, is confronted with an embarrassment of riches when it comes to talking about her.

Texas, as all the world knows, is territorially the largest of all the forty six states in the union.

If it should ever want to cut itself up—from which desire may it ever be spared—it would make two hundred and thirteen Rhode Islands, six states the size of Virginia could be carved out of it, and there would still be enough left to construct another Rhode Island. Illinois, which considers herself some pumpkins, and with good reason too, would have to multiply herself by more than four in order to be in the Lone Star class of states; and even New York, the great empire state of the sisterhood, is only about one-fifth the size of Texas, no matter how big she may feel. If these comparisons lack impressiveness, let it be remembered that Texas has two hundred and forty six counties, and in consequence must have more of local government and more of politics to the square yard than any state in the union—and politics is far from being the worst thing a state may possess in abundance.

In history making Texas is one of the most important and the most romantically interesting sections of the United States. It has been settled only about two hundred and twenty-five years. As a state of Mexico it shed its blood for freedom and independence seventy-three years ago and gained both, and since then it has been twice turned into battle fields and has felt the devastation of war. It has been in the union only since 1845—about sixty-four years—and since its first

census was taken in 1850 when its population was only 212,592. it had increased to 3,018,710 in 1900, and if the increase since then has been at all proportionate to that of the previous decade its population by next year's census will show up around 4,500,000. Texas has thus increased its people about twenty-five fold since it was admitted as a state, and today it is exceeded in population only by five states in the union—Illinois, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, with possibly Missouri already dropped out of position and trailing behind the Lone Star. Altogether a wonderful record, a most fascinating story and all of it is told in the comparatively brief period since that gallant Virginia-born soldier, General Sam Houston, buckled on his armor and forced the armies of Mexico to bite the dust at San Jacinto.

The Texas of today is a most wonderful section of the United States—wonderful in the extent

of its resources, in the number and great diversity of its industries, in the diversity of its crops and the almost limitless possibilities of crop development—its cotton product is already quite sufficient to meet the annual consumption of this country and it equals about one-fourth of the yearly consumption of the whole world; in its system of transportation and the extensive improvements in this, already provided and in prospect; in the effective and profitable use of its home capital; the facilities it possesses for attracting outside money and the ease with which it draws this in steadily for its own development and profit and to the great advantage of the investors; in the soundness of its business methods; in its system of education and the liberal appropriation made for this; and finally in the abounding and ever increasing enterprise of its people their open handedness, their tolerance, their good fellowship.—New York Commercial.

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Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

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### What Next?

Arrangements have been made to a meeting some time during the month of October of Presidents Taft and Diaz on the International bridge which spans the Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico at the city of El Paso.

The two presidents are to meet at a point on the bridge midway the river and there, each standing on his own territory, will extend the hand of welcome to the other. No doubt each, in behalf of his country, will express sentiments of abiding friendship and a desire for more intimate relations and perpetual peace between the two republics.

What international significance, if any, this meeting may portend time only will disclose.

The Dallas News of the 13th inst. mentions the visit of Senator Bailey to Pilot Point on last Thursday and his address to the people of that town, during which he defended his votes on the tariff, as if an explanation was due his constituents. After a severe arraignment of the Republican party he resorted to his old native tactics, denouncing his political foes and venting his spleen especially against that thorn in the flesh, the Dallas News "ridiculing its policy and advising Democrats to beware of the paper." The records of Senator Bailey and the Dallas News are well known to the people of Texas and they will have no trouble in deciding which is the friend of the people and which is loyal to the party.

### For Sale or Trade

For horses or cattle a splendid residence in Gail known as the J. L. DeShazo property. See Jno. R. Williams.

### Thirty Bushels Wheat

F. F. Irvine one of the successful dry land farmers of Caldwell, Montana, is now harvesting 40 acres of wheat which he estimates will yield about 30 bushels an acre. This grain was planted in September on sod ground that had been plowed in May and June. Being the first crop from this ground Mr. Irvine regards his crop as unusually good. He says the field has been attracting attention and people have been coming in from miles around to see for themselves what can be accomplished by conscientious application of dry farming principles.

### Soash's Views

Another Soash homeseekers' special has come and gone and while the number making up the last party was not as large as some of the previous ones there were something over thirty people on this excursion and they spent Friday and Saturday in the vicinity of Soash looking over the lands and in consequence several good sales were made.

The Herald man interviewed W. P. Soash on his return to the city Saturday evening and when asked what he had to state regarding the railroad north from Big Springs replied: "We have applied for a charter for this railroad the application having been forwarded to Austin this very day. Work on the permanent survey is progressing very nicely and H. T. Peters, civil engineer in charge, tells me he will have this work completed in a very short time, and as soon as this is done we expect to start on the construction and this work will be pushed as rapidly as possible and if nothing unforeseen happens it will not be many months before Big Springs and Soash will be linked together with steel rails."—Big Springs Herald.

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### Some Plain Talk

The following article from the pen of the editor of the Comanche Chief is pretty plain talk, but it is very true, and it ought to be helpful and healthful reading for a lot of mothers who permit their daughters to so dress as to make a show of their physical charms to all eyes that may be met. Not only do young women, who perhaps may be partially ignorant of the effect of such displays, but many older women, who know quite well what they will be, follow the dictates of fashion and clothe their bodies in garments thin as gossamer large enough for butterflies to go through.

"It is all very well for a woman to deplore certain low standards that prevail today among young men. But one important point that mothers and daughters who very often most loudly bewail the fact must lose sight of—they can never hope to improve the morals of men as long as they allow their girls to affect the all too transparent waists and blouses that are so generally worn, especially in the summer season. A man is a man, I care not of how fine a grain he may be. And it is not a whit helpful to a young man in his growing years, in keeping his mind and thoughts clean and straightforward, to have thrust upon his notice on every hand such a style of feminine dress. Decent young fellows complain bitterly of this tendency on the part of girls and the apparent indifference of mothers. And they are right. There is unquestionably something to be said on the side of the young man who wonders at the spirit or motive which prompts young women in persistently wearing a style of dress like the transparent waist, toward which there is such an increasing tendency. One fact is absolute; no girl has a right to resent license or liberty from the other sex which her very dress implies or invites. A filmy lace waist, with a low cut corset cover makes a mighty poor moral uplift."—Bonham News.

## PATENTS

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gripped, but was warm and slippery in his fingers. Poleon held Stark's gun, which was empty and smoking.

The fight had not lasted a minute, and yet what terrible havoc had been wrought! The gambler was drenched with his own blood, which gushed from him, black in the yellow flicker and so plentifully that the Frenchman was befouled with it, while Gale, too, was horribly stained, but whether from his own or his enemy's veins it was hard to tell. The trader paid no heed to himself nor to the intruders, allowing Burrell to push him back against the wall, the breath wheezing in and out of his lungs, his eyes fastened on Stark.

"I got you, Bennett!" he cried hoarsely. "Your magic is no good." His teeth showed through his grizzled muzzle like the fangs of some wild animal.

Bennett, or Stark, as the others knew him, lunged about with his captor, trying to get at his enemy and crying curses on them all, but he was like a child in Poleon's arms. Gradually he weakened, and suddenly resistance died out of him.

"Come away from here," the lieutenant ordered Gale.

But the old man did not hear and gathered himself as if to resume the battle with his bare hands, whereupon the soldier, finding himself shaking like a frightened child and growing physically weak at what he saw, doubted his ability to prevent the encounter and repeated his command.

"Come away!" he shouted. But the words sounded foolishly flat and inane.

Then Stark spoke intelligibly for the first time.

"Arrest him! You've got to believe what I told you now, Burrell." He poured forth a stream of unspeakable profanity, smitten by the bitter knowledge of his first and only defeat. "You'll hang, Gaylord! I'll see your neck stretched!" To Poleon he panted excitedly: "I followed him for fifteen years, Doret. He killed my wife!"

"Dat's d—d lie!" said the Frenchman.

"No, it isn't. He's under indictment for it back in California. He shot her down in cold blood, then ran off with my kid. That's her he calls Necia. She's mine. Ain't I right, lieutenant?"

At this final desperate effort to fix the crime upon his rival Burrell turned on him with loathing.

"It's no use, Stark. We heard you say she killed herself. We were standing outside the door, both of us, and got it from your own lips."

Until this moment the man had stood on his own feet, but now he began to sag, seeing which Poleon supported him to the bed, where he sank weakly, collapsing in every joint and muscle.

"It's a job," he snarled. "You put this up, you three, and came here to gang me." An unnatural shudder convulsed him as his wounds bit at him, and then he stared up viciously. "But I'll beat you all. I've got the girl. I've got her."

"Necia," cried Burrell, suddenly remembering for this affair had driven all else from his mind.

Stark crouched on the edge of his bunk, a ghastly grin grinning thing. One weapon still remained to him, and he used it.

"Yes, I've got my daughter."

"Where is she?" demanded the trader.

er hoarsely. "Where's my girl?"

The gambler chuckled. An agony seized him till he hiccupped and strangled. Then, as the spell passed, he laughed again.

"She's got you in her head, like the mother had, but I'll drive it out. I'll treat her like I did her."

Gale uttered a terrible cry and moved upon him, but Burrell shouldered the trader aside, himself possessed by a cold fury that intensified his strength tenfold.

"Stop it, Gale. Let me attend to this. I'll make him tell."

"Oh, will you?" mocked the girl's father.

"Where is she?"

"None of your d—d business!" Again he was seized with a paroxysm that left him shivering and his lips colorless. The blankets were soaked and soggy with blood, and his feet rested in a red pool.

"Ben Stark," said the tortured lover, "you're a sick man, and you'll be gone in half an hour at this rate. Won't you do one decent thing before you die?"

"Bah! I'm all right."

"I'll get you a doctor if you'll tell us where she is. If you don't I'll let you die. For God's sake, man, speak up!"

The wounded man strove to rise, but could not, then considered for a moment before he said:

"I sent her away."

"Where?"

"Up river on that freighter that left last night. She'll go out by Skagway, and I'll join her later, where I can have her to myself. She's forty miles up river now and getting farther every minute. Oh, you can't catch her!"

The three men stared at one another blankly.

"Why did she go?" said Gale dully.

"Because I told her who she was and who you are; because she thinks you killed her mother; because she was glad to get away." Now that he was grown too weak to inflict violent pain the man lied malevolently, gloating over what he saw in the trader's face.

"Never mind, old man; I'll bring her back," said Burrell and laid a comforting hand on Gale's shoulder, for the fact that she was safe, the fact of knowing something, relieved him immensely, but Stark's next words plunged him into even blacker horror than the trader felt.

"You won't want her if you catch her. Runnion will see to that."

"Runnion?"

"Yes, I sent him with her."

The lover cried out in anguish and hid his face in his hands.

"He's wanted her for a long time, so I told him to go ahead."

None of them noticed Poleon Doret, who upon this unnatural confession alone seemed to retain sufficient control to doubt and to reason. He was thinking hard, straightening out certain facts and trying to square this horrible statement with things he had seen and heard tonight. All of a sudden he uttered a great cry and bolted out into the darkness unheeded by Gale and Burrell, who stood dazed and distraught with a fear greater than that which was growing in Stark at sight of his wounds.

The gambler looked down at his injuries, opened and closed the fingers of his hand as if to see whether he still maintained control of them, then cried out at the two helpless men:

"Well, are you going to let me bleed to death?"

It brought the soldier out of his trance.

"What are you doing here, Mr. Runnion?"

## CHAPTER XVII.

THE LOVE OF POLEON DORET.

TO the girl crouching in the stern of Runnion's boat it seemed as if this day and night would never end. It seemed as if the procession of natural events must have ceased, that there was no longer any time, for she had been suffering steadily for hours and hours without end and began to wonder dreamly whether she had not skipped a day in her reckoning between the time when she first heard of the strike on her claim and this present moment. It occurred to her that she was a rich girl now in her own right, and she smiled her crooked smile as she reflected that the thing she had longed for without hope of attainment had come with confusing swiftness and had left her unhappier than ever.

Restless and tired of her lonely vigil, she gave a premonitory cough and called to her companion:

"You must be tired rowing so steadily?"

"Oh, I don't mind it!" he replied.

At the sound of his voice she sat bolt upright. It couldn't be. If this were Runnion he would have spoken before. She ventured again tremulously:

"Have you any idea what time it is?"

"About 3 o'clock, I fancy."

"Who are you?" The question came like a shot.

"Don't you know?"

"What are you doing here, Mr. Runnion?"

"I'm rowing," he answered carelessly.

"I've changed my mind, Mr. Runnion," she said. "I don't want to go down to the mission. I want you to take me back."

"Can't do it," he said. "The current is too swift."

"Then set me ashore and I'll walk back. It can't be far to town."

"Twenty-five miles. We've been out about three hours."

"Please do as I ask you, Mr. Runnion. I've decided I don't want to go any farther." He laughed, and the sound aroused her. "Put me ashore this minute!" she cried indignantly. "What do you mean?"

When he made no answer, except to continue the maddening monotony of his movements, she was seized with a



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rash resolve to wrench the oars out of his hands and made a quick motion toward him, at which he shouted:

"Sit down! Do you want to upset us?"

The unstable craft lurched and dipped dangerously, and, realizing the futility of her mad impulse, she sank back on her knees.

"Stark told me to board the first boat for St. Michael's," he said. "but I've made a few plans of my own the last hour or so."

"St. Michael's? Mr. Stark told you— that's impossible. You mis-

understand him. He wants to get you outside, all right, but I reckon you'd rather go as Mrs. Runnion than as the sweetheart of Ben Stark."

"No, you're not, and I didn't misunderstand him. He wants to get you outside, all right, but I reckon you'd rather go as Mrs. Runnion than as the sweetheart of Ben Stark."

"Are you crazy?" the girl cried. "Mr. Stark kindly offered to help me reach the father at his mission. I'm nothing to him, and I'm certainly not going to be anything to you. If I'd known you were going to row the boat I should have stayed at home, because I detest you."

He rested again on his oars and said, with deliberation:

"Stark kindly offered, did he? Well, whenever Ben Stark 'kindly' offers anything I'm in on the play. He's had his eye on you for the last three months, and he wants you, but he slipped a cog when he gave me the oars. You needn't be afraid, though. I'm going to do the square thing by you. We'll stop in at the mission and be married, and then we'll see whether we want to go to St. Michael's or not, though personally I'm for going back to Flambeau."

The girl's beauty, her indifference, the mistaken attitude of Stark, urged

him, and, strongest of all, he was drawn by his cupidity, for she would be very rich, so the knowing ones said. Doubtless that was why Stark wanted her, and, being a man who acknowledged no fidelity to his kind or his Creator, Runnion determined to outwit his principal, Doret, Burrell and all the rest.

Necia saw what a frail and helpless thing she was. Nothing about her was great save her soul, and that was immeasurably vexed and worried. She had just lived through a grief that had made her generous, and now she gained her first knowledge of the man-animal's gross selfishness.

"You are absolutely daft," she said. "You can't force me to marry you."

"I ain't going to force you. You'll do it willingly."

"I'll die first. I'll call the first man we see. I'll tell Father Barnum, and he'll have you run out of the country. It would only take a word from me."

"If you haven't changed your mind when we get to his place I'll run through without stopping, but there isn't another priest between there and St. Mike's, and by the time we get to the mouth of the river I guess you'll say 'Yes' to most anything. However, I'd rather marry you at Holy Cross if you'll consent, and I'm pretty sure you will when you think it over."

"We won't discuss it."

"You don't understand yet," he contended slowly. "What will people say when they know you ran away with me?"

"I'll tell them the truth."

"Huh! I'm too well known. No man on the river would ever have you after that."

"You—you"— Her voice was a quiver with indignation and loathing, but her lips could not frame an epithet fit for him. He continued rowing for some time, then said:

"Will you marry me?"

"No. If this thing is ever known Poleon will kill you—or father."

For a third time he rested on his oars.

"Now that we've come to threats let me talk. I offered to marry you and do the square thing, but if you don't want to I'll pass up the formality and take you for my squaw, the same as your father took Alluna. Just remember you're alone with me in the heart of a wilderness, and you've got to make a choice quick, because I'm going ashore and make some breakfast as soon as it's light enough to choose a landing place. If you agree to come quietly and go through with this thing like a sensible girl I'll do what's right, but if you don't then I'll do what's wrong, and maybe you won't be so d—d anxious to tell your friends about this trip or spread your story up and down the river."

She saw Runnion gazing over his shoulder in search of a shelving beach or bar. They rounded a bend where

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We like to trade where the clerk or salesman meets us with a pleasant smile and a hearty shake of the hand. By a hearty welcome he wishes to show you not so much his pleasure at seeing you, as his appreciation of your patronage and his desire to please you in goods and prices. His motive is the same in advertising his goods to the public. The merchant who treats you with indifference when you enter his store is usually the one who does not care enough for your trade to advertise for it, or to offer you any inducements to buy from him or any accommodation in buying what you have to sell. If you want bargains buy from the merchant who advertises. In this connection we wish to call your attention to the new ads in this issue of the Citizen.

### Santa Fe Breaks Dirt

Dirt was broken Tuesday on the Santa Fe, three miles south of Snyder. The occasion was made a grand celebration by the people of Snyder and Scurry county.

Promptly at 1 o'clock p. m. all the business houses of Snyder were closed, and between one thousand and fifteen hundred people formed themselves in parade line in buggies, surreys, hacks, wagons and autos, and marched to the Santa Fe right of way, headed by the Snyder cornet band.

While the band played, Dixie Miss Lois Gross held the handles

of the plow and the first dirt was broken.

The occasion was one of much enthusiasm and good fellowship. We have received a great prize and we are all proud of the achievement.—Western Light.

### Bryan Will Visit Big Springs

William Jennings Bryan will be in Big Springs September 16 and will deliver two lectures here on that date, the title of the lectures to "The Prince of Peace" and "The Price of a Soul."

Owing to Mr. Bryan's prominence as a national character and his ability as an orator almost every person in West Texas as will be anxious to be here on that date to hear the words spoken by this gifted orator. Excursion rates will be secured and it is more than probable that three or four thousand visitors will be in our city on that date.—Big Springs Herald.

### Work the Streets

The principal streets in Gail are getting in a deplorable condition from washouts and ditches due to the recent rains. In their present state they are not a very good advertisement for the town and we can't afford to let them go much longer without some work being done.

We understand that our Commissioners Court has very liberally offered to pay half the expense if the town will pay the remaining half and have this work done. This is a proposition that should be acted upon at once.

Here is a nice piece of work for our Commercial Club to take action upon and we hope to see definite arrangements made for the improvement of our streets at an early date.

### WHY?

Why send off for your stationary? We keep good material and guarantee good work, and present you a copy for your inspection before the work is done thus ensuring satisfaction both in style, and neatness of work.

Matt Cathey, Woodworkman

## The Matt Cathey Shop

East Side Square, Gail, Texas.

General Blacksmithing, Repairing. Woodwork and Horseshoeing a specialty. All work has our special prompt attention. Horseshoeing strictly cash.

MATT CATHEY, Prop.

### WINDMILLS

Standard, Eclipse, Monitor, Samson and Ideal.

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Farmers and Merchants Gin Company

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The Snyder Gin Company

Snyder,

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PURE FRESH DRUGS,

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Furniture

Fine Candies

GAIL, - TEXAS.

### Price of Drink

If waste is a crime, what an indictment is there against the liquor traffic. If the amount spent for drink in the United States were withdrawn from the circulating medium of gold and silver, not one coin would remain in circulation or in the banks. It exceeds the combined capital stock of all the national banks and the annual gross receipts of all the railroads in the country. From this enormous traffic the federal government receives three hundred million dollars in revenue, but this sum is insignificant compared with the sum the government expends in caring for the drunkards, criminals and paupers made by the liquor business.

It is claimed by sociologists that the average worth of a man to society is about \$10,000, and that the destruction of one man's earning ability is equal to a material loss of \$10,000. Add to the national drink bill the eco-

nomie value of the 100,000 drunkards who are killed by liquor, and some idea of the amazing price we pay for drink may be had. This sum came largely from the hard earned wages of the laboring classes, and goes to swell the already ample fortunes of the rich.

Liquor is labor's worst enemy. If labor stood as solidly against liquor as it does against capital, much of the friction between the two classes would be avoided.—Colorado Record.

### A BARGAIN

320 acres of land near Fluvanna and the Roscoe and Snyder railroad Bonus \$4 per acre— Call or write to Borden Citizen for particulars.

When in Snyder call and let Mr. Ed Thompson show you our stock of Wall Paper. They are new and up to date, also a full line of Varnish for spring cleaning. Drugs and Toilet Articles, Cigars, Cold drinks and Magazine

Don't Forget The Place

**WARREN BROTHERS**

SNYDER, TEXAS.

**Austin Letter**

Since the return of Governor Campbell to Austin last Wednesday after a ten days trip over the state, partly on vacation and partly in the interest of his political fences, the penitentiary investigating committee has been enabled to close up the first part of its investigations.

The governor named the Hon. John Marshall, of Grayson county, speaker of the house during the special sessions of the 31st legislature, as his representative on the board to select a location for the West Texas Normal. The board has met at Fort Worth but the contest is not yet settled.

The governor has re-appointed the pharmacy board to serve for the next two years. The board consists of W. H. Roberts, Jr. of Grayson, Bruce Vredenburg of Jefferson, Tom J. Snell of Delta, W. F. Robertson of Gonzales, John A. Weeks of Runnels.

Comptroller Stephens has issued a circular letter to the county judges in the state instructing them to ascertain and certify to him the population of each city town and justice precinct separately and the number of liquor permits existing in each on Feb. 20, 1909, calling their attention to the law which limits the permits which may be issued to one for each 500 inhabitants in each city, town or justice precinct.

Agricultural Commissioner Kone has received a large number of ginners' reports compiled to ascertain the number of bales ginned.

This department has also received many applications from the 303 nurseries in the state which want inspections made.

Attorney General Davidson and his assistants have announced several rulings during the past week, which may be summarized as follows:

One share of stock in a life insurance company cannot be divided and sold in lesser parts.

One corporation cannot acquire own or guaranty the bonds of another corporation.

A duly authorized agent of a fire insurance company may divide commissions with the duly authorized and licensed agent of a casualty or liability company.

A corporation chartered to do a mining business may amend its charter so that it may also do a manufacturing business.

The board to locate an agricultural station met in Fort Worth on August 10 to give a hearing to the North Texas applicants. The board has already heard from applicants for the rice belt station and is to meet at Stamford on August 25 to hear from applicants west of the 98th meridian.

Banking and Insurance Commissioner Love has announced a ruling that state banks and trust companies may make advances upon cotton or cotton seed product to one person or firm in excess of 25 per cent of its capital stock.

The State Board of Education will meet soon to apportion the school fund for 1909-10. It is expected that the total scholastic population will be about one million. The apportionment this year will be considerably less than last year.

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Sporting Goods, come to see us.  
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Big Springs, Texas.

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Exchange drawn on the principal Commercial cities.

**The Deed is Done**

The United States senate on Thursday ratified the conference report on the tariff bill, which had previously been adopted by the house. Within a few minutes of its final passage the bill was signed by President Taft. Thus the Dingley tariff is succeeded by the Payne-Aldrich-Taft tariff. The new law went into effect on Friday, August 6.

The Associated Press dispatches tell us that President Taft was in high spirits as he awaited the presentation of the bill to him for his signature, and that he joked merrily with Senator Aldrich and others who were present. He, perhaps, can afford to joke. But the masses, who will find the cost of the necessities of life increased instead of reduced as a result of the new law, may not find the situation so humorous. That the President has a premonition of the people's shocking lack of appreciation of the joke perpetrated upon them is shown by the fact that he deemed it necessary to go into a lengthy but lame defense or apology for his action in signing the bill. He admits that the measure is "not a complete compliance with the promises made" but declares "there has been very few increases in rates" and doubtless hopes that the people will forget and forgive.

Will they? The indications do not point in that direction.

With the cost of living soaring and no proportionate increase of the means of the average family it cannot be expected that the treachery of Mr. Taft's party and the complaisant acquiescence of the smiling executive in the repudiation of party pledges will go unrebuked. The day of reckoning is near.

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TRY US FOR BARGAINS

## Getting Whiskey

Twenty cases of whiskey were seized by Captain T. N. Ross of the state ranger company stationed in this city Saturday night on the Bowery. The liquors were stored and will be held by the officers pending developments. So far as is known at this time, no one has been arrested in connection with this haul by the rangers. No person has laid claim to the whisky.

The total number of cases were collected from two or three places and represent quite an expenditure of several hundred dollars as first cost, to say nothing of the profits that are said to be made from sales in local option districts. Speaking of the outlook this forenoon Ranger Redus stated that so far as the officers were able to learn there is little violation of the local option law at this time.

The police officers did a turn similar to that pulled off by the rangers a little earlier in the week. It is generally agreed by the officers that the sale of the intoxicants is virtually a thing of the past in Amarillo.—Daily Panhandle.

## Grasshoppers at Cisco

A telegraphic report from Cisco Wednesday, the 11th says: "Showers of grasshoppers are coming into town from the northwest, blinding the lights. Citizens built fires to burn them. They are falling on the roof like hail stones. The depot and other open buildings are alive with them.

Southern farmers are not to have free cotton bagging, although the Northern farmers are allowed free binder twine. The Southern Senators who hitched their little wagons to Aldrich's coat tail didn't ride far.—Dallas News.

The Philadelphia Record of Friday, Aug. 6th, has a forceful and timely cartoon about the passage and signing of the Payne-Aldrich-Taft tariff bill. The scene is a banquet chamber and about the festive board are gathered Mr. Taft, Mr. Sugar Trust, Mr. Steel Trust, Mr. Leather Trust, Mr. Tobacco Trust and other members of the Trust family—all fat, well fed and smiling. Mr. Taft has risen to his feet, apparently to deliver an after dinner speech congratulating his guests upon the successful outcome of their late legislation. Off in one corner, crowded completely out of the circle and away from the well filled banquet board, sits Mr. Consumer with an empty plate in his hand. The expression of his face seems to indicate that he does not share the others joy. For some reason he does not seem happy. The picture is labeled "That Tariff Banquet." It is eloquently expressive.

## Mexico Claims El Paso

At the Mexican state department it is said that an old map has been discovered which shows that the present townsite of the city of El Paso was on Mexican soil. Senor Beltrany Puga is now in Washington conferring with Anson Mills, a member of the international boundary commission, over the matter. Minister of Foreign Affairs Marsical says that the Mexican claims are based on apparently a solid basis. The matter has been pending for some time and will be settled during the present year. The settlement will be an amicable one, whichever way the decision goes, according to the Mexican state department.—Ex.

## For Sale or Trade

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## NOTICE!

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Phone No. 368

Big Springs, Texas

## Local and Personal

The Misses Parker, of near Tredway, visited the family of John DeShazo Sunday.

An ice cream supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chandler Monday night was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

The Home Mission Society will give a free entertainment at the church Sunday night. Everybody is invited.

The young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Berry on last Friday night.

Our hospitable neighbor, W. R. Hester, opened his heart and treated the young people of the Gail community royally on last Thursday evening, giving them a nice ice cream supper. There was a full house and the way the 11 gallons of ice cream disappeared attested their appreciation of the feast.

W. M. Jones, of Hamilton county, is visiting his son S. G. Jones of Dawson. Mr. Jones, who was here last week, expressed himself as favorably impressed with our country and stated that crops were quite as good in Borden as in his county.

We understand the little daughter of W. H. Rogers who lives in the southeast part of the county, is no better.

Dr. Sutherland reports Grandma Leake's condition unchanged having occasional bad spells and then getting better.

F. C. Finnie representing Lowe Carter-Hardware Co. was here yesterday.

The District Court of Borden county convenes on Monday Sep. 6. The following is a list of the petit jurors: Joseph Miller, Robert Hurley, W. H. Askins, J. H. Berry, W. A. Clark, J. E. Benham, Gus Robinson, W. N. Collier, J. C. Howe, J. C. Olive, Jas. Pratt, C. Y. Stewart, E. H. Russell, Vestal Hood, W. H. Hamilton, D. Dorward, J. T. Sturdivant, W. M. Jackson, J. W. Chandler, Horace Hale, T. O. Edwards, Porter Tredway, Joseph Roper, W. N. Ross, Jack Rogers, W. R. Hester, F. W. Park, Jake Scoggins, James Withers, Tom Smith, Tom Hudson, B. N. Green, J. T. Creighton, Will Reeder.

W. C. Fulllove was in Gail Monday. We understand he has about closed a deal for the sale of his place.

Erasmus Cathey of Big Springs, who arrived last Friday on a visit to relatives returned home Monday.

J. T. Creighton and family passed through Saturday en route to Coke county on a visit.

Tuesday and Wednesday will be long remembered here as extremely warm days.

W. P. Sanders and son Albert and S. L. Jones, of the plains, were here Tuesday, also Mrs. J. E. Eubanks and daughter Mrs. Parker. The latter called on Mrs. H. D. Pruett while here.

J. C. Dorward shipped 160 head of calves to Fort Worth last Sunday.

G. W. Foster of the Michies neighborhood was here Tuesday on business.

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Branch Schools at Lake Charles and New Iberia, La.

A Mr. Saye of Comanche was here yesterday investigating the status of our county school land, with a view of making an offer on same. He will attend the next session of Commissioners Court.

J. H. Doyle was here yesterday and stated that the men and boys of their own accord had worked the upper end of the Gail and Lubbeck road putting it in good shape.

For Spectacles, Watches and Jewelry see H. G. Towle. Graduate Optician and Watchmaker, Snyder, Texas.

Prof. E. S. Marley and brother Ben, were here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bardwell and son G. of Garza were here yesterday. G. left this morning for Los Angeles, Cal.

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