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CALL OF DISTRESS

Babcock's Admission said to be Having its effect on the Republicans.

DOING HARD THINKING

Democratic House Would Mean a Loss of all Committee Chairmanships.

Representative Babcock's admission that the Republicans may lose the House of Representatives in the coming election has set the dominant party to hard thinking. A Democratic majority in the House with a Republican President will have the same effect that the Republican Senate will with a Democratic President. Nothing could be done by the administration to insure its success in 1908.

A Democratic majority in the House will mean that John Sharp will be Speaker; that the able committees will be controlled by Democrats, and the amount of patronage now controlled by Republicans will be gained by the Democrats.

All legislation which the Republican will be able to put through in 1908 will be lost.

The Democrats will employ every means to prevent the success of Republican camps.

No important legislation can be put through at the short session of the Fifty-eighth Congress, which begins next December and ends March 4, 1905.

It will occasion no surprise if a Democratic House would offer to hand the Philippines back to the Filipino, knowing that such an idea would embarrass President Roosevelt.

It is no secret that labor interests will demand further immigration legislation. The Democrats when in power have never been in favor of imposing immigration restrictions and a Democratic House is expected to effectually balk any restrictive legislation set about by the Senate.

The distress call of Representative Babcock is said to be having an excellent effect.—Dallas News

State Land Office.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 1.—State Land Commissioner J. J. Terrell said today that all of the State lands in the Panhandle and practically all of the lands lying north of the Texas and Pacific railroad have been sold. These lands he says, are much better than those remaining and it is his opinion that the statute relating to the sale of land to actual settlers should be amended so as to permit the purchase of not less than eight sections for a homestead. It is probable that this amendment will be passed by the next legislature.

Mr. Terrell is gradually reducing the force of clerks in the General Land Office. He has accepted the resignations of Ben Purl and Tom Henderson and their places will not be filled. The clerical force of the department is now nine less than the complement allowed it under the law.—Dallas News.

HELPED THEMSELVES.

Last Friday night the beer saloon belonging to A. B. Spears was burglarized by some party or parties supposed to live in or near Gail, as they understood the way the back door was fastened.

After prising the back door open and helping themselves to two bottles of beer they proceeded to the cash drawer where they got between three and four dollars in money all in five and ten cent pieces, not bothering the larger pieces of money.

IN JUSTICE COURT.

Justice Court met in regular session Monday morning. There being only one case for trial the docket was soon disposed of, the only case for trial was Jeter vers. Cross, to collect an account of \$18.50. Trial by jury and verdict rendered in favor of plaintiff for amount sued for and all costs.

BOUGHT STOCK.

D. Price went to Scurry county last week and bought two span of mules paying \$200 for one span and \$125 for the other. Mr. Price also purchased 16 head of horses and mules from James Pratt paying \$42.50 around. Mr. Price says the range is in fine condition out his way and stock in good shape.

VISITS HIS RANGES

Range was in Bad Condition Poor Prospects for Winter Grazing.

BY MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER

If Rain Falls by Middle of September Grass will be in Good Condition.

Fort Worth—Frank Long has just returned from his ranches located in Fisher and Borden counties, and says the range out West is getting very dry and rain is badly needed for winter grass. Mr. Long says cattlemen are getting a little bit uneasy over the outlook, for unless there is plenty of rain by the middle of September the supply of grass for the cattle this winter is going to be very limited. Rain usually comes out in that section during the first ten days in September, but it has a way of upsetting all calculations at times and doesn't come at all. When it does put in an appearance in the early part of the month there is always sufficient time for the grass to grow and mature before frost comes, which is usually about Nov. 10 on an average.

The rains that have fallen out West this summer have just been sufficient to insure good summer grazing. If the country had enjoyed plenty of moisture in the spring the rains that came in the summer would have been ample to insure the necessary grass for winter. But, unfortunately, the early spring was very dry and when the summer rains came there was no moisture in the earth. The summer rains kept the grass growing, but it is so thin on the ranges that it looks like a starvation prospect to ranchmen, unless there is more precipitation soon. Cattle were very thin to start on, and while they are now in good shape, they will not continue that way when the sharp winds of winter hit them, unless there is better grazing than the range prospect now affords.

From what can be learned, these conditions prevail practically all over the West and have

exerted a bad influence on the trading situation so far. Ranchmen do not feel encouraged to invest in steers, even with the prospects for good prices in the spring, when the outlook for winter grass is so discouraging. If rain comes in sufficient quantities during the next two weeks it will have a very strong tendency toward loosening up the situation among the ranchmen. Some portions of the West have had better seasons than others, and this makes the range a little spotted. But there is no portion of the range country that does not need more rain to make prospects for winter grass what it should be.—Dallas News.

Since Mr. Long's return from his ranches in this country, there has been a fine rain, and the outlook is very fine for winter range in this part of the country. The grass is very good and it will have plenty of time to mature before the frost cuts it off. The steer market has opened up, but the cattlemen, with the prospects they now have for winter grazing, do not seem to be in any hurry to sell at the present prices. It is the general belief with the stockmen of this section that the steer market will be better in the near future, and there will be plenty of grass to keep the stock fat for some time. There is several stockmen from off the plains down in this section buying cattle, but a larger majority of our stockmen refuse the prices offered, believing they have sufficient grass to go through on and the prospects for better prices.

SNYDER RAILROAD?

We are reliably informed that a corps of Santa Fe surveyors are now at work, surveying a road from Canyon City southwest to intersect the T. & P. east of Abilene. This road will doubtless be built via Snyder from Plainview Lubbock and Tahoka. From here it will run southeast to Sweetwater and thence to Coleman. The surveyors went to Canyon City last week to begin the survey. This information comes from a reliable source, and the route mapped out by the Santa Fe promoters includes Snyder.—Western Light.

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Cotton pickers are now greatly in demand all over Texas.

The Japs' position at Port Arthur, so far as can be learned remains unchanged.

The rice experiment has proven to be a success in Milam county, the yield this year being 6,000 bags.

Senator Joseph Bailey opened the campaign at Gainsville, Tex. Sept. 3 where he spoke to a large crowd.

Is it right for the nations of the earth to sit around and gaze on the sickening slaughter of the Japanese and Russians?

The first of the 1904 Texas crop of corn reached Galveston for export on August 29. This is considerable earlier than usual.

John T. Davis, the only son of Senator Davis, Democratic candidate for Vice President, is seriously ill with Typhoid fever.

A fire broke out in the Armstrong Packing Company's plant early Thursday morning causing a loss of from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

During the month of August there were 77 new accounts placed on the lease Records of Texas, the annual rent being from 3 1/2 to 5c per acre.

Midland is preparing to have a kind of a cowboy's reunion and carnival the 28th and 29th of this month. They are preparing to have a big time.

Champion Jeffries knocked out Monroe in the second round. Monroe made a poor showing, and Jeffries remains champion heavy weight pugilist of the world.

The Japs' victory was complete in the last great battle at Lia Yang. Not only were the Russians completely routed but 25,000 of their soldiers was cut off from the main army and surrounded by the victorious Japs.

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There is no clue as to who broke into A. B. Spears' Beer saloon at this place last Friday night and doubtless the guilty party will escape prosecution. What a pity they can't be caught and taught a lesson that will last them the rest of their life, for doubtless, the imitators of the James boys, were boys, who after attending church, desired to raid the Joint, and having made a success of their first effort will continue in such thefts and going from bad to worse until they find themselves past recall. 'Tis a pity that the terror of the law will not restrain men, especially young men, from the perpetration of crime and it is more of a pity that the love, toil and pleadings of a loving mother is thrown away on a boy who will sneak around in the still hours of night and break into a house for the

poultry sum of three dollars when three days' labor will honestly earn the same amount.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of labor refused to call a council of the National body with a view of involving all branches of organized labor in a struggle with the Packers. This refusal was made to President Donnelly and is said to be Donnelly's Waterloo in the strike now on with the Packers.

We understand that the Gail school will commence in a few days and it is to be hoped that a deep interest will be manifested throughout the term by the patrons of the school, for if the patrons do not become interested in the school the children will not and the term will be a failure and an opportunity lost to the child who must have an education, if

he or she successfully meets the responsibilities of manhood and womanhood. Every patron should do his duty by the school ever bearing in mind that old saying that "learning expands and elevates the mind."

The Pops have popped up in New York as the center of attraction.

Wm. Bryan has tendered his aid to the Parker and Davis managers in the coming election. Wonder what Bryan's enemies will do now for something to bring against him?

Beginning with this issue The Borden Citizen will be a six page paper, and we hope, with your support, to be able in the near future to give you an eight page all home print news paper.

Of interest to the Slaughter family scattered over the United States will be the announcement given out to the effect that a general reunion of the members of the name would be held in the main auditorium of the St. Louis World's Fair at 2 p. m., Sept. 13. This is the first gathering of its kind, and the people bearing kinship to this family are requested to attend. A general program for later meeting will be arranged. Dr. B. E. Slaughter of Mukogee, I. T., should be addressed for further information on this matter.—Dallas News.

Runnels county presents the awful spectacle of a fight at a funeral. At the town of Crews, one day last week while the community had assembled to pay the last tribute to a departed friend, the funeral services became involved in a fist fight with a layman of the church. The minister was a Baptist preacher from Robert Lee, Coke county, and was at Crews conducting a revival. The man with whom he had the encounter was a member of the church but had circulated the report that the minister was charged with horse stealing in an East Texas county. While at the grave the preacher approached the gentleman on the subject referred to, the man repeated the charge, the preacher gave it the lie, and the belligerent gentlemen came to heavy blows. Men who were engaged in placing the dirt on the coffin, dropped their shovels and separated the combatants, and thus ended the first fight we ever heard of at a grave on Texas soil where a community had assembled for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to a departed friend.—Coleman Democrat.

The
Local Happenings
Thursday, Sept. 8

J. F. Coates attended church here Sunday.

Bill Jones was over from Snyder Monday.

J. I. Willbourn, of Litwalton, stayed in Gail Monday night.

You can buy 20 lb of Navy Beans at T. A. Jackson's for \$1.

Riley Jeter was on the streets Monday. Mr. Jeter says he is needing rain.

County Clerk J. B. Brown left Saturday for a short stay at the World's Fair.

John Burnett, of Garza county, was shaking hands with friends in Gail Saturday.

Henry Johnson was in Gail Monday, he reports his part of the country needing rain.

E. C. Bouldin, of Litwalton was in Gail long enough Monday to get caught on the jury.

Rich Miller a prosperous stockman of the north part of the country, spent Saturday in Gail.

Col. M. J. Thorton made a trip to Big Springs Monday on legal business returning Wednesday.

LOST—One ladies gold bracelet, finder will please leave same at this office and receive reward.

J. W. Chandler left today for St. Louis to attend the World's Fair and purchase his fall and winter stock of dry goods.

Frank Good, the genial stockman of the Western part of the county, was in Gail Monday and remembered us with a call.

D. Dorwood Sr., an influential stock-farmer of the southern part of the county, was in the burg today. He reports good crops in his part of the country.

S. G. Robertson, one of Borden's well known stockmen, was in our town Saturday. Mr. Robertson reports range conditions good in his locality.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle at once, or else make satisfactory arrangements.

Very Respt.
A. B. Spears.

W. A. Sealy brought in a fine lot of garden vegetables Saturday

W. R. Harris and family passed through Gail last Saturday en route home.

George Yeiser was among the Gailites Saturday.

Hon. J. K. Mitchel and family attended church services here Sunday.

Crawford Turner was admiring the fair sex in Gail Sunday.

D. Price left today for cross C ranch.

John T. Creighton made a business trip to Colorado Saturday.

Mrs. Doyle and family attended the protracted meeting last week at this place conducted by Rev. Wm. Pearey of Big Springs.

Judge J. M. Searcy, wife and two daughters were pleasant callers at our office Wednesday evening. Callers are always welcome.

BORNED—To Mr. and Mrs. Peters on the 2nd a fine boy. The mother has been very low but we are glad to report she is improving.

Wave Coates and family is now occupying the J. S. Fritz residence in the north part of town. Mr. Coates moved in town for the benefit of the Gail School.

Col. M. J. Thorton made a trip to Big Springs Monday on legal business, he will probably go from that place to San Angelo to be gone 'till about the 19th.

Lon Holleyman and Jim McQueen, of Eastland county, who have been in this country for the past two months, left today for their home to gather their cotton crop. They will probably return to this country in the Spring.

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W. T. MARRY,
South side of square Snyder, Tex.

Monday evening the family of J. H. Smoot recieved the sad intelligence of the death of John Smoot who died in a hospital at Butte, Mon. Mr. Smoot had been working on a ranch in Montana where he was crippled by a horse, he was sent to Butte for treatment and while there contracted typhoid fever from which he died Sunday. The Citizen sympathises with the berieved parents.

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 H. W. Hale - - - - - Treasurer
 H. A. Kincaid - - - - - Tax Assessor
 E. R. Yellott - - - - - Attorney

Court convenes first Monday in February, May, August and November.

COMMISSIONERS.

L. N. Hopkins - - - - - precinct No. 1
 W. P. Coates - - - - - " " 2
 J. L. Waskon - - - - - " " 3
 J. S. York - - - - - " " 4

SECRET ORDERS.

MASON—Meets Saturday night on or preceding full moon.

W. O. W.—Meets first Saturday night after each full moon, and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

C. M. A.—Meets every Saturday night

CHURCHES.

METHODIST: Preaching every first Sunday. Rev. Shuford, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN: (Non-progressive) every second Sunday. Rev. H. D. Pruett, Pastor.

BAPTIST: Third Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN: Preaching every fourth Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.

CHRISTINA: (Progressive) Preaching every fifth Sunday. Rev. Nance, Pastor.

UNION SUNDAYSCHOOL:—Every Sunday at 10 a. m.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Coming in Fast.

Quite a sprinkling of cotton has been sold this week. Eleven bales were weighed yesterday, which makes a total of 35 for the week. The price yesterday ranged from 10:25 to 10:50.—Merkel Mail.

J. T. Warren, who has just returned from St. Louis, says this part of the country is peculiarly fortunate in the matter of good crops, especially cotton. All along the route through the cotton belt he reports very sorry cotton—nothing to compare with this section, and says the people are keenly feeling the depression Courtney Hunt makes about the same statement.—Merkel Mail.

School for Ira.

Messrs Autry and Wright, of Ira were in the city this week so-

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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 Clipper.

Towns are essential to any community and it is a proposition so plain that the dullest can comprehend that if those who are to get the benefits of a town and those who need a town for their own convenience go to other places to do their marketing and send to other places for their supplies it makes the town just that much less benefit to the community.—Merkel Mail.

We think it would be well for some of our Borden citizens to take this home to themselves.

After using more than a thousand pounds of Paris green and running a boll weevil machine night and day for three weeks, catching more than a bushel of weevils in one day's run, and no appreciable effect having been made on the pests, R. E. Nutt, one of the largest planters of Bee county, announces that he will abandon cotton growing and turn about a thousand acres of farming land back into pasture.—Llano Times.

If Mr. Nutt will come up in Borden we can show him plenty of men making money raising stock,

Gin For Lubbock.

Last Saturday the people met in Farmers' Institute, for the purpose of considering the proposition. Messrs. Cadishe and Benson were appointed to solicit funds for bonus and instructed to report Saturday, Sept. 3.

Geo. C. Wolfarth, Geo. R. Bean and J. W. Peelar were appointed as a committee to make a contract with any party or parties who will build a gin.

This was one of the best business meetings held in Lubbock for some time. Everybody was enthusiastic.

The committee on bonus is progressing nicely and we hope they will have a thousand dollars promised by next Saturday.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Mark E. Ragsdale, ex-State Surveyor and Civil Engineer, will be in Gail in a few days. Prepared to do surveying or engineering. Over 20 years experience. Work legal in any part of the state.

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