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RUSSO-JAPAN WAR NEWS.

BOYARN BLOWN UP.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—A report circulated here today that the Russian cruiser Boyarn was blown up last Saturday and all her officers and crew, 197 in number, were lost has been confirmed by private source. The Boyarn's armament consisted of 64 7-inch guns; eight 1.8-inch guns; two 1.4-inch guns and three machine guns. She was also fitted with six torpedo tubes. The Boyarn was last reported as having taken part in the engagement of February 9 at Port Arthur.

600 SOLDIERS FROZEN.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Tagliche-Rundschau says 600 Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while marching across Lake Balkal in Eastern Siberia. The correspondent adds that the temporary railroad across the lake has not yet been completed and a large detachment of troops was sent on a twenty-two mile march over the ice covered lake. It is presumed a part of these lost their way in a snow storm and perished.

THREE SHIPS TRAPPED.

SEOUL, Feb. 16.—The Korean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country. It is said the Japanese warships trapped three Russian ships off Yonampoh. No details regarding the result of this naval exploit have been received.

JAPS LANDED AT CHEMULPO.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff, just received, confirms the report of the landing 19,000 Japanese troops at Chemulpo. The Viceroy adds that reports have been received of attempts to cut the telegraph wires along the Chinese Eastern Railway and also to destroy one of the abutments of the Sungari bridge. These attempts, he adds, were immediately detected.

RUSSIAN CRUISER SUNK.

CHEFOO, Feb. 14.—Passengers who arrived from Port Arthur say the Russian cruiser Askold was damaged in Tuesday's battle in the roads outside of Port Arthur, but was kept afloat till Saturday, when it sunk in thirty fathoms.

Japs Repulsed On Land.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Reports of a terrific battle with bayonets, in which 12,000 Japanese troops were driven back by the Russian soldiers, come from Chefoo.

Attempting to land at Dove or Pigeon Bay, near Port Arthur, on Wednesday, the Japanese invading force, the dispatches state, was met by the Russians before a foothold had really been gained.

The clash was desperate and the bayonet was the arm used by both armies. While the details of the battle are meager, the late dispatches fully confirm the Herald's special cable printed on Friday morning, in which it was stated that an attempted landing had been made by the Japanese at Pigeon Bay.

Tokio is incensed at the destruction of a merchantman by Russian cruisers, calling the affair a wanton crime and threatening reprisals.

Japan accepted France's parole for the Russian prisoners who fled from the destroyed Variag and Kori etz at Chemulpo.

St. Petersburg officials were thrown into condition bordering on consternation on learning that American naval officers were on board the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur.

In a special cable to the Herald the fall of Port Arthur was declared to be certain, the Japanese Army and Navy working together to that end.

Meanwhile a new complication appeared in the puzzle as to the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron, reported torpedoed in the Tsugaro Straits and also to have bombarded Hakodate and to have sunk a Japanese merchantman. From Nagasaki came a report that three of the giant cruisers actually were torpedoed in the Tsugaro Straits. There were no details.

Japs Demand Refugees.

The survivors from the Variag and the Kori etz, the Russian cruisers are on board the British cruiser Talbot, the Italian cruiser Elba and the French cruiser Pascal.

The situation is becoming acute, as the Japanese have twice made demands on the commanders of the three vessels that the Russians be surrendered as prisoners of war. The captain of the Talbot being the senior naval officer, each time replied that he was awaiting instructions from his government. None of the Russians are on board the American gunboat Vicksburg, whose commander considers that the Japanese are right in their demand, as the Russians took advantage of the clemency of the Japanese in returning to the harbor, then taking refuge on the foreign vessels and refusing to surrender, whereas the Japanese fleet refrained from sinking them in the open sea as they could have done.

A magnificent episode in the battle was the second sortie of the Russian cruisers. With bands playing the national anthem, the international fleet loudly cheering the bravery and gallantry of the Russians, the Variag and Kori etz faced the Japanese fleet, in what was certain death. The positions of the wrecks appear to be such that it will be easy to recover the guns. The Russian losses will be one officer and forty men killed and 464 wounded.

A dispatch from Chemulpo says in the sinking of the Variag the Russians found themselves trapped. Admiral Uriu signaled, giving the Russians five minutes in which to surrender. The Russians ignored the demand to surrender and the Japanese opened fire. A brisk engagement, lasting for two hours followed. The Russian vessels, getting the worst of the encounter in which the odds were overwhelmingly against them, steamed their back into the harbor. The Variag, which was badly injured, listed heavily. Two hours later the Russians attempted to break through the Japanese fleet which was encountered four miles from the inner harbor. The Kori etz was blown up, presumably by its own crew in order to escape capture. A portion of the crew was rescued by the French and Italian vessels in the harbor. The Variag tried to escape but suddenly an explosion was heard and the Variag was seen to sink. Whether she was sunk by a Japanese shell or by her own crew is not known.

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burg and the British cruiser Talbot witnessed the battle.

The Russians have explained their reason for firing on the British steamer Fuping, in which three of Chinese crew were wounded. They assert that the vessel was leaving port without clearing.

The British steamer Wenchow is being held by the Russians for refusing to deliver Japanese passengers.

Information has reached Washington that nearly 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo Sunday, the first division will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible.

Some Japs Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—News was received here this afternoon of a battle between Russian and Japanese forces along the Yalu river. The Russian forces, moving south from the Yalu, encountered the outposts of the Japanese army on their march north from Ping Pang.

A sharp encounter followed in which eighty officers and men of the Japanese army were made prisoners. The main army of the Japanese is now closing in and within a few hours it is expected that two large corps will be plunged into a terrible battle, upon which may turn the outcome of the war.

The Japanese for some time have had a large army in north Korea, where it has been steadily increased by reinforcements.

The Russian army along the Yalu is the largest the czar has in the East, numbering 80,000 men. The Japanese have 80,000 men in Korea, 60,000 of whom are north of Seoul, and are either near the scene of battle or can be hurried thither. In both armies are cavalry and light artillery, but the Russians have decidedly the better of it in both these branches.

Clarendon College is being enlarged by building another dormitory for the accommodation of pupils. The enterprise and energy displayed by the head of this school for the past five years would make any old thing go and this school is very much of a go. They are to be commended for the success they have attained.—Memphis Herald.

Fort Worth Market.

Top prices yesterday were: steers \$3.40; cows \$3.50; calves \$5.00 hogs \$5.20. Receipts were: cattle 1,600, calves 52, hogs 800.

It has the appearance of rain or snow today.

Double Statehood.

NILES, Mich., Feb. 14.—Congressman Edward L. Hamilton of Niles, who arrived tonight, says that the committee on territories, of which he is chairman, will report a bill joining Oklahoma and Indian Territory in one state and that such a bill will likely pass both houses.

As to Arizona and New Mexico he says the situation is not so certain, but he intimated that they would likewise be joined in one state.

Senator Hanna Dead.



SENATOR MARCUS A. HANNA.

Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna, senator from Ohio, and leading member of the firm of M. A. Hanna & Co. of Cleveland, O., died of typhoid fever in Washington, D. C. Monday at 6:40 p. m. He was born Sep. 24, 1837, entered politics in 1880, was manager of McKinley's campaign in 1896 and entered senate in 1897. He was a railway, coal and iron magnate. His father died in 1862 to whose business the deceased succeeded and managed until 1867, when the business was wound up.

He was an untiring worker in republican ranks. Governor Bushnell of Ohio appointed Mr. Hanna to the United States senate on March 5, 1897, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Hon. John Sherman, who resigned to accept the position of secretary of state in President McKinley's cabinet. He took his seat the day he was appointed. In January, 1898, he was elected for the short term ending March 3, 1899, and also for the succeeding full term, to end March 3, 1905.

Yesterday the house adjourned as a mark of respect to the death of Hanna. A committee was appointed to attend the funeral, to be held Friday at Cleveland.

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At Durant, I. T., there are 55 democratic candidates for municipal office. The office is not in the seeking business over there.

"A St. Louis thief was tried and sentenced to the penitentiary in forty-one minutes for stealing twelve dollars. Not a single technicality was discovered in his case on which to get a reversal from the supreme court," says an exchange. The old fool! Why didn't he steal \$50,000 or \$100,000, like Butler and the ex-lieutenant governor and other boodlers of that state?

The complaint of the Washington correspondent that the republicans will do nothing to hurt the trusts and his appeal to the voters to support democrats, who only can cure the trust evil, kills his argument by going further and telling the trust people that they need not be uneasy if the democrats should be elected. Both the democratic and republican parties can blow hot and cold when it comes to dealing with the trust question.

Last Friday Congress broke all records in passing pension bills. Under the guidance of Speaker Cannon, 320 were passed by the house in 155 minutes. Nearly the whole of this time was consumed in committee of whole. The house passed the bills "en bloc" under unanimous consent, which the speaker himself asked for. About half of the bills were disposed of under this request without amendment. When objection temporarily was made the speaker plainly showed his displeasure. The objection was withdrawn, whereupon the remaining bills were declared passed without even the formality of having the clerk read their numbers.

John R. McLean, of Cincinnati, when asked if he would be a delegate to the national democratic convention said: "My works shall be in the ranks as a private, asking for nothing and aspiring to nothing. I shall not be a candidate directly or indirectly either for delegate at large or district delegate to the Democratic national convention. I am not a candidate myself, and I have no candidate."

An order for the first issue of the new Louisiana Purchase Exposition postage stamps, which are to be placed on sale at all post-offices in the United States, May 1, has been sent to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden. It calls for the printing of 90,000,000 of the 1-cent stamps, bearing the portrait of Robert R. Livingston; 225,000,000 of the 2-cent stamps, bearing the portrait of Thomas Jefferson; 7,500,000 of the 3-cent with Monroe's portrait; 9,500,000 of the 5-cent with McKinley's portrait, and 6,500,000 of the 10-cent stamps, with a miniature map of the United States, showing the territory acquired by the Louisiana Purchase.

The United States sold \$193,000,000 worth of breadstuffs abroad last year an increase of \$6,000,000 over the best previous year.

Just 43 years ago from tomorrow, Feb. 18, Jefferson Davis was inaugurated President of the Confederate states at Montgomery, Ala.

Over 100,000 pounds of opium prepared for smoking purposes were imported last year, and the importation is increasing.

The senate has agreed to vote on the ratification of the Panama canal treaty February 23.

To Ratify Canal Treaty.

As it seems certain now that the Panama treaty will be ratified soon by the Senate, President Roosevelt has taken up with Secretary Shaw the arrangements necessary to be made by this Government for the payment of the \$40,000,000 for the canal property and the \$10,000,000 to the Republic of Panama. Attorney General Knox has under consideration the Spooner act of the last Congress with a view of determining whether it affords the President ample authority to provide for the issuance of bonds to raise the money immediately needed and to appoint the commission.

If it should be decided that the Spooner act does not confer that authority no doubt is expressed that Congress will enact promptly the necessary legislation.

The President is considering very carefully the composition of the canal commission. No official announcement of his intention regarding any of the many candidates has been made, but it is thought certain that Rear Admiral Walker, president of the present commission, will be a member of the new commission, and probably will head it. Isham Randolph, the chief engineer of the Chicago drainage canal, and Gen. George W. Davis of the United States Army, retired, also, it is believed have been decided upon as members of the commission.

To Rebuild Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—An army of workmen accompanied by a hundred trucks and carts was working early today in the down town district cleaning away enormous piles of debris left by Sunday's great fire. Besides this force, several hundred men under supervision of contracting engineers of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads began to take down the iron pillars and girders left standing around the ruins, which in their present position constitute an element of danger. The magnitude of work of the rehabilitating may be realized when it is estimated that the mere cleaning away of the debris will cost about \$2,000,000. A number of individual merchants and bankers announced today they have already made definite arrangements with the architects and builders for the erection of new structures.

Settlers For Wheeler County.

R. B. Pyron is in town arranging for the reception of a large contingent of the colony which will leave Chicago on the 16th inst. E. M. Davidson will bring forty families this time and Mr. Pyron and his surveyor, Mr. Simpson, will await their arrival in order to close up his part of the colony proposition. The few families who have arrived with the next installment will increase the county's population by 150 to 200 souls and her taxable wealth in proportion.—Wheeler Co. Texan.

This day, Wednesday, in the church calendar is known as Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This day is also the beginning of the month Adar of the year 5664 in the Jewish calendar.

The United States Geological survey has again published a statement that there is no gold, worthy of the name, in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma.

At a meeting of the board of directors at Canadian last week Prof. J. S. McDonald of Ft. Worth was elected president of the Canadian Baptist College.

J. W. Kibbler at Rowe has sold out to a Missouri man named Kinslow at \$12 per acre.

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STATE NEWS.

The farm house of T. J. Haughton, three miles east of Vernon burned Saturday. Loss about \$300; no insurance.

The store of J. S. McKinley at Arlington was burglarized of \$300 worth of goods Sunday night. They entered by sawing a panel out of a rear door.

Florence Browder, the 4-year-old daughter of W. W. Browder, residing near Calhoun, five miles from Dallas, who was badly burned the 6th, died Saturday.

Jos Bisbee, Ernest Hopper and Cliff Harris have left for San Francisco where they will sail for Japan to enter the service of the Mikado. The men are cowboys from Marcy, Haskell county.

The governor has appointed Nelson Phillips of Hillsboro to the vacancy on the bench of the Eighteenth judicial district composed of Hill, Johnson and Bosque counties, vice Poindexter, resigned.

Fire Sunday at Austin burned out the sewing department at the state lunatic asylum, causing a loss of \$2,500. This department is located in a detached building directly in the rear of the main building.

J. L. Bonner of Lufkin, a prominent planter of Angelina county, was taken before Commissioner Butler Saturday at Lufkin on an indictment found by the federal grand jury on a charge of poenage. Bonner's bond was placed at \$2000.

J. A. Smith postmaster at Tena-ha, was arrested Saturday by Deputy United States Marshal Eason, on an indictment found by the grand jury, charging him with selling postage stamps for more than their face value. His bond was placed at \$1000, which he readily gave.

James M. Hill, a Texas pioneer soldier, statesman and veteran of San Jacinto, died at his home in Austin Sunday night. He was in the revolutions of 1836, the war with Mexico in 1846, the civil war of 1861. The last San Jacinto veteran now alive is said to be S. F. Sparks of Rockport.

In Haskell county Friday the barn of Dr. J. B. Ragan was burned and a four-year-old daughter named Leah and a ten-year-old daughter of T. V. Gordon were burned to a crisp in the fire. It was not known that they were in the building until it was too late to rescue them.

Memphis.

Mrs. W. S. Montgomery is spending this week near Clarendon waiting on Jim Smith, who is suffering from the arrival of a fine boy, father's joy and mother's pride.

D. H. Arnold has started a water wagon to supply the wants, for cistern water has about played out. Old citizens do not remember when it was so scarce in Memphis as now.

Last Monday night some one effected an entrance into Hudgins' hardware house and made off with several pocket knives and perhaps other things, but it could not be told to a certainty. They also made a trial to open the safe but did not do any damage.

Treasurers report showed balances on hand in various funds as follows: Jury fund, \$60.80; road and bridge fund, \$3031.98; general fund, \$3558.74; court house and jail, \$2085.19. Tax levy made for the year same as last year; 25 cents general; 12 cents for bonds and 15 cents for roads and bridges. Ordered that all gates be removed from the Estelline and Silvertown road, the same being a second-class road.

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Boarding Bootleggers.

Baylor County assumed the task of giving board and lodging to one of Seymour's citizens for twenty days. The occasion of this generosity on the part of Baylor County was because the favored gentleman had been supplying some of his special friends with the forbidden spirits—viz., Kentucky whisky.

Some months ago, Baylor County, by a good majority, decided to close the saloons; not long after local option went into effect, however, one Mr. Miller of Seymour became agent for a Covington, Kentucky, liquor firm. As the testimony of several witnesses went to show, Miller would approach them and inquire if they would like a jug of whisky. When they answered yes, he would say nothing more at that time, but later he would go to this same person and tell him there was a jug of whisky in the express office, and by going to the bank and paying off a sight draft in favor of the liquor firm in Covington, and taking attached order to the express office, he could get a jug of liquor corresponding to the number on the order. By following the directions the party could always get his whisky.

Miller went so far as to tell the express agent he was getting \$65 and a \$30 suit of clothes out of it. Yesterday (February 2) Miller was arraigned before the county court for bootlegging whisky, or acting as agent for this wholesale liquor firm in Covington, Ky. The jury returned a verdict of \$50 fine and twenty days in jail. Several other cases are coming up against him during this term of court. With proper officers whisky can be cut, to a limit, from other States. Verily bootleggers have a hard road to travel when the officers enforce the law.—R. E. G. in Advance.

Land is getting to be so valuable in the territory east of us that contests are filed at the least provocation and no doubt bitter fights will be made for the land where the law is not strictly complied with.—Higgins News.

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M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. G. S. Hardy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.

Catholic, St. Mary's Church—Rev. D. H. Dunne, pastor. Sunday services: Mass at 10 a. m.; Sunday school after mass. Evening services at 7:30. Services every Sunday except on SOCIETIES.

1. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 381, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. Fosky, N. G. M. ROSENFIELD, Sec'y.

W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall every Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. ED KIZER, C. C.

J. E. COOKE, clerk
A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd Friday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. JAMES TRENT, W. M. R. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Sec.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 216 R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. W. H. MEADOR, H. P.

JAS. TRENT, Sec.
K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in every month in their Castle Hall, in Johnson's Hall. Visiting Knights cordially invited. J. M. CLOVER, C. C.

F. A. DEBUS, K. of R. S.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR.—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 p. m., in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. MRS. FLORENCE TRENT, W. M. MRS. MARY ANDERSON, Sec.

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No. 7, Passenger and Express..... 7:15 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 2, Mail and Express..... 7:15 a. m.
No. 8, Passenger and Express..... 9:30 p. m.
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Business Locals.

Wall paper at Stockings.
Nicest assortment of candies in town, just in, at Blair's.
Just received a big shipment of harness plow goods, etc., at Ruthertford & Collins'.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Deputy Sheriff Alexander visited relatives at Memphis Sunday.
Mrs. J. H. O'Neal has been real ill the past few days, but is now improving.
Miss Stout is up from Childress on a few days visit to her mother and sister.

J. B. Sydnor left yesterday for Fort Worth where he expects to get employment.
Mr. and Mrs. Binkley Hudgins are the parents of a new baby girl, born Monday.
T. J. Noland will leave the last of this week for St. Louis to purchase a new stock.
Albert Erwin and wife have sold a half interest in section 128, block C 6 to Dr. Wm. H. Cooke for \$500.

Miss Hill returned Tuesday to her home at San Antonio after spending several months with Miss Stout.
Misses Jewel and Mabel Smith came in Friday night from Canyon to join their parents and make this their home.
Rev. Sebe Thomas was up from Childress the first of the week seeing after his cattle he is having wintered in this county.

R. E. Campbell and T. J. Walker, of the Musical Trio, Waco, Tex., are in town for the purpose of organizing a vocal class.

Judge White is reported as somewhat improved in health and the condition of D. J. Calvery is about the same, it has been for several weeks.
Services at the Baptist church Sunday 11 a. m. subject; The Deacons'hip. At 7:30 p. m. subject; Reconciliation. W. L. Skinner, Pastor. Cordial invitation to all.
L. H. and R. L. Madden and R. G. Weldon were prospectors here this week from Wise county. They are pleased with the country and will likely locate and bring others with them.

A couple of printers in town yesterday from Amarillo say that place is now pretty dull, and that a good portion of its population are after office, there being eleven candidates for marshal and five for mayor.
The two public school teachers unable to attend the Amarillo meeting were Prof. Black and Miss Kimbrough. Miss Stout, whom we mentioned Saturday as not going, was present, as she usually is, and took a lively interest in the work.
P. D. Hudgins and wife returned home from Fort Worth Monday night. Mrs. Hudgins is recovering nicely from a surgical operation performed at Fort Worth a few weeks ago, though the trip home fatigued her considerably. We note with pleasure their return and Mrs. Hudgins fair prospect of complete recovery.

Nicest fresh fruit cakes, etc., to be had anywhere at Blair's.

An Address on Agriculture.

W. H. Patrick is in receipt of a letter from W. F. Sterley, general freight agent of the Denver road, giving the information that he had secured the consent of Jno. A. Craig, dean and director in the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, to visit Clarendon and make a talk to the farmers Monday, Feb. 22. He will be accompanied by at least one other speaker, and of the four days to be spent in the Panhandle, one day will be given to Clarendon, which is as far north as they will go on this trip. Mr. Sterley writes:

"This is the only way in which it will be possible to give each of the towns named the benefit of the experience of men who have studied the question for years from a scientific and practical standpoint. The purpose is to encourage and bring about a better understanding and condition among farmers."

We are in hopes that Donley county settlers will give him a large audience and believe it will be worth their while to come and hear the addresses next Monday.

Commissioners Court.

Besides our report Saturday, the county commissioners ordered an election in school district 12 to be held April 5 to determine whether or not 20c special school tax should be levied. Judges of election are T. E. Thompson and C. A. Watkins, the former to preside.
The following managers of elections for school trustees were appointed:

- No. 2, Lelia—W. B. Sims, J. O. King, J. R. Leathers.
- No. 3, Plainview—W. W. James, W. S. Boydston, Levi Angel.
- No. 4, Giles—E. H. Watt, A. J. Akers, P. C. Johnson.
- No. 5, Rowe—J. R. Boston, A. R. Guil, J. T. McHan.
- No. 7, Fairview—T. N. Naylor, G. J. Frame, Roy Kendall.
- No. 8, Graeff—Chas. Graeff, F. B. Rudolph, A. J. Mathis.
- No. 9, Jericho—J. S. Daugherty, G. T. Hamlin, Wm. Sparks.
- No. 11, Barnett—J. C. Barnett, J. K. P. Kyser, J. T. Bain.
- No. 12, Watkins—T. E. Thompson, Joseph Bell, C. A. Watkins.
- No. 15, Whietfish—W. W. Suggs, A. J. Baker, F. R. McCracken.
- No. 16, Skillet Creek—J. T. Glass, J. S. Stephens, W. W. White.
- No. 18, Martin—G. C. Ferguson, J. R. McMurray, A. L. Bruce.
- No. 19, Bairfield—J. C. Scoggins, Wint Bairfield, F. Weidman.
- No. 20, Chamberlain—T. H. Allen, S. H. Hunt, J. H. Roberts.
- No. 13, Naylor—T. L. Naylor, D. Hoodenpyle, G. W. Gilham.

A local option election was ordered for the county to take place Saturday March 12. The following judges of election were appointed to hold said election, the first named for each precinct to be the presiding officer:

- No. 1, W. J. Atterberry, F. B. Rudolph.
- No. 2, W. H. Cooke, F. D. Martin, A. M. Beville, D. P. Ross.
- No. 3, J. T. Moreman, J. L. Reid.
- No. 4, G. G. Willingham, P. C. Johnson.
- No. 5, J. W. Kibbler, J. T. McHan.
- No. 6, Homer Glascoe, Frank Naylor.
- No. 7—W. S. Boydston, J. H. Altizer.
- No. 8, R. S. Thompson, W. H. Baker.

The above were also made the permanent election officers for the next two years.
W. M. Williams was given the contract to put lightning rods on

the jail at \$55, also to repair rods on court house not to exceed \$15.
Dr. Stocking was awarded the position of county physician at \$149.

College Clatter.

David Townsend entered the literary department this week and Wiley Stockett the business department.

Miss Maud Glenn, who teaches school at Memphis, visited her brothers, Verner and Gibbs, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Iva Martin visited the college Monday.

Mary Hardy gave a bubble party to her little friends on her birthday. Friday afternoon.

Miss Gabie Betts was sick Monday and V. H. Trammell taught in her place.

Ed Graham preached in Mr. Doak's place Sunday at Lelia.

Miss Jewell Smith, who attended the college the first term of this year, visited the dormitory girls Saturday.

Mr. G. S. Patterson's children are not in attendance this week. Nearly all of the family are sick.

Miss Lena McElreath returned Tuesday after a visit to her home in Memphis.

Groom.

Harry Groom returned from Starksville, Miss., Wednesday night.

H. E. Stubbs, our real estate man, is going to quit the real estate business and is going to put in a poultry farm at Alanreed or McLean.

C. R. Slay and Mr. Frazier made a business trip to Claude Thursday.

Albert Anderson was in Wednesday on business.

Mr. Rode, of Alanreed, was in Groom Sunday.

The valentine party at Charley Harris' was well attended by the boys, there being thirteen, and five girls. Everybody seemed to have a good time. We had a fine supper on the side.

Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Ducay were in town shopping Friday.

RABBIT.

Notice.

All my accounts have been placed in the hands of J. H. O'Neal for collection, and all who are indebted to me will please call at his office and settle same. J. A. JACKSON.

Al Lucas, a restaurant keeper who killed Lee Cannon at Dalhart about midnight last Wednesday, was bound over without bail to await the action of the grand jury in May.

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State Deficit and Taxation—More Revenue Wanted.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 13.—The deficit in the state treasury department, which has been attracting considerable attention since the first day of last November, is practically a thing of the past for the time being. The general revenue fund will be on a cash basis for the next few months, when the deficit will again put in an appearance, probably about June 15 or July 1. Before many days a portion of the general revenue fund will be transferred to the school fund, the exact amount not being known at this time, as the comptroller has not compiled his figures thereon. The amount involved in this transfer will largely determine the time when the next deficit will make its appearance.

For the next thirty days the eyes of the state officials will be on the tax assessors and county commissioners' courts while they sit as boards of equalization. Just at this time the assessors and equalizers have it within their power to prevent a deficit in the general fund next year. If they assess property for two thirds of its actual value the state will have plenty of money for all purposes; if they do not, the deficit will again confront the people some time next spring.

It is a well known fact that if property in the state was rendered for its true value an ad valorem tax of 10 cents would fill all the requirements and furnish the treasury department with sufficient funds for all purposes.

Another interesting fact which would more or less aid the tax assessor is the way the national banks take to cover. Some of the banks, it is alleged, make a statement to wards the latter part of the year showing the amount of cash on hand. When the assessor comes around about twenty days later it is something astonishing to see how the cash has vanished. The reader would also find the subject interesting should he make a comparison of the bank's own statement and then take a glance at the assessment rolls where the said bank's assessment appears.

This is only one of the many instances in which valuable holdings escape the eagle eye of the assessor. From the records it also appears as if the same banks get by the county commissioners when they set as a board of equalization. It is this character of property that should be made to bear its share of taxation, and not the home of the small property holder.

It is also known that the property valuations of the state should be \$2,000,000,000 instead of a little over \$1,000,000,000. It is known that Texas is growing rapidly, and the fact is often apparent that the payment of state taxes is not progressing as fast as the state. This causes the demand for public money to exceed present resources with assessors getting just enough for county purposes, and treating the state as a secondary consideration.

The next legislature will need men of experience and brains, besides the time has come when someone is going to make a reputation, and the right kind of a legislator will achieve it. Live issues will have to be adjusted, and no good reason exists why the lawmaker in Texas can not accomplish more gratifying results for his people than any one agency.

Texas is growing, and something must be done to keep the state institutions up with the procession. It would seem that the only way to do this is to provide for more sources, all by means of taxation.

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To Colonize New Mexico With Negroes.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Feb. 14.—F. B. Duke, a land agent from Albuquerque, N. M., has been in the Creek nation for several days and is working up a plan to colonize the public lands of the southwestern territory with negroes from the Indian territory. Duke says he has more than 50,000 acres of land in one body. This he says, can be entered under the government regulations. He hopes to get at least 5,000 negroes to move this spring.

Most of the negroes in the Creek nation are freedmen and are entitled to 160 acres of Creek land, and most of them have that amount. Under the laws of the United States they cannot enter public lands if they own as much as a quarter section, and this will bar those who have not sold their allotments. But it is the freedmen who are selling land in the Creek nation, and these, with the floating population of negroes, will constitute the greater number of those who will form the colonies. A feature which causes no little interest is the fact that a few thousand negro votes might be an important factor in the political future of New Mexico.

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