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Says Sugar Beets Will Pay.

"If this isn't a sugar beet county I never saw one," declared J. S. Dunn yesterday during a call at the Daily Panhandle office. Mr. Dunn is organizer for the state of Colorado and for some other new territory for the Farmers' Union of America, and he is now making Amarillo his headquarters in work through the Panhandle. Besides being an organizer and before his work for the Farmers' Union, Mr. Dunn is a farmer. He comes from Rocky Ford, in the heart of the famous truck garden and sugar beet country of Colorado, and he has worked for years at sugar beet farming.

"I might be mistaken, because there may be conditions that I haven't taken into consideration," continued Mr. Dunn, "but if this soil here isn't a sugar beet soil, then I don't know anything about sugar beets, and I think I know a whole lot about them. The only danger I see with this soil is that the farmers may not plow it deep enough. It is a tight soil and it has to be broken up before plant roots can get down into it. You see, the deeper a sugar beet goes the better it gets. If the beets are too thin on the ground and the soil is packed too tight to let them grow down easily, the beets will grow short and chunky and will not have the per cent. of purity that a beet has which grows down long and tapering into the ground."

"Up at Rocky Ford we have a soil that is only about 18 inches deep. It is a sandy soil and below that is nothing but white sand. In that kind of soil, cultivation and deep plowing doesn't amount to so much and most of the work of cultivation is in keeping up the laterals from the irrigation ditches. At Rocky Ford the growing season is much shorter than it is here."

"Sugar beet raising is hard work but it's nice work. I like it. Anybody can do it and everybody can work at it. We plant the best seed in drills about 18 inches apart. Then when the plants are well up the rows have to be gone over and thinned out so that the plants are 4 to 6 inches apart in the rows. That thinning has to be done by hand with little hoes made for the purpose. Then we plow them with cultivators, taking from four to six rows at a time, but the plowing with us is more to get the laterals ready for the water than for anything else. Beets keep on growing till after frost. A frost that just kills the top down a little really helps the beet and makes it sweeter. Even a freeze doesn't necessarily hurt the beet. I understand that you have growing weather after frost in the fall clear into November. That would be to your advantage, because the beets could grow right on up to hard freezing weather. Then they are pulled by a special machine and topped and piled up by hand."

"We have been getting about \$5 a ton up there and the sugar factories have been making plenty of money on that. But down here on this land you could make more money on beets at \$3 50 a ton than we can up there at \$5. You see, many of the people that came in up here to farm the land and to raise the beets don't own the land. It's too high for most of them and they just rent and pay for their water rights. If they found out that they could raise beets down here on this land, they'd come here and buy this land and go to raising beets. If you people down here just show that beets can be raised you'll get plenty of people to come in to raise more, and you'll have no trouble getting the factory after you have the beets."—Amarillo Daily Panhandle, Saturday.

Convention for Delegates to National Convention.

On Saturday, May 2, a primary election will be held in Texas for the purpose of determining whether or not United States Senator J. W. Bailey and three of his friends shall be sent to the Democratic National convention at Denver in July as delegates at large, or those opposed to him, nominated by the Waco convention. The primary will be held "as far as practicable" in accordance with the provisions of the Terrell election law and will be for all white democratic voters in this state, decided emphasis being placed on the word "white."

The test to govern is as follows: "I am a democrat, and pledge myself to support the democratic presidential electors nominated by the state democratic party in 1908 and the nominees of the democratic party to be nominated in the primary election to be held in Texas in July, 1908."

So much was determined at the session of the democratic state executive committee, held in the Worth hotel, at Fort Worth. The decision was reached after an almost interminable discussion of the law points involved, during which the election law was, figuratively speaking, torn to shreds and then patched together again.

The session began at noon Saturday in Fort Worth and continued two hours, when a recess was taken in order to give a subcommittee an opportunity to prepare a report outlining the methods to be followed in holding the primary. The subcommittee did not finish its work until after 4 o'clock and then it submitted two reports—one from the majority and one from the minority.

The majority won in the end, without so much as a comma having been added to or taken from what it had recommended.

The principal difference between the two reports is that the minority report is claimed to track the election law word for word so far as is possible in prescribing the method of holding the primary, the belief of its signers being that this is absolutely necessary in order to make a contest a valid one; whereas, the majority report follows the terms of the law in a general way only, authors contending this is all that is necessary, inasmuch as the election is one not contemplated by the statute.

Foster says next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about March 24, cross Pacific slope by close of 25, great central valleys 26 to 28, eastern states 29. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about 24, great central valleys 26, eastern states 28. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about 27, great central valleys 29, eastern states 31.

Charles Havil and Alber Hale, iron-workers, fought on the 16th story of a building in St. Louis Thursday. The interference of others saved them from falling to the street. For five minutes the battle waged on a steel beam eight inches wide. Havil was severely cut about the face and had to be treated at a dispensary.

Our county commissioners met Wednesday, March 18, and let the contract for a bridge across Red River. The bridge is to be 1,650 feet long and cost \$15,000.—Shamrock Texan.

We learn that B. F. Jackson, who moved with his family from Miami to Corpus Christi, has traded his place near Corpus for a section of land near Groom and will probably move back to the Panhandle.—Miami Chief

There are three candidates out for city marshal at Memphis.

Douglas, the Shoe Man, for Vice-President.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—As it is generally admitted that Mr. Bryan will be the democratic candidate, more and more there is talk heard among leading democrats at the capital of ex-Gov. Wm. L. Douglas of Massachusetts being his running mate. If Mr. Douglas should be nominated it is the opinion of some democrats that it would make Massachusetts fighting ground.

In this connection there is an interesting story current to the effect that should the democrats nominate Mr. Douglas the labor vote will be cast for that party. Mr. Douglas is the proprietor of large shoe factories in the Bay state and has the reputation of being a friend of the workingmen. According to the statement of one of the high officials of the American Federation of Labor, former Governor Douglas "rings true, and during his gubernatorial incumbency he showed his friendship for organized labor by his deeds rather than by words."

In addition to his reputation as a friend of labor Mr. Douglas possesses other qualities calculated to make him a suitable candidate for the vice presidency. He is looked upon as a typical American and, what is fully as much to the point, is he has "barrel of money" which it is customary to associate with the second place on a presidential ticket.

The life story of Mr. Douglas is a story possible nowhere but in America. Yesterday he was poverty stricken; today he is a multimillionaire. Yesterday he worked from daylight until dark for \$5 a month at the shoemaker's bench, toiled in a cotton mill for 33 cents a day, tramped sturdily behind a four-ox team and prairie schooner across the plains of the great west, toiled as a common laborer about a lime kiln; today he manages a business employing 3,000 men and women, with several large factories and upwards of 100 retail stores, is a bank president and a director in other large enterprises.

Mr. Douglas is rated today as being worth millions of dollars, but his friends declare it hasn't spoiled him in the least. He is said to be as approachable today at his offices in his great factories at Brockton as he was when he had a little two-by-four shop in the same city. His whole life is unostentatious, comfortable, democratic, American.

It is probable that more individual people of the world know the face of Mr. Douglas than that of any other living man, be he king, statesman, author or scientist. Persistently, for more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Douglas has advertised his line of manufactures by his portrait and the result of this policy, combined with marvellous executive ability, is that today he ranks as one of the wealthiest men of New England.

Mme. Gould, the divorced wife of Count Boni de Castellane, and her three children arrived in New York Friday on the steamer Adriatic. Madame Gould denied emphatically that she is engaged to Prince Helie de Sagan or any one else.

The Methodist people of Memphis are planning for the erection of a fine \$12,000 brick church the coming fall. They are increasing in numbers and the present house is too small.—Herald.

A lonely looking female driving a one-horse outfit, with half a dozen nanny goats and a colt in a little spring wagon, passed through town for "Sunny New Mexico." Here is a chance for some lonely, no-account man to get a start in this worldly world.—Pampa News.

Bryan to Chicago Students.

Chicago, March 19.—Faith in God, in the United States government, in mankind and in one's self, was discussed by William Jennings Bryan today in a speech delivered to students and instructors at the Armour institute.

"There are larger things in this life than the holding of office and there are greater questions for men to consider than those treated by government," said Mr. Bryan "One of the greatest of these is faith, which is a practical question entering into the life of every one of us. There cannot be any great work without faith."

"But the faith in yourself must have a proper foundation. If you are going to fight a great fight you must have a great purpose. You must have faith in mankind. But trust and be deceived occasionally than not to trust at all."

"You must have faith in your form of government. It is the best government that was ever conceived in the mind of man. It is not perfect for when the Democrats are in power you can prove that the government is not perfect by all the Republicans and when the Republicans are in power no proof is necessary to show that it is not perfect."

"You must have faith in God, which is the most important of all. Man needs the inner strength and conscious presence of an infinite God. It gives strength not only to resist temptation, but also strength to fight the battles of truth"

Big Monopoly Profits.

The annual report of President Vail of the American Telephone and Telegraph company shows a profit of \$23,479,000, against \$17,857,000 last year. Mr. Vail speaks of the vast ramifications of the present system, saying it is national in character, with millions of subscribers connected by millions of miles of circuit wire. The local exchange systems are all bound into one large comprehensive system, embracing 1,664,000 miles of wire.

Hiram Hodges was shot and killed by night riders at his home near Carlisle, Ky, Friday night. Fifty men called him out when he appeared with a shotgun they fired and rode away. A widow and three children survive.

Lieutenant General Stoessel, whom a court martial recently sentenced to death on a charge of cowardice and treason in surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese, but whose sentence was commuted by Emperor Nicholas to ten years imprisonment, began serving his term in St. Peter and St. Paul fortress Friday.

Miss Mattie Hindman was severely burned about the face, neck and arms Saturday afternoon. She went into the kitchen to start a fire in the cook stove and poured some oil on some hot embers which exploded when she touched a match to it. The flames caught her clothing and she called for help but no one heard her. For the first few days she suffered a great deal, but is now getting along nicely and we hope she will soon recover.—McLean News.

There is a prospect of a large store and gin going in at Deep Lake this summer. A large Clarendon firm is figuring on the deal. It is a fine point and the lake would solve the water problem beyond peradventure.—Herald.

Up to Saturday, Taft had 218 instructed delegates to the national convention, Fairbanks 26, Cannon 6, uninstructed 12. Taft's delegates come from 14 states.

Amarillo Saloon Case.

After the hearing at Fort Worth today the court of civil appeals overruled the motion of Z. Z. Savage et al., of Amarillo, for a rehearing of the case heard several weeks ago by the court in which that tribunal dissolved the injunction secured by the saloon men here preventing the publication of the order putting in effect the prohibition law.

The court also today overruled the motion made by the attorneys for the pros to have the court issue a mandate at once. Following the decision of the court on the plaintiff's motion for a rehearing, the defendant's attorneys, Madden & Trulove, again moved to have the court issue the mandate at once. This motion will probably be passed on next week.

The plaintiff's attorneys, Reeder, Graham & Williams, have signified their intention of appealing to the supreme court and the plaintiffs will have 15 days in which to make this appeal.—Panhandle, Saturday.

Study That Amendment.

The proposed amendment to the constitution by which the country schools of Texas may exercise the same privileges in school matters as incorporated towns, should be explained to the voters until they understand it and are induced to support it. At the present time the greatest opposition to the measure is to be found in the country districts for whose benefit it is designed. It should be explained that the amendment carries no command to the country districts to tax themselves more for free school purposes, but simply gives them the option to do so. To express it another way, the amendment would give country school districts the option to vote additional taxes upon themselves if they so choose. It is a local option tax measure just like the local option whiskey measure, except that the option is confined to the single district. The man who votes against this amendment is voting to cut himself off from the privilege to vote on the question of increasing the local taxes for longer terms of school and for other betterments of that ever important adjunct of civilization and education. The advocates of the amendment think that the country children should have the same educational advantages that the town children have. Vote for the amendment at the November election this year.—Abilene Reporter.

Sugar Beet Seed Ready.

Panhandle farmers who have ordered sugar beet seed will get their seed within a few days now and as rapidly as J. H. Avery, chairman of the committee, can make shipments. This morning the shipment imported from Germany for the committee arrived here and Mr. Avery took up the bill.

There are 2000 pounds of seed in the lot or enough to plant about 180 acres. This is being sold at 15 cents per pound which barely pays the expenses of importation and handling. Most of the orders being received by the committee are for twelve pounds or enough to plant one acre but several orders for larger amounts have been booked for parties who will distribute the seed among several farmers. About half the lot has already been sold and the committee expects to run short before planting time. Owing to danger of late cold snaps and unfavorable growing conditions in April, most farmers will wait till the first of May to plant the seed.—Amarillo Panhandle.

Good Double-Seated Hack for sale or trade.
18 tf M. T. HOWARD.

STATE NEWS.

A man named Glover, charged with forging checks was captured in Amarillo Thursday.

The two-story residence of J. M. Norton, at Bowie, was totally destroyed by fire Friday. Insurance, \$1,000; loss about \$2,000.

Around Denison corn planting is virtually over. The acreage of corn and cotton will be short this season. Alfalfa and diversification have changed the situation.

The Childress Ice and Light Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$40,000. Incorporators: R. H. Norris, Thomas Kilpatrick, Joseph H. Aynesworth and others.

The Greenwood College burned Thursday night. The fire started from the stove in the middle of the building. The building was insured for \$2,500; the loss was over \$4,500.

Harmon Not In It.

Judge Judson Harmon is out of the race as an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, and William Jennings Bryan will have a clear field so far as Cincinnati is concerned. This was the announcement made Saturday at Cincinnati, after the "Harmony committee" of the local Democracy had held a lengthy and stormy session. Judson Harmon is out of the city, but the report of the special harmony committee which brought together the factions in the county committee, is based on an understanding that the effort to elect Harmon delegates has been abandoned at the request of Judge Harmon himself.

The Judge's friends declared that he did not desire to oppose Col. Bryan. Shortly before the meeting of the harmony committee ended, Col. Bryan reached the city, to be the guest of the local Democratic Club and to speak across the river at night. He refused to make any comment on the elimination of Harmon from the race, but declared that the outlook for Democratic success looks good and promises to look better.

Duel to Death Through Mistake.

El Paso, Texas, March 20.—Mistaking each other for smugglers at midnight last night, Chas. Jones and Chas. Logan mounted customs guards, fought a duel on the dry bed of the Rio Grande and the bodies of the two men were found where they had fallen. Logan was a son of the late Major T. H. Logan, United States army, and Jones was a former railroad man, living in San Antonio and Houston. Both had been in the customs service many years.

Mexican War Veteran Re-union.

The Texas Association of Mexican War Veterans, of which Col. A. Harris of Fort Worth is president, will hold its next annual meeting in Waco on May 14. The old soldiers will be the guests of Pat Cleburne Camp, United Confederate Veterans.

Senator Bailey says that it is not possible to avoid the Bailey issue in the attorney general's race. It looks like that is the very race the Bailey people ought, for their own good, to keep out of. Davidson is the only attorney general that has ever been able to do anything against the oil company, and as the racket about Bailey came up about the oil company, it looks as though Bailey really did have some connection with the oil business and was still anxious to do the company a good turn by inducing his friends to slay the very and only man that has ever been able to successfully cope with the oil trust.—Jacksboro News.

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CLARENDON, TEX., MAR. 25, 1908.

The office of county judge in Childress county, seems to be going begging for a candidate, and to start the matter to moving the Index editor nominates the Post editor as a candidate.

The Daily News office at Rock Island, Ill., was dynamited early Monday and the press room badly damaged. The paper has been attacking gamblers and advocating local license. No one was injured.

It is expected that Governor Campbell will leave the state capitol some time this week to take the week's vacation he has promised himself. The governor has announced that he would not be able to attend re-unions, picnics and spring celebrations over the state and make speeches.

It has been demonstrated by the experiment stations and by practical tests of innumerable farmers that crop rotation not only pay in better crops but that where properly carried out actually increases the productivity of the soil from year to year. Have you given this matter any thought? Have you considered that with this coming season you ought to begin some sort of crop rotation and prove to your own self by practical tests that the system pays?

G. O. Davis of Dallas has bought 7,680 acres near the center of Gray county. This is the old "Joe Billy" Davidson ranch and later the Bert Wilson ranch. Mr. Wilson sells for a total consideration of \$53,000. The land lies along the North Fork of the Red river in Gray county about half way between Alanreed on the Rock Island and Pampa on the Santa Fe. The new owner intends to move to the place at once and to improve it on an extensive scale.

Texas Wheat to Foreigners.
The Wichita Mills and Elevator Company has an order for 20,000 140-pound bags of flour from London, England, 1,600 of which has been loaded and shipped, and the balance is being placed on cars as fast as possible. This is not the largest shipment that has been made by this firm, having shipped about twice the amount once before. The mill has been making heavy shipments to Nuevitas, Cuba. This flour going to Cuba is shipped in heavy duck sacks, containing 201 pounds each. These bags were made expressly for Cuban shipments, and are from Dallas.

State Health Officer Brumby returned to Austin Monday from San Angelo and announced that he had filed there a suit on behalf of the state against the Pullman Car Company for penalties for alleged failure on the part of the company to properly disinfect its cars in accordance with the state law. The suit is directed against S. M. Carley of Fort Worth, district superintendent, and a car cleaner of the company named Rutledge. This is the first suit to be filed in the state by the health department for violation of the law which requires car companies and owners of hotels and public buildings to properly disinfect them. The penalty for each offense is from \$20 to \$200. Dr. Brumby announced that this is only the beginning and that other suits are likely to follow, as the present methods of disinfecting are purely farical.

Charley Poor, a well-to-do citizen of Miami, died at that place last Wednesday of pneumonia.

United States Senator William James Bryan of Florida, died Sunday in Washington of typhoid fever, 73 days after he took his seat succeeding Stephen B. Mallory, who died December 23.

Last week a Mineral Wells company shipped to a Chicago firm twenty-five carloads of water.

Yes, it Pays.

It pays to raise cattle and horses and hogs and sheep that are the best that good breeding and careful feeding can produce

Take the example of Lee Bros., who live near San Angelo. They had a Hereford steer at the recent Feeders' and Breeders' show which weighed 1,440 pounds, less than three years old. It was highly bred and carefully fed.

The steer took first prize in its class and was declared grand champion of the show. After that Lee Bros. sold him to Armour & Co. for \$172.80. They had already taken \$190 premiums with him, making the returns from the single steer \$362.80. It would have taken eight ordinary steers weighing over 900 pounds, and selling at \$4.50 a hundred to bring the same returns.

The champion steer was a Texas product, Texas bred and Texas fed. It killed out over 70 per cent, one of the highest records ever established by a steer anywhere in the United States. That shows that in feeding Texas can equal any state of the union.

Suppose a feeder sends to market 100 steers, averaging 900 pounds and gets \$4.50, a very good price. He will get only as much as another feeder who sends in 64 steers averaging 1,200 pounds and getting for them \$5.25. Not only has the second man received the same money, but he has saved freight, commission and cost of feeding on more than a car load of steers besides.

Texas can finish beef as well as any state in the union. Up in the Panhandle feeders are already at work going after the top prices paid on the leading markets. It takes good breeding to produce the quality of cattle that will take the feed and after that the Texas feeder stands as good a chance as anybody.—Fort Worth Telegram.

Mob-Ridden Kentucky.

Driven by panic fears because of warning letters and visits from night riders, farmers in nearly all of the 42 counties in the white Burley tobacco district of Kentucky are busily destroying their tobacco beds and at the present time less than one-third of the number usually planted have been started.

In many counties huge signs have been erected on buildings and in high places nearby declaring the intention of the farmer not to raise any crop this season. Realizing the difficulty of making a living for their families in case the decision to raise no tobacco is adhered to, many tenant farmers are preparing to move to other states while many farm owners have placed their property on the market with the avowed purpose of leaving Kentucky. The murder of Farmer Hedges in Nicholas county and the raids in Woodford and other counties have increased the alarm. In announcing their determination to go elsewhere the tenants declare that it will be impossible to subsist from the proceeds of hemp, wheat and corn.

In the neighborhood of Mount Sterling many farmers have received threatening letters, with which were matches, powder and poison and in both farm districts and tobacco towns armed guards have been placed at threatened points. Conditions throughout the state are declared to be worse now than at any time since the tobacco war began.

W. H. Collins, of Greenville, who was injured last week by his storm house caving in on him while he was repairing it, died Monday.

The value of all the cattle in Texas for the year ending August 31, 1907, was a little over \$59,000,000. The value of Texas' annual corn crop is close to \$75,000,000. When the two are combined by more practical feeding and a few million hogs added for good measure there will be no need to talk about methods for inducing immigration to Texas. Agriculturists from all over the United States will crowd the borders in an effort to get into the state.—Fort Worth Telegram.

Change in Quarantine.

New regulations regarding ticky cattle have been issued by the secretary of agriculture, to take effect April 1. They are designated as bureau of animal industry order 151 and amendment 3 to order 143, and copies will be furnished to interested persons on application to the bureau at Washington.

These regulations describe the area quarantined on account of Texas fever and prescribe the conditions under which the movement of cattle from that area is permitted. As a general rule, between Feb. 1 and Oct. 31, cattle may be moved from the quarantined area only when shipped by rail to market centers for immediate slaughter. Special provision is made, however, for the movement of cattle for other purposes from certain districts where some of the farms and pastures have been freed of ticks, when the cattle are inspected and certified to be free from ticks. These districts are hereafter referred to in this article as "provisionally quarantined."

The quarantine now includes the entire states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and parts of California, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

In Texas, Childress county is released from provisional quarantine, and the privilege of shipping from Throckmorton county upon inspection and certification is withdrawn.

Sunday morning Gainesville was visited by the most disastrous fire in its history when one wooden structure and five brick buildings were totally destroyed, entailing a loss estimated to be at least \$125,000. The fire originated in the Auditorium skating rink, and, fanned by a strong southwest wind, the flames quickly made their way to the adjoining building, a two story brick, destroying it and four others before the local fire department could get it under control.

It is reported the house bill increasing the pensions to veteran's widows from \$8 to \$12 monthly will die in conference. The leaders have been notified that many congressmen oppose the measure and threaten to make a raid on the treasury if the measure passes.

Winter is now official at an end as far as the ground hog is concerned. The weather bureau will be expected to take notice and govern itself accordingly.—Panhandle.

Turkish Minister's Daughter.
Miss Sherife Mehmed-Ali, daughter of the new Turkish minister to the United States, is interpreter for her father. Miss Sherife is nine years old and the only member of her family who speaks English fluently. The minister speaks the language only a little, but his bright little daughter is as proficient as a native born. She is pretty, with a round cherub face, black hair that hangs in a long braid, big eyes and a perfect complexion. She learned English in the high schools at Constantinople.

Rowe.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Howell visited relatives south of Lelia Lake Saturday.

Ervin Smith, an attorney of Denison, visited his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Nat Smith, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Caraway of Clarendon spent Sunday at Rowe visiting Prof. and Mrs. Caviness.

Mrs. Lawrence Davis returned last week from a visit to her parents at Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Newton spent Saturday in Memphis shopping.

Joe Kendall's brother-in-law, a Mr. McClure, recently from Missouri, has purchased a section of Rowe land north of J. H. Myers, on Lake Creek.

Bob Stephens had the misfortune last week to get a good horse killed in a runaway on his farm, one mile west of Rowe.

The people of Rowe and Hedley are very much elated over the prospect of getting the crossing of the Oklahoma Mineral Belt railroad, which will go south through Hall county.

Call in at J. A. Burdett's millinery and dry goods store and see the new stock of both millinery and dry goods. Just in this week and up to date. Miss Porter's old stand.

GET MARRIED ANY TIME, but send us your orders for wedding invitations. We have the latest styles, lowest prices, and do best work. Samples on this page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

For District Attorney,
A. A. LUMPKIN.

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

WADE WILLIS.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector,
J. T. PATMAN.
J. MARION WILLIAMS

For County Treasurer,
GUSS JOHNSON.
J. M. CLOWER.

For Tax Assessor,
R. H. ELKINS.
G. W. BAKER.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WAR SHIPS TO GO TO JAPAN.
CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Official announcement has been made from the navy department that Japan has invited the battleship squadron to visit some Japanese port on its voyage around the world and that the invitation will be accepted. The invitation was brought to the state department by Ambassador Takahira and was almost the sole topic of discussion at one of the cabinet meetings this week. After considerable debate it was decided to accept and the announcement was then made. It was rather an embarrassing situation, an invitation that this government had not sought, that it did not want to accept and could not decline without an appearance of churlishness since there was to be hospitality extended and received during the forthcoming visit of the squadron to Australia. It had been announced pointedly that there would be no festivities, nothing but a business trip, after the fleet left Manila till it reached home. This was calculated to take the edge off the failure to make any call at a Japanese port. But the Japanese government apparently did not want to leave this easy way out and now the visit will have to be made. Yokahama probably will be the port of call. The distance from Manila there is 1,800 miles and the voyage will necessitate re-coaling. This will take several days and the hospitalities on both sides probably will occupy 10 or 12 days. This with the lengthened voyage will make the fleet almost a month later than it otherwise would be in reaching the Atlantic coast.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS SHORT.

There are not very bright days around campaign headquarters on either side. In fact, it is likely that the coming presidential election will entail a smaller expenditure of money than has been the case for many years past. The republican committee is worse off in this respect than the democratic. Usually the republican party has had about all the money there was to have. But this year there is a marked disinclination on the part of the big corporations to contribute. In fact, it is said that many of the corporations think they have been hardly dealt with and would not be sorry to see the republican party defeated. It would be a certainty that a democratic president with a republican congress would be able to do practically nothing in the way of legislation and a democratic house with a republican senate would also tie up the administration very effectually. There have been no big contributions on either side of the campaign fund so far and it begins to look as though there would not be. The democrats are rather the better off of the two for money, but it is possible that a hint of adverse tariff legislation might bring some of the recalcitrant manufacturing interests to time.

Stray Notice.

The State of Texas,)
County of Donley,)
Taken up, by L. C. Barnes, of Clarendon, Texas, strayed before A. J. Barnett, justice of the peace, Precinct No. 2, Donley county, Texas: One dark blueish mare, about 14 hands high, about 5 years old, has a little white in forehead, right hind feet white, and branded on left thigh. Appraised at (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars.
Attest: C. A. BURTON,
Clerk of the County Court of Donley County, Texas.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 7th day of March, A. D., 1908. C. A. BURTON,
Clerk County Court, Donley County, Texas.

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The New Orleans papers Sunday announced the beginning of a campaign to abolish horse racing throughout that state. The names of many well known men of that city were printed as signers of the petition now being circulated for presentation to the legislature which meets in May to abolish betting at Louisiana tracks. The question of the betting feature is admitted to carry with it the existence of racing.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Robt. Muir is back from Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

John Alexander went to Esteline yesterday on business.

Mrs. Ora Liesberg has returned from a visit in Amarillo and Claude.

Judge Inman of Dalhart was here on business from Saturday until Monday.

H. B. White and wife returned Sunday from a visit in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. Emma Thornton, sister of Charles Baldwin, has a very sick child about a year old.

Dick Walsh, T. M. Pyle and Will J. Lewis are back from the stockman's convention at San Antonio.

Mrs. W. E. Betts, who recently returned from Fort Worth, where she had an operation performed, is very ill.

D. C. Sullivan, who was called to Whitesboro on account of a brother's sudden death, returned home Saturday.

F. D. Martin returned Sunday from market. Mrs. Martin returned also on the same train from a trip to Galveston.

Rev. G. S. Hardy, presiding elder of the Plainview district, is over from Plainview spending a few days on business.

Miss Nina, daughter of R. H. Holder, gave her school mates a party Saturday night, 17 of them being present. Cream and cake were served and all enjoyed themselves.

F. H. Besaw tells us his wife presented him with a set of fine, large twins while he was down on his other trip, a boy and a girl. All were doing nicely when he left for this trip.

We are told that the band boys have employed H. L. Proctor, of Sulphur Springs, Tex., as an instructor. He is recommended as being a capable band leader and calculated to advance the band members rapidly.

A petition headed by A. T. Cole was gotten up yesterday for a meeting last night to select delegates who are supporters of Senator Bailey to attend the Bailey meeting in Fort Worth March 28. We go to press too early to give the result.

The freezes and frosts of the past week does not seem to have injured the fruit. Now that the equinox storms are over and the ground hog has been in winter quarters his allotted time, we suppose garden making and crop planting will be hurried along with a vim.

A fire at the rear of Dr. Stockings drug store yesterday caused the fire alarm to be turned in. Some hay packing had been burned several hours before and it is supposed that from this some boxes and old lumber caught, which made quite a blaze. It was extinguished by a number responding at once with buckets.

A petition is being circulated asking the city council to defer putting into effect the stock law until Sept. 1, so as to give those having cows ample time to care for them and to dispose of their surplus. It is also argued that feed is now high and that town people would prefer to wait and buy their feed supply from the next crop. There is some talk of a counter petition.

Three houses were burglarized in Amarillo Thursday night. A sign painter arrived here yesterday morning who had four new sample pocket knives that were identified by a drummer, who refused to make complaint, as the knives were not worth the time he would lose as a witness. Sheriff Patman was expecting a message to hold the painter as we went to press last night. He claims to have bought the knives.

Mrs. D. J. Ransom, a sister of L. L. Cantelou, who lives at Wortham, Texas, is here for a week's visit.

Mrs. Blanche Davis of Amarillo came in last week for a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Houk.

Charles Hooker and Miss Carrie Hooker, brother and sister of Mrs. Charles Baldwin, are here from Teneha, Tex., on a visit.

Charles Bogard, who moved back to Teneha, Tex., a few months ago, is looked for here daily with his family and household effects. He is now satisfied that Donley county is the best place for a home.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, who formerly lived here, but now living at Melrose, N. M., have lost their 8-year-old daughter by death. Their many Clarendon friends will be saddened at the news.

Cows Up.

So says the voters of Clarendon in the election last Saturday by a vote of 137 to 108, a total of 245 being cast, making a majority of 25 for stock law.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Reported for THE CHRONICLE:

The four literary societies are doing excellent work, and every student should justly be proud of his society; they are to the college work "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." The societies have elected officers for the fourth quarter, as follows: Euterpean—Misses Anna Talley, president; Gypsy Sullivan, vice-president; Eva Paching, secretary; Stella Doak, treasurer; Ora Ramey, critic; Ruby McGehee, sergeant at arms. Sappho—Misses Edna Harrington, president; Bessie Butts, vice-president; Hazel Jeffries, secretary; Florence Harrington, monitor; Edith Clower, critic; Laura Pace, treasurer. Adkissonian—Mannie Joslin, president; Geo. Palmer, vice president; Geo. Ordway, secretary; Bounds Howe, critic; Luckett Kolstad, censor morum; Fred Madison, treasurer; Roscoe Fort, chaplain; Robert Sawyer, sergeant at arms. Panhandle—John Forbis, president; John B. Pope, vice president; Lester Sheffy, secretary; Stephen Hufstatter, critic; Troy Montgomery, treasurer; Charles Doak, chaplain; Lesley Gilbert, librarian; Roy Teague, sergeant at arms.

Miss Maggie McMicken visited home-folk at Memphis from Friday night to Sunday night.

Bro. Wilson was at Alanreed Sunday and preached there.

Mrs. G. S. Slover is visiting friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Nellie Orcutt, after making a week's visit to her home at Esteline, returned Tuesday.

Miss Anna De Oliveira and Lester Sheffy are in school again after several days absence.

White Wyandotte eggs \$1.50 per 15, guaranteed 50 per cent. to hatch R. W. Ratcliff, Lelia Lake, Texas.

W. K. Hollifield and family have gone to San Antonio for a two week's outing. They will also visit some other points in Texas before returning.—Memphis Herald.

Farmers are coming to understand that manure is never more valuable than on the day it is made, and are more making a practice of getting it out on the fields as soon possible, whether they have a manure spreader or not.

For Rent.

The real estate office formerly occupied by Davis & Alexander, next door to Dr. Carroll's. See 25 tf J. L. DAVIS.

For the best hard wheat flour see Bryan & Land.

If it's writing tablets or stationery you want see The Fair.

Bryan & Land's Royal No. 10 flour is the best on the market.

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Thoroughbred Rhode Island Red eggs, \$1.50 for 15. For information, inquire at B. T. Lane's blacksmith shop.

If it isn't an "Eastman" it isn't a Kodak.

In Memory of Mrs. Annie Nelson.

We, the undersigned committee of Clarendon Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., submit the following resolutions in memory of our sister, Annie Nelson, who departed this life on the 29th day of February, 1908:

Whereas, God, in His infinite love, has seen best to remove by death our beloved and efficient member, officer;

Resolved, That while we sadly miss her sweet face, her quiet, ministering influence, we humbly submit to the will of Him, who doeth all things well, for we feel our loss is her gain; that this one link fallen away in death, weakening our earth chain, has been added to our golden chain above, thus rendering our parting temporary and our meeting eternal. 'Tis not death but entrance upon a new life, where the body is freed from pain and weariness, the mind from its perplexities and the heart from its soreness. It is they that wait that are weary, and yet, for them the sweet hope of a blessed resurrection lights the gloom, when our own shall be restored to us.

"No one hears the door that opens, When they pass beyond our call; Soft as loosened leaves of roses, One by one our loved ones fall."

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved husband, children and relatives our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him, who clothes the lillies of the field, and notes even the sparrows when they fall.

Resolved, That the Chapter room be draped in mourning for 30 days, a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy furnished the family, sisters, brothers and our city papers.

FANNIE POWELL,
ELLA BARNETT,
MOLLIE GRAY.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:
Steers \$4.40 to \$6.00.
Cows \$2.75 to \$3.80.
Calves \$3.10 to \$4.50.
Hogs \$4.85 to \$5.05.

For the best flour go to Bryan & Land's.

Don't fail to see the nice new chinaware at The Fair—the store for bargains.

You will find the latest samples of 1908 wall paper at Stocking's store.

Cement Block Machine for Sale cheap and in good order. See 21 2t J. B. ANTHONY.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

We want to collar every horse in Donley county before plow time.—Rutherford & Davis.

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Nine miles from Clarendon, three miles from Southard; sell all or part; 150 in cultivation, 4-room house, well and windmill, good orchard, sheds, etc. 92-tf B. J. RHODRICK.

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K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meets every Tuesday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. J. T. BELL, C. C. H. W. KELLEY, K. of R. & S.

Pythian sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 5. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights at Pythian Hall. Mrs. H. B. WHITE, M. E. C. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOWER, M. of R. & S.

Modern Woodmen of America—Clarendon Camp No. 12,423. Meets every Saturday night at Woodmen Hall. R. T. JOHNSON, Clerk. Royal Neighbors—Auxiliary to Modern Woodmen—Meet 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month in Woodmen Hall. Mrs. R. T. JOHNSON, Oracle. Mrs. H. W. KELLY, Recorder.

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Canyon City & Northeastern.

At a recent meeting of the directors of this railway company, chartered last year for the purpose of building a railroad from Canyon City to a connection with the Rock Island at a point northeast of Washburn, it was determined to enter the field of active operations as soon as financial conditions will warrant.

The officials and stockholders of this company are Canyon City people of large means—able to build the road themselves, if they see fit to do so. They are not asking outside help nor are they making any big talk about what's going to happen, just "sawing wood," as the saying goes. It's the Canyon City way, you know. Our people want a thing, and as with our Light and Ice plant, capitalized at \$25,000, they meet, subscribed the cash at one sitting and the next day ordered the machinery. And so with Canyon City's Northeastern railway, there will be no gushing and spouting on the Ransom or "Short Line" order; no premature explosions—it will go when it says go and never halt till finished, and when The News records this start you can swear to it. It's the Canyon City way.—Canyon News.

Grafters Want A Muzzled Press.

It is fresh in the minds of news paper readers how Gov. Penny baker of Pennsylvania stood for a libel law in his state that was intended to muzzle the press, and prevent it from telling the truth concerning the acts of public officers. Late developments go to show that the Governor, at that very time, was standing in with the capitol grafters that were looting the state treasury. A state capitol building that costs four million dollars was furnished at a cost to the state of nine additional millions. There were millions of graft in the deal, the truth of which is now being brought out in the courts. One small item will show how unconscionable the grafters were. A bootblack's stand for the capitol building cost the state \$1600. The looters paid \$125 for it. It also came out under oath that \$400,000 was paid out of the state treasury without a warrant being issued. And the probing has just fairly begun.—Henrietta Review.

The Davis Bank of Hoffman, Ok., thirty miles southwest of Muskogee, was held up and robbed of \$1000 Thursday afternoon by two bandits who are thought to be part of the same gang that robbed the bank of Tyro, Kan., last week. The men stepped into the bank at the closing of business and, drawing six shooters, covered I. E. Davis, vice president, and W. B. Davis, cashier of the bank. They swept all the money in sight into a sack and, mounting their horses, rode northeast into the Deep Fork bottoms almost before the citizens realized what had happened.

At the Belden Avenue Baptist church of Chicago a nursery has been fitted up where ten young women at each service take care of the babies brought there by their mothers. Every provision for their care and amusement has been made.

C. T. Yeary of Clarendon, but formerly of this place, was greeting his many old friends in the city Saturday and attending his mother Masonic lodge that evening.—McLean Herald.

Alabama has recently celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Methodism in that State.

Pleased the Newspaper Men.
Mr. Bonaparte was explaining that he had two good reasons why he could not give his caller the information he had asked for. "One is that I have not yet got the information myself," he said in his characteristic way, "and the other way is that when I do get it I will try to keep it away from the eagles of the press." "Eagles of the press," that's very handsome of you, Mr. Bonaparte," said his caller, who was a newspaper man. "There are those who have another name," said the attorney general. "Vultures," said the caller. "I think I have heard them say. But my experience with the newspaper men has always been of the pleasantest kind, and I prefer to think of them as eagles, not vultures."

MAD NO TIME FOR SENTIMENT.

Secretary Morton Smashed Lifetime Dream of Old Sailor.

In an article on Paul Morton, late secretary of the navy, the New York Evening Post says:
"When, on one occasion, a navy department clerk brought him the great official parchment commission of a newly promoted rear admiral for his signature he signed it, after reading it, as he would any document before signing, and noting the clerk still present with the document, inquired what he wanted and was told:
"Admiral Blank would very much like to receive his new commission from the hands of the secretary of the navy personally."
"Where is he?" asked the secretary.
"Admiral Blank is upstairs, in his office, sir."

"Ask him to come here," was the command, and in a few moments the grizzled veteran presented himself to the secretary of the navy.
"Evidently, the officer was filled with sentimental emotion on this event—the climax of his naval career. From boyhood he had lived for this moment, his long terms of sea duty, the monotony of shore service, the anxieties of war, the arrogance of superior officers, the whole chapter of the rigors, the self-denial and self-discipline, was to be crowned with the evidence of honor which his country bestows upon faithful naval officers. He looked his expectation of words of praise, as if in lonely watches he had dreamed of the eloquent sentences which would become the palms of his old age."

"The secretary of the navy stood up, handed the open parchment to the speechless rear admiral, and said only this:
"Admiral Blank, here's your commission."
"Then he sat down to his desk and went on with his work, unconscious of having smashed a lifetime's dream."

NOT GIVEN TO THE WORLD.

Senator's Mischief Making Confined to His Own Knowledge.

A senator who went to Washington recently was met by a friend, who cordially greeted him, and, knowing his predilection for quiet sport, said:
"Well, I hope you have been keeping out of mischief."
"That reminds me of a story," was the response. "Out in my state there was a member of the legislature who never had been known to make a speech. He was a farmer and had been elected against his will. In company with me, he attended a cross-roads meeting and the crowd yelled that they wanted to hear from him. He shuffled to the front of the platform, threw back his coat, and rested his hand on his hip."
"I want you people to know at the outset," he declared, "that I am a good man."

"There was a storm of laughter at what was believed to be a humorous sally. The old man, however, was in dead earnest in his protestation of purity. The laughter of the crowd angered him.
"And I want you to know, moreover," he shouted, "that I am a good man, and I've got guns here to prove it. But, I know you are a bunch of coyotes and I'll keep my guns in my pocket."
"So," the senator concluded, "I am a good man and I am a bad man. But I'll keep my evil ways to myself."

Statue of Marble or Bronze?
There is a division of opinion in the Indiana commission which has been named to make arrangements for the placing of a statue of Gen. Lew Wallace in the statuary hall of the capitol in Washington. Some of the members want the memorial to be of bronze, while the others want it to be of marble. It is said that there is no agreement on the matter in sight.
There are only a few statues of bronze in Memorial hall, and those that are there, to some eyes at least, have not the beauty of the statues in marble. It may be that this is altogether a matter of workmanship rather than of material, but the marble memorials have a holding beauty that the others seem to lack.

An officer of Wallace's old command, Capt. McGrew, who is a member of the commission, declares that he never will consent to a bronze statue of the soldier-writer. It may be that the matter will have to be settled by the legislature of Indiana, but if the legislators were to go to Washington and look over the memorials already there the chances are whether they know anything of art or not they will decide in favor of marble.

Make Trouble for Reporters.
There is always great excitement among the official reporters of the house when Representative Littlefield begins a speech. The men who do the shorthand work of congress are regarded as the most expert reporters in the country, but it is with fear and trembling that they approach their task when "the gentleman from Maine" is recognized by the speaker. Littlefield talks like the proverbial blue streak. He seems never to tire or to pause for breath. If he did not enunciate well it would be almost impossible for the reporters to catch his utterances. As it is they manage, by a special effort, to keep pace with him, but they are always glad when he has finished. Senator Money of Mississippi gives the senate reporters much trouble. He is not only a fast talker, but has a wonderful vocabulary. His rapid fire of words, in a low tone of voice, drives the reporters almost to distraction.

KING DRAG CLUBS.

How to Organize Them and Start Neighbors Dragging.

VALUE OF CONCERTED ACTION

Importance of Using Drags at the Right Time Proved by Statement of a Township Supervisor—Features of Neighborhood Organization.

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After the public spirited leaders in the movement for better roads have convinced the community the King system is all it is claimed to be there will arise the question of how to get every mile of road dragged, for the less progressive men will allow stretches of rough road between the smooth pieces.
Now, in times past I used to shy at organization. I was more afraid of the word than the average farmer's family horse is of an automobile. The worst fool over an auto on my farm today is the twenty-year-old standby who has helped to raise the children; not that I was foolish about it, but because I knew the ease with which good people will elect a president and a secretary, adopt a constitution and quit. I am still opposed to organizing first. Before such an attempt is even suggested a lively demand for it should be created. When the people are convinced by object lessons, then the time is ripe for organization.

A paper record and the formal election of officers is not an absolute necessity, for when the community has reached the proper frame of mind the desired end may be reached by a sort of common consent, just as villages gradually get rid of the front fences and take better care of the lawns without the passage of a special ordinance. In thousands of instances long stretches—twenty miles in some cases—are kept in order by an unspoken understanding. But formal organization will do no harm and often will succeed where the spontaneous kind has failed to develop.

I am acquainted with four styles of neighborhood organization, three of them developed by unselfish individuals having in view the good of the community solely. The differences in the plans are due partially to local environments and partially to the business occupations of the persons who formulated them.

The organization of the residents along suburban roads was first accomplished by Mr. Clarence D. Skinner of Topeka, Kan. Mr. Skinner interested the people along his own street and used the drag to make a boulevard which became the talk of the city. His success was so great that he was made assistant secretary of the Kansas Good Roads association. In which capacity he aided Secretary I. D. Graham to spread the club idea throughout the state, the newspapers of Topeka joining heartily in the project.

Postmaster Filson of Cameron, Mo., was the author of a scheme for dividing each rural route in two parts with a captain for each part. He called a mass meeting of all the patrons of all the rural routes and after explaining to them he divided the audience into groups by routes and had captains chosen. It was the business of one captain to manage the outgoing half of the route which passed his house, and it was the business of the other captain to attend to the incoming end.

About two years ago Thomas W. Larkin, secretary of the Denison (Tex.) Commercial club, made and tested a King drag. He was converted. The roads were very, very bad about Denison. One of them, known as Carpenters Bluffs road seemed much the worst. The Commercial club donated a sum of money to put this road in order, but stipulated that the farmers must pledge a like amount in money or labor, and also must promise to drag the road carefully after it was repaired. Mr. Larkin called meetings at a schoolhouse or two out near the end of the road, presented the proposition and organized the farmers. Today the Bluffs road is known by reputation throughout Texas, and its excellence is the standard by which other good roads are measured.

The fourth form of organization can be used only in localities where the road officers join the movement and take the management in charge. I can outline the workings of this plan most quickly and clearly by repeating a statement made by a township supervisor from Clayton county at the Iowa state road convention, Des Moines, in January, 1908. The value of the King drag and the importance of concerted action in its use were under discussion, and the supervisor said that on a certain afternoon, naming a day several weeks past, the roads had thawed and were a little stumpy. The wind got into the north and it was evident a freeze was coming. "So," said he, "I stepped to the phone and ordered out every drag in the township. The weather turned very cold that night; the ground froze hard and remains frozen till now. The undragged roads were so sharp and rough the next morning they were well nigh impassable, but the dragged roads were as smooth as a floor and as hard as cast iron and have been so every since."

It seems to me this statement contains in a nutshell proof of the value of the drag even in winter, evidence of the importance of using the drag at the right moment, and also points to the necessity for some form of organization.

A Fine Piano for Sale.
For \$200 I will sacrifice a \$375 "Cabinet Grand" piano, same as new. Come now. C. C. BEARDEN.

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing hope to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ of the body, and that it is utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect your body from your most vulnerable spot, "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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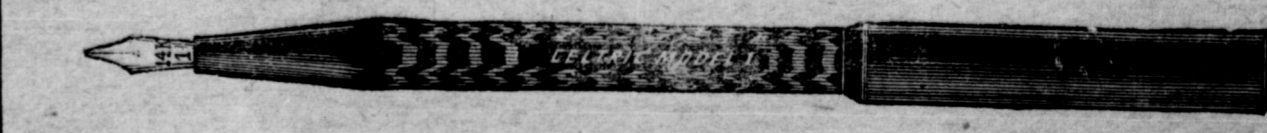
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