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SANTA FE OFFICIALS VISIT SLATON YARDS

A special train of Santa Fe "Brass Collars" was in Slaton Monday on a general inspection trip of the Panhandle and Santa Fe Lines. In the party were T. H. Sears, general superintendent; D. Elliott, superintendent; C. E. Smyer, trainmaster; and E. M. Roush, general foreman of bridges, all officials having headquarters at Amarillo. This was Mr. Sears' first trip over the lines, and was made principally as a get-acquainted visit. He succeeded G. C. Starkweather a few weeks ago. A more extended visit to Slaton a little later was promised.

All Santa Fe lines in the Panhandle, the South Plains, and as far east as Sweetwater are now operated as the Panhandle and Santa Fe Lines.

Presented With Diamond Ring

Marceline, Mo., July 5.—T. H. Sears, superintendent of the Missouri division of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, was today given a \$450 diamond ring by officials and employees of the division. Mr. Sears left today for Amarillo, Texas, where he will act as general superintendent for the Western lines. R. H. Allison of Emporia, Kans., succeeds Mr. Sears as division superintendent.

We are in receipt of a circular trying to justify Congressman Smith's ambition to succeed himself to a long tenure in office by stating that Underwood of Alabama and Champ Clark of Missouri both stayed in congress longer than he has. Underwood and Clark are both national figures and have made history for their party. The same is true of Bailey and Culbertson of Texas, and all of these national characters made their reputations while the republican party was in control of the nation's affairs. Serving by the side of these big men for twelve years has been our own Judge Smith. Did he make as much of his opportunity and establish himself before the public as a man who could take care of the interests of the people of the sixteenth district of Texas? Before the present campaign started there was a large per cent of the voters who could not have given the name of our congressman (and this after he had represented us in congress for TWELVE years) on request, and a still larger per cent who had never seen him—their congressman. The comparison he makes of himself (a stranger to his constituency, the voters of our district) to Underwood, Clark, and Bailey (national figures) is the most logical reason that could be advanced why we need a new congressman in Smith's place.

Word from Melrose, N. M., Monday tells of the death of the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Edgell. The little one was four months old and had the whooping cough which followed a siege of the measles.

The Bulging Basket

of good Groceries is like the mythical horn of plenty, but with much more substantial value. With a big basket of our Groceries weekly the average family is well provided for, so far as eating is concerned. We handle only the purest and freshest goods, and we can warrant the quality of everything we sell.

One trial will hold your trade.

SLATON SANITARY GROCERY

PROCTOR & OLIVE, PROPRIETORS

Sanitary Way is the Only Way. You Only Pay for What You Buy and at Lower Prices.



Wednesday Five Hundred Club.

Mrs. Peyton Edward Jordan entertained the members of the 500 Club and a number of invited guests in her pretty bungalow home on Wednesday afternoon, July 8th. The massive living-room and the dining-room were beautifully decorated with roses, a variety of garden flowers, and asparagus. The dining table was specially attractive in its decoration of green and pink.

Each guest on arrival was ushered into the dining room where Mrs. J. F. Spetter most gracefully served punch. At the close of many interesting games a delicious two-course luncheon of chicken salad, olives, hot rolls with butter, ice tea, orange ice, angel food cake, and clover leaf wafers was served.

The guest list included Mesdames Sewell of Abilene, Nash of Greenville, J. H. Paul, E. N. Twaddle, Gus Robertson, I. W. Hudgens, A. S. Page, J. F. Spetter, Clem Spetter, J. M. Simmons, A. E. Howerton, Butler, Briggs Robertson, J. F. Utter and A. L. Brannon; the Misses Edna Twaddle, Pearl and Myrtle Dunscomb, Ora Kuykendall, Mary Spetter, Maud Nevils, and Miss Manley of Stamford.

This was the last party to be given by Mrs. Jordan as she is soon to leave for her new home at Portales, N. M. This popular young matron will be keenly missed by her wide circle of friends, as she has been a member of the 500 Club since its organization.

Card of Thanks.—We take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends who so generously gave us their assistance during the sickness of our baby, and ministered to us at the burial, and especially do we thank the ladies who furnished the flowers at the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blackwell.

Jim Grant, day hostler for the Santa Fe, has returned to work after an extended absence in the northern and eastern states.

O'CONNOR MANAGER WESTERN TELEPHONE

A change was made today in the management of the Slaton exchange of the Western Telephone Company, Jas. O'Connor succeeding O. L. Luther. Mr. Luther is promoted to a good position with the same company at Big Springs, and will move to that place. He has made good at Slaton, is a splendid fellow, and carries the best wishes of a host of friends with him.

Mr. O'Connor comes to Slaton from Boerne, Texas, where he was manager of the Kendall County Telephone Company, and is well recommended to the business people of Slaton. He and his wife came to Slaton Sunday to get acquainted before Mr. Luther turned the business over to them. They were accompanied to this place by Stanbery Alderman, auditor for the Western Telephone Company, the party coming overland from Big Springs in a Viele.

Mr. Alderman took an inventory of the Slaton exchange and property and assisted in the checking up and transferring of the business from Mr. Luther to Mr. O'Connor.

The Western Telephone Company takes pride in constantly increasing the efficiency of its service.

An extra coach will be carried as far as Post City Saturday by the east bound passenger for the benefit of those who want to go to the Monogram-Postex baseball game. The freight from Sweetwater will bring the coach back to Slaton that night. All who want to go to the game can do so at a small expense and be away from home only a few hours.

Banker Ferguson is reported as saying in one of his campaign speeches recently that he could not understand why God made insects, bugs, frogs, lizards and other 'geological' specimens. No one expected Jim to understand it, anyway.

Entertained at Utter Home

Among the numerous social affairs given in Slaton honoring Mrs. P. E. Jordan and Miss Mary Spetter, one of the prettiest was at the beautiful Utter home on Friday afternoon, July 10, Mrs. J. F. Utter and Mrs. A. L. Brannon being hostesses for Mrs. Jordan and Miss Spetter jointly. The Utter home is well adapted to affairs of this kind and the rooms were made beautiful with roses and ferns.

On arrival the guests were received by Mrs. Utter and conducted to the dining-room by Mrs. Brannon where Miss Edna Twaddle in her usual charming manner served delicious ice cold punch from a table uniquely decorated with thistles and greenery. Each lady was requested to register in the guest books, presided over by Mrs. J. F. Spetter. After a time of pleasant conversation an interesting contest was held, Mrs. W. H. Proctor being the most successful contestant. Miss Spetter favored the company with several choice selections on the piano and another contest more amusing than the first was enjoyed, Mrs. Proctor again taking first honors. Mrs. Clyde Pogue then rendered music on the piano which was very enjoyable. The hostesses, assisted by Miss Twaddle, served a dainty ice course.

The invited guests were Mrs. T. E. Nash of Greenville, Mesdames Page, Proctor, Pogue, Paul, Kuykendall, Edwards, Blanton, Wadsworth, Loomis, McCullom, Twaddle, Olive, Butler, Davis, Young, Adams, Howerton, Simmons, Hudgens, Jordan, A. B. Robertson, Gus Robertson, Briggs Robertson, Clem Spetter, and J. F. Spetter; the Misses Octavia Manley of Stamford, Edna Twaddle, Ora Kuykendall, Mary Spetter, Bertha Proctor, and Pearl and Myrtle Dunscomb.

The Slaton Auto Supply Company received two new Reos the first of the week, one for a customer at Lamesi and one for the V ranch.

MONOGRAMS WIN IN TWELVE INNING GAME

The Slaton Monograms won an interesting game on the local diamond Saturday from the Post City Postex team by a score of 8 to 7 in the 12th inning. The Postex team is one of the best on the Plains, and caught the favor of the grand stand several times with star fielding plays. Their team work was good.

The Monograms had superior pitching and heavier hitting.

The game started by the Postex scoring twice in the first inning, once in the second, three times in the fourth, and once in the fifth, all scores the result of hits and errors, none being credited as earned runs. The Monograms then settled down to real ball playing, and during the next seven innings twenty-three Postex players faced the Slaton pitcher, only three batters in each inning excepting two.

The Monograms scored once in the third when Shaw reached first on an error and scored on Minor's hit. In the fourth Eckert got a hit and scored on Luther's hit, an earned run. In the fifth Johnston got a hit and scored on Briggs Robertson's hit, the latter being caught trying to make it a home run. Pool Robertson then scored on errors. In the sixth Shaw, Johnston, and Briggs Robertson scored on good clean stick work, Minor getting the last hit but being caught between first and second. In the next six innings nineteen men faced the pitcher. In the last inning Briggs Robertson reached second on a hit, was sacrificed to third by Pool Robertson, and scored the winning run on a bad throw to third.

For Postex Burnett played 1, Courtwright 2, Richards s, Duckworth r, Weakley m, Hays 1, Kays and Duren 3, Naylor c, Brannon and Eubanks p. Brannon struck out 3 and gave 9 hits in six innings, Eubanks struck out 3 and allowed 2 hits in six innings.

For the Monograms Kuykendall played 2, c, Johnston m, Briggs Robertson 1, Minor 3, Pool Robertson s, Eckert c p, Hurd and Carpenter r, Luther 1, and Shaw p 2.

Shaw struck out 4 and gave 5 hits in four innings. He struck out three the first inning. Eckert struck out 7 and allowed 3 hits in 8 innings. He struck out three in the last inning just as fast as they could swing their bats.

A large number of Post City fans came up to see the game, and from a fan's standpoint it was some game. The score:

Postex—2 1 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 7
Monog—0 0 1 1 2 3 0 0 0 0 1 8

R. J. Murray officiated as umpire.

Two inches more of rain fell at Slaton last week after the Slatonite was printed. This week has been one of sunshine and the farmers are making good time in the fields. The weather had been unsettled for so long that the weeds were getting a big start.



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has proven we hope that YOU can put YOUR TRUST in us, BELIEVE in us, have CONFIDENCE in our one HUNDRED per cent SATISFACTION GUARANTEE.

We Want You to Feel That Way--

To put the most liberal construction on it; to test our goods by wear, and our Guarantee by anything you please.

There are thousands of men today wearing INTERNATIONAL Clothes with entire Satisfaction.

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"YOU FITS"

Proctor & Olive

Gents
Furnishing
Store

SLATON, TEXAS

Local and Personal.

Under the terms of the new arrangement the Pecos and Northern Texas lines and the Southern Kansas of Texas lines of the Santa Fe are consolidated under the title, "Panhandle and Santa Fe Lines," by which name they will be known hereafter.

The opinion of the court of civil appeals rendered recently at Austin gives the railroad commission authority to force the Crosbyton South Plains Railroad Company to put sidetracks and a depot at Ralls. The decision will probably be taken to the supreme court.

Slaton Lodge No. 861 I. O. O. F. had a big ice cream supper Monday night in connection with the regular installation of officers. Chris Harwell of Lubbock, A. D. D. G. M., assisted by W. H. Flynn, Sam T. Davis, and J. M. Johnson came down to install the officers. After installation R. H. Tudor was given an opportunity to show his prowess in riding the goat, the little black rascal the boys keep for the initiatory degree. He was nearly unseated but rode clean at the finish. The boys report a good time.

Mr. W. F. Maxwell and Miss Bernice Hubbard of Slaton were married in Clovis, N. M., on Monday, July 6, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell returned to Slaton Wednesday to receive the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends, and the Slatonite takes pleasure in adding our sentiments to those of their friends. Mr. Maxwell is Santa Fe agent at Slaton, and Mrs. Maxwell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbaad who are employed at the V Ranch. The bride and groom are stopping for the present at the Singleton Hotel.

Mr. Vern Johnson and Miss Rotha Dittmore were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carpenter in Slaton on Saturday, July 4, 1914. L. P. Loomis, Justice of the Peace, pronounced the wedding ceremony which united this popular young couple as husband and wife. Only immediate relatives were present. Mr. Johnson is employed in the grocery department of the Simmons & Robertson store, and Mrs. Johnson in the dry goods department of the same store. The Slatonite takes pleasure in joining their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

We have 563 miles of railroad to each 100 square miles of territory Texas has 37 miles of railway track to every 10,000 inhabitants.

There are 1,916 locomotives, 1,286 passenger coaches and 45,894 freight cars in service on Texas roads.

The railroads of Texas are long enough to reach across the United States five times.

One-fortieth of the world's railway mileage is in Texas.

We have 27 counties without a single mile of railroad and 11 counties with less than 15 miles.

Compared with other states, Texas ranks fortieth in railway mileage per area.

To afford Texas the same railway facilities as Illinois has, will require an additional investment of \$1,000,000,000.

Texas railroad property is valued at \$409,000,000.

To Whom It May Concern:

We wish to thank our many patrons for their past favors, and want to announce that owing to the small margin we are forced to sell our goods on we are compelled to ask those of you who have accounts with us over thirty days old to please call and settle. We need the money to meet our own obligations.

SIMMONS & ROBERTSON

Dry Goods and Groceries. Phone No. 7.

TEXAS FACTS

PETROLEUM.

Texas ranks sixth in the United States in petroleum production.

Petroleum is the leading mineral produced in Texas, and constitutes 43 per cent of the annual output.

The oil wells of Texas produce 31,000 barrels of petroleum per day.

In pumping petroleum from the Texas fields to the refineries, 2,100 miles of pipe lines are constantly in use.

The longest oil pipe line in the world is in Texas.

We have 8 oil refineries in Texas.

The known petroleum area of Texas covers 400 square miles.

Port Arthur is the leading oil exporting port of the world.

Texas petroleum and its products enter every market in the world.

The annual petroleum production of Texas is 11,735,000 barrels valued at \$8,853,000.

Crude and refined oils to the extent of 136,225,000 gallons, valued at \$6,500,000 are exported from Texas ports annually.

The first petroleum production in Texas was in 1889, when 48 barrels were produced in the Corsicana field.

ASPHALT.

Texas ranks second with other states in asphalt production.

Texas produces 60,000 tons of asphalt annually, valued at \$800,000.

SALT.

Texas produces \$300,000 worth of salt annually.

The salt mining of Texas is confined to 3 counties.

We have 416 miles of gas mains which were constructed at a cost of \$2,500,000.

Twenty-five Texas cities are furnished gas from the Texas fields.

Our natural gas area is one of the largest in the United States and covers 130 square miles of territory.

Texas ranks eighth with other states in natural gas production.

Our natural gas industry is yet in its infancy and many new fields are being discovered.

Slaton Livery Barn

G. L. SLEDGE, Proprietor

Good Teams and All Livery Accommodations.

We have for sale at all times—

Hay, Grain and Feed, Chicken Feed
Ground Oyster Shells, etc.

City Directory and Railway Guide.

MAYOR: R. J. Murray.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST CHURCH.

J. P. Calloway, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. C. C. Hoffman, Superintendent. A. E. Arnfield, Asst. Supt.
Preaching services every second and fourth Sundays in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.
Womans' Missionary Society meets every Monday afternoon at three o'clock.
Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

J. D. Lambkin, Pastor.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. E. S. Brooks, Superintendent.
Preaching services every first and third Sundays in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Aid Society meets every Monday at 3 o'clock p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Word, Pastor
Preaching every fourth Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.

LODGES.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.

Slaton Lodge No. 861 I. O. O. F. meets every Monday at 8.30 p. m. F. V. Williams, N. G. J. G. Wadsworth, Secretary.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Slaton Camp 2571 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month at MacRea Hall. A. E. Arnfield, C. C. B. C. Morgan, Clerk.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets on second and fourth Thursday evenings each month at 3.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Ida Bellomy, Guardian. Mrs. Carrie Blackwell, Clerk.

A. F. AND A. M.

Slaton Lodge A. F. and A. M. meets every Thursday night on or before each full moon, at 8.30 o'clock. J. H. Smith, W. M.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE--Santa Fe South Plains Lines

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 27, Arrives from Amarillo..... 2:30 p. m.
" " Departs for Sweetwater..... 2:55 p. m.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 28, Arrives from Sweetwater..... 10:40 a. m.
" " Departs for Amarillo..... 11:06 a. m.

AMARILLO LOCAL.

No. 93, Arrives from Amarillo..... 5:15 p. m.
No. 94, Departs for Amarillo..... 6:00 a. m.

LAMESA LOCAL.

No. 803, Departs for Lamesa..... 3:20 p. m.
No. 804, Arrives from Lamesa..... 11:30 a. m.

LOCAL Gossip

GOOD 5-PAS. FORD CAR for sale, good terms.—C. W. Olive.

Mrs. W. H. Sewell of Abilene is a guest at the V ranch.

O. L. Garrett and family moved this week to Paris, Texas.

D. L. Sowell is back at work for the Santa Fe, taking O. L. Garrett's place.

Mrs. Allen Duncan and her son went to Downing, Mo., Wednesday on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Sibley of Post City is a recent Slatonite. He is working for the Santa Fe as car repairer.

A card from from Santa Ana, Cal., tells of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Compton on Sunday, July 12.

Mrs. J. L. McNerling, accompanied by J. L. Jr., left Wednesday for Pampa, Ariz., to visit a brother of Mrs. McNerling's for several days.

G. W. Dudley and family went to Lohn, Texas, this week to visit Mr. Dudley's brother-in-law, Dora Killingworth. The Dudleys will be away a month.

Announcements

POLITICAL.

The SLATONITE is authorized to announce to the voters that the following named candidates for office solicit your support and your vote at the Democratic Primaries held in July, 1914.

For District Attorney 72nd Judicial District:

R. A. SOWDER of Lubbock.
G. E. LOCKHART of Tahoka.

For County and District Clerk of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

FRANK BOWLES of Lubbock.
SAM T. DAVIS of Lubbock.

For County Treasurer of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

CHRIS HARWELL of Lubbock.
MISS ADELIA WILKINSON of Lubbock.
J. M. JOHNSON of Lubbock.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

W. H. FLYNN of Lubbock.
J. T. INMON of Lubbock.

For Tax Assessor of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

R. C. BURNS of Lubbock.
S. C. SPIKES of Lubbock.

For County Judge of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

E. R. HAYNES of Lubbock.

For Representative 122 District:

H. B. MURRAY of Post City.

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Lubbock County:

C. A. JOPLIN of Slaton.

FURNITURE FOR SALE at a very low price.—Mrs. J. F. Spetter.

F. B. Morgan and family went to Norton, Texas, Monday on a visit.

W. L. Jones and family returned home the first of the week.

It is likely that we will have some good Santa Fe news for Slaton in a few weeks.

Mrs. Clyde Pogue entertained Monday afternoon, July 13, in honor of Mrs. P. E. Jordan.

FOR SALE.—Good size, first class, enameled refrigerator, cheap. Ask at Slatonite office.

Miss Mary Spetter left Slaton Saturday for Topeka, Kansas, where she will make her home.

Miss Octavia Manley of Stamford is visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. B. Robertson, at the V ranch.

P. E. Jordan sold his beautiful residence on Grand Avenue Thursday to A. B. Robertson Jr.

"Biggest Rain of the Season" is the way an exchange heralds in large type a two-inch rain. That would be just an ordinary sprinkle at Slaton this summer.

FOR SALE.—Lots 3 and 7 to 11 in Block 74, West Lawn Add. to Slaton. \$50 each, payable \$10 per month. Purchaser assuming \$22.50 on each lot.—Hilliard Bryan, El Paso, Texas.

Briggs Robertson is here from Slaton this week getting his automobile supply house in shape for business. He will occupy the building east of W. E. Porterfield.—Post City Post.

The weather must be getting warm down at Tahoka and other points on the B. W. Special. A shipment of four ten-gallon kegs and seventeen five-gallon kegs of ice cream—125 gallons in all—went down there Wednesday afternoon.

Slatonites have been in special demand lately. Two weeks ago the addition of new names and the demand for extras took every paper in the shop, and last week the demand was such that we had to run fifty extras. There are an even dozen business firms in town that should help the Slatonite boost Slaton, but they are not carrying a line of advertising. We get all our booster enthusiasm from our advertising columns.

While driving up from Big Springs Sunday in the Viele car Stanbery Alderman, auditor for the Western Telephone Company, had a little bad luck with the car, but fortunately the break did occur until the car was right at the railroad crossing coming into Slaton. A connecting bearing worked loose from the crank shaft of the car and made a hole in the crank case. Mr. Alderman telephoned for a machinist at the Compton garage in Big Springs to come after the car.

A FEW BARGAINS FOR SALE

A practically new four-room house in best residence district, never has rented for less than \$10 per month. Can be had at a very reasonable price on terms of \$50 cash and the balance at \$20 per month. Why not OWN YOUR HOME. It will be money in your pocket to investigate.

A dandy corner lot on Grand Avenue with good well. The price on this lot is practically only the cost of the well and can be had on terms of \$5 cash and \$5 per month. Here is where you need to purchase for a home sight and the time to do so is right now.

Can offer you for a few days a beautiful, slightly, well located tract of ground, about three acres, overlooking the city, and certainly a dandy location for that little suburban ranch you have been looking for. This to go at \$200 on terms of \$5 cash and \$5 per month. Won't last long.

If interested in buying see or write C. C. HOFFMAN, CITY

Report of the Condition of the

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FIRST STATE BANK OF SLATON

As Made to the State Banking Department June 30th, 1914

Loans and Discounts	\$25,907.82	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Banking House, Fur., and Fix.	5,000.00	Surplus and Profits	1,392.96
CASH AND EXCHANGE	22,530.97	DEPOSITS	37,045.83
Total	\$53,438.79	Total	\$53,438.79

We point with pride to the above statement, showing 60 per cent of reserve on hand. On the basis of a conservatively managed Bank we solicit your business, whether large or small.

The Slaton Slatonite

L. P. Loomis, Editor and Manager

SUBSCRIPTION, A YEAR \$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter September 15, 1911, at the post office at Slaton, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

MONEY!!

Money to loan on approved security. Long or short time. R. A. Baldwin.

Wanted—to buy a second hand baby walker. B. C. Morgan.

Miss Maggie Massey of Midland, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Blakeney, in Slaton.

When the Lever bill forbidding gambling in cotton came up in the House for a vote it passed by a vote of 84 to 21, some 328 representatives being absent. How many Texas representatives are numbered among the absentees?

W. T. Garret brought to the News office this morning a fine sample of lake grass which is growing in his yard. The grass is about four feet tall and has heads with well filled grains. The old timers in Canyon say that this grass used to grow quite flourishing in the lake beds and was the very best of feed. It has sold as high as \$20 per ton. Mr. Garret says that it is very hard to kill out and stayed green all last winter. He advocates planting some of this grass on the farm for experimental purposes.—Canyon News.

C. W. Jones, former cashier of the defunct First State Bank of Texola, Okla., has confessed that he robbed the bank of \$5,000 then gagged himself with a towel and handcuffed himself to the fixtures with handcuffs that he had purchased from a Chicago mail order house. He buried \$4,000 in a field, but the field has since been plowed and he is unable to find the money. Jones was not suspicioned in connection with the robbery, several other men having been arrested and released. He says he has been converted since the robbery and wants to make restitution.

The Texas mule was the predominating class of work animals used in the construction of the Panama Canal.

The Texas mule is the Commercial King of Beasts.

Federal Government reports show that horses can be raised cheaper in Texas than any other state. We have 1,216,000 horses, valued at \$97,280,000.

Only two states have more horses than Texas.

The Texas horse has held his own with the auto. During the past ten years he has more than doubled his value.

Texas furnishes the world with its pole ponies.

Two Hot Weather Necessities:

The Herrick Dry Air Economical REFRIGERATOR and QUICK MEAL OIL STOVES

The Herrick is the last word in refrigerator building and the price sells it.

The meal cooked on the Quick Meal Oil Stove will be a pleasure to the housewife.

FORREST HARDWARE

Why Not Answer Your Telephone Calls by stating either



- YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER
 - THE NAME OF THE FIRM
 - THE NAME OF YOURSELF
- and save valuable time and needless questioning.

The Western Telephone Company

SLATON PLANING MILL

R. H. TUDOR, Proprietor

Contracting and Building

Estimates furnished on short notice. All work given careful and prompt attention. Give us a trial. North Side of the Square

THREE GOOD REELS

For Saturday Night

At the Peoples Theatre:

PROGRAM STARTS AT 8.45. THESE REELS ARE ALL GOOD ONES ONE REEL ALONE WOULD BE WORTH THE SMALL ADMISSION WE CHARGE TO SEE ALL THREE OF THEM.

Reviewing the Congressional Campaign

Why It Takes Two and One-Third Votes on the Plains to be Worth One Vote in Central Texas... My Vote is Just as Good as Any Man's; Isn't Yours?

The Slatonite is in receipt of a pamphlet entitled, "Blanton's 'Proof' Analyzed," and signed by W. R. Smith, candidate for congress. A very striking feature of this pamphlet is that it is just being distributed at the eleventh hour before the primary—too late to be answered. Blanton's "Proof" has been in circulation for several weeks.

But a careful perusal of Mr. Smith's eleventh hour—too late to be answered, last word campaign argument brings out no good reason why he should go to the expense of printing and circulating it. It is timely, however, in that calls for no answer whatever. It tells nothing new and introduces no original ideas into the campaign. It is a decidedly disappointing effort to those who have been following the Blanton-Smith campaign.

The Slatonite has watched the congressional campaign with much interest to see how the candidates look after the grilling they have been giving each other.

Judge Blanton charged his opponent with mistakes and bad judgment as an official, but has never said a word derogatory to Mr. Smith personally, so far as we have seen.

Mr. Smith has belittled Blanton, his ability, and his standing in his home town, claiming that Blanton's influence was such that he, Smith, would get over 529 votes out of the 713 in Abilene, also claiming the support of all the ministers in Abilene. The voters can weigh the mud-slinging themselves.

It seems to us that the campaign has been taken away from the main issues involved and sidetracked onto technicalities regarding post office appointments. Post offices are local affairs and a congressman can make his peace with the community involved instead of dragging the local scrap over the district.

What Smith did not tell in his latest pamphlet is how he happened to make such a ridiculous error in trying to prove Blanton a falsifier by using the bible quotation, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," and giving as the reference Matthew 18:19. Evidently the Abilene ministers did not have much to do with the getting out of his literature. "Thou shalt not bear false witness" refers also to those who quote from the bible. We notice that Smith has left the bible strictly alone in getting out his latest literature.

We were in hopes that Mr. Smith would explain how that item got into the newspapers the first of June about his introducing a bill in the house for an appropriation to determine the feasibility of irrigation in Texas, for he came away from Washington on May 7th to conduct his campaign for re-election. The Slatonite was one of the papers that accepted that item at that time as authentic. The idea of

Postum now comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages. Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins. The cost per cup of both kinds is about the same. "There's a Reason" for Postum. —sold by Grocers.

included our state on memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Abilene, Mr. Blanton's home. Such a project would allow the establishing of a canal system and chain of large lakes from Montana to the Gulf, directly affecting Mr. Smith's congressional district, and the brilliance and possibilities of the project would rival the Panama canal. Where was our congressman that he was not looking after the interests of his constituency in such an important matter?

Senator Shepherd introduced a bill in the senate asking for an appropriation to determine the feasibility of irrigation in Texas and later, in June when Smith was making his campaign, came the newspaper dispatches that Smith had introduced a similar bill in the house. We expected Judge Smith to clear this up in his latest pamphlet.

Smith does not say why he left the impression with the voters that he is securing an irrigation project in the Pecos Valley when the project is nothing but a securing of the flood waters of the Elephant Butte Dam built in New Mexico and started under Roosevelt's administration. Congressman Stephens of the 13th has always been given credit for whatever share Texas has had in the project.

Mr. Smith did not say how many rural mail routes he expects to secure from congress next year. He mentioned this in his Slaton speech but didn't tell how rural routes are secured.

One thing Mr. Smith did prove in his latest pamphlet, to his own satisfaction, and that is that he actually delivered at least one speech to a completion on the floor of congress in a twelve years' tenure of office.

He did not take up in his pamphlet the affair of the Mexican Martinez which Judge Isaacs tried to make political capital of but dropped pretty quick as soon as Blanton printed the facts for him.

The really big issue in this campaign is, it seems to us, the redistricting of the state. The congressional districts were created in 1900. This district has 57 counties in it and in the census of 1910 had a population of 367,494. The constitution says the state shall be redistricted at the first session of the legislature after the census is taken. The 7th district has only 158,382 people, less than half as many as the 16th. It takes two and one-third votes in the 16th to be as good as one vote in the 7th. There have been two regular sessions and several special sessions of the legislature since the last census was taken, and the state has not been redistricted. The congressmen have enough influence with the legislature to block any bill that will change their districts, and they use their influence because they fear that if their districts are in any way changed they will not be re-elected, hence they fight every redistricting bill that is proposed.

Smith says in his latest pamphlet that he did not oppose redistricting but did oppose a gerrymander that would put his county in a district which included El Paso. Smith addressed the state senate at Austin in March, 1913, when the redistricting bill came up. It was

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he can get a district framed up to suit his own candidacy.

Give us a congressman big enough to look after the people's interests and he will not have to play politics to get re-elected.

Smith made a mistake when he thot to laugh Blanton out of the race. Blanton is a man of convictions and the warmer the contest the harder he works. He is a man of originality and of magnetic personality, a man who reaches the heart of the people and who will be heard from in congress. There will be no need of affidavits to prove that he ever made a speech on the floor of the house.

Blanton has made good on every one of his campaign issues so far as our information goes with the possible exception of a few minor matters that are only hair-splitting technicalities of phraseology which should be beneath the dignity of a congressional campaign to try to make capital out of.

Sentiment has been turning rapidly to Blanton as the campaign charges against him have been by him refuted and the indication at this time is that he will walk out of the primary with a big majority.

Texas ranks fifth with other states in population, having wrested that place from Missouri during the past decade.

In 1857 Texas ranked twenty-fifth with other states in population.

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For Information About the City of
Slaton and the Surrounding Country

RAILROADS.

Texas has more railroad mileage than any State in the Union.

We now have 15,000 miles of main line of railroads.

The first railroad built in Texas was in 1851.

To encourage railroad construction, the State of Texas gave away 36,000,000 acres of land in the pioneer days as a subsidy for building 6,000 miles of road.

Since the building of our first road, the railway mileage of Texas has increased at the average rate of 290 miles per annum.

During the calendar year 424 miles of railroad was constructed in Texas.

The gross earnings of the Texas railroads was \$140,827,000 in 1913.

The 1910 population classifies—3,204,848 white, 690,049 negroes, 702 Indians, 595 Chinese, 340 Japanese, 6 Filipinos and 2 Hindus.

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SLATON LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

4-Way Division Santa Fe System

Sweet Water

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

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3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 26 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 200 residences under construction and completed.

SURROUNDED BY A FINE, PRODUCTIVE LAND

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