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FERGUSON RALLY SMALL IN NUMBERS

The big state wide Ferguson rally at Dallas Saturday did not materialize in a way that would put enthusiasm in the hearts of Jim's boosters. The papers report the out-of-town attendance at the forenoon session as being somewhere between 750 and 1500 people, but do not mention the number of home folks, so we must conclude that they were conspicuous by their absence. The afternoon session drew about 1000 people and the night session drew 1200. These figures include women. This, it will be remembered is in a city of over 100,000 people—a city of 20,000 voters.

The town of Texico, N. M., voted on the prohibition of saloons Tuesday last week. There were twenty-four votes in favor of retaining the saloons and two votes in favor of abolishing them. It is evident that the saloon men called the election for the purpose of making the town absolutely wet for four years, as the New Mexico law allows only one vote every four years. A town with only twenty-six qualified voters has no moral right to have saloons in it, and yet Texico has three or four retail saloons and two wholesale saloons. Still the owners and employees of those saloons constitute the largest part of the town. There are railroad trains running four ways from Texico every day, and those two brave souls can move out any time it suits them. It is said that there is not an empty residence house in the town of Farwell, Texas, which is just one-half mile from Texico, and is absolutely dry.

A bill was introduced in the senate several weeks ago by Bristow of Kansas to appropriate \$60,000,000 a year for ten years for the conservation of the flood waters of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, and Western Oklahoma. Surveys show that a contour of the country will allow a canal from Billings, Montana, to the Gulf of Mexico. This would create a chain of large lakes which would have a large influence on the climate. Senator Bristow also offered a memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Abilene asking that Texas be included. Morris Shepherd introduced a bill in the senate about thirty days ago asking for the appropriation of \$250,000 for investigation as to the possibilities of irrigation in the Lone Star State thru this reservoir and lake system. Two weeks ago Congressman Smith introduced a similar bill in the house.

According to J. D. Jackson of Alpine, President of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, 1914 will be the best year in the history of the cattle industry of Texas.

No cattle, he claims, will be taken out of the state for grass this year; on the contrary, live stock will be brought in for feeding.

JURY AWARDS DAMAGES TO BESSIE NIX

The damage suit of Bessie Nix vs. the Western Telephone Company in the district court at Lubbock last week resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, the jury awarding Miss Nix damages to the amount of \$8,000.00.

Atty. R. A. Baldwin of Slaton handled the case for Miss Nix, and he is entitled to much credit from a professional standpoint for the able manner in which he conducted it. Associated with him on the case was Atty. W. F. Schenck of Lubbock.

Appearing for the defendant company were Attys. W. S. Bramlett of Dallas and W. H. Bledso of Lubbock.

H. T. McGee says that he made a deal with the colony of Nebraska and South Dakota farmers who had representatives here last January to look over the Scott-Robertson land, whereby they became possessors of about three sections of the land at Southland and will move to it next fall. There are twelve farmers in the colony and they will come here in November, after their 1914 crops in their northern homes are marketed, and improve each quarter section with buildings and fences and by putting the land under cultivation. This will add a dozen families to our trade territory, but more than that it means the opening of this ranch land to settlement and making the start that will help to put all the land under cultivation.

Mrs. Net. G. Rollins, corresponding secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference, Methodist Church, delivered a twenty minutes' address to the Slaton Missionary Society at the Santa Fe depot Monday while on her way home from the annual meeting held at Plainview last week. She spoke while the train stopped for dinner at the Harvey House. A number of Slaton ladies went to meet her and hear the address. Mrs. Rollins confined her remarks to a general discussion of the work being accomplished by the Missionary Society.

The First National Bank of Clovis, N. M., had the novelty of a run started on its cash Tuesday last week. The starting of the rumor is unaccounted for. The banks at Melrose, Portales, and Farwell poured in their cash to relieve the Clovis bank until the run "ran" itself out, which it did in a few hours. Then the people became ashamed of themselves and put their money back.

Clarendon will hold a big race meet in connection with a Fourth of July celebration this year. The race meet will be held July 1, 2, 3, and 4. One hundred harness horses and fifty running horses will be expected to participate in these races.

Chas. Wild returned from Austin Wednesday.

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HON. W. R. SMITH ADDRESSES VOTERS

Congressman W. R. Smith, candidate for re-election, spoke to the voters in the People's Theatre last Friday. His address was very short, occupying only about twenty minutes, and he made no effort towards delivering a political stump speech. He was introduced by Mayor R. J. Murray.

He reviewed in a general way his record in congress during the twelve years he has been a member of the house, and said that all his labors had been under a Republican organization until three years ago, and he would like to serve now under a Democratic administration. Those who were expecting him to pay his political respects to his opponent, Judge Thos. L. Blanton, were disappointed as Mr. Smith referred to him only in a general way, denouncing some of his platform efforts.

H. H. Robinson of Wichita Falls and Mrs. M. C. Trammell of Slaton were married in Sweetwater last Friday, and are now at home in Slaton. Mr. Robinson is well known here, having formerly lived at Amarillo and run on the Santa Fe as engineer.

It is estimated that the 1914 wheat crop of the Panhandle will reach the eight million bushels mark. The grain is in flourishing condition and the crop is practically made.

FIRST INSTALLMENT APPEARS TODAY

Dane Coolidge took two Americans and placed them between the battle lines of the Mexican Federal and Revolutionary troops and in following their fortunes and that of the heroine, a beautiful senorita, he pictured the utter wantonness of both the contending forces. Because of its character 'The Land of Broken Promises' is a story that will be read with interest by people who have never read serials before.

Mr. Coolidge is well qualified to write such a story. Born and educated in Massachusetts he has spent much of his life as a naturalist in the southwestern states and in Mexico. As both naturalist and author he has an international reputation. In the country of which he writes he has gathered specimens for the British museum, for the national museums of Italy and France and for that of the United States. His previous stories have been classed as masterpieces of their type of literature, and have had a world-wide sale. "The Land of Broken Promises" is conceded to be his best work.

The Texas Business Men's Association wants to furnish the Slatonite each week with an article on improved health conditions in Texas. We can give the charitably inclined gentlemen behind the articles a better bill of health than they can give us. The best health giving prescription written is a railroad ticket that calls for Slaton, Texas.

COURT AFFIRMS CROSSETT SENTENCE

The case of Thad Crossett of Lamesa, sent to the penitentiary for thirty years for the killing of Warren Bullock near Lamesa on January 20th, has been affirmed on appeal by the court of criminal appeals at Austin. His trial was held at Lamesa in the March term of the district court.

With the Fans.

The Lubbock baseball team came to Slaton last Friday and lost to the Monograms 9 to 5. The Lubbock boys felt pretty bad over getting in a losing game and pulled several plays that are not listed in Reach's, but the Slaton crowd jollied them along and kept them in as good a humor as they could.

Shaw pitched the game for Slaton and gave four hits, walked one, and struck out eight. Lubbock didn't earn a score. DeLong caught the game. Kuykendall was on second, Johnston, m; Minor, 3; Robertson, s; Eckert, 1; Luther, 1; and McDonald, r.

Baker pitching for Lubbock walked eight, struck out four, and gave six hits. Slaton earned nearly all their scores.

Umpires, Wheelock and Molineux.

The Lubbock boys felt so bad about the defeat that they called for a return game, and came down Monday. However, they sent to Amarillo and got a catcher, to Plainview and got a pitcher, to Canyon and got a second baseman, and to Hale Center and got a center fielder. About all there was to Lubbock on the ball team was the name. But the picked team of star amateur players won from Slaton 8 to 1.

The Slaton team was strong enough to beat the stars, but everybody had an off day, and the absence of the shortstop broke the lineup. Opposed to their bad playing the Lubbock team played almost errorless ball and played a strong aggressive game.

Eckert pitched seven innings for Slaton and pitched good ball in the face of bad support. Minor finished the game.

In the sixth inning Eckert retired the Lubbock team on four pitched balls, and then Brashier retired the Slaton team on three pitched balls.

The Slaton Fans Do Their Best to Help the Boys to Victory.



Coaching.

NEW WORK FOR AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Farmers' Union Would Have Commissioner of Agriculture Organize Co-operative Association of Farmers.

A Practical Farmer Demanded to Head Agricultural Department—No Lawyers Wanted.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The Commissioner of Agriculture has greater opportunities for service than any other official in State government. In addition to the important duties which have already been assigned that department by the Legislature, it is generally conceded that the Legislature will devote itself almost exclusively to agricultural problems and the proposed system of new and untried laws must be adjusted to working conditions by the next Commissioner of Agriculture in co-operation with the farmers.

The next administration will be confronted with the enactment and application of agricultural legislation and the Commissioner of Agriculture must be a practical farmer. The law requires, and public necessity demands, that he be a man who has first-hand knowledge of farming conditions.

We Stand for Law Enforcement. We quote in part from the law

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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Slaton, Texas

on this subject: "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have a knowledge of agriculture, manufacturing and general industry; shall be an experienced and practical farmer, etc."

We are going to put up a "posted" sign on the Agricultural Department against lawyers. There is no more reason why a lawyer should run for Commissioner of Agriculture than why a farmer should be a candidate for Attorney General. We know of no lawyers who contemplate entering the race, but we want to notify them not to hunt on our preserves in this campaign. We stand for law enforcement and call on all good citizens to see that the constitution is upheld and that no lawyer is permitted in the Department of Agriculture.

The Farmers' Union takes science by the hand and welcomes progress. We have been the pioneers in the movement for improved cultural methods but increasing production is not sufficient. The farmers have many important problems that cannot be solved by free garden seed, skillfully written bulletins and eloquent lecturers. We will mention a few of them:

Organization and Co-operation Needed.

The farmer has the best security on earth, yet he pays an average of from 10 to 30 per cent interest on his money, against four to eight per cent paid by other lines of industry on less stable securities. Is it education the farmer needs to reduce his rate of interest? We think not. He might raise the largest pumpkin; the biggest bushel of corn and enough vegetables per acre to fill a silo, but his rate of interest would remain the same.

The farm laborer works an average of 12 hours per day the year round at 11 cents per hour and boards himself. The brick mason in Texas receives 87 cents per hour, the highest of any State in the Union, and farm labor ranks thirty-fifth. The laborers in all other trades work approximately an average of 9 hours for 25 cents per hour. Is it education the farm

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laborers need to bring their earning power up to that of their city cousins? We think not. He might read farm bulletins every night until the chickens crowed for day and he would not increase his wages one penny.

The average farm yields a net

income on the investment of 4 per cent and the average business 10 to 30 per cent. Will any one contend that this difference is due to ignorance on the part of the farmer? We think not. He might listen to agricultural lectures until he became gorged with knowledge and he would have no more to say in fixing the price of his products than he has today.

The world is one great corporation of which the farmers are the largest shareholders, but when we call at the counter of industry for our dividends we are handed a package of education and the other fellow gets the gold. We are glad to get the suggestions, printed and otherwise, but we want in on the dividends and a voice in fixing the price of our products.

The Remedy.

We must further improve our cultural methods and move forward more rapidly in all branches of practical science of production, but the remedy for the present difficulties must come through organization and co-operation, and it is this new field of activities that the agricultural department must enter. Legislative permission to form rural credit associations; to build warehouses; to form co-operative cotton gin companies, to organize market asso-

ciations, etc., is necessary, but it is not sufficient. To get the full benefit of these laws the farmers must be encouraged and directed in the organization of the respective associations needed in his community and this work properly belongs to the Department of Agriculture. It is as important a function of government to demonstrate the advantages of organization for the transaction of the business of farming as to demonstrate the advantages of cultural methods, and far more profitable. The formation of co-operative associations that will introduce economies in farm operations, reduce rates of interest, and afford facilities for the more profitable marketing of the crops, are what the Texas farmer needs today and needs badly.

The farmer has so often become the victim of designing promoters who operate under the guise of agricultural philanthropists that he very properly hesitates to enter into any voluntary organization that binds him financially. We have a very recent instance in which the farmers of this State were fleeced out of a few hundred thousand dollars by promoters, which illustrates the willingness of the farmers to cooperate in an effort to better their condition and demonstrates the disadvantage of no authoritative plan of action. He is entitled to the sanction of State and the endorsement of its authorized representative to co-operative contracts, in which his property and that of his neighbors are involved, and his faith in government will encourage him to enter into these new forms of business transactions when its seal of approval is placed upon them.

The appropriation should be made with a view to extending the work into rural credits and marketing, which is the most needed and most neglected factor in agriculture at this time. The farmers pay more into and get less out of government than any other class of citizens and have less to do with its management.

The next Commissioner of Agriculture should not only be a capable producer but a successful organizer as well. He should be a man who understands the business side of farming and of proven ability in co-operative work, and one who enjoys an extensive acquaintance and possesses the confidence of the farmers of Texas.

W. D. Lewis, President.
Peter Radford, Ex-President.
Texas Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.



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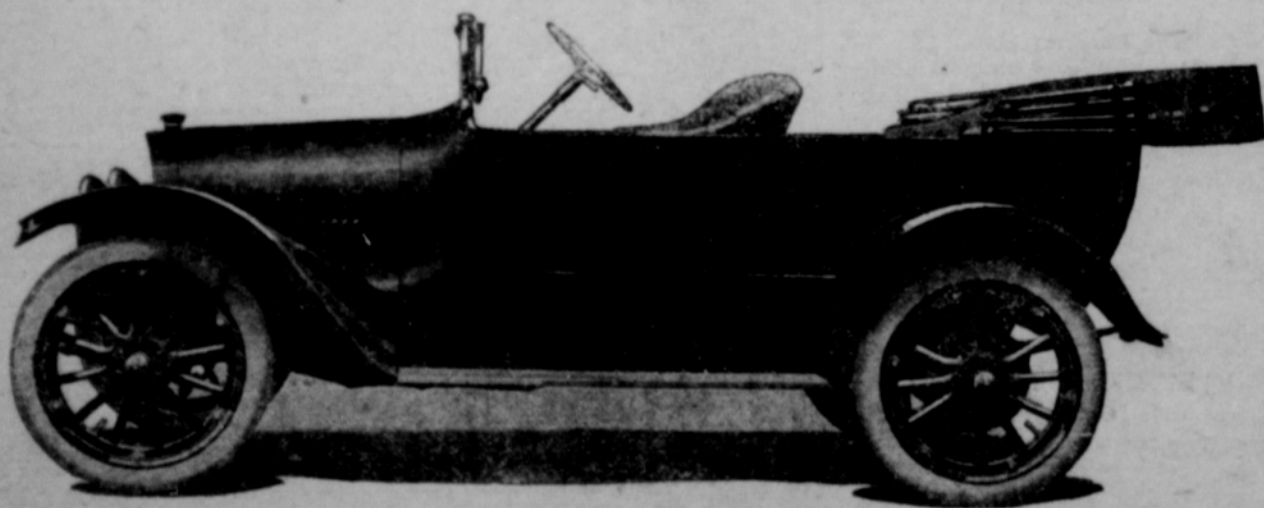


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LOCAL GOSSIP

Such crop growin' weather. M. F. Hancock of Soash was in Slaton Friday.

Luther Nevils is driving a new Hupmobile which he purchased a few days ago.

Herschel Seay of Bells, Texas, was in Slaton the first of the week prospecting.

P. E. Jordan was in Clovis, N. M., the first of the week on a business trip.

The ten-year-old son of Fred Reissig broke his right forearm one day last week in jumping off a chicken coop. Both bones were broken near the wrist.

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.
Re-election.
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.

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Dr. G. H. Branham is building two rooms to his home residence in west Slaton.

The weeds on the city square need attention. A mower should be put on the grass plots.

Miss Delia Wilkinson, candidate for county treasurer, was in Slaton Tuesday meeting the voters.

The revival meetings at the Baptist Church are continuing this week with much interest being manifested.

MONARCH PIANO, practically new, for sale at a very low price. Call and see piano at Trammell House.

H. A. McGee went to Arizona Tuesday where he will remain for some time on a position with a corps of surveyors.

Mrs. Louis W. Smith was in Clovis last week visiting her husband, who is firing on the Clovis Lubbock passenger run.

J. S. Edwards and family and Claud Miller and family went to Clovis, N. M., Monday morning on a business and pleasure trip.

R. H. Tudor has purchased a gin and will move it to Slaton and have it in operation in plenty of time to handle this year's cotton crop.

The South Plains Summer Normal at Tahoka opened last week with a large enrollment which it is thought will reach sixty this week.

Claud Miller and family of Oklahoma City were in Slaton last week visiting J. S. Edwards and incidentally looking over the plains. Mr. Miller is a dry goods merchant.

Mrs. J. D. Butler went to Sweetwater Monday to meet her father, Mr. Davis, of Cason, Texas, who accompanied her home Tuesday. Mr. Davis will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Butler.

M. Bowden is the new night foreman at the Santa Fe round house, succeeding S. J. Wilkins. Mr. Bowden comes from the Amarillo shops and he will move his family to Slaton in a few days, having rented the Hampton residence. Mr. Wilkins has two or three positions open to him but has made no decision yet as to where he will go.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble arrived in Slaton Sunday on their return home from El Paso where they spent the winter. Mr. Gamble's father and family will follow them to Slaton a little later. Frank says that the weather is getting too warm in El Paso for people who are used to the plains summer weather, and that it is very pleasant to be back here. Guy Gamble is in the drug store business at Miami, Arizona.

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I am offering for a few days a dandy tract containing SIX acres ready for cultivation, with good two room house, practically adjoining the town of Slaton on the west, easy distance of the school and business section. Price, \$500.00. Terms of \$50.00 cash or its equivalent. Balance to suit you.

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Norman Dunscomb left Sunday for the home of his parents at Campbell, Mo., after spending the winter with his aunts in Slaton.

Rural Routes are established by petition. The petition requires a certain number of resident signers who will be patrons on the route if established. Routes average twenty-five miles in length, and the petitioners must be secured in that distance. The petition is then forwarded to the post office department. If it appears favorable it is placed in the hands of an inspector who will go over the route to see the condition of the roads and make an estimate on the probable business. If he gives a favorable report on the route an examination is ordered (providing there are no qualified carriers waiting for a route) and a carrier selected. The route is then ordered open by the department. This is all the "modus operandi" attendant to the opening of a rural mail route. A congressman or senator has no connection with it at all, unless he wishes to use his influence in giving one particular route to a town when the location rightfully gives it to another office.

NEW HOME SWEEPINGS

June 15, 1914.

Well, I said let's smile, and so we did. Well it's right anyhow and we are going to keep on because we can't quit, and live out here on the plains. Besides a long face and sad countenance is a worthless piece of property only fit to cause trouble. Yes, that good old Sunshine came, and old General Green is on the retreat. He is resisting stubbornly in some localities, but I am yet confident that he will be driven out of this country, and that this fall we will be doubly rewarded for every effort put forth. I feel just like we are going to harvest this fall the greatest crops ever known to the southern plains. We have a fine season in the ground, crops all planted and up with the exception of some cane.

Early corn and maize are just simply fine. Cotton is doing fine, the stand generally good, and cotton chopping the order of the day. Stock range good. Cattle slick and fat, couldn't ask for them to look better.

Preaching and Sunday School at New Home yesterday. The Rev. A. L. Estes preached. Also there will be preaching next Sunday, the third, by the Reverend Nicholson.

Health of community good, and all is quiet and peaceful.

I. PLUGGETT.

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Col. L. A. H. Smith leaves today for Kansas City, and from there he will go to Pleasant Hill, Mo., where he will spend the summer on a farm with a son. The Colonel leaves a host of friends in Slaton who send their best wishes with him and will look for his return. If fish and game are plentiful in that section of Missouri he will set some new records while in the show me state.

Mrs. Franklin of Elmer, Okla., is visiting her son, G. L. Sledge, in Slaton.

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L. P. Loomis, Editor and Manager

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A Comparison.

As Are a Man's Thoughts, So Are His Words. Following are excerpts from the speeches of the two candidates for governor, with campaign charges and answers. Read both and see how you like the expression and sentiment of each.

MR. FERGUSON.

"Tom Ball will go down in history as the biggest political straddler that ever lived. His opening speech, like that novel garment the ladies wear, the 'Mother Hubbard,' covers everything but touches nothing.

"Tom Ball, the railroad lawyer and the no-ideaed candidate, has had his say.

"His sop to the anti-prohibitionists is an insult to their intelligence.

"I must acknowledge my gratitude to the Fort Worth convention for giving me such easy opposition in nominating a candidate who stands for nothing and is nothing, politically.

"Tom Ball, my friends, is either mentally unbalanced or he is that kind of political trickster that will stand for anything to get office.

"And yet this white ribbon reformer runs on the ticket of a convention-making national and state prohibition the paramount issue.

"Ah, my friends, the suckling calf knows its mammy.

"There is not a county seat in Texas but what has at least one lawyer that in every way excels him as a lawyer.

"It is absolutely thick-headed ignorance to say that the government could limit profits to be made in a land transaction.

"To you misinformed people who might vote for Ball.....if I am a socialist he is an anarchist.

"Now this is certainly going some.

"This whole forty acres and a mule land idea is so coarse it would not fool a free nigger.

"This big windy theory about government loaning money to buy homes will not do anybody any good.

"Now, Tom Ball says that the brewers will support me because I have promised to veto all liquor legislation. Yes, I promised every man in Texas, in an open platform, that we will stop this row in Texas and attend to business, and the people are going to elect me on this promise because it is the only way to stop this needless agitation by such agitators as Tom Ball, who does not care any more for prohibition than a hog does for a hip pocket.

"How distressing,' he says, 'it is to liquor people that I should belong to a club whose members play golf and which sells liquor, and neither play the game nor drink the liquor.'

"This club which Mr. Ball belongs to and the Houston club of which he is also a member, both dispense liquor at the regular saloon price, before and after the closing hours for saloons, and on Sundays too when your real good conscientious prohibition members are at church.

"Mr. Ball is therefore by his own public declaration interested in and a party to the profit on the sale of liquor. It probably had not occurred to some of you good prohibitionists that you were really running a high toned saloon man for governor.

"That great convention of high collars and Prince Alberts met in Fort Worth in pursuance of the political schemes of the four political Tom-cats, Tom Ball, Tom Love, Tom Jones, and Tom Campbell, and all the other political tomcats in Texas.

"You will recall that in 1911 when the prohibition campaign was on it was none other than Tom Ball who placed such editors as Johnson and Ousley in the category of those who were the bought-and-paid-for hirelings of the breweries."

MR. BALL.

"The day I was endorsed by the great Fort Worth gathering, one of my opponents, Mr. Ferguson, publicly upon the train in the presence of men and women said he could prove by fifty or one hundred men in Houston that they had drunk liquor with me within the past two years. A Baptist minister challenged his statement and Mr. Ferguson replied that he could prove it and if he could not he would retire from the race and vote for Ball. I wrote the Baptist minister and a business man at Moody, and sent Mr. Ferguson a copy of my letter, that Mr. Ferguson had been imposed upon by some of the hirelings of the liquor interests in Houston; that the statement was not true, and I was sure Mr. Ferguson, who knew me, would take my word for it, although I would not hold him to his rash promise, but if he did not and they would come down and Ferguson could prove what he said, I would withdraw from the race.

"I am a member of the Houston club and the Houston Country club which have each a membership of some four or five hundred business and professional men in Houston, composed of pros and antis alike, and is not a stock company. The members pay annual dues of \$50, payable quarterly, and I never received one cent therefrom and no dividend of any kind has even been declared. I think every bank president in Houston is a member, the president and directors of the Chamber of Commerce are members, and editors of the leading newspapers are also members. The members may entertain guests who are not residents of the city, and the wives of members frequently take meals in the dining room, which will accommodate 200 people at a time. Drinks are served there just as they are at every good hotel in the city and are paid for by members ordering them. Some of the judges and the district attorney are members.

"No saloon-keeper has contributed a dollar to my campaign fund and I have no bar bill at the Rice or elsewhere, in any amount. I have not taken a drink of liquor of any kind for many years.

"If I considered myself alone, I would make no reply to charges of this character. I only do so in justice to my friends and supporters. I do not expect that slanders like this will cease to be repeated or that others will not be manufactured, but I do know that no man has ever been elected governor of Texas, and no man will be, by the use of methods of this character."

DESTINY.

"As flies to wanton boys, are we to the gods: They kill us for their sport."

BY FREDERICK MOXON.

Little fly (I ALMOST got you!), After all, why should I "swat" you?

Are you truly so pernicious, Is your nature half so vicious, As they tell us in the papers? ARE you cutting deadly capers? Must I strike with "Out, d— spot, you!"

Little fly, why should I swat you? Little fly, you dodging dot, you! Why are we advised to "swat" you?

If my twitching nose you tickle, Is Philosophy so fickle That I can't, in fashion Stoic, You endure with grin heroic? If the gods your sport allot you, Little fly, why should I swat you?

Little fly, tho' I should pot you (Or, in parlance proper, "swat" you),

End your gyratory antics, Stop your buzzing corybantics— So will some Olympian joker, Of my mortal span revoker, Do for me. If me, why NOT you? Little fly, I've GOT to swat you!

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For Information About the City of
Slaton and the Surrounding Country

You should not be too hard on Ben F., (Smith, editor of the Lockney Beacon) Loomis; you should remember that this is likely the first opportunity Ben has ever had of participating in a campaign for anything higher than the office of constable, and may be excused if he is just a little off now; however, after he has returned from accompanying Ferguson up Salt River July 25th, he will be in his right mind again and will be a very likeable fellow. —Tahoka News.

ONE ON FATHER.

Once upon a time Daughter found an old love letter that Father had written to Mother when they were courting. Daughter copied the letter, signed a man's name to it and mailed it to herself. Then she showed it to her Father and he nearly busted a lung denouncing the dog-wazzled, ding-busted, fat-headed idiot who would dare write such a mess of silly, sickly hog-wash to any girl.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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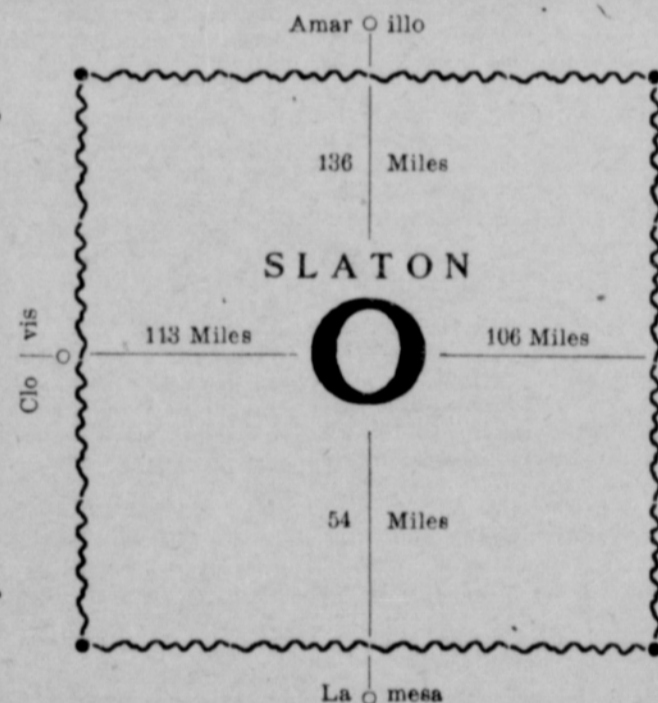
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SLATON LOCATION

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.

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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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