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OPEN LETTER TO JUDGE BLANTON

Communication From Congressman W. R. Smith to Judge T. L. Blanton of Abilene, Texas

Judge Thomas L. Blanton,
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that you have for nearly three months in my absence been campaigning this district as a candidate for congressman. That during that time in your speeches at many places you have made charges against me that I must here characterize as untrue. Among other things, I am told you charge:

I.

That I am responsible for the re-appointment of Frank Sterrett the Republican postmaster at Albany. This is not true. I opposed the re-appointment of Mr. Sterrett. You have been advised that I did so, and yet I am told that you continue to repeat this story. Why, and by what authority do you do this?

II.

You are charging that I refused to let the people of Baird select a postmaster by a primary election, and permitted a postmaster to be named at that place by two men: Dr. R. G. Powell, and Mr. T. E. Powell. This charge is untrue and you know it, the fact is, the term of the present incumbent of that office, who is a Republican, appointed by President Taft, does not expire until August 1916, and therefore the question of selecting his Democratic successor has not even yet been considered. And neither of the Powell's has yet recommended anyone to me for that office.

The Baird postoffice is in your judicial district, you have been holding court there, receiving your mail from that office, and personally, you know the postmaster, and you know the Powells. You say a postmaster has been named for Baird. Who is he?

III.

You are charging that S. G. Dean whom I recommended for postmaster at Haskell was not a resident of that town, and that in recommending him, I turned down an ex-Confederate soldier. Neither of these statements are true. Mr. Dean has been a bonafide resident of Haskell since August 1907, having no other home. And no ex-Confederate soldier applied for the Haskell postoffice.

If you contend the statement that I here make is not true, then tell us where Dean's home was when I recommended him, and name the ex-Confederate soldier I turned down.

IV.

You are also charging that I turned down the endorsement of the great mass of Democrats at Rule, and had Mr. McClesky appointed upon the endorsement of Judge Coombes, of Anson. This is not true. Mr. McClesky was endorsed by over four hundred patrons of that office; and the other applicants combined had less than half that number of endorsements. Why did you make the statement that I turned down the endorsement of the great mass of Democrats at Rule?

V.

You have charged that at Aspermont I recommended Mr. Thomas upon the endorsement of Judge Coombes. This is not true. Mr. Thomas was not recommended to me by Judge Coombes at all. Why did you make this statement?

VI.

You have charged that my rec-

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MRS. POST AND DAUGHTER GIVEN HALF OF FORTUNE

Battle Creek, Mich., May 25.—Bequeathing over one-half of his vast fortune, estimated at $22,252,800, to his wife, Lelia Y. Post and daughter, Mrs. Mrs. Marjorie Post-Close of Greenwich, Conn., the will of Charles W. Post of this city was made public today. It disposes of Mr. Post's property in part as follows:

To his wife, all real estate at Battle Creek; all real estate at Santa Barbara, Cal., including personal property in connection with the residence there; one-half of all real estate in the state of Texas; one half of the common stock of Postum Cereal Company Limited, and 25 per cent. of all personal property wherever existing.

To his only daughter, Marjorie Post-Close, one-half of the common stock of the Postum Cereal Company, Limited, and 25 per cent. of the personal property wherever situated.

To his Granddaughters, Adelaide Close and Eleanor Close, 10 per cent. of all personal property, except common stock in the Postum Cereal Company, Limited.

To his cabinet officers, his brother, A. A. Post; his foster son, John D. Post; and son-in-law, J. B. Close, 2 per cent of money in banks, bonds and mortgages and bills receivable at the time of his death.

The widow, Lelia Y. Post and daughter, Mrs. Close, are made risidnary legatees of all the balance of the estate to take in equal shares.

It is announced that outside of the will, provision was made for Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Post, of Fort Worth, Texas, the father and mother of the deceased, and for Willis H. Post, a cousin, of Battle Creek, and for Mrs. Mollie S. Post, wife of Carroll L. Post, a brother.

For District Clerk

In this issue of the News will be found the announment of Rob (Governor) Strayhorn for the office of District Clerk of Scurry county, subject to the action of Democratic primary election in July.

At present Mr. Strayhorn is a pupil in Trinity University at Waxahachie, Texas, completing his senior year and is a graduate of Snyder High School of the class of 1910, thus it will be seen that from an educational standpoint he has qualified himself well for any station to which he may be called. He is a Scurry couuty product, having spent all but two years of his life, here and during most of that time when not in school, at work on his father's farm. He is 21 years old and will cast his first vote in the election of this year. He is younger by a number of years than the average college graduate which bespeaks his apitude as a pupil in school. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strayhorn, one of the oldest and best known families in the county, a young man of exemplary habits, and is seeking the office for the reasons that it is in line with his chosen profession of law, and besides the honor and remuneration, will enable him to further his legal studies. He expects to return home at once when school closes and will enter upon an active campaign and endeavor to see every voter in the county.

ANNUAL ADDRESS AT M. E. CHURCH

In the Absence of Dr. Sandefer, Rev. M. T. Tucker Delivered Address Sunday Morning.

Rev. M. T. Tucker was a new man on the job Snnday, but performed his task in a most satisfactory manner before one of the largest audiences ever gathered in Snyder for a similar occasion, that of paying homage to Snyder High School graduates.

Dr. Sandifer, president of Simmons College, Abilene, was on the program to deliver the address to the class of 1914, but owing to the train on which he was to have reached Snyder being several hours late, did not reach here, and on the spur of the moment, Dr. Tucker came to the relief of the situation. While the crowd was deeply disappointed at not having the privilege of hearing the distinguished Texas educator, we seriously doubt if it lost much by the shift in the program. For just one hour the speaker held the closest attention of the crow which failed by the score to find seating capacity in the large auditorium of the new Methodist church. This much we can truthfully say, by way of comparison, we have heard many class addresses, but never have we heard one with a subject better selected and more gracefully and forcefully presented than was this one. It was, perforce, an inspiration to the dullest auditor in the vast congregation.

For Assessor

In the proper column of the News will be found the announcement of Joe Merritt for the re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Scurry county, subject to the democratic primary election to be held in July. Mr. Merritt is serving his first term as assessor and has a clean field, without opposition, for a re-nomination, which is the very highest compliment to the manner in which he has discharged the obligations resting upon him by virtue of holding this office. The selection of Mr. Merritt to fill this important position has been thoroughly vindicated, for difficult as it is to fill with entire satisfaction to all, we venture the assesrtion that Scurry county has never had an official in this or any other office, who has proven more efficient and dilligent in the discharge of his duties than has Mr. Merritt, or given more universal satisfaction.

The county is fortunate in having so worthy a public servant in this most important position.

Married

Mr. Lawrence Godley and Misses Frances Ely were quietly married Tuesday morning at the parsonage of the Baptist church, Rev, M. T. Tucker performing the marriage cermony. These young people are among the most highly esteemed in Snyder and have a host of friends who will join the News in extending congratulations and best wishes for long and happy married life

SUBMISSIONISTS HAVE FORTY THOUSAND NAMES

Approximately 40,000 voters in Texas have signed petitions, asking that submission be voted upon at the July primaries according to tabulations made at the State Advisory Committee Headquarter in Dallas. There are yet a great many petitions to be received, but the estimated number is sufficient to have submission placed on the ballot.

Lon Graham Announces

The News is authorized to announce Lon Graham as a canidate for the office of Sheriff of Scurry county, subject to the democratic primary electoin in July. Besides having lived in the county for many years, Mr. Graham has served as deputy sheriff for a number of years and is perhaps as well known to the citizenship of the county as any man in it.

As deputy sheriff it has been his duty to attend the jail and look after the prisoners that have from time to time been confined therein and in this capacity he has at all times been humane and courteous, but firm and resolute. Upon him has devolved much office work that is attached to the sheriff's office. When his duties lay elsewhere he has in every instance been equal to the occasion, combining all the qualities of an a[illegible] uxecutive officer. He asks the consideration of his candacy every voter in the conty.

Anson Candidate Withdraws.

Tom F. McClure of Anson, the recently selected candidate for Controller, has announced his withdrawal from the race. The withdrawal is the result of the statement of some of the candidates who were defeated before the committee of selection that they would re-enter the race.

Died in Uvalde.

The remains of Mrs. Sid Davis reached Snyder Monday morning from Uvalde where she died on Friday last, and was interred in Snyder cemetery. Deceased was a daughter of J. C. Wesberry. The News extends condolence to the bereaved family.

Rob Strayhorn reached home Saturday from Waxahachie where he was graduated from Trinity University with an A. B. degree. Rob was born and reared in Snyder and is a graduate of the Snyder High School.

W. S. Payne informs the News that he will soon leave for Dallas where he will engage in the practice of law. The News regrets to see Mr. Payne and his most excellent family leave Snyder, but wishes them the very best in their new home.

Memorial Day Saturday, May 30, and Jefferson Davis birthday Wednesday June 3, will be observed by the local banks. No business will be transacted on these dates.

Rev. M. T. Tucker, pastor of the Baptist church received forty-four new members into his church by baptism Sunday. A large crowd was out to witness the baptizing.

SNYDER SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS

Another Successful School Year Closed This Week with Appropriate Exercises

The first program of the closing exercises of the high school was given last Friday morning at the opera house by the grammar school graduates, or those who will at the beginning of the next scholastic year enter into the high school course.

Friday evening the pupils of the high school presented their play, "The Ghost of an Idea" to a large and appreciative audience. An admission of ten and fifteen cents was charged, proceeds to cover the general expense of play.

Saturday night, Mrs Fayette L. Hutchinson's class in expression played "Nan", or "The Man of Millions," a stiring four act play. Those taking part are to be commended for the perfectness with which they played their role.

Monday night, opera house, 8:30 O'clock, the graduating class presented, "The Dream That Came True," a three act play in which each one played their part to perfection. A crowded house witnessed the performance.

Tuesday night at the Christian [illegible] Miss Marion Hairston gave a piano recital. Miss Hairston is a pupil of Mrs. E. B. Barnes. Her rendition of the difficut music selected was almost perfect.

Wednesday night the juvenile plays, "Cinderella" and "The Golden Goose" were given at the opera house by Mrs. Hutchinson's primary class in expresion. The little people acquitted themselves with credit and the plays were equally enjoyed by young and old. An admission charge of fifteen and twenty-five cents was made, for benefit of Presbyterian Manse.

Held Examinations.

A good sized class took the civil service examination held at the Central High School building last Saturday. The examination was for the purpose of securing an eligible to carry the mail on the new rural route out of Snyder, which becomes effective June 1.

Some twenty had qualified to take the examination but only sixteen showed up on the date above mentioned, among them being the following: Ned C. Ellis, R. E. Cox, B. L. McCary, D. E. Banks, John Jackson, S. T. Elza, Prof. Walker, C. E. Grant, A. Johnson, Gay McGlaun, D. S. Leverett, P. E. Davenport, T. E. Jenkins, J. R. Huckabee, J. W. Hendricks, and W. D. Gulledge.

Died at Terrell

Word has been received here of the death at Terrell of Judge Josephus Autrey was for many years a citizen of Scurry county, and served the county as county judge for a number of years. News of his death will bring sorrow to many friends in and about Snyder.

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Announcements

We are authorized to announce the following subject to the action of the Democratic primary

FOR CONGRESS—16th district
W. R. Smith

For Congressman-at-Large:
R. B. Humphrey
(Of Thockmortin Co.)

For Representative (105th Representaeive District):
A. J. Hagins, of Kent Co.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Jas. P. Stinson, (re.election)

FOR DISTRICT CLERK
Walter Adamson
Rob Strayhorn

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
C. R. Buchanan

FOR COUNTY CLERK
W. T. Skinner

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
Richard Webb
W. W. Weems

FOR TREASURER
C. R. Lockhart

FOR TAX COLLECTOR
W. M. Curry
D. Nation

FOR SHERIFF
J. B. Boles, (re-election)
W. A. Merrell

FOR ASSESSOR
Joe Merritt

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE
and Com. Pre. No. 1.
G. W. Brown

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
W. T. Thompson.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4
and Justice of the Peace
T. L. WINSTON.

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER
Precinct No. 1.
S. M. (Sam) Hull
Zack Evans

Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, the prominent Southern editor, politician and historian, has again been indicted by the Federal grand jury on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. Watson was recently indicted on a similar charge but the indictment was dismissed.

In his speech over the bier of the dead slain at Vera Cruz, President Wilson said: "War, gentlemen, is only a sort of dramatic representation, a sort of dramatic symbol of a thousand forms of duty. As I stand and look at you today and think of these spirits that have gone from us, I know that the road is clearer for the future. These boys have shown us the way and it is easier to walk on it, because they have gone before and shown us how. May God grant to all of us that vision of patriotic service which here in solemnity and grief and pride is borne in upon our hearts and consciences."

A new cotton has been developed in Egypt which is said to be stronger than any variety heretofore produced in that country. Careful selection of seed and particular attention to the securing of the best plants of each successive growth, after the best modern agricultural practice, is responsible for the long fibre and the silky texture. The plants are short and are covered with bolls, as many as a hundred having been found on a single plant. The cotton is brown in color and its superior strength, together with its is not fully conversant with newsabundant bearing, makes it a most valuable addition to this important family.—Farm & Ranch.

The action of the Fort Stockton commercial club in purchasing a hundred and fifty Jersey cows for the benefit of the farmers of that section, while somewhat out of the usual scope of commercial club work, has proved a profitable investment to the town of Fort Stockton, as well as to the farmers in the profited by the transaction. The cows were purchased last winted by the Commercial Club at a cost of $15,000 and were sold to the farmers on the installment plan. The movement was started for the purpose of stimulating the dairy industry in that section of the state, and as a result one of the most flourishing creameries of the state is operating in that city. The cow is the foster mother of civilization and by furnishing sustenance to thousands of helpless babies annually, she is contributing her share toward building the human race. Also, she is the most valuable of all domestic animals and in encouraging its members to invest in this line of industry the Fort Stockton club is pursuing a wise and profitable course.

Becker's Second Conviction.

Lieutenant Becker has again been convicted of complicity in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler.

It required only four hours and four minutes for the jury to reach a verdict.

Becker's counsel will again seek interference from the court of civil appeals, and if successful in this, another year will elapse before the fate of this former police lieutenant will be known.

More mediation will be necessary if the Mexican rebels persist in their demands on foreigners. They ask that $1,000,000 be paid them to assist in establishing a government at Tampico and Germany says "no". It may be her turn to interfere next.

The mediation is successful in that it is giving Villa time to finish his task.

JUDGE T. L. BLANTON VISITS MIDLAND

Takes Exception at What a Writer in Reporter Terms "Necessary Qualification for Congressman.

Judge T. L. Blanton recently made a speech in Midland in behalf of his candidacy for congress. In that speech he took exception to what a writer in the Midland Reporter termed "Necessary Qualification for a Congressman."

The writer in question, who is court stenographer in Judge Isaacks' court hands the Abilene judge the following:

"Judge Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, candidate for Congress and district judge when he is not out candidating, delivered a speech in Midland on the night of May 8th. In that speech he devoted some little time to a tirade concerning the name which was signed to the article, "Qualifications of a Congressman," which appeared in the Reporter of date April 17th. His fulminations were directed almost entirely to the fact that this article was not signed with the real name of the writer. The only statement which he made concerning any statement in the article was, that he was not urging his exemplary conduct in early youth as a qualification fitting him for Congress, "as Nelson McLane would have you believe."

The writer will pause here long enough to state, and this can be verified by reading the article in question, that he stated in that article that Judge Blanton did not urge those things as qualifications fitting him for Congress and that the people should not so understand. The writer had hoped that in this he was correct, and that Judge Blanton, had, in his circular letter sent out to the people, merely stated those things for their information. The writer now states that he was mistaken in drawing such conclusion, and that Judge Blanton's harangue abundantly proves that he paraded before the people his good conduct during the adolescent and young manhood periods of his life in the hope that there were unthinking people throughout the country who would vote for him on that account."

Judge Blanton asked his hearers: "Who is Nelson McLane?" He answered the question by saying: "He is the man who writes the smith articles for the Midland Reporter." He then recited a tale of woe about the difficulty he had in finding out who Nelson McLane was. He said that he finally learned that Nelson McLane was "Mr. Majors, your court stenographer." He then very earnestly and solemnly inquired why Mr. Majors did not sign his real name to the article in question. He told his hearers that if Mr. Majors did not like his real name and would go before Judge Isaacks and ask him it would be done, that Judge Isaacks would change his name without charge. The writer believes this to be true. He is intimately associated with Judge Isaacks, and knows that he does not collect any fees or make any charges for cases he tries. So far as the writer knows, there is no district judge in Texas who does.

Judge Blanton said that the article in question was the argument of a legal mind; that it conclusively showed the effect of the legal training of its author. This may be true. The author of every paragraph, sentence, word sylable and letter in that article, this writer, has spent five years of his life in the court room as an official reporter, and about five more years in lawyers' offices as an office stenographer. He would regret it very much if an article written by him should not show some effect of that training. He accepts with good grace whatever compliment may be reasonably be assumed from a consideration of the statement having in mind the the source from which it came and the frame of mind of the speaker. And if Judge Blanton's association with modest, gentlemanly men and womanly women had influenced him as much as he says, this writer's association with lyers has influenced him, he would not be such a blatant egotist and demagogue as his utterances conclusively prove him to be.

Judge Blanton was desperately worried because the writer of that article did not sign his real name. To irrefutably and indisputably prove that a great moral wrong had been done, and to forever establish the infamy of the deed and of the district judge who permitted it to be done, the eminent judge delivered this final blow: "If I had a stenographer in my court who would publish an article without signing his real name to it, I would fire him instantly." The supreme egotist has spoken. The man who parades in his speech the school boy motto: "In youth's bright lexicon there's no such word as fail," has pronounced his awful judgment. There is another school boy motto, which reads like this: "Not failure, but low aim is crime."

A Texas official judge and his official shorthand reporter are intimately associated, if there is mutual confidence and respect between them. The writer would not care to be so associated with a man in whom he had no confidence and whom he did not respect. For this reason he is quite sure that he will never be endangered by Judge Blanton's "firing" proclivities.

The truth is—and this was what called forth the bombastic pronunciamento about "firing"—that Judge Blanton did not believe that this writer wrote the article styled "Qualifications of a Congressman." I now hasten to assure him frankly and solemnly, that I did write every word of that article, that I am now writing this one, and that there will be some things left when I have completed this, which can be said at a future time should the occasion demand it.

A man who undertakes to use a fraternal organization to serve his own selfish purposes violates the cardinal principles of that organization, and such a violation is a prostitution of his honor and integrity far greater than that of the unfortunate woman of the streets who prostitutes and debases herself in order to gain the means of a bare existence. The woman's sin is committed under the pressure of desperate necessity; such a man barters his honor by his own free will, and would, if he could, subordinate the teachings of such arganizations to the service of his own selfish ends.

In justice to the editor of the Reporter the writer will state that the editor told him that he had given Judge Blanton the right name of "Nelson McLane" in that speech. What Judge Blanton did, has been herein stated. The writer had no objection to the action of the editor in divulging his real name. But Judge Blanton, according to his own statement is an ex-newspaper man. The writer is not, and has never been a newspaper man, and paper ethics and leaves this matter with the newspaper men of this district.

The writer desires to call attention to the fact that although Judge Blanton devoted considerable time to the discussion of the article and the writer thereof, the only mention which he made of the contents of the article was that noted in the last part of the first paragraph of this article.

LESTER C. MAJORS.

WHEN IN NEED OF
LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIAL
SEE THE OLD RELIABLE
BURTON-LINGO COMPANY
THE OLDEST LUMBER FIRM IN WEST TEXAS

Build Up
A Bank Account With Us
And when opportunit knocks to invest, you will be ready.
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First National Bank

Higginbotham - Harris & Co.
LUMBER
Wire, Posts and all kinds Building material
Let as figure your Lumber bill. we also handle Paints and Oils.

Once a customer always a customer at the Model Tailors, first door south of First State Bank.
Terry & Garner, Props.

DOWN WITH THE BOSSES

Farmers' Union Officials Urge Citizens to Vote Against All Machine-Made Candidates.

Preachers Used As Political Gunmen.

Ft. Worth, Texas.—In a previous article, we endeavored to show that when the devil wanted a preacher, he sent a politician after him. We now want to show insofar as the evidence will permit, that when the political machine marks a candidate for slaughter, it hands the ax to a preacher.

Can you imagine a more perfect machine than one that puts preachers forward as political gunmen or forces candidates to call upon the clergy members of their clan for a permit to run for office?

The press recently carried an announcement of the action of a committee of four preachers in eliminating two of three candidates for comptroller. We do not know of any class of men more incapable, as a rule, of passing upon the qualifications of candidates for state office than a committee of preachers. We believe that the interests of good government would have been served equally as well had the candidates shot craps for the job. Then we think class rule inimical to free government. We would protest against a committee of grocerymen or butchers slaughtering undesirable candidates, although the work would be more in line with the latter occupation, and we think they would be better qualified for making a wise selection than preachers. We are opposed to any special interest naming a candidate for public office, whether it be railroad managers, corporation attorneys, bankers, brewers, preachers or what not, and we believe the morals of the community are more ruthlessly shocked when preachers connive together in political caucuses than for any other class, for it has been well said "the greater the saint, the greater the sin."

We should think that the preachers who feel called upon to participate in political matters would co-operate with the Farmers' Union in stamping out immoral practice in politics and destroying machine rule, and we believe the better element of the clergy will join us in this position. A preacher cannot make political trickery righteous by usage any more than he can make profanity respectable by practice. It is one of the ironies of fate that a preacher may become a scandal as well as a glory to civilization.

Opposed to Political Trusts.

We do not believe any candidate who will kneel and beg a permit to run for office from the politicians has the stuff in him that capable public officials are made of. We had rather see a candidate claim his rights as an American citizen than to see him wear the brass collar of the bosses.

The Constitution guarantees every citizen the right of liberty in the pursuit of office, and a set of men who organize for the purpose of interfering with the inalienable rights of any citizen commit a grievous crime against free government.

We believe political trusts are as antagonistic to the interest of the people as industrial trusts, and equally as inimical to the public welfare. We think a political combination that corners public offices and robs candidates of their rights is as criminal as an industrial combination that cornners markets and plunders the people, for might does not make right in government any more than in business.

Political organizations have a legitimate and essential function to perform in State government when properly conducted, but when they violate unwritten laws of politics their action and influence is destructive. When a party machine confines its work to teaching, it is a blessing to government, but when it seeks to control government, it is a curse to the country. When it seeks to expand the legitimate functions of government, it is a benediction, but when it grapples for power it has the coil of a serpent. When it seeks to promote progress, it is a useful agency, but when it spreads strife and dissention it becomes a pestilence.

The Misuse of the Ministry.

We can conceive of no more adroit political machine than one that can put misguided preachers to the front to give the machine an appearance of respectability that the original Tammany never had the nerve to hope for. Hiding behind the broadcloth of these ministers are leading antis and pros, as well as the leaders of both sides of other factions, and when the leaders of all factions lie down together, it is a pretty good evidence that the machine is working. To make the picture more complete, imagine a combination of 90 per cent of the leading wire-pullers who have manipulated all the political conventions held in Texas for the past quarter of a century working harmoniously together, surrounding a candidate groomed by preachers and run into a convention as a dark horse and you have a machine that is the dream of the most arrogant ringster.

The farmers of Texas may differ in their views on the prohibition question, but all can unite in saving the country from political bossism, for when the ringsters huddle together, the farmers can potshot the whole bunch at the polls in the July primary. The voters of Texas never had such an opportunity of ridding the state of ring rule as that presented in this campaign.

Much has been said about high priced wonders sacrificing their time and their business for the "dear people," but why all this burning of incense? Why all this "hail to the chief" by piecounter politicians? We are not so much in need of political monstrosities as we are of common horse sense in government, for that element is, after all, the substance of greatness. There are exceptions to all rules, and we have in mind a few notable ones to the instance we relate. Some of the big guns of the Democratic party have been thundering out in the press how they are going to vote in the hope evidently of subduing the people with the power of their marvelous personality. The ballot of one of these political aristocrats counts no more than that of a farmer, a laborer or a clerk, and whether a man spends the summer motoring in Europe or toiling in the field, at the furnace or behind the counter, the ballot box, like the grave, makes all voters equal.

The Bosses Vs. the People.

The machine politicians are also at it in the legislative districts chopping down candidates regardless of their fitness for office who will not agree to make factional strife the paramount issue in this campaign, and threatening to defeat those who refuse to bend their knee to the bosses. Any man who cares to submit his candidacy to a Democratic primary should be permitted to do so without the interference of factional leaders.

There is only one way to break up ring rule and that is to swat the bosses. Let every farmer vote against machine-made candidates, no matter what factory may have turned them out, for on no other basis can the liberties of the people be preserved and the greed of the politicians restrained.

W. D. LEWIS,
President,
PETER RADFORD,
Ex-President,
Texas Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union.

Mrs. Edwin Bruce Barnes'

Piano Pupils Recital

assisted by

Mrs. Fayette L. Hutchinson's

Expression Pupils

Christian Church

May 28, 1914

Programme

March Militaire ..... Wagner

Two Pianos — Mary Nation, Ada Riley, Ima Wilson, Mrs. Barnes

Rondo-Etude—Armstrong ..... Maggie Wilson

Duett-Reverie ..... Edwina Shain Barnes and teacher

Trio-Bewitching Fairy ..... Paul Keller
Jessie Lee Ligon, Josie Doak, Ola Davis

Lady Claire-Tennyson ..... Velma Rogers

La Zingana (Gipsy)--Bohm ..... Lois Curnutte

Ventre Terre—(at full speed)

Two Pianos — Christine Morrow, Fanny McMullan, Mary Nation, Edna Henderson

Floral Pictures of the Musicians ..... Ruth Buchanan

The Maidens Dream-Baderzenska ..... Edna Henderson

Trio--Golden Rays—Paul Wach
Lora Williams, Lucile Strayhorn, Ola Davis

The Fountain-Bohm ..... Ruth Buchanan

Duett-The First Regiment March ..... Maggie and Gladys Wilson

Engineer Conner's Son ..... Willie Mae Wilkes

The Festival Procession.

Two Pianos — Lillie Weathers, Lucile Galloway, Louise Yonge, Mrs. Barnes

Valse Brillante—Chopin No. 1, Op. 34 ..... Lillie Weathers

Barcarole—Schulenhoff ..... Lucile Galloway

Trio—La Curquantaine ..... Ruth Buchanan,
Lois Curnutte, Jessie Lee Ligon.

Reading ..... Edwin McMath

Fest Polanaise

Two Pianos — Lucile Galloway, Lucile Weathers, Marion Hairston, Mrs. Barnes



12 and 16 Gauge Hammerless "Pump" Guns

Six Quick Shots!

The Marlin hammerless repeating shotgun is a fine-appearing, beautifully-balanced gun, without any objectionable humps or bumps; no holes on top for gas to blow out through or water to get in; can't freeze up with rain, snow or sleet; its solid steel breech (not a shell of wood) permits a thoroughly symmetrical gun without sacrificing strength or safety; **it is the safest breech-loading shotgun ever built.**

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What a Woman Can Do.

A friend recently remarked that he never saw a bald-headed woman. Well, come to think of it, we nevr did either. There are a great many things we never saw. We never saw a woman sit on a dry goods box, whittle and while away valuable hours while she surrounded herself with pools of extract of tobacco. We never saw a woman go fishing with a bottle of bait, sit on the damp ground all day, and go home full of "snake bite" at night. We never saw a woman snatch off her coat, give her pants a hitch, spit on her hands, and swear she could whip the biggest man in town. We never saw a woman cock her cigar at an angle of 45 degrees and and boast of how she skinned her unsuspecting husband out of his hard-earned money. Really there are a number of things we never saw a woman do and don't want to, either.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Three Thousand Acres in Wheat.

W. E. Meredith, a prosperous farmer, living ten miles South of Wichita Falls in Archer county, was in Wichita Falls Saturday looking for a threshing outfit to handle his big wheat crop. Mr. Meredith has three thousand acres out in wheat, and it is in fine shape at the present time. He expects an average over the entire tract of at least twenty bushels to the acre.—ichita Falls Tribune.

His "Little Gal."

"It ain't everybody, I'd trust my little gal to," said old farmer Skinner to the love lorn swain, who in the far West had become enamored of Miss Skinner, and wished to carry her from the loving and shelter of the home nest.

The "little gal" who was five feet eleven inches tall in her bare feet, as she was at that moment, hid her happy, blushing face on the dear, fond, old father's shoulder and wept happy tears as he said to Sally's deeply moved and sympathetic young lover: "You must take care of my wee birdling, Jack; reckolect that she's been raised kind o' tender like. Two acres a day is all that I've asked her to plow, and an acre of corn a day is all she's used to hoeing. She can do light work, such as making rail fences and digging post holes and burning brush and all that, but aren't used to regular farm work, and you musn't ask too much of her. It's hard for her old dad to give up his little sunshine. He'll have to split his own fire wood and dig his own taters, now, but go, birdie, and be happy."—Ex.

HUERTA WOULD RESIGN UNDER CERTAIN RULES

Washington, May —General Huerta has authorized the Mexican Mediation delegates to submit his resignation if it is found necessary to the settlement of peace negotiations. This is stated authoritatively here today, confirming the intimations given out yesterday.

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"Yes, sir," replied the clerk, meekly.

"And when I asked you if they were swift workers you said they were regular engines?"

"I think so."

"Wal, by heck, they must be stationary engines then."

"Why so?"

"Because when they once get out on the barn fence they don't move until they hear the dinner horn."

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Ohio Coal Miners Call General Strike.

Columbus, Ohio.—Orders declaring a strike of all coal miners in Ohio went out from headquarters of District No. 6, United Mine Workers of America, Monday. Union officers also began paying strike benefits of $3 per week to every member of the organization. The mines have been closed since April 1 by orders of the operators. "The strike will place the miners on the offensive instead of the defensive," said John Moore, district president.

Ladies work given careful attention at the Model Tailors.

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Graduation Programme

Senior Class 1913-14

Snyder High School

Opera House, Monday Evening

May 25, 1914

8:30 O'clock

Senior Class 1913-14

S. H. S.

MOTTO:	"Deeds, Not Dreams"
CLASS FLOWER	Carnation.
CLASS COLORS	Maroon and White
VALEDICTORIAN	Annie Williams
SALUTATORIAN	J.N. Patterson

Play

"The Dream That Came True."

Cast of Characters

NAN WORTHINGTON	Frances Ely
GORDEN CLAY	Roy Strayhorn
MARGARET BYRNES	Dorcas Porter
Mrs. JUDKINS	Laura Hurter
ANGELINA MAUD	Jewel Watts
MISS LOUISA HANKINS	Lucretia Morrow
JACK BROWNING	Clyde Boren
BOBBIE BYRNES	Augustine Howell
BILLY BEST	Clyde Boren
PEGGY GILBERT	Eula Stinson
DORIS HALL	Una Parsons
LORD ALGERNON	J. N. Patterson
MR. NORTON	J. N. Patterson
DELPHINE NORTON	Marion Hairston
EMMY LOU NORTON	Willie Mae Wilks
MRS. ALAIRE	Alma Thompson
MISS BIDDLE	Annie Williams
FLORABEL MULLINS	Margie West
NORA MULLINS	Ada Riley

Synopsis For Program

ACT I—Gordon tells Nan of the impending strike. She promises that she will bring Norton to terms by finding "the leak in the management." "Little comrade." Margaret's spirits go down as fast as the thermometer but she tries to count her blessings. Mrs. Jenkins discourses upon divorce, dancing, cards and the drama. "Ain't you heard about the Christmas house-party that old Norton is going to give?" Margaret longs for the world, the flesh and even for the devil. Angelina Maud brings in a package. Mrs. Jenkins becomes curious. The cub reporter rescues Miss Louisa from the bargain counter. Miss Louisa gives a few practical views upon Christmas and proudly displays her purchases. Florabel has "temperature" and insists upon reading her sonnet. Mrs. Jenkins and Miss Biddle have a slight altercation. It am't so much the man that makes woman foolish, it's the lack of him," "Being a lady, Miss Margaret, is being just like you." Gordon lends Margaret his handkerchief and is about to offer something else, when Bob interrupts. "Rise up, Cinderella, shakes off the ashes." "All I want is Gordon." Nan and Margaret watches the pictures in the fire. "If ever the time comes when you need me, I shall stand the test."

ACT II—Emmy Lou gives Nora a lecture upon gods and goddesses. Nora decides in favor of Venus. Delphine tells Margaret that "man individually and collectively has ceased to attract." Bob interrupts and Emmy Lou tells him the end of the story about the princess. Bob and Delphine discuss woman's rights with unfortunate results. "If you can't get her—why—Mr. Bob—why—I'm here." Billy is subjected to a rigid examination upon Browning; he encourages his teacher, who in turn, encourages him. "If you can't master Browning, Billy. try your hand at bridge." Doris interrupts the game, and, contrary to her hostess' expectations, proves attractive to the men. Lord Algernon frequently consults his book. Nan reads business letters to Norton and subsequently makes a discovery. "The strike's on." Gordon tells of his love for another. "I'll telephone you." Norton refuses to make terms. Gordon plays his last trump. "I am William Gordon". Nan bids Margaret prove that love is sacrifice. The telephone rings.

ACT III—Nora bewails the bewitchments of Minerva. Doris gives Bob some good advice. Bob gazes "into an illimitable future. "It's good-bye, Gordon." Bob and Margaret make their Christmas wish. "Billy versus Browning. Score 20 to 0 in favor of Billy." Lord Algernon pleads the cause of Johnny Bull, but Dorris is true to Uncle Sam. Emmy Lou leads the princess to Venus. Nan has her revenge. "The factory girl can be generous." The dream comes true!

—CLASS SONG—

Presentation of Diplomas.....Prof. E. A. Watson

A MESSAGE FROM THE RAILROADS.

Railroad Presidents Discuss Transportation Problems and Their Relation to the Public.

There are always two sides to a question. The public long accustomed to listening to arguments against an increase in railroad rates, is now given an opportunity by W. B. Scott, president of the Sunset-Central lines to hear the railroad's side of the question. His recent interview to the Texas press is an out-pouring of the railroad heart and shows that the railroads of Texas instead of piling up high hills of money as they are generally supposed to do, are actually operating at a loss.

In his discussion of the subject, president Scott said in part:

"The fiscal year ending June 30th, 1913, showed that the thirty-three Texas railroads earning a gross total of $118,617,454. The operating expenses were $92,609,612. the net income being $26,007,842 with other income given as $1,907,227 or a gross corporate income of $27,915,070.

"To measure against this income, items including taxes, rentals, leases, hire of equipment, interest on bonds, debts, etc., aggregating a total of $30,050,656, were properly charged, the result being that instead of the thirty-three roads mentioned really earning any money, they actually sustained a deficit of $2,135,586. This does not mean that all of the lines failed to earn net revenue for some of them did, but it does mean that the burdens or operation set seriously upon a majority of the Texas lines, and that of the total number of roads twenty of them sustained deficits which in one instance ran as high as $1,227,000.

The Austin American is the title of a new daily paper which will make its appearance in the field of journalism June 1.

Restore Mexican Rail Traffic.

Laredo, Texas.—It is announced by constitutionalist authorities in Nuevo Laredo that the track and bridges of the national railways of Mexico had been put in first-class condition as far as Lampazos, and that trains would again be operating on the road between Nuevo Laredo and Monterey in about ten days. There has been no regular passenger trains on this line in about two months. The railway is now in absolute control of constitutionalists, and will hereafter be known as the Constitutionalist Railway of Mexico.

Hookworm in Northeast Texas.

Austin, Texas.—Hookworm disease is prevailing to an alarming extent in northeast Texas, according to Dr. Morris Boerner, assistant state health officer, who has returned from a trip of inspection to that section of the state. Preparations are being made to wage a campaign against the disease. Within a week four additional counties have asked for hookworm experts to make investigations. H. O. Judkins is completing a six weeks' campaign in Fort Bend county, and Dr. Brown will, within a short time, close work in Hunt county.

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KATY IMPROVEMENT WORK SUSPENDED.

Credit of Road Impaired by Hostility on Part of the State.

The announcement of President Schaff of the M. K. & T. Railway that his road would suspend extension and improvement work pending settlement of the $105,000,000 lawsuit, it is understood, has affected the expenditure of several million dollars on their properties and the litigation has created a feeling of distrust in railroad and financial circles.

The Katy railroad operates 1,610 miles of line in Texas, it touches most of the important cities, penetrates the most productive region of the state and one-half our population is tributary to its tracks. It is such an important factor in the industrial affairs of the State that its affliction is felt by a large number of our people and the litigation becomes one of general interest to the public.

The Attorney General seeks to prevent the Katy from leasing the Texas Central lines, alleges an unfair division of the rates on interstate business and claims violation of the general office law. In discussing this feature of the litigation, President Schaff said: "The action of the Governor and Attorney General in preventing the M. K. & T. of Texas from availing itself of this legislation has been most discouraging, especially in view of the overwhelming demand from all sections of the State for the passage of this law." Concerning the division of rates he calls attention to the offer made to the Texas Railroad Commission to co-operate with them in an investigation of this subject. It is a well known fact that the M. K. & T. Railway Company of Texas has its general offices in Dallas and that the president and general manager of the road reside in the State.

In discussing the effects of the suit upon the future policy of the road, Mr. Schaff said:

"All work of improvement and extension will necessarily have to be suspended, as we cannot afford to take the responsibility of expending additional money for improving and extending railroad property in Texas in the face of the hostile attitude of the State administration manifested in his litigation. The suit has destroyed the credit of the road in the money markets of the world until the company's rights have been determined in court."

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BACK TO THE PULPIT WITH THE PREACHERS

Officials of the Farmers' Union Oppose Politicians and Preachers Exchanging Occupations.

Laymen Make a Stirring Appeal For Old-Time Religion.

Fort Worth, Texas.—There have appeared in the public prints many articles criticising the action of the Farmers' Union in discussing economic affairs and desperate efforts have been made to disrupt the Union by some of the most able politicians and every artifice known in political chicanery has been used to spread dissension in our organization without success.

The Farmers' Union will continue its battle for principles until it plants its colors in the state capitol and any politician who wants to raise a rough house with the Union will be accommodated on application to the headquarters of the organization.

We want to say a few words to those who have been trying to destroy the Union as we deem it our duty to defend our noble organization against the attacks of its enemies. We will devote this article to pulpit politicians as we consider the attacks which the political preachers have made against the Union the most unprincipled and diabolical of all the unscrupulous attacks made against us.

At least seventy-five per cent of the preachers of this state are on the payroll of the farmers; the farmers of Texas have built approximately 10,000 churches; contributed towards the support of religious institutions about $5,000,000 per annum and the church census shows that 75 of every 100 members of the various church denominations live upon the farm. We refer with pride to the achievement of the farmers along the line of religious progress and moral development. The substantial assistance which the farmers of Texas have given the cause of religion we think authorizes the vast body of agricultural laymen who constitute the bone and sinew of the church to speak out, for certainly a layman may know as much about political theology, as a preacher.

Keep the Yellow Peril of Politics From the Pulpit.

What we have to say has no reference to that vast body of militant ministers who have consecrated their lives to the uplift of mankind and whose precepts and examples are a beacon-light illuminating the pathway of the human race. We address ourselves exclusively to that coterie of political clergymen who prostitute their high calling by capitalizing their reputation and by lending their occupation to designing politicians, and we appeal to the Texas laymen to use their influence in preventing the yellow peril of politics from entering the pulpit in any of its disguises.

The religious preacher is the most capable servant and the political preacher is the sorriest master the world has ever known. Wherever power is placed in the hands of the latter they invariably become intolerant, bigoted and vicious.

Civilization has many times been compelled to drive incorrigible preachers back to the pulpit at the point of the bayonet. Many of the pages of history are wet with blood shed at the hands of political preachers who wrote laws on the statute books that committed arson upon mankind, maimed human beings with the hatchet and sent helpless women to the torture rack all because they disagreed with their views. When in control of government the pulpit politicians invariably undertake to perform legislative miracles such as casting out witches with the flame of a torch, suborning conscience with shackles and enforcing opinions with the guillotine.

Laymen Plead for a Consecrated Ministry.

A preacher who graduates from the pulpit into politics becomes a menace to good government and likewise a politician who occupies the pulpit debauches the church and becomes a menace to religion. These occupations will not blend. No free government can long exist or the church perform its missions to society when preachers and politicians temporarily exchange callings and a civilization that will countenance such conduct will soon decay. Such a traffic in occupations is as unsound in principle as the white slave trade is immoral in practice.

The hand that passes the sacrament should not collect slush funds for political purposes. The gentle voice that comforts us in sorrow and pronounces the last sad rite upon our departed loved ones should not rave and rant on the hustings. We do not believe that a preacher can manipulate political machinery and be righteous any more than he could become a burglar and be honest. It is no more wicked for a priest to sell penance than for a preacher to grow rich selling political newspapers. We think it is as immoral for a preacher to seek to lobby while he prays as it would be for him to gamble while he preaches.

There never was a time when preachers and politicians formed an unholy alliances that civilization did not shriek out and christianity cry aloud.

We appeal to the laymen of Texas to demand that political preachers give their congregations more old-time religion and less political claptrap; that they display a more earnest effort to reach the hearts of men and play less to the galleries; that they more often hold fellowship with the members and fewer caucuses with the politicians. Certainly the laymen cannot perform their full duty to the church by singing songs, paying church dues and voting tickets handed down from the pulpit by political evangelists. The laymen should become a dominating factor in the policies of the church. Let all the brethren unite in lifting fallen ministers from the sloughs of politics back into the pulpit.

The Laymen's Problem.

It is as important that the politicians be driven out of the pulpit as that the preachers be forced back to the pulpit. We think it sacrilegious for anyone to get his call to the pulpit from campaign managers, to get his inspiration from the cesspool of politics or to get his articles of faith from political conventions. It pollutes the church, mocks christianity and is a heinous crime against society.

We can conceive of no more diabolical hypocrisy than a politician in the pulpit shouting for votes and can imagine nothing more damaging to public conscience than a preacher saying "Amen" to his deceitful antics.

Political leaders may live wet and vote dry and the low standard of statecraft is not offended but when the church turns over the pulpit to office-seekers and their henchmen, true christianity has received a crushing blow and hypocrisy runs rampant in the altar for it is written "Ye cannot serve two masters."

Since the beginning of government politicians have sought to decoy the ministry into the meshes of politics and make them carry banners in political processions. They have taken the ministry to the mountain top of power and offered to make them monarch of all they surveyed and while most of them have said "Get thee behind me Satan" a few have fallen with a crash that has shaken every pulpit in Texas.

The ministry, unsophisticated and confiding, is no match for the politician versed in artful persuasion and skilled in deceit and it is the duty of the laymen to protect the ministry against the onslaught of these wolves in sheep's clothing and drive the politicians from the pulpit with the lash of public scorn. It is the laymen's problem to keep the ministry free from unholy alliance for it is said on divine authority that we are our brother's keeper.

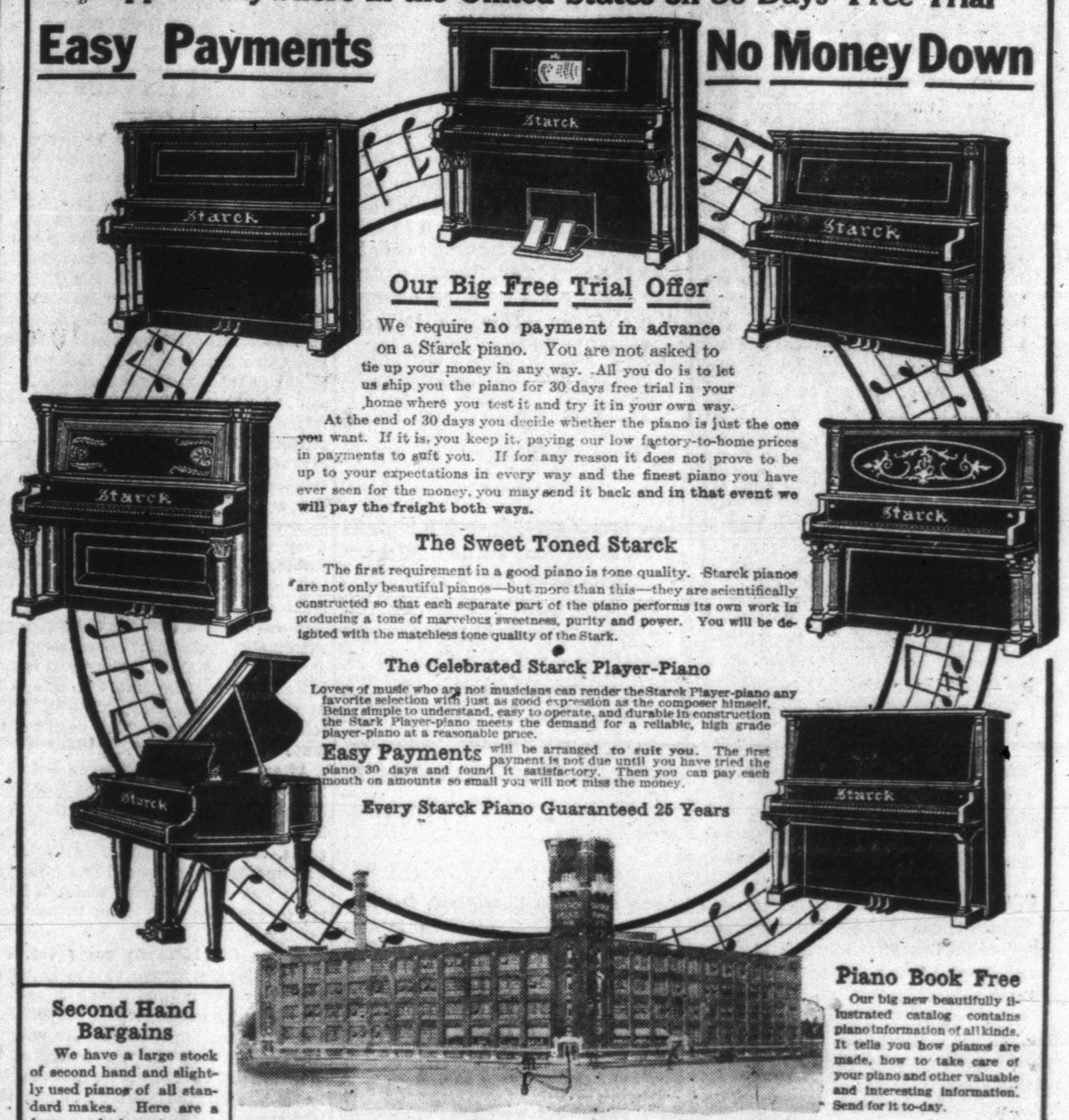
There is a political machine in this state that would put Tammany to shame and make Thurlow Weed turn over in his grave with envy, and the pulpit politician is one of the component parts of its mechanism. In our next article we will discuss this political machine.

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Three Die In Auto Crash.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Three members of one family were killed, three others probably fatally injured and one seriously hurt, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, near here, Sunday when an Indiana Union Trction car struck an automobile.

Miss Wilson May Join Magazine Staff.

Washington.—Washington society is interested in the rumor that Miss Margaret Wilson, eldest daughter of the President and Mrs. Wilson, will go early next month to Madison, Wis., to accept an editorial position on the Social Center magazine, soon to be launched. It will support a propanga to open school house throughout the country as community forums and recreation centers. Attaches at the White House neither affirm nor deny the report, which they designate as "merely rumor."

Legislative Program Curtailed.

Washington.—House Democrats in caucus have voted to limit the legislative program for the remainder of this session to anti-trust measures and appropriation bills. Rural credits will go over until next winter. Of the 230 members who attended the caucus, not more than 20 voted against the program. Majority Leader Underwood outlined the administration's plans and explained that the work of the sessions was being curtailed "in the hope of an adjournment of congress by July 10."

Maas Declares Did Not Execute Parks.

City of Mexico.—Gen. Gustavo Maas, the former commander of te federal forces in the state of Vera Cruz, who was recalled from his post by President Huerta, denied point blank that Private Samuel Parks of the Twenty-eighth United States infantry, or any other American soldier, had been executed by the men under his command. Gen. Maas was interviewed at his residence in Tacubaya, a suburb of the City of Mexico, by a correspondent, and was questioned particularly in regard to the case of Parks.

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31x4	17.00	3.25
32x4	18.00	3.30
33x4	19.50	3.40
34x4	20.40	3.60
35x4	21.00	3.80
36x4	22.00	3.90
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FARM DEMONSTRATOR GIVES TIMELY ADVICE

Prof. Harmon Benton, who ahs Timely Instructions to Farmers of His District.

Prof. Harmon eBnton, who has charge of the government farm demonstration work in the counties of Carson, Oldham, Potter and Randall, has issued a letter of instructions to his co-operators and demonstrators which is expected to meet the needs of the movement. In order to give to our farmer readers the advantage of the Professor's suggestions, we here print his letter in full:

To all Demonstrators and Co-Operators:

On account of the heavy rains of late, it is going to take fast work now to gel your demonstration plot in proper condition.

First, the roots are going to need air; second, it will require frequent cultivation to prevent the root syster from establishing itself too near the surface. The latter is why crops go to the bad so quickly after an abundance of Spring rains. After the roots have become established too near the surface they do not have time to form deeper roots to furnish moisture sufficient for the rapid approach of hot, dry weather that usually comes on during the Summer months.

Cultivate with small plows, at least five or six inches deep the first time, so that you can maintain at least a three-fourths inch level mulch all through the season. Alternate your cultivation with "A" harrow between plowings if possible. The diverse gang, (some times called spring tooth scratcher) is another splendid instrument to use in keeping up a level, even mulch, with no open furrows left in the middle. Study your "A" circulars and all other instructions carefully, to see that you are carrying out instructions to the letter or as nearly as posible.

Again, as your small grain land is now filled with water, and as it will soon be harvesting time, the questions naturally arise: "What are you going to do with your stubble land?" "How can you best handle the situation as it exists?" Let us make the following suggestions:

Get your disk harrow in shape, so as to be ready when the time comes, and start right in behind the binder double-disking, or double-cutting the land thoroughly just as soon as the grain is cut. You have all doubtless noticed that land that is wet or moist. when the garin is cut, will be hard in two or three days if let alone. And as you have a good bottom season now, let me insist upon your not letting this good chance slip by without making an effort to conserve the moisture that you already have in the soil. If you do not have a disk harrow, take your cultivator, shovel plows or small sweeps and give your land a good plowing, start right in behind the binder. Neighbors can cooperate and exchange work so as to have teams sufficient to do the job at once, and by shocking your grain in wide rows, the work can be carried on easily.

Next, and in view of the fact that you ought to have plenty of moisture left after so treating your land, many of you will doubtless plant another crop. Some of the forage crops—say milo, Kaffir, etc.—will be the safest to plant. A great many farmers continue to plant their stubble land in cotton every year, but this in my judgment is a very poor practice for just about one crop in twenty will make the seed that was planted, thus taking out what little moisture might remain in the soil for another crop, with nothing made. If you will treat your land as above described, there ought to be sufficient moisture conserved now to almost, if not fully mature a crop of milo. while in all probability it would not make any cotton.

Another reason why I would discourage the planting of stubble land in cotton is because of the fact that wherever there are a few scattering boll weevils in the country, we know that late maturing cotton furnishes a breeding ground for this dreaded pest. Therefore, if the crop made anything it would certainly extend the range of the breeding ground over a larger territory or a larger part of the farm.

Plant your milo just as soon as possible, and with the smallest opening plow that you can use that will put the seed down on moist dirt. The large 24-inch sweep allows too much moisture to escape to be a desirable opening at this season of the year.

Mark you—I do not think it a good practice to plant stubble land to anything in the semi-arid belt. It is usually better to conserve all the moisture possible and put your land in condition to take up the rains, thus making sure of a crop the next year, than to be trying to get a second crop on such slim chances.—Harmon Benton, in Amarillo News.

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Storm at Austin Does Much Damage.

Austin, Texas.—The damage in Austin as a result of Saturday night's rain, hail and electrical storm is estimated at several thousand dollars. It was the heaviest hail storm in many years and many roofs, greenhouses and shade and fruit trees over the city were damaged. A large number of washouts in the streets occurred and many telephones were put out of commission. The county court house was among the buildings damaged and the water overflowed the gutters on Congress avenue, climbing into a number of stores and damaging stock. The city lighting plant for a while was seriously affected by the storm and had to shut down. The Houston and Texas Central passenger train leaving here at midnight was wrecked at a point seven miles east of the city as the result of spreading rails caused by the heavy rain.

24 Labor Leaders Ordered to Prison.

Chicago.—The 24 labor leaders sentenced in the dynamiting cases who are at liberty on bonds have but three more weeks of liberty. The United States circuit court of appeals ordered them to surrender June 6 to the warden of the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., or be taken to the penitentiary from Chicago on that date. Only a pardon from President Wilson can save the convicted men from serving their sentence.

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34x4	16.80	3.60	2.60
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MEXICAN DELEGATES SAID TO HAVE GIVEN THIS OPINION IN WASHINGTON.

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Advance Guard of Those Going to Peace Conference Leave Capital for Niagara Falls.

Washington.—Mexican delegates to the mediation conference at Niagara Falls realize that the Huerta administration is near its end, according to persons close to the Mexicans who talked with them before they left here Sunday for the conference. Knowing some one must succeed Huerta, the delegates are most concerned, it is said, about what guarantees can be obtained against possibe confiscation of property by the constitutionalists.

What kind of a government will be established in Mexico City and protection against possible anarchy also are said to be troubling the delegates. They wish a government that will be stable, and one that foreign powers will recognize, persons close to the Mexicans said.

It was learned that the delegates are extremely optimistic concerning the chance of mediation. They will insist, it was said, that no man who has gained military prominence shall take the reins of government. This would eliminate Gens. Villa and Carranza.

After a day of conference between the three representatives of the Huerta government, the South American mediators and the American delegates, the advance guard in the Mexican mediation proceedings Sunday night was on its way to Niagara Falls for to conference to open there Wednesday.

Before the Mexican party left the three delegates drove to the home of Secretary Bryan and made a call of ceremony by leaving their cards. Mr. Bryan soon after returned the call by leaving his card for the delegates at their hotel. There was no meeting between the secretary of state and the Mexicans.

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Court-Martial Trial for Militia Officer.

Denver.—Charges of arson, murder, manslaughter and larceny against Major Patrick J. Hamrock, of the First regiment, Colorado national guards, were filed before a general court-martial at the state rifle range. The charges grew out of the battle between the state militia and the coal mine strikers at Ludlow on April 20 and the fire which destroyed the strikers' tent colony. The arson charge deals with the burning of the strikers' tent colony, and charges that the tents were fired "willfully and maliciously" by the defendant or persons under his authority, in violation of the laws of Colorado. The murder charge contains twenty-seven specifications, and charges Hamrock with the responsibility for the deaths of two women and eleven children, which resulted from the burning of the strikers' tents.

WANTED—One hundred new customers at the Model Tailors this week.

Terry & Garner, Props

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Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
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The motions of his spirit are dull as night—
And his affections dark as Erebus;
Let no such man be trusted."

—Shakespeare.

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(b)	Last Rose of Summer	Glinka
	How the Church was Built at Kehoe's Bar	John Bennett
(a)	Scherinzo—From Carnival Pranks in Vienna	Schumann
(b)	Ballet Mignon	Paul Wachs
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. Wright Mooar was in town Monday.

Charlie Marr was up from Ira Manday.

F. M. Stokes left Saturday for Galveston to attend the Embalmers' Association.

Joe Rogenstein, a good Scurry county citizen from out of Rough creek was in town Monday.

Mr. Main, the Burroughs adding machine man was in town Monday.

Miss Viola Ellis of Lubbock was here the first of the week visiting friends and relatives.

See H. M. Boyd for complete abstracts. Office over First State Bank. 3-tf

Remember That

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District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will convene here, beginning Friday, May, 29, under superintendence of Presiding Elder Dodson.

Attorney A. Yonge attended the annual convocation of the Episcopal chuch which convened in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th.

Rev. Burkhardt, pastor of the Christian church at Sweetwater preached in Snyder Sunday and received about 25 members into the local congregation by baptism.

Little Westbrook is improving his home in East Snyder by the addition of more rooms.

Pastors of the various churches of Snyder are invited to contribute their church news to the columns of this paper.

Model Tailors, everything in cleaning and pressing. West side square, next door south of First State Bank.

Terry & Garner, Props.

Miss Ann Yonge leaves tomorrow (Saturday) for San Marcos where she goes to attend the state normal. She will return home about August 1st.

Misses Ball and Klapproth, teachers in the public schools of Snyder left for their homes Wednesday. Miss Ball is from Terrell and Miss Klapprpth from Midland.

H. von Roeder, of Knapp, brought to the News office last Monday a fine sample of the new Russian cereal, emmer. This cereal is adapted to dry regions and is used as a forage crop, similar to oats, but having more nutriment. The plant is not grown in this section to any great extent as yet, but some is grown on the plains.

Mr. von Roeder has about one half acre sown to this cereal, which is already in the head.

A liberal supply of seed may be obtained from the U. S. Department of agriculture.

J. D. Robinson of Ira was in town Monday.

Let us order that new suit for you. Model Tailors.

R. L. Burdette made a business trip to vernon last week.

Rob Strayhorn came in from Trinity University a few days ago.

Joe Church was in town Monday from his ranch Northwest of town.

Gilbert Elkins left for Galveston Monday to attend the State Embalmers' Association.

Plenty of both kinds of Oak wood for heater and cook stove Phone 154 Jim Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of Post City are visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stanfield this week.

When in Snyder, don't forget to drop in and see the Model Tailors. Terry & Garner, Props.

Attorney W. W. Weems returned Monday from an extended visit in Kent county.

W. S. Payne left Wednesday for Dallas where he will continue to follow his profession of law. We regret very much to loose Mr. Payne from our midst, but wish him much success in his new location.

For a short time we are giving away with each suit ordered from us an extra pair of pants made to your measure.

MODEL TAILORS,
Terry & Garner, Props.

Crowder

The farmers are almost tickled to death this week, they say she will be busy the next few days. The rain sure was a big help to us.

Rev. Plant preached to us Saturday and Sunday nights.

The Bethel ball team played a game of base ball with the Crowder team last Thursday; Crowder 8 and Bethel 8.

Children Day services was a complete success last Sunday and a good many attended.

Ross Pate was here last Sunday from White Bluff visiting old acquaintances, Mr. Coy Watkins and Miss Hattie Pate.

Robert Turner from Woodard school house was here last Sunday.

T. F. Crowder and family and Henry McCormick and family took dinner with R. L. Turner and family last Sunday.

A number of young people from Bethel visited the afternoon League of this place last Sunday.

J. R. Plant spent Saturday night with R. L. Turner and family.

W. B. Lemmons and family took dinner Sunday with W. H. Cordell and family.

Leonard Turner went down about Canyon last Sunday evening.

Rev. J. R. Plant took dinner with C. S. Busby and family last Sunday.

Bob Harper reported last Sunday evening that Mr. Strayhorn's irrigation pond was entirely full.

Miss Iva Bently spent last week in Camp Springs with friends.

Well, old "Beck" is sure busy this week tilling the soil

Good-night to all the readers.

BLUE JAY.

Phone us the news.

Saved Girl's Life

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L. D. Grantham returned from Lubbock last Friday evening. Mr. Grantham met with Mr. Jeff Justice, who was on his way to his ranch at Justiceburg to deliver some cattle he had sold. In speaking of the rain, Mr. Justice said, this country is beginning to look good to him again, he said it reminds him of the years we had when he first moved to this country twenty-four years ago.

On his return he met with Felix Franklin of Amarillo. Mr. Franklin is an old timer and used to be in Snyder thirty years ago when Captin Scarbrough was Snyder's only hotel man.

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THE ARCADE

AN OPEN LETTER TO JUDGE BLANTON OF ABILENE

(Continued from first page.)

ommendation of Gentry at Pecos smacks of gratitude to a legislator for preventing redistricting. I suppose that you base this charge solely upon the fact that Gentry was a member of the legislature. In connection with this case, do you not think it would have been only simple justice to me to have disclosed the fact that Gentry was endorsed by the Democratic Executive Committee of the county, and by a majority of all the voters of Pecos? Being so endorsed would you have turned him down just because he happened to be a member of the legislature?

VII.

You charge that I absolutely ignored the demands of the Democrats at Alpine, and forced a postmaster on them against their will. This is not true. The man I recommended at Alpine, Mr. Coleman had more than three times as many endorsements from among the patrons of the office as all the other applicants put together. Why did you make this statement, and what would you have done had you been in my place?

VIII.

You have also charged in many places that I have neglected and discriminated against the farmers of the district in the distribution of seed, that I have sent seed only to public officers, and to those prominent in politics. This charge is not true, let me ask you by what authority you make this charge?

It would have been easy for you to have ascertained the truth in regard to it. A letter to the Agricultural department would have gotten the fact that I have sent seed this year to more than 45,000 people in the district. I had about 53,000 names on my list, and not being able to secure enough to go round, I was compelled to omit some, but those I omitted reside in the larger cities, El Paso, Abilene and San Angelo. If any farmer failed to get a package, it was because his name was not on my list for which I was not to blame.

Do you not think it would be a simple act of justice to me and a duty you owe to yourself to come out publicly and confess that you were wrong about this?

IX.

By a circular you have sent out broadcast over this district, and by your speeches you have charged that I opposed a re-districting of this state into new congressional districts. There is not a single member of the legislature who does not know that this is not true. I did oppose a gerrymander which would have put my county in a district which would have included El Paso and counties surrounding San Antonio and which many prominent newspapers in the state denounced and charged was designed to legislate me out of office. But I was in favor of any fair re-districting bill and repeatedly so wrote and told members of the legislature.

While the matter was pending you will no doubt recall writing me a letter yourself felicitating me upon the fact that my friends were seeing to it that I got a square deal. If the bill my friends and I were opposing was such a good bill, why did you write me that letter?

X.

In that same circular you sent to every voter in the district, you designed to leave the impression that in going to Austin to oppose the gerrymander, I left MY WORK in Washington. Why did you do that? Your circular shows that I was in Austin on March 20th, 1913. The Congressional Record shows that the regular session of Congress adjourned on March 4th, 1913, and that the following session commenced on April 7th, 1913. The record also shows that I answered to roll call on the last day of the former session and on the first day of the latter. This shows that my trip to Austin was wholly between sessions of congress, and that congress was not in session at all while I was away.

Now, Judge Blanton, you ought to explain why you have circulated the misrepresentations. If you believe them to be true, how can you excuse such carelessness. Should you not now recall those circulars and make public confession of your error? Let me commend you to one of the Lord's Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

XI.

You say the speech which I recently distributed and which purports to have been delivered by me in the House of Representatives was never in fact delivered and that the government paid me me for the copies that I distributed. Both these statements are untrue. I did deliver that speech upon the floor of the House, every word of it, and I paid for the printing of it out of my own pocket. By what authority do you make these mis-statements?

XII.

At San Angelo a few days ago in a speech you said that an article which appeared months ago in the San Angelo Standard in my interest, was paid for by a pension lobby at Washington. Am advised that you have made this charge at other places. I denounce it as absolutely untrue and brand it as a wilful, deliberate and molicious slander.

If you examined my record on the pension question, you knew that I had voted against every extravagant pension appropriation bill, and every enlargement of the pension system, and that I voted against allowing pensions to non-residents and to those who already had plenty to live on.

When you made this slanderous charge against me at San Angelo it was challenged and then you took back water on it, and said it had been told to you. I demand to know who told it to you and I demand to know if you intend to repeat this slander.

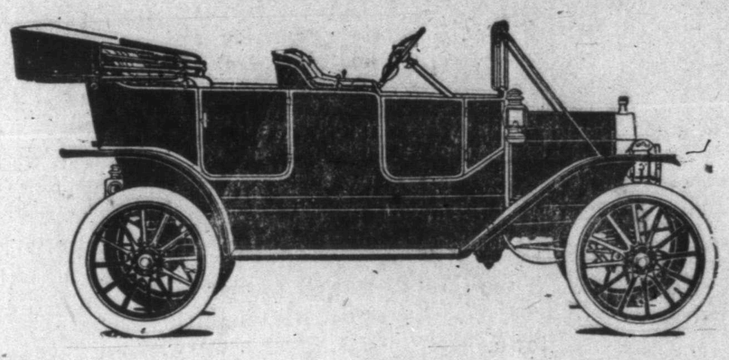
The foregoing are only a few of the misrepresentations I am advised you have been making against me in my absence. I cannot call attention to all without making the letter entirely too long. I hope you will answer the questions I have asked you, and that you will answer them specifically and without the least evasion, and that you will answer them through the public press because it is only in this way that these charges of yours can ever approximitely be overtaken.

In closing let me ask if in this campaign you have questioned my votes upon any measure since I have been a member of congress. If so, please be kind enough to specifically mention such votes. If you do not do so, I will take it for granted that you endorse each one of them.

Yours very truly,
W. R. SMITH.

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