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Willard-Deiterich-Marlin big Novelty Show, entertained the people Monday night at the court house. The show was laughable from start and lasted a little over an hour.

E. P. Sweatt is the proud owner of a new buggy, he bought one from the traveling man that passed through this week.

When you have any wind-mill work to do, get Nick Hudgens.

I am prepared to do wind-mill work on short notice, work satisfactorily done, phone or call on Nick Hudgens.

C. W. Bannerman was in town Monday trading.

## Speech Of Hon. W. B. SILLIMAN

### Made to the People of Sonora on Educational Lines.

In response to the address of welcome by Judge Wardlaw, Mr. Silliman said:—

“Ladies and Gentlemen—

No man canmore appreciate what Judge Wardlaw, as your representative, has just said in welcoming these visitors to Sonora than me, because, knowing the people of Sonora and Sutton County as I do, I know that the sentiment expressed is not only from the lips of Judge Wardlaw, but that the cordial welcome extended by him finds an echo deep down in the heart of every citizen of Sonora and Sutton County.

When about a month ago I received an invitation to visit Sonora and make a speech at the close of your school and at the same time was advised that Governor Campbell had been invited, and later in response to a letter written him by me received a reply from him saying that he would come, and later was advised by your committee and the newspapers that your Congressman, Hon. W. R. Smith had been invited and would likely attend and that your State Senator, Hon. C. B. Hudspeth would also be present, it started a train of thought in my mind that ran something like this.

Can it be possible that only a few short years ago this locality in which we are now assembled was an open range country thought to be fit only for grazing purposes during favorable winter seasons? Possible that less than twenty years ago at this very place where the live little city of Sonora now stands there was not even a public road as an evidence of occupancy—no town and no public school. Possible that in

all this broad domain with its magnificent hills, its fertile valleys and beautiful rolling prairies there were no human habitations except a few scattering sheep camps and every now and then a ranchman whose nearest neighbor was twenty or thirty miles.

It may have been in this country at that time that the man was traveling who tells the following story—he said he was traveling over the beautiful prairies of Western Texas and came in sight of a little house. He had not seen a human being for several days and drove up to the place thinking he would find some one there, but the house was deserted and up over the door, painted on a rough pine board, using black axle grease for paint and the finger for a brush, he saw a sign that read like this—“thirty miles to the nearest neighbor—60 miles to the nearest Post Office—100 miles to the nearest School and Doctor—God bless our home, we are gone”.

I say this story might have been told of this country when I and a great many of those within the hearing of my voice to night first came here, because it fairly illustrates the conditions here at that time, except that fellow who wrote that sign was a quitter and Sonora and Sutton County people are not.

And then I thought what a wonderful change a few short years had wrought; Here, where less than twenty years ago, the half circle six cattle wandered at will, with not even a wire fence to hinder their progress, from the most Northern breakers of the Colorado to the Rio Grande and there were no human habitations except for

a few scattering ranches who nearest neighbor was twenty or thirty miles away, the country is now divided up into small ranches and farms and dotted all over with beautiful homes—here, where less than twenty years ago, there was only one school house in all the country from San Angelo on the North to Del Rio on the South and West to the Pecos River, you now have your numberless country schools and your school here in Sonora, which with its magnificent building, its modern equipment and its up to date faculty is doing work second to none in the State. Here, where less than twenty years ago there were practically no people and public gatherings were unknown, you are to day celebrating the close of a public school with an enrollment of over two hundred pupils and with a concourse of perhaps over twenty five hundred people present, and are entertaining as your guests, your State Senator, who represents one of the largest if not the largest Senatorial districts in Texas, in area, and Tom Campbell, the highest official in our State which is the biggest State in the union.

I thought of all these things and then this pleasing thought came to me, and I want you school boys and girls to note it and I hope that you older people will ponder on it and realize, that it was not your country, broad and beautiful as it is—it was not your town and business houses—it was not your blooded cattle and horse, much as they are to be admired and thrifty and prosperous though they show you to be, but it was the close of a successful term of your public school where the boys and girls of our country are being trained and developed into manhood and womanhood for their own future good and happiness and for the future good glory of Texas, that brought these distinguished visitors as your guests to day.

Consider it well—work for your

school spend your time and money for it, because it and your churches more than all other agencies combined, will build up your town and country and leave you living monuments in your children. It will pay you dividends as long as you live and it is my belief, will be entered as a credit on your account in the great reckoning hereafter.

This should ever be a proud event in Sonora's history—while with a greater Sonora, greater days will come, this will ever shine out as the initial step. We are on the threshold of great material development in Western Texas as evidenced by the fact that the State is beginning to sit up and take notice that West Texas is here and is destined to become a factor in all State affairs and this event evidences the fact that she will be a factor for the good of the State.

Sutton County is indeed fortunate and ought to be proud of the fact that she has been able to attract to her County Site the Governor of our State, and Texas ought to be proud of that in Tom Campbell she has a governor who is not attracted by the noise and turmoil of political strife, but who will, at the call of one of our little West Texas towns, put himself to the inconvenience and discomforts of an 800 mile trip, nearly 200 miles of which is by private conveyance, for the sole purpose of being present at the closing exercises of your school, and thus show his live, working interest in the future of the boys and girls of Texas. And I am glad this opportunity has been given me to stand before the people of any district and say to you that through four long months of hard work I was in close touch with our Governor and had every opportunity to study his character and his policies and that in my opinion in Tom Campbell you have a Governor who is of and for the plain people of Texas.

You big hearted people of So-





