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CELEBRATION DRAWS LARGEST CROWD IN HISTORY OF TOWN

The celebration held in Mason on the 3rd and 4th was lacking in nothing, for there were even more people in attendance than were expected. On the first day there were by far many more people than ever before attended a picnic in Mason on the first day of a celebration. On the Fourth the crowd was the largest that has ever assembled on the reunion grounds here and all were well entertained and enjoyed a most pleasant day, the weather being cool and the large pecan grove affording plenty of shade to add more to the comfort of the thousands of visitors. The crowds were orderly and the two days passed without any serious accidents or unusual disturbances, with the exception of one instance on the evening of the Fourth when four young men were arrested and placed in jail for causing a disturbance. On Saturday morning they were brought before Justice Thorne and fined for being drunk after which they departed for their homes at Rochelle. The only accident occurring during the celebration was on the night of the first day when a light truck and a Ford coupe collided on the road between town and the grounds, but fortunately no one sustained injuries. The officers handled the traffic, both in town and at the grounds in a most satisfactory manner.

The crowd on the Fourth is estimated at between six and seven thousand people, and we believe they were all there. Every neighboring town was represented at the picnic, but Brady came stronger than any of them, that city having hundreds of people here. More than five thousand people were given free barbecue dinner on this day and was easily seen that hundreds of people did not even attempt to get any of the dinner, and many people waited until afternoon before they came to the grounds, so it is quite evident that the attendance can be conservatively estimated at seven thousand. The free barbecue dinner was well prepared and the thousands of people who partook of same were high in their praise of same. More than fifteen hundred pounds of young beef and fifty-two goats were barbecued.

Picnic Opened with Parade

The big celebration was opened on Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock with a big parade. The streets were crowded with cars on the opposite side from the business houses and the sidewalks were a solid mass of people who were anxious to see the biggest thing of this nature ever presented in Mason. The parade formed at the Southern Hotel in West End and led by the Mason Concert Band. The paraders passed down main street and around the square and down main street again, and on to the grounds where the judging of the floats was held. The prizes on most artistically decorated cars were awarded as follows: Mrs. Walter Martin, 1st; Miss Lillie Eckert, 2nd; Mason Drug Co., and First State Bank, third. In regard to the first two cars we mean that those parties were driving the cars, but we do not know how many others were included in the decoration of the cars. There were many other beautifully decorated cars in the parade.

After the awarding of the prizes on the cars at the grounds, the following program was carried out during the remainder of the day:

10:00 a. m. Parade formed in front of Southern Hotel, led by Ex-service men and Mason Band. Announcement of awards at grand stand.

11:15 a. m. Welcome Address by County Judge John T. Banks.

Address by Attorney Lamar Thaxton. Music by Mason Band.

2:00 p. m. Music by Mason Band. Addresses by the following: Hon. Geo. B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture. Hon. J. C. Darroch in behalf of Mr. Lynch Davidson for Governor. Other addresses.

3:00 p. m. Indian War Dance, Indian Stories, Bow and Arrow shooting by Herman Lehmann former Indian captive, at Ball grounds.

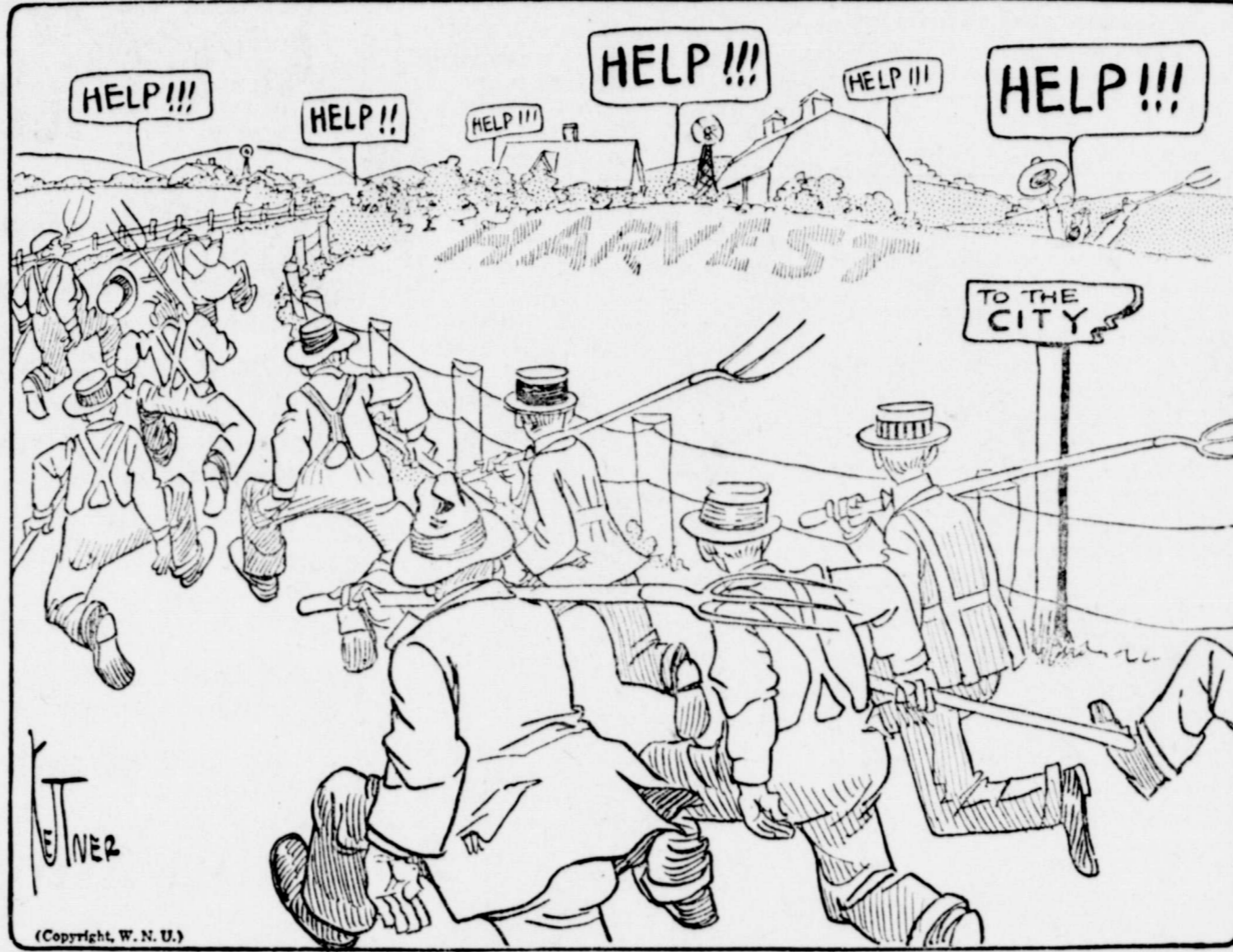
3:30 p. m. Rodeo.

4:15 p. m. Baseball—Fredericksburg Giants vs. Mason.

7:00 p. m. Rodeo.

8:15 p. m. Free Fire Works, Niagara Falls and 60 others.

To the Rescue



RAIN FRIDAY NIGHT FALLS OPPORTUNE

One of the finest and most opportune rains of the year fell last Friday night, or, more correctly speaking at about mid-night, the rain fell slowly throughout the night, sometimes as a heavy shower, and again as a light but steady downpour. The precipitation in Mason amounted to one-half of an inch.

The rain was most opportune, and where the fall was sufficient, will greatly benefit corn and feed crops, as well as starting cotton off to a rapid growth.

The past month of dry weather has caused the grasshoppers to begin leaving the drying pastures and make renewed attacks on crops, but with pastures greening as a result of the rain, the hopper danger is thought to have largely passed.

Unusually low temperatures for July have prevailed here, the 4th being quite cool and cloudy, while in the north part of the state heavy rains fell throughout that day. The temperature Friday evening about 6:30 dropped to around 56 degrees, and preceding the rain was unusually low.

9:00 p. m. Rodeo.
9:15 p. m. Dance on grounds.

At the request of a large number of people who were not present on the first day when the parade was held, the parade was again had on the morning of the Fourth just as that on the first day, only in this instance the parade was led by the Brady Municipal Band. This band also furnished some splendid music on the grounds during the day.

Never before were such large crowds held on the grounds at night. This fact is due to the beautiful display of fire works on the first night and to the Pageant, "Texas Under Seven Flags" on the second night.

The program carried out on the second day was as follows:

9:00 a. m. Music by Brady Band. Addresses by the following: Hon. S. C. Rowe, Attorney of Fort worth. Hon. J. H. McLean, District Judge. Hon. R. H. Buck, Candidate for Chief Justice Supreme Court. Hon. W. C. Wear candidate for Chief Justice Supreme Court.

10:00 a. m. Indian War Dance, Bow and Arrow Shooting, Ball grounds.

10:30 a. m. Rodeo.

Noon—Free Barbecue for all.

1:45 p. m. Addresses by the following: Hon. W. C. Woodard, Coleman. Candidate for State Senator. Hon. Marek McGee, Attorney of Brownwood. Hon. A. W. Cunningham in behalf of Mr. T. D. Barton, candidate for Governor; Hon. J. A. Thomas, of San Angelo, candidate for State Senator; Hon.

MASON WINS ONE AND LOSES ONE AT CELEBRATION HERE

The Mason baseball team split even on the ball games during the celebration last week, winning one and losing one.

The game the first day was between the locals and the Fredericksburg Giants which resulted in 9 to 3 victory for the visitors. A pitcher had been secured from San Antonio to pitch this game for Mason, but he was driven from the mound early in the game but after the Giants had touched him for enough hits to win the game, Robt Zesch, a local southpaw relieved him and allowed only one score during the time he was in the box. The locals played almost an errorless game.

On the Fourth the team from Junction came down and a good clean game free of squabbles and wrangles was had between this bunch of clean sports and the locals. The visitors got off to a good start by scoring two runs in the first inning off Zesch, but after this they never crossed the plate again. Saunders also worked on the mound for the locals in this game. The final score of the game was seven to two in favor of Mason.

Vernon Miller umpired both the games.

E. T. Wheeler in behalf of Mr. J. C. Wall. Other addresses.

3:00 p. m. Indian War Dance by former Indian Captive—Herman Lehmann.

3:30 p. m. Rodeo.

4:15 p. m. Baseball—Junction vs. Mason.

7:00 p. m. Rodeo.

8:15 p. m. Free Open Air Pageant, "Texas Under Seven Flags" about 100 people participating.

9:00 p. m. Rodeo.

9:15 p. m. Dance on Grounds.

The Fort Mason Post of the American Legion who was in charge of arrangement for the picnic feel highly pleased over the success of the celebration, and the News feels that they are to be commended for their successful efforts in bringing about the biggest celebration ever held here. They contribute the credit of bringing the thousands of people to Mason to the fact that this celebration was more extensively advertised than any ever before.

Llano and Fredericksburg also held celebrations on the Fourth and had this not been the case, there would probably have been even a still larger crowd here. Llano's intentions to celebrate the Fourth were announced at the same time of Mason's, but Fredericksburg planned and arranged her celebration later, and after the Fort Mason Post of the American had ex-

TEXAS STATE PARKS BOARD ON INSPECTION TRIP NEXT WK.

Accompanied by Governor Pat M. Neff and daughter, Miss Hattie Maude; Hon. R. M. Hubbard (and wife), Chairman Texas Highway Commission; Hon. D. K. Martin (and wife), member of Texas Highway Commission; Hon. Geo. D. Armistead, member of Texas Highway Commission; Hon. Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer; Hon. A. R. Losh, Federal District Engineer; with representatives of the San Antonio Express, Evening News and Light, Houston Chronicle and Post, Dallas News and Fort Worth Star Telegram; also two Feature Story writers, the State Parks Inspection board will leave San Antonio on Monday morning of next week on an inspection tour of park sights along the Glacier to Gulf Highway.

The party will arrive at Mason on Tuesday morning, July 15th, at 9:45 o'clock.

It is scheduled for the party to remain until 11 o'clock after which they will journey on to Brady.

It appears to us that Mason would be a most logical place for the location of one of the State parks, and we should get busy and be prepared to offer a proposition to the party when they visit our city next Tuesday.

HERBERT HOFMANN BUYS BUSINESS LOT AND WILL BUILD

Herbert Hofmann has closed a deal with the Mason National Bank whereby he becomes the owner of the business lot just north of the bank building. The lot is 30x30, and Mr. Hofmann will have a fire proof building erected upon the lot in which he will conduct his shoe and boot shop.

E. Hayden and family, of San Saba, and Mrs. Cecil Smith, also of that place were here for the celebration last week, and also to visit Mrs. A. Tinsley. Mr. Hayden is foreman of the San Saba News.

DAVIS NOMINATED

A report was received in Mason Wednesday afternoon to the effect that John W. Davis had received the nomination of the Democratic Convention which has been in session in New York city for more than two weeks.

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tended the Legion Post of that place to come and celebrate with them on the Fourth.

Junction is holding their annual picnic and barbecue today and tomorrow and many Mason people are in attendance.

COOLIDGE'S SON TO BE BURIED IN VERMONT

Washington, July 8.—The White House, scene of many of the Nation's sorrows, again became a house of mourning today while the whole American people, it seemed, poured in their messages of sympathy at the death of President Coolidge's 16-year-old son, Calvin Jr.

Not since Lincoln's time had such a youthful member of a President's family been called by death, and never under more tragic circumstances.

From the time young Calvin died at 10:30 last night at Walter Reed army hospital, all through the forenoon and afternoon there came messages to hearten the stricken parents in their first great sorrow, callers to leave a word of sympathy, and tributes to the plucky, but always losing fight the boy had waged against death.

A flag at half mast on the White House and a white crepe token of mourning on the door told of the bereavement within. Around the casket in the East Room sailors and marines from the presidential yacht Mayflower stood guard. Floral tributes in great numbers were banked about.

PETER WILHELM LEIFESTE

It has pleased God almighty to take from this world Peter Wilhelm Leifeste, youngest son of August and Anna Leifeste. Pete was born in Mason county, January 5, 1901. Was baptised by the Rev. Gus. Schmitz on March 11, 1901. He had the privilege to be brought up in a Christian home.

In 1913 he was instructed in the Catechism and Bible History by the Rev. Herman Schwartz. On August 3, he, with other children were confirmed and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and on Nov. 16, 1913, he was taken up in full membership of the church.

In the year, 1918, he left home for Fort Worth, later going to California and was residing in Los Angeles at the time of his death.

In a letter written by his brother, Alfred, to his sister, Mrs. Jim Behrens, and to his father it was stated that Pete was married and has a nice home of his own, also that his wife and her mother, who were living with him, were Christians and that Pete died as a Christian.

In February last, Pete met with an automobile accident, from which he never fully recovered.

The letter stated also that since the time of the accident that he had occasional fainting spells. On the morning of his death he left home for his work singing and whistling, but on the way he was taken by a fainting spell, fell in the street and was found in an unconscious condition and carried to a hospital in Los Angeles. A dispatch was sent to his father stating that he was in a hospital in a dying condition. The second dispatch which came with the first stated that he had passed away. This was on Saturday morning, June 28, 1924. This brought his age to 23 years, 5 months and 23 days. The body was shipped here from Los Angeles and arrived on July 5. Burial was made on July 6th in the cemetery at Art in the presence of a large number of friends.

He was preceded in death by a baby sister, Medora, on August 24, 1905, and his dear mother, Anna nee Bickenbach, in February, 1909.

Surviving are his beloved wife, his father, August Leifeste, four brothers, Robert, living in Mason county; Alfred in El Paso, Gustave in Mason county; David in the State of Washington; 5 sisters, Mrs. Martha Behrens of Mason county; Mrs. Hulda Camp, of Junction, Mrs. Alice Alexander of Mason county, Mrs. Maggie Seifest in Galveston and Mrs. Kate Tart of Mason county, and a great number of other relatives.

J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

SPEAKING AT COURT HOUSE

N. T. Stubbs, candidate for judge of the 33rd Judicial District will speak at the court house in Mason tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Willie Mae Doell won the diamond ring in the popularity contest put on by the medicine show here last week.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

RELATING TO GRANTING OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10
Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (7) cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purposes, fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendment and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

As it is resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations, whatsoever, provided however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to their widows, in indigent circumstances and who have been bona fide residents of this State since January 1, 1910, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under the special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the States served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the States and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" in the preceding lines of this Section shall not apply to women born since the year 1891, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws hereafter passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who resided in the Confederacy under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law, provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together, in the home, where it is hereby tried in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (7) cents on the one hundred (\$100) dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax herein levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid to widows of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1924, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For amendment of Section 51 of article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910," and "Against amendment to Section 51 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the Legislature to grant pensions to Confederate soldiers and their widows."

Sec. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or so

PROVISIONS OF ABSENTEE VOTING LAW ARE HERE SET OUT

The Terrell Election Law provides that any qualified voter who expects to be absent from the county on the day of the election may vote, subject to the following regulations:

Not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the date of election, such voter shall appear before the county clerk of the county of his residence and, if personally unknown to the clerk, shall be identified by two reputable citizens of such county. Upon presentation of poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, the clerk shall then deliver to such voter a ballot, which shall then and there be marked by said elector a part and with out the assistance or suggestion of any other person, which ballot shall be folded and placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to said clerk, who shall keep the same so sealed, and who shall also keep said poll tax or exemption open to inspection of any person who may wish to examine it until the second day prior to said election, when the clerk shall place said poll tax receipt, together with the sealed envelope containing ballot, in another envelope, and the same mailed to the presiding judge of the voting precinct in which the voter lives.

Section 19 provides that a person away from home may vote upon following conditions:

Not more than twenty days nor less than ten days preceding such election, a qualified voter who is away from home may go before a Notary Public and if personally unknown to such notary shall be identified by two reputable citizens, make oath as required in the preceding paragraph. The affidavit so made shall be sent by the notary or officer administering the oath to the county clerk of the county in which said voter resides. It shall then be the duty of the county clerk receiving the affidavit to verify same by examining poll tax records and, if found correct, to mail an official ballot under registered letter to the voter, and marked on envelope "Not to be opened except in presence of a notary public." Such voter shall make oath before notary that the ballot was then and there marked by said voter without assistance. Such ballot will then be mailed by the notary to the county clerk of the voter's residence, and by said clerk mailed to the presiding officer of the voter's precinct.

The postage of the correspondence shall be paid by the voter.

On the day of election, in the presence of the election officers, between the hours of two and three o'clock, the presiding judge shall open said ballots and record them, if same are unchallenged. Such ballot so counted, the judge shall mark opposite the name of such voter the word, "Absentee."

The penalty for illegal absentee voting is a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment.

(Editor's Note: The Terrell election law is ambiguous in several respects. The law provides, as set out above, that a voter away from home may cast a vote not more than 20 days before nor less than 10 days before the election. At the same time, the law provides that the county committee shall meet the second Monday in July to prepare the official ballot. The second Monday in July, or shortly thereafter, is as soon as absentee voting can be undertaken.—Columbian Democratic Voice.

Aviation has its thrills, but there are no grade-crossings.—Columbian Record.

What did George Washington know about temptation anyway? Nobody ever asked him how many miles he got to the gallon.—Lynden Tribune.

Just when the world hoped that Germany would remain quiet for a while, Henry Ford sent 20,000 divers over there.—New York Herald Tribune.

The News handles cardboard in assorted colors, carbon paper, blotting paper, shipping tags, typewriter ribbons Steko-O Paste Powder, and bond paper is our "long suit".

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. 31-tf J. J. JOHNSON.

much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State not otherwise appropriated for expenses of publications and election thereunder. Approved, March 20, 1923.

S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State 17-4tc

FOR SALE—My home in Mason, 18-tfe. W. F. Bickenbach

TEXAS COTTON REPORT, JUNE 25

The outstanding features of the Texas cotton report released today by H. H. Schutz, Statistician, U. S. Division of Crop Estimates, are as follows:

Fields are very spotted, stands ranging from just up to the blooming stage. In many instances it was found cheaper to replant than to work out the grass and weeds, but this added to the lateness of an already late season. The crop is being made at a great expense owing to high wages, replanting several times, high feed prices, etc. Hot winds, lice, worms, "fleas" and grasshoppers following a cold, wet spring have retarded the development of the crop. Much new land has been brought in, particularly in the north-west, west and south. Where it was possible to work the cotton out in time the crop looks well, but much is still small with chopping not completed. If the remainder of the season is favorable and frosts come late, a fair crop may yet be made. Rain is needed in many sections. Weevil are reported as more numerous than last year only in the south center.

During the past ten years, the Texas cotton condition has advanced an average of 3 points during June and 2 points in the Cotton Belt as a whole. On May 25, the condition was reported as 66 per cent which was 6 points below the 10-year average. The June 25 condition averages 70 per cent normal, or 5 points below the average for the decade. In 1919, a condition of 76 per cent on May 25 was followed by a decline of 7 points on June 25, an average yield of 140 lbs. per acre and 3,099,000 bales resulting. In 1914, the May 25 condition of 65 per cent, changed to 74 per cent a month later with a final yield of 184 lbs. and a production of 4,592,000 bales. Last year's crop started in at 77 per cent, remained constant during June and resulted in 147 lbs. of lint and 4,340,000 bales.

All districts show an increase in acreage, the total for the State aggregating 15,505,000 acres, or 108 per cent of that planted in 1923. Last year's 14,440,000 acres constituted the greatest cotton area planted in Texas.

The only public role that interests the average politician is the public payroll.—Columbia Record.

Whoever saved civilization is still honoring it.—New York Evening Journal.

If you are in need of a Stetson Hat, in most any style, at a reasonable price; a big stock to select from at— E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

Auto Enamel at— R. GROOSE'S LUMBER YARD Latest Novels at Mason Drug Co.



As each home is different—so are its necessities. This applies particularly to pharmacy necessities. One thing, however, which every home insists upon, is QUALITY.

Whether it be prescriptions, tonics, lotions, bandages, perfumery, stationery or soap, our merchandise is always selected with Quality first in mind.

Extra bodily care is always necessary during Spring and Summer months.

VISIT OUR FOUNTAIN

for a cold refreshing drink. Take home some of our Ice Cream.

TRY OUR STORE FIRST

Sunshine Drug Co.

HEY BUDDIE! THIS IS DRESS UP WEEK

Why not have that old suit made like new. We specialize in that kind of work—it is not a sideline with us. We can call for your suit, clean and press it and have it back to you, free from all odors by 5 p. m.



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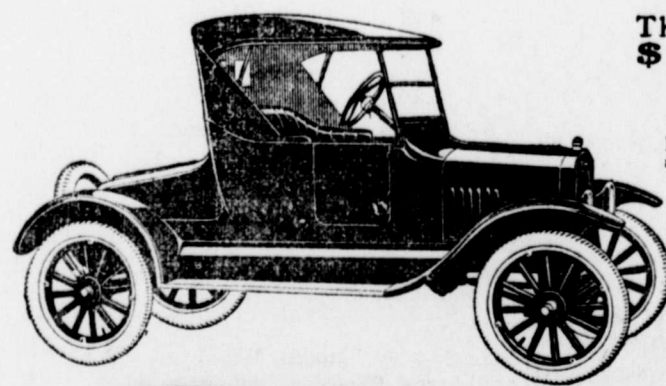
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ADVERTISING RATES
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All ads placed in this paper, will be run until ordered out.

APPROVED METHODS OF ORGANIZATION

The commercial organization of any city should be an example of efficiency. There must be a thoroughly systematic plan of organization. It should be as nearly automatic as possible. But it is impossible to reduce all of the work to routine.

The efficient organization is one where action can be obtained without delay. A system should be in use which will at once automatically place any matter introduced on the calendar for action, either by the board of directors, some standing committee, the membership of the organization, or by the executive officer.

The first and last control of the organization is in the membership. But because large bodies are unwieldy and because of the great difficulty in securing quick action when matters are handled exclusively by the entire membership, a smaller body, usually called a board of directors, is elected to act for the organization.

Most organizations are incorporated. This makes the members, stockholders, and the board of directors, the governing body, or representatives of the stockholders.

The executive officer, secretary or general manager, is the person in the position of chief responsibility. As the term implies he has supervision over all the work of the organization and its departments.

Next in order comes the standing committees or departments, also special committees, which are created for some particular endeavors which for any reason are not assigned to the standing committees.

Some contend that the number which composes the membership of standing committees should be small in order to secure the most efficient work, while others argue that every member of the association should be a member of some committee to more thoroughly arouse his interest. Where the latter method is used, no quorum is necessary for committee work, altho a quorum is necessary for the governing board.

A good method to regulate the number of the standing committees is, a committee for each of the directors save one, the president of the association.

The advantage of the plan is in the fact that no meeting of the board can be held without a majority of the chairmen of committees or departments of the association being represented from whom reports can be had. Each committee is given a name as the Transportation Committee which has charge of matters pertaining to freight and passenger traffic; the Public Utilities Committee has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the public service corporation such as the telephone, telegraph, power, gas and street railway companies; the retail Trade Extension Committee has charge of matters pertaining to the retail interest and so on.

Special meetings of each committee can be held any time under special provisions. The Board of Directors has the direction of the policy of the organization and its finances.

YOU PAID PART

A man worth over \$50,000,000 died last year. It developed he had paid no federal income taxes since 1916, and legally so.

Instead he bought tax-exempt bonds of his state and city, yielding 4 1/2 per cent.

But for this he would have contributed over \$850,000 toward expenses of the federal government. Federal expenses were not one dollar less because he did not pay.

Who did pay the \$850,000?—Julius H. Barnes. Why does Congress refuse to pass legislation doing away with future issues of tax-exempt bonds?

IT'S UP TO YOU

You may be a big man in the business world. Your properties may represent many good round hard dollars. You may take an interest in politics to the extent of complaining about taxation, too much legislation, useless regulation of industry, etc. etc. You may send your boy to college and your daughter to a finishing school. You may be a "successful" American business man.

But do you take an interest in the government which protects your property? Or are you merely one of the kickers who complain about the "radicals?" Do you go to the polls and vote for men and measures you believe sound or do you instead, go out and play golf on election day and let the fellow about whom you complain do all the voting.

Don't kick unless you are willing to do your duty as a citizen at the polls.

No matter how "big" you are your vote is worth no more than the poorest bum in town.

The "bigger" you are, the more necessary it is for you to vote, teach your children to vote and your wife to vote.

Don't leave somebody else to do your voting for you and then kick at results.

Your government will be just as good as you help make it, and no better.

KINDNESS

I often wonder why people do not make more use of the marvelous power there is in kindness.

It is the greatest lever to move the hearts of men that the world has ever known—greater by far than anything that mere ingenuity can devise or subtly suggest. Kindness is the kingpin of success in life; it is the prime factor in overcoming friction and making the human machinery run smoothly. If a man is your enemy you cannot disarm him in any other way so quickly or so surely as by doing him a kind act. The meanest brute that ever drew breath is not altogether insensible to the influence of Kindness. Of course it takes a strong man—the very strongest in fact, to do a Kindness to the man who has wronged him, and yet there is no other way of so certainly bringing about restitution. Not only this, but it develops additional strength in the man who does it, and the peculiar thing is, that the power of Kindness can be exercised by the lowliest as well as the highest. The king upon the throne has no more privilege in this respect than the digger of ditches, and there is no other factor in human life so well calculated to destroy the distinction of caste as this.

Kindness makes the whole world akin. It breaks down the barriers of distrust, deceit, envy, jealousy, hate, and all their miserable train.—Andrew Chapman.

THE LOVE OF MONEY

There are 8,000 misers in the United States, possessed of some \$44,000,000 who live in separate squalor and derive their sole joy in life from playing with their respective accumulated hoards, according to Joseph F. McCoy actuary of the United States treasury, who, because of his constant delving into affairs of the nation, has been described as the man who "knows the unknowable, speaks the unspeakable, and uncrews the inscrutable."

Though often mentioned in fiction the miser is not a creature of fiction. You can no more say what makes him than you can say as yet what makes a Bolshevik or an anarchist. He is one of God's creatures in our little corner of God's universe, wherein it is said that it takes all kinds of people to make a world. He is only about one out of every 14,500 people, which would mean on the average of about three for a city like Austin, and his average wealth is only about \$5,500 per miser. He does not do much harm in the world nor bring to it any joy whatever, except, perhaps, when he kicks off and leaves his accumulated savings to too impatient relationship. He usually dies of starvation or exposure needlessly imposed upon himself. One is not always of the male species.

To the extent that he keeps about one per cent of the country's circulating medium out of circulation, and is sometimes a charge on unsuspecting charitable organizations, he is an object of public interest. He is not that love of money which has been characterized as the root of all evil, but he is undoubtedly a little off balance and enough of a public problem to make him a proper study for the

THE MONEY VALUE OF A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION TO THE FARMER

Many parents living in rural communities are doubtless debating whether or not they should send the boys and girls who completed the courses in the small district schools last spring to high schools this fall. One question they probably ask is: "Will it pay in dollars and cents?"

The United States Departments of Agriculture and the various State Agricultural colleges have made a number of investigations of the differences between the incomes of educated and uneducated farmers. All of these studies show that in the majority of cases the better trained farmers receive the better incomes. The results cited in the following studies are typical of these investigations:

The Department of Agriculture reports a survey of three representative areas in Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, which shows that tenant farmers with a high school education receive an average labor income of \$26 a year more than the men with only a common school education. A college school education will add to this average \$453 a year making the income of college graduates \$979 more a year than the labor earnings of the men with only a common school education.

Cornell University has estimated that a high school education is worth as much to a farmer as \$6,000 worth of bonds bearing five per cent interest, and that a college education is worth twice that amount.

MORE AND MORE MARRIED WOMEN SEEKING POSITIONS AS TEACHERS

Austin, Texas.—Of the 500 students and teachers registered with the University of Texas Teachers Appointment Committee, approximately 200 have already secured positions for next year. Men teachers for the upper grammar grades and grammar school principals are in great demand according to Miss Miniam Dozier, secretary of the committee. Requirements for these positions are at least one year of college training, good personality, and natural ability. Experience is not stressed. The high schools are demanding degree teachers with experience. More and more married women are seeking positions as teachers, according to Miss Dozier, and the schools are ruling more strongly against employing married women whose husbands are living.

SHORT COURSE AT A. & M. WILL PROVE VERY BENEFICIAL

College Station, Texas, July 9.—Over 1,000 farm boys and girls will assemble at the A. & M. College of Texas for the fifteenth annual Farmers' Short Course with an equal number of parents during the week of July 28 to August 2. Boys will judge livestock, study feeding, breeding and management methods, the care of dairy products and their manufacture, seed selection, terracing, draining, and preparation of land. Girls will devote their attention to the beautification of the home and the management of the poultry flock and garden. Demonstrations will be given them in many economical methods of refurnishing old furniture and working out designs that will harmonize it into a pleasing scheme of furnishing and decoration. They will also be taught the essential elements in nursing the sick and looking after the health of the family, in dyeing fabrics, correct postures for housework history and appreciation of good pictures, table setting and serving and various other things that will bring happiness and content to the farm home when there is only a small fund for its upkeep.

There will also be contests in which the boys and girls will experience the thrill of competition and triumph. The boys will match their skill in judging livestock, rain and poultry and valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners, such as handsome cups medals and free trips to state fairs and exhibitions. Girls will join the boys in the poultry contest and will have three other contests, one in making buttonholes, another in making yeast bread and a third in clothing. Only county winners will take part in these contests for the girls, the purpose being to select a state winner.

psychologists and the psychiatrists with a view to ascertaining and removing if possible, the cause which makes him a public handicap, and to discovering and applying the remedy which makes him a useful citizen.—Austin Statesman.

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HER HERITAGE

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DOWN the gardens came Patsy, viewing her domain.

She was so small that the dignified name of Patricia seemed all too cumbersome, so those who loved her called her Patsy.

A letter had come to the humble little flat dweller in the city saying that her grandfather proposed to make her his heir, providing—

"I knew there would be a string somewhere," she remarked to Mrs. Sims, who boarded her.

"Providing," went on the letter, "that my granddaughter, Patricia, will make herself useful to me during the present period of my life, by becoming my confidential secretary. Included in this duty, the typing of various lecture manuscripts, copying my coming books on the sciences, etc. In return, my granddaughter shall occupy the position of mistress of my home and estates now and forever."

The communication was signed formally, "Jasper Wellington."

Patsy, wandering down the garden paths, came to a sheltered side of the stone house. Then a voice came to her and she found herself gazing through the ivy-framed window into the face of the speaker. He was a young man with face all too white, and dark eyes with shadows beneath them.

"It has come at last," he told his companion, a young man who lolled in a chair near. "I've been afraid that Mr. Wellington would one day dispense with my services as secretary, though I have been faithful and tireless. If I were situated as other men it would not matter, and I could seek employment elsewhere. But it's the old problem of mother and Jean. The doctor says Jean is more dependent than ever on country air, and mother is just a part, you know, of her little home here, and the town she has known since girlhood. Jean is her care, and Jean cannot be with us long, at best. No, there is no other way for me; both are too frail to leave, while I might try and fail in work elsewhere. They need me."

"They have always needed you," the friend returned sadly, "and old Wellington, too, has exacted your service since you came from college and were forced to take the only suitable employment this hamlet afforded. Now he throws you cold, because he happens to find that he has a granddaughter who will be able to answer his requirement. Old miser! Well, if you can find a way to come to me in the city, my offer is open, friend."

The young man with the white face and burning eyes was alone. His head with its dark hair was cradled hopelessly in his outstretched arms. Presently, as though answering some imperative call, he glanced upwards and saw as though it were a vision the face of a girl framed in flowers—a tender, haunting face, blue eyes, soft in unspoken sympathy. Then the face disappeared and Keith Kenzie rubbed his eyes wonderingly.

The library was so big and impressive that Patsy, there in her smallness, appeared more insignificant than ever.

"About that typing, grandfather," she naively informed the grim man before her, "you will have to be indulgent. I have no doubt that I could make you an acceptable secretary in time, with instruction. Do you think your present secretary could teach me? I would love to stay here with you, and I'd love, too, I'll admit, to keep this home of our people."

The old man's face wrinkled into the semblance of a smile. "It is strange," he remarked musingly. "But I should like to have you stay with me. Our few days' acquaintance has taught me that extraordinary fact. Regarding the secretarial obligation, Patricia, I understood that your work in the city was such as to—"

"It was such," Patsy answered with a disarming smile, "as to be

quite different from your requirement."

"Kenzie, I have no doubt," the old man replied, "would be glad in his present unfortunate circumstances, to be retained for a time. I never allow sympathy to interfere with business. Will you try to learn rapidly, that you may fulfill your obligation?"

"I will try," Patsy promised.

She came again to the impressive library and into her grandfather's presence. It was a month or so later, and his presence was less formidable. The wrinkled smile was now a smile of welcome.

"So, granddaughter," Jasper Wellington said, "you come to tell me that your lesson is learned?"

Patsy settled herself at his side; her hand had slipped into his.

"The lesson is learned, grandfather, but it was the lesson of love, you set before me. And if I must choose between my heritage of estates—or marry Keith Kenzie—then, oh, my dear!—it must be Keith that I would choose. Don't you think that you might make room for us both in your great house, grandfather—and in your heart?—Keith, the capable secretary and his wife, your granddaughter, who would try to make you both happier—and would try to cheer, too, Keith's mother, who cares for her sick daughter in a little cottage nearby?"

"I think," said the softened old man, "that very likely I could make room for you both in my home and my heart."

And that is all of the story.

According to Hoyle

As Hiram Jones came into town he saw a sign in a store advertising a shoe sale. Shoes were hung all around the window in pairs, and in the center, on a small table, were laid three silver dollars, with the sign: "Get your shoes now. Three of a kind takes them."

Hiram needed a pair of shoes; so he entered the store, and said to the clerk: "I see you're selling shoes according to poker rules."

"Yes."

"Well, give me two pair."

"What size?"

"Number nine."

When the clerk returned with the shoes Hiram passed over three silver dollars and started to grab the shoes, but the clerk stopped him.

"Two pair of shoes at three dollars is six dollars."

"Didn't you say you sold shoes on poker rules?"

"Yes."

"Well, don't three of a kind take two pairs?"

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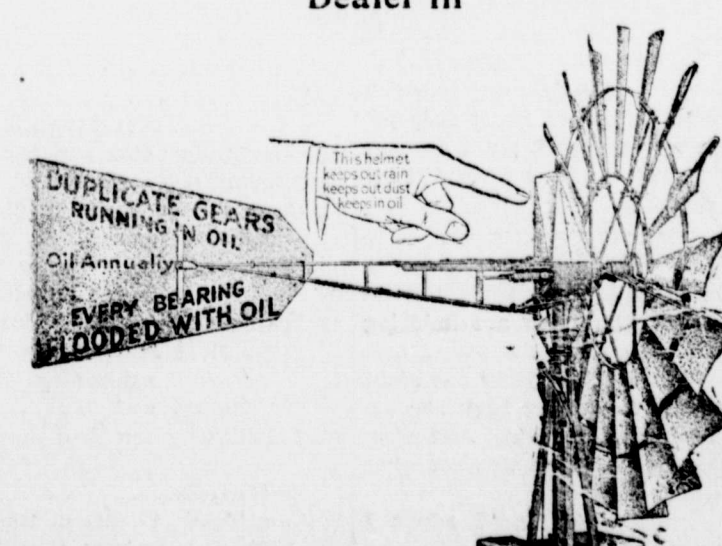
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