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BAILEY SPEAKING

Great Preparations Being Made for a Gay Time at Crockett on the 16th

To the democrats of Houston county:—Senator J. W. Bailey will deliver an address to the democrats of Houston county at Crockett, on Thursday, April 16. He will deliver only one address in the county during this campaign as his time and services will be required and needed in other parts of the state until the primary to be held the 2nd day of next month. Every democrat in the county is invited and urged to come and hear him, and the democrats of adjoining counties are also invited to be with us on that occasion. The speaking will begin at one o'clock in the afternoon, which will be the most convenient time for all who may come by train to hear Mr. Bailey. The speaking will begin early so that all may have an opportunity to hear it and return home before night. Everybody come and hear Senator Bailey, and hear from him the truth and the true issues involved in this campaign.

The following committees have been appointed to make arrangements and look after the comfort and entertainment of Mr. Bailey, and we hope every member will be here, to-wit:—

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Committee on arrangements—T. R. Atmar, J. W. Young, H. J. Phillips, John A. McConnell, H. Durst, Jr., Joe Adams.

Senator Bailey will be introduced by Col. Earle Adams.

Special arrangements will be provided for the comfort of the ladies who want to hear the illustrious senator, and we hope as many will attend the meeting as can. This is a fight which affects every home in the state, and no class of people love the home better than the women of the land. No doubt Mrs. Bailey and her children are expecting the sympathy and support of the women and children of this great state, and we certainly hope and believe they will not be disappointed.

Women of Houston county, we appeal to you to do your duty in this contest, and do all you can to prevent any stigma from being cast upon Senator Bailey's good wife and devoted children.

Joe Adams, Ch'm.

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From Augusta

Augusta, Texas, April 5th.—The old ship of life is gliding smoothly o'er the sea of time without a ripple to mar its course, except that now and then the head of a Baileyite bobs up to be submerged under the waves of the mighty ship that is steadily moving on to anchor at the place of voting on the 2nd day of May. There she will discharge her cargo and bury Bailey and his followers deep down in oblivion by an overwhelming majority. With Bailey in the background we then can hope to have peace but not until then, for that "rule or ruin" spirit he cherishes so dearly will continually keep the country agitated to that extent that there will be no peace. We wish to say that the Bailey followers are resorting to every means to elect their idol. It is well for the anti-Bailey people to watch closely and on election day don't fail to be on hand. Stop the plow for a few hours and vote the best vote of your lives—an anti-Bailey vote. "We have done nothing wrong" is their slogan,

and if he or they get to heaven on such logic we predict that hell will be for rent. Some say that it is the Clark crowd. Right here we wish to say that there were as true democrats that followed Clark as any that voted for Hogg or any other god of this state. We know plenty of men in the county that were ardent Hogg supporters that are anti-Bailey men, and we know of Clarke men that are Bailey men, consequently it will not do to lay it at the door of the Clark crowd.

The cold snap of the past week was a check to corn, and in fact, all vegetation, but the nice rain last night with the warm sunshine today pushes everything along the line of growing fast, that it is beautiful to the eye and satisfactory to the mind.

Our farmers generally are well up with their work. Cultivating corn and planting cotton is the line of work at present.

Prof. Sam Kennedy and Capt. Jim McLean have just returned from Lufkin where they went to hear their "Great I am" speak.

They are both Bailey men, that suffices.

Jim Kennedy's baby has been quite sick but is better today.

Dr. Elliott reports health of town and surrounding community good.

Holland Scarbrough, while hunting on Neches river, killed a wild turkey that weighed 23 pounds. Beat that and take the ribbon.

Our town is rather quiet, still business is fairly good. Kennedy Bros. still continue to bring load after load of groceries, feed stuff, etc. It is enormous to see the amount of flour, meal and chops that is being distributed through the country. We hope for better times.

Old Gray.

The Baileyites of Houston county must certainly realize their weakness when they try to enlist the ladies to help their cause by appealing for their support and sympathy. They can win if the ladies get on their side but will the ladies of Houston county endorse a principle that will lead to corruptness in public life?

CROCKETT NOTES

Politics Growing Warm. Joe Bailey and Cullen Thomas to Speak.

Crockett, Texas, April 6.—The political pot is boiling hot and a fellow is almost afraid to say whether he is anti-Bailey or pro-Bailey for fear some one will swat him unexpectedly. Cullen Thomas of Waco will speak here next Friday and Mr. Bailey on Thursday, the 16th.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church met at the parsonage last Monday and quite a goodly number were present. These ladies are doing a great work and their meetings are both entertaining and instructive.

The members of the Christian church will meet at their church next Sunday morning to re-organize the Sunday school and all should be present as officers will be elected for the year.

The presiding elder preached at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. Judge Aldrich entertained a party of friends at her residence last week with a game of forty-two.

There will be a picnic at the bayou next Saturday by the Baptist Sunday school. The children are anticipating a good time.

Mr. W. L. Smith, formerly of Latexo, has bought a business in Ohio and will move in a few days.

Mrs. Bob McConnell has been quite sick this week.

The street graders have been at work on Washington street this week and have improved it wonderfully.

The weather is now delightful and everyone is looking forward to more prosperous times.
Rex.

Trinity River Ripples

Reynard, Texas, April 6th.—Everything is still favorable for farming and we had a nice rain Saturday night.

A great deal of cotton was planted last week and some is up looking fine.

Misses Mary and Addie Pennington of Daly's spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Jack Beazley.

Little Skinner and Buss Beazley spent last week with their grandparents at Daly's.

Oscar and Herman Beazley attended the party at Hays Spring Saturday night and report an excellent time.

Mr. T. M. Collins of Mart, Texas, was here on business last week.

There was a right good attendance at Sunday school yesterday and there seems to be a good deal of interest taken so far. Hope we can have a good Sunday school.

Fishing on the creek is the order of the day every Saturday. Pat Fulgum caught a cat fish that weighed twenty-nine pounds, and little Chas. Kent caught one that weighed seven pounds.

Think it is time we were having a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laseter and children of Daly's spent Sunday with Mr. Geo. Kent and children.

Health of the community is good.
Zack.

JOHN MITCHELL'S WORK.

AS LEADER AND ORGANIZER HIS WORK IS FINISHED.

John Mitchell, president of United Mine Workers of America, has retired from his high place as head of the greatest organization in the United States. For many years he has been the head of this organization, and as it stands today it is largely the creation of his organizing and executive powers. Ill health compelled him to give up the arduous task of shaping the policies and directing the forces in an organization the most heterogeneous in character and the most numerous in membership in any civilized country today. Whether his successor will be able to manage this body as well as he has managed it remains to be seen.

John Mitchell came to this country as an emigrant lad years ago. By his own efforts he raised himself to the position in the body which he held, really created the place by creating the organization as it now exists. To do such a work argues ability of a most unusual order. In fact, few men of that stamp are produced in a generation. Possibly if he had not done it some other man would, but the very fact that a man creates something really great and really difficult, giving it the stamp of his own genius, argues that no other man could have done the work.

Those living away from the mines and the mining towns and the great manufacturing cities that have grown up about the coal and iron mines have little conception of the class of people from the various countries of Europe that make up the great body of mine workers. Those who work in the mines for the precious metals in the West are a high class of intelligent people. The wages paid are good, and the conditions of life are by no means bad. Not so with the other miners. Life has little of hope for them. Even when they are not bowed down in ignorance of language and customs and are at the complete mercy of the mine operators. Men and boys are but machines to bring coal and iron from the bowels of the earth to be used by mankind. No further consideration is had of them than to see that the greatest results are obtained at the least cost. Humanity does not count. The bright eyed lad goes into the mines to break coal; he grows in strength and gains in experience and becomes a miner; for a few years he labors in his strength and with hope; the years go by and he goes back to the tasks that he engaged in as a boy, and takes his place, this time with only death and release from the breakers' pile to look forward to. Such is the life of the coal or iron miner.

To bring these men together into a self conscious body, to teach them that they have a real existence in the industrial world, to give them a class spirit, a class strength, was the great work of John Mitchell. In so doing he created a great force of organized labor. He made this body of men a force which has been felt for good in raising the condition of living and in bringing about a greater sense of the responsibilities and the gains of American citizenship. Along with this comes necessarily a wider outlook, a more hopeful life. The whole standard of living is raised for the miners and for their families. To uplift such a body of men composed of such varied elements was a task for one man to do, for one man to take the lead in doing. John Mitchell did it. Few men in this generation have made a greater contribution to the welfare of the people, directly or indirectly than has he.

Reggy Sapp—Yeas, the young lady from Boston said I reminded her of a beautiful flower. Weally, don't you think I resemble a pansy?

Miss Tabasco—Yes; chimpanzie.

Cotton Seed Meal as a Horse and Mule Feed

If one informed was called on today to indicate the most glaring deficiency in Southern husbandry his finger would point to the utter dearth of good horse feed. It is now generally admitted that the results of the war, and undoubtedly its duration, would have been altogether different had there been a sufficient quantity of horse feed for the Southern cavalry. Though this deficiency of good feed for "man's best friend" may not be presented in as acute a form today as it was in those days of the early 60s; still it is quite real. As the South is undoubtedly the land of cotton, so, on the other hand, it is equally certain that it is not the land of grain and long forage. Let the newspaper editor put whip and spur to the farmer all he will, the fact remains that it is a tough proposition to make barely enough grain and hay to do, and out of the question to make any for market. With these conditions surrounding us, how irresistible should be the alluring invitation which cotton seed meal holds out to the feeder of live stock in the South.

In a state of nature the horse crops the luscious grass that grows on the bank of the water-course. In a state of domesticity the horse is fed on dust-dry hay and grain, and no clear running brook passes his manger, and he drinks only out of the hot or freezing, polluted horse trough, when the owner remembers to turn him out of the stall. Not only do our work stock wear out with shocking rapidity under such treatment, but the mortality among them, all on account of intestinal troubles, is appalling. You must keep what a horse eats moving forward, or, rather, backward; if you don't he will die. So I have come to believe that, aside from the wonderful nutritive value of cotton seed meal, its mechanical value in aiding the peristaltic movement in the horse is worth its actual cost many, many times over. I am not a chemist, but you have only to ask one who is and he will tell you how tremendously valuable and nutritious cotton seed meal is as a horse feed. All that corn, oats and fodder lack as feeds is supplied by cotton seed meal. In combination with them it makes a perfection feed. I admit that every horse and mule will not show a fondness for cotton seed meal to begin with, but every horse and mule that ever lived will eat it; will come to like it, and will thrive on it.

I believe any animal of the horse kind, from a shaved-tail mule to Lou Dillon, will be benefited and improved by the addition of cotton seed meal to his daily ration.

As for its not being a natural feed for the horse, neither is corn or oats. A horse is a grass eater, and he never saw grain until he met up with a man on the plains of Damascus 7000 years ago, and he got his first taste of barley. A horse can worry along on a general bill of fare. In Afghanistan he is fed on balls of mutton fat, while in India he eats dried fish.

It is not a hurtful admission in this discussion to acknowledge that cotton seed meal cannot be fed in large quantities. This only goes to show its high quality as a feed. A man does not at one sitting eat a pat of butter or drink a jug of molasses or gulp a bowl of gravy. He does not pour out vinegar by the cruet full or eat salt and pepper by the spoonful. These are the tidbits, or, as the French say, *c'este la sauce qui fait manger la poisson*. So cotton seed meal makes the dry ration of the domestic horse go down, and not only down, but what is more important, go through. If farm animals in the South could feed daily on a ration a minimum of one pound of concentrates being cotton seed meal, this land would be a richer and a happier one. While this would be in actual amount only about ten per cent of the concentrated portion of the feed, its mechanical and nutritive value would be at least double that.

EXPRESS COMPANIES

PLEA FOR FAVORABLE RATES TO VEGETABLE SHIPPERS.

With the present express earnings of over 50 per cent on their entire capital invested per annum, as reported to the Interstate Commerce Commission, it would appear that lower express rates and better service should be demanded from the express companies, especially to the shippers of perishable products, in the way of better and more careful handling, better ventilated cars, more promptness in delivery and suitable shelters for the protection of the products against the weather at the loading stations. The pilfering or stealing from express packages by the employees of express companies or others should be stopped and made a felony, punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

The further development of diversification, fruit, truck and poultry shipments to Northern markets from the South will depend almost entirely on the more reasonable charges and efficient service rendered and made by the public carriers, either by freight or express.

Having been a shipper of these commodities for thirty years in Texas, both by freight and express, if placed on the railroad commission I would endeavor to be guided by my experience as a shipper to promulgate and encourage such laws, rules and regulations calculated for the benefit of the shippers and transportation companies.

On my last trip to the great Northwest it is astonishing to note the growth of this immense territory all tributary to Texas as a market for the early fruits and vegetables. Thousands and hundreds of thousands dollars worth of Texas early products could be marketed with profit to the shippers if reasonable and just express charges could be secured. The express charges of three and even four dollars per hundred pounds are an imposition on the public, and simply means confiscation of the shipments by the charges.

The adjustment of these express charges to a living basis by the railroad commissions, interstate commerce commission and Congress would mean a development of this Southern industry of shipping early fruits and vegetables to Northern markets unparalleled in the history of this country.

Theodore G. Thomas, Candidate for Railroad Commissioner of Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Houston, Tex., March 25, '08.

ARTIFICIAL HONEY IS COMING.

From one of those amazing German laboratories which produce everything from tan bark to turquoise has come a formula for the making of artificial honey. It is tossed into the lap of the world without price, take it or leave it. We might as well resign ourselves to the coming of the day when the honey which lubricates the breakfast biscuit shall come from a red factory in the suburbs, guiltless of loot from the busy little bee and utter stranger to every opening flower.

The crusher of tartaric acid may in one shovelful duplicate the task at which a thousand bees toiled for forty days. The flame under the evaporator may replace sun and dew and the wind at morn. There will be no test by anything so uncertain as the tongue. The housewife will have no dread lest taint of chestnut, asparagus or onions come with her from the grocery. The food inspector will relieve her of that fear. He will see that the honey has a fine, golden color, that it has a specific gravity of 1.37 and that the picture of the bee on the label is not an admission that some disreputable little insect had something to do with its manufacture.—Colman's Rural World.

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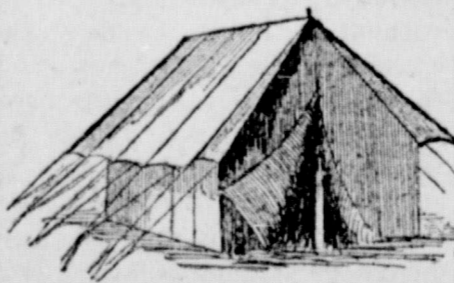
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GENERAL NEWS.

STATE.

Cuero.—A Negro, John Brown, was hanged in the Cuero jail. He displayed remarkable nerve, going to his death without a tremor, professing his innocence.

Terrell.—Dan Quill, Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the "Reorganized Republicans, called a State convention to be held at Waco, May 26, 1908, to elect delegates to the National Convention to be held in Chicago in June.

Wharton.—Of four prisoners who escaped from the Wharton County jail two negroes charged with killing have returned and surrendered to the officers to be remanded to jail. The others made good their escape.

Waco.—A large and very enthusiastic pro-Bailey meeting was held at Fort Worth, at which four delegates and four alternates were selected to represent the State at large at the National Democratic Convention to be held at Denver, Col.

Hondo.—Commissioners' Court, in special session, canvassed the local option election vote in Precinct No. 6 and find 43 against to 1 for it.

Kyle.—At a mass meeting addresses were made in behalf of Kyle as the County seat of Hays County, and the bonus increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Austin.—The sub-postoffice in the State Capitol building is now assured. It will be equipped by the State and located on the first floor. July 1 is the day set for its opening.

Goliad.—141 Bales of cotton were sold out of the Union warehouse at prices not made known. 508 out of the total of 1326 still remain in the Goliad warehouse.

Waring.—Burglars blow open the safe in the S. A. & A. P. Depot and secure between \$35 and \$40, besides a few small checks. Nitro-glycerine was used.

El Paso.—The bodies of three Japanese have been found in the river bed several miles below the city. It is supposed they were drowned while attempting to cross to this side.

Richmond.—The Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County, in its last session, was considering bids on the new court house.

Navasota.—A freight engine, doing some switching on the main line of the I. & G. N. track, collided with the engine of the northbound passenger train. Engineer of the passenger engine was instantly killed and engineer of the freight engine so badly hurt that he died several hours later.

Victoria.—Fifteen more negroes were placed in the city detention camp, some of whom have smallpox, while the others have been exposed to the disease.

Stockdale.—The directors of the Farmers' Union warehouse have decided to sell 300 bales of cotton to the highest bidder April 6. There are in all 1220 bales in the warehouse.

Seguin.—The Republican County ticket is gradually being filled up. Julius F. Fischer has announced for District Clerk against John F. Campbell, the present incumbent, a Democrat.

Engle Pass.—It has been proposed to put a non-partisan county ticket in the field, selecting candidates from both parties according to their fitness. The Republicans have called a mass meeting for Saturday night to discuss the advisability of such a move. There is some opposition to it.

Austin.—R. R. Munro, Postoffice Inspector in charge, accompanied by his office force, arrived here from New Orleans to assume charge of the new division, comprising Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, which has been moved from New Orleans. The division will hereafter be known as the Austin division.

Stamford.—An immense land deal was consummated by Swenson Brothers purchasing the Spur Ranch, containing 433,000 acres, located in four counties, for which they paid \$2,500,000 in cash. The land will be opened for settlement.

Dallas.—Chief of Police has recommended to Municipal Commission to forfeit the licenses of five saloons on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday.

Del Rio.—Federal Court for the Western District of Texas opened April 1, Judge Maxey presiding. The Grand Jury has been impanelled and

will investigate violations of the law, including some counterfeit money cases.

Yoakum.—In the last fiscal year the business in the Yoakum Postoffice has increased to an extent to raise the salary of the Postmaster \$200 per year and entitle the city to free delivery of the mail.

Austin.—The students of the State University took the faculty by surprise by walking out in a body on April 1 to celebrate April Fool's Day. A number of professors were taken along for an outing, while others locked themselves in their offices and would not budge.

Brenham.—The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad Company has called in all outstanding railroad passes issued to Sheriffs through whose counties the road passes, as Sheriffs of other counties have applied for the same privileges.

El Paso.—The general shops of the Southwestern Railroad have been opened again after a short shut down. The G., H. & S. A. shops are still closed.

Marshall.—The Texas & Pacific shops, which have been closed down for some weeks, have been reopened under the same conditions existing when closed.

DOMESTIC.

Kansas City, Mo.—The National Bank of Commerce, which suspended payment last fall, opened for business again this week with \$2,870,000 cash on hand.

San Francisco, Cal.—Durham White Stevens, the American diplomat in the Japanese service, who was shot by a young Korean, died of his wounds in the St. Francis Hospital.

Springfield, Ill.—The Republican State Convention endorsed Speaker Cannon as a candidate for the Presidency, and declared for revision of the tariff.

Washington, D. C.—The Aldrich bill was passed by the Senate by a vote of 42 to 16, after the Bailey amendments had been rejected.

Tallahassee, Fla.—Governor Broward appointed William Hall Milton to succeed the late W. James Bryan in the United States Senate.

Thomaston, Conn.—A clock is being finished here which is said will be the largest in the world, the dial measuring 28 feet in diameter. It is intended for a Jersey City soap factory, and will be visible from the New York piers.

New York, N. Y.—Mrs. Lilla Raymond, a stranger, made two trips into a burning house after giving the alarm, and saves a mother and five children, who were unconscious of the danger.

Hanna, Wyo.—An explosion of the gas in the Union Pacific Coal Mine Company's Mine No. 1 kills fifty miners. Most all were married and had families.

Butte, Mont.—The first stone has been laid for the highest dam ever erected in the world, on the Shoshone River, in Wyoming. Preliminary work has been going on for two years and when completed the dam will be 315 feet in height. Water will be stored for irrigation purposes.

Chicago, Ill.—A new feature has been inaugurated to combat prohibition fanaticism. Forty lectures, mostly preachers and some women, will go out to make anti-prohibition speeches, advocating temperance but fighting prohibition.

New York.—A Russian Anarchist, enraged by the charge of police on laborers in a labor demonstration, intended throwing a bomb into the police squad, which, however, exploded prematurely in his hand, killing him and wounding a companion.

Guthrie, Okla.—The State Corporation Commission ordered a 40 per cent reduction on all express rates.

New York, N. Y.—Wholesale and retail ice dealers have given authentic intimation that the price of ice is to be advanced 60 per cent.

San Francisco, Cal.—The body of Durham W. Stevens, the late American advisor of the Korean Council, will be taken to Washington, D. C. by his sister.

Auburn, N. Y.—Chester E. Gillette paid the penalty for the brutal murder of Grace Brown. He goes to the electric chair without any perceptible emotion, and, according to his statement, goes direct into the arms of Jesus.

Washington, D. C.—During the target practice at Magdalena Bay, fourteen inches of the muzzle of a six-inch breech gun of the Missouri, blew off. No one was hurt.

New Orleans, La.—The headquarters of the postoffice inspectors for Louisiana and Texas have been closed and all inspectors transferred to Austin, Texas, the future headquarters.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Two hundred and fifty thousand miners have laid down their picks in the Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Southwestern districts, pending the adjustment of the wage scale.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt sent to the Senate the nomination of David Jayne Hill to be Ambassador at Berlin. Ambassador Towers's resignation has been accepted to take effect June 1, when Dr. Hill will assume his new duties.

Washington, D. C.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs voted down both the Warner and Foraker bills, providing for the restoration in the army of the Negro soldiers discharged on account of the Brownsville riot.

St. Louis, Mo.—Seven men from Southwestern Missouri, who have been convicted of the charge of peonage, were taken to Fort Leavenworth to serve their terms, ranging from one and one-half to three and one-half years and a money fine from \$100 to \$5000.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Stephens introduced a bill establishing a National forest reserve on the head waters of the Red River, in Texas. This would be the only National forest in the State.

Little Rock, Ark.—United States Senator Jeff Davis was fined \$25 in the Police Court for disturbing the peace. The Senator had gotten a beating by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Helm and went to his office, procured a pistol and started out on a man hunt, which was cut short by the minions of the law.

Bisbee, Ariz.—As a result of the closing of the First National Bank of Bisbee, J. W. Eddleman, president, and J. H. Nolan, cashier, have been arrested on a charge of misapplying funds of the institution.

FOREIGN.

City of Mexico.—An earthquake shock was felt here which stopped the clocks and cracked a number of walls. Some people were injured, but no great damage reported. It extended over an area of 500 miles. The town of Chilapa was practically destroyed.

Magdalena Bay.—The information that the battleship fleet is to extend its tour to Honolulu, Sidney and Manila, returning by way of the Suez Canal, has proven very pleasing to crews and officers.

Monterey, Mex.—Watermelons are coming in in large quantities, to the surprise of the many strangers in the city. The first melon was sent in about four weeks ago and placed on exhibition.

Rome.—King Victor Emanuel received J. P. Morgan in private audience. The King conversed freely about American affairs and manifested keen interest in the present Presidential campaign.

Tokio.—The conventions between Japan, the United States and Great Britain governing trademarks and patents will be signed shortly.

Monterey, Mex.—A Central passenger train loaded with colonists was wrecked on its return from Tampico by spiked rails. No one was killed. This is the same train that was wrecked near Pearsall, Texas, on going to Mexico.

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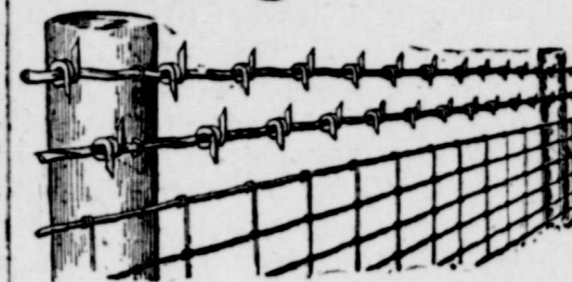
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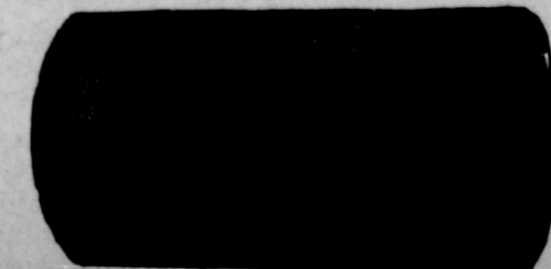
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THE MESSENGER.

Letter From the Philippines.

People use to say that the time would come when we could not tell winter from summer except by the greenness of the trees. At the present time that would be the poorest means of telling a Philippine winter from summer for the trees are as green in January as they are in July. No doubt the author of the sage saying lived in the temperate zone and never dreamed of any other kind of zone. The best way to tell a tropical summer from winter is by the calendar. Neither the trees nor the thermometer will do. The coldest night we have had since I have been in the Philippines the thermometer registered 66 F., the warmest 76. The day temperature has ranged from 82 to 93. You have had weather in Grapeland above 93 and far below 66. This climate is the happy medium. However, the hottest weather is yet to come. It is said that the heat is frightful in April and May. But what do I care for that. It will be vacation then and I shall be away to the mountains of Benquet where the turtle dove forever woos his mate, where sparkling rills leap down the rocky glens, where the wild rose and honeysuckle mingle their fragrance in sweet profusion and where the temperate breeze plays with the tresses of the stately pines and hemlocks.

This is a fine place for funerals. There are two or three every week. Besides this fine funeral record, there are about five nephews and sixteen grandmothers who die each week and are never buried. Or at least this seems to be the case. My attendance records show that the number of times students have been excused from school on account of the death of one of these relatives is several score in advance of the padre's funeral record. There are all grades of funerals, depending upon the amount of cash the departed left for the purpose. Sometimes a poor tao turns up his toes and has no one but his immediate family to accompany him to the swamp, which is by courtesy called a cemetery. In this case the priest is in no way prodigal of words or holy water. Those who are in better circumstances have a nice procession with some music, a good talk from the priest and a liberal sprinkle of holy water. But just wait until a rich old hombre dies. The funeral is something dazzling. It would put "Haag's Mighty" out of business in short order. From two to six priests assist in the ceremony. A number of boys in read frocks carry the cross and other images, the coffin is studded with burning candles,

the censor smokes like a tar-kiln, holy water falls in copious showers, a grand procession blocks the streets, and a vociferous band pours forth music akin to that which Gabriel is said to be cooking up for the purpose of waking the dead. This music is certainly fine but there are different opinions as to the distance any one should be from the band in order to appreciate it. For my part I like it best at a distance of two miles, those who have more delicate ears say five miles. The band always selects something that is full of life and merriment. One of their favorites is "Hot time in the old town". The scene always impresses me as being appropriate when a mean old codger dies and a 20-piece band marches after his carcass braying "Hot time".

I recently attended a native wedding. The marrying act was performed by a Protestant minister. The mother-in-law stood up by the bride to comfort her in the ordeal. I think that was very kind of the old lady. I never could help pitying a bride: they always feel so sad. After the marriage was over, the groom asked the amount of the bill. The parson told him the bill was nothing, but added the comforting information that he could make a donation according to his purse and inclination. The new husband paid a peso and went away thinking he had made a wonderful bargain; and in fact he had. The padre would have charged him fifteen pesos for the same job. Some people have to leave out the ceremony when they take each other for life partner. I know a fellow who has a large family and has never had the marriage ceremony said. He says he would like very much to get married but can't afford it. The ceremony would cost him fifteen pesos. He works for eight pesos (\$4) per month. After maintaining his family out of his salary it is safe to say that he hasn't much of a surplus left for wedding fees.

The Filipinos still insist on having many things backward. When we hiss a dog we mean to strengthen his courage and persuade him to go to the fray. The Filipino means for him to come back. Imagine a fellow's dismay before he gets acquainted with this custom and with Philippine dogs. It often happens that he is passing along the street when the frameworks of some fifteen or twenty dogs come streaming down a ladder from the upper story of a bamboo shack, barking like the dogs of Scylla would bark if they had fifty throats instead of six. The man inside steps to his elevated window and begins to hiss the dogs. Then you go. I don't care who you are, you go. The bravest of the brave would seek safety in his heels. More than once I have "lit a shuck" under such conditions. But how useless! The dogs were just happy—happy because I had given them an opportunity to bark—and were trying to crowd around me to express their gratitude. The man was only hissing them back.

Even some animals have funny ways. The carabao, the universal beast of burden, is a useful animal if he has a bath three or four times a day. Without the bath he becomes furious and will break away from his master to wallow in the water. It is a little singular that a four-footed animal should differ so widely from some of the two-footed variety. Did you

ever see any one that would be improved by having a little of the carabao instinct? If you should see anybody that persistently refuses to take his annual bath for fifteen or twenty years in succession and will freight him over here I shall see that he learns a lesson from the dumb brutes. The natives like to ride the carabao on account of its easy shambling gait. If the beast doesn't go fast enough to suit him, he has a way of moving it up. He uses neither whig nor spur. He simply gets hold of the creature's tail and draws the end of it over his shoulder. By leaning forward a little the rider is able to well-nigh wrench the unfortunate tail out of socket. The carabao—well, the clumsy carabao gets up and hikes and I doubt whether there is any good reason to blame it for so doing.

We recently attended a Valentine party where 32 Americans and a British lady and gentleman were present. It is not often that we see so many of our own kind together. As it was the good saint Valentine that was being celebrated, hearts were of course trumps. Three little American girls wearing wings and armed with bows and quivers played the part of Cupid. They had many victims. Those of us who were older took a promenade in the moonlight, the women courted masked partners and made leap year proposals, some of which were accepted. After enjoying the refreshments we "tripped it on the light fantastic toe", accepted souvenirs and delicious baked "kisses" from the hostess and departed at 1 o'clock a. m., our brains reeling with merriment.

The matrimony situation among the Americans over here is as amusing as it is unique. There are more men than women; so it sometimes happens that an unmarried fellow becomes wifely inclined and can't find suitable material on this side. He can't afford to go back to the states to make a selection. Such a wild goose chase as that would cost him about a thousand dollars, when he hasn't hoarded more than six bits. By some means he contrives to strike up a correspondence with some supposed beauty beyond the seas. By and by he proposes by cable and receives an acceptance the same day. It is all so easy and so delightfully romantic that the fellow walks on air at the very thought of his being taken solely on faith at such a long range. Day after day the groom watches the schedule of the boat that brings his bride. After long days and weeks have worn away, a signal from the watchtower gives out information that the desired craft is entering Manila Bay. The light hearted youth charts a launch and goes out to receive the precious burden, wondering whether she will really be Venus or a mortal more lovely than the fair goddess. He sees the bride, he starts, he stares, the blood of his cheeks retreats to his frozen heart, he throws up his hands in despair, he cries aloud in his anguish: "Oh! save me, I can not". But she is not so easily moved. She coolly tells her Joe that he can, and offers to prove it to him by assuring him that he will have to do so. If he is obstinate she produces his letters and cablegram and points toward Bilibid, a grim old Spanish prison. Joe yields. There are no divorce laws in the Philippines. Nothing is left poor, defrauded, con-

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A. W. CAIN.

Facts, the Big Four

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John A. Davis announces this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, of Precinct No. 5, subject to the action of the democratic party, and that's about all you need to know. The man who beats him will be the magistrate, all right. The fact that Mr. Davis has continually held this office for about twenty years is irrefutable evidence that he has made an efficient officer. He asks your support.

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Save a possible serious spell of fever later on by cleansing your system now of accumulation of impurities. Simmon's Sarsaparilla will do it. It makes fine blood, fine appetite, great strength and grand ambition.

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For County Judge

John Spence (Re-election)

For County Superintendent

Public Instruction

J F Mangum

For Representative

W G Creath

For County Treasurer

D J Cater (Re-election)

For District Clerk

B F Dent

Joe Brown Stanton

For re-election

For Tax Collector

A L Goolsby

For County Clerk

Nat E Allbright (for re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

S H Lively (re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2

J A Hughes

G R Murchison (re-election)

For Constable, Precinct No. 5

S C Spence (re-election)

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The nicest assortment of post cards in Grapeland; 3 for 5c at the Bon Ton.

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Miss Gusta Mae Smith of Crockett has secured a music class here.

Mr. B. F. Dent was up from Lovelady Saturday seeing our people in the interest of his candidacy for district clerk.

If you intend to take a business course this summer see the Messenger at once about that scholarship. Somebody may get ahead of you.

Don't allow your trousers to become baggy at the knees and look bum, but let me press them and make them look new.

Odell Faris.

Mr. S. S. Elliott of Percilla was in to see us Saturday for the first time in a great while. Mr. Elliott has been on the puny list for several months.

It is a waste of time to ask the price of goods at Wherry's, just call for what you want, the price will be lower than the lowest. Come early and avoid the rush.

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Mr. Henry Holcomb of Augusta was in town Monday.

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The very best ribbon cane syrup, at Howard's 50c Gal.

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Preston Stowe left Monday at noon for Waco where he will reside in the future.

The Bon Ton is a place well kept and kept well supplied with the best cold drinks.

Constable Cary Spence rounded up seventeen negroes in a bunch shooting craps one day last week. That's going some.

Miss Maggie Albright and Miss Hazelet of Crockett are visiting the family of Mr. W. A. Kleckly of Route No. 2 this week.

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The Hon. Joe Bailey will speak at Crockett Thursday April 16. Many of our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the senator.

Walter Holland, who has been holding a position in the express office, left Sunday night for Arcola, where he has a similar position.

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale in Hill's Business College at Waco, Texas, which we will sell at a considerable discount. See us at once.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents.—For sale by Guice & Son.

Notice to Confederate Veterans

On request of the Daughters of the Confederacy we have concluded to postpone our re-union until June 3rd, President Davis' birthday, at which time the Confederate Widows' Home at Austin is to be dedicated and opened for the reception of those who wish to avail themselves of its benefits. The establishment of this home is a wonderful achievement of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Texas. By their patriotic efforts they have raised the funds to build and equip this home, which will stand as a monument of their zeal and devotion of the immortal cause.

Comrades, come to Crockett on the 3rd of June and let us join them in celebration of their great work. W. B. Wall, Commander Crockett Camp, No. 141.

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The strongest paint is the one that takes least gallons; least gallons to buy; least gallons to paint; and the strongest paint is the one that wears the longest. These lessons are useful.

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Mr. E. S. King, of the firm of King-Richter Co., of San Antonio, and a relative of Mrs. S. T. Anthony, was in the city one day last week.

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Easter dyes and post cards at Carleton & Porter's.

Rev. J. B. Luker was over from Center a few days this week to see relatives and old time friends.

We are requested to announce that Rev. F. M. Boyles of Crockett will preach the baccalaurete sermon of the graduating class of 1908 at the Christian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. A nice program of music has been arranged, and all are invited.

Rev. W. P. Pledger of San Angelo, vice-president of the anti-saloon league of Texas, delivered an address at the Christian church last Wednesday night to a very fair audience. A collection amounting to over \$40.00 was taken for the cause.

Mr. G. R. Murchison presents his name for consideration this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party. Mr. Murchison is completing his second term, and so far as we know has made a good officer. He invites you to look up his record, and asks your support and influence.

School Trustee Election Notice

Grapeland, Texas, April 8, 1908.—There will be an election held Saturday May 2, 1908, to elect four trustees to succeed M. D. Murchison, E. W. Davis, J. B. Lively and W. D. McCarty, whose terms expire this year.

J. F. Martin is appointed manager of said election.
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A Hint for Cry-Baby Railroads.

It is a melancholy admission, made by the president of a great railroad in his annual report, that both political parties seem minded to make the "sins of the railroads" a leading issue in the campaign. It implies that the issue is a very popular one.

Probably not one voter in a hundred is really sensible of any injury to himself arising from freight rates that are either too high or discriminatory. Who, buying a gallon of oil, ever considers that he might have gotten it a little cheaper if rebates had not crushed competition? Who, selling a steer or pig, is aware of the part played by railroad charges in fixing the price?

Railroad rates, we mean, touch the great mass of the people in an indirect way; not in a way to arouse warm resentment. Generally, the individual's direct experience of railroad rates is rather favorable. He pays a dollar to have a crate of goods hauled a long distance, or goes on an excursion at a cent and a half a mile.

But if you start the subject of railroads in almost any typical gathering of common people you at once begin to hear stories of mean and arbitrary usage—of the package lost in transit which the carrier would not settle for except at its own price and its own sweet will; of the grumpy employe; of the appeal to reason which is met by a top-lofty and conclusive statement that the company's rule is so-and-so. The railroad appears to the average man as an all-powerful autocrat.

If we were absolute king we should try to be exceedingly polite, to appear always the most sweet tempered, open and reasonable of beings. Then we could do our grafting in much security.

Paying the Military Piper

It seems that we haven't any army to speak of. The ranks—too meagre even with their prescribed complement of men—are nowhere near full. A corporal's guard owes duty for a company, a regiment is about as numerous as a company should be, and the muster of a brigade could be held comfortably in a town hall. At long intervals, upon our vast coast line, a big gun or two frowns lonesomely above antiquated and ill-manned battlements, and we must cherish our scanty ammunition as a small boy does his last bunch of fire crackers on a Fourth of July afternoon.

Some military authorities, it is true, take a rather more cheerful view; yet our scandalous bareness on the military side is universally conceded.

It must be so. But we wonder what has become of the money. In the eight years since the close of the Spanish-American War we have spent on the War Department nearly a thousand million dollars, or over 80 per cent of our total War Department expenditures in the 28 years from 1869 to 1898. Excluding river and harbor improvements, War Department expenditures in the eight years still top eight hundred millions. In the last five years, including river and harbor improvements, they amount to about two-thirds of the War Department expenditures of England.

This is a good deal of money. The eight hundred millions, excluding river and harbor improvements, that has been spent on the War Department in eight years would have paid the cost of instruction in all the public schools of the United States for the five years 1901-5. At least we should have a coking good military band to show for all this.

"Did your der husband die in-tactate?"

"No," sobbed the grieving widow; "it was liver trouble." Detroit Free Press.

Cotton Crop Shortage.

J. A. Taylor, president of the National Ginners' Association, has issued a circular to the ginners in which he says:

"Your reports show that there has been ginned 10,852,000 bales up to February 26. And you estimate that there are yet 66,000 bales to be ginned, making a total of 10,918,000 bales. There will be about 270,000 bales of linters, and about 75,000 bales city crop, making a total of 11,263,000 bales; the commercial crop, if it is marketed freely, as usually has been for the past two years.

The indications are now that there will be probably 100,000 bales of linters carried over, as there is no demand for them. It is also apparent from your reports that a large amount of cotton stored in warehouses will 15 cents will be carried over unless very much higher prices come before September 1. This makes the shortage on the crop over 2,250,000 bales compared with last year. The India crop is now considered short 1,000,000 bales, so that the supply from now until the new crop comes on will be very short, and every bale will be needed. So it is up to the farmers who hold the balance of the crop. If they stick together and hold a few thousand bales off the market until July 1 I feel very sure that they will be paid for their trouble.

The trade has been rather poor, but is improving right along, and if it continues to improve it will not be long until the spinners will have to run on full time. So far the weather has been favorable for farm work in Texas and Oklahoma. But in the other States there has been too much rain, and very little farm work has been done. If the weather does not improve in that section soon it means another late crop. On my recent trip to Texas and Louisiana I found the weather has been very favorable to the boll weevils and they have coem through in good shape, and chances are very much against even an average crop in the weevil districts of Texas and Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

This is our last report for this season, and I thank you all for your promptness and correctness in reporting this season. I feel very proud of your year's work, and especially our report on the total crop on November 1. Our estimate was 11,123,000 bales, not including linters. On December 1 it was 10,662,000 bales, and now it seems that both figures are very close to the actual crop. I feel very sure that we shall be able to do even better than this next year, as I have more confidence in the system now.

Berlin.—Emperor William recalled all expressions of disapproval of the appointment of Dr. David Jayne Hill as Ambassador to Germany to succeed Charlemagne Tower.

Tokio.—The Emperor of Japan has bestowed upon the late Durham W. Stevens, advisor of Korean Council, the decoration of the Grand Rising Sun, the highest order in Japan. The Japanese Government will pay \$75,000 and the Korean Government \$25,000 to the family of the murdered diplomat.

Magdalena Bay.—The target practice of the sixteen American battle-ships has come to a close. This will be followed by recoaling, cleaning and painting the ships preparatory to their visit to California ports.

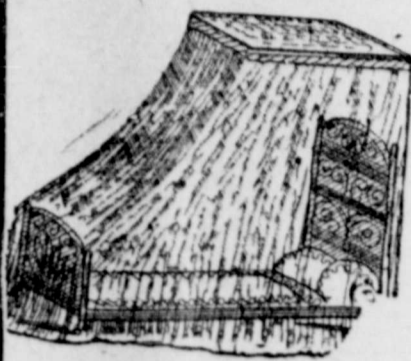
London.—John E. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, succeeded in passing a resolution in the House of Commons, declaring home rule for Ireland the only solution of the problem.

St. Petersburg.—The Russian Government is somewhat disturbed by the attitude of Fred D. Fisher, American Consul at Harbin, in declining to recognize Russian supremacy in Manchuria and maintaining the open door policy for Manchuria.

City of Mexico.—President Diaz delivered his annual message to the Mexican Congress on April 1. He states that the country is prosperous and at peace with the world, and that coaling station privileges have been granted to the United States at Magdalena Bay for three years.

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In January last one of the great newspapers in the United States asked Governor Douglas "What must the Democratic party do to win?" and his reply was so wise, so statesmanlike, and reveals so accurately a conception of the principles of true Democracy, that if space permitted we would reproduce the whole article in this connection:

Among other things he said: "First, the Democratic party must make tariff reform the foremost issue.

"Second, it must oppose the increase of Federal power, and revert to the doctrine of State rights.

"Third, it must fight special privileges in every form.

"Fourth, its leaders must get together on the common ground with the fundamental principles of Democracy as a basis, casting aside extreme radical doctrines on the one hand and ultra conservatism on the other.

"Trusts are a natural and logical result of a high protective tariff. With a high tariff wall, you prohibit foreign competition, you invite the competitors in any industry inside that wall to get together to sustain prices and bleed the penned-up consumers. We should not be surprised that we have so many trusts, and that they put the prices up so high. It is not surprising that we have graft and corruption in public and private life. It would be strange if our present tariff system did not result in trusts and graft. It is equivalent to a license to form combinations and trusts to graft off the public.

"The blighting tariff tax on raw materials has so checked the industrial growth of New England that great numbers of men are forced out of employment and compelled to emigrate. The South and West receive them with open arms. Our young men, our skillful workmen, do not desire to leave their homes and kindred, but the odious tax on raw materials makes Massachusetts ever less and less inviting. We begged for free coal, free lumber, free iron, free wood pulp, and free hides, that we might earn our daily bread and keep our children at home. We are still praying for this relief, but the whispers of the trusts have drowned our loudest appeals."

"I am not a believer in this modern tendency to centralize more and greater power in the Federal government. I have children and grandchildren. I want to feel that they shall enjoy in the future the blessings of free democratic government. I want them protected from the dangers of monarchical government, and all that tends towards autocracy. I believe in the rights of States to control their own affairs.

"I believe that they should have the same independence the original thirteen enjoyed at the time they joined in forming this Union. The constitution is the same constitution we have today. It was good enough for them. It gave us our Union, our unexampled growth, our prosperity, our prominence among nations of the earth. It is good enough for me today without seeking to change its fundamental principles or its intent."

When the Democratic party "stood four square to every wind that blew" it won, but when it began to trim its sails to catch every passing breeze of shifting popular sentiment born out of unusual transitory condition, it lost.

Governor Douglas' statement rings like a bugle call to battle, and it is gratifying to know that he and Mr. Bryan are well nigh in perfect accord.

Port Au Prince.—The spirit of unrest and uncertainty still prevails in Hayti. The situation is extremely grave and almost complete anarchy prevails.

Money in Flowers

(By Jesse White.)

Why is it that so few women of our country care to have and cultivate flowers? What is there that adds more to a home than pretty flowers? There is pleasure in it as well as profit. Often you will see girls that have a nice home and plenty of money to spend put it all in fine clothes to wear to make a big show and not have a box flower on the place, no vines around the gallery and the whole yard bare with the exception of a few old jonquils and flag lilies, and they will claim that flowers will not do well in their yards when they have never had the trial.

But we find just such people every day of life. I have noticed from close observation that the prettiest flowers and flower yards you will find among the poor people, the ones that are least able to afford it. The love of flowers is a sure sign of good taste and refinement. You will find girls who don't love flowers are perfect blanks.

There is pleasure and profit, too, in the growing and cultivating of flowers. There is a lady here in our town that is making money selling flowers. Look at the women florists we have now who are making an independent fortune at the business. I read of a widow lady and her daughter that were making money raising bulbs of different kinds of flowers for some Northern florist, who was paying them a good price for all they could raise. That is easy work. Why can't all poor girls that have to work try raising certain flowers for sale.

If they live near some small town, where there is no florist, they can find ready sale for all the plants and cut flowers that they can raise. Almost all plants that live longer than one season thicken or stool at the base so as to become a clump of shoots. All such plants are readily and rapidly increased by division. The spring is the best time of all to do this. The smallest slip to which a root is attached will grow and form a new plant. A single clump of year-old helianthus multiflorus plenus can be pulled apart into a hundred pieces, and every inch length of its root suckers will grow. Almost any perennial can be divided into at least half a dozen parts, which will be as strong as the parent one before the season is over. One only needs to get a modest start of perennials to have a generous quantity in a short time by plant or root division alone.

Papaver is an exception to the rule. This perennial is evergreen through the winter, but dormant through midsummer. August is the best time to divide it. Among violets from runners may be planted out at any time when once rooted. The majority of pot plants are increased by cutting. A few are multiplied by natural division. Chrysanthemums and primula forbesi need only pulling apart in spring to get a good start for them. The smallest slip will grow. Maranta ferns and lycopodiums may be pretty freely divided at repotting. A great many plants root readily in water, such as the oleander, heliotrope, colens, petunias, salvia, justina, lemon verbena, nasturtium, gloxinia and maderia vine will all root very easily in water. There is profit as well as pleasure in growing flowers to sell. I would like to hear from some one else on this subject.

THE COLLIE AS A WORKER.

We are apt to look upon the Collie as rather more of an ornament than as a working dog. It is simply a matter of circumstance. Most any collie puppy will show an adaptability to do the work required of it on a farm with varying degrees of natural aptitude. One may go into the country school—any school for that matter—and, to be a bit Irish, not all the boys will be found at the top of the class. Some collies will take hold of the idea just as soon as they see another dog doing the work. Some

people think all they have to do to teach a dog to drive sheep or cattle, to bring them home or separate them is to holler orders and point towards the animals to be practiced upon, and the young dog that makes a bluff at doing what he construes to be your meaning does a lot of galloping around and yelping, is on the right road, but does not know how. He is condemned as brainless. Teach him, the same as your son is being taught his sums and calisthenics.

This poppycock twaddle about narrow skulls leaving no room for brains is most of it bosh. We have seen just as many fool dogs among the coarse, broad-skulled collies as the others, for they have not the keen, fine blood that makes for the sharpness, vitality and intelligence of the well-bred show dog. We say show dog as exemplifying the type. We know of an example of this right at home, as the farmers say.

The old farm dog was a dog of uncertain lineage, mostly derived of a drover family, that worked around the yards at Brighton, Mass., a black and white sharp-faced chap with a wide skull. His temper was uncertain, and he was finally killed for biting somebody who came in the yard. He was a good worker as they go, but as soon as his task of bringing or rounding up the cows was concluded it was lay off in the most comfortable spot for him and take little notice of things mundane until the familiar sounds around him denoted that it was time for him to drive or fetch the cattle.

Another collie, a son of a neighboring dog with champions galore in his lineage was bred by the farmer out of a bitch that was equally as well bred as the sire, and out of the litter one of the handsomest dogs was kept. As he grew up he became just as efficient in the driving business as the old dog, with the added advantage that he is up and doing around the place from morning to night; that he is ever ready for a frolic; that his handsome color, coat and intelligent head and bearing make him admired of every one, and, besides, in his early puppyhood he won first prize in a puppy class and brought great joy to his owner.

he not worth while? Is not the ownership of such an animal, if, even, one does not know much about the finer features of cynology, a more satisfactory state than the care and feed of the thick-headed, cloddy animal we first alluded to, whose sum total of happiness lay in snoozing? One cannot expect show collies to take up the thread of farm work without being trained any more than we can expect the setter to do more than flush his birds when he gets a chance. An example of the highly-bred collie doing exemplary work on sheep is found in the excellent way in which a five months son of Greystone's Squire of Tytton performed in an exhibition test at Shrewsbury sheep dog trials.—The American Stock Keeper.

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Statement by J. E. Howard

To the good people of Anderson and Houston counties:

This is to certify that the report that is being circulated against me is malicious and false and calculated to do me a great injury, especially my ministerial character. However, an officer—a pension examiner—came to my house to examine me in regard to a pension I applied for the 22nd of last August. So far as being taken off in double irons is concerned, that is absolutely false. I am glad that all liars have their part in that lake which burns with fire and brimstone. I have a family that I raised in Anderson county honest and respectably. J. E. Howard.

We, the following citizens of Grapeland, take pleasure in signing the foregoing:

B. R. Guice, J. B. Lively, W. R. Wherry, Jeff D. Keen, Tom Whitaker, M. L. Clewis, W. H. Dickey, Mark Anthony, A. H. Luker, W. F. Murchison, S. T. Anthony, Howard Anthony, Carl Sory, B. H. Logan, B. R. Eaves, G. R. Murchison, Jno. A. Davis, S. E. Howard, Ike Whitaker, J.

F. Martin. (The above would be signed by all the citizens of Elkhart, Palestine and Crockett, who know Mr. Howard.)

To whom it may concern:— This is to certify that I wrote the application for a pension for Rev. J. E. Howard, and prepared all other papers sent to Washington, all of which were inspected by Mr. Watson of the Pension Bureau, and they were pronounced all right. Since Mr. Watson's visit here, some person or persons, has maliciously circulated reports detrimental to the reputation of Mr. Howard in connection with the pension application, which are false and without foundation. J. F. Martin.

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