

ELLIS, CANDIDATE FOR COMPTROLLER

William N. Ellis, county clerk of San Saba for the last six years, always going into office without opposition, will be a candidate for comptroller at the next election. He is receiving the support of county clerks throughout the state. He is a young man of recognized ability and has a large following in all sections. He believes that West Texas should be recognized by the democrats of the state. He will run on the ticket headed by Henry B. Terrell for governor, whom he is supporting. Mr. Ellis is visiting in Austin.—Austin American, of Jan. 18.

"I'm not committed to any candidate for governor at present," said W. N. Ellis, ex-county clerk of San Saba county, who on Wednesday announced he would make the race for comptroller at the next democratic primary, July, 1918.

This statement was forthcoming due to the fact that an idea was conveyed in a recent news article to the effect that he was running on Henry B. Terrell's ticket.

"At present I'm running my own race, without being lined up for any candidate for governor," he continued.

"Not having spoken to any of the announced candidates regarding their race, or the issues they mean to make, I am unable at this time to say whom I will support."—Austin American of Jan. 19.

Back From The North

G. A. Arhelger arrived at home Tuesday morning from a twenty days trip to the East and North. He reports a really great trip—indeed a wonderful trip. He went on a special train from Dallas to the big national motor exhibition in New York City. The tour took Mr. Arhelger to many of the great cities and historic places of the nation. These included Washington, New York, Buffalo, Niagara, Chicago and St. Louis. Besides this, he set his foot on foreign soil in Canada. He rode the great subway cars from New York to New Jersey, gazed on the world famed Statue of Liberty, ascended to the observation tower of the sky-scraper and looked across four states and at the white caps of the blue Atlantic, walked down Wall street, watched the frenzied money-mad maniacs at the cotton exchange pit, beheld in awe the majesty of Niagara, strolled thru the mighty plant of 8000 workmen where Buick automobiles are manufactured, and watched the sleigh riders of Yankeedom in frolic, fun and business, and returned safe and sound to kiss wife and babies and get down to business in beautiful, soul-inspiring San Saba.

Mr. Arhelger says he learned much of the Buick and is prepared to tell the people about them and demonstrate their excellence as never before—and that "shore" will be going some.

W. N. Rylander returned from Dallas Sunday. He went to see his daughter who was sick and left her very much improved.

W. T. Walker reports the sale of a Briscoe car to each of the following: T. T. Munsell, Riley Terry, Jim Faver.

Worth Dockray is preparing to move his confectionery and chili stand to the Dockray old stand on Wallace street.

District Encampment Coming August 10

The executive committee for the San Angelo district churches visited San Saba Saturday and definitely located the mid-summer encampment at this place. The date for beginning will be after the fair, probably about August 10 to 15. The members of the executive committee present were A. D. Rogers of Denton, J. M. Rieger of Comanche, J. B. Miller of Richland Springs and W. A. Smith of San Saba.

This is planned to be one of the really big religious encampments of the state. From 100 to 1000 visitors are expected to come and camp in the beautiful fair park. Some minister and laymen lecturers of state and even national reputation will be on the program.

This encampment will be a great event not alone for the religious and spiritual uplift of the town but the encampment of such numbers of visitors will be a stunt worth while.

Definite announcement of the program and these vangelist and lectures will be made later.

Rev. A. D. Rogers remained over and preached at the Christian tabernacle Sunday morning and afternoon.

Gaines & Fagg have a force of hands this week cleaning out, washing and painting the interior of the McConnell building on Wallace street preparatory to opening their gents furnishing business some time between the first and tenth of next month. The building will be thoroly renovated and all furniture freshly painted.

Sheriff Neal received a message Tuesday afternoon stating that his son, Jack, had fallen and suffered a broken shoulder. This is the second one of the boys (who are living in San Antonio) to be the victim of an accident.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McConal, Jan. 23, a sweet little girl.



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Men Back of Great Enterprises Are Not All Actuated by Sordid Motives

By CHARLES M. SCHWAB, Chairman Bethlehem Steel Corporation

MANY of our great industries were founded by men who have first of all in their hearts the development of an ideal. It is not money alone that drives men into great enterprises, BUT THE THRILL WHICH COMES OF SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT. AMERICAN ENTERPRISE IS BUILT UPON THE LOVE OF DOING THINGS.

A business must be profitable if it is to continue to exist, but the glory of business is to make it so successful that you can do great things because they are great and because they ought to be done.

To make money is a good thing, but it is a far better thing to be able to create opportunities for other men to work out their own salvation in life with happiness and contentment.

This is a time for great vision, for study and preparation. No man can foresee the problems with which the United States is face to face. We have one-twentieth of the population of the world and one-third of its tangible wealth. When peace comes all other nations will contest with us the trade supremacy of the world. Many methods will be suggested by which we may retain our present position and make it more secure. But I desire to make a concrete suggestion.

THERE SHOULD BE A MORE LIBERAL POLICY BY THE GOVERNMENT TOWARD AN AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE.

POLL TAX RECEIPTS

San Saba.....	170
Harmony.....	14
Colony.....	11
Rough Creek.....	9
Bend.....	21
Cherokee.....	96
Wallace.....	84
Sloan.....	14
Cold Creek.....	14
Latham.....	12
Richland Springs.....	118
Holt.....	24
Bowser.....	28
Locker.....	46
Algerita.....	56
China.....	40
Spring Creek.....	15
McMillin.....	16
Chappel.....	18
Fairview.....	29
Shaw Bend.....	8
Mt. Pleasant.....	26
Northwest.....	33
Hall.....	32
Total.....	879

FARM HOUSE BURNS

The residence of W. R. Roberds on China creek burned Tuesday morning about ten o'clock. The house and every article of household goods was a complete loss.

Mr. Roberds was away from home. Mrs. Roberds had hitched the horse to the buggy and was preparing to go to a neighbor's. The baby fell in the fire and she rescued the little one, extinguished the fire of its clothing, closed the doors and went on. Some time later the house was discovered on fire and mostly burned.

Covington, Ky.—Wood Briggs was heard last night by an audience that enjoyed every word from start to finish.—Post. At the majestic. Thursday night Feb. 1st.

WOODMEN INSTALL

The officers for ensuing year of Cedar Camp No. 560, W. O. W. were installed at an open meeting last Thursday night. District deputy, R. M. Hayes, of Waco, was present and made one of most delightful talks ever heard in the camp. He is a strong Woodmen and his address was a real enthusiasm. Eleven new applications were received and duly elected and the occasion of the initiation into the mysterious forest will be announced later.

After the work a "chicken supper" was served the Woodmen and members of the Circle in the camp hall and all enjoyed the occasion immensely. The following officers were installed: L. B. Williams, C. C.; Lewis Pierce, A. L.; Ed Crawford, banker; A. B. Wilson, clerk; Frank Johnson, escort; Virgil Huff, watchman; C. H. Hearson, manager; L. B. Williams and Young Pierce were elected delegates and Tilden Lindsey and J. H. Smith alternates to the head camp.

S. Z. Park, County Judge W. V. Dean, and attorney Mitch Johnson are in Austin this week. They went to present the plans and specifications for the county sewerage to the department of health for the state and have them approved by the department.

Cleveland Ohio—Wood Briggs entertained a large and appreciative audience with his program "Tears and Laughter" at the North Presbyterian Church last week. He held his audience from start to finish with interest. His work shows careful, intelligent training and deserves the highest commendation.—Mrs. P. Whelan, Kings Daughters. At the Majestic Thursday night, Feb. 1st.

The little 5-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whisenant died Tuesday night and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Wednesday.

Good Roads Convention At Austin Best Ever Held

The sixth annual convention of the Texas Good Roads Association which was held at Austin on Wednesday and Thursday of last week was the most successful that has ever been held. An exceptionally strong program of addresses by well known good roads advocates and good roads authorities was carried out. And the convention will represent one of the greatest influences in the safe passage by the present legislature of the State Highway Bill, which is due to reach the Governor's desk for his signature within a week or ten days.

Among the speakers, Col. P. L. Downs, of Temple, in a characteristic way, sometimes with humor, told of the efforts and the success of Bell county in getting passed a bond issue for improved roads, discussing in that connection the "before and after" condition of the roads in his county. He urged permanence in road building and strict maintenance. He held that the creation of a State Highway Commission would be a panacea for practically all road evils in Texas. L. S. Franklin, speaking on "Permanency in Road Building" showed the folly of building roads only for the present in disregard for the future.

Judge J. A. King of Albany, responding to Mayor Woolbridge's address of welcome, asserted that the greatest State in the Union is now one of the most backward in the matter of road building. He stated that Texas and Indiana were the only two States in the Union without a budget or commission when the recent Federal appropriation of \$75,000,000 was made by congress, to be distributed among those States which have highway commissions. He urged that the State take immediate steps to establish such a commission to prevent Texas from being dropped from the list of Commonwealths eligible to share in the big general appropriation. Judge King forcibly brought out the point that the railroads, the greatest spreaders of civilization up to the present date, have now about reached the place where their development will cease.

"The introduction of the automobile," he declared, "has put this work in the hands of those responsible for our public roads, the entire citizenship of the State."

He went on to state that the present road laws were not equal to the modern situation, since they make provision only for the construction of short intra-county and intra-precinct roads.

Senator F. M. Gibson of Bonham stood for good roads everywhere, especially in Texas, and in his opinion the quickest way to obtain them was to create a State Highway Department.

Railroad Commissioner Earle B. Mayfield asked for the cooperation of the State Association in securing the passage of a bill to confer power on the Texas Railroad Commission to required non-grade crossings. "This association," he stated, "is vitally interested in one phase of the question and that is the separation of railroad grade crossings and highways. The Railroad Commission should have power to separate these grades. Accidents are happening too frequently at these crossings and the time for a cessation has arrived. No progress at all has been made along this line in Texas, while in nearly every State of the Union power has been given the Railroad Commissions to separate grades. I ask you for your hearty co-operation to form sentiment in favor of the bill which has been introduced in the Texas Legislature."

A. R. MOSLEY

T This advertisement is just to remind you that during the year 1917 we will endeavor to keep our DRY GOODS department up to its usual high standard of excellency. Our sole aim is to serve the people of this trade territory faithfully and well. We purchase everything in large quantities, hence get the advantage of the very lowest prices, which we divide with our customers. This enables you to buy goods from us just a little cheaper than they can get them elsewhere.

We would be more than pleased to serve you during the new year, believing that we can make it mutually profitable. And always remember that we SHOW THE NEW THINGS FIRST.

A. R. MOSLEY.

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Sun-of-a-Gun

OUR GUESS IS THAT ROUMANIA is whipped to a frazzle.

JUST ONE MORE WEEK IN which to pay that poll tax.

"THIS BAD WEATHER WAS fine," we've heard repeated a hundred times.

THAT WAS AN IDEAL HARMONY meeting which the republicans and progressives held last week. There was real democratic joy in it.

A MILLION DOLLAR REWARD for a copy of the News (between now and next August) which doesn't have something good to say about the Fair and Encampment.

TOM MONK SAYS HE WENT TO the pasture last week to get some hides, but found them all walking about. This is the way he tells us the cold weather did him no cattle damage.

GEO. WATKINS FARMS OUT ON rural route three. Speaking of the good the sleet and cold did the farms he is pleased. He flat broke all his land early and this conserved all the moisture last week.

G. W. LACKEY, ANOTHER FARMER who gets good out of all kinds of weather conditions, was in town Saturday and said "it saved my oats." Of course he was talking about the sleet and rain and cold last week.

THERE IS NO ONE OTHER SUBJECT which furnishes occasion for so much and so varied conversation as the weather subject, and there is no one other subject about which people know so little.

THOSE ICICLES HANGING LIKE teeth from the eaves of the houses all last week were sure harbingers of plenteous ears of corn hanging on the stalks next summer. Our old friend, W. J. Crouch, put us next on this sign several years ago.

IF IT COMES TO A QUESTION of veracity between Congressman Bob Henry and Tom Lawson it will not take the people of Texas long to determine which one is lying. They have known Bob Henry for many years and have never had cause to doubt his word.—Austin American.

A COPY OF THE BI-ANNUAL REPORT of E. B. House, State Revenue Agent, has been received and the tables and statistics therein contained verify the statements made by the News some weeks back as to the efficiency of Mr. House as a public official and also of the effectiveness of this department.

PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BECOME excited about the Farm Loan Bank. Nobody is going to get something for nothing out of the Farm Loan Bank. No doubt the establishment of these banks will mean much to the farmer in a business way; they will surely put him in touch with cheaper money; the old high interest rates may soon be a thing of memory only. But like of old, security will still be necessary; "bankable notes" will still be required.

WE'RE FOR "BILL" ELLIS FOR State Comptroller. If everybody in Texas knew Ellis like we do, and felt about it like we do, the thing could easily be made unanimous. Mr. Ellis is capable, he is worthy. He has made good everywhere he has been tried. He is a good mixer; he is clean and straight and a democrat. In short he is every inch the man for the place.

FROM REPORTS IT WOULD seem that both pros and antis in the legislature virtually concede that Texas is going dry when the people get a say at the ballot box. The bone of contention seems to be as to the date it shall go dry after the election is held. The pros want the election in 1917 and to become effective January 1, 1918. The antis are pleading for more time and are seeking to put the election off until the general election date in 1918 and then have it become effective January 1, 1920.

EVERY PATRIOTIC TEXAN will need his poll tax receipt this year. The probabilities are that more than one election will be pulled off in which free men should exercise the franchise privilege. For residents of the city of San Saba it will be necessary to have a county and also a city poll tax receipt. In the last local option election here some good citizens were somewhat embarrassed because of neglect to get the city poll. In the city the voters will be called on to elect a mayor and two commissioners. Then the school trustees election will follow. If the legislature submits the statewide prohibition amendment in July then everybody will want to vote. Better be safe than sorry. Pay your poll tax.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS made another good appointment. Judge R. L. Batts of Austin was last week appointed to the position of Judge of the Federal Court of Appeals for the southern district. This district includes Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida. Judge Batts is a classic and distinguished lawyer and author. He is a native Texan. When the editor of the News read law in the University of Texas in 1896 it was "Prof. Batts" and every member of the class of '96 and '97 will say hurrah for President Wilson at this appointment. One little piece of advice Prof. Batts gave the boys we have observed most of them heeded. That advice was to go home and run for some office at first opportunity. And some of those boys have become distinguished citizens. We recall a few of them: Senator Morris Sheppard; Tom Conally, now congressman elect to succeed Bob Henry; A. N. Mour-sund, now associate justice of civil appeals at San Antonio; W. A. Keeling, assistant Atty. general. Neal Brown came home and threw his hat into the ring and Arthur Wilson got his goat, and thereby started Brown on the road to fortune. We forgot to mention at first that Prof. Batts also told us that the fellow who got beat would be the most fortunate. And so none of the boys, so far as we know, have succeeded quite so well as Neal Brown in getting into the game of big business and accumulating a fortune.

Mangled His Name.

Albert Bigelow Paine in his book "The Boys' Life of Mark Twain" tells an anecdote of Mark Twain's disappointment when he found that his early dream of literary fame was destroyed. He had written an article on the Hornet disaster—a vessel burned in the Pacific—and to his great delight it had been accepted by Harper's Magazine. In imagination he had seen his name in every style and size of type, but when the number appeared Mark Twain had been changed by the printer into Mark Swain.

Somewhat.

Willis—What system do these military airplanes work on? Gills—One person runs the machine, and the other is just an observer, but both of them fight. Willis—I see; just like being married.—Toledo Blade.

Bachelors, and Why?

Editor San Saba News—This scribe has often wondered, and still wonders, why men—real men—will continue to exist in a state of celibacy. And especially is this query pertinent when applied to the bachelors of San Saba. These gentlemen are all prosperous (at least a majority of them) and in every way capable of maintaining one more person than themselves, hence it is not from pecuniary conditions that they go thru life as a lost dog in a wolf chase.

Of course, some of these good citizens are getting right sharply aged; some of them do not locomote with the same agility as in the days of their youth. Neither would some of their foretops gather a handful of cockleburs in a month of Sundays, because where a foretop once flourished there is no hair apparent. It is a lamentable fact that so many of this bunch are so far removed from the age of youth. O, what a pity some of them could not realize what the poet meant when he said:

"Turn backward, turn backward,
O time in thy flight,
And make me a child again for the night."

But feminine charms to them is as a flashlight compared to the brilliancy of the noonday sun—they all look alike to them. When they meet one of the opposite sex they stop, they look, they listen, but like a cow with the creeps standing on a railroad crossing—a collision has no terrors for them. They are absolutely "she-proof" and love-proof—except that they do love their own selfish selves.

Now, I've heard, that some men remain bachelors because they are fond of the quietude of bachelors' apartments; that the play, the prattle and the merry laughter of children grates so harshly on their nerves. But alas, alas, they have no nerves—not nerve enough to court an angel.

And again, how do these men know that they would ever be annoyed by the noise of children—except, perhaps, a neighbor should visit their home and bring the kiddies along with them? Their fears along this line may never be realized, for it is a well known fact that every married man is not a sire.

And bachelor's apartments! Did you, patient reader, ever witness such a sad spectacle? Of course, there are exceptions, but the majority of bachelor's apartments reminds one of a wild hog's apartments in a cedar brake. The chief difference between the two being that the wild hog makes his bed up with his snout, while the bachelor renovates and remodels his virtuous couch with a pitchfork.

My dear bachelor friends why do you live such lives? Why don't you marry and make some worthy woman supremely happy—or miserably?

But its no use to pour water on a duck's back with the intention of wetting the duck, and its no use to try to convince a man against his will. Yet I predict that the time will come when every member of this "stagnocracy" will be in the same sad fix as Adam was before Eve was created. Pitiful was his loneliness and sad were his lamentations. Hear the sad story:

Old Adam mourned his lonely walk
And nothing found to please him;
He sadly needed one to talk,
To tickle and to tease him.
So when the Lord a rib besought
To make another human,
"Yea, Lord," said he, "take all I've got
And fix me up a woman!"

MAYME.

He Was Misinformed.

A politician of generous avowals entered the editor's office wearing a dark frown.

"I understand," said he in a stentorian voice, "dat youse had a piece in your paper callin' me a liar!"
"You have been misinformed, sir," returned the editor calmly. "This paper publishes only news."



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San Saba Mfg. Company
G. A. ARHELGER, Manager.

**We Should Prepare
Against War and
Also Competition of
the World**

By REED SMOOT, Senator From
Utah

I WAS taught from the cradle up that the stars and stripes and all they represent would protect any citizen of our republic, no matter how humble and no matter in what part of the world he was; would protect him in all his rights—property, life and liberty. I never expected to see the day that we are witnessing now. I believe the way to maintain peace in any country is to be prepared to enforce it. God have mercy upon the American nation when patriotism ceases to exist in the hearts of the American people! A COUNTRY THAT IS NOT WORTH DYING FOR IS NOT WORTH LIVING IN.

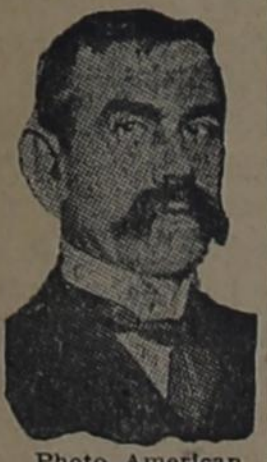


Photo American Press Association.
R. SMOOT.

You couldn't have made me believe a short time back that the feeling so extant in this government does exist until I had received tens of thousands of letters on this subject of preparedness. If I were going to be extravagant with the people's money it would be for the building of the best navy in the world.

I BELIEVE IN NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS NOT ONLY AGAINST WAR, BUT AGAINST THE COMPETITION OF THE WORLD.

Safety First.
Wife (at midnight)—John, there's a burglar in the house. He's coming up the front stairs. Hub—Then we'll go down the back stairs. There's no need of our being crowded when there's plenty of room.—Boston Transcript.

Towne—My wife never likes me to refer to her age. Browne—My wife's funny that way too. She doesn't want me to remember her age, and yet she gets mad if I forget her birthday.
It is somewhat curious that the places of the highest and lowest humidity in the United States are both in Texas.
Cleveland, Ohio—Wood Briggs is a master of the negro dialect.—News. At the Majestic Thursday night Feb. 1st.
Mrs. C. T. Jones is visiting Mrs. E. S. Laird of Richland Springs this week.

Wood Briggs
Story Teller
The Fifth Dixie Lyceum Number
Thursday February 1st.

An instructive and High Class entertainment. One you will enjoy immensely.

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Reserved Seats 75c, Other Down Stair Seats 50c,
Balcony 25c.

Seats on sale at
The Corner Drug Store

Very Busy--

Trying to sell all our Winter Goods. Hurry if you need good Merchandise for your price.

T. C. HENRY

RICHLAND SPRINGS

By "C"

Miss Ouida Matthews of Lometa came over Sunday to spend a week visiting her uncle, H. A. Graham.

J. R. McAtee is home from a four days trip to Culberson county, where he went to look at some land.

Eustes Whitehead of the Algierita community shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market Thursday.

Eugene Cannon and wife, and Mrs. Irene Harvey of Brady, went to Mills county Saturday with H. C. Holcomb in his car to see Mrs. Georgia Cannon Cook, who is dangerously ill.

Dave Smith of Fort Worth was here Saturday buying mules and spent the week end with relatives.

Earl Locklear of New Mexico, who was here several days last week with his uncles, returned to San Saba Saturday.

T. L. Price, superintendent of the school here, went to Austin Friday on business, returning Sunday.

Miss Nora Martin came in Saturday from an extended visit at the home of her uncle, Louis Kirkpatrick, at Junction. She was met here by her sister and went to her home at Bowser that afternoon.

Mrs. Sud Locklear and son, Ira, spent Saturday and Sunday in San Saba visiting.

Mrs. Logan Smith, after a two weeks visit here with her son, Andy, returned to Mercury Saturday. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, came after her in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tombs went to Eden Sunday to visit her parents a few days.

J. M. Rieger of Comanche was here Saturday and Sunday in the interest of the San Angelo district work of the Christian church. He also filled the pulpit that morning at eleven.

Miss Ann Walters of San Saba came over Saturday and visited her sister, Miss Louise, at Bethel.

Sud Locklear went to Fort Worth last week with a car of cattle for Locklear Bros.

Mrs. Marion Morris and her brother, Ed Riley, received a message Friday night that their brother, Tobe Riley of Arizona, had died of appendicitis on the operating table, and would be buried in Eldorado, Texas, near the home of his parents. The above parties left Saturday accompanied by Mrs. B. H. Lewis and son, Henry. They went in the Lewis auto.

Jake Miller, who has been suffering with a bruised foot for the past week, left Sunday for Marlin where he goes for special treatment.

Misses Nolia Wise, Hattie Bell and Messrs. Rem Thompson and Roy Camblin of Lometa, spent Saturday and Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wise.

Mrs. Amanda Harris of the Shiloh community, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Hagar, at Coleman for the past ten days, came home Saturday.

Joe-Bob Brown, superintendent of the Locker school, was here Saturday on his way to San Saba.

Andy Locklear and family of Lordsburg, New Mexico, were here Friday. The two young ladies stopped over here for a few days visit, the others going on to San Saba where they will make their home.

Tom Doran is still confined to his room. He has been quite ill the past week and his brother, L. A. Doran, of Rochelle came over Saturday to remain with him for several days.

Those who were business visitors in San Saba Saturday were Messrs. J. B. Miller, A. J. Wise, T. A. Wilton, J. T. Christian and Jno. Wilton.

Our second team of basket ball girls went to Bethel Saturday afternoon and played the team there, having won by a score of 5 to 2 in our favor.

Miss Oral Barnett, who has been at the home of J. R. McAtee for several months, returned to her home at Mercury Saturday. From there she will go to Brownwood.

Max Barschaw of Brady was here Sunday on business. M. Oppenheimer of Fort Worth is here for ten days helping with the former's business that was recently purchased from W. B. Mooney.

Miss Lucy Taylor, after a ten days visit in Brownwood with friends, came home Tuesday.

Bro. C. V. Carroll of Belton was here Sunday and filled the pulpit at the Baptist church at eleven, and O. F. Smith, the county missionary, preached there at night.

THE DIRTY DOZEN

The "Dirty Dozen" were banqueted again at the San Saba Hotel Tuesday. This time the members were guests of that prince of good fellows, B. T. Rich. Some time ago one of the charter members, J. C. Evans, moved away from town and Mr. Rich was selected to take his place. The banquet table was spread with most delicious viands and every member of the club was present and in a happy mood. The members are: T. C. Henry, president; W. A. Smith, secretary; D. W. Gaddy, W. H. Kimbrough, B. T. Rich, W. A. Martin, W. R. Harris, Geo. W. Brooks, J. J. Urquhart, Dr. W. S. Bickham, R. S. Crain, E. A. Murray.

After the eats were disposed of the members lingered around the table for some time in pleasant social conversation and planning to make the organization permanent. In paying tribute to the host on this occasion one speaker said: "He is richly endowed by God with many of the nobler attributes of nature. He is rich in human sympathy, rich in health, rich in hospitality, rich in human kindness, rich in friendships, and Rich in name."

The next birthday celebration will be for W. A. Martin on Thursday, Feb. 1.

"I've got a lot of beans on my string," said the pretty candy clerk. "Have you?"

"Well, I do have a lot of callers on the line," admitted the central girl—Baltimore American.

Expanding Opals. The reason why opals are so often lost from their settings is that they expand with heat more than other precious stones and consequently force open the gold which holds them in place.

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Bethlehem Steel Will Make Offer to Uncle Sam.

BIDS ON 16 INCH NAVY SHELLS

No Chance For Profit In Them Under Present Tests, Grace Says—Possible Explanation of the Prices Made by an English Firm Which Bids Under All American Manufacturers.

Speaking recently before the Terrapin Club of Philadelphia, Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, said in part:

In a peculiar sense Bethlehem Steel serves the American people. For example, though we have been able to obtain in Europe almost any price, we have adhered, in our charges to the United States Government, to the basis of prices established before the war began.

We agreed—if the Government would abandon its plans for a Federal plant—to make armor for our Navy at any price the Government itself might consider fair.

Our ordnance plants are at the disposal of the nation at a fair operating cost, plus a small margin, thus saving the Government investment and depreciation.

One of the special needs of the new navy is sixteen-inch guns—guns sixty feet long and capable of hurling a 2000 pound shell with such power and accuracy as to hit a 50 foot square target fifteen miles away.

We have undertaken voluntarily to construct, at a cost of \$4,500,000, a plant fitted to build sixteen-inch guns.

Under no conceivable circumstances can orders which we may receive for this plant pay even a fair return on the investment.

Considerable comment has been made upon the fact that a British manufacturer recently bid less than American manufacturers for sixteen and fourteen-inch shells for the navy.

I am unable to state the basis upon which the English bid was made. It should be remembered, however, that this bid was for a specific shell, samples of which are being sent over for test—a test not yet made.

Two years ago we took an order for 2400 fourteen-inch armor-piercing shells at a contract price of \$768,000, to be delivered within a certain time or we had to pay a large penalty.

The only specifications for making these shells are that they shall be of a certain size and must pierce armor-plate at a certain velocity on impact. It is impossible to foretell the exact conditions of the tests.

We had made large quantities of shells in the past which had been accepted. But in placing this particular order the Department altered the angle at which the tested shells must pierce armor-plate. The result, however, has been absolute inability on our part to produce in any quantity, shells which will meet these novel tests. In fact, we know of no process of projectile-making through which it is possible to produce in quantities shells which will conform to the requirements.

The result is that up to now on that contract of \$768,000, we have put into actual operating expense \$447,881, and have been penalized for non-delivery \$495,744, a total of \$943,625, with no receipts whatever.

Such was the experience in the light of which we were called upon recently to bid for sixteen-inch shells.

We bid on these shells at approximately the same rate per pound as that of a fourteen-inch shell contract of one year ago upon which the Government awarded contracts.

We have not the slightest idea what profit there will be in the making of these shells. We do not know that there will be any. There is no certainty that it would be possible for us to deliver a shell to meet the test.

For officers in the Navy to assume that any bid made under such conditions is "exorbitant" is utterly unfair.

We bid on the new battle-cruisers sums which Navy department experts, after examination of our books, found would yield a profit of less than ten per cent. We agreed to assume risks for increased costs of materials and labor, that made it possible that these contracts might yield no profit whatever.

The costs run beyond the amount appropriated by Congress on the basis of the cost estimates made a year ago.

And because shipbuilders could not alter the inexorable cost facts and reduce bids to early estimates of the Navy Department, the prices are called "exorbitant."

It would be a real advantage to be relieved of this naval construction. The profit from it cannot possibly amount to much, and the responsibility is enormous.

We have determined to make this offer to the American Government. "If you will build two of the battle-cruisers in Government navy yards, we will build the other two at the ascertained cost of building the ships in the Government yards, without additional expense or commissions of any kind. We will also contract to have our ships ready for service ahead of the Government ships."

Submarine Life-boat Invented.

McGregor, Iowa.—A lifeboat submarine has been invented by two Iowa men, E. W. Appleton of Clermont and Willard Daubenbarger of Postville. They claim the craft when installed on a submarine will furnish a sure means of escape to the crew in mishap under the water. Patents are now pending in the United States and will be applied for in all countries operating or building submarine boats, says the Christian Science Monitor.

The boat is designed by its inventors to be carried in an outer cavity in the hull of the submarine and adds nothing to the weight of the undersea craft. The crew on the submarine can quickly enter the lifeboat thru a trap door. The craft with its refugees on board may then be automatically released from the hull and by its own buoyancy will rise to the surface.—Dallas News.

The Origin of Carrier Pigeons.

The origin of the use of the carrier pigeon is lost in obscurity, but the first people of whom we have any record of employing it are the Greeks. By them it was used with great success, and the knowledge they had acquired they imparted to the Romans, who first used it as a message bearer about 120 years before the Christian era. About 500 years ago pigeons formed part of a telegraphic system adopted by the Turks, who erected high towers thirty or forty miles apart. They were provided with pigeons, and sentinels stood constantly ready to secure the messages as the birds arrived.—London Standard.

Pepper.

White pepper is allowed to ripen upon the vines, and after being plucked the berries are decorticated, or deprived of their outer coat. Black pepper is the product of the berries picked before full ripening.

"This operating a motorcar certainly does make lots of men conceited about what they can do."

"Well, but consider the opportunities it really forces on a man for blowing his own horn."

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The Woman's Tools

Mr. Man, you would not think of going to the field, shop, store or office without a supply of working tools, would you? Ever stop and think that the wife or cook in the kitchen needs plenty of implements and utensils for her work? She needs them as surely as you do. We can supply her just as complete and economically as we can supply you.

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