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WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 25

THE GAZETTE has the largest bona-fide circulation of any daily newspaper published in Texas.

TEAR down the illegal fences.

THERE is something pitiful in the wiping out of the Herald by the money of its own people.

THE Moscow Pinery says: "Swain stock may now be quoted at 110 in East Texas, and still booming."

MR. SWAIN is right: Cut the illegal fences erected by cattle syndicates. A few rangers and a few pair of nippers will do the work.

IT seems that all that blow by the Herald about a perfecting press, new type, electric lights, etc., was a big bluff. The News threw down and the Herald raked in the pot.

BOB INGERSOLL is soon to leave Washington City and take up his residence in New York. Pagan Bob couldn't stand the Christianizing air of a Democratic administration.

ABOLISH lease law, let in the settlers, the illegal fences will come down. This is a prediction, not a threat. Actual settlers will find a remedy, if illegal fences are not bolstered by a lease law.

MR. E. E. OVERALL has purchased the Jefferson News. Col. W. E. Estes, the former editor of the News, steps down from the tripod in a graceful valedictory. THE GAZETTE regrets to part with Mr. Estes. Mr. Overall is an experienced journalist, and we wish him success in his new venture.

MR. MILLS is expected to do some good work for tariff reform this winter. Before the adjournment of congress we want the protection folks to find out that if the Mills of the gods grind slowly he grinds exceedingly fine, and that they are reduced to dust.

WHEN the president of the United states ordered the illegal users of public land to vacate, they vacated. When the governor of Texas ordered the illegal inclosers of public school land to vacate, they put their right thumb up to their nose, wiggled their fingers, and told the high and mighty, chief executive to "cheese it, cully," and he is cheesing it.

THE land board is still at sea as to its policy. Some want one thing done, some another, to enforce the inclosure act. One thing is plain, if we may believe the grass commissioners: there are millions of acres of land illegally inclosed. Why is this state of affairs allowed? The lease law was the remedy that was to prevent illegal inclosure. There is now, probably, more land under fence without legal right than ever before, after several years' experience of lease law, with a lease-law administration to enforce it. The fact is, that law is a failure, and it will have to be so confessed and abandoned by its foolish supporters.

JUDGMENT has been awarded against Bradstreet's commercial agency for damages in the sum of $2000. The plaintiffs claimed to have been injured in their commercial standing by false information concerning them circulated by Bradstreet's agency. The presiding justice thus declared the law: "The Bradstreet company claim that their communications are privileged. This may be so between subscribers and the company, but is not so as regards third parties, and will not, under the circumstances, be considered as such. The company showed a great lack of prudence in conveying their information, and must submit to the law."

THE Galveston News twits the Fort Worth GAZETTE with being jealous, and THE GAZETTE denies it. If there is any feeling on the part of THE GAZETTE toward the Dallas End, as it calls it, it is not jealousy, but the spirit which fosters rivalry. THE GAZETTE need not feel ashamed of that.—Dallas Times.

It is a favorite dodge of the News to cry out "jealousy." It was for so long the only paper in Texas that it cannot realize the change. The News doesn't interfere with THE GAZETTE, but the self-complacency of that decadent sheet sometimes provokes a blow even from a paper so amiable as THE GAZETTE. Not the memory of what it has been, but daily superiority, will enable the two ends to divide all Texas.

A PITIFUL ADMISSION.

THE GAZETTE'S Austin special yesterday reported a meeting of the land board as follows:

At a meeting of the land board to-day Comptroller Swain said he wanted the governor to issue a proclamation ordering the illegal fencers on the school lands to tear down their fences, and if they did not comply with the order to send rangers to cut them down.

Atty. Gen. Templeton said that even if we knew the public lands were illegally fenced, the present machinery of the state government would not admit of the enforcement of the inclosure act by civil process, because of the sympathy for the illegal fences in the counties where the offenses is committed.

Treasurer Lubbock was for employing the rangers, if necessary, and wanted to make an example of a certain corporation having 70,000 acres of school lands illegally inclosed without paying one cent.

Templeton said it could not be done under the present law.

Lubbock said, "Well, call an extra session of the legislature then and make a law."

Gov. Ireland said, in his opinion, there was no use of troops to pull down the fences, nor did he intend to turn the state of Texas into a military government in violation of the constitutional law. He said he had suggested to the last legislature a remedy which would have removed the evil, but it had not adopted it. He thought a law should be passed making the offenses complained of returnable in some interior county where the officers are not interested. The governor estimated that if the rangers cut down the illegal fences, they would be put up again when their backs were turned.

Swain replied that he thought the governor should use the military.

Gov. Ireland replied that he had no authority to order any man's fence cut, saying, "You want the state to do something because she has physical powers, even when there is no law for it."

What a pitiful admission! Grass commissioners were sent out at public expense to find violations of law, and now the governor and the attorney-general say the violations cannot be punished! Of what need, then, to send out the commissioners?

Texas could pass laws to drive small stockmen out of the state and consolidate cattle interests in the hands of foreign syndicates and corporations, but it cannot punish those wealthy depredators! Evidently, Texas needs a law or a governor that will elbow these cattle corporations into the sea, or somewhere else off the public lands.

Those fences should be torn down if it takes every able-bodied man in the state. This state has suffered enough from calf-raising syndicates, and the people demand that they be forced to obey the law.

OUR ARMY'S DELICATE SENSE OF HONOR.

Our army is a very small affair, but its honor is as big as a prize pumpkin. In fact, the honor is all there is about it of a military nature. When the army was reduced from a war footing several years ago, the stock of honor was not cut down in proportion, so that we now have an army of 25,000 to support a supply of honor that sufficed for more than a million troops throughout the war. The inequality of men to honor makes it hard to support the disproportionate burden, but our army, or, more correctly, our army officers, are striving with commendable ardor to maintain the contest against great odds.

Here is the case of Capt. J. H. Smith of the Nineteenth infantry, who has been the subject of a court-martial at San Antonio. Capt. Smith monkeyed with fickle fortune at the gaming table, and lost $135, which he declined to pay. Thereupon outraged honor convened a court-martial. That tribunal found him guilty of the charge of gambling and repudiating his debts, "but not of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," the dispatch says. There is a painful ambiguity in the language employed. Was it for gambling, or for failing to pay his losses, that he was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman? And was the finding of the court-martial in the nature of a decree that gambling, of itself, or failing to pay gambling debts, is not conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman? The honor of the army is concerned here, and this question should not be left open to cause trouble in the future. The court found Capt. Smith guilty of the charge, but did not think that charge comprehended such a breach of honor as to convict him of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. We must infer, of course, that in the opinion of the officers composing the court, gambling and dishonoring gambling debts is becoming conduct for an officer and a gentleman. But does it require that the officer shall repudiate his losses at the gaming table to make his conduct becoming? In civil life, where we do not pay such rigid respect to the set rules of etiquette as they do in the army, it is considered that a gambling debt is a debt of honor, and the debtor will stand off his other and legitimate creditors to pay such a debt of honor. But in the army, we judge, such conduct would be unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The dishonored debt gilds the gambling with honor, and officers may gamble, if only they will lose and deny the debt. The honor of the army must be maintained, at whatever cost.

THE LEASE LAW A FAILURE.

Gov. Ireland and Attorney-General Templeton protest that there is no legal authority resident in the state to destroy the illegal fences erected around school land. What is Gov. Ireland, as the chief executive of the state, charged with the protection of the state's interests, going to do about it? While admitting that no civil process is adequate to displace the fences in the remote grazing districts, the governor vehemently asserts that he will not allow the rangers to be used in destroying the illegal wires. As there is no other way of enforcing compliance with the law, we infer that the governor intends to allow matters to run along as they are, and give the free use of the school lands to the men who have, against the law of the state, inclosed them. That is what the lawyers term taking advantage of one's own tort.

One of the land board's agents, Mr. Stephens, after traversing the grazing counties of the West, prepared a report, in concluding which he made this recommendation:

"Many million acres of school lands are now illegally inclosed. In some instances alternate sections have been leased at 7 cents per acre, but these violators of the law will not lease the school sections at a less price. Why is this? Because they believe they can dilly-dally with the state and use her property without paying for it. They do not seem to fear the power or authority of the state, and as long as this state of affairs exists they will not respect the laws. My opinion is that the time has come when action should be taken. * * * If obstructions of post and wire were illegally placed on the property of an individual by a person without any authority or right, or any right to the land, such individual would certainly have the right to remove such obstructions without applying to the courts, and it seems to me that the state has equally as much right and authority to protect her property as an individual, and such force as may be necessary for the protection of public property should be used."

But the legal adviser of the state government, and the governor, himself a lawyer who has interpreted the law on the supreme judicial bench, dissent from Mr. Stephens' opinion, and say that there is no legal authority for such violent measures.

Is not this condition of affairs a confession that the lease policy is a failure? The lease law was professedly enacted to compel parties who had illegally inclosed the school lands to pay for the use of lands they had thus appropriated to themselves. Four legislative sessions have been held since that law was passed, each of which has had a majority in favor of leasing the lands. Each has tinkered with the law and striven to make it operative. Now we learn, six years after its enactment, that it cannot be enforced by a lease-law administration. Cattlemen who are disposed to respect the law pay for their lands. Those who do not choose to do so, defy the law and the authority of the state to enforce it. The small cattlemen suffer, for they cannot afford to fight the state. The rich and powerful corporations violate the law, and the state confesses that it cannot reach them.

Abolish the wretched, impotent lease law, make all grass free on the public school lands, give large and small cattlemen a fair show, and the fences will be torn down and the law respected. The present law is a farce, as its friends now confess it to be.

Must Be a Hummer.

Moscow Pinery.

The morning paper that gets away with the Fort Worth GAZETTE has to be all of a yard wide and lamb's wool at that.

The Get Up and Get.

Albany News.

Fort Worth has the get-up-and-get that makes towns great, and THE GAZETTE should be credited with possessing a large share of the Fort's enterprise.

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Lampasas Dispatch-Eagle.

The elaborate system of railroad connection at Fort Worth now enables the proprietors of the Dispatch-Eagle to put the paper in the hands of all our North Texas subscribers at the earliest possible moment after leaving the press.

It Will be Built.

Granbury Graphic.

Mr. Atchison, the Martin-Brown Co.'s clever drummer, spent Saturday and Sunday among us, and made several bets that dirt would be flying on the projected Fort Worth & Rio Grande road within six months. Mr. Atchison may know what he is doing, but, in our opinion, as regards betting, there are four things dangerous to tackle, viz: 1. The result of an Ohio election; 2. The verdict of a petit jury; 3. The exact time when the Fort will complete that road to Granbury; 4. The certainty of 100 tickets striking a prize in the Louisiana lottery. We are confident the Fort and those interested with her will shortly build this road, but we have no money to stake on a particular date.

"Those Large Suits."

Palo Pinto Star.

Upon the examination of the file docket for the district court of Palo Pinto county, we find the following suits filed, viz.:

No. 635. E. K. Taylor vs. C. B. Raines, Jr., et al., which means C. B. Raines, Jr., and the Democrat Publishing company of Fort Worth.

No. 636. E. K. Taylor vs. C. B. Raines, Jr., et. al., which means C. B. Raines, Jr., and the Dallas Daily Herald.

The former suit was filed on the 12th, inst., and $10,000 damage is asked for defamation of character. The latter suit was filed on the 16th inst., and $15,000 damage is asked for the same as above.

We are of the opinion that the judge has a combination of circular saws to fight. By the time he gets through he may be badly used up. We have observed that those who sue for damages for defamation of character, generally get more defamation than money.

The Herald Skid.

Dallas Democrat.

Rumors of surpassing interest to the people of Dallas, that, for several days past have been floating around in the air, have within the past twenty-four hours become facts, and the result is the sale of the Dallas Herald to the Dallas Morning News. When the News invaded the territory of the Herald the surmises and prognostications as to the outcome were myriad in number and as different in terms. The experience of journalists who have attempted to run two large morning dailies in a town no larger than Dallas has always been a disastrous one, and failure absolute, or absorption, has been the invariable result.

The illustration just furnished in the case of the News and Herald is but another confirmation of the old, old story, and our ancient contemporary, after a brief struggle of but two months, goes down before the lance of its young rival. It is a matter of some regret to the Democrat that this should be so. The Herald has been identified with Dallas from the earliest period of the city's history. It has done, it cannot be questioned, yeoman service for this city and section. The public have given it a generous patronage, and it does seem as though its management could, in the last five years, have placed it easily beyond the reach of successful competition. It was regarded as a landmark and a fixture, and the failure to maintain its prestige and success before this young daughter of the Galveston News will be, as it ought to be, generally regretted among the citizens of Dallas, who have been compelled now to confess that an "unknown knight," comparatively, has in the briefest period unhorsed one of their oldest and best-known champions. 'Tis true, but pity 'tis, 'tis true.

The terms of the sale are private, and the Democrat does not attempt to give them, but enough is known to justify the statement that the Herald will cease to be published on the 1st proximo, and the Dallas Morning News will be the monarch of all it surveys from the elevated standpoint of morning journalism in Dallas.

Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Auction prices at Betts' clothing-house; closing out; 309 Houston street.

WANT COLUMN.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

LADY AGENTS of tact wanted for our bust and form developer; no humbug; indorsed by physicians. Write for sealed description and terms. Erie Med. Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—A house containing five or six rooms, within four or five blocks of postoffice. Address "I W.," care of Gazette office.

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FOR RENT.—Dwelling house of three rooms, four blocks from postoffice. Also, three choice office rooms over 304 Main street, next door to White Elephant. Inquire of E. W. Betts, 309 Houston street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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FOR SALE—My residence, also perfectly safe family horse, buggy and harness, one piano, a handsome set parlor furniture, two marble-top tables, stoves, side boards, chinaware, beds, bedding, carpets, clocks, etc. S. Seaton, No. 314 West Second street.

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