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HOUSTON, THURSDAY, SEPT. 28.

"TEN PAGES TODAY."

MILITARY DESPOTISM.

There is a world of meaning in the cable dispatch from France which appears in Tuesday's papers announcing the determination of the French government to institute proceedings immediately against any one attacking the honor, or integrity, or reputation of the French army!

What would be the response in the United States to an order from the war department forbidding any criticism of our army? Yet France is a republic with a representative National assembly, a president elected by the representatives of the people and a cabinet more directly responsive to popular rebuke than any portion of our government. What is there about the French army that renders it so sacred that a criminal prosecution will overtake any citizen who questions its infallibility or its efficiency?

The answer is that the government fears the army. The latter is so large that it can at any time make or unmake a government in France. The military chiefs are the real rulers of the nation. France's liberties, republic though it is, have been destroyed by a big standing army.

We never imagine in the United States that we could reach such a condition of affairs here. The idea of not being able to speak our minds freely and denounce abuses and corruption, or incompetency, is spurned as preposterous. But it has not been a month since it was given out from our war department that all the talk about our army scandals was dangerous and inclined as tending to destroy confidence in the army, or to create dissatisfaction in the ranks! This was but a faint reflex of that military despotism under which France is held today.

When our army reaches 150,000 or 200,000 men—and it will reach the latter figure if it reaches 100,000—and it becomes necessary to stop criticism in order to get the enlistments required, or to preserve the morale of the army, we can not say what the war department would undertake to do, or what a future congress of the Tom Reed stripe would slavishly agree to! We see what is transpiring under one great republic and among a people that once filled the gutters of Paris with blood in a struggle for liberty, fraternity and equality!

SECRETARY OF THE COLONIES!

The whole scheme of "imperialism" is gradually being unfolded.

Not only are the big "promoters" and monopolists to be provided at vast public expense with new fields to exploit, but the politicians are to reap their reward by the creation of additional berths, both at home and abroad.

We now find Washington discussing the necessity of establishing either new bureaus for heading the "colonial affairs" of the government, or the creation of a distinct "department of the colonies," with an additional member of the cabinet. It seems to be agreed in official circles in the capital that if only Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guam and the Island of Luzon are taken in, a bureau or two in existing departments might answer for their business, but if Cuba and the whole of the Philippines are annexed nothing less than another cabinet officer and his department will be able to do justice to the new government work and responsibilities!

A "department of the colonies" would be a rich find just now for Mr. McKinley. He has been greatly embarrassed for some time past with the importunities of the faithful who were not placed. A new department, on an ambitious, imperialistic scale, would furnish 1000 to 1500 new offices to be filled and would noticeably relieve the pressure for pie. The distribution of several hundred thousand dollars annually among this number of new office holders would be productive of much republican enthusiasm in quarters now somewhat lukewarm through disappointment, and prove timely when it came to raising another great slush fund to uphold the "honor" of the Nation and maintain "confidence."

The people can rest assured that they will get all there is in "imperialism" before they are much older if they will only stand by the republican party. There is nothing small about the republicans when it comes to spreading out at the public's expense.

A SLANDER UPON HARRIS COUNTY.

It is a proposition which intelligent men will not question, that the great bulk of the wealth and business and the overwhelming volume of intelligence in Southern communities are found in the dominant democracy. It is no reflection upon or disparagement of many good men who are republicans to say this. It is equally true that the people of all other sections know this fact.

It is as well recognized in the North, for example, as in the South that republican rule in Southern communities would be but another name for negro domination, with all its attendant evils. It is with no little surprise, therefore, under these circumstances, that the people of this community will read the following editorial extract from the Houston Evening Times, the republican paper recently started in this city:

The election of the county republican ticket in Harris county would be an invitation to the capitalist, the homeseeker, the artisan and the mechanic which would not pass unnoticed. The success of the republican ticket in Harris county next November would mean the inflow of millions of capital into Houston and the addition of thousands of desirable citizens to her present slowly increasing population.

The insult to the community can best be appreciated when we reflect that this is an intimation that negro domination would be entitled to more confidence than an administration selected by the majority white vote and representing the greater degree of the wealth and intelligence of the county! It is a direct attack upon the integrity of the dominant sentiment of Harris county, a veiled slander of every administration which the people have chosen for years past, a reflection upon the business standing and progress of the city, and calls for an emphatic rebuke by every democrat in Harris county.

The assumption that everything beyond us is republican is as silly as it is impudent. The idea that capitalists are only seeking republican communities for investment is a remarkably original one! The conclusion that money will hunt localities where the bulk of the ignorant and non-property holding element controls public affairs is unique, to say the least!

The Post is not in the habit of raking over old ashes, but since the Times has reopened the question of financial advantage to be derived from local republican domination, it is permissible to direct the attention of the editor of that paper to the fact that Houston is not without an experience in republican administration. We learned some years ago how helpful it was to put this element in power here! The city is tied down with a $2,000,000 debt in consequence of that experiment, and the only thing within her limits that she has to show for that debt, is the old city building on Market Square!

It may be urged that the republicans here today are quite different from those responsible for the maladministration of local affairs in the past. Let this be granted—and let it be granted further that the personnel of the republican ticket is all that could be desired in this instance—still republican success in county or city today would mean the same dominant influences as of old. The overwhelming majority back of the administration would be the ignorant, non-taxpaying citizens. And the Times has the effrontery to say that such an element would be preferable to the representatives of the white majority of Harris county and would command more respect and confidence beyond the county or State!

Close up, democrats!

If there really exists any purpose on the part of the Cubans to forcibly resist the temporary occupancy of their island by the Americans, they are making the last fatal mistake of their lives. They can not subsist upon the resources of the island for six months longer and must perish by thousands if they raise their hands against their deliverers from Spanish rule. It is more than probable that the recent sensational reports do them a great injustice.

The dowager empress of China is kicking up the usual confusion that follows the entrance of a strong-minded female upon the scene.

If Houston were only making up into cotton goods of all kinds and sending back through the State, but a tithe of the raw cotton she is receiving these days, how the wheels would hum in this vicinity! And how the tin bucket brigade would add to the life and trade of the city!

Colonel Roosevelt is still a muzzled officer, subject to the command of his superior officer. The service has changed, however. He is now in Platt's army of rough riders.

The football season is approaching, but we will contemplate it with greater equanimity this year than usual. We have become pretty well inured to casualties during the past few months.

The Post has received a pamphlet containing the premium and prize list of the Rusk County Fair association to be held at Henderson, Texas, commencing Tuesday, November 1st, and closing Friday, November 4th. This will be Henderson's third annual fair and great preparations are being made for the event.

We are told from Washington that "pernicious activity" in politics is expected from office holders under the present National administration. Why, of course! There is not an inspiration of a single piece of conduct of this administration from McKinley down that does not spring from the commonest partisan politics.

This and every other Gulf coast city ought to be thoroughly overhauled in a sanitary way hereafter in the late fall or early winter, so as to kill out the disease germs that have heretofore been left to take new life as soon as spring opens.

England may hesitate when it comes to picking a quarrel over commercial questions, but she is vigorous enough in dealing with outrages against British subjects, as in Crete. The powers have to take a back seat when John Bull feels called upon to punish an insult to his uniform or his flag.

Able debater as Colonel G. Wash Jones used to be, reports nearly all say now that he is getting the worst of it in his canvass with Albert Burleson. Mr. Burleson is not only capable but it is another case of "thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just."

Generals Lawton and Wood appear to be getting along swimmingly in Santiago. Tact is worth more than talent in such cases. The trouble with the army officer in civil administration, generally, is that he carries the manners and conduct of a martinet in all that he does.

IN THE CAMPAIGN.

It is proposed to divide the commission into three subcommittees in order to make haste, and each will take up a branch of the inquiry. It is scarcely fair to comment upon the commission until it has done something, but the disposition of all the members seems to be very friendly to the administration.

The above is an extract from a Washington special to the Chicago Record, an independent republican newspaper, and refers to the investigating committee which has just been organized by the president. It is a sample of what most of the Washington correspondents are saying about the "disposition" of the committeemen.

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The goldbug press of the country has been declaring that the gold democrats in Connecticut captured the State convention there and adopted a platform to suit themselves. The financial plank adopted by that convention is in these words:

Resolved, That the democracy of Connecticut is now, as it has ever been, in favor of bimetallism, as enunciated by Jefferson, affording as it does the most stable standard of value, and we declare ourselves opposed to monometallism of any kind.

There may possibly be some difference of opinion as to what is meant by "bimetallism, as enunciated by Jefferson," but there certainly can be no question that opposition to "monometallism of any kind" means opposition to the gold standard.

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"What do you think of the day of the land?"

"Well, I am not ambitious to defeat both of my opponents by a majority greater than 2000 to 5000," said Mr. Hawley, smiling.

The above is a quotation from a local article in the Galveston News. A few days ago the Galveston Tribune printed an article in which an enthusiast had seven out of the nine counties in the Tenth district sure for Mr. Hawley. These papers are very silent in their editorial columns on the race in the Tenth, but otherwise Candidate Hawley seems to have top-of-column-next-to-reading-matter advantages.

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It is hoped that the negroes of the Houston congressional district have not forgotten Joe Eagle's speech of last year at the Nashville centennial and his remarks about negroes. If the negroes do their duty, Eagle will not receive a single negro vote election day.—Galveston Gazette.

The negroes are on to Joseph. The truth of the matter is, the negroes don't like populists much, anyhow.

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The business element are not afraid of Gibbs, as they know he was the leading spirit in State government for four years when there was less complaint among the farmers and business men of Texas. He is experienced, and that is why, with so little opportunity, he has caught on to so much bad government at Austin.—Southern Mercury.

Then, why didn't he find that claim against the Federal government which he now says the State officials should have known all about? He was State senator and on the finance committee, lieutenant governor and several times acting governor.

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And, while we are investigating, it might be as well to inquire why the government paid over $300,000 for the collier Merrimac, which was devoted to destruction at Santiago when its original cost to the parties selling the ship to the government was less than one-third that sum.—Brownsville Herald.

There is so much that ought to be investigated that it is hard to determine just where to begin.

The Grammar Sharp.

El Paso Times.

"This morning," said Dr. Yandell yesterday to a Times representative, "a gentleman handed me a newspaper clipping, with the remark, 'What do you think of that?' Here is the clipping:

"Bryan: President Foster has sent out to the press the following: 'Please announce that the Agricultural and Mechanical college is unable to accommodate any additional students. On yesterday, the evening preceding the opening day, the number exceeded the capacity of the barracks and numbers of students are arriving by each train. I make this announcement to save the expense and disappointment to the large number whom I know contemplate coming.'

"It is an excellent text for a little sermon, I replied, and if you will take a rest and make yourself comfortable I shall take pleasure in expounding unto you, in my feeble way, a few matters concerning the manner of conducting a newspaper and things appertaining thereto. What you refer to, my brother, is, I suppose, President Foster's misuse of the word 'whom' in the closing sentence. Firstly, I will remark, my brother, that you belong to that large and with the present diffusion of education, growing class, known as 'Smart Alecks.' Had your charity been as broad as your ears are long, you might have thought it a typographical error, so common in newspapers and necessarily so, for made up in haste as they are, without time for careful revision, errors can not be avoided. There have been errors in some of the great dictionaries even, and the history of such errors in editions of the Bible make 'mighty interesting reading,' I assure you. Secondly, my brother, President Foster was overrun with business, as the clipping shows; he had no time to choose his words and his mind was on his business; he sought to convey in simple language a certain idea and he did. He was formerly a newspaper man, writes forcibly, expresses himself concisely and is an educated man of great executive ability. And, thirdly, as to newspapers, my brother, if you will remember that the pay of reporters is anywhere from less than $20 a week up, you should be surprised at the excellent intellectual pabulum which they furnish their readers. Correct writing comes of correct thinking, and I confess that I frequently stand amazed as I read column after column of the accurate and forceful English that they reel off at high pressure and without an instant's time for revision. I do not hesitate to say that, to me, such writing is an intellectual triumph comparable to the grandest achievements of the mind of man. Try reporting yourself and realize what an intellectual featherweight you are; see the simian incompetence of which you have been guilty, criticising the men whose pencils rule this world, and thank God, if after a month's work you 'break even on hash.' After over half a century in this vale of tears much of the time given to the study of English composition, I confess that I scarcely understand its rudiments and I never attempt criticism of any one but a critic. The greatest of intellectual workers in these United States, receiving the smallest compensation for brain work of such high quality, are the reporters; their highest qualities are accuracy and truthfulness, and lacking these no reporter ever becomes great. Accuracy in reporting news and not elegance of diction they strive for, and the man with 'an acute etymological conscience, on whose shoulders the dictionary rides like an Old Man of the Sea,' will never become a Henry Watterson or a Henry Grady, both in their day famous reporters. So much, my young friend, for criticism of this body of brilliant and underpaid men. Barrett Wendell, of Harvard, in his charming book, 'English Composition,' says that 'good sense is always good English;' reporters, this being true, assuredly need not fear their street-corner critics, who think to show their intellectual superiority by criticisms on the same plane of inanity as the rambling and incoherent expositions of scripture by backwoods negro preachers.

"In conclusion: Each grammarian differs with all other grammarians and Richard Grant White animadverts on what he calls 'the grammarless tongue.' Milton, Macaulay, Thackeray, Gladstone—not one of these or any other author escapes the grammarian's harpoon; how then shall a reporter, working constantly under 'rush orders,' and subject to the compositors' want of care, escape small blunders?"

STATE CAPITAL ITEMS.

PRIVATE PROCTOR WAS INTERRED WITH MILITARY HONORS.

Board of Arbitration on the Hatzfeld Fire Reached a Decision. That History Matter.

Austin, Texas, September 28.—The remains of Private George Proctor of the Governor's Guard were laid away in the city cemetery this morning with military honors. Numerous floral tributes, some of which came from San Antonio and Waco, were placed on the grave. The funeral services took place at the Tenth Street Methodist church and were conducted by Revs. Lee and Smith. A long procession of carriages filled with friends of the deceased followed the hearse to the grave.

REAGAN'S INDORSEMENT.

Superintendent Carlisle gave out today the following statement:

In view of the fact that the John B. Hood camp of Confederate Veterans of Austin has criticised the history of the United States adopted by the text book board, it seems proper to say that the board received many recommendations of Cooper's history from many ex-Confederate soldiers. To publish all of these letters or any large part of them would require more space than the press would probably desire to give to the matter. It must, therefore, suffice to say that letters were received highly commending Cooper's history from many soldiers of the lost cause and others high in the civil government of the Confederacy, these persons recommending the original edition of the history, and it is admitted on all sides that the new edition is far superior to the old. The new edition has been adopted by the State of Virginia, the battle ground of the war, over the history of Rev. J. William Jones, the chaplain of the lost cause, and that of Mrs. Susan P. Lee, the daughter of the distinguished Confederate general, William N. Pendleton, the authors of both books being citizens of Virginia, and the publishers of Mrs. [illegible] having the [illegible] and publishing house in the city of Richmond.

Among those who recommended Cooper's history are Judge S. R. Barron, Rusk; General J. M. Fearson, McKinney; General T. M. Scott, Melissa; General J. T. Wilson, Sherman; General W. L. Cabell, Dallas, Judge John H. Reagan, whose knowledge of history and devotion to the cause of the South is known to all, indorsed the book in the following letter:

Austin, Texas, December 11, 1897.—I have heretofore examined, with some care, the school history prepared by Prof. O. H. Cooper, Prof. H. F. Estill and Prof. Leonard Lemen. I found it to be accurate as to the matters of history and impartial and non-sectional. I regard it as an admirable school history. Very respectfully,

John H. Reagan.

PERSONAL.

The following members of the Twenty-fifth legislature were here today: J. H. Bailey of Cuero, R. W. Martin of Gatesville and J. D. Childs of San Antonio. J. H. Beall of Nolan, member of the Twenty-fourth, is also here.

The State departments were closed this morning during the progress of George Proctor's funeral.

CHARTERED.

The articles of incorporation of the United Association of the Ark of Austin were filed with the secretary of state today. Incorporators: Charlie Edwards, Matthew Bailey, Henry Adams and others.

STATE DENTAL BOARD.

Governor Culberson today made the following appointments on the State dental board: Dr. George Staples of Sherman, Dr. Thomas P. Williams of Houston, Dr. R. P. Hammill of Marshall.

DEAD TEXAS SOLDIER.

The body of Walter McClanahan, company K, First Texas, who died at Jacksonville of typhoid fever, reached here tonight and will in the morning be shipped to Liberty Hill, where his home was prior to enlistment.

INSURANCE AWARD.

The board of arbitration, to which was left the determination of the damage done the Hatzfeld stock of dry goods, which burned here recently, tonight decided to award Hatzfeld $47,500 insurance and the salvage.

SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT.

Cistern, Texas, September 28.—Estrayed from near Cistern, Tuesday night, September 27, one sorrel mare, 5 years old, 16 hands high, blaze face, sore on neck, no brand; one sorrel mare, 4 years old, white streak in face, 16 hands high, no brand, also has sore on neck from collar; also one dark bay pony, about 15 hands high, has collar sore on left shoulder and bump on back, branded on left thigh, but brand forgotten; this pony was brought from Halletsville, the others from Ganado. Five dollars for their delivery to me at Flatonia, or to G. A' Hunt at Cistern. August Laessein, sheriff Fayette county.

GOV. HOGG IS AT HOME.

He Is Going to Take a Hand in the State Campaign.

HE TALKS OF HIS TRIP TO HAWAII.

Thinks Well of the New Territory Out in the Pacific and of the People.

El Paso, Texas, September 28.—Ex-Governor James S. Hogg and his daughter, Miss Imogene, arrived here this afternoon over the Southern Pacific, returning home from a visit to Hawaii. Both are in excellent health and enthusiastic in their praise of the beauty of Uncle Sam's new territory and of the hospitality of its people. Governor Hogg is in fine spirits and as soon as the train stopped in the depot he declared his intention of getting a shave.

In a few minutes the ample form of the big Texan filled to overflowing a near by barber's chair and the governor was talking about his visit to Honolulu.

"The islands," he said, "are very rich, are productive of tropical fruits in profusion and are the native home of the sugar cane, and some of the stories of the productions of sugar are fabulous. The only drawback the agriculturist could see on the island is the necessity for a system of irrigation. Hawaii is almost thoroughly Americanized and nearly all of the natives speak English. They are a hospitable, generous and civil people and seem to think more of Americans than of any other class of people on earth. Naturally they feel sad over the demise of their own government and were considerably distressed to see any other flag over their land. Yet they knew sooner or later some great power would place a new flag there, and of all foreign flags they preferred the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

"Hawaii is certainly on the eve of a great boom and will soon overflow with Americans—that class of people who always imagine that the grass is a little greener just over the hill and pass unnoticed acres in Texas as well as elsewhere for something not as good. Every ship going from this country to Honolulu carries a load of Americans, and prices for everything are getting very high on the island. As to the importance of Hawaii as a Territory of the United States, there is much to be said. With annexation, the construction, ownership and operation of the Nicaragua canal by the United States and the Sandwich Islands in our possession, the United States will absolutely dominate the Pacific ocean. European powers see this and dread the outlook. If this government owned the Hawaiian islands for no other purpose, it would be valuable for a coaling station, but they are of inestimable value in many other ways. My visit over there was pleasant and I received many courtesies."

Here the barber called "Next!" and as he was walking back to the train the governor was asked if he had anything to say about Texas politics and Barney Gibbs' assault on him about the fee he is to receive for collecting money from the government.

"And so that fee is Barney's present trouble? Well, I have not heard a word about Texas politics since I left home, but, by Gol—we will see—here! it is not necessary to publish everything I say; but I am going home for a little rest and then take a hand in this campaign if I am needed, and if I am not needed I am going to take a hand anyway. There are a few people in the State I want to pay my respects to. When I hold office they are dissatisfied with me, and when I retire to private life they are still unhappy. They don't seem to like my figure in any kind of a pose."

Governor Hogg says he did not preach dress reform in Honolulu because the native costume comes very near his ideal, but that it might be added to here and there.

THERE IS A VARIANCE

BETWEEN MR. DARDEN'S STATEMENTS AND HIS RECORDS.

Official Correspondence Shows that a Special Attorney Was Needed to Collect Money Due Texas.

Austin, Texas, September 28.—Ex-Comptroller of State Stephen H. Darden, having in a communication to the Galveston News taken occasion to make light of the collection of the $101,000 balance recently recovered from the Federal government out of the amount originally appropriated for the settlement of claims against the Republic of Texas as well as to intimate that there was no necessity for the employment of attorneys to make such collection, it is in order to recall previous unsuccessful attempts, in which Mr. Darden himself figured, that were made to obtain the balance in question.

In 1874, while filling the office of comptroller, Mr. Darden called the attention of Coke to the balance referred to and on December 24, 1875, the latter addressed a communication to the Texas congressional delegation, of which the following is an extract:

I have the honor to call your attention to the following matters of interest to the State, requiring attention at the National capital: 1. The government of the United States holds a balance of $161,113.27 due the State of Texas from funds left in the hands of the former to pay the debt of the Republic of Texas. No claim is believed to have been presented against this fund within the last fifteen years, and the debt of the Republic of Texas is believed to have been fully satisfied. The State needs the balance of this fund, and ought to have it.

2. I send enclosed statements from the office of the comptroller of public accounts, showing amounts expended by the State of Texas for frontier defense from February 28, 1855, to the commencement of the late civil war, and from the commencement of Governor A. J. Hamilton's administration after the war to date, the amount aggregating $1,336,487.62.

It will be remembered that by act of the legislature of Texas, approved February 1, 1858, the State withdrew and abandoned all claims against the government of the United States growing out of Indian depredations prior to February 28, 1855. This large amount of money is justly due from the National government to Texas, and I hope that such steps as to you may seem wise may be taken at once for the assertion of this claim.

In obedience to the suggestion contained in the above, every effort was made to recover the amount involved, but nothing resulted therefrom. Judge Reagan afterward, while in congress, tried to get the money back, but he, too, was unsuccessful. It will be readily understood, therefore, that in spite of Mr. Darden's opinion to the contrary there was necessity for the employment of special counsel to push the claim, especially after so many eminent statesmen, including Mr. Darden himself, had fallen down in their attempts to make it stick.

DEMOCRATIC DAY.

It Is Expected that Many Prominent Men Will Be at Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, September 28.—Next Saturday, October 1, will be Democrat day at the State fair. From present indications it will undoubtedly be a memorable occasion for both the State fair and for the Texas democracy. The local arrangements committee confidently expect an attendance of over 25,000, and from reports received by letters and through the passenger departments of the Dallas railroads they will not be disappointed.

Hon. R. W. Hall of Vernon, who made such a "hit" in his speech nominating John W. Robbins at the Galveston convention, has been invited to respond to the address of welcome and is expected to comply. Nearly every democrat of prominence in the State, it is anticipated, will be present, besides uncounted hundreds of the rank and file. The extremely low rate—$1 for the round trip from points within 100 miles of Dallas and a maximum rate of $5 from any point in Texas—has aroused an interest in the opening day of the State fair never known before, and Saturday's attendance is fondly looked forward to as a record breaker.

R. H. Pinckney Nominated.

Richmond, Texas, September 28.—The convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative of the Forty-first district of Texas, composed of Waller and Fort Bend counties, was called to order in the town of Richmond by D. R. Pearson, chairman, and on motion Keete McDade was made temporary chairman and William Masterson secretary. On motion the usual committees on credentials and resolutions were dispensed with and the convention proceeded with the nominations. On motion R. H. Pinckney, Esq., of Waller county was duly nominated for said representative of the Forty-first district. On motion Keete McDade of Waller county was elected chairman of said district for the ensuing two years.

On motion the following resolution was offered by Hon. John M. Moore and unanimously adopted:

We, the democrats of the Forty-first representative district, in convention assembled, desiring to express our confidence in the party fealty of Governor Charles A. Culberson and our admiration for his able administration of the affairs of state, do hereby request and instruct the nominee of this convention to vote for the election of Governor Culberson to the United States senate.

There being no further business the convention adjourned. Keete McDade, Chairman.

William Masterson, Secretary.

Mr. Burleson's Dates.

Caldwell, Texas, September 28.—Hon. A. S. Burleson, democratic candidate for congress for the Ninth district, will speak in Burleson county on the following dates:

Lyons, October 4.
Merle, October 5.
Cookes Point, October 6.
Fromville, October 7.
Tunis, October 8.
Yellow Prairie, October 10.
Buffalo, October 11.

Colonel G. W. Jones, populist candidate for the same office, will meet him in joint debate at all the above dates.

To Speak in Eleventh District.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 28.—R. B. Webb of this city has been sent to the southern part of the State in the interest of the democratic State ticket by democratic headquarters. In the Eleventh district he will speak as follows: Beeville, September 26; Victoria, 27th; Cuero, 28th; Floresville, 29th.

Populist Senatorial Call.

Palestine, Texas, September 27.—Mr. J. F. Weeks, chairman of the people's party of the Thirteenth senatorial district, has called a convention of the delegates to assemble at Jacksonville October 8 to nominate a candidate for State senator.

Shands Canvassing.

Weatherford, Texas, September 27.—Hon. N. J. Shands, populist nominee for congress for this district against Hon. S. W. T. Lanham, spoke at the court house last night to a small crowd.

RELIGIOUS.

District Conference Closed.

Waxahachie, Texas, September 28.—The district Epworth league conference closed at 4 o'clock this afternoon. State President Works spoke this afternoon. Rev. George C. Rankin of Dallas delivered a very fine sermon. The work of the conference was a step towards advancing the Epworth league in Central Texas, both religiously and from a literary standpoint.

There was another sunrise prayer meeting this morning, the members of the district Epworth league conference attending. It was led by Lee Lask.

Devotional exercises opened at 8:30 by F. B. Hughes.

Miss Stella Gibson read a paper on "How to Do Charity and Help Work." The subject was openly discussed.

Misses Davis and Peevey then sang as a quartette.

Miss Josie Yarbrough read a paper on "Literary Department in General."

Carl D. Works spoke on "How I Succeed in Literay Work." Open discussion followed.

Report by the district secretary.

Recess.

Mrs. A. D. Deam read a paper on "Be Something."

F. P. Works, State president, delivered an address on "Expansion."

Prof. W. A. Hemphill sang a solo.

Talk by Dr. George C. Rankin of Dallas.

Devotional by J. M. Tisdall.

Song by the Junior league.

Miss Mary Richmond read a paper on "Why Have a Junior League?" Then followed recitation and songs by the little folk.

Farewell at 4 p. m. by Rev. John S. Davis of Waxahachie.

Music led by C. A. Arnold.

Adjourned.

Liberty Locals.

Liberty, Texas, September 28.—Rev. T. J. Milam, elder of this district, has been holding a series of meetings in the Methodist Episcopal church in town this week. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing the able divine accord him what he so richly merits as being an able, earnest and devout Christian gentleman. His every word sparkled with truth and love and fell like drippings from the eternal throne of God.

Cotton is beginning to move rapidly, and it is thought by many of the farmers that they will make about one-half of what they would have made had it not been for the extensive rains and cotton worms.

Shiner's Cotton Shipments.

Shiner, Texas, September 27.—Five thousand four hundred and sixty-one standard and 1890 round bales of cotton were shipped from here to date this season. Cotton receipts have fallen off considerably; very little has been held and picking will be over in two weeks. No prospects for a fall crop

HE CONFESSES THE C[illegible]

Murderer Harmes Reiterates Statement of His Guilt.

HE TAKES ALL THE BLAME H[illegible]

When the Search for the [illegible] Man Began He Determined to Confess All.

Wharton, Texas, September 28.—[illegible] tion to the special from Louise, [illegible] exclusively in The Post yesterday, The correspondent here is enabled to [illegible] further light upon the Harmes [illegible] Julius Harmes, the nephew accused murdering his uncle, is in jail [illegible] Through the kindness of Sheriff [illegible] Post man was allowed to visit the [illegible] oner in his cell. The reporter met [illegible] Harmes this morning; he was lying [illegible] quietly reading his Testament. He [illegible] frankly and in reply to the question: [illegible] Harmes, will you allow The Post to [illegible] lish a statement from you?" he said: [illegible] the presence of Jailer H. Anderson: [illegible] desire the truth to be known. I want [illegible] correct statement published. I came [illegible] last fall with my uncle from Lavaca [illegible] ty. I had but little trouble with my [illegible] until one day he asked me if I was [illegible] little thick with his wife. Between [illegible] and four weeks ago, one evening just [illegible] dusk, as my uncle was preparing to [illegible] bed on the gallery and while he was [illegible] down, with a stick of wood I struck [illegible] three blows on the head. I was [illegible] that I had killed him; I carried the [illegible] off about two miles, dug a grave [illegible] buried it. I had been intimate with [illegible] aunt, which was the cause of the trouble. The neighbors searched for the [illegible] man. I resolved to confess all and [illegible] them where the body was deposited. I [illegible] ot that time working for Mr. Backlun [illegible] have not talked with Mrs. Harmes [illegible] the killing about the deed. I have not [illegible] ployed an attorney. I do not want [illegible] have done the deed and am ready for [illegible] jury to take the case. I take all [illegible] on myself. I was raised by a good [illegible] and mother." W. H.

UNDER GUARD.

El Campo, Texas, September 27.—A [illegible] has been placed over Mrs. Harmes [illegible] being in too delicate health to be [illegible] to jail.

Julius Harmes is a young man about [illegible] years old. He has been taken to the [illegible] jail at Wharton.

THE SECOND TEX[illegible]

MEN HAVE BEEN RELEASED [illegible] MONTH'S FURLOUGH.

Rumored that the Regiment May Be Mustered Out and May Be Sent to Cuba.

Dallas, Texas, September 28.—The [illegible] bers of the Second Texas volunteer [illegible] were today given thirty days' furlough [illegible] cating from tomorrow. Colonel Opa[illegible] issued a general order, notifying the [illegible] ficers and men that they must report [illegible] Camp Cabell at revielle on October [illegible] suffer the penalties of disobedience. [illegible] that time it is stated to be the intention [illegible] muster out the regiment, but not a [illegible] officers nd but few of the men believe [illegible] muster out will take place.

It is well known that General Fitz Lee desires the Second Texas retained [illegible] the service with his Seventh corps. [illegible] impression is gaining ground that the [illegible] ment will be ordered back into service [illegible] after reassembling at Camp Cabell. [illegible] officers believe the men will be cured [illegible] homesickness they experienced at Jacksonville and that a large majority of [illegible] will be willing to remain in the service, but the men were treated so badly [illegible] at Mobile and Miami that they deserve [illegible] thought of inactive camp life or [illegible] duty.

CALDWELL COUNTY TAXES.

A Valuation of $4,296,887 Is Shown by the Rolls.

Lockhart, Texas, September 27.—[illegible] roy McLean, tax assessor for Caldwell county, went to Austin yesterday with the tax roll for the current year. The roll shows the following statistics: [illegible] stock assessed, 11,690 cattle, 10,120 [illegible] and mules, 4114 hogs; total value of property assessed, $4,296,887; number of [illegible] assessed, 3263; total State ad valorem [illegible] $8593.78; State school tax, $7734.25; [illegible] ad valorem tax, $10,742.22; county [illegible] tax, $12,890.65; grand total of tax [illegible] $46,260.11. There is a slight reduction [illegible] the number of polls assessed this [illegible] this is owing to the large number of [illegible] cans who migrated last fall to [illegible] many of whom have returned to the [illegible] but not in time to appear on this [illegible] roll.

Letters from Manila.

Sherman, Texas, September 27.—[illegible] letters were received from George [illegible] Brooks Cadwaleder and Tom Lewis [illegible] boys who are at Manila in company [illegible] Twenty-third United States infantry. The letters are all of the same tenor, giving full detail of the battle of Manila. They describe the natives as a barbarous [illegible] stating that in battle they generally [illegible] without aim and too high, threw them down and used their knives; that [illegible] Spaniard was killed they either cut [illegible] head or slashed out his heart. They [illegible] they describe as a veritable mudhole [illegible] ing that it rains every day. As a [illegible] cial point they don't think much of [illegible] The only articles spoken of as [illegible] good prices are chickens and eggs, [illegible] being worth 75 cents per dozen and [illegible] ens $1 each; silk underwear $1.50 [illegible] and silk socks 20 cents per pair.

Medical College Opened.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 28.—The medical department of the Fort Worth [illegible] versity opened this week for the entry [illegible] of pupils. On Monday thirty-one [illegible] went on the books. The attendance [illegible] year will excel that of last session. [illegible] department of the university has [illegible] quite a feature of the college and [illegible] are enrolled from every section of [illegible] State.

A Fatal Mistake.

Elkhart, Texas, September 27.—A [illegible] sad accident occurred at the home of John Blackwell today. His little daughter was sick and Mrs. Blackwell [illegible] her, as she thought, a dose of castor [illegible] but instead of salts it proved to be [illegible] of potash. She died before [illegible] could reach her.