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LET US PAVE.

Corpus Christi has spent a large sum on paving. And it is good paving.

Corpus Christi needs more paving. Such streets as Staples, where traffic is heavy and mud is deep, must be paved.

We could not decide on paving at a more opportune time.

We need a steady payroll to keep the pot a-boiling. We need the expenditure of labor along economic lines—along lines that will be productive to all concerned.

The grocery store, the drygoods store, the meat market, laundry, bank, hotel—all need business, and business doesn't issue from empty purses.

If we undertake more paving now, at a time when it will have moral as well as economic value, the tax will not fall until things have struck a better gait, until Europe has pacified itself through exhaustion.

But we cannot pave until we have paved the way. Only public sentiment, set in motion by persons deeply interested, can do that.

The City Administration cannot be expected to take the initiative.

The demand must be made by property owners. The seed of intelligent agitation must be scattered by business men who understand the pressing need for extraordinary civic enterprise.

The Caller advocates paving at this time for selfish reasons.

The Caller, being a business organization, needs business, must endeavor to promote an era of better feeling, a period of active labor.

Paving offers the best means of accomplishing the necessary work at the psychological time.

No man can deny that it is needed.

No man can contend that certain streets must not be paved within the next few years.

This being true, why not inaugurate the work? Why not take advantage of one of the City's needs to cancel another? Why not spend dollars that will be largely respent in our midst? That will help to keep us on the map of live cities during slack times?

The matter is worthy of deliberate consideration.

We believe that sufficient pressure can be created to assure the paving of at least those streets that hamper the commercial development of the community.

We particularly invite opinions from business men who will give the idea thought. We believe that many business men will see the matter as we do, that a movement can be started that will result in great permanent good.

The weather continues to get along nicely: it had hardly any temperature yesterday.

Carranza and Villa are having a great battle. At least it is called great. But we have little confidence in what it is called. We wish it were great. Neither would be able to muster a handfull of men after it, and Mexico might have some hope for peace.

The small white flag that the weather bureau has been using has had very hard luck for about two months, hardly ever managing to keep dry long enough to flap with any measure of self-assurance. In fact, when we see that little white flag now we don't know whether it stands for clear weather or surrender.

Well, there's one thing to be thankful for: nobody can advise one to do one's Christmas shopping early.

Some people are already engaged in making their New Year's resolutions, but somehow long-distance lies always did seem more horrible than lies on occasion to us. But perhaps we are not fair critics.

The reason Bob Henry has had such poor success in promoting his cotton benefaction is perfectly obvious. While talking cotton, he has had the wool pulled over his eyes and his associates have mistaken him for a nature fakir.

The Rivers and Harbors Bill to be passed by this session of Congress will leave an extraordinary lot of explaining to be done by certain representatives. However, the boys may as well keep quiet about their hard luck. When economy is in the saddle the Nation squeezes pennies with the worst of them. Besides, a lot of improvements have been undertaken in the past that were not strictly meritorious.

Large charities are to be thoroughly probed. We hope the probe'll slip and that a few of the dollars will leak out into legitimate business circles. There is such a thing, you know, as too much money being tied up in charities. In fact, where only the interest of certain foundations is used, the principal can rest in comparative security behind the gentle mask of philanthropy. All the same, don't imagine that we mean the United Charities or the splendid work being accomplished by certain Corpus Christi women—we only speak of charities that reckon their bank accounts in the millions.

Texas Press

Wilson and the Jingoes.

The issue involved in the issue between the president and those jingoistic politicians who have started to beat the tomtoms is whether the war in Europe has given us any reason to increase our military establishment that we did not have before that war began. Has the outbreak of war in Europe put us in need of a greater army and a greater navy than we had need of before? It is that question which makes the issue. The president's answer is no; and when the country comes to see—as it must—that that answer does not imply that our military establishment is not what it ought to have been long ago, it will fall in with the president's answer. As to the navy the president has made it plain that he sees no reason to make any great increase in the expenditures we have been accustomed to make. Perhaps with respect to certain subordinate classes of ships we have a deficiency, and if that is so, the president would doubtless be ready to have those defects in our naval establishment corrected. It is well known and has long been well known, that our army is defective both in men and equipment. We are, for example, deficient in artillery, and we have failed to provide for a reserve force which, in the event of war, could hold the breach until soldiers could be made out of civilians who had had no military training whatever.—Galveston News.

Old-Fashioned.

The disappointed ones are saying that Jim Ferguson's turnout isn't the 1915 model.—Waco Times-Herald.

Save the Fuel.

From many fifty-acre tracts in east Texas fuel for a number of years can easily be saved. To burn it would be inexcusable improvidence. East Texas has soil easily tilled. When fertilization becomes necessary its substratum of clay holds the fertilizer well. Fuel and water are abundant, and it is rapidly coming into its own; but the man who has no capital must be given a long time to make his payments.—Houston Chronicle.

Same Old Price.

"Buy a barrel of apples" movement has been started in the northwest with view to aiding distressed owners of the largest apple crop that ever demoralized prices in this country—75 cents a barrel in Colorado, and few takers. There is a "high joint" somewhere between that market and Bayne, where even a "bandavid" continues to separate a school kid from his nickel.—Bayne Tribune.

Office Hunters.

Governor Ferguson's purpose to make all those who work under him earn their money is likely to add to the number of unemployed in Texas.—Houston Chronicle.

When a fellow wants an office he never considers the work or the meager salary—just so he gets an office. It is said some of those who were recently favored by Mr. Ferguson sat on his doorstep for forty-eight hours without food or sleep.—Gainesville Signal.

Mistake of Public Men.

Perhaps one of the most besetting evils, and one of serious consequence, is the habit of pouncing ferociously on the mistakes of public men, often without having a sufficient basis of knowledge for any criticism whatever, and of allowing their successes to go unnoted. The consequence of this baleful habit is to deter many men of character and competence from entering public service and to discourage and impair the energies of those who are lured into it. And yet when they set forth in a formal way a recital of what they have striven to do and what their efforts have accomplished during the year, we resolutely refuse to hear them. We plead the great length of their recitals as an excuse, notwithstanding that great length measures the magnitude, difficulties and diversities of their tasks. It would be conducive to better citizenship if a general reading of these annual departmental reports could be brought about. The reading would not be so dry as is imagined, and it would be highly educational. Without the evidence that is given only in these reports, one can have but a pitiful conception of the progress that is being made to advance the civilization of not only our own people at home, but that of several alien peoples widely removed over the earth.—Galveston News.

One Farmer Appointed.

Since last week we have again looked over the list of Governor Ferguson's appointees. He has appointed one farmer in the bunch. Did it Saturday. Only one. Wonder how some of the farmers who rooted so hard for the Ferry feel about this.—Cherokee Sun.

PARAGRAPHINGS

"A woman has to give up a great deal after she gets married," sighed Mrs. Dabb. "A man does nothing else but give up after he gets married," replied Mr. Dabb.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Between good sense and good taste there is the difference between cause and effect.—L. Beavers.

Boarder: "What do you mean by calling us to breakfast at this hour? It's only 5 o'clock." Waitress: "The missus heard it thundering, and she told us to hurry up and serve breakfast before the milk soured."—Boston Transcript.

Stairs are great cyclists, moving slowly.—Bacon.

"I am afraid I haven't enough backbone to be seen in a blouse like that." "Ah, madam, but this open part is the front, not the back."—London Mail.

And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed.—Daniel ii, 44.

"No, Jack, I fear we could never be happy, you know I always want my own way in everything." "But, darling, you could go on wanting it after we are married."—Boston Record.

Everything ends with sonnes.—Beaumarchais.

Hostess (at party)—"Does your mother allow you to have two pieces of pie when you are at home, Willie?" Willie (who has asked for a second piece)—"No, ma'am." "Well, do you think she'd like you to have two pieces here?" "Oh," confidently, "she wouldn't care. This isn't her pie!"—Louisville Times.

It is always a poor way of reading the hearts of others to try to conceal our own.—Rousseau.

"My wife is going through some army maneuvers with her last year's hat." "What d'ye mean, army maneuvers?" "Well, she's turning the wings."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

What a Jar!

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And he laughed till he burst his clothes,
When he saw the things
That are done by kings
In some of the movie shows.
—Green Book.

Children of the Rich.

"What are you going to give your little boy for Christmas?" asked the flat magnate.

"He wants a railroad," said the second magnate, "but the best I can do for him will be an interurban trolley line."

FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?

Many Corpus Christi People On the Verge of Collapse.

A bad back makes you miserable all the time.

Lame every morning; sore all day.

It hurts to stoop—it hurts to straighten.

Want with headache, dizzy spells, urinary weakness.

No wonder people are discouraged Who do not know the kidneys may be the cause of it all.

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RIPPLING RHYMES

By WALT MASON

Prosperity Coming

Prosperity is due, the sunshine statesmen say; hard times, that make us blue, will shortly pass away. "The outlook sure is fine," the gentle Woodrow cries; and Redfield's whiskers shine, and twinkling are his eyes. For gratitude devout we'll soon have ample cause; we'll see the working out of our new tariff laws. We'll all be spieling thanks, our bosoms full of thrills; our patent duplex banks will heal all human ills. Our blessed income tax will soon relieve the poor, and heap on rich men's backs as much as they'yy endure. The gloomy days are done, the sunshine sharps declare; our place is in the sun, and we'll be happy there. When griefs are also rans, and we are fortune's pets, we'll bless kind Woodrow's pipes, and Redfield's whiskerettes. For men are growing tired of living on fresh air, of furnaces unfired, and cupboards grimly bare. It's sad to see the hosts of hungry unemployed, who are convinced no ghosts will walk to fill the void. The plunks we chase so hard are scarce as dragon's teeth; it's sad to see the hard compelled to eat his wreath. Ho, men, for better days! We'll greet them with a grin, and we'll be free with praise when they are ushered in!

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THE LITERACY TEST.

(Laredo Times.)

President Wilson has officially gone on record as opposed to the literacy test in the immigration bill which is before congress, and it is likely that the measure will fail because of his opposition.

President Wilson has shown himself to be a man of wide sympathy for the oppressed of other nations, but that is no reason why he should be content to bring upon this country a further burden of uneducated immigrants.

When the question first came up Mr. Wilson said that many an uneducated man had become a good citizen and there is no doubt that it is so. Still, there is no one hardy enough to claim that the uneducated makes as good a citizen as one with at least sufficient instruction to enable him to read and write and pass the literacy test proposed.

We of the United States are making sacrifices to educate our children. In several cities of our country we are supporting night schools for the purpose of giving the rudiments of education to these same illiterate immigrants for the reason that the sons of mills are to us without some sort of education.

It is not fair to those who are here that our money should be expended in taxes for the purpose of giving the education to these immigrants, when their native land failed to give them. It is not necessary for us to have any more of that class of immigrants.

We already have a sufficient number of the foreign-born residents to do the work which requires no education or training. In fact, each year brings more of this class, who are either supplied by those of their countrymen who have an education or who voluntarily accept employment at a lower than the current rate and thus make it harder for those already here to earn a living.

Right here in the border we have an example of the uneducated laborer who is willing to work for little or nothing and who destroys the chances of others to gain a fair wage for their labor.

There is no inherent right of these foreign-born ignorant people to secure a home in our country. We have room for people of the right sort, people who will not be a burden upon our school fund and upon our charities, but we have no room for those who are willing to even sign their names to a contract of employment and who are so ignorant that they are unable to comprehend our free institutions and who abuse our hospitality because they mistake license for freedom.

The time is coming—in fact, cannot be long delayed—when many hundreds of thousands will seek our shores for the employment which cannot be found in their own countries. It is unfortunate that they are so situated but it is not our fault. We have no right to take from our own people the employment which they are entitled to in order to induce a flood of immigration that the steamship companies may reap the benefit.

Unfortunately for our own credit we have some illiterates of our own. This is a condition which is steadily improving, but there is no reason why we should add to our burden of illiterates by permitting the ignorant peasantry of Europe and other countries to crowd our land and increase our taxes for school purposes.

It is a grave mistake to throw down all the bars and permit this invasion of our country by people who are more of loss of a burden to our taxpayers while neglecting the rights and privileges of our own.

"I Am Cured," He Ejaculated.

The telegraph editor picked up his hat. After reading this news and he said: "Well, this is the point, boys, where I get off at."

And he bitterly scratched his bald head.

"I have always worked hard on my job every day;
I have never complained at my very slim pay;
But from all indications at hand it appears
I must write war headlines for three more years."

And the telegraph editor moaned "I am through;
I'll be darned if I blame him, do you?"
—Nashville Banner.

TODAY'S CALENDER.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Local forecast for today: Cloudy with probably rain; light to moderate easterly to southerly winds.

Temperature, wind and precipitation records for the 12 hours ending Friday at 7:00 p. m.

Temperature, lowest 42; highest 52; at 5:00 p. m., 52. Wind velocity at 7:00 p. m., 5 miles per hour from the Northwest. State of weather, cloudy. Relative humidity, 34 per cent.

Barometrical reading at 7:00 p. m., reduced to sea-level and corrected for temperature, 29.84.

"THIS IS MY 62nd. BIRTHDAY."
Dr. A. A. Michelson.

Albert Abraham Michelson, scientist and educator of the University of Chicago, and winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1907, was born in Prussian Germany, December 19, 1852. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy became a midshipman, and his natural inclination to teach brought him an instructorship at the naval academy when he was only 22 years old. In 1880 he went abroad and studied in Germany and France, returning three years later to accept the chair of physics at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland. In 1892 he joined the faculty of Clark University. He has been with the University of Chicago as professor in charge of physics since 1892. He has received many medals, honor degrees, honor memberships in scientific societies. His greatest honor is the Nobel Prize, of $40,000 for distinction in scientific research. He has contributed extensively to scientific magazines. His sister, Miriam, is a writer in San Francisco, and his brother, Charles, is editor of the Chicago American.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

December 19.

1675—Colonists attack Indian settlement at Narragansett, killing 1,000 braves and insuring the safety of the New England settlers.

1777—Washington moved his troops to Valley Forge, they were without shoes, lacked bread for four days and the presence of Washington prevented mutiny.

1782—Royal Princess of France exchanged for Marquis Lafayette.

1801—Thomas Jefferson elected President.

1812—Fort Niagara surprised and captured by British, 250 prisoners and 25 cannon.

1894—German artist gets 6 months in jail for caricaturing Kaiser's journey.

At the Theatres.

Amusu.

"The Last Trump" in "The Tree of Hearts"—the closing chapters of the great serial romance by Louis Joseph Vance—three reels.

Lyric.

"False Guardian" a Jack Red Kelson feature.

"A Horse on Sophie" an Essanay film.

"The Man Hater" opening here today.

A. AND M. COLLEGE NEWS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Students of the A. & M. College will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays Saturday, Dec. 19. The holidays will be in force until Jan. 4. It was announced officially that the holidays would not begin until Jan. 20, at a meeting of the faculty recently. It was decided to close sooner Dec. 19.

Winnie Newell, State Commissioner of Texas, has called the attention of the farmers to the fact that most valuable plants of grasshoppers must be exterminated now and poisoning taken as continuously. While the poisonous mixtures recommended by the Entomologists have worked admirably the most success in destroying the hoppers when they were at work on the crops, with prevention of such damage is far better and cheaper than cure. Prevention lies in early fall and winter plowing of all cultivated fields and of all weed through the fields, all ditch banks and all turn-rows. The female grasshoppers have laid their eggs in the soil during the summer and fall, and from these the young "grass-hoppers" will hatch next spring. Plowing the land before cold weather sets in breaks up the egg-capsules and destroys the eggs. Even a roadway a few feet wide left unplowed, often furnishes enough young hoppers to destroy all motion or care for twenty feet on each side of it. Besides, fall plowing destroys innumerable wireworms, grubworms, cutworms, and other injurious insects.

Designed especially with the idea of improving general rural culture in Texas, I. E. Cowart of the Department of Horticulture of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, has made available a correspondence course in "Nut Culture" which will be given through the Department of Correspondence Courses of the College.

This course will be based on experiences and observations of Mr. Cowart and Mr. F. N. Hensel, who gives the subject of pecans, etc., and the entire hickoria group a great deal of study and experimentation. No text-book is to be used in this course; lectures, based on personal study and investigations, are used as the basis of the course. Those interested should address Secretary Correspondence Courses, College Station, Texas.

NOTICE.

City taxes for the year 1914 are due and payable at the office of the City Secretary.

F. J. Mullican, City Secretary.

(Advertisement.)

C. F. Stoddard returned yesterday to his home in San Antonio after several days stay in the city.

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