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THE Fort Worth GAZETTE is admirably im partial. For weeks it has published the warning: "See that your ticket reads 'For Stata Prohibition' or 'Against State Prohibition.' "-

with the first place on the ticket. Since questioned on account of the part he may then he has seen that President Cleveland have taken in the contest. Democratic that and not connect instances would be more questioned on account of the part he may then he has seen that President Cleveland have taken in the contest. Democratic that and not connect instances would be more questioned on account of the part he may then he has seen that President Cleveland have taken in the contest. Democratic that and not connect instances would be satisfy the Commissioner that any of the lands are in such demand? I shall than double the original amount. will undoubtedly secure a renomina- unification has never been disturbed nor tion, and he is now willing to go before | danger to the party threatened. On po-

can present in 1892.

and in the northwest. The state admin- occupy his accustomed and wellistration is pledged to promote the set- earned seat at the board of the tlement of the country, and THE GAZETTE party's councils. Those gentlemen whose believes that all men may repose implicit misguided zeal or selfish ambition may How the Future Prospects of Northwest ulations faith in Governor Ross and Commissioner | beguile them into an attempt to dethrone Hall. The Seymour paper, from which those party monarchs will find a thunderextract was made yesterday in THE GA- ing "Keep your seat" coming up from missioner cares only to earn his salary. Jority. No man shall be called upon to A letter in THE GAZETTE to-day puts vacate his chair for the purpose of plac-Commissioner Hall on record, over his own ing someone else in his stead. The Demade subject to classification and subject obscurity to prominence anyone whose the land on July 4th, ult." From this in the iste contest and whose only quali- it what God and nature has destined it settlers on any surveys within the lease. the Seymour paper will see how the Com- fleation is his own ambition. missioner stands with reference to set-

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

SETTLED. Greatly to the credit of the San An tonio Express are the words here quoted from that anti-prohibition paper This is a free country, and the denial to any man of his right to freedom of thought and speech is unworthy any man who himself would be free. There is safety for all only in allowing to all the same freedom. The words of the Express are commended to those who

personal to themselves will please inclose stamp for | more, of the vote cast on yesterday was purely is a whole, with a sincere desire to do what The Express, of course thinks the Prohibitionists were in error in their judgment-mistaken in their views of what constitutes persona rights as guaranteed, or are supposed to be guaranteed, under the fundamental law of oth the state and national governments, and misled in their conclusions as to what result would be, but it believes the masses of them were honest in their convictions, and cast their rotes with the most conscientious motives. Taken as a whole, there was simply a differ ence of opinion upon a question of public pol icy, and it was settled at the ballot box. It was a question that naturally created great intensity of feeling, but it is settled; let the usperites of the campaign be forgotten.

> CLOSE UP RANKS. The prohibition contest is settled after public interest in the Democrat against Democrat in the heat his hand, declared that it and it alone was the true and only Democratic doctrine. The Republicans in the contest were divided. Some from honesty and patriagainst for the same reasons. The rank per cent. of that vote was Democratic, policy was adopted and executed looking cause all the lands belonging to the sevand file of the Republicans were, like the Democrats, divided honestly on the tion as a mere police regulation and be- phasized in your inaugural address as be in demand for immediate settlement to question, while the politicians of that cause they had racy. The Republican idea was to divide the Democrats on this question in order that some one of the contending factions This is the only hope of success offered to the Republican party in sanctum of Democracy. The blind prophe- stantly bound to administer its public value these lands than a man who never 265 Texas. By inserting a pro or cies of Radical organs and the weak ap- lands with sedulous care in order that saw a ship is to classify and value a fleet anti plank in their platform, they will peals of prohibition organs per se the greatest number of its people may se- of war vessels. The appointment of surest precursors of hope to attract the minerity towards will affect nothing with Demoelement in the anti ranks that will leave utterance hereafter in action, the responany party that seeks to oppress it, and sibility for Democratic strife will rest on join any party that offers it benefits and the men who provoke it work is bound up and blended in the task of probabilting the liquor traffic, and who would not hesitate to join any po- Democratic ticket; but true Democracy hereand if the politicians can rule, and - waco Examiner.

of the majority. There are others, GAZETTE does not believe that the great weak-kneed, and who will vote for its own enfeeblement. Thanks. But The Gazerre wanted combination of the three. Doubtless it on a state platform that reiterates the dethe question settled by an honest ballot would be found difficult to skillfully com- claration at Galveston in 1886. and on its merits. A prohibition election | pound an amalgamation of this character.

prestige of success will make him the platform will guard the portals of the most available candidate the Democrats citadel and see that Ross and Reagan, Mills and Herndon, Maxey and Giddings, Culberson and Crain shall not be ex-THERE is discontent in the Panhandle pelled, but that each shall continue to ZETTE, is unjust in saying that the Com- the more conservative and tolerant masignature, as saying that "all leases are mocracy of Texas will not elevate from to the rights of all settlers who were on only claim is the part he may have taken

A TEMPERANCE CENTER. Fort Worth has won fame as a railroad center, as a water center and as a convena temperance center. San Antonio, Galfor prohibition. This city and this county are temperance centers. Come to Fort Worth and Tarrant county.

talk and act as if they knew not the our readers knew of some of our efforts in lost or won, the time is rapidly coming, if, indeed it has not already arrived, when victory over the salcon will be a thing impossible, exdrilled, permanent party organization.

> The honor traffic is in repched behind law and capital, and custom and appetite. It needs tionists of Texas, will you enlist to that army

affect fature political conditions in Texas. The Democrats have foreseen this result and have

Enemies of Democracy outside of country, the Democracy a single Democratic vote unless the Democracy of Texas, itself, prosperity. voted for prohibition in Texas, and 80 chance of internecine war in the party canvass, assumed to set up an inner

let them be Prohibitionists. They cannot be lion,

THE Republican prohibitionists of the carry out their plan, it is not improbable The election last Thursday settled state landed system of the United States fur- You will doubtless admit that the Legis- duchesse and the next Republican platform in Texas, remain settled unless the spirit of these True prohibition Democrats will recog- Texas papers finds voice. The 19,000 nize any such action of the Republicans votes cast for Dohoney in 1886 cannot Legislature: as "sop to Cerberus," and will not be at- thrust this question on the people again, tracted towards it nor deceived by it. and the tens of thousands of Democrats They will light any party that fires on the who voted for prohibition and who are execution of the laws, that these lands be pose a lease, however short, could not be prohibition carried, but will not for this not seek to do so. If Democratic one principle surrender a host of princi- dissension ever arise over this question

and on its merits. A prohibition election is not a desirable thing as a steady dist, and, outside a few places in the state the election was honest and fair. And the election was honest and fair. And the consequence is that the verdict will take the question of state prohibition out of the extens for ten vers, at least. New counties that need a unified citizensite in the political area. The deposition of the verse warring facilion elections every year of the extens for ten vers, at least. New counties that need a unified citizensite in the political area. The propie cannot affort the verse, at least. New the question of state prohibition out of the extens for ten vers, at least. New counties that need a unified citizensite in the political area. The propie cannot affort the verse, at least. New the question of state prohibition out of the extens for ten vers, at least. New the question and said the deposition, the propied colleges in the lead. It has an able and expressed of the very ten believing that the extensive for the extensive facility of several decidency of the extensive facility of several decidency of the extensive facility of the ex young ladies .- Atlanta Constitution.

THE PANHANDLE.

A Letter from Hon. J. N. Browning to Governor Ross on the Land Policy of the State-Ignorance of the State Agents.

Texas Are Threatened by the Lease System and False Classification.

MORRETIE, TEX., Aug. 8 .- Representative J. N. Browning addressed to-day the following letter to Governor Ross:

desirous of seeing its material resources and none are printed. My instructions, I have tried in this letter to present this developed to their utmost capacity at the are to write correspondents that leases earliest practicable moment, thus making deation and the rights reserved to actual should be-the Empire State of the Union * * * A great many leases are being -I hope that you will not consider it im- mada! My interpretation of the pertinent in me to call your attention to diffeenth section of the act is that a matter of state policy of momentous the Commissioner is not presumed importance to the people of the Pau- or permitted to accept an applicat on to handle. From the earliest settlement of lease unless he is "satisfied that the tion center, and now it comes to the front this part of the state there has been some lands applied for are not in immediate of all the seven leading towns of Texas as sort of indefinite land policy which has demand for purposes of actual settleever impeded rather than advanced the ment, and that such lands can settlement, progress and development be leased without detriment to the veston, Houston, Austin, Waco and Dal- of the Panhandle. For several years public int rest. I can see no other las all voted against prohibition, while before your election to the governor; reasonable interpretation or con-Fort Worth and Tarrant county voted ship it seemed that the ears of struction if we attempt to reconcile the legislative and executive powers of the various provisions of the law, bethe state were deaf to our entreaties for cause the above section unequivocally a reasonable state policy, disposing of declares that "no lands classified as grazthe school lands in a manner to encour- ing land under this act shall be sunject age settlers to come into the country. to sale during the existence of such lease wisdom, integrity and love of our com- year as required by this act." eight is lost or won, we do not feel that an mon country. They well remembered These things cause made of the force thus exerted has been lost. your Sulphur Springs speech on May 8, with alarm the situation of the frontier 1886, in which you made use of the fol- and practically banish every hope of an lowing language: "It is no longer a early settlement of the country. question that good policy requires that lands are leased before a chance is given these lands shall be so distributed as to coming emigrants to buy, then the door secure the greatest possible number of is closed to all sales except to those now actual settlers. Any legislation that will on the land-a number comparatively produce this result should be adhered to. few to what will come within a few Every law now in force or hereafter to be months after the completion of the two enacted should be submitted to this test: railroads, the Fort Worth and Danver and Will it promote settlement? This has Southern Kansas, now being rapidly conand an army that has enlisted, not merely for been the settled policy of the state since structed through this country from difone spirited battle, but for the war. Prohible its annexation. It is founded in an en- ferent directions. True, the law provides lightened public policy, rendered neces- that the lands classed as agricultural Its name is the National Prohibition party - sary by the enterprise of our citizens. We shall be leased, subject to sale; but from should build the interests of our state to what I have seen and heard of the state last, and not become impatient at the agents sent out to classify I can form no slow but steady operation of wise laws satisfactory idea of the class in which that contributed so largely in times past they will place these lands. In converpaign to make the fight a distinct one between to its growth and greatness. The true sation with one of these classifiers or the Republican and Democratic parties. They policy is to bring these lands into market state agents a few days ago I learned to have preached from the stump and in the news. and by all legitimate means dispose of my astonishment that the agent had never a vigorous and a sometimes flerce can- papers that the real object of the movement them as speedily as possible to those who been in this part of the state until he was not prohibition, but the defeat of the De- have been induced to settle in this new started to his post of duty; that he knew meeracy and the division of the solid south section. The interests of the state and practically nothing about it: that he

This prohibition canvass will not cost by such as will use them in opening up heretofore informed the highways of travel, and by securing personal knowledge of private independence add to the general its lands. If this is to be the mode of get-

deliberately chooses to disintegrate These utterances, coming as they did these lands it occurs to me to be a clear itself. The Democrats of Texas who from you whom the people loved and de- case of the blind leading the blind. did so because they regarded the quest to this end. This same principle you cut- eral funds named in this act the state platform for so re- but no class of people can make any very point, with the approval of garding it. They were Democrats appreciable advance in civilization withand they are Democrats, and the out its possession. There is but little to petent state agents as may be does not rest upon any vote cast in the soil they tend belonging to others, and of mean by "competent state agents?" of those Democrats who, during the late sure, and even their labor worthless with- "competent" for this special business? the weekly deaths from diarrhosa in the them and thus swell their ranks to re- crats in Texas; but if the spirit mund Burke, in recommending that the hold you responsible for a "skillful clas-

value of this policy." You affirmed your faith in this policy are

as practicable, adopt such regulations, not rying into effect the provisions of this ernor for his approval before adoption or promulgation." What reghave been submitted to you for approvai? Sometime ago I eral Land Office for a printed conv of the rules and regulations adopted, supposing

"The ownership of land is not be carefully and skillfully classified and out the patronage of the strong. Govern- A man who has never been in this coun- London district have gone up by leaps ment should, therefore, feel itself con- try is no more competent to classify and from nine to 312-of this latter number

spectable proportions. There is a large evident in these two extracts flad forest lands of the British crown should sification and valuation" of these lands. be brought into market and converted in- A current rumor that the dry lands are laid down the following just and profound tered lands at 85 per acre has added maxims of political economy: , The prin- much to the anxiety of the people, esthrow them into the mass of most, if not all, of these reports are outlo the course of circula- lated by designing persons, but no one spould. both, or pretend to be both, hereafter in Taxas | secretions of the state, into twell comers into the country, who are unacregulated revenue.' The history of the quainted with the land it ws of this state, white thread laces,

any of these lands where they Albert Victor. by the following in your message to the of immediate settlement." You will, no the anglomaniaes cannot hope to compete principles and policies sanctioned by the reasonable indication that the Panhandle were a yacht, several dozens of assorted those charged with the making and the tlement," and if demanded for that pur- and several cases of cob pipes. Democratic flag. They would gladly see Democrats, and also Prohibitionists, will sold to actual settlers." The people at made "without detriment to the public of your convictions was too con- thwarted to the sacrifice of the school ples which they love as dearly as they do it will come from men who have some vincing to be doubted, and they were fund and the state's admitted policy of the Legislature saw the wisdom of your is on the verge of an early settlement you however, who are luke-warm and body of the party will lend itself to efforts to carry out your proposed policy. A mor and newspaper reports to at majority of the members of that bo 'y, least invite investigation before a step is when the bill came up accepted and taken likely to prove disastrous to the that your excellency favored the meas- state. The school fund could not suffer whether that party be called the Pro- Prohibition party, and Cleveland will beat ure, and your prompt approval of the act much by holding off leases until the hibition, Republican or Labor party, or a Blaine 150,000 votes next year in Texas abundantly satisfied us that you ac- "competent state agents" could arrive on cepted it as the proper law. As soon as the ground and make a report upon the the public was informed of these things a question. Leases covering vast areas of In 1870 the wife of Don Jose Nifre, a was attacked with the disease peaceful calmness at once pervaded the the country, I am informed, were con- Spanish nobleman, deposited \$85,000 afterwards and cled after concountry, every one believing that good summated before any state agents were with Durant & Co , bankers in Paris, for crime.

of the General Land Office "shall, as soon | you to investigate for yourself. Much depends upon how this law is executed, inconsistent with the constitution or this and you being the chief executive and enact, as may be deemed necessary for car- dowed with great power by the act, I ap- Information Concerning the act, and may, from time to time, alter or believe if this act is executed according peal to you to make the investigation. amend such regulations so as to protect to its spirit and intent, but little friction the public interest; but all regulations may be expected. The frontler people of shall be submitted to the Gov- Texas have ever suffered the many privations incident to the pioneer of a new country and nothing has so directly hampered and held them back as unwise and wrote a letter to the corresponding clerk and long suffering they have kept the padly executed land laws. With patience of the school land department of the Gen- faith and now claim the fulfillment of the promises. As one who has never yet lost of the Agricultural Dec the above requirement of the law to and just Governor of the people, I have says: one jots of faith in you as a faithful, wise condition of the cotion be the first complied with, and he replied induced myself to believe that you will Governor L. S. Ross, Austin, Tex. to me that "no permanent rules and regu- correct all errors possible of correction if Dear Sir: Being a citizen of Texas and lations appear to have been decided upon, only presented to you in the proper spirit. received and

have written are clamoring for a declaration from eral interest I have consented to give this letter to the press. With great respect

Yours very truly, J. N. BROWNING.

A RAILROAD RING.

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Out of Big Money. In your nomination and election to the and the possession thereof by the lessee ring in the office of the Missouri Pacine cropping: office of thief executive of the state the shall not be disturbed during the term Railway Company and another ring with, there are few ereps of anxiety of the people for a time ceased of such leaselso long as the rents are in it, the depredations of which have are usual because of their great confidence in your part promptly in advance each been seriously impairing the interests of other labor agent complained that there contractor, and to do this SI for each man had to be paid to the agent. Threefourths of the men sent down he said were not laboring men at all. It is many uninjured." a man that's gone to Nettlorton for S1,

cure homes at a nominal cost with scour- these state agents being subject to your district is the tendency to district as * * The celebrated Ed- approval the people of right may justly tainty, and urges the utmost vigilance.

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What the July Report of the Age Department Says of the the ing (rops,

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H. ZEILIN