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CULBERSON ON CHILD LABOR.

Because of the criticism of Senator Culberson from certain quarters, and especially from Former Senator Bailey, because of his vote favoring the Child Labor bill, he has seen fit to explain his position as follows:

"The National Democratic convention, which was held in St. Louis in June, declared 'we favor the speedy enforcement of an effective Federal Child Labor law.' Notwithstanding this declaration, adverse criticism of me has been occasioned by my vote in favor of the bill, intended to meet this party obligation, to prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor, and much misapprehension seems to exist as to the exact scope of the bill.

"The chief objection urged against the bill is that it is in contravention of the reserved rights of the states and beyond the constitutional power of the Federal Congress to enact. The bill does not attempt to fix the hours or conditions of child labor in any state.

"Briefly put, it provides that no operator of a mine or quarry shall transport his products in interstate or foreign commerce if he employs children under 16 years of age, and that no manufacturer shall transport his products in such commerce if he employs children between the ages of 14 and 16 to work more than eight hours a day, six days a week, or at night.

"For violations of the law the operator or manufacturer alone is penalized, and in the offense made a misdemeanor. The states are left free to enact legislation to regulate the hours and conditions of child labor so far as products to be sold or consumed within their borders are concerned, and no power is invested in the federal government by the bill to interfere in the slightest degree with the administration of their purely internal affairs. It is true that the bill will in many instances compel mine and quarry operators and manufacturers to comply with its provisions, inasmuch as their respective states will afford insufficient markets for their products. The power of Congress to enact such legislation under the commerce clause of the constitution has been too often recently affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States to be longer open to serious question.

"The lottery act, the white slave act, the pure food act and other similar federal statutes which have proven highly beneficial to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the nation, are based upon the same general principles. In each of these instances the several states, acting in their individual capacities, were found incapable of entirely remedying the existing evils, and, while each in its own sphere was left free to do what it could in that direction, Congress found it advisable to supplement their efforts by federal statutes.

"In the case of child labor a state with adequate child labor laws can not constitutionally prohibit the importation into its own borders, or into another state, the products of the state which has no such law. The most recent assertion of the doctrine which this character of legislation rests is to be found in seven cases vs. United States, 239 U. S., decided this year, the opinion in which concurred in by the Democratic members of the court, including the distinguished Democratic chief justice.

"The policy and expediency of the Child Labor bill is thus supported by the National Democracy and the constitutional principle involved by the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States. Besides these considerations, the governmental philosophy underlying the measure is precisely in the highest degree. The purpose is to guard the health and

welfare of the children of the land to the extent of federal power against the avarice and greed of the capitalist class engaged in the employment of child labor."

A Cuero, Texas, farmer reports growing forty-five bushels of June corn on a ten-acre patch. With returns like this from the crop it is likely much June corn will be planted in De Witt county the coming year. Texas farmers are gradually learning that almost anything will grow in their fields if they exercise proper care in the selection of seed and use both common sense and expert knowledge in cultivation.—Houston Post. There is June corn right here in Brazos county that will make more even than the land of the Cuero farmer mentioned above, as well as other summer crops ready for market or harvest, and fall crops coming on that a few years ago our farmers knew nothing of. The soils of Texas, and particularly of Brazos county, have stored in them all the wealth of nature, and our farmers are just learning its secrets and the art of making them yield up their hidden riches. The Eagle gives full credit to the Extension department of the A. and M. College for these new discoveries, and we believe this department within the next ten years will make all Texas a veritable garden. Our farmers are urged to seek its scientific knowledge; it is maintained for the people, is free, and is theirs for the asking.

More and more farmers in Brazos county are buying automobiles, and as the good road work progresses they will become still more numerous. In this day of close competition the farmers are learning their own time and the time of their mules is worth too much on the farm to lose one or two days out of each week making trips to town. With an auto, the farm work need not stop at all, and the farm owner can come to town, transact his business and be back home in two or three hours. To succeed now, every edge must be made to cut.—Bryan Eagle. Good roads bring automobiles and automobiles bring good roads, and thus it goes on in an endless chain, but with the result that good roads is now the watchword of the farmers. They are all willing to contribute their share for good roads and they are getting good returns on their investments.—Austin American.

The fact that the two trade excursions planned by the business men of Bryan had to be postponed on account of rain on the day preceding the excursions, is an argument, strong as the thundering from Mount Sinai, in favor of good roads. We need roads here that will enable our business men to go on trade trips at will, rain or no rain. We need roads that will enable the farmers to get to market 365 days in the year, regardless of weather conditions. We can have no real prosperity, we can have no comforts, no conveniences until we get such roads. Let's have them.

Former Governor Colquitt, who is a candidate for United States senator from Texas, is offering as campaign argument the fact that he quit his job as station agent, where he was serving as a sort of roustabout, wanted him to shine his shoes. We don't blame him for quitting his job, but can't understand what that has to do with the senatorial campaign. It may be a bid for the bootblack vote by showing them that he quit his job rather than "rat" on them.

H. F. MacGregor of Houston, National Republican committeeman from Texas, told the Chicago Republican campaign committee there was a probability of Hughes carrying Texas. It was said of the guide who directed Henry M. Stanley when he was sent by the New York Herald into Africa to search for Dr. Livingstone, that he was a "stranger to the both fear and truth." Mr. MacGregor must be closely related to Stanley's guide.

The senatorial contest will be decided in the run-off primary on Saturday next. The Eagle's prediction is Senator Culberson will retain his seat in the Senate by sixty thousand majority.

Snap Shots in the Galveston News says the kid who used to dangle his father's silver watch, now has a boy who wants to toy with a six-cylinder car.

The meek will of necessity have to inherit the earth if they ever get it.

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OBSERVATIONS BY THE WAY

The attention of The Eagle has been called to the dusty streets in the business district of Bryan. With the high gulf breeze that predominates almost every afternoon it makes living on Main street very unpleasant. In addition to the unpleasantness, the merchants' stocks are damaged to no little extent. It appears that some arrangement should be made to keep the dust down at least in the business district, and The Eagle hopes to soon see the sprinkler going.

It is a regrettable fact to notice that on some of the streets which are being paved, where the base has been laid, there are a few skips being made. While paving is a little expensive at its first cost, had you stopped to consider the value of it after it is once put along side your property? The value is much greater, it looks much nicer and then you are out of the mud. If we are going to build a city here in Bryan, when a street is paved it will have to be paved entirely and not have raps left in it.

The shower yesterday afternoon checked business for a little while, but had you noticed how things picked up this morning? The hum of the business goes merrily on, the whistles at the various gins blew right on time and the farmer was right here with his cotton. A few people were heard to holler about the shower, but you know it is a fact that water and sunshine make cotton.

At some places on the streets of the city rubbish is beginning to accumulate again. Of course this is necessary to a certain extent, but there should be a limit to the time same is allowed to remain, and also there should be some limit as to the space it is allowed to occupy. At one point on Main street, where work has been in progress for several weeks, material and rubbish now occupy about three-fourths of the thoroughfare. Is there no limit to this?

AGED BRAZOS COUNTY COUPLE HONORED

Relatives and Friends Surprise Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mathis of Reliance on Wedding Anniversary.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mathis of Reliance were given a genuine surprise party by numerous relatives and specially invited friends, the crowd numbering about two hundred. The occasion was the fifty-seventh anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mathis, who are among Brazos county's oldest and most highly respected citizens. The matter had been kept a profound secret from the two dear old people, and they knew nothing of it until the crowds began to gather at the old family home on Sunday morning.

And such a day as it was! Surely a happier was never spent by any family in Brazos county. The children of the aged couple, their grandchildren and great grandchildren composed the major portion of the

crowd and to be reunited once more under the roof-tree of the old family home made one of the sweetest pleasures that is given the people of this earth to enjoy.

Mr. Mathis was born in Ogelthorpe, Ga., in 1836, and was married to Mrs. Mathis in 1859. They came to Texas, settling in Brazos county in 1887. Mr. Mathis served four years in the civil war in the army of the immortal Lee, and was a member of the heavy artillery corps. He was once wounded by being struck on the head by a piece of shell, and while the wound was slight, yet he was thought killed at first and was picked up for dead.

The living children are Mrs. Etta Zimmerman, Charley, Jim and John Mathis. All the children and all the grandchildren except one were present at the celebration on Sunday. The grandchildren are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mathis, 8; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mathis, 8; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman, 9; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Holland (deceased), 1; and Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis, 2. There are eleven grandchildren dead. The great grandchildren are: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zimmerman, 2; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zimmerman, 1; Mr. and Mrs. John Newcomb, 1. There are two great grandchildren living and dead, 39. Total great grandchildren living and dead, 6.

The dinner was brought by the relatives and friends, and such a dinner no pen can describe. Everything that human heart could wish was there and to say that it was enjoyed by every one present, but mildly expresses it. At the "first table" Mr. and Mrs. Mathis, their children and grandchildren were served and during the meal a picture of the group was taken.

Music, croquet and other innocent amusements furnished diversion for the younger people during the day, while conversation and happy reminiscences were indulged by the older ones. Mr. Mathis said he felt younger than he did twenty-five years ago and that when he had been married a hundred years he was going to give a barbecue for the whole settlement. He also started the crowd by saying

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that the only thing he regretted about his married life was that he and his wife were separated four years of the time. After he saw their curiosity was aroused he explained that it was during the time he was with the army of Lee in Virginia.

When the guests departed, as the day was drawing to a close, each and every one expressed for the aged but happy pair, the hope that they may be spared to enjoy many more wedding anniversaries.

Dividing His Time.

The blonde club woman and the brunette club woman met in the foyer before the play. They introduced husbands. During the husbands' temporary absence the blonde woman said:

"Does your husband go out between acts?"

"No," said the brunette, "he comes in between drinks."

"How's farming?" "Fine. You know that abandoned farm I picked up?" "That prompted my question." "I sold quarry rights to one crowd. Now if I can lease the air to some Now if I can lease the air to some wireless company, I'll have about everything under cultivation. Who says intensive farming doesn't pay?" —Chicago Journal.

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Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) payable to W. W. Harris, Mayor of the City of Bryan, and all necessary information can be obtained upon application at the office of the city secretary of the City of Bryan. The successful bidder will be required to give bond and comply with the city charter respecting contracts and to execute the regular form of contract as prepared by the city attorney.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid considered advantageous to the City of Bryan.

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