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For an Appointive School Board

THE only practical solution of El Paso's problem of public school management is to abolish the elective school board entirely and make the school board appointive. The power of appointing school trustees should be reposed in the mayor with the consent of the council.

The board should be so constituted that only a portion of the members could be changed during the two year term of any mayor. The president of the board should be appointed for one year only, and the members for three years, appointments being made annually. For instance, suppose the board were to be changed this year and the appointments made by the mayor as proposed, the president and two members would be named for terms to expire 1911, two members for terms expiring 1912, and two members for terms expiring 1913.

Without doubt, an appointive school board is in line with the full development of our system of government which has proved so satisfactory. By this method there would be a concentration of responsibility and the public would have full recourse to an accountable official. Under the present system the school elections are not only a farce, but they give rise to more corruption and underhanded political interference with the schools than any other system that could be devised.

The present system is bad every way, and the El Paso charter should be changed at the very next session of the legislature to provide for the appointive school board. This system is in vogue in other Texas cities very successfully.

Del Rio is going to try to raise dates. Raising dates is all right, but raising checks is better.

Extend the Street Parking

OWING to the long delay on the part of Rio Grande street property owners in making up their fund for street parking, it has been impossible to plant trees along the street this year. However, the trees were actually bought and paid for, and have been planted at Washington Park in order to save them.

The Rio Grande street owners were not very prompt about making up their fund, and this has been responsible mainly for the failure to give the street parking a full start this year. The parking will be given a good start this coming fall and winter, and the succeeding summer should show fine results of the improvement work.

This street parking plan should be extended all over the city as rapidly as possible. It saves the cost of unnecessary roadway paving, beautifies the street on which it is used, and it will not only break the force of the winds and reduce the dust nuisance very greatly, but it will also actually make it easier to grow things in private lawns and gardens. It is the most important detail in the general plan of beautifying the city, and beauty in a city is an asset that brings very large and absolutely certain returns.

It was thoughtful of those El Paso aviators to select a sandy spot to test their machines—as fortunate for themselves as unfortunate for the doctors.

The Business Side Of It

THE El Paso School for Girls, which is being established and financed by a group of public spirited business men of the highest standing, will be conducted upon a plane equal to that of the best schools in the north, east, and west. The faculty will be composed of experienced educators, well qualified to put into effect the highest ideals of education for young girls. One result will be to strengthen El Paso's prestige as a metropolis through its development as an educational center.

Looked at purely from a dollar and cents standpoint, the school will be an important productive industry for El Paso, for it will not only keep in the city many thousands of dollars now sent outside for the education of our daughters, but it will also attract to this city many families who will come for the superior educational advantages offered, and the money thus attracted here and spent or invested will be no small item in El Paso's annual income.

The school deserves the enthusiastic support of all loyal El Pasoans, and the finance committee which is now at work should receive the tangible cooperation of every individual approached.

Friction is proportional to the pressure when the surfaces in contact are of the same material and is independent of the area of the surfaces of contact. Probably you knew it anyhow.

Detectives at Keno Games

THE idea of having detectives representing the Credit Men's association and the Business Men's Protective association, visit the keno games over the river to report upon American frequenters of the game, is the surest way to reach the evil.

Clerks and wage earners are not going to frequent the games when they know it will damage them in the estimation of their employers. Men in business who have any dealings with banks or with other business men will not jeopardize their credit by playing the games.

Probably 95 percent of the income of the keno games over the river is from American men and women from this side of the river; therefore, we have it in our power as El Pasoans to break up the institution.

The business men are pursuing the right method to put a stop to gambling by their employees. Take their names and then watch them closely. It is the best way to put a stop to gambling.

UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

I've often heard the statesman cry: "Oh, voters, watch me bleed and die, to shield and guard your sacred rights! I'll labor for you days and nights! I do not care for wealth or fame; to serve the people is my aim; for them I'd meet a hundred dooms, and occupy a hundred tombs: I love the people, old and young; for them I'd sacrifice a lung." The people are such easy marks that they believe these statesman sharks. But I, grown old and worldly wise, avoid the man who bleeds and dies, who works the "people" graft too hard; no sacred rights of mine he'll guard. I've noticed that the selfish man adopts the "sacrificing" plan; he's always on the trail of snaps; he'd be a congressman, perhaps, or failing that, he'd gladly rob the county sheriff of his job; and if he loses on that line, as constable he'd surely shine. No matter what the job he seeks, for liberty he loudly shrieks, and "Oppression" flogged and racked, and does the bleeding-dying act; I through heated days and sleepless nights he wails about the people's rights. Oh, I would give two beans to find, a statesman of a candid mind, who to the people bravely cries: "I want the votes of all you guys; to Washington I fain would go, because, my friends, I need the dough!"

14 Years Ago Today REPUBLICAN DELEGATES RETURN. ICE FACTORY IS COMPLETED. Copyright, 1910, by George Matthews Adams.

The Knights of the Rose Croix will hold their annual banquet on April 2. Delegates Reckhart, Neom, Fink and O'Keefe have returned from the Republican convention at Colorado City, while the other delegates continued on to Austin to attend the state convention.

The international boundary commission has taken up a series of hearings on the question of the boundary in the southern portion of the city and will later take up the island matter. El Paso will have six votes in the Democratic state convention this year.

News has been received from White Oaks that the Old Abe mine caved in yesterday at the 500 foot level. Fifteen tanks of oil are being taken across the river today for shipment into the interior.

Fenchler brothers sold 2260 head of cattle to Kansas buyers today. District clerk J. A. Escobedo is having his office refitted and has put down an elegant rug besides installing a new bronze candelabra.

Col. Locke's engineers find they will have a 35 foot grade, out of Juarez, instead of the 150 foot grade expected. The Consumers' Ice and Cold Storage company has completed its new plant and will start work of manufacturing ice within a week.

R. G. Williams was tendered a surprise party by a number of his friends at the residence of his uncle, Rev. C. J. Oxley, last night. A Trinity Methodist social will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Comfort, in Juarez, on April 2.

Excelsior Mysonheimer, who recently conducted services at the First Methodist church, in this city, is now at Santa Fe, conducting a similar series of revivals. Metal market—Silver, 65 1/2c; lead, 43c; copper, 19c; Mexican pesos, 55c.

People In El Paso Hotels

- From New Mexico: At the Sheldon—T. Raunult, Las Cruces; O. J. Durand, Deming; J. W. Dymond, Deming; A. J. Westland, Deming; Lee Glasgow, Alamogordo; L. R. Hughes, Alamogordo; O. D. Warnock, Arteson. At St. Regis—Mrs. L. H. Bowman, Socorro; G. J. Wolfinger, Alamogordo; Ph. Goldenberg, Santa Rosa; A. S. Westenberg, Rincon. At Angelus—Ben B. Jones and wife, Las Cruces. At Zeiler—John P. Mur, Lordsburg; A. J. Carlin, Lordsburg; W. C. Kendall, Hillsboro; J. H. Hall, Nutt. At Grand Central—Lee Harlan, Telles; F. N. Carter, Telles; C. O. Longuemare, Berlin. From Arizona: At the Sheldon—E. E. Ellenwood, Bisbee; B. Friedman and wife, Tucson; C. W. Harris, Tucson; John Postler, Bisbee; F. B. Kling and wife, Douglas; Carl A. Bergman, Douglas. At Angelus—F. B. Roerch, Douglas; R. J. Sitter, Tucson; W. H. Geraty, Tucson. At Orndorff—D. Mathews, Tucson. At Grand Central—George Hamilton and wife, Clifton; Mrs. Marguerite, Clifton. From Texas: At the Sheldon—M. H. Dirks, Fort Worth; Mrs. Elizabeth L. White, Fort Worth; Mrs. Ruth E. Shoemaker, Fort Worth; W. D. Low, Alpine. At St. Regis—O. E. Tandy, Austin. At Grand Central—D. E. Maudlin and wife, Valentine; J. B. Maudlin and wife, Brownwood; M. B. Maudlin, Torbert; Mrs. James H. Maudlin, Socorro. From Mexico: At the Sheldon—J. R. Montgomery, Chihuahua; J. P. Burrall, Nazozari. At St. Regis—Wm. Bolbringer, Sig. Kopstein. At Angelus—W. L. Purcell, Cananea, Sonora. At Orndorff—Juan Mac Salazar, Chihuahua. At Zeiler—Paul Glinther, Santa Rosa; J. Escobedo, Casas Grandes. At Grand Central—Carolina Ch. de Martee, Chihuahua. From St. Louis: At the Sheldon—George E. Fisher, C. M. Powers, W. B. Joiner, E. D. Wood. At St. Regis—E. J. Dieust. From the Pacific Coast: At the Sheldon—E. J. Sweetland and wife, Los Angeles; Mrs. L. C. Northern, El Centro. At St. Regis—W. J. Malarg, San

LAS CRUCES WATER USERS PASS RESOLUTIONS

of the reclamation act to the state of Texas in connection with the specific Rio Grande project. That the application of the reclamation service in proposing to provide from said reservoir water for the irrigation of 25,000 acres in the republic of Mexico is pursuant to and in accordance with an obligation imposed upon the United States of America by virtue of a treaty entered into with the republic of Mexico providing that from the proposed reservoir there shall be annually delivered to said republic of Mexico 60,000 acre feet of water. That the result to the effect that not to exceed 20,000 acres of land under said Elephant Butte or Rio Grande project are public lands of the United States is erroneous and misleading, the area of public lands under such project having been much greater at the time of the inception of said project, a large acreage of such public lands having been filed upon since such time. That the appropriations by the reclamation service, referred to in paragraphs four and five of said resolutions, were not made in accordance with law and covered only the then unappropriated waters of the Rio Grande and its tributaries and that the quantity thus appropriated was necessary in order to justify the expenditure of the money required for the construction of the proposed works and to render same available after construction by enabling the government to provide adequate water rights in exchange for preexisting vested rights surrendered by owners of, and settlers upon lands under said proposed irrigation system. That in order to protect the interests entrusted to them under the law, the officers of the reclamation service do protest against any and all attempts to appropriate waters of the Rio Grande and its tributaries above Elephant Butte, where such attempted appropriations were or are in such quantity as to jeopardize such interests. That the comparative area of agricultural lands above and below Elephant Butte is not the proper test to be applied to divide, or to regulate the rights of the inhabitants of the Rio Grande valley north of the Elephant Butte dam site, such rights being fully and amply protected by the express provisions of the reclamation act and in strict conformity to which, as aforesaid, the reclamation service has acted in connection with said project. That the secretary of the board of directors of this association is hereby directed to immediately transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the Hon. W. H. Andrews, delegate to congress from New Mexico, to the chairman of the committee on irrigation and reclamation of arid lands of the senate, to the honorable secretary of the interior and to the honorable director of the reclamation service. A. & M. COLLEGE NOTES. Agricultural College, N. M., March 23.—The Rev. Mr. Fouka, of Las Cruces, addressed the regular Tuesday night meeting of the Y. M. C. A. this week. There will be a meeting of the student body of the college on next Thursday for the purpose of nominating for next year's Round-Up editor. The election of the editor will take place about two weeks from that date. The girls' basketball team were presented with their A's in general assembly on Tuesday. Those receiving the letter were: Lena Smith, Audie Crist, Ruth Braynard, Ella Poll, Ruth Phelps and Mabel Hagar. The girls' basketball season was very successful this year, the team winning every game played. The letter was well earned and the girls were loudly applauded when it was received. Coates Mitchell sprained his arm

New Things In Electricity

STORAGE BATTERY STREET CARS AND TELEVISION TELEPHONES

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE forthcoming meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Charlotte, North Carolina, will bring out many interesting discussions of the problems that confront the electrical world. This body of men constitute a sort of court of resort in affairs electrical, not much in the line of invention, but in devising ways and means toward making all electrical progress available for the use of the race. They are mainly men who are connected with the big electric establishments of the country, and they discuss kilowatts, amperes, volts, and such things in an intimate way that is quite confusing to the layman.

Storage Battery Street Car. One of the most important problems in the field of electricity is that of the commercial practicality of the new storage battery street car. Trials have been made which prove that it is a mechanical success, and if it works as well commercially urban transportation problems will undergo as great a change as marked the passing of the horse car and the coming of the trolley.

For years the central power plant has been considered the last word in the economical operation of street car systems, although its installation has meant the expenditure of millions for plant equipment, underground trolleys and overhead wires. Now comes the storage battery car with claims for preference, which the New York trials under actual transportation conditions seem to vindicate. The cost of operation is very much less, and the cost of installation amounts to even still less.

Boon to Ambitions. The storage battery street car will prove a boon to the ambitious, but embryo metropolitans, who desire to almost every county. The prohibitive cost of installation has prevented many small places from having street car systems. With the storage battery car all that needs to be done is to lay a track, buy the cars and a street car system is ready for the gala day of formal opening.

Thus the horse car has come back, with the exception that instead of a horse of skin and bone and spavin, dragging the car along at a snail's pace, the passenger has a horse of metal, a chemical thing beneath his feet and carrying him at a gallop, a horse which is never liable to conformation by a local society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Television Telephone. In these days when wonder follows wonder with lightning-like rapidity in the field of electrical invention, the latest announcement of a television telephone does not tax the credulity as much as the telegraph instrument did two or three generations ago. This great idea no longer exists merely in the fevered imagination of some Jules Verne—it is now in actual process of accomplishment. Think of it. Going to your telephone and seeing the person at the other end of the wire, though miles and mountains lie between. The idea is said to be as well developed as was wireless telegraphy a decade ago.

It all is to come about through the discovery that one of the elements known as selenium will conduct electricity when subjected to light, and is a non-conductor when in the dark. The intensity of its conductivity depends upon the intensity of light and shade. In the transmitter there is a frame filled with selenium cells like honeycomb in the little pound boxes found in the grocery store. By means of a strong light, a mirror and a lens the light is projected onto the selenium cells, which the light falls send currents of varying intensity out upon a revolving wheel called the collector. This collector turns very rapidly and transmits the electrical impulses to the receiving station.

At the receiving end the impulses sent out by the transmitter are gathered and transformed into light rays again through a peculiar chemical-mechanical process. Thus is the exact duplicate of the image at the receiving end. The apparatus is the invention of two foreign scientists, Messrs. Rignoux and Fournier.

Quarter Meters for Electricity. For many years the quarter-in-the-slot gas meter has been in successful use, but the application of the same principle to the sale of electrical current is a comparatively new thing. When the consumer wants a quarter's worth of electricity he has merely to drop his money in the meter slot, the coin releasing the mechanism which permits him to turn on the switch. When the paid-for supply is exhausted

said Rio Grande project in no manner, whatsoever, invades, seeks to invade, tend to invade, or to encroach upon the rights of the inhabitants of the Rio Grande valley north of the Elephant Butte dam site, such rights being fully and amply protected by the express provisions of the reclamation act and in strict conformity to which, as aforesaid, the reclamation service has acted in connection with said project.

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while doing some lifting and is compelled to carry the arm in a sling. TOURS TEXAS IN INTEREST OF ALFALFA SHIPPERS. Las Cruces, N. M., March 23.—Mr. Hofmann returned Monday night from a month's visit among the alfalfa trade of southeast Texas, in the interest of the Mesilla Valley Produce Exchange to ascertain the grades of alfalfa demanded by the different localities and to investigate shipper complaints as to grading. He says that the complainants were wholly justified as several cars had not been loaded fairly and that he has full information regarding the alfalfa to be shipped in the future. The building of the hay barns by the association, Mr. Hofmann thinks is one of the best moves that could be made and that it will facilitate in keeping up the high grade standard.

LAS CRUCES HOTEL ARRIVALS. Las Cruces, N. M., March 23.—The following guests are registered at Hotel Don Barnardo: Geo. Fischer, St. Louis; B. L. Panky Lamy, Chicago; El Paso, C. A. Whitlock, Dallas; T. J. Brownrigg, El Paso; H. C. Buerzas, Denver; J. B. Sutton, El Paso; L. Clapp, Hatch; Wm. Palmer, Rincon; H. R. Hanmer, San Miguel; F. H. Bailey, Chamberino; J. Casati, Chamberino; H. J. Collins, El Paso. Central Hotel: E. L. Day, Waco, Tex.; L. K. Williams, El Paso; J. C. Cain, El Paso; J. J. Ritchie, Seattle; Mrs. A. C. Clark, Tombstone. Park Hotel: H. J. Gault, El Paso.

LAS CRUCES PERSONALS. Las Cruces, N. M., March 23.—L. Clapp, one of the valley's pioneers of Hatch, was in the city Tuesday attending the meeting of the water users. L. K. Williams, of El Paso, is registered at Central hotel. H. R. Hannum, P. H. Bailey and H. Casad, of the lower valley country, were in the city Tuesday. T. J. Brownrigg, of El Paso, is in the city. It is understood that Mr. Brownrigg is connected with the movement for the organization of a new bank. Theo. Rouault went down to the Pass City this forenoon on business. John Schonborn left on the morning train for El Paso.

ELKS NAME DELEGATE. Las Cruces, N. M., March 23.—The Elks held their district annual meeting last night and Dr. R. E. McBride was elected a delegate to the Elks' national convention which meets in Detroit in July.

Three Stenographers at Work. Owing to the rush with which the hearing is being conducted, three stenographers are being employed. Mrs. Jessie E. M. Howe, whose notes covered the first three days' hearing, is now reducing the testimony to typewritten copy. Miss Neena Stanley, has since yesterday been covering the day session, and E. W. Mitchell has been taking the notes at night.

The record will be voluminous, but it is thought it will be practically completed by the time governor Sayers completes the hearing and leaves El Paso. Numerous exhibits have been made by the attorneys in the four sided case, and these will also have to be included in the transcript which is completed. This afternoon's hearing. "The value of the water company's property in El Paso, if brought to a high state of efficiency, should be \$1,500,000," Mr. Kiersted stated this afternoon upon resuming the stand.

Another important statement made this afternoon is that a flat rate of 35.7 cents per 1000 gallons should enable the company to produce the gross revenue, and that it would be necessary. This statement, however, was questioned by governor Sayers, who asked if the provisions of the contract of the city with the water company, relative to supplying water to railroad companies and manufacturing establishments, had been taken into consideration.

Mr. Kiersted answered in the negative. Advises High Minimum. Mr. Kiersted also advised a charge of \$1.25 per month as minimum rate, but that it would be advantageous to the company and to the city to supply the railroad, and that the minimum payments even at a price as low as 12 1/2 cents per 1000 gallons. This, it was stated, would have the effect of lowering the price to the small consumers, as a gross amount of revenue must be raised.

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