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This Is President Carpenter's Jest Answer to "Citizens" Candidates.

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The privilege of having their names listed by lot with the others upon one single ballot for the school election Saturday is denied the "Citizens" candidates by the school board. President Carpenter, in answer to the request, writes, evidently in sarcasm, that "the school board is not a political organization," therefore he deducts that the "ring" ticket must stand by itself so the faithful can find it.

The candidates on the "Citizens" ticket asked the trustees to put all names on one ballot and to determine the positions of names by lot. Mr. Carpenter replied that the ballots "will be printed in a manner which will be intelligent to the voters of El Paso and fair to the candidates," and that is all the satisfaction the candidates got—unless they can draw some from Mr. Carpenter's very funny reference to the board as non-political.

The "Citizens" candidates have replied to Mr. Carpenter's letter, suggesting that the names be listed on one ballot alphabetically, the order being Harper, Irvin, Krakauer, McBroom, Stevenson, Winter, the "ring" having the first two places and the last place.

The correspondence follows:
To the School Board,
Honorable Board of Public Schools of El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, who are candidates for the position of trustees on the school board, to be filled at the coming election to be held May 7, 1910, request that our names be placed on the official ballot, and in making this request we respectfully submit the following suggestions:

First. That all names of candidates be placed on one and the same ballot.

Second. That the positions of said names on said ballot be decided by lot.

Third. That if any expense is chargeable to the candidates by reason of the printing of said ballots that the same be prorated equally among said candidates.

We believe the adoption of the above method will tend to bring about a fair election.

We ask an answer to the above defining your position on the same so that we may know the form of the official ballot.

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The Rio Grande is still rising and at a considerable rate, so that there is much apprehension for the county road work and property in the vicinity of White's Spur, north of El Paso, where the river has broken over and already done some damage. Precautions are being taken to protect the road by the use of sand bags.

The rise at Engle Tuesday above the mark of Monday is four-tenths of a foot.

At El Paso the rise was two-tenths of a foot Tuesday and registering 15.2 feet, against 15 feet Monday.