

URGES HOUSTON TAXATION SYSTEM FOR THIS CITY

J. J. Pastoriza, Father of the Plan, Says that It Would Make El Paso Grow.

That El Paso would progress more rapidly and would attain a population exceeding 100,000 within two years, should the Houston form of taxation be adopted...

When interviewed by a Herald representative regarding the Houston taxation system he said: "All household effects, moneys, mortgages and notes are exempt from debt and taxation by the Houston system of taxation. We tax all buildings at 25 percent of their true value, while we assess property at its true value. We believe that all land should be taxed at its true value."

"Our bank deposits have increased \$7,000,000 during the past two years. This is one of the big factors in showing how successful the system has worked. People are not afraid to deposit their savings because they fear taxation. The population during two years has increased 20,000 and the growth still continues."

"An economic principle that works well in Houston will work well in other cities. It is undoubtedly proved very successful if it is adopted in El Paso. I think your city should study this system of taxation for it will accomplish as much for El Paso as it is now doing for Houston."

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Animated Scene Presented When Delegates Gather to Exchange Ideas.

Austin, during a hot session of the Texas legislature, was reproduced here Tuesday evening in the lobby of the Hotel Paso Del Norte. Convention crowds have come to El Paso before and have filled the hotel lobbies to overflowing, but there never was a political crowd gathered in El Paso that equalled the one here for the Democratic convention. It was spectacular in its high lights and was witnessed by hundreds of El Pasoans who came down town to watch the politicians, the newspaper men, state officials and party leaders mill through the lobby caucuses in the corners and hold receptions and get together meetings in the grill rooms and smoking rooms.

There is nothing that this convention can do or undo that will make any real difference to the affairs of Texas. The primary election decided who was to be the next governor and his official family. The platform does not carry any more than a recommendation to the legislature about future legislation. No United States senators are to be elected here, although at least two have launched their bids in El Paso. Yet these Texans have come across the state to hold a convention and ratify the choice of the party. The primary election Sunday drew those prominent men of Texas to El Paso and it is the survival of the old regime of political conventions which the old guard is holding onto in the shell of the machine convention, where everyone was nominated and no nomination meant an election. No entertainment was arranged for the delegates during the first two days, as it is this grandstanding, swamping campaign stories and celebrations of individual or party victories that the Texans came out to El Paso to enjoy, and they were having the time of their lives in the hotel lobbies Tuesday evening.

Over by the big green divan stood "Jim" Ferguson, his longtailed coat looking oddly like Lincoln's. He held his broad Panama hat in his hand and rocked on his toes as he talked to a cause he does not in the future have to worry as to whether his neighbor or competitor is getting his property in for taxation at a less percent than he. This plan was adopted by the former administrations under my recommendations and the present administration has also approved of it, so it appears that the system has been established permanently, to be changed only by referendum vote of the people themselves."

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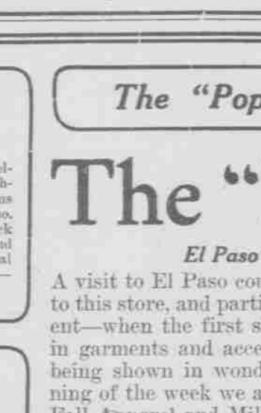
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"NUBBINS" By Cobb

Neway Political Comment Contributed Exclusively to The El Paso Herald By ZACH LAMAR COBB.

THEY are going to the mat. It is a fight to the finish. The fight is between Bailey's superb strategy and Ferguson's splendid backbone. This is an age for backbone.

Bailey has out-played the Ferguson lieutenants—the apprentices, as a Bailey man calls them. He came to town as threatening as an European war cloud. That solidified the Ferguson forces. All of them, including a slide for home by Colquitt, swore an iron clad allegiance to Ferguson—and against the cloud of Bailey.

Then fox Joseph put one over them. The war cloud passed, and in its place Bailey presents resolutions which he knows the ants can't vote down without embarrassment.

Bailey has been mean to Colquitt. He appropriated the Galveston convention. He played with him in his resignation from the senate, and in his former assault with or without intent to resign. Now he has put him in a hole. How can Colquitt vote against Bailey's amendment and expect the ants to support him for the senate? But if he votes for it he must tell Ferguson goodbye. Poor Colquitt! Bailey doesn't act like a big brother ought to toward a little one.

Ferguson is in a different attitude from Colquitt. He promised the people to let prohibition alone both ways. His opposition to Bailey is consistent. If he whips Bailey and Bailey's strategy here, even if Bailey does announce for the senate, Ferguson will have put his backbone on the map.

This is hard on the boys who used to eat out of Bailey's hand, and who want to dine at Ferguson's table. But it can't be helped. If Ferguson lets Bailey put strategy over him here, Bailey will be at Austin with a bundle of strategy at every turn. Line up, boys, either for Bailey or Ferguson, either for strategy or backbone. Zach Lamar Cobb.

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