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#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1914.

NEARING THE LIMIT.

It is not too soon to become busy on the poll tax proposition. This will be one of the years when the average redblooded citizen will want to vote, He can not vote without a poll tax receipt. There will be the city election in the spring: this means nothing to the man who has no poll tax recipt. There will be the State Democratic primary later in the year when the fight between the pros and antis will be hot and fierce; when the question of a pro or an anti-Governor will be decided. Pity to miss that scrap for lack of a poll tax receipt. There will be members of Congress and members of the legislature both to nominate and elect. For example, it will be necessary to decide whether Congressman John N. Garner shall succeed himself. What a pity to have nothing to say as to that. What a fine thing to know you have that little square slip of paper which says you have paid your poli tax or that you are exempt from paying it and may vote anyhow. Note how swiftly the time passes. Just a day or two ago, it seems to us, we were trying to forget to date our letters 1913. Now it is January 20. Very close to the limit. Alarmingly close to the limit, Also this is a busy life in which we forget so easily-so easily.

#### A FINE SHOWING.

A 9 o'clock Monday morning City Tax Collector Macedonia Garcia, reported that about \$2,500 of the school (ax money had been paid in. As the books had been opened only three days, Mr. Garcia considered this an excellent showing and members of the school board have expressed themselves as well pleased. With the amount coming in from local taxes, amounts due from the State and the city within a very little while, the district will soon be on easy street as to its finances. In the three days in which the tax booksthave been open the money has come in at an average rate of \$833 a day. A pleasing feature of the business is that the larger tax payers are standing by the schools in a way which proves

eir loyalty to the district, Judge Forto, for the New York and Browns ville Improvement company, and other interests represented by him, turned in \$1,300 in one payment. This is good to know, both from the sentimental side and from the business side. The Herald has said that the obligations of this district should be worth one hundred cents on the dollar. The Herald has also asserted that it should be a matter of personal pride to keep it so. It is glad to have its faith and its philosophy confirmed by men like Judge Forto. The greatest institution Brownsville has, that, may be called an asset of the whole community, is its public schools. It is good to know that the level headed people of the community feel about it as The Herald does. Not many of us appreciate the burdens which the school board has had preciate the value of the schools, and time. everywhere and in more ways than one When you have such lives wires as and when fired at they run at a rapid there are signs of growing sentiment in President Scott, Secretary O'Brien, S. favor of standing by the interests of the C. Tucker and others of the Chamber boys and girls in the Brownsville of Commerce, Si Perkins, manager of the schools. The friends of education have fair, Stanley Watson, Slattery of The every reason to rejoice over the fine Herald Cummings of the Scutinel, there showing made so far in the payment of was no reason why a newspaper man school taxes. The people whose eyes should not have the earth and the fullare turned hopefully to Brownsville as ness thereof, as they left nothing undone a site for their homes in the future, that would add to the pleasure of the never for one moment overlook the school newspaper people, and we regret that question. "What of your schools?" is there were not more of them present to the question they invariably ask; and enjoy the hospitalities extended if the answer is not satisfactory they Of course they received tickets to the Only the other day the new means of hunt another place to live.

#### WINNERS.

games by the Brownsville teams Satur affair. day was a triumph of which the local Next week, when we get a report of mingtomand placed the men under arschools may well be proud. As to the the committee having the McAllen exgirls' team, no one is in the least sur- hibit a charge and the awarding comprised that it won. There was some mittees we will give a more extended unexpected situations. surprise, however, when it lost to the write up of the fair, which closes tomor-McAllen team Friday. This implies no row McAllen Monitor disparagement of the McAllen players. who played gool, clean basketball and. More people attended services in the amply deserved the victory they gained; El Paso churches last Sunday than in the surprise grew out of the fact that years before. The ministers there made the Brownsville girls had won uniformly strenuous efforts to get the people out up to that date and no one had slated to listen to their sermons and they sucthem as probable losers. However, their ceeded. This saccess they ottribute, in by a German engineer to use non-page invalid because of a failure to perform laurels remain but slightly faded, since part, to newspaper advertising. They by exceedingly brilliant playing they bought half page advertisements and won over San Benito next day. Their prompted the people to attend church. If to 20 per cent of nickel and they are abouting property owners - Supreme record now stands as three games won Advertising pays, no matter in whate inserted at desired noints in the ordin- Court of Illino's, 163 N. E. R., 245. out of tour played during the season, line used. A hint to the local pastors is any magnetic track for controlling ciggiving them a big lead in the Valley As sufficient. Beeville Bee. sociation of Baskelball Players.

Brownsville rooters simply went wild, thing the farmer has to sell, and the Staid elders in the congregation, mem farmer should by the same rule buy railway.

bers of the school board, members of the everything the merchant has to sell that faculty, ministers of the gospel and gray he needs. It's a poor rule that doesn't haired mothers in Israel, to say nothing work both ways. Think of this when of the younger generation, united in one you go to send off for goods which you joyous hullabaloo that "quivered to the can buy at home. Kerrville Advance. tingling stars"-as some literary person remarked on a like or widely different

For this was the third game played by the boys: the third game of boys' basketball team they had ever seen. Two of the games they lost; one to McAllen, the other to San Benito. Judges of such matters who saw the game with McAllen, remarked that it was a remarkably well played game on the part of the Brownsville boys, and gave abundant augury of a greater team. It is also to be remembered that in the two lost by them they had been far outclassed both in weight and height by their opponents. People who saw the game Saturday say it was not only the hardest fought game by both sides ever seen in the Valley, but in point of skillful playing one of the finest ever seen anywhere. It was straight basketball, clean honest, hotly contested. the inquiry,

The intense interest in the game by spectators, the number of spectators who witnessed the game, considering the fair attractions on that day, and the hearty applause given the victors by the spectators, speak well for the spirit of the that some other occasion will bring them the Brownsville boys and giris.

#### WITH THE EDITORS

Secretary Fred D. Henderson of the Young Men's Progressive League left Monday for Brownsville, where he is at tending the Midwinter Fair. Mr. Henderson will view the event with an eye single to the purpose of getting ideas worth adopting and using in the third annual Bee county fair, which will be rections. In no direction could the monstaged in the fall. He has visited several fairs since the last Bee county event than increasing the appropriations for and should have several new and worthy new ships ideas for the fair board to ponder over when the time rolls round. Don't think for a moment that Bee county will not stage the event again, for it is a settled policy now one of the fixed events of the year. Beevil'e Picayune,

The ball given in Brownsville in honor of Governor Colquitt, wife and daughter was a brilliant affair and had all the requisites to place it in the eclat class. The grand march was led by the Governor and Mrs. McDavitt, wife of dainty refreshments. The Clarionette got jealous of our popularity and took us home to the regret of many of the beautiful young ladies present.-Rio Grande Clarion.

ties who went in automobiles and on the afternoon train, all wearing McAllen badges. As the parties did not get home until 2 o'clock on Thursday morning, we had been unable to see them before the forms were closed Thursday at noon, so McAllen Monitor.

#### OUR VISIT TO THE FAIR.

Winter Fair Friday and Saturday, as ing a number of drums one for each the guest of the Fair association, and it cable and its target, the speed varying to earry. Most of us, however, ap is needless to say we had a royal good as desired Silhonettes representing in

The winning of the two basketball dance and pronounced it an enjoyable and the tender. The detectives were on Appeals of Kentucky, 160 S. W R., 952.

### SCIENTIFIC FACTS

A wireless weather service on the North and Baltie Seas under German auspices, has been in operation since the first of last July. The radiotelegraphic stations at Borkum, Heligoland, Norddeich, Cuxhaven, Bulk, Swinemune and Danzig are regularly supplied by the Deutsche Seewarte, at Hamburg. with telegraphic information enabling them to advise vessels at sea on request of the current barometic conditions over Europe and the winds likely to prevail over the North Sea and the Western Baltic or the Eastern Baltic, according to which of these regions is specified in

The "Aquitania's" Eng nes .- The new Cunard liner "Aquitania," which is due in this port early in the coming year. will possess the largest turbine engines and they will conta n over 1,000 000 community as to the public schools. As blades varying from 1 1 2 to 20 inches in to the visiting team, they played an able length. The engines will contain high game, a good clean game, and we hope intermediate, and low pressure turb nes, and will be marked by other improveto Brownsville for another round with ments sugested by the extensive experiand "Mauretania."

> for increasing the navy affoat. Rear Ad- 136 P. R., 317. miral Wainwright who is a strong advocate of building four battleships this year, states that, if the government would see fit to do away with the small navy vards and increase the capacity of the larger ones, much of the annual expenditure could be used in other di ev so saved be used to better advantage

Magic Wand .- A curious magic wand has been developed in France. It is work square tube of light wood covered with silk, and the animal is of celluloid and Inside the rod is a small lead weight on turned up, the weight falls gradually R., 509, and draws along a small magnet, also fixed on the cord and just below the the president of the Fair association, surface. When the rod is inclined, the and then went into the usual waitzes, gat thus climbs up to the top, and this

many that we couldn't begin to mention lifeboat of that type used on the "Titan- fer of mail, express and freight all their names, besides the several partie' was wofally out of date. Thirty-ton odating 250 people and handled by powerful electrically operated davits, should passenger steamer of the present day.

Electricalia Operated Moving Tarwe will tell you more about it next week. gets. -Moving targets are used in Germany which are mounted on tracks and electrically worked cables and drums. se as to approach real conditions. In The editor was a visitor to the Mid- the electric plant is a large motor dr'vfantry are drawn along at first slowly. rate till they reach the first irench. stopping and lowering automatically so cified Supreme Court of Washington. as to show only the head. Other manenvers for infantry or cavalry can be carried out, and the electric method allows a good control of operations,

Summoning Police by train wireless -The wireless equipment now used on the Lockawanna trains has proved very serviceable on a number of occasions. Recently when an engine broke down, a new engine was summoned by wireless communication and much time was saved grand ball given in honor of the Gov- communication was employed to summon ernor, but our giddy days are past, but two of the road detectives in order to there were several of the newspaper arrest suspeneted crooks who were hand when the train pulled into Bierest. No doubt wireless commun stim be ween stations and moving trains People ex rel Fitzhenry v. Union Gas will provey useful in a thousand and one & Electric Co. Where a city had gener-

netic rails. The non-magnetic track rails pals brakes, etc. from the vehicles For

#### MUNICIPAL LAWS

OFFICERS-REMOVAL-DEFENSE

Barrett v. Board of Commissioners of Atlantic City.-In proceedings to remove a city comptroller from office for paying of a judgment in violation of a supersedeas stying such payment, it was no defense that he had been advised in this course by the city solicitor. Supreme Court of New Jersey, 88 A. R. 856 INJURIES - EVIDENCE - NOTICE.

Town of Meeker v. Fairfield-In an action gainst a town for personal injuries from a fall on crosswalk, evidence that prior to the accident to plaintiff other persons had slipped and fallen upon the same walk was admissible only on the issue of defendant's notice of the condition of the crosswalk and not to establish negligence on the part of the defendant - Court of Appeals of Colorado. 136 P. R., 471.

SALARIES INCREASE WAIVER

Walsh v. City of New York.-Where the employee of a city accepted his wages for a period of three years, such ac ceptance was a waiver of any right he ever built. They will weigh 1,400 tons, had under the statute to recover the per diem increase for that period.-New York Supreme Court, 144, N. Y. S., S.

DEFECTIVE STREETS-NOTICE Tefer v. City of Wichita,-Where a ence gained by this company with the city grants permission to a third party turbine-driven "Carmania," "Lusitania" to plow or excavate in a street, it is bound to exercise diligence for the protection of the traveling public and to Small navy yards should be abolished know the condition of the street while We are glad to note that the present the work is in progress and after it is Secretary of the Navy has stated that done the same as it would where the will be his policy to reduce expendi work is directly done by its own officers tures ashore and use the money so saved or agents. Supreme Court of Kansas,

#### USE OF VAULT SPACE.

Appleton, et al v. City of New York .-While a municipality may require an abutting owner having the fee in the street to secure from it a license to use vault space beneath the street, it canimpose a rental, though in the form a license tax, upon the abutting owner for such use. New York Supreme Court, 144 N. Y. S., 138.

City of Lancaster v. Pope. In this ed by the act on of a concealed magnet, state the collection of an illegal tax on so that a mouse or other small animal personal property may be enjoined, the appears to run up and down the wand remedy at law being inadequate since in a mysterious way. The wand is a an action to recover taxes lies only where they have been paid under duress of restrain, and the officers could therehas a small piece of fron on the bottom. fore avovid such remedy by bringing an action at law instead of distrainingan endless cord, and when the wand is Court of Appeals of Kentucky, 100 S. W.

#### CHANGE NAME OF TOWN.

North, Reading, Mass. A campaiga two steps, glides slides, punches and can be repeated as often as one may wish to change the name of North Reeding, has been begun by the Board of Trade Lifeboats and Davits. The Internat Postal cards were sent to the voters and, tional Committee sitting in London has if the regionity favor the change, an ar recommended that lifeboats be provided ticle will be drawn for consideration at for all on board. If this recommendation the next town meeting The reasons give be widely accepted, we hope that the en for the change are the prefix "North" future type of lifeboat and davit will be is devicemental to the growth and busi-McAllen day at the Midwinter fair modified to meet modern conditions Both ness interests of the town, that people was one of the big days of that institu- the lifeboat and the handling gear outside the town are of the opinion that tion. There was a big crowd from here should be greatly increased in size, ac North Pending is a part of Reading and who took the morning train, in fact, so comodation and speed of coatrol. The that the name causes delay in the trans-

motor-propelled boats, expable of accom- INJURIES FAILURE TO GIVE NO

Ransom v. City of South Bend.-Reb. constitute the equipment of the large & Bal. Code provides that all claims for damages against any city or town of the second, third or fourth class must be presented to the council and filed with the clerk within 30 days after the claim drawn along the ground by the use of accrned. Held, that such requirement is mandatory and that failure of a person. njured by an obstruction on the streets to file notice of her claim until 73 days after the happening of the accident was not exerged by the fact that she was confined to her bed for several months. and was so incapacitated that she was unable to attend to having the claim filed and presented within the time spe-136, P. R., 365.

NATURE OF DEFECT IN STREET.

City of Oakdale v. Sanders' Ex'x Where a complaint for injuries on a city street alleged that the city had placed stepping stones across the street and had also thrown rock into a mudhole surrounding such stones, and was negligent in allowing the street to remain in dangerous condition, the gist of the action was whether the city was negligent in permitting the street to become and remain in a dangerous condition and not whether the plan of the stepping stone crossing constructed by the city ladies present who participated in the found riding between the baggage cir was manifestly dangerous. Court of

FRANCHISE TO USE STREETS.

al power to grant permission to a public service vorporation to use the streets Nor magnetic rails and true, signal for the distribution of gas and electric ing .- According to our contemporary current and defendant, under its fran-The Engineer, in order to accommodate chise to use the streets, took possession the increasing use of track and signaling thereof and expended large sums in makcircuits on railways with the necessity ing expensive improvements and infor bonding ioints, points and crossings and senarating rail sections to form the desired electric circuits. it is proposed estophed to claim that the franchise was certain precedent conditions with refare made of nickel steel containing about grence to the obtaining of the consent of

when the boys won Saturday, the The town merchant should buy every. The Herald's exchange table this week. The Cleburne Review is welcomed to ectric current used in controlling the This entitles it to be called old, but it shows no signs of senility.

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