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The Herald is authorized to announce C. G. HALLMARK as a candidate for the office of County School Superintendent, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries, July 27, 1912.

HE ANTI-FLY CRUSADE.

he quantity of flies killed in the al Swat-the-Fly contest was small, is true, but perhaps some of those lies, had they lived, might have cost lives. If even one fly has been which carried typhoid or tuberculosis germs on its feet, the result was well worth the price paid. Still, the failure of the children to respond is discouraging. It shows that this means may not be depended upon in Brownsville to rout the dangerous house fly.

Perhaps the failure may prove a benefit in the end, however. Of course, everyone realizes that the logical and truly sanitary way to fight the fly is through cleanliness. Flies breed only in filth. No filth, no flies! Therefore by cleansing every place where the vile insects may find a place in which to lay their eggs and leaving no filth i nwhich the flies may breed, there will be no need of fly swatters. This, of course can be done only through the rigid enforcement of the sanitary regulations.

Perhaps the Civic League might induce the city authorities to enforce these regulations more rigidly. It might be a good idea to offer a prize for the scavenger keeping his part of the city cleanest. The citizens might be induced to co-operate by using the garbage cans required by the ordinance.

But, be all this as it may, the fact remains that the fly swatting contest is over, and the dangerous fly is still with us. It is up to the good people of Brownsville to use their best efforts to exterminate the pest.

If you travel now you must carry your own drinking cup or go thirsty. This is a good thing to remember.

The first thing President Taft will do will be to take a vacation. After that he will take the stump. Then he will take his medicine, like the good old boy he is.

It is announced that the president will investigate the MacVeagh-Andrew row. It is also announced that he will pay no attention to it whatever. We'll have to wait and see.

In the investigation of the "money trust" is to be abandoned it should not have been begun. It suggests the case of that celebrated potentate who marched up the hill and then marched down again.

LaFollette also is not drifting from the ancient moorings of the g. o. p. He my unmoor, however, when he sees an exhibit of Colonel Roosevelt's campaign expenses. The exhibit may be forthcoming at any minute now.

Two young men were crippled for life on July 4, by the blowing out of the lining of an old mortar used fr firing salutes. Which suggests that obsolete firearms and pieces of ordinance of the period of the late civil war are all right as curiosities, but shou'd never be put to any other use.

We quite agree with the Brooklyn Times that June ought to be taken out of politics. We call on our representative in congress to introduce a bill for the conservation of the month of roses, brides and commencement days. It should be felony without benefit of clergy to hold political conventions in that month.

THE RIGHT KIND OF WIFE.

Arguing the question whether a wife is a luxury or a neessity the Galveston News succeeds in producing the deduction that she is either. The News might go farther and prove that the right kind of a wife is a blessing—Brownsville Herald.

We have overlooked the argument referred to in the above, but we can hardly conceive of how our contemporary could come to the conclusion that a wife is not a luxury. If she is good, it is a luxury to be with her. If she is bad it is a luxury to be away from her. In order to define our own position we will agree with the editor of the Herald who by the way is a woman, a wife is a blessing if she is good. —Rio Grande Clarion.

Oh! well! We can see no need of argument. A woman is a luxury, a ncessity, a blessing, all in one. We know whereof we speak. We've got one.—McAllen Monitor.

CURIOUS CONDITION.

The Beeville Bee remarks: "3200 Beevillions did not darken the doors of any church last Sunday. Only about 400 church members out of a total of about 1500 attended church."

This is interesting. However it would be still more interesting to know whether the 400 hundred faithful ones were all "church members", and if not what percentage of them had no church affiliations. It is hard to say which would be the more alarming fact; the fact that fifteen hundred alleged Christians in one small city attended no church service, or the fact that none or very few of these who did go were "unchurched." On the first supposition we may in fer callousness on the part of professed believers; on the other we infer the inability of the churches to attract the non-Christians. Bad showing either way. Wonder what the showing was in Brownsville yesterday.

A call has been formally issued for the convention of the new party. Call signed by Senator Dixon. Nevertheless, as in the case of Mr. Longfellow's ship, We know what master laid its keel, what workmen wrought its ribs of steel—if so be that they are steel—whose anvil rang, whose hammer beat, in what a flame and what a heat were forged the anchors of its hope.

To those who believe in the church of Christ as the teacher of good and the given of inspiration which shall keep men from evil and bring them unto life everlasting, it is encouraging to read the testimony to the power of the church recently uttered by Judge Lewis L. Fawcett, of Brooklyn. Judge Fawcett declares that out of approximately 2,700 cases brought before him during five and one-half years service on the bench, he has not tried a man who was, at the time of the alleged offense; or ever had been, an active member of the church.

Did the rain-makers make it rain in west Texas? Let the facts speak for themselves. There was no rain in west Texas. The rainmakers went to West Texas and administered some medicine to the West Texas atmosphere. After that, in fact before the rainmakers had time to put up their umbrellas, it rained, and the drought was busted in West Texas. If the patient is sick, the doctor comes, administers the remedy, and the patient gets well. Did the doctor cure him? Maybe so. Anyhow we pay the doctor his bill. If we are the right kind of people we pay it joyfully—depending somewhat on who the patient was and how sick he was. Jury finds for the rainmakers.

The election of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin as president of the General Federation of Women's clubs in America was an honor well bestowed. Mrs. Pennybacker's chief distinction perhaps is the work she has done for the cause of education in Texas, though her fame is by no means confined to this state. She has filled the positions of auditor and treasurer of the national federation. She has served as president of the American History Club, and has had a very prominent part in bringing the public schools of this state to their present excellent condition. Her history of Texas, designed for school use, has been an accepted text book in the schools for twenty-four years. It is a most excellent work, not only in its relation of facts, but in its literary form, and in its adaptation to uses of the school room. Altogether the state is rather proud of the recognition won by this most gifted daughter of the south, who is a daughter of the commonwealth by adoption.

GERMANS DISLIKE TITANIC REPORT

Newspapers Say Congress Was Actuated by Desire to Injure Foreign-owned Ships.

Berlin July 8.—The report of the American Senate Comittee of Investigation of the Titanic disaster is strongly criticized in a published statement by Capatain von Keuhlwetter, retired, of the German navy who sees in it a further attempt on the part of the United States to cripple the foreign-owned steamship lines, "always a thorn in the eye of America," and to build up her own lines at their expense. He looks upon it as a preliminary to one-sided legislation aimed to admit the foreign-owned steamers to American harbors law. The German maritime expert is only under conditions and examination dictated by the United States able to agree with only four of the seven main conclusions of the Senate Committee's report—that the captain of the Californian saw the Titanic's distress signals and failed to respond to them; that the lifeboats were not loaded to capacity becaus of the lack of discipline of the Titanic's crew; that partly filled lifeboats failed to return to pick up more victims, and that the provisions for lowering the boats would not have permitted their launching in a heavy sea.

It was not shown says von Keuhlwetter that the Titanic's watertight compartments were not actually watertight, as is alleged in the Senate report, and the proposal to require a double bottom throughout each ship's hull involves a changes in construction which cannot be accepted without deeper consderation. An alarm system, by which each passenger could be instantly notified of danger, would in the German expert's opinion, be pretty sure to cause a panic and is not advisable. The blame ascribed in the Senate report to the Titanic for disregarding warnings of ice by von Keuhlwetter shifted to the steamship emopanies, which have, he reclares established their present courses with full knowledge that they lie inside the danger zone and have thus presented a temptation to all captains to be careless as well.

Captain von Keuhlwett declares that the inquiry in London is "proceeding much more quietly and thoroughly than was the case with the American investigation, so that the decision to be reached there will stand upon a much more firm basis.

The reduction of the Imperial bank's discount rate to 4 1-2 per cent. on June 11, after it had been maintained unchanged at 5 per cent since September 19, 1911, put an end to the longest period for which the bank ever kept up so high a rate without change. Its adherence to the high rate so long is due to the belief of the managers that the banks extend credit to manufacturesers and merchants far too, libeerally, so that the whole business system of the country rests too much upon an artificially expanded basis of credit.

The Imperial bank, with its 500 branches in all parts of the Empire is the "bank of bankers" in every community, hence the burden of excessive credits falls back upon itfinally. Owing to this state of things the President has been for several years carrying on a campaign of reform in banking practice, looking chiefly toward restricting credits to safe limits. Several years ago he induced eight of the leading joint-stock banks of Berlin to publish every two months a balance sheet, so that the business community may be kept fully informed as to the changes going on in the financial movement. Last winter he succeeded in having the banks adopt a much more detailed form for making their returns, and most of the larger banks of the country have now joined in publishing returns, and the Imperial bank issues regularly every two months a compilation of the balance sheets of 86 large banks.

The President has, at various times during the present period of dear money, warned the banks and the business interests of the country to take in sail, and this year his warnings have become more frequent and more earnest than ever. On the day of the rate reduction he plainly told the committee of Berlin's bankers composing the Imperial bank's central committee that the banks would have to continue to restrict credits, as otherwise the lower discount rate would be of but short duration.

The German Government has become interested in a plan adopted in Holland to prevent the destruction of bird life by lighthouses and has recently sent two representatives to examine the system used with much success on the island of Terschelling.

Dr. Hennicks, one of these commissioners, has recently described the system in a lecture before the German Society for the Protection of Bird Life. The Dutch experiment, he says, is based upon the belief that birds are not killed to any great extent, as commonly supposed, by dashing themselves against lighthouses in the darkness, but that they try in vain to find a resting place on their sides, after flying around a long time, dazed and confused by the bright light of the reflectors, and finally drop to the earth from sheer exhaustion and are killed. At Terschelling broad ladders are fastened on the sides of the light house tower, the rungs of which serve as perches for the birds. Near the top the rungs are placed about 4 inches apart, but lower down; the intervals are occasionally considerably wider in places so as to accommodate the larger birds. According to Dr. Hennicke, the destruction of birds has bee ngreatly diminished by this device. It is assumed that the system will be tried on German lighthouses.

Fish Hatcheries.

Austin, Texas, July 7.—The Game, Fish and Oyster Department announces that over forty proposals have been received from diffeernt locations to establish hatcheries but that no definite announcement of selections would be made public until after the coming election. Among the most prominent cities to file applications with the eDpartment are San Angelo and Cuero.

PREPARE FOR MEETING OF SOUTH TEXAS GARDENERS

The annual meeting of the South Lexas Gardeners' Association will take place at the South Texas garden on Monday and Tuesday July 15 and 16.

A very interesting program has been arranged which will appear later in the columns of this paper.

The South Texas Gardener's program will occupy the whole f Monday. In the evening the Chamber of Commerce will provide a smoker in honor of the visitors.

The South Texas Gardeners will continue their meeting of the forenoon of Tuesday, and the afternoon of that day will be devoted to the Rio Grande Horticultural Society. The evening session will be occupied by the Rio Grande Cane Growers' Association.

Several noted agriculturalists will make addresses, and take part in the discussions, amongst whom will be Professor E. C. Green here from expressly for this meeting.

Lindsay Waters of Harlingen, secretary of the Gardeners, was here Saturday attending to preliminary matters in preparation for the meeting.

WANTED—A ma nand wife for position in hotel. Man to act as cook. Colored people preferred. McAllen hotel, MacAllen, Texas. 7-8-2t

A Boy—Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Armstrong are the happy parents of a fine boy, born to them, at their home on Washington street, yesterday at four o'clock.