

YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS CLUB COMES INTO BEING.

Many Youths Sign Pledge to Abstain From Cigarettes and Tobacco in General.

More than 200 youths between the ages of 8 and 21, were present yesterday afternoon in the mass meeting in the First Baptist church and signed the anti-tobacco pledge.

The meeting was in charge of Dr. Dora Martin, the anti-cigarette missionary. Dr. Martin told of her work with the Amarillo schools, of the rare promise for the Young Men's Business club in this city, and the splendid outlook for a higher and grander moral plane among the boys.

W. H. Fuqua, as chairman of the executive committee, outlined the work incident to the appointment of the committee of which he is chairman. It was stated that each of the churches will have a man in the work and that under direction of this committee the boys will be enabled to inaugurate a system of self-government that argues well for the advance of all the faculties of the mind.

Mr. Fuqua called attention to the fact that the boys of today are the men of affairs tomorrow; that the coming man of affairs needs a clear brain with all of his senses alert, in face of the fact that competition will be among men of that character. The boy who blows a large amount of his mentality through his nose and mouth in the form of foul cigarette smoke will scarcely be the one that men will seek to put into the forefront of activity and to manage various industrial and political campaigns.

Later in the meeting Mr. Fuqua said: "I love Texas. I love her history, her boys and her girls. I love her institutions and her laws. I am so much in love with Texas, with Amarillo especially, that I expect to continue to live here, to die here, and, lastly, to be buried here. I am, as a matter of fact, afraid to leave Texas. I am afraid that something good will come and I will not be able to do it. The most of the good things come from Texas, and I am sorry to say some of the bad ones—Klondike complains that Texas is furnishing her with cigarettes."

Rebukes Easterners. Mr. Fuqua told of having been on a train a few days since, attached to which was a magnificent Pullman car carrying a party of millionaire mine owners en route to the southwest to inspect their properties. He recited how when the Texas line had been almost reached, the conductor came through and apologized to his distinguished passengers, telling them that they would not be permitted to drink liquor, nor play cards while in Texas.

Mr. Fuqua then told of the anger engendered by reason of this announcement by the conductor. He stated, incidentally, that he had always made it a rule to stay out of conversations that were not addressed to him, but that finally the epithets of the party were exhausted so far as the state of Texas, her laws and legislatures making them were concerned, and then came a stage in the explosion of wrath directed to the individual citizen. It was recited that anyone who would live in Texas was of a certain impregnable character, and that was sufficient to bring Mr. Fuqua into the conversation.

He told the men that he "lived in Texas, was proud of the fact and was glad that the laws forbidding the playing of cards and the drinking of alcoholic had been passed, and had no apology to offer to say who happened not to like them." Mr. Fuqua stated that "they finally admitted upon mature thought that there was good reason for the passage of the laws."

Others Speak. Messrs. Fryer and Russell, the two members of the committee present aside from Mr. Fuqua, spoke briefly, giving assurances that they will assist with the undertaking, being vitally interested in the proposition.

It was later intimated that in the interest of the immediate activity of the boys, that temporary headquarters may be established while the plans for the permanent home are under consideration. The matter was held by the committeemen to be one of such importance that it cannot be looked upon with lightness. They will lose no time, therefore, in getting the boys to work, inspiring them to hold the inspiration

gathered, and build it upon a firmer foundation of self-reliance and individual effort.

Dr. Nunn gave evidence of the enthusiasm inspired by the presence of the boys, the greatest gathering of them he had ever seen in a church. He gave words of cheer and encouragement, and expressed himself as being desirous of assisting with the movement to establish a permanent home for the combatting of the cigarette evil. Mr. Fuqua reiterated his statement that he would advance the enterprise such aid as it seemed to warrant, after it had been launched. The other committeemen and those outside of the committee expressed themselves as being willing to give help.

Age Divisions. Dr. Martin demonstrated the manner in which the organization of the boys has been effected. They were divided under the age divisions, that is, one or more secretaries for the boys of each age. In this manner the boys had their cards of pledges ready for the collection. The young fellows expressed their enthusiasm in the new work in which they are destined to be such important factors. They had their distinct yells, each according to his classification, showing that Dr. Martin was extremely active during the limited time at her command.

Dr. Martin prayed at the close of the meeting for the success of the movement, and then marched the boys out in an orderly manner. She was very complimentary to Amarillo boys, declaring them to be the best and most manly lot of young fellows that she had ever met.

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Nunn and Mr. Fuqua an offering was taken to defray the expenses of Dr. Martin. This was done by the boys, four of them passing through the collection.

This forenoon Dr. Martin left for Dalhart, where she will conduct a short campaign something after the order of the one in Amarillo. She will not give very much time to Dalhart during this visit as she has an engagement in Perry, Okla., covering at least a portion of the holidays.

It is presumed that the executive and finance committee will have a meeting this week looking to the perfection of arrangements for securing the temporary quarters for the boys.

PILES CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD.

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, Notre Dame, Ind.

SOCIETY.

The party given in honor of Miss Cowan by Misses Sheets and Boulware at 901 Tyler street, proved a great success under the chaperonage of Mrs. John S. Harper. Miss Cowan leaves today for the winter for a point near El Paso, and the event was one well calculated to show forth the esteem in which she is held by hostesses and their guests. Games of "42," whist and euchre were enjoyed. Miss Root presided at the punch bowl. During the evening the guests were regaled with hot chocolate, fruit cake and fruits.

Following is a list of those in attendance: Meses, John S. Harper, Maud Coffey, Misses Lucretia Cowan, Katie Root, Edna Gillespie, Cecil Gillespie, Evelyn Horsburgh, Clara Bruce Smelser, Mary Smelser, Margaret Boulware, M. A. Sheets; Messrs. J. P. Fogarty, Berger, Noel Cowan, Elgin Boulware, Leo Kenyon, Charles Skillman, Paul Skillman.

Captain Will A. Miller joined by his sons, Will A. Miller, Jr., and Stuart Miller, formed a complimentary theater party Saturday afternoon from the ranks of the United Confederate veterans. The aged wearers of the grey were most interested auditors. At many turns in the production of "The Clansman" the former fighters in behalf of the South gave lively approval. The Grand opera house has never held a more thoroughly appreciative theater party than that organized by Captain Miller and his sons.

read with pleasure the books of Thomas Dixon, Jr., and the interpretation of the works on the stage was extremely gratifying to them. They expressed their thanks to the entertainers of the party in no uncertain terms.

Dr. and Mrs. William Snelsen left yesterday afternoon for their home at Meseno, Iowa, after a visit of several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. P. E. Boesen at 1409 Harrison street. Dr. Snelsen has visited in Amarillo before, but this is the first visit for his wife. They are both highly pleased with the Panhandle and particularly so with Amarillo.

The greater part of the visit of Dr. Snelsen was spent in hunting. He visited a number of the localities in which game abounds near the city and his expeditions proved successful. He came to the Southwest for a rest, and expressed himself frequently as enjoying the outing.

To friends here Dr. Snelsen stated his belief that Amarillo will make a city of great importance. He is a man who is well versed not only in the science of medicine but one who has kept a keen eye upon the development of the United States as a whole, and his opinion is one of worth.

C. B. Willingham, formerly of this city, but now of El Paso, is visiting in Amarillo. Mr. Willingham has many friends in Amarillo and will remain here until after Christmas.

Charles A. Fisk, Jr., cashier of the Amarillo Bank & Trust Co., left yesterday for Sherman to spend the holidays. Mrs. Fisk has been in Sherman as the guest of her parents, Captain and Mrs. C. A. Andrews, for the last month, and will likely return with her husband.

Miss Wyatt of the Amarillo public schools left yesterday for Henrietta where she will visit with relatives and friends until after the holidays.

Mrs. Dollie B. Green has returned from Tennessee to Amarillo after an absence of almost two months. She went to Tennessee for the benefit of her mother's health and states that the parent was greatly improved.

Mrs. R. G. Aten has returned to her home in this city after a visit of several weeks, with her mother, Mrs. W. J. West, in North Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards left Sunday for a visit with their relatives at Memphis, Tenn. They will return through Arkansas stopping off in some of the cities of that state.

Many holiday shoppers are in Amarillo from other cities and towns. Miss Haney of Canyon City was prominent among the number Saturday. She was the guest of friends while in the city.

Ford Brandenburg of the First National bank, has gone to Brownwood. He will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at the point named, returning to Amarillo about the first of the year.

THE SHAME OF TEXAS.

In a paper read before the South Texas Medical association, Dr. J. Mark O. Ferrell, of Richmond, calls attention to the inadequate provision for the care of the insane in Texas.

In part Dr. O. Farrell's paper reads as follows: Our alienists every year, in statistical reports, show us indisputable evidence of the alarming increase of our insane population.

These reports show not only the normal increase due to a growing population, but year by year with never a halt, the per centage of the insane has gone higher and higher until their care has become of gravest importance.

That asylum room is not now sufficient for their accommodation is known to every county judge in Texas; that it has never, with the exception of a few brief periods, been adequate, has been told to every legislature for years in the biennial reports of asylum superintendents.

Whenever a little additional room is doled out to an institution by a grudging legislature a rush of applications go forward and ere another spasm of generous dealing overtakes our wise solons the jails are again crowded with these unfortunates.

Now as to results: Today there are in jail and on poor farms of the state several hundred insane people. This unassumed insane, while, of

course, varying as to identity and numbers, is practically constant. A few of those convicted are committed to an asylum within a reasonable time, depending altogether upon the luck of the individual in losing his sanity during a generous fit of the state and a consequent spurt in the asylum room. Some stay in jail a year or two, and a great many die before provision is ever made for their proper care. In answer to inquiry by me, one of the asylum superintendents wrote that he had admitted to his institution patients who had been confined in jail for ten years.

What per cent of these people do you suppose pass from the acute to the chronic and incurable forms of insanity through this improper environment and lack of skilled attention? It is well known that treatment to avail in curable cases, must not only be of intelligent direction, systematic, constant and under suitable conditions, but must be begun early. The insane of our jails are almost never given any attention other than that received by their fellow prisoners. They eat the same food, are locked in the same cells; receive the same cursings if the guard happens to be brutally inclined, and get the same consideration in all things as do their companions in misery.

With them are prisoners charged with various offenses against our laws, some guilty of disgusting criminal practices, many of the lowest human type, filthy as to personal habits; these are the constant associates of the jail insane. Sometimes male and female, the criminal and the crazy all bunk together.

This is not a pretty picture, nor is it pleasant to exhibit it, but if you think it overpainted, make your own investigation and you will find that the average Texas jail, while often beautiful in architectural exterior, would put to shame the so-called "Mexican dungeons" so aptly expressed to our mind the kind of prison we would expect in a semi-civilized country, but that we have "dungeons" at home could not for a moment be acknowledged. There are of course exceptions, but in general.

In place of soap and water the idea seems to prevail that one stink deserves another, so that the average commissioners' court provides easy money for the agent with the patent disinfectant. His staff usually costs a few dimes a barrel to make and nets him as many dollars, but what's the odd when it is guaranteed and kills the smell.

This is not all you will find. Under the law the sheriff of the county feeds his prisoners at so much per head, the contract varying somewhat, but the amount paid is barely sufficient to purchase and have prepared the plainest food, especially at the present high prices, but he is allowed as profit every dollar he can squeeze out of the margin between the cost of the food and the maintenance of his prisoners.

There are very few who do not make this margin profit him, even if it sometimes is at the expense of human stomachs.

As physicians to several hundred state convicts I have the medical care of numbers of those received direct from jail after conviction. Admittedly, long confinement will so soften a prisoner that he is unable to do hard work when first put out, but I have seen numbers of these newly received convicts weak for the lack of food, and it is well understood by the sergeants in charge that new men have to be watched to prevent their overeating, the state, by the way, providing an abundance of wholesome food for them.

This is the treatment accorded our mentally sick by the great state of Texas, and it is a shame that I hope soon to see wiped out.

As a matter of present day expediency, it may be that the confinement of our insane in the jails together with the criminal classes, instead of in suitable retreats for their detention and treatment, is the very best we can do; but it is repugnant to modern civilization that disease should be classed with crime, and it is the duty of our profession to lend aid in so educating the public that justice shall finally be done.

MRS. DIBRELL MAKES CALL TO ALL WOMEN. Should Buy the Red Cross Xmas Seals and Further a Good Cause.

The following request from Mrs. J. D. Dibrell of Seguin, president of the Texas Federation of Woman's clubs, is self-explanatory: To the Club Presidents: The eleventh annual convention recently adjourned at San Angelo passed a

THE RAILROAD WORLD.

The sum of \$3,000 was contributed from various sources during the month of November for the support of railroad men's home at Highland Park, Ill. The Panhandle railroad editor while grateful enough to appreciate and approve the spirit prompting these contributions, does not coincide with this method of supporting old and disabled comrades, who through misfortune and other causes has not been able to lay aside a small competency for old age. Some of the best men of our country are engaged in the hazardous occupation of railroad work and devote their lives to this important work. How many are there in any branch of skilled labor who are unable to provide for old age. Many thousands. Our government and our states provide for their old soldiers by giving them homes. Many railroad companies are providing pension systems which are excellent methods of taking care of aged employees. But some of their restrictions are so severe that all can not profit from the efforts of the system. We think the best method for handling this question, which is one of importance and a growing one is as follows. Let the four great orders, the B. of L. E., the B. of L. E. and P., the O. R. C. and the B. of R. T., each contribute an equal amount, \$50,000 or such an amount as necessary, and build and equip satisfactory quarters at some designated point and build it in such a style and manner as befitting to the thousands of men represented. After this home is built let it be maintained by these organizations dividing the expense pro rata among them with reference to the numbers belonging to each order. This would prove an easy plan and one that is entirely feasible and should meet with the approbation and encouragement of every man in all the four orders. This would provide a place for those who needed the benefits of such an institution and there are many, would put the expense where it belonged instead of having a home maintained by contributions. Further, any man who had been a member of any of these orders a number of years and still in good standing and should meet with bad luck, he would not feel so many qualms of conscience at going to a home supported by his brothers and which he had helped build and support as he would in going to a place supported by contributions. This is a subject that is worthy of consideration and discussion and we hope to hear further from this matter through other papers and the Panhandle railroad man would be glad to receive and publish any communication relative to this matter. Hope some good brother will start the matter rolling so it will get before the grand lodge as fast as the annual meetings take place.

Brakeman W. D. Sims is laying off for thirty days and has gone to St. Louis accompanied by his family.

George W. North, brakeman is laying off for thirty days.

Conductor W. O. Armitage is on a ninety day vacation.

M. J. Cain, formerly a member of the Order (division 421, Amarillo, Texas), was killed at Gouldsboro, La., November 19. No one seems to

know anything about his relations, or to whom to give his personal property. Anyone knowing any of Mr. Cain's relatives kindly communication with Brother M. A. Smith, 119 Daute street, New Orleans, La. Carpenters are remodeling the upstairs of the general office building to a slight extent, so as to use the offices recently vacated.

Conductor W. H. Ryan has gone to work after a forty-five day lay off. He has taken 37 and 38 between Canyon and Clovis, bumping W. S. Placey who goes on 201-202 between Amarillo and Carlsbad, relieving J. F. Carder, who will take 527-528 temporarily.

One brother, who has retired from railroad work, writes from Melrose, N. M. Gentlemen: Owing to a change of occupation, my address, in the future, will be as above. I am now engaged in checking up the number of furrows turned over in a day's run, and instead of punching tickets, I am punching holes in the ground to put fence posts in, and the wires stretched thereon will not be burdened with any inquiries as to the cause of delay, or with an order giving me an hour and thirty minutes "lay out" six miles from home.

Yours truly, E. G. RONCENBERGER.

ROUND ABOUT THE CITY.

Miss Overhuls Arrives—Miss Fannie Overhuls has returned from her studies at the Denton Normal school to spend the holidays with the family of her brother, A. M. Lewis, at 1701 Tyler street. The young lady will be here about two weeks. Miss Overhuls graduated in the Amarillo High School last year, taking the highest honors.

Court Adjourns—Judge Browning adjourned district court in this city Saturday evening. The court was convened at Farwell today and after a week at the point named will go to Clarendon and thence to Claude.

En Route to El Paso—Mrs. Fitzgerald of Shawnee arrived in the city yesterday en route to El Paso, where she will visit during the winter. While in Amarillo she was the guest of Mrs. Katie Zook.

Installation Ceremonies—The local camp W. O. W. will enjoy one of the most pleasing events in its history the night of January 5 in the form of a public installation. The program is being arranged. There will be a splendid offering of seasonal music and other numbers in keeping with the general elegance of the occasion.

Infant Buried—The infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Herbst at 702 East Seventh street was buried yesterday afternoon.

Visits Fort Worth—A. P. Mitchell left yesterday for Fort Worth. Mr. Mitchell will not return to Amarillo until after the holidays.

Here from Boise—C. W. Small has arrived in the city from Boise, Idaho. He will spend the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. W. L. Ponder and Miss Small.

Interesting Meeting—W. B. Plemmons camp United Confederate Veterans held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at the courthouse.

Announce Session—Amarillo Elks announce a meeting for this evening at the hall in the Grand opera house building.

Taxes Slow—The payment of taxes is reported as being a little slow at the sheriff's office. The payment has not been so early this year as it was last, but a heavy influx is expected next month.

Patient Improves—Max Zwirn, who has been ill for the last week, was removed to the sanitarium yesterday. The attendant physician states that he is somewhat improved.

Amarillo Realty Market—A. Eberstadt is authority for the statement that the business outlook from the standpoint of the real estate man is all that could be desired. He states that the new houses just finished for him have all been sold and are occupied by owners. The further information is given out by the gentleman that he is now preparing for the contracting of four other buildings. From others interested in the real estate business it is learned

ed that a liberal building move is expected immediately after the first of the year. The tendency in all lines of business, it is stated, is for the better.

THE CORRECT TIME

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by L. O. Thompson & Co.

CONGRESSMAN COOPER DENIES.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Congressman Cooper of Texas today said Roosevelt had not a position to offer him; that he has not seen the president since congress opened.

JUMP FROM WINDOW THROUGH RAGING FIRE

Special to Daily Panhandle. Dallas, Dec. 21.—Fire early this morning destroyed three homes and their contents on Haskell avenue. The loss was \$12,000. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. May's narrowly escaped death, being forced to jump from a window to save their lives. They were scorched and badly bruised.

KENTUCKY JURY FAILS TO CONVICT BANKER

OUT SINCE FRIDAY IN JAMES PARRISH CASE, BUT DO NOT AGREE.

Hausville, Ky., Dec. 21.—After having been out since last Friday the jury in the case against James H. Parrish, the Owensboro, Kentucky, banker charged with receiving a deposit when his bank, Owensboro Savings Bank & Trust Co., was insolvent, today reports that it could not agree and was discharged.

The alleged liability of about \$1,000,000 is involved in a receivership bank disaster which last April affected Western Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Cincinnati correspondent and depositors. It was the largest failure in the history of Kentucky.

The specific charge was that of H. T. Martin, who asserted that Parrish, who with two brothers was in charge of the Owensboro Savings Bank affairs, received a deposit of \$130 a few days before the bank failed.

REINCARNATION.

Where was it, dear, that we met before, For surely we met in an ancient time? Perhaps 'twas a thousand years or more, In some far-off star or alien clime.

Was I a rower in Cleopatra's barge, And you the maiden who held her fan, Or were you a lady at Nero's court, And I a slave at your bidding hand?

Perhaps 'twas later—in Louis' time, We met at Versailles, 'neath the sunny skies, Where Montespan's sight and Maintenon's wiles, Were naught to the light of your soft, sweet eyes.

It might have been in the forest's shade, I paused and landed my bark canoe, And you were a dark-eyed Indian maid, And I was your Hiawatha true.

What matter? We met and life was sweet; We loved and parted and died, Who shall say? And I've come back to earth just to find you, my sweet, To love you again in this new-fashioned way.

Today as we pass on the busy street, Do you remember the time we met? And are you guessing where we shall meet, When we shall die and the world forget?

—Margaret Hobson.

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