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A Pair of Josephs.

Ex-senator Joseph Burton and Senator Joseph Bailey have had their homecomings celebrated about the same time. Burton comes home from jail and Bailey from his white-wash bath. Burton was met at Kansas City by an escort of his townsmen who accompanied him home and at the station he was met by the whole populace with carriages and a band. On the lapels of many coats was a badge with "Welcome Back" inscribed. Bailey had doubtless somewhat more of poise, fuss and feathers, but the program was along the same lines. Both of the Josephs are at home again. If Joseph Burton had been tried by a legislature under his domination, things might have gone differently with him. Talking with a Bailey man recently he wound up by saying: "Oh, it don't make any difference what he's done. Send him back to the Senate. They are all alike there." Alas, my countrymen, there are many "alike," but there are a few who have not defiled the senatorial robe. Texas has Culberson.

The Goliad Guard says the "Bailey ache" is about over. The griping was never very severe in these parts. A few of our most ardent opponents to Bailey men, but they are men, broad between the eyes and do no bull-dozing. The Weimar Mercury reports the loss of one subscriber because he differed from the paper on the Bailey question. The Bailey men in this part of the country are of larger calibre. Some one said "We ought to build a monument to Cooke." "Yes," said one of our friends (a Bailey man evidently and one of our best citizens). "I'll give \$15.00 to the monument for Cooke if you'll put him under it." He it said to the honor of Eagle Lake, no one has been able to stir up Bailey strife in this community. This paper is open to any Bailey man for the publication of his views. Pro or anti, republican or democrat is welcome to the columns of the HEADLIGHT. This paper wears no brass collar. It belongs to the people of Colorado county, and of Eagle Lake especially.

The "thirtieth" took a jaunt to Fort Worth to see the Fat Stock show and then many went on to Gainesville to see the show over there. Meanwhile they were paid every day by the tax payers of Texas. A motion to dock their pay was, of course, defeated. Mr. Kindred voted for this motion. We receive the House Journal daily and never fail to look for the Kindred vote and the vote never fails to be just where an honest, conscientious man would put it. Those members who squander public funds on their junketing should be remembered.

Growing Rice.

The following article concerning the Eagle Lake rice industry is copied from the Shelby (Missouri) Democrat, whose editor, Mr. W. O. L. Jewett, was a visitor in Eagle Lake a few weeks since and who purchased 410 acres of land near town from Real Estate Agent J. R. Westmoreland.

The center of the rice culture west of Houston seems to be about Eagle Lake, Texas. There are two levees at that city which extend about four miles on each side. A sack of rice from the thresher weighs 160 pounds, and this when cleaned and polished makes from 100 to 105 pounds of finished grain. The farmers raised about equally Honduras and Japan rice. The spring, a small field at a time, and a dirt wall is raised around each field to hold the water from 2 to 5 inches in depth. The first one when prepared is planted generally with a drill. Then another is prepared and planted and so on. The first planting has commenced, and seeding will continue until the middle of May or even later. The plant comes up like wheat and when a few inches high the water is turned on and it is let onto the next field at the proper time, from the first; and so on to the end. When the grain begins to mature the water is drained off, and the land is allowed to dry before harvest. It grows more densely than wheat or oats and often taller than wheat. It is harvested and threshed like wheat, then sold to the mills to be hulled and polished before it is placed on the market for consumption.

Near Eagle Lake 4,000 acres are irrigated from a canal drawn from the Colorado river of Texas. The water for the other plantations is secured from wells, and pumped up as needed. The land must be pretty level for successful rice culture, and this is the character of most of that in the vicinity of the above named city. Sugar cane and cotton are also raised there.

But the people in that vicinity are enthusiastic about rice, and no wonder when one sees the profits. We give below some figures about the production as furnished us at Eagle Lake.

The Eagle Lake Irrigation company had 700 acres in cultivation and received \$30,000. Geo. McLean from 450 acres sold \$30,000 worth. T. W. Martin (a man 78 years old) did all the work but harvesting 110 acres and received \$5,000 for his crop. James Ervitt raised 145 acres and received \$6,000 for the yield. Quinto Batono had but 45 acres and received \$2,350. C. M. Jennings had 120 acres and got \$6,999 from it. C. L. Capp cultivated 80 acres and it brought him \$8,500. And so with many more persons whose names we could give. It will be seen the value of the crop runs from over \$40 to over \$60 per acre, and the expense of production is light. A cashier told this writer that he had in 400 acres last year and after paying rent and expense cleared \$30 per acre, and he proposed to put in 600 acres this year. Most of the men raising rice in that part of Texas are from the north; Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and other states in this section.

The above is a fine showing for the rice planters and the sugar raisers seem to be doing well also. No wonder that part of Texas is on a boom and that everybody seems prosperous. The rainfall about Eagle Lake averages 42 inches each twelve months.

Knew Cocke's Family.

Judge L. B. Russell of Colorado County was raised with the father and uncles of Representative Wm. A. Cocke of San Antonio, who has made such a record in prosecuting the case against Senator Bailey as to warrant us in saying that he is one of the most prominent and courageous young men in the State. Mr. Russell says Cocke came from a good family, and one which has made its impress upon the State and nation, and always stood for honesty and right doing, and always had the courage to stand up for his beliefs.

Cocke's grand mother was a lineal descendant of the great John Williams, who was burned as a martyr in England in the fifteenth century. Representative Cocke's father was a prominent Methodist preacher in the '30s and '40s in southwest Texas, and his grandfather, Col. F. B. S. Cocke, was a member of the legislature in 1861, having defeated Mr. Russell's father for the position. Col. Cocke did not stand for re-election in 1863, and Mr. Russell's father was elected to succeed him. Mr. Russell in stating the above facts to us, took occasion to say: "I know the family well, and can say they were one of the best families in the State, and highly refined and educated, intensely religious, brave and courageous in holding up the right."

Representative Cocke is 33 years of age, and was born in Nueces county, near Corpus Christi, and was raised on a sheep ranch. He farmed and taught school for a while, then he studied law, taking a course in the law department of the State University. He lives in San Antonio, and this is the first office he has ever held. He is very religious, does not drink, use tobacco nor gamble. He is a very model young man, and it is very probable that the post word volume on his book shelf is a copy of the Bible.

He deserves the praise of every honest man in the State for the courageous and manly course he has pursued in the Bailey investigation. — Pioneer Express.

The Father of Alfalfa.

A greater than all the military heroes lies dead in Kansas. His obituary was a five-line dispatch, his funeral purely local, his name unheralded to the world. Few of our readers ever heard of him; none in fifty thousand knew his name, yet Harrison Parkman did more to add to the farm wealth of this country, did more for all our farmers, than any man of the present generation. If it be true, as Dean Swift alleged, that he who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is a public benefactor, what could be a proper measure of the benefaction conferred by the man who made the Western desert, once as bare as a man's mind, bloom with verdure. Harrison Parkman was the Father of Alfalfa. He it was who first brought the plant from Southern America and planted it in the United States. Thus, in a most modest way, he conferred an inestimable benefit, a boon which was of greatest moment to every man, woman and child in this country called America. Millions now and more millions would rise up and call his name blessed, if they knew it. But alas! The Father of Alfalfa lies dead in the State he so greatly benefitted, buried in an obscure grave, unknown and uncared for by American farmers.

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A great many Americans, both men and women, are thin, pale and puny, with poor circulation, because they have ill-regulated stomachs. They eat too much, or too much eating, by consuming alcoholic beverages, or by too close confinement to home office or factory, and in consequence the stomach must be treated in a natural way before they can rectify their condition. The muscles of many such people in fact in every weary, thin and thin-skinned person, do their work with great difficulty. As a result fatigue comes early, is extreme and lasts long. The demand for nutritive aid is ahead of the supply. To insure perfect health every tissue, bone, nerve and muscle should take from the blood certain materials and return to it certain others. It is necessary to prepare the stomach for the work of taking up from the food what is necessary to make good, rich red blood. We must go to Nature for the remedy. There were certain roots known to the Indians of this country before the advent of the whites which later came to the knowledge of the settlers and which are now giving rapidly in professional favor for the cure of obstinate stomach and liver troubles. These are found to be safe and get correct results in the stomach, liver and blood. They are: **Golden Seal, Black Cherry, Root, and Black Cherry Bark.** The medicinal qualities residing in these native roots have been extracted with glycerine as a solvent, making the most reliable and efficient stomach tonic ever investigated, when combined in just the right proportions, as in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Where there is a bankrupt vitality, the tissues feel the favorable effect of this sovereign remedy. Although some physicians have been aware of the high medicinal value of the above mentioned plants, yet few have used pure glycerine as a solvent and usually the doctors' prescriptions called for the ingredients in varying amounts, with alcohol.

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William Jennings Bryan.

William J. Bryan at the closing conference in connection with the industrial exhibit expressed the opinion that trade unions have done more good for society than any other force in this country. Although he disclaimed any "scientific" knowledge of the question, Mr. Bryan's remarks were received with much satisfaction by the audience of union men from the federation of labor which attended the meeting.

"The unions have made some mistakes, but they have accomplished more good," was the keynote of his speech. He paid a tribute especially to the organization of women in this connection.

"When we consider that through the millions wages have been increased, hours shortened and contentment attended the working men in greater measure," he said, "I think we have a right to say the benefits resulting from these unions cannot be overestimated. Perhaps no other force in the country ever has been so effective for improvement in the citizenship and general moral qualities of our people."

"The Australian ballot system, for one thing, is largely due to this country to the agitation of trade unions. I almost feel safe in saying that had it not been for the international connection in these reforms we might still be employing the old system of voting."

"If the labor union has never done anything else than raise the age limit of employment for children in the mines and factories of this Nation I believe that accomplishment alone would justify its existence. No influence in this country has ever been so evil in its effects as the tendency to crowd our workshops with children of tender years. It is almost destructive and public conscience should protest against it."

Referring to women in industry, Mr. Bryan said he believed women might accomplish as much as men through organization into unions.

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Colonel R. E. Cowart.

Colonel R. E. Cowart, who has just returned from Washington, and who knows the junior senator's record on this fight, as probably no other Dallas citizen, said: "I am not surprised at the attack Senator Bailey has made on Trinity river. I believe that he has been suffering for the past three months from what the experts in the Thaw case call 'brain storms.' I do not believe he is responsible for his utterances. Any skilled criminal lawyer can take the speech made by Senator Bailey before the Texas legislature and at Fort Worth yesterday and conclusively establish his irresponsibility for any utterances he may make. Senator Bailey has been understood to favor the improvement of Trinity river. I have had frequent conversations with him in regard to it and never at any time did he say anything against it. On the contrary he always expressed himself as heartily in favor of it. I am amazed at this attack. Senator Bailey, has thousands of friends in the city of Dallas who have always loyally supported him. They have contributed their time and their money to advance his interests and I think they will agree with me that this attack of Senator Bailey on the improvement of Trinity river is inexplicable on any other grounds than that he is unbalanced in his mind and irresponsible for his utterances. It has not been five months since Senator Bailey to Representative Jack Beall of this district pledged his loyal support to the improvement of Trinity river." — Houston Chronicle.

A Trouble Maker.

Gossip is a humming bird with eagle wings and a voice like a fog horn. It can be heard from Dan Beersheba and has caused more trouble than all the bedbugs, ticks, fleas, mosquitoes, cayotes, grasshoppers, Johnson grass, jack rabbits, cinch bugs, rattle snakes, sharks, sore toes, cyclones, earthquakes, blizzards, smallpox, yellow fever, gout and indigestion that all this great United States has known or will know when the universe shuts up and begins the final invoice. In other words, it has got war and hell both backed up in the corner and yelling for ice water.

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