

The Headlight.

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WE do not notice any news items chronicling the infliction of a fine and jail sentence on the "high-toned" pistol-toters of the State. Have they broken away from the habit, do you suppose? Exchange.

WE would call the attention of some of our citizens to the careless throwing of paper and trash upon our streets. Such practice is thoughtless, we feel sure, but is nevertheless unnecessary and undesirable, and we hope the habit may be discontinued.

THAT plank in the platform which was designed to save the people the enormous expense of courts by simplifying the judicial procedure of the State is one platform demand which was ignored. Not only was it ignored, but the courts and enormous expenses were both materially increased. Galveston News.

UNDER the automatic tax law, one of the evidences of the disposition to depart from all precedents, concentrate the power over the people in Austin, and vest the tax gathering power in the hands of individuals which the people have never vested with any such powers, and whom, perhaps, they will never vest with such powers, a commission will say by machinery just how much taxes shall be collected. As this commission has such extraordinary prerogative already, it might as well run the whole business. Indeed, if the people will submit to the creation of so extraordinary a tax assessing body, and actually permit State authorities to license their county officers at so much per head, they would agree that it should go further and pay out the money as it sees fit, and this would enable it to fix salaries. It may be said that the constitution prescribes the manner in which the taxes shall be assessed and by whom. In other words, the constitution leaves the matter of selecting tax assessors and collectors directly with the people. It specially provides that tax collectors shall be elected in each county. Why should this be done if the legislature is to create at will master assessors or overlords at the State capital to travel over the State and dictate to the county officials what they must swear to in the way of valuations? State Press predicts that some of the centralization attempted by the thirtieth legislature will be found unconstitutional, and that the people will wipe out the rest of it two years hence. Galveston News.

Mrs. S. Joyce, 180 Sullivan St., Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years' standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Eagle Lake Drug Co.

From Other Papers.

Wharton Spectator: Mrs. F. A. Newsum has recovered from five weeks illness.

Harry Johnson, chief engineer of the Eagle Lake Rice and Irrigation Co., was in the city Wednesday on business.

San Antonio Express: Mr. and Mrs. Middlebrook will occupy Mrs. Conrad Schasse's home during the latter's stay in Europe.

Houston Chronicle: Miss Ida Mae Ernst of Eagle Lake, who was the guest of Miss Mary Louise Robinson, returned home yesterday.

Sealy News: Messrs. F. G. and Oliver Martin, of Eagle Lake, brothers of Postmaster A. J. Martin of McDowell, were in the city Saturday on live stock deals with the local stockmen.

Hallettsville New Era: Mrs. Will Thigpen and Miss Lila Copeland, of near town, went to Eagle Lake Tuesday, to attend the bedside of Mrs. Pat Wyle, a sister of Mr. Thigpen, who is quite sick with typhoid fever.

Flotation Argus: Miss Annie Baar, the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baar, of Weimar, was a guest of friends here a few hours last Saturday. Miss Annie has been teaching at West Point for quite a while and is universally loved and liked by all acquaintances. Herschool has closed for the season and she is now at home taking a deserved vacation rest.

Weimar Mercury: News was received here Wednesday morning that Prof. Chas. K. Quin, principal of the Columbus school, had received the appointment of county school superintendent of Colorado county. This is a merited appointment, and we feel assured it will give perfect satisfaction throughout the county. Professor Charley is an ex-Weimarite, a young man who has achieved fame and fortune by no other efforts than his own, a gentleman to the core and one of the most successful teachers this county has ever possessed. His many friends here rejoice with the Mercury in his good fortune.

Hallettsville Herald: The Herald learns that Ben Brothers, formerly in the stock raising business in Lavaca county, and Otto von Rosenberg, are interested in a colonization and land investment deal in Cottle county. This county is in the Panhandle, their holdings being near Paducah, while the nearest railroad point is Quanah on the Fort Worth and Denver City Ry. They have only 2500 acres at present, but have demands for 8000 acres, and are thereby increasing their possessions as rapidly as possible. Ben Brothers, who has been in Colorado county the past two years, left about three months ago and made an investigation tour all through the northern and western part of the State, and Oklahoma and Indian Territory, finally settling upon Cottle county as the most favorable point for operations, as that section is being rapidly settled. Messrs. Brothers and Rosenberg have an opportunity of making money and they are going to improve it if they can.

San Antonio Light: J. C. Reister, of Eagle Lake, has been appointed traveling freight agent of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railway, with headquarters in this city, succeeding to the position vacated by the recent promotion

of A. E. Weymouth to the commercial agency at Waco. Mr. Reister has been with the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway company since September, 1898, when he began his career as telegraph operator at Eagle Lake. In 1900 he was appointed station agent at Rock Island, and was later made traveling relief agent. In 1903 he was appointed agent at Eagle Lake, one of the most difficult stations on the line. He held that position to the full satisfaction of the company until his present promotion. His genial disposition and wide experience eminently fitted him for the position to which he has been promoted. It is generally conceded that it was earned by his faithful service backed by sterling qualities. Mr. Reister has not only been an active railroad man during the last few years, but has shown his public spirit during his sojourn at Eagle Lake by having served that town as alderman from 1904 to 1906, since which time he has enjoyed the honor of being mayor. He has also been an enthusiastic lover of music, as is evinced by the fact that he has for four years been the leader of the Eagle Lake brass band, which he brought to San Antonio to take part in the recent Battle of Flowers.

Effective Next Year.
Our commissioners' court will not undertake to make the full rendition on property values effective this year because it does not carry the emergency clause and therefore it is not operative till along in August when all our tax rolls will be complete and ready for collection and for the further reason that without having the chance this year to reduce the tax rate it would put a great deal of money (estimated at about \$125,000) in the county treasury for which we have no use. Next year the tax rate will be so reduced or adjusted as to collect practically no more taxes than under the old law even with higher values. Cuero Star.

Eagle Lake HEADLIGHT: The rice farmers in the Nottawa country are going to do away with the sacking of the rice this year. They are building granaries in which they expect to store their rice instead of sacking it. They estimate that their saving in money which would naturally be expended for sacks will almost pay the cost of building the granaries in one year's time.

No doubt these farmers are on the right track. All well regulated farms should have their granaries and other improvements. The rice producers, like the cotton growers, should have some place to store their rice until the market prices induce them to sell. The speculators, bucket shops and boards of exchange have controlled prices long enough. It is now time to change the rule and let the farmer say what he will take for his own commodities. Galveston News.

Senator Culberson has sense and lots of it. He headed off the Bailey scheme in the Legislature looking to the indorsement of Culberson for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. This is a strictly Bates case, as the state convention endorsed Bryan, against Bailey's wishes. Democrats may as well understand that Bailey is now and always has been opposed to Bryan, and will do all in his power to defeat him. The move to endorse Culberson has had the most earnest support of the Post and of the leaders in all pro-Bailey measures. Cuero Star.

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Verdict for Dr. Pierce

AGAINST THE

Ladies' Home Journal.

Setting truth after a while, the seven-league truth is getting its boots on, and no doubt hundreds of thousands of good people read the unwarranted and malicious attack upon Dr. R. V. Pierce and his "Favorite Prescription" published in the May 1904 number of the Ladies' Home Journal, with its great black display headings, who never saw the humble, groveling, retraction, with its inconspicuous heading, published two months later.

Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" for the cure of woman's weaknesses and ailments, contained alcohol and other harmful ingredients. Dr. Pierce promptly thought suit against the publishers of the Ladies' Home Journal, for \$500,000 damages.

Dr. Pierce alleged that Mr. R. V. Pierce, the editor, had published a malicious statement, such as false and defamatory matter with the intent of injuring his business, furthermore, that no alcohol, or other harmful ingredients, were contained in his "Favorite Prescription"; that said medicine is made from native medicinal roots and contains no harmful ingredients whatsoever; that Mr. R. V. Pierce's malicious statement was wholly and absolutely false.

The retraction published by said Journal, that said article was a malicious statement, was also proven in the trial of the action in the Supreme Court. But the business of Dr. Pierce was greatly injured by the publication of the malicious article with its great display headings, while hundreds of thousands who read the wickedly defamatory article never saw the humble groveling retraction, set in small type and made as inconspicuous as possible. The matter was, however, brought before a jury in the Supreme Court of New York State which rendered a verdict in the Doctor's favor. Thus his readers could be grieved and the law standers were edified.

He Was Cautious.

"My boy," said the editor of the Billsville Bugle to the new reporter, "you lack caution. You must learn not to state things as facts until they are proved facts—otherwise you are very apt to get us into libel suits. Do not say, 'the cashier stole the funds,' say 'the cashier who is alleged to have stolen the funds.' That's all now, and—ah—learn in a stick full about the Second Ward social last night."

Owing to an influx of visitors it was late in the afternoon before the genial editor of the Bugle caught a glimpse of the great family daily. Halfway down the social column his eyes lit on the following continuous paragraph: "It is rumored that a card party was given last evening to a number of reputed ladies of the second ward. Mrs. Smith, gossip says, was the hostess, and the festivities are reported to have continued until 10.30 in the evening. It is alleged that the affair was a social function given to the ladies of the Second Ward Cinch club, and that with the exception of Mrs. James Billwiger, who says she comes from Leavitt Junction, none but members were present. The reputed hostess insists that coffee and waters alone were served as refreshments."

"The Smith woman claims to be the wife of John Smith, the so-called 'Honest Shug Man' of 215 East State street."

Shortly afterward a whirling mass, claiming to be a reporter on the Bugle, flew fifteen feet into the street and landed with what bystanders assert was a dull, sickening thud. Printers' Ink.

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The large part of the present legislature will be out for re-election or some other office. The records of some are all right, and they deserve credit, but most of them should be relegated to private life. Get the record and separate the sheep from the goats and kill the goats. Baird Star.

Cotton Spinners and Growers Meet in Vienna.

President Calvin of the State Farmers' Union is now en route to Europe to attend the international Congress of Master Spinners to be held in Vienna, Austria, May 27th. President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association, President Barrett of the National Farmers' Union and President John Martin of the National Cotton Congress will also be in attendance.

It will be a most significant gathering of cotton men. The cotton spinners of Europe have been organized for a number of years, and the past they have been somewhat antagonistic to the cotton producing end of the industry, acting on the theory that there was nothing in common between the producer and the spinner.

Last May there was a meeting in Washington which was attended by the European spinners and officials of the different organizations pertinent to the producing end of the industry. It was the first meeting of the kind ever held, and the results, it is stated, were very beneficial to every end of the cotton industry. There was a better understanding. Such things as supply and demand and the basis of prices were discussed. During that meeting those connected with the production of cotton discovered that the average spinner does not wear borns, while the spinners discovered that the cotton growers are not unreasonable in their demands.

When the cotton spinners of Europe decided to hold a meeting in Vienna this year, they invited the above gentlemen to meet with them, and their invitation was accepted.

Such matters as annual consumption of cotton will be discussed, as well as the amount of cotton which should be grown to meet this demand. The annual increasing demand for cotton will be discussed, and the relation this increase should bear to the price of cotton.

The warehousing of cotton and its shipment throughout the year as the spinners need it, instead of dumping the entire crop on the market in four months and thus forcing the spinners to purchase a sufficient supply during that period to run them the year round, will be discussed.

It is apparent that there is a well planned move on foot between the producers and the spinners to sell direct from the cotton field to the spindles, and thus cut off the middle man. In this connection it is stated that a number of able addresses bearing on the subject of marketing direct from the gins to the spindles will be delivered.

President Calvin of the State Farmers' Union left Dallas Saturday night for New York and will sail from that place this week. Houston Post.

Lavaca County Union contributed \$5.00 to defray the expenses of President Calvin's trip and probably every county union in the State did the same. Hallettsville New Era.

Tact.

The right kind of wife never harps upon her husband's misdeeds, still less does she remind him of his misfortunes. No woman should marry a man unless her love for him be of a fibre which "hopeth all things, becometh all things, and is not easily provoked," says Home Chat. The right kind of wife helps a man when he falls and encourages him to try again, instead of railing at him for the stumble after he has risen to his feet.

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