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Culberson's Blow at Wall St.

SENATOR CULBERSON of Texas has prepared an amendment to the Aldrich currency bill now pending which makes it unlawful for any official of the government to deposit public money in any bank or banks of the city for speculation in stocks and bonds. It also provides that banks shall keep all their reserves in their own vaults.

The banks in Wall Street have learned that when a financial squeeze has been produced by their manipulation and the little investor has been squeezed and is selling, that they can go to the treasury of these United States and get deposits "to tide over the stringency and relieve the panic." With this fresh money they buy or have bought securities that they and their associates own. It is a great game. The book written by Henry Clews, "Twenty Eight Years in Wall Street," is a confession of the crimes committed against the business interests of this country that should be read by every law-maker in the land. If not acquainted with the book, Senator Culberson knows the inside facts about Wall Street. All forms of gambling are a menace to every legitimate, honest business.—Farm and Ranch.

THE new building for negroes at the State Lunatic Asylum in Austin is practically completed and is furnished at once. It will accommodate 200. There are now approximately 4000 insane in the State asylum, with a number confined in the jail, as there are not sufficient accommodation for them in the asylums. A greater number of insane are now confined in the state asylum than ever before in the history of the State, and the asylums are filled. There are approximately 2000 in Terrell Asylum, 1250 in the Austin institution and 750 at San Antonio. There are no negroes in the San Antonio institution. In addition to the insane in the asylum there are some 300 epileptics in the epileptic colony at Abilene. The next Legislature will be called on for appropriation for additional building at the insane asylum, or one of them.

BRUCE McCARTY, of the Eagle Lake HEADLIGHT, has absorbed the Advertiser of the same town and is doing business on a large scale. It is poor business policy to purchase another plant, we think, when he might consolidate with many over the State by simply the making of a proposition. "O, Bruce, Bruce, how often would We have asked you under our wing as a hen gathereth her brood, and ye would not!"—East Texas Register, Miss Margie Neal, Editor.

The HEADLIGHT editor has been a close reader for many years, among the press brethren, all on account of his love

someness and now the ladies begin to guy him, because he don't join the hen-pecked flock. This is leap year and the proposition is due from the other side.

THE Byrd liquor law, which prohibits the sale of intoxicants to reunion people, idiots, and epileptics, was enforced for the first time in Winchester on Tuesday night, when Justice Wilson, in police court, fined Hollie McCoy, bartender in Perry Purcell's saloon, $50 and cost for selling liquor to several intoxicated negroes. It will be recalled that Hon. Richard E. Byrd, the author of the law, was a resident of Winchester.—Hamilton (Va.) Enterprise.

Hon. Richard Byrd is the oldest son of Mrs. Jennie Rivers Byrd of Baltimore, who is visiting her sister Mrs. Bruce of this city.

THE Mercury is glad to note that Editor Bruce McCarty of the Eagle Lake Headlight has bought out the plant of his competitor, the Advertiser. Eagle Lake is a good field for one paper, and that is all the town needs. Editor Mercury has always given the people of Eagle Lake a good paper, and we believe that with only one paper in the field the people of the Lake city will extend him such a generous support as will enable him to give them a still better paper. He is deserving of success, and we sincerely trust that same will ever attend his efforts.—Weimar Mercury.

EAGLE LAKE is evidently not so solid for Bailey as we have been led to believe. The HEADLIGHT of that city says that a Bailey club list was circulated and received 79 signatures. A petition for the organization of an anti-Bailey club was circulated and received a total of 88 signatures. In the latter list we note the names of several people quite well known in Weimar, as follows: W. H. Holt, H. F. Shortt, H. W. Carothers, Rev. John Nickens, Gray Payne, Chas. Leggerke, James Barnett, H. P. Hahn, J. C. York and G. J. Shortt.—Weimar Mercury.

THE Times is not a blind worshipper of R. V. Davidson, nor does it approve that gentleman's record on labor legislation, but is for him for the following reasons: 1. Davidson is a south Texas man. 2. He has made a good record in office. 3. His defeat would be a victory for the oil trust, and an endorsement of Bailey's connection therewith. Aside from this, his opponent's labor record is no better than his. He is not as good a lawyer as Davidson and he is the candidate of the machine.—Smithville Times.

THE HEADLIGHT offers apologies to its readers, those of the paid up kind, for so frequent mention of paying subscriptions but the new ruling went into effect on April 1st, and this was a matter that we were forced to attend to. While we regret that we had to do it, with last issue this paper said "goodbye" to all who were as much as one year in arrears.

THE Colorado Citizen, one of the oldest established papers in the state, has been sold by Mrs. Baker, wife of its late editor Col. Ben M. Baker, to Mr. I. G. Stafford of San Antonio. Columbus is one of the best newspaper fields in this section, and while the old Citizen has always been a welcome to this paper, its heartiest wishes for success are extended its new publisher.

THE Mercury makes its politest bow to the Eagle Lake HEADLIGHT for its remark that the Mercury is alongside the prettiest, neatest and best papers in the state. The compliment is appreciated, but we don't feel that the Mercury has any "edge" on the HEADLIGHT.—Weimar Mercury.

THE contract for the erection of a new court house at Richmond in Fort Bend County, has been let to the Texas Building Company of Fort Worth. The contract price is $56,050. The new court house will be located just two blocks south of the present structure.

THERE seem to be an epidemic of newspaper changes at present, the latest being the Karnes County News at Runge, which was sold this week by the owner, Mr. E. V. Gillett, to Mr. J. F. Murray of Yorktown, who has assumed control of the plant.

THE El Campo Citizen has been sold by the owner, Mr. Riley Webb, to Mr. E. B. Patrick. The purchaser was one of the first newspaper men of that section, and returned to the newspaper business after an absence of about one year.

Two thousand five hundred and fifty men paid their poll tax in this county for 1907 about 20 per cent of whom were negroes. With the exempt voters and unders the voting strength probably reaches 2000.—Columbus Citizen.

TEN of the sixteen Texas Representatives in the popular branch of Congress are native born Texans—Burleson, Beall, Burgess, Henry, Smith, Sheppard, Garner, Stephens, Gregg, and Moore.

THE San Angelo Press thinks it is quite appropriate that Dick Wynne should open his campaign at Longview, as at best it will be a long view he will get of the office to which he aspires.

EUGENE SCHMITZ, the San Francisco grafter, was tendered a reception upon his release from prison last week. Probably it was given by fellowgrafters.

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The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the nine zones we call skin it. We protect our lungs, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach we are utterly indifferent to until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your best vulnerable part. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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Is There a Lumber Trust?

The question, "Is there a lumber trust?" seems about to be answered, if indeed, the answer has not already been given, in the investigation now being conducted at St. Louis by Attorney General Hadley.

Testimony given by a lumber man seems to show that prices were fixed, production curtailed and dealers who failed to maintain prices found themselves mysteriously cut off from the source of supplies.

This testimony was given by George K. Smith, secretary of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. The testimony of George K. Smith brought out the fact that the lumber companies in 1904 curtailed the production of lumber over 33 per cent, and that prices moved up so fast that the price list committee had to meet several times during the following months to keep the trade advised. His testimony further showed that a farmer who wants a carload of lumber and orders it from any manufacturer in the association, if quoted prices at all will be quoted higher than his nearest retail dealer to discourage those not in the trade from attempting to buy lumber direct. It was shown that if the farmer got the lumber he was made to pay higher prices than the retailer. Farmers' co-operative lumber companies, organized for mutual benefit, were the subject of resolutions by the lumber interests in convention, and it was decided to wipe them out if possible. Contractors were served in the same way as the farmer, who was used as an illustration. Small lumber dealers, unable to have on hand but a few carloads of lumber, are called "illegitimate dealers," and often their orders for lumber are unfilled.

Smith explained the term "poacher" as a retail dealer who ships lumber into another town where he has no yard to make sales.

This question of a lumber trust affects every prospective homeowner and the growth of every city and town. Although prices are easier now than they were four months ago, they are still high enough to prevent the building of many a house.—San Antonio Light.

"The Great Task of Happiness"

Strange as it may seem, there are a great many people in this world who absolutely refuse to be happy. They are so busy continually counting up their troubles that they have no time to enumerate their blessings. If in their lot in life there happens to be perhaps one tiny trouble in the midst of a big bundle of blessings, they keep their minds firmly fixed on the small trouble and totally ignore their many blessings. To exhort such people to "cheer up" is worse than useless. For they find it much easier, though undoubtedly more uncomfortable, to keep their mouths in the "Slough of Despond" than to climb the "Hill of Hope."

The only way to be happy is to change one's outlook in life. It is useless to expect any lasting happiness from an improvement in one's outward circumstances, for it is impossible to escape from oneself. "Be good and you'll be happy," says the sage with a supercilious sneer; and the maxim is right, but the sneer is wrong. The bogy man who hovers around bad little boys and girls in the nursery follows them right in life the bogy man of unhappiness and misery. The law of retribution and compensation is unescapable, and sooner or later one must pay the price of every transgression.

Robert Louis Stevenson was right when he spoke of the "great task of happiness." Like all things worth having in this world, a happy disposition can only be obtained by effort and the overcoming of those traits in ourselves that make for unhappiness.

It is simple enough to don "the winter garment of repentance." The difficulty is to keep it from falling off. Resolutions are easy to make. People who can make nothing else can make resolutions by the dozen, but only the person of strong character is able to keep them.

We do not believe that it is right to turn Texas over to any one man, no matter who he is. Senator Bailey is dictating everything for Texas or trying to do so, and if he succeeds it will be a bad state of affairs. He has a good place and he should attend strictly to his job and not spend his time running around over the state for a little thing like a delegate to the national convention. They say that Senator is a great man, but he shows himself to be a mighty little man in some things. His salary is $25 per day and when we are paying him so much he should attend to the work in hand.—Comanche Exponent.

Blackberry Jelly.

Pick over berries, wash and drain. Mash a few in bottom of preserving kettle, using a wooden potato masher, continue until all the berries are mashed; cook for a few minutes, strain through a coarse strainer, then through a jelly bag. Measure juice and allow same quantity of sugar, bring juice to boiling point and boil five minutes; heat the sugar very hot, add to juice and boil again, about three minutes will be required. The jelly may be tested by putting a spoonful in a saucer, as soon as a thin skin is formed on top it is done; remove from fire, skim if is necessary, cooling and the jelly will be frequently.

Banana Salad.

Take bananas slice lengthwise, and have a mayonnaise dressing and also a cup of ground peanuts. Dip the bananas in the dressing and then in the nut and lay them on lettuce leaves. This is a pretty dish as well as delicious in taste.

Make the dressing as following: One-half cup sugar, two tablespoons sugar, two eggs well beaten, butter the size of an egg, a pinch of salt, one teaspoon mustard. Cool and add two tablespoons of sweet cream.

Strawberry Ice Cream.

Wash and hull two boxes of berries, sprinkle with sugar, let stand one hour, wash and rub through strainer. Scald one quart of thin cream in double boiler, add one cup sugar, when cold freeze to a mush, add fruit juice and freeze. Pack for two hours.

The real meaning of a successful man is a man who has made the most of himself in the best sense—physically, mentally and spiritually, who has done the most he could day by day to brighten, cheer and better other lives as he went along, who has controlled his selfish impulses, and left the people he has associated with a little happier and better for knowing him. Such a person if he is a billionaire or a homeless wanderer like Christ—is a success.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

It is strange that almost any man can start out any day and in an hour and thirty minutes he can engage a woman to work for him for life at nothing a week, while it seems next to impossible to get a woman to work for fair wages and board.—Hidalgo Advance.

Stand up for your principles, but don't try to make your neighbor stand up for them by using a club on him.—Bonham News.

The Burlington (Kan.) Independent man speaks right out in meetin' thus "We don't claim to be particularly nice or be capable of more feeling than the average person, but we have come to the conclusion that when our father or mother dies, we won't have the proper feeling or inclination to sit down and worry ourselves with writing some poor poetry, that some people make fun of, about the departed one."

The honor roll of the Lane City public school consists of Eloise Lane and Linnie Stone.

Linnie Stone was always a star pupil in Eagle Lake where she attended school until the present term.

Little Miss Isabel Stone entertained quite a number of her little friends Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her eighth birthday.—Lane City Cor. Wharton Spectator.

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