

POTATO CROP IS SORRY BUT PLANTERS SHOULD DEMAND A GOOD PRICE.

The farmers are still hoping for rain—but now begins to look like they are hoping against hope. If a rain should fall now whether it would be of any great benefit to the potato crop or not is hard to tell. On the late potatoes there is no doubt but that it would prove a great benefit, but it is generally conceded that a rain now will be too late to be of any great advantage to the potatoes planted to Northern seed. Some weeks ago, following the frost that killed down the potato vines, this paper stated that in placing the damage at fifty per cent it did not believe the estimate was overdrawn. Our report at the time was "quoted" by some of the conservatives, but others of the more conservative growers told us our estimate was about correct. "We based our estimate of the damage knowing that it would require an almost ideal season from that time on to bring the crop out again. That ideal season did not come, and consequently the crop is cut even shorter than fifty per cent. The writer made an inspection of a number of the potato fields this week and the outlook was even worse than he expected. Some of the planters are predicting an average yield of forty bushels, but in the opinion of this paper if the average yield all through what is known as the Eagle Lake potato section reaches twenty-five bushels per acre it will be as much as this paper expects to see. We see no reason why the price should not remain in good throughout the entire season.

The Florida crop is practically off the market and from what we can learn, even as sorry as the Eagle Lake crop is this season, it is better than the crop at either Simonton or Wharton. Planters should demand a good price for their potatoes this season and they should get it, and they should use every effort to keep the market from being "hammered" to the bottom this year as it has been done in seasons in the past.

Baptist Sunday School Picnic.

A delightful picnic given by the Baptist Sunday School was enjoyed last Saturday at Camp No. 2. The picnic was well attended and a good time was had by all who attended.

Mr. Stanley Huxtable, with the J. C. Huxtable Co., Midnapolis, Minn., who has been coming to Eagle Lake for several seasons on the potato deal is with us again this season, having come in last night. Mr. Huxtable, with other buyers mentioned in another article in this paper, who have been coming to this city for several seasons past, are very popular with the local planters and business men, and their many friends here are glad to see them again.

Mr. Ed Mullens, of the big potato firm of Spencer & Mullens of Simonton, is in the city today on business.

A Delightful Entertainment

One of the most delightful entertainments of the season was given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carey at their beautiful new home on Prairie avenue in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Allen. In the Five Hundred games, Mrs. W. D. Walker made the highest score, winning the ladies' prize, a bottle of toilet water. Mr. W. E. Lenhart captured the gentleman's prize, a silver match box. After the five hundred games, a word contest was enjoyed. A number of questions were given, the answer to each requiring the letters "A-I-E-N." In this contest, Bruce McCarty won on the cut, being presented with a box of bonbons. Delightful refreshments of date salad, chicken, salad, crackers, pink and white brick cream and angel food cake were served. The

was carried out and the dining room were beautifully decorated in pink and white. The dainty hand-painted place cards were the work of the hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Barbe, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Balhorn, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lenhart, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford H. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCarty.

Church Calls Pastor.

The members of the Christian church of this city have called Rev. R. H. Jones of Norfolk, Virginia, as pastor of this church for full time. Mr. Jones comes highly recommended as a pastor and gentleman. He has accepted the call and has notified the church that he will be here and fill the pulpit on the first Sunday in June.

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Mr. Harry Landa's store was entered by burglars, some time during Wednesday night. One of the glasses in the transom over the rear door. The cash drawer was broken open, but no money had been left in it, only about twenty coppers which the burglars did not take. The box in the store was opened and the thieves refreshed themselves with some grape juice. With the exception of some chewing gum, a few sacks of tobacco and a few other small articles, nothing is missed from the stock.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce as a candidate for the office of State Senator for the Eighteenth Senatorial District to succeed Hon. D. A. Paulus, resigned. Respectfully, J. E. CLARK, Schulerberg, Texas, May 6, 1912.

Engelhard Bros. First Car.

Engelhard Bros. dug their first car of this season's potatoes Tuesday. The average yield was about twenty-seven bushels per acre. The car was sold and shipped to Dallas at \$1.05 per bushel.

A Revival of Ye Olden Days.

It has been suggested to the HEADLIGHT that an effort be made for the revival of the olden time. It has been suggested to the HEADLIGHT that an effort be made for the revival of the olden time. It has been suggested to the HEADLIGHT that an effort be made for the revival of the olden time.

Sheriff E. B. Mayes of Columbus was here Wednesday en route home from Garwood where he had been to attend court.

Discretionary Verdicts

A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature which permits juries in murder cases to fix the punishment at life imprisonment instead of death if the jury decided the latter penalty should be imposed. "The argument of the sponsors of the bill are impressive," the Pittsburgh Dispatch considers. "They assert that the reluctance of jurors to decree the death penalty is frequently responsible for the failure of justice. Especially is this true where the case is not absolutely clear to each juror. The result is that the accused is not only given the benefit of the doubt as the law requires, but the supposed doubt is magnified into, in effect, a positive presumption in the favor of the accused, the jury preferring to risk cheating justice rather than accept the responsibility of

possible compromise of the discussion as to the advisability of substituting electrocution for hanging as the death penalty in Pennsylvania, "complicated to some extent by a large body of opinion opposed to capital punishment."

The statistics of Texas trials of murder charges are an interesting offset to the statistics offered in support of this Pennsylvania measure, which shows that in twenty-five States where the jury has discretion in imposing death or life imprisonment, or where the death penalty has been abolished, out of 1,355 indictments for homicide, 513, or 37.7 per cent, resulted in conviction for murder in the first degree. But the States where, as in Pennsylvania, death was the penalty, out of 795 indictments for murder in the first degree, was 48, or a little more than 19 per cent.

"This would appear to indicate a greater certainty of adequate punishment if the jury was freed from the horror of condemning a fellow to death." The death penalty has been abolished in six States, and except in unusual cases in 27 others. It has been abolished in Holland, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland. In England the law is similar to that proposed in Pennsylvania and obtaining in 25 other States, a discretionary verdict. "So far as the deterrent purpose of the penalty is concerned, even life imprisonment rather than death is much more likely to be effective than the greater chances of escaping altogether under the most dread penalty."

But the discretionary verdict has not availed in Texas to punish as often and severely as the facts, glaringly demand those who commit murder in cold blood. —Waco News.

Why He Couldn't Do It

He was a young lawyer who had just started practicing in a small town and hung his sign outside his office door. It read: "A Swindler." A stranger who called to consult him saw the sign and said: "My goodness, man, look at that sign! Don't you see how it reads? Put in your first name—Alexander, Ambrose or whatever it is."

"Oh, yes, I know," said the lawyer resignedly, "but I don't exactly like to do it."

"Why not?" asked the client. "It looks mighty bad as it is. What is your first name?"

"Adam."

The editor replied: "If you will send us your photograph we may be able to tell you the reason."

WHEN THE CRANE BROKE.

An astounding accident occurred at Buckie, Banffshire, Scotland, a few days ago. A thirty-ton steam crane, which had been used at the harbor extension works, was swinging a fifteen-ton block of concrete into position, when it collapsed owing to the piston wheel breaking. The job was smashed, and the crane disappeared into the sea, engine and all. The engine driver saved himself by jumping, and the divers' boat, with its crew of eight, floating alongside, had a narrow escape, both from the falling mass and from swamping by the wave sent up.

HIS DESTINY.

"I wish Willie had been born a girl!" "Why?" "Oh, he is such a cry baby. I wish I could do something to stop his weeping at everything that comes up."

"To stop it? Encourage it, you mean! Nature evidently intended for." —Houston Post.

LOVE.

"It is said that love never dies." "Maybe it never does; but it frequently goes into a trance at the end of the honeymoon."

EASIEST TO GET.

"What brand of cigars do you like best, Sponger?" "The brand you have in your pocket." —Boston Transcript.

APPROPRIATE.

"We call that girl 'Juarez'." "Why?" "She's been captured six times already this season." —Pittsburg Post.

"We must wage this battle until we get our oppressor, man, reduced to the happy condition of the emu family," said the suffragette orator to her women auditors.

"When the lady emu decides that it is time to raise a family she sounds a call like blowing into the bung-hole of a barrel. Mr. Emu comes and scrapes a hole in the ground and by and by there are a dozen eggs there. The male sits on those eggs, hatches 'em out after eight weeks and then takes care of the youngsters until the next hatching season, when they go to the mother. Now that is equal labor and equal responsibility and it is what we women are entitled to."

"Good! Good!" shouted the auditors. —New York Sun.

JUDGE SEES DANGER.

"Much of the judicial power has been shifted to the executive branch of the government, and the question now is not what will the courts of New York and Chicago and other places say, but what will Washington say? I say this is un-American and directly opposed to the constitution, which provides that there shall be three separate departments of government. With the balance maintained between judicial, executive and legislative branches of the government there can be no danger to the individual." —Judge Groscup.

A DISCOVERY.

"I have discovered a way of making our predictions less misleading," said weather bureau employee. "A new system of calculation" asked the other.

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The Impossible.

Two colored boys were talking on the street corner when a funeral procession went by: "Who's daid?" asked one of them.

"W'y ain' you heerd? Mose Smif, he's daid." "Mose Smif? 's he daid? W'en 'd he die?" "Yistiddy, 'bout two 'clock."

"'Bout two 'clock? Wha's wateh wif 'im?" "Et toh quah wahthemillion, dey say."

"Toh much wahthemillion! G'way! D' ain' no sich ting's toh much wahthemillion! Deh wa' a't naL"

How Did He Know?

The talk had drifted to the weight of persons when young Mr. Sappaleigh observed: "Appearances are often deceptive. Now Miss May here is heavier than you would think."

In the moment of silence which followed this remark the young lady's brother asked: "How do you know, Mr. Sappaleigh?"

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