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MUST ASSESS PROPERTY AT ITS FULL VALUE

State Tax Board Insists Upon Full Values—Law on the Subject Recited. Charges Violations in 1913.

Austin, Tex.—The state tax board has adopted resolutions notifying county tax officials that they must assess property in Texas at its full value or suffer the penalties of a severe law.

By order of the board the state tax commissioner, A. L. Love, is mailing a copy of the resolution to each county tax assessor and to all county judges advising that the law must be complied with and if it is not the matter will be reported to the attorney general for suit against negligent officers. It is stated in the resolution that there were "flagrant" violations of the law in 1913, and that it will not be tolerated this year.

There has been mailed to tax assessors, county judges and commissioners courts copies of the full rendition act of the thirtieth legislature which requires all property to be assessed at its "reasonable cash market value," and imposing severe penalties on assessing officers who fail to do their duty.

A copy of the tax board's resolution follows:

"Whereas, in a great many counties in this state the assessed value of property for taxation for 1913 was grossly under the reasonable cash market value thereof and so far below its true value as to indicate a flagrant violation of the law governing the assessment of property for taxation; and

"Whereas, it is the duty of the state tax board to investigate into and aid in the enforcement of the revenue laws concerning the assessment and rendition of property for taxation; and

"Whereas, the systematic and gross undervaluation of property for assessment for taxation in any county works an injustice and hardship upon the counties where property is fairly assessed in accordance with law.

"Therefore, be it resolved, by the state tax board, That said board will do all it legitimately can to enforce the law governing the rendition and assessment of property for taxation and will report to the attorney general of the state of Texas any case of flagrant violation of said law which may come to the knowledge of said board during the year 1914, in order that suit may be brought by the attorney general against such officer or officers so offending, as provided by article 7574 of the revised statutes of Texas, 1911.

"Resolved, further, That the state tax commissioner be and he is hereby directed to mail to each county tax assessor and county judge in this state a copy of these resolutions."

Family Dead Six Weeks.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The finding of four corpses in a little frame dwelling on the north side Tuesday revealed a tragedy which has been sealed behind locked doors for nearly six weeks. Elizabeth Taylor, a former teacher, died Sunday, her husband, Mrs. Maggie Taylor, and her two small children by a former marriage were found dead in their home. The killing of the woman and her two children, followed by the supposed suicide of the husband, occurred on the night of December 6.

Salt in Potter County.

Amarillo, Tex.—Drillers seeking oil on the Miller ranch in the Palo Verde canyon near Amarillo have struck a stratum of salt 35 feet thick. The salt is said to be of good quality. The area of the deposit is not known. Its discovery is taken as additional proof that this section once was the bed of an ocean. The salt was found at about 1,200 feet.

Rice crops for sale. See Rio Grande.

COTTON GINNED AVERAGED 13,533,177 BALES

Census Bureau Gives Figures for Yield Prior to Jan. 16—Linters Amounted to 396,934 Bales.

Washington—Announcement by the census bureau Saturday that 13,533,177 bales of cotton, exclusive of linters, had been ginned prior to Jan. 16, officially established that the 1913-14 cotton crop is the second in size the country has grown.

Linters obtained to Jan. 1 amounted to 396,934 bales, bringing the total cotton ginned, as far as official figures show, to 13,930,111 running bales. This amount will be increased by ginnings during the remainder of the season so that the final figure will show a crop of more than 14,000,000 bales.

Preliminary figures will not be announced until March 20, when the census bureau will make its report showing the ginnings to Feb. 28. In the past five years the quantity of cotton ginned between Jan. 16 and Feb. 28 has averaged 3.5 per cent of the entire crop. During the period between Jan. 1 and 16 the ginnings were 235,802 bales, which is greater than at any similar period during the past five years.

During the past seven years the ginnings prior to Jan. 16 averaged 95.5 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to Jan. 16 there had been ginned 13,088,929 bales, or 9.7 per cent of the entire crop; in 1911 to that date 14,515,739 bales, or 93.3 per cent, and in 1908 to that date 12,695,293 bales, or 96.8 per cent.

Included in the ginnings were 97,034 round bales, compared with 78,539 bales last year 97,654 bales in 1911 11,979 bales in 1910 and 232,519 bales in 1908.

The number of sea island cotton bales included were 76,182, compared with 79,758 bales last year, 109,850 bales in 1912 and 92,191 bales in 1909.

Texas—	Ginnings.	Per cent.
1913.....	3,718,725	...
1912.....	4,599,220	97.1
1911.....	3,964,529	96.5
1908.....	3,528,951	97.5

COMING CONVENTIONS AND MEETING PLACES

List Made Up at Recent Meeting of Southwestern Passenger Association at Houston Made Public.

Houston, Tex.—A list of the conventions and meetings to which excursion rates are made at the meeting of the Southwestern Passenger Association was compiled Friday at Houston.

This list comprises all meetings of importance that will be held between now and July 1, and which are listed as follows:

National Corn Show, Dallas, Feb. 19-24.

Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Convention, Oklahoma City Okla., March 3-4.

Annual reunion United Confederate Veterans, Jacksonville, Fla., April 29-May 1.

National Educational Association department of superintendents, Richmond, Va., Feb. 23-28.

Knights of Pythias Golden Jubilee Washington, D. C., Feb. 18-21.

Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, imperial council, Atlanta, Ga., May 10-12.

Sixty-ninth annual session Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. May 13-20.

Eighteenth annual meeting World wide Baraca-Philathea Union, Waco June 6-9.

National Editorial Association General Council, Houston, April 23-May 4.

Texas Women's Press Association Galveston, May 5-8.

Travelers' Protective Association of America Annual Convention, Houston June 8-12.

Annual meeting International Association of Rotary Clubs, Houston June 21-26.

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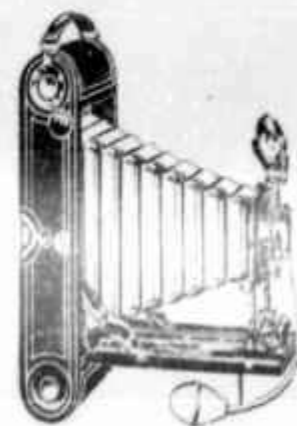
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COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS

All County Officers Announce For Re-Election.—White Man's Primary Election Will Be Held Saturday, May 2nd.

In this issue of the Express appear the announcements of all county officers for re-election, except that of County Surveyor A. F. Mitchell, who we understand is not at home at the present time. All the officials are announcing their candidacy subject to the action of the White Man's Primary, which will be held on May 2nd.

J. J. Mansfield, County Judge.

Judge Mansfield need no introduction at our hands, for he is known to almost every man, woman and child in Colorado county. He has held the office of county judge for many years and has been elected and re-elected almost continuously without opposition. He is a man of more than ordinary ability which is proven by his past record as our county's chief executive. Judge Mansfield at all times strives to be fair and impartial in the discharge of his duties and is ever on the alert for the betterment and improvement of our county. He solicits your vote and support at the primaries.

John Hastedt, County Clerk.

We take pleasure in presenting the name of that pleasant and accommodating gentleman, Mr. John Hastedt, who is a candidate for re-election to the office of county clerk. Mr. Hastedt has been county clerk of Colorado county for a number of years and has given to the discharge of the trying duties of that office careful, painstaking, personal attention. The office of county clerk is one of the most important in the county and one that requires more or less familiarity with the detail and routine. It stands to reason that the longer a man is there the better he can serve his people and the less will be the chance for errors or mistakes to creep in. He solicits your vote and support.

A. A. Gregory, County Attorney.

Hon. A. A. Gregory, the present county attorney of Colorado county, announces for re-election to the office which he has so ably filled for the past two years, and during which time he has made an enviable record as a public official. Mr. Gregory is a man of splendid legal attainments and

possesses all the essential qualifications that are necessary in the administration of the duties incumbent upon him. He is capable of coping with the intricate working of the law and his office, and if chosen by the electorate of Colorado county will continue to serve them with the same thoroughness and impartiality in the next two years as has characterized his application to duty in the past.

Herman Braden, Tax Collector.

The Express bespeaks for the candidacy of Mr. Herman Braden the careful consideration of the voters of Colorado county for re-election to the office of tax collector. Mr. Braden is thoroughly competent, conscientious and honorable in all his dealings with his constituency as tax collector. Courteous to all with whom he comes in contact officially and socially, he is one of the really popular men of the county. Mr. Braden is making the county a good tax collector and he solicits your vote and support at the primaries.

E. B. Mayer, Sheriff.

Mr. E. B. Mayer has served the people as sheriff of this county for several years. He has been a very faithful officer, utterly impartial in the discharge of his official duties. He has and is giving to the office full measure of time and attention and has the criminal affairs of the county well in hand and spares no pains in ridding the country of all law violators. Besides being a faithful and courageous officer, Mr. Mayer is a very pleasant gentleman. He respectfully solicits your vote and support at the coming election.

Henry J. Laas, Tax Assessor.

Colorado county without any doubt has the name of having one of the best assessors in the state. He is a good man and likewise an efficient official. Mr. Henry J. Laas knows more about the value of property in Colorado county than any man in the county and it is but natural that he should, for he has passed upon its value year after year for a great number of years. Under his administration the taxable values of the county have steadily increased and that he has made good is evidenced by the fact that the people have continuously kept him in that office. The neatness and accuracy of his books have also been highly commended on by the state.

is a candidate for re-election at the May primaries and asks for your vote and support.

J. J. Patter, Treasurer.

"Our Joe." It is with pleasure we place in our announcement column the name of Mr. J. J. Patter as a candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer. Mr. Patter, or "Our Joe," as we claim him since he came from this end of the county, served as county treasurer the past two or three years during which time he has given the county perfect satisfaction and his books have been found straight and free from errors. In the discharge of his official duties he has been uniformly kind and courteous and absolutely fair and just in his dealings with all men. It will be a source of great pleasure to his many friends in this and other parts of the county that he is a candidate for re-election, who will plump one for him.

C. K. Quin, School Superintendent.

Prof. C. K. Quin announces as a candidate for re-election to the office of superintendent of schools of Colorado county. This is by all means one of the most important offices in the county and requires the services of a man who knows something about the inside of a school room, is a good instructor and is on the lookout for the advancement of the county schools. Prof. Quin possesses all these qualifications and during his tenure of office has made our county an efficient superintendent and has reduced the schools to a thorough system. He solicits your vote and support at the primaries.

W. C. Papenberg, District Clerk.

Last, but not least, we present the announcement of that popular, pleasant and accommodating gentleman, Mr. W. C. Papenberg, who announces as a candidate for re-election to the position of district clerk of Colorado county. Mr. Papenberg is filling the duties of that office in a most creditable manner and is strictly attentive to his official duties. He has filled the duties of that office for a number of years in a creditable manner and has won many compliments on his administration of affairs. He solicits your support at the primaries in May and has no promises to make except to try to do better if possible.

Messrs J. G. Reitz and W. S. ... for sale. See D. O. 10662.

Garwood Postoffice On The Improve.

Postmaster J. R. Pinchback last week received new and up-to-date postoffice fixtures which are now set up and present a very pretty appearance. This is done in order to take care of the growing business at the office and to better accommodate the patrons. Quite a number of lock boxes, both large and small, have been added of which several have already been rented. Postmaster Pinchback is continually improving the office and trying to give his patrons the best service possible.

Free Seed.

Mr. J. G. Reitz has received from Congressman Geo. F. Burgess a quantity of garden seed and asks us to state that those desiring a package will please call at his store and get one. Each package contains five envelopes of muskmelon, radish, lettuce, onion and turnip seed. This seed is distributed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Catholic Church Notices.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF NADA: Sunday, March 8th, Divine services at 11 a. m. and at 4 p. m.

Wednesday and Friday Lenten services at 8 a. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF TAITON: Sunday, March 8th, Divine services at 8:30 a. m.

During Lent every Saturday Divine service and instructions at 9 a. m.

B. Held, O. S. B.

Voters Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon.

A meeting of the voters of this and the Nada section will be held at the Garwood Hall tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at four o'clock, which all are urged to attend.

Mr. Henry J. Laas of Columbus, our popular and accommodating tax assessor, was in town Monday morning on his last round for this season gathering cotton ginner's reports for the government. Mr. Frank Arnold, the local ginner, reports 1055 bales for this past season and Mr. Ed. Braden of Nada 1173.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Howland, after a several days pleasant visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pinchback, left Tuesday for a few days to the family of Mr. Howland's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Si Wright of Altair, after which they left for their home in Batesville. They were accompanied to Altair by Mr. and Mrs. Pinch-