

## GARWOOD EXPRESS

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### Self Government.

Conditions in all counties should be such that any man should have an equal opportunity for office; each candidate should declare his public policy, and when a man gets so big that it is rumored that "he can not be beat," he should be taught otherwise by scratching him on the ballot.

No man is indispensable to public life, and access to office should be so open as to give any worthy man an equal chance with the other.

The commissioners' court should be taught to take the public into their confidence, furnish reports to the papers of the financial condition of the county, with a synopsis of their meetings, and they should be scratched if they fail to do this.

Let me repeat, "If the individual is not elected by the people, he cannot and would help direct political affairs, even without concert of majority action." It builds popular sentiment easily felt and it makes officials admire you for your approval, or uncomfortable warm and uneasy when they know that the people are tired of their incompetency. Many times national cabinets have resigned under this pressure, and men of less prominence, the often more obtuse, can be made to feel it.

You can rebuke a man for office by scratching his name on the ballot. If you do not like his official acts, and if the majority scratch him you may be sure he will not hold his office in peace. The scratch is watched by officials with eagerness and it is a public barometer of political conditions. The scratch takes the place of organization in a county, and is better than to be carried with the herd. Talking and scratching will eventually and silently give us majority rule and democratic power and the dormant indifference to our county's welfare is suffering for it.

It would be still better if when you scratch, you would write the name of your choice in place of it, for by this means you introduce a man to the public consideration that may be induced to run or be elected in the future. I fully realize that you all know what I write or have written, and it is given for publication as a reminder, to impress and try to

encourage development in the great power of self government.

"If fifty men are really fools, And five have all the brains— The five must rule, as now we find; But if the fifty have the mind, Why don't they take the reins?"

J. B. GAY.

Columbus, Texas.

### Is This Your Back Yard?

Springtime is here and the clean-up spirit should immediately seize every one. There are some yards in this town, especially back yards, that are an abomination to the eye and nose. One can find all kinds and sorts of litter and refuse from old oyster cans and boots and mildewed sacks and rusty stove pipes, and sometimes slop from the kitchen is poured to increase the odor, which should warn every thoughtful person of the malarial influence that will breed and break out eventually in fever or diptheria. If a member of the family dies from one of these diseases his death is probably lamented as a "mysterious dispensation of Providence," but the minister would say, if he were to visit the back yard, that death was caused solely by a violation of hygienic laws. A very strong argument against filthy back yards is the spirit of deception which is a

constant desire to present a clean and attractive front yard to the gaze of passers, while the back yard is not fit for pigs to play in.

Children should be taught to be clean for the sake of cleanliness and not because outsiders would likely criticize them. No one should allow trash to be dumped in the back yard. Have drains made to convey all slops entirely away from the house. Have good walks and let the ground have a good covering of grass or keep it clean and plant flowers. Nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a yard than shrubbery and flowers. Keep your fence, if you have any, in good repair and set vines about the refuse barrel and train them over it until it is hidden, make it a rule to have as clean a back yard as the front and you will aid to a great extent the sanitary condition of the town. Ex.

How Bryan Lost \$250. Apropos of the secretary of state's popularity as a lecturer, they are telling in Washington a story that is, no doubt, false: "I lost \$250 last night," Mr. Bryan is said to have complained to one of his secretaries the other morning. "Lost \$250? Not speculating, I hope, chief?" "No," replied the secretary. "Talking in my sleep."

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For county judge:  
J. J. Mansfield, (re-election.)  
Edwin A. Malisch

For county clerk:  
John Hastedt, (re-election.)

For county attorney:  
A. A. Gregory, (re-election.)

For county tax collector:  
Hermon Braden, (re-election.)

For county sheriff:  
E. B. Mayes, (re-election.)  
W. E. Bridge.

For county tax assessor:  
Henry J. Laas, (re-election.)  
L. P. Bunge

For county treasurer:  
J. J. Patter, (re-election.)

For county school superintendent:  
C. K. Quin, (re-election.)

For district clerk:  
W. C. Papenberg, (re-election.)

For commissioner Precinct No. 1:  
J. F. Sandmeyer, (re-election.)  
W. H. Gillio, (re-election.)  
J. H. Schoellmann  
B. H. Kolb.

For constable, J. P. Precinct No. 2:  
Elo Engbroek,  
Henry Taylor  
J. W. Scott

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2:  
Chas. Mrazek,  
W. M. Griffiths, (re-election.)

### FOR STATE SENATOR.

We are authorized to announce Dr. E. C. Schultze as a candidate for re-election to the office of State Senator for this senatorial district, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. He solicits your vote and your influence.

### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce Mr. J. V. Fruka of Columbus as a candidate for the office of State Legislator of the 71st district, comprising Colorado and Austin counties, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

### WHARTON COUNTY.

The Express is authorized to announce J. M. Kopecky of Taiton as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 3, Wharton county, subject to action of White Man's Union Association Primary, July 25th, 1914.

### Commissioners' Court Order.

It is ordered by the court that an election of the qualified property tax paying voters of Colorado county be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 1914, to determine whether or not an additional Road Tax shall be levied for the further maintenance of the Public Roads, said tax not to exceed five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property of said county; and the County Judge is ordered to give notice of said election as provided by law. All voters favoring said tax shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words "For The Tax," and those opposing, the words "Against The Tax."

If it's something "good to eat" or "good to wear" that you want, visit our store and let us fill your wants. Ben H. Fruka.

### The Creed Of The Country

Rural life is coming into its own and country life is beginning to be appreciated again after several decades of disfavor and neglect. The following creed which is being adopted as the slogan of various boys and girls clubs throughout the rural sections of Texas and other states, shows that the thought life of the country is being directed into its natural channels:

"I believe that the country which God made is more beautiful than the city which man made; that life out of doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work is work wherever I find it, but that work with nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery. I believe that the dignity of labor depends not only upon what you do, but on how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on the farm as often as a boy in the city; that life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in the town; that my success depends not upon my location, but upon myself—not only upon my dreams, but upon what I actually do, not upon luck, but upon pluck. I believe in working when you work and playing when you play and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life."

### A Hard Luck Story.

Our horse went dead and our mule went lame,  
And we lost our cow in a poker game;  
And a cyclone came on a summer day  
And blew the house where we lived away;  
Then an earthquake came when that was done  
And swallowed the ground that the house stood on;  
Then a tax collector, he came 'round  
And charged us up with a hole in the ground. —Land.

There is nothing purer than home-made ice cream. I have the freezers to make it with. Come and see. Racket Store.

A man who "totes" a pistol is sure to use it sooner or later, but such is the perversity of human nature that the same man may own a Bible 25 years and never use it once.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The dewberry crop of this section promises to be an exceptionally large one. The vines are covered with blooms and berries, and in some instances red and half black berries are to be seen already. They doubtless will be plentiful on the market within the next ten days or two weeks. —Weimar Mercury.

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