

### Common Sense vs. Prejudice.

We are pleased to read the following paragraph in the Sterling City News-Record:

"The Sterling democrats have let the prohibition agitation severely alone. Neither the pros nor antis have taken any stock in the doings of the two factions. They realize that when a man once gets stirred up on either side of this question he sometimes can't keep from acting a fool and being unjust to those who hold adverse opinions on the questions, therefore they are sawing wood and saying nothing. When the time comes to vote their convictions they will do so and let the other fellow do likewise without any fuss over the matter."

Sterling county, it is true, is a small western county, insofar as population is concerned. Nearly every man out there perhaps knows every other man. But what is true of Sterling county should (and may) be true of the entire state. While indications now point to an election in which as keen an interest will be taken as any in the history of Texas, up to the present the campaign has been remarkable for the absence of bitterness. The leaders of the campaign, on both sides, are astute men; they all seem to realize that Texas needs common sense more than sophistry. They seem to realize that to be an ardent devotee of a cause is one thing; to be an extremist is another. Early in the campaign attempts to go to extremes in language or measures were nipped in the bud. The ultra radical have been relegated to the rear; the conservative has been pushed to the front; common sense rather than prejudice has been kept supreme; the vast majority of the voters have been kept quiet by words of wisdom rather than excited by firebrands of political hatred.

Texas will reap the benefit. It is not a case of the lion and lamb lying down together, made possible by a mutual agreement to keep his special instincts in obedience. Not at all. The lion is still a lion, the lamb still a lamb. It is simply the predominance of wisdom—a realization of the fundamental truth that man is entitled to his inherent freedom of thought and the right to vote his honest conviction.

As it is, it is right; were it otherwise, it were wrong. It is folly for an individual to lose his head; it is criminal for a leader to do so. The individual suffers the consequences alone; the leader drags thousands into error with him. Therefore, to be led into error is foolish. Every man may strike an even balance, if he but stop and consider. Vote for that which you think right; let your neighbor do the same.

A mistake of the head is not criminal; an error of the heart is necessarily a wrong.

No man has a right to judge others, morally, politically or otherwise, by his own standards. So says Marcus Aurelius, and his words find a natural response in every moral mind. Let us be conservative, let us be thoughtful and prudent, let us be just, let us be as neighbors, let us be as citizens with one paramount thought—the determination to do that which we deem best for the entire commonwealth.

Let no man make a fool of himself. A fool is worth nothing to his community.—West News.

### 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."

Shinriki seed rice, first year from imported seed, raised on sod. See me before buying.

F. W. Goodell.

### Eagle Lake Cleans Up.

Eagle Lake, Tex., May 1.—Clean-up day was generally observed here yesterday. Although the rain greatly interfered with the plans, the movement for a cleaner city was a big success. That the city may be a clean one is a great hobby with Mayor E. L. Mooney, who says it is his intention to continue the work, with the view of making Eagle Lake the cleanest town in Texas.

### Boone Schleicher Dead.

Boone Schleicher, 19 years old, who was extremely popular among his associates, having attended school for some years in Hallettsville, died of paralysis at San Antonio, last Saturday and was buried in the city cemetery here on Sunday. The services being conducted by Rev. Porter of Richmond, Texas. The deceased was a grandson of Mrs. Sam Moore and was a nephew of Mrs. R. B. Allen. The pall bearers were Fritz von Rosenberg, Cap Washburn, Ernest Neuhaus, Hayden James, D. H. Coers, and Roland Engleking.—Hallettsville New Era.

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. Frnka.

## Much That Is New For Spring and Summer Can Be Found at This Store

We respectfully invite our friends and customers to come to this store for their Spring and Summer dry goods, dress goods, shoes, hats, etc. Your business will be appreciated and we guarantee satisfaction. Our grocery department is full to the brim.

Country Produce  
Bought and Sold  
**J. G. REITZ.**

## Closing Out Sale of "King"

### Farm Implements.

## At and Below Cost

7 12-inch Kingmann Gang Plows, at each \$55.00  
2 12-inch Kingmann Sulky Plows, at each \$32.00  
1 Kingmann Riding Planter for . . . \$25.00

Come and See These Implements

**McClanahan-Frnka**  
**Lumber Company,**  
CAPITAL STOCK, \$20,000.00

Garwood, Texas.

### County Printing Awarded to The Colorado Citizen.

The Express editor accompanied Mr. J. J. Pinchback to Columbus Monday, who delivered the returns of last Saturday's election to the proper authorities, while the Express man went to put in his bid for the county printing. The county printing was awarded to the Columbus Citizen, which the Commissioners' Court say put in the lowest bid. However, upon perusal of the bids filed with the clerk the Express does not quite agree with the fathers of the county. We are not here to say to whom the printing contract should be awarded, and the bid put in by the Express was not the lowest, but what we want to know is if the Honorable Commissioners' Court passes on all contracts or bids or any other business coming before them as they did on the county printing? It is probably true the court does not know much about printing or the business, but they surely ought to know how to figure. We will also ask the court the difference between "legal notices printed as news items" and "legal notices printed as advertisements." Also if sealed bids are called for have the commissioners the authority to make inquiries of the bidder for items omitted after the bid is in and opened for consideration? The Express does not want to stir up any ill feeling among any of the people of the county, and we are not insinuating that partiality was shown, but feeling that it is our duty as a citizen of the county, for benefit of the tax payers, to correct any defects if there be any, we are making this broad assertion. The Express will allow the court space in its columns for an explanation, whether we are right or wrong. If we are wrong then the Express is due the court an apology, if right, then let's correct the mistakes of the past and get down to money-saving basis.

We are in the market at all times for fine cattle for butchering.

Drlik & Matook

The Ladies Aid served dinner last Saturday (election day) in the store room formerly occupied by Mr. W. J. Dyer. They served a very fine spread and all those that partook of it enjoyed it. In the afternoon they conducted a bazaar, realizing a neat sum.

For Sale.—Single buggy, used very little, also set of harness, all in good condition. Will be sold cheap.

J. G. Cooper.

Bring us your country produce. Top market prices paid.

Ben H. Frnka.

Kentucky, swear, footwear or Ben H. Frnka.

### VOX POPULI ITEMS.

A great deal of rain fell in this section the past week which will be of benefit to the crops, but if it keeps up the farmers will have to fight the grass.

Messrs Charlie Pavlu, Jr., and Maretha of Altair were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Joe Beal.

Saturday being election day, everybody was seen going to town.

Mr. R. Reger was the guest of Mr. V. Danklefs Sunday evening.

Misses Lillie and Mary Beckmeyer, Annie Mikeska and Annie Hoffmann and Master Albert Beckmeyer were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. Jacob Schmeekie.

Mr. Percy Schneider of Garwood spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Stallman.

Mr. Edward Mikeska spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. John Drlik.

Mrs. John Hoffmann was a visitor to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waligura Sunday evening.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. Annie Batla is on the sick list. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Messrs Fred and George Labay of Nada and Adolf Fried of Pierce were in these parts Monday buying cattle for Mr. F. A. Kallus' meat market.

The Mary Branch School closed last Wednesday. Mrs. August Stallman had charge of the school. She is well liked by her pupils.

Mr. Fritz Schilling visited at the home of Mr. L. C. Beckmeyer Sunday evening.

Mrs. Paul Treymbig and son, Mrs. Adolph Wied and children and Mrs. Fritz Schultz and children spent Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Georg Red Wing.

The State of Texas, )  
County of Colorado. )

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners' Court in and for Colorado County, Texas, will convene and sit as a Board of Equalization at the Court house thereof in the City of Columbus on Monday, the 18th day of May, A. D. 1914, to receive all the assessment lists or books of the Assessor of said County for inspection, correction, equalization and approval.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office this the 14th day of May, A. D. 1914.

John Hastedt

County Clerk, and Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Colorado County, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Berry of Glen Flora spent the week end in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abell.

## GROCERY SPECIAL

ALL FOR  
**\$5.00 CASH OR PRODUCE**

24 lbs. Rice	.....	\$1.00
20 lbs. Sugar	.....	1.00
5 lbs. Coffee	.....	1.00
7 bars Soap	.....	.25
7 boxes Washing Powder	.....	.25
5 cans Salmon	.....	.50
3 lbs. Baking Powder	.....	.25
3 cans Tomatoes or Corn	.....	.25
5 gals. Extra Headlight Oil	.....	.50

\$5.00

Gasoline, per gallon, 15c.

HATS—We have a large assortment of Straw Hats and Felt Hats, just received. All the latest styles.

A good line of Work Pants and Overalls for men and boys. Come and get your pick. They are going at CUT PRICES.

**Garwood Supply**  
E.A. Marvel Manager **Company** Garwood, Texas

### Colorado County Nominees.

Columbus, Texas, May 4.—Sufficient returns have been received of an election held by the White Man's party throughout Colorado county Saturday to assure the nomination of the following candidates for county offices: J. J. Mansfield, judge; A. A. Gregory, attorney; W. C. Papenberg, district clerk; E. B. Mayes, sheriff; Herman Braden, tax collector; H. J. Lans, tax assessor; J. J. Patter, treasurer; John Hastedt, county clerk; C. K. Quin, school superintendent; J. F. Sandmeyer, commissioner; J. Wright, commissioner; Charles Leyndecker, commissioner; Arthur Ratcliffe, commissioner; F. G. Hahon, justice precinct No. 1; J. E. Hester, constable precinct No. 1. The nomination by the White Man's party insures their election next November.

The dance at the hall Saturday night, given by Mr. Joe Beal, was an enjoyable affair, although a small crowd was out. Excellent music was furnished by the Nada string band.

A meeting of the local farmers' institute will be held at the hall tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Pure bred Omachi seed rice for sale.

F. C. Koons.

Constable Henry Taylor was a business visitor to Columbus Monday.

### Prominent Schulenburg May Dies.

Schulenburg, Texas, April 27.—Judge N. L. McKinnon died at the residence of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lester. Judge McKinnon was born in Count, Miss., on April 16, 1852. He came to Schulenburg about 1874. He was Schulenburg's first assistant postmaster at one time and also mayor. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Odd Fellows, Eastern Star and Rebekah. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, and as a man was known for honesty, integrity and uprightness of character. He was correspondent for the Galveston News, San Antonio Express and a few years ago correspondent for the Houston Chronicle. The deceased was well liked in this section. His friends are grieved over his demise and his loss is keenly felt. The body was buried in the City Cemetery at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Masons.

Messrs E. J. and W. H. Schutterle left for Columbus Monday in response to a telephone message announcing the serious illness of their brother's wife, Mrs. J. F. Scheutterle. Mrs. Schutterle died Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. The body was laid to rest in the City Cemetery the following day at 4 o'clock. To the bereaved we extend sincere sympathy.