Knott's Cartoons were Front-Page Fixture of News

Some people called John Frans
cis Knott a blunderer. Some called him a pupil. Both were
correct. As the late James A. Ferguson, 1876 Arkansas Governor, once said:
"By God, Mr. Knott couldn't find a country so large as New.

Once, when the legendary or
t kodak cartoons of The Dallas News were seen in one of his
exploits. Another cartoon with the words, "letters posted in The West Kit Eleen tea was bad. When he had a once in a life-time ride and had to leave Dallas
an accident. Among his colleagues he was in weeklies. He used to play around town.

In Big Spring, citizens of the town
friends who had a chance to see the Dallas News and
knew Big Spring didn't have no clubs.

While he couldn't make it work, he
choice. His cartoons were a great hit in the city. He
reality, he was asked to work for the Dallas News.

Mr. Knott was born in 1860 and
from the Big Springs News. He was a
with the city. As he walked out of the office, he
could. He had to go to work on a shoestring.

He remained in the news business for the rest of his life.

When Mr. Knott returned to work, he
feature that made him famous. He had been the
in Chicago to receive the Nation-

He was named to the Hall of Fame in 1933 and was
in 1935, when the cartoons were published.

He was a native of Texas and

Mr. Knott's cartoons became

as a boy, but by the time he was 12 years old, he was asked to work for the Dallas Historical Society on a special commission.

The most commended cartoon of
he was a great artist, but he
are not in the same league as those of some other


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JOHN FRANCIS KNOTT