





ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OFFICE.

CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce the name of Earl Adams as a candidate for Congress from this, the second congressional district, subject to the action of the democratic party.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

We are hereby authorized to announce W. J. TAYLOR as a candidate for the 2nd Legislature from the 1st district, composed of the counties of Angelina, Cherokee, Anderson and Houston, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

FOR DISTRICT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. K. MOONEY as a candidate for District Clerk subject to the action of the democratic party.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

The undersigned hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of Tax Collector for Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic party in primary election.

FOR SHERIFF.

The undersigned hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of Sheriff for Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic party.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR.

The undersigned announces himself a candidate for county assessor subject to the action of the democratic party.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

The undersigned is a candidate for county treasurer for Houston county subject to the action of the democratic party.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

The undersigned announces himself a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

FOR CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. W. WALLER as a candidate for constable for Precinct No. 1, of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic party.

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

French & Chamberlain for drugs.

Coffee 5lb for \$1.00, at L. M. Campbell's.

T. F. Smith left for the Panhandle Sunday.

J. C. Bonner of Tyler was in town Monday.

C. A. Smith of Galveston was in town Sunday.

They have commenced work on the school building.

Mrs. I. W. Murchison has been quite sick the past week.

Every box in the county should organize a democratic club.

Nottingham Laes and Demi Flouncing at Bill McConnell's.

Several are talking of going to Elkhart Mineral Wells next week.

You can get a boys waist and pants very cheap at Bill McConnell's.

John Childs and daughters, Mary and Anna, dropped into see us Monday.

Real estate is changing hands, there being one or two transfers this week.

If you have not weights to your scale, try my cash lock.

The entire county as far as heard from was blessed with a soaking rain Sunday night.

Car load of barb wire, plain wire and staples just received at the McConnell Hardware store.

Finest line of candies, fruits and nuts always on hand at DAN KENNEDY'S, Old Grange Store.

Dr. J. S. Wootters returned Sunday from Philadelphia where he has been taking a post graduate course in medicine.

Just arrived at the livery stable of J. T. Bever a large jack and fine Cleveland Bay Stallion. Call and examine this stock.

We invite the attention of Courier readers to the announcement in this issue of Hon. F. B. Sexton of Marshall for congress from this district.

L. M. Campbell has a full line of the Dodson Hills Pickles and Sauces which he will sell at the lowest market prices all goods delivered at your door.

S. G. Hester was in town Tuesday. He says the democrats of Sulphur Bend will organize a democratic club on next Saturday and will be prepared to meet the Third Party fellows when they come.

THE OLD RELIABLE BRICK DRUG STORE!

Pure Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Perfumes,

Paints and Oils, Varnishes, Glass and Putty, Toilet Articles,

School Book, Blank Books, Stationery, Wall Paper.

French-&-Chamberlain.

The announcement of Hon. Earl Adams of Houston county for congress will be greeted by his host of friends here and elsewhere with profound pleasure.

If you want weights to your scale, try my balance scale—only one weight. Cheap. J. W. McGill.

Obituaries in excess of 20 lines will be charged for at the rate of 10 cents per line.

Call and see the fine display of "Aristo" photos made every week by Eichelberger, the photographer.

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Lem Allen and A. K. Mooney gave us a call Saturday. They informed us that the cotton crop was cut down largely in their section.

A petition is in circulation and being largely signed asking the Commissioners' Court to put an iron fence around the court house.

A good bottle of Scotch snuff given away with every cash purchase amounting to \$2.50.

W. H. Duren was in to see us during the week. He reports the Third Party organizers as meeting with very little encouragement in his section.

You can buy the pure Leaf Lard, Breakfast Bacon, Hams and Dry Salt Pork at DAN KENNEDY'S, Old Grange Store.

Ed Callier from Pleasant Grove was in to see us. Ed's name is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for commissioner from that beat.

John Caldwell of McKenzie's Bend had an operation performed on his hand for bone-felon last week. He is some better, though still suffering intensely.

Houston county needs more railroads and will not endorse Governor Hogg's policy of driving out of the state money that would be expended in such enterprises.

Courier:—Why don't the overseers fix the roads even inside the corporation? It's really dangerous to drive over them.

Richard Douglas returned Saturday from a meeting of those old heroes, the Texas Veterans. He reports a very enjoyable time.

J. F. Murray of Porter Springs and D. F. Morgan came in Monday and renewed their subscriptions. They want to keep posted on the political happenings of the day.

Long Staple Cotton seed for sale. Sells for one cent more than common cotton. Price \$3.00 per bushel. Apply to A. H. WOOTTERS.

The elders and deacons convention of the Presbyterian church convenes at Hickory Creek church Friday next 29th inst, at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

I have in stock the celebrated 4 Ace Hams and Globe Hams, Oat Meal, Grits, Hominy and everything kept in a first class family Grocery.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at the Methodist church for a month closed on Sunday night. The services were largely attended and much good accomplished, there being quite a number of additions to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. McIntyre, of Palestine, came down Saturday night on a visit to Mrs. McIntyre's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fluker, and returned Monday evening accompanied by Miss Loreta Fluker who will spend a week or two with them.

The good people of Grapeland are about to complete their fine academy building, and a beautiful one it is too. Grapeland is the liveliest town for its size in East Texas, has more vim, energy and elbow there about it than any little town in the county.

Basket picnic at Elkhart Mineral Wells on May 5th. Come, come all, and let us have a good time. Excursion from everywhere. Dancing and other amusements day and night.

E. M. W. Co. P. R. F. Brown, Sec.

Ladies Oxford Ties from 65 cts. to \$2.00 at Bill McConnell's.

The democrats at Creek are organizing a club and will be ready for the fray.

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Bill McConnell Says:

Do you ever come to town? If not, ask your neighbor who has the best selected, most attractive and largest stock in the city; who it is that is always so busy, that like going to mill, people coming in to trade have to wait their turn; who it is that is constantly passing over the counter great arms full of goods receiving instead, that which produces so much happiness, and brings so much sorrow to the human race, the tempting, persuasive, everlasting, Almighty Dollar, and the answer immediately comes Bill McConnell. This is the third time we have replenished our stock this year, and the people all say that the third is the charm. Do you wish to either buy or cry? If so come and see our stock and if you have money you'll buy, and if you have none you'll cry.

SPECIAL.—To make a selection of the latest style, the people are coming for many a mile.

Evangelistic Notes.

Subjects for discussion at the elder's and deacon's convention at Hickory Creek

1. The place of a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church?

2. In what way can ruling elders move so as to give more assistance to pastor and increase their usefulness?

3. What is the eldership doing for our vacant churches?

4. What can the eldership do in our vacant churches?

5. What claims has the evangelistic work on the eldership?

6. The Diaconate. Its importance and qualifications.

WELDON.

ED. COURIER:—In hopes you have got back to our county, I will write you briefly.

Crops as far as I have observed are in fair condition, small grain growing, corn a good stand. We are quite dry at present. Have not had a good rain since 4th March and small grain is suffering in consequence. I am glad to report that the One-Third Party organizer failed to organize at our little hamlet. The democracy of Weldon is too sound to swallow his sugar-coated pills. They are insatiable in the extreme.

Wilson Adams & Co.

Have on hand a full line of ladies dress goods in all of the latest styles. In gents furnishing goods, we have puffed shirts, plain shirts, fancy plain shirts, work shirts, in fact every kind of a shirt. Collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, ties, men's, youth's, and boy's clothing. Boots and shoes for every body. In the grocery line, we have, the four ace hams, picnic hams, lard, bacon, flour, rice, grits, hominy, sugar, coffee, baking powder, meal, mackerel, pickles in keg and bottles and many other things. A full line of leather goods, that we will sell at very low prices. Also a full line of farm implements. We deliver goods on shortest notice.

Substitute For The Substrary.

WELDON, TEXAS.

First: Let the government stop its wild cater of extravagance and quit paying unmerited pensions.

Second: Buy in all the lands that are held for speculation at something like tax valuation and survey same into 80 and 160 acre tracts. Then give every American born citizen who is the head of a family and who will occupy, clear, improve, and till the same for five years, 160 acres in fee simple; and every unmarried man 80 acres on same terms. Foreigners to pay at the rate of five dollars per acre for what they occupy and no one to have over 160 acres. Then the poor would have a chance to make a living and the waste places would soon blossom for the harvest.

Yours in Hope.

Senator R. Q. Mills writes the editor of the Courier, under date April 22, that he will certainly speak at Crockett during the summer or fall. There is a great host in store for the people of Houston county and at the proper time they will show their appreciation of it by greeting the distinguished statesman when he comes with such a crowd and such a royal welcome as were never extended any one else.

For Sale.

A couple of fine Jersey bulls, ready for service. Apply to J. V. COLLINS.

We call attention of our readers to the announcement in this week's issue of O. D. Kirkpatrick, A. K. Mooney, Earl Adams, Chas. Long and W. J. Townsend.

For Rent or Sale.

One four room cottage and two acres of ground with growing garden. Apply to A. H. WOOTTERS.

Lumber! Lumber!

Call on Mart Ellis for first class longleaf, yellow-pine lumber. He is selling cheaper than the cheapest. Yard near the depot.

Just received, a new line of Lawns Organadies, Arlesian cords, Bedford cords, Mulls, Flouncings and white goods. Call quick while a good selection can be had.

J. E. DOWNES.

Preston's Head Ake

is a certain cure for headache. It will cure headache only, and is guaranteed to do that. It won't cure anything else. It never fails. Don't suffer when you can get relief in 15 minutes.

Billiard and Pool Parlor.

We have just opened in the N. E. Albright stand an elegant Pool and Billiard Parlor. Tables new and first-class, furnished in first-class order, no rowdiness or disorder tolerated. A pleasant place to pass the evenings.

W. A. HALL & Co.

The World's Fair.

The South may claim, without prejudice, to have more than its share of the world's fair. The acknowledged beauty of the ladies of the South is due in a degree to the use of Creole Female Tonic, the ladies' friend and favorite, and sure cure for all female sickness. It cures prolapsus uteri and all organic diseases.

THE SADDLE SHOP.

We are now manufacturing every variety of goods in the leather line that the trade demands, and we can and will positively undersell all would be competitors, so don't forget to give us a chance to prove all we say when you need anything in the saddle, harness or leather line. In our dry goods line, everybody that has priced our many bargains say we are 25 per cent lower than any other house in Houston county, which means a great deal.

For instance, three fine linen bosom shirts, full size, \$1.00, good jeans pants for 65 cents; overalls 25 cents and every thing else just as low. Worlds of new dress goods will be in this week. Everybody invited to call in and see our goods before you buy.

Office of S. CHERRY, 21 Drayton St., Savannah, Ga., Dec. 16, 1890.

DEAR SIR:—I would like to add my testimony to the almost miraculous effect of P. P. P. in the case of Mary Ingraham, a woman living on my place; she had a constant cough, sore throat, debility, etc., and was emaciated to a degree that she was unable to get out of bed unaided, being given up by physicians; she had taken the renowned so-called Blood Medicines without the least effect, until being put under the P. P. P., she immediately began to improve and is now in as good health as ever in her life. You can refer to me at any time as to the effect of P. P. P. in the foregoing case.

Yours truly, SAMUEL CHERRY.

For sale by all druggists.

P. P. P. A wonderful medicine; it gives an appetite, it invigorates and strengthens.

P. P. P. Cures rheumatism (and all pains in side, back, shoulders, knees, hips, wrists and joints).

P. P. P. Cures syphilis in all its various stages, old ulcers, rashes and kidney complaints.

P. P. P. Cures catarrh, eczema, erysipelas, all skin diseases and mercurial poisoning.

P. P. P. Cures dyspepsia, chronic female complaints and broken down constitution and loss of manhood.

P. P. P. The best blood purifier of the age. Has made more permanent cures than all other blood remedies.

GRAPELAND.

ED. COURIER:—Noting the turn affairs are taking politically in our county and viewing with regret the seeming apathy of the democratic party, I wish to say through your valuable paper just a few words as to the situation. The "Third Party" is here and there is no use for the democracy to deny it or try to teach themselves to believe otherwise. It is being organized all over the county and a great many good honest citizens who were formerly good workers in the democratic ranks are going into it. Now seeing this is a fact who is to blame for it and what is the duty of the hour resting upon the shoulders of the democracy is to organize, not to vilify or abuse these men for falling away from the ranks but to teach them that the true principles of Democracy, that are embodied and will be embodied in the platform of the party, is the only "plan of salvation" for the laboring class; that by a strict adherence to the party's ranks they can only obtain the needed relief and reforms they are clamoring for; that by division at this hour, just when victory is about to perch upon the "Democratic banner" would be suicidal, thereby bringing them back into the fold and preserving the autonomy of the Democracy.

The party in Houston county has itself only to blame for this state of affairs, for had the organizations been kept up, and had the party kept abreast with the spirit of the times, instilling pure democratic principles into the minds of the people, answering and satisfying their demands as they come up in a true democratic way, they would not have been led away from the fold by such literature as they have been fed upon the last few years. There would have been no necessity for this condition of affairs, had the minds of the people been kept free from false doctrine and their desires and "demands" answered in the proper way instead of by abuse as administered by feather head democrats. Let the democracy recognize the duties of the hour and organize throughout the county into clubs, discuss and elucidate the questions at issue, in a true, honest, manly way grasping the situation with firmness and with gentleness and I assure you she will come out of the present canvass with her victorious banner, kissing the breezes of the Lone Star State and of the nation.

DEMOCRAT.

Dr. John Bull's Worm Destroyers taste good and quickly remove worms from children or grown people, restoring the weak and puny to robust health. Try them. No other worm medicine is so safe and sure. Price 25 cents at drug stores, or sent by mail by John D. Park & Sons Co., 175 and 187 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, O.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of Cough, Croup and Bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price 10c., 50c. and \$1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or back lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by J. G. Harring.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple, venereal remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Syphilis, Pityriasis and Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, the recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, enclosing this paper, W. A. NOYES, 821 Powers Block, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

WALL STREET MARKET.

The only First-Class Meat and Contry Produce Market in the City.

All kinds of country produce bought at the very best cash market price.

H. W. HESTER, Proprietor.

GROVETON CASH STORE! This appears also in Groveton Vigilant, Trinity Watchman and Livingston Pioneer. GROVETON, TEXAS, May 1, 1892. Something to Eat. Tomatoes 2 lbs. best, per can, 10 cts. Oysters 1 lb. full weight, per can, 10 cts. Mustard sardines, new large boxes, 10 cts. American sardines, best, 4 cans, 25 cts. Corn beef, 1 lb. best, 2 cans, 25 cts. Mackerel, 1 lb. fresh, 2 cans, 25 cts. Apples, full weight, 3 lbs. 2 cans, 25 cts. Apples, best select evaporated, 10 lbs for Coconut, desiccated packages, 10 cts. Apricots, evaporated, 15 cts. Blackberries, evaporated, 15 cts. Prunes, large hand packed, 25 cts. Corned, best quality, 2 cans for Peaches, sweet for table use, per can, 15 cts. Salmon, red meat, per can, 15 cts. Cherries, standard grade, per can, 10 cts. Pears, standard grade, per can, 10 cts. Hams, sugar cured canvassed, per lb., 12 1/2 cts. Breakfast bacon, small pieces, per lb., 10 cts. Sheeting. Unbleached, 2 1/2 yards wide, per yard only, 10 cts. Bleached, 2 1/2 yards wide, per yard only, 22 1/2 cts. Prints. 30 yards standard good colors for This is another lot of 2000 yards. Ribbons. 1000 yards of various colors and widths of silk ribbons reduced from 15 and 20 cts. to 10 cts. Flour. Full Patent, in barrels, only Fresh corn received last week. 45.00 Thread. 12 spools best quality for only 45 cts. Table Covers. Turkey red warranted good color per yard only 25 cts. Oil cloth, standard width, per yard only 22 cts. T. R. GARROTT & SON.

JNO. MURCHISON & SON, DEALERS IN Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, Hardware and Farming Implements. Call and see us before buying elsewhere. Prices will win.

J. C. WOOTTERS, Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SADDLERY, HARNESS, STOVES, CROCKERY, Tiware, Cane Mills And Evaporators, All Kinds of Agricultural Implements and Hardware. Also constantly on hand a large ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES. ALWAYS ON HAND A SUPPLY OF THE CELEBRATED MILBURN W GONS ND HACKS. I TAKE ORDERS FOR ALL.

Kinds of Machinery, Which I will lay down here for less money than it can be bought for FROM MANUFACTURE S. CALL AND SEE ME.

As English Drinking Song.

The tune to which the song "For Ho's a Jolly Good Fellow," is sung is "Marlbrouck," which was once a national air in France.

"Marlbrouck" the death and burial of Queen Anne's great captain are burlesqued, and, in what some French critics have considered its scathing satire, the dissensions of Blenheim and Ramillies are believed to have been reversed.

But the fact is really the reverse, for it read appreciatively "Marlbrouck" expresses the widespread terror occasioned by the mere name of Blenheim's hero, and the exultation of the French when they heard of his death.

The "complaints" is supposed to have come from the Walloon country, and it was unknown in the French capital until fifty years after Marlborough's death, when a Picaresque peasant woman, coming up to Versailles to nurse the baby daughter, brought it with her and sang her little bally charge to sleep with the old jingling rhyme.

From this "Marlbrouck" became popular in Paris, and ultimately, it reached these shores. The tune being a catchy one, we discarded the French words and wedded it once and for all to our Bacchanalian chant of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and so a song written in savage ridicule of England and one of her greatest generals became one of the most popular airs to which the latter's countrymen pledge jovial cups.—London Notes and Queries.

A Laughable Mistake.

In a certain village not many miles from Boston a good story is told, in which a prominent society lady, a neighbor, several young men and an "innocent and unprotected" cow were the prominent features.

The society woman, who was about to close her house for a season, owned a fine piano which she disliked to leave in a damp house for so long a time, and consequently offered to loan it to her neighbor.

The latter gladly accepted the offer, and arrangements were made to remove the instrument.

In order to do this it was necessary to secure the loan of another neighbor's horse and wagon. The request was made and as quickly granted.

A call was made for the horse one evening, but being familiar with the stable the offer of a lantern was declined. The animal was backed out of the stall, the halter taken off and then came the job of adjusting the bridle.

At this point the proceedings were rudely interrupted by a loud and prolonged "moo."

An attempt was being made to harness the family cow. After every body had taken a solemn oath not to tell, the horse was harnessed and the piano moved.—Boston Herald.

Another Volapuk.

An enthusiastic German advocate for the unification of the human race invented some years since a universal language, which he named Volapuk.

The original work was the only one which became well known before 1885, and since that time sixty-six books on the same subject have appeared. The system was one which we should have thought might well have been left to the neglect which, in spite of the increasing literature on it, is sure in the long run to overtake it. But unfortunately the basis of the system is the German language.

This, it is obvious, is more than some Frenchmen can endure, and in order to checkmate the invidious attempt of the enemies of France to perpetuate the national quarrel, twenty-five new systems, all based on the Romance languages, and to which they have given names such as "Bopal," "Myrana," "Neo-Latina," "Lingua Paslingua," etc.—London Spectator.

A Cat That Identified Murderers.

Here is a story which rivals anything told even of the dog. In the summer of 1800 an officer of Lyons was requested to inquire into a murder.

He went to the residence of the deceased and found her lifeless body stretched on the floor. A large white cat was mounted on a cornice of the cupboard; there he sat motionless, with his eyes fixed on the corpse.

When the officer of justice brought in the suspected persons the cat's eyes glared with fury, his hair bristled and he darted into the middle of the room, where he stopped for a moment to gaze at them, and then precipitately retreated. The countenances of the assassins were disconcerted, and they now, for the first time, felt their audacity forsake them, and gave evidence which led to the identification of the criminals.—Chambers' Miscellany.

Population of Island Cities.

The increase in population of the lake ports indicates the great increase that must follow, necessarily, in the business of the lakes and also of the railways tributary to them.

Buffalo has increased from about 42,000 in 1850 to 255,000 in 1890; Cleveland from 17,000 in 1850 to 222,000 in 1890; Chicago from 20,000 in 1850 to 1,100,000 in 1890—while Detroit and Milwaukee exhibit a remarkable parallelism in growth, the former having increased from 116,340 to 205,576 in the last ten years and the latter from 115,857 to 204,468.—C. C. Rogers in Scribner's.

Size of Shoes.

Mr. E. Phelps, of Shreveport, La., is a regular customer of a well known Broadway shoe merchant. His orders vary in some details, but never in the size of shoes. To an ordinary 25 Louisiana the sizes between 12 and 17 are unknown. They are never seen in the show windows, and no citizen ventures on the street with shoes of this caliber. But a colony of negroes in Shreveport would put themselves in a way to wear a shoe smaller than No. 12, and they labor under no inconveniences whatever when their feet are encased in shoes No. 17. The last order called for a dozen, and it was filled from a special department established for this grade.—New York Cor. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

TO PHILLIS, IN ENGLAND.

Darling Phillis, four years old, whom for my delight I will picture as I knew—

Head slight with sunny gold, cheeks of rose red and white, eyes so large and bright.

I will kiss thy plaited hair, with love I'll hear of you, telling of the hearts you win, what you wear and what you do, what you eat and what you do.

Yet I know not—can I, dear, see you as you are, English blisse you dim and far, to the exile lingering here, sweetest, how you stand shadow child in shadow land!

Wistly I for my delight, faint would fashion you aright, with a sad and "what's mine" Of the girl's impotence.

Yes, as now you are, I know, I shall never, never know.

Wiser, Phillis, in your glad, No such thought you had, thinking now and then of me, far away across the ocean, happy in your childhood here, soon "big ship" will bring me home.—W. Trugo Webb in London Spectator.

Getting the Better of Excisemen.

A certain Red John, who was a practiced hand at making illicit whisky in the Highlands, heard that the excisemen were in his neighborhood and were to pay him a visit.

He went in his extremity to a friend of his, a tailor, and promised him a boll of malt if he would allow himself to be stretched on a table as a corpse. This was done.

The tailor was decently vested in white sheets, a plate of salt was placed on his breast, and the godly old women of the neighborhood sung their corncakes around the bier.

As the excisemen were entering a voice was heard from the tailor, "Unless I get two bolls I'll cry out."

The two bolls were procured, and Red John confronted his foes with a sorrowful countenance and an open Bible in his hand. "You have come," he said, "to a house of woe. This is my only brother, who has just died."

The officers apologized and retreated. Some time after they learned that Red John never had a brother, but the information came too late.—Good Words.

Vessels Lost for Insurance.

For the enormous numbers of disasters at sea and the great loss of life the British board of trade assigns the following mentioned causes as the principal: Accident, errors of ignorance or neglect, defective materials and perils of the sea.

To these four must be added in modern times a fifth cause—the perils of insurance. Scores of vessels are annually "sold to the insurance companies." Some years ago there were 215 British ships in the Baltic, nearly all of which were insured. There were 225 Swedish ships in the same waters, few of which were insured. Ten British ships were lost to three Swedish.

Investigators of the subject are well aware that it is no uncommon thing for ships to be sent to sea with the express understanding that they were to be covered by insurance.

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THE BOY WANTED TO TALK.

But the Father Was Very Sleepy and Lost Part of the Conversation.

"Good night, papa," said the boy, going into his room.

"Good night," said the boy's father as he turned out the gas and got into bed.

"Are you tired, papa?" asked the boy sympathetically.

"Tired enough to go to sleep, anyway," said the father.

"That's good," said the boy. "It's a great thing to be so you can go to sleep as quick as you get to bed, isn't it?"

"Great, indeed," answered the father drowsily.

"What makes us go to sleep?"

"Why, because we are tired, I suppose," a little impatiently. Then, with a thought of the sympathy.

"Sleep is necessary after the work of the day."

"Does a cow sleep?"

"Certainly."

"What makes women more afraid of cows than men?"

"Very likely because they are more timid. Women can't protect themselves as well as men."

"Girls are just the same. They run and yell at every little thing. I'm glad I am not a girl, aren't you?"

"Yes, I'm glad you are not a girl."

"No, I mean aren't you glad you are not one?"

"If you were a girl, you'd be my mother, wouldn't you?"

"I suppose I would."

"Well, I'm glad you are not, for then you couldn't show me how to make a kite."

"Do you want a kite?"

"Yes, but tomorrow will do just as well. Who made the first kite, papa?"

"The Chinese, I fancy."

"The men in China fly kites, don't they?"

There was no answer.

"Don't they, papa?"

"Don't—er, what was it?"

"Don't the men in China fly kites?"

"Yes."

"Are there any laundries in China, papa?"

"I don't know, I guess not."

"Well, how do the Chinamen learn how to wash?"

"I'm sure I don't know."

"The Chinamen don't at the laundry has got a fiddle. He can't play very well. Did you ever try to learn to play on a fiddle?"

"No."

"I don't want to learn. I'd rather learn to play a banjo. Did the negroes play on a banjo first?"

"Yes, desperately."

"Who taught them how to make it?"

"I don't know. I guess it came naturally."

"What makes them black?"

"What, the banjos?"

"No, of course not, the negroes."

"The coloring matter in their skin is different from ours."

"Do they ever tan men's skin?"

"Boys' skin is sometimes tanned, with deep meaning."

"Oh, I don't mean that kind of tanning. That's strap oil, isn't it?"

"I guess so."

"Will I go on the Friday school class?"

"I don't know."

"Oh, papa, I want you to help me do an example. This is the way it goes: 'Twenty men dig a ditch 15 2-3 feet wide and 230 yards long in 23 1/2 weeks, working 9 hours a day; 150 men dig a ditch 23 feet wide and 250 rods long in 3 weeks, working how many hours a day?' How do you do that?"