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THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION.

Tact on the Part of the Lady May Prevent Unpleasantness.

San Francisco Examiner. So few men know how to propose well. Almost always directly a man says "I love you," there comes a pause in the conversation and then on a paucity of it-ars-on his part. It is a good thing to lift the strain a little for a man by saying something ordinary and commonplace after the proposal is over. Of course if it is a proposal you are going to accept he kisses you and starts the conversation comfortable again or else renders it unnecessary.

But it is a difference when you refuse a man. Of course it is not really fair to let a man kiss you under such circumstances, unless, indeed, you want to see how he does it and this is going to be your last chance. Some men are so queer, you know after they are refused. If you are not going to let him kiss you, better get in some quiet little remark right off to set things going again. I have a friend who always says that he has been deceived, that her hair does not curl, and that she could not think of accepting a man who had asked her while under the impression that she did not use iron.

This sort of thing however, sometimes only makes a man ask you all over again. It may be better to be wistful and bored and say, "Now you have gone and spoiled everything. What did you do it for?" This gives a man time to think what he did to do it for, and just as often as not he does not himself know. One ought always to give a man a chance like that whether one means to accept or not.

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M'KINLEY BILL EFFECTS.

THE GREAT NEED IS FAIR RECIPROITY WITH MEXICO.

Texas More Directly Interested in Extending Commercial Relations With Mexico Than Any of the States.

MONTEREY, Nueva Leon, Mexico, June 18.—For many years I have spent a large part of my time in Mexico, looking after mining interests—silver and lead—in which many of the leading business men of Texas are interested, and I have devoted much thought and close investigation to the trade relations existing between the United States and Mexico.

I find here a population of 12,000,080 to 15,000,000 of people, of whom the governing classes are as intelligent and progressive as our own; and a country opulent in undeveloped resources, and especially rich in its deposits of the precious metals. The absence of a regular and reliable rainfall makes agriculture precarious and uncertain, and the people depend largely upon the United States, their nearest neighbor, for much of their food and breadstuffs, of which, under intelligent conditions of reciprocity, Texas would, by reason of its proximity, enjoy almost a monopoly. Manufacturing is yet in its infancy, through under the insane provisions of the McKinley bill, which has practically erected a Chinese wall between the two friendly nations, an impetus has been given to manufacturing enterprise which will soon not only make Mexico independent in supplying her own wants by the action of her own people, but will make her a strong competitor for the trade of other Spanish-American nations.

This seems to be the policy of republican misrule, or so-called statesmanship, not only to drive away from our own borders the lucrative trade of nearly a score of millions of willing neighbors but to force them by the most unfeeling legislation into a position of absolute commercial hostility and retributive retaliation, and for what purpose? So far as average intelligence can perceive, it is simply to "protect" and still further enrich a few scores of silver and lead barons in Colorado and Montana at the expense of 65,000,000 of suffering people, who, instead of a restricted market, are most eager to extend their markets into all adjacent territory. Here is Mexico, directly upon our border, with but an imaginary line of demarcation, anxious to buy from us most of her flour, bacon, lard, corn, wheat, butter, wagons, buggies, carriages, agricultural implements, nails, mining machinery, her cotton and woolen goods, hats, shoes, harness and a thousand articles in daily use for her people; and to pay us for them in silver and lead ores from her exhaustless mountains; fluxing ores so imperatively needed by our great smelters in Denver, Pueblo, Omaha, Kansas City, Cheltenham, Jersey City and El Paso; smelters costing scores of millions of dollars and employing tens of thousands of operatives; a trade which would materially enrich the people of both nations.

How many people think the free and unlimited introduction of silver and lead ores from Mexico into the United States? One thousand? And how many would be benefited by it? Eighty millions? Every international line of railway between the countries with their scores of thousands of owners, stock and bondholders and employes in carrying the millions of tons of ores from the Mexican mines to the American smelters, their trains returning to Mexico laden with the products of our farms and mills and forests and manufactories of all kinds; the scores of thousands of operators in the American smelters and sampling and reduction works, many of which are now idle or running on half time for want of the fluxing ores so abundant in Mexico and so scarce in the United States; the hundreds of thousands of operators in the different manufacturing establishments in the United States whose factories would be gladly taken by the Mexicans in exchange for their ores; the millions of farmers in the south and west whose industries languish for

want of a market; in fact, there is no interest in either country which would not be directly or indirectly benefited by the opening of a market with 15,000,000 people right at our doors.

Yet, forsooth, all these and countless other unenumerated advantages must be thrown away to still further enrich a few mercenary silver and lead magnates in the Rocky mountain states who have already grown fabulously rich and arrogant upon the necessities of an impoverished people. Was ever such imbecility shown by any people, in any age or any country? The manner in which the rich trade of Mexico has been repelled and driven away from us is a travesty upon American statesmanship. Our policy is a godsend to Mexico, but death to us. It builds up Mexico and makes her supply her own wants from Europe, and by the work of her own people, instead of giving our farmers and manufacturers the opportunity of selling their precious and uncertain, and the people depend largely upon the United States, their nearest neighbor, for much of their food and breadstuffs, of which, under intelligent conditions of reciprocity, Texas would, by reason of its proximity, enjoy almost a monopoly. Manufacturing is yet in its infancy, through under the insane provisions of the McKinley bill, which has practically erected a Chinese wall between the two friendly nations, an impetus has been given to manufacturing enterprise which will soon not only make Mexico independent in supplying her own wants by the action of her own people, but will make her a strong competitor for the trade of other Spanish-American nations.

This is a fatal disease at the very root of human civilization. Where is the remedy? May we not find it? Is it not free silver and gold on a just parity of value, and free trade with all nations? Beating down the battering-ram of common sense and patriotic devotion the Chinese wall of narrow bigotry and prescription, which excludes us from free and untrammeled intercourse with our nearest and friendliest neighbors? In Mexico the protectionist can see in its seraphic perfection the very heaven of the robber tariff. The iniquitous system is that of the republican party, which seems organized to rob and impoverish the public and to discourage and paralyze commerce and activity, the eternal tendency of restraint upon a freedom of trade. What can Texas and the other southern and western states hope from Mexico as a customer, under the present repressive and subversive order of things under republican destructive imbecility?

Texas is more directly interested in extended commercial relations with Mexico than any of the states of the union and under a wise adjustment of the tariff between the two republics would witness a marvelous and ever increasing volume of trade flowing both ways through our border, which would soon fill out waste places with prosperous homes, and make of Dallas and Fort Worth and San Antonio and Galveston and Houston and Austin and Waco and Sherman and Denison and Corsicana and El Paso and Laredo and Corpus Christi, the most magnificent and opulent cities on the American continent.

"Turn the nation loose" and give us again what the laws of nature gave us—the unrestricted liberty to buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest markets, and the development of the country and the wealth, prosperity, happiness and grandeur of the people will be the marvel of the centuries. GEO. F. ALFORD. IMPORTATION OF LEAD-SILVER ORES. Mexican Financier, June 4. The committee of ways and means of the United States house of representatives have sent in their report on the bill for abolishing the duty imposed on silver-lead ores imported into the United States come from Mexico, and that the imposition of this duty has placed the smelters of silver ores in a difficult position. Hitherto one ton of this ore has been used to supply the fluxing quality to two tons of the fluxing silver ore of the states. Since the imposition of this tariff the lead-silver ore have been

smelted in Mexico, as it has been found cheaper to ship the lead bullion into the states than to send the ore itself. The silver smelters of the states are therefore without their flux, and the production of the lead bullion in Mexico has supplied that country with another industry. The figures given in the report in support of this contention are as follows: "The cost of shipping one ton of Mexican ore from Monterey to New York by rail, would be approximately \$15, whereas by way of Tampico, on the Mexican gulf, and vessel, the rate is in effect \$12 per ton on lead bullion. Giving, however, the same rate of freight to ore and bullion, i. e., \$12 per ton the following facts are developed: The average contents of a ton of lead-silver ore in lead is 25 per cent. One ton of ore therefore contains 500 pounds of lead. The smelting process produces about 90 per cent of this, i. e., 450 pounds. At the rate of \$42 per ton freight to New York, the cost on 450 pounds would be \$27.00. It will be remembered that the duty on lead in pigs and bars is 2 cents a pound, therefore this lead bullion, i. e., 450 pounds produced from one ton of ore, would pay \$9 duty upon entry into the United States, making, therefore, the cost of delivery in New York, and duty, \$11.70. On the other hand, the cost of transporting one ton of ore to New York, as stated, would be \$12; that is to say, the cost of delivery of one ton of ore, without any duty upon entry into the United States, is greater than the cost of delivering the contents of that one ton of ore in New York, and paying 2 cents per pound on the lead which was originally contained in the ore. In other words, the concentration on tonnage by the smelting process saves so much freight (in this case about 75 per cent) that such freight-saving overcomes the duty imposed on lead bullion. From what has been stated it is clear that the duty imposed on lead ores is simply an obstruction and barrier to the American user of Mexican ores in competition with the Mexican smelting works. In other words, the tariff act of 1890 assists Mexican smelting works in their competition against American smelting works and injures the great majority of the silver miners of this country by rendering scarce a flux of ore which must be used to reduce the products of their mines."

This is just what this journal predicted would be the result of the McKinley tariff; it has built up a large industry on Mexican soil, and this country has reason to congratulate itself on the benefits inadvertently conferred upon it by the ultra-protectionists of the United States. The miners of Idaho are signing a huge petition in favor of repealing the duty on silver-lead ores, which will be sent to congress. The mine owners, who favor the retention of the duty, oppose the petition, but the miners urge that in the face of the "protection" which the duty affords the mine owners, the latter are trying to reduce wages. The humbug of the silver-lead ore duty is becoming every day more apparent. When it was first talked of the mine owners said that if the duty was imposed they could pay the miners higher wages, but now that they have the coveted "protection," they are endeavoring to cut down wages. The Northwest smelter syndicate is thus shown to have been insincere in its advocacy of the duty on Mexican ores.—Dallas News.

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HID HERHOARD IN THE WALL.

The Strange Manner in Which a Female Miser Concealed Her Treasure.

Cincinnati Enquirer. CAREY, Ohio, August 3.—Old "Granny" Fahl, who died Wednesday at her late home in Mt. Blanchard, Hancock County, was one of those eccentric characters who believe in hoarding up gold and silver coins and secreting them. Just before her death she revealed a hidden hiding place of her money, which amounted to over \$1,000. It was in gold and silver coins and greenbacks. The gold and silver were in tin cans, and stored away in the partitions of an inner wall, the plastering having been knocked off and several laths cut in two, thus making a hole large enough to get the cans into the opening. It was then hid by a paper being tacked over it and a stand shoved up against the wall. The greenbacks were placed in the back part of an old picture which hung on the wall.

The coins were all of an ancient date, showing that they must have been in the possession of the deceased for a half century. There is little doubt but what a large sum of money is still hidden away in other parts of the house, as it is known that when Mr. and Mrs. Fahl came to this country from Germany that they brought with them more than \$30,000 in gold and silver, and the coins just found are known to be a part of this vast sum. As they were of that class who never squander money only when it is absolutely necessary, there surely must be more money hid away in some nook or corner of the house that was occupied by the aged couple for so many years. A Mr. Hammond has purchased the property and is zealously guarding it.

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There is nothing "just as good" as Creole Female Tonic. Every lady who has given it a trial will tell you there is nothing like it for curing diseased conditions peculiar to the female sex.

NOTICE.

DENISON, Tex., June 1, 1892. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas has been called by the directors, to be held at the public office of said company in the city of Denison, Grayson county, Texas, on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, A. D. 1892, at 12 o'clock - m. of that day, for the purpose of authorizing and sanctioning an increase of the capital stock of said company to the amount of thirteen million dollars, to which amount it is proposed to increase such capital stock of the company; and said meeting of stockholders is also called and will be held as aforesaid, for the further purpose of authorizing the company to borrow money to the amount of ten million dollars, necessary for constructing, completing, improving and operating its railway, including certain extensions or branch lines of railroad, which are proposed and intended to be hereafter constructed, and to issue and dispose of its bonds for said amount of ten million dollars to be so borrowed, and for the purpose also of authorizing, as security for the payment thereof, a mortgage by said Company of its corporate property and franchise, or such portion thereof, including the proposed extended or branch lines of railway to be hereafter constructed, as the stockholders may at said meeting approve and direct.

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J. P. O'KEEFE.

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

Aristo photos at Eichelberger's.

Mrs. W. V. McConnell is convalescent.

Light showers fell in some parts of the county Sunday.

B. F. Chamberlain has been spending a week at Austin.

Major J. C. Wootters and family are expected home this week.

J. H. Green has the thanks of the editor for some fine grapes.

There are six colored churches in Crockett and another going up.

Just received a fine line of ladies' Oxford ties at I. W. Murchison's.

This office would like to have some extra fine samples of corn.

Mrs. Fannie Long left last week on a visit to her mother at Alto.

Miss Bettie Davis leaves this week for Tennessee on a visit to her sister.

R. H. Hyde of Hyde's Bluff was in town Monday and made a pleasant call on us.

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

A month from now the democracy of the county will be in splendid fighting trim.

Alec Kennedy was in town Monday. He reports fine crops in his section of the county.

Call on us for all kinds country produce and general merchandise.

JONES & SATERWAITE.

The regular session of the Commissioners court began Monday. Little of importance was done.

AAA High Patent flour guaranteed to be the best brand of flour made.

L. M. CAMPBELL.

Jimmie Dawnes joined the crowd of Knight Templars at Palestine and took in the trip to Denver, Col.

Prof. L. D. Brown, of Anahuac, Chambers county, has been selected as one of the teachers of the city school.

Earl Adams will meet Harry Tracy at Lovelady, Crockett and Grapeland on the 22, 23 and 24 of August.

Wash Holly, a thorough going democrat and a prominent citizen of Trinity county, was in town Monday.

Miss Muggie Durst, of Leona, Leon county, was elected by the city council this week as one of the teachers of the city school.

HOWARD'S BARBER SHOP! Give me a call gentlemen. I came to Crockett when Crockett had no barber. I only ask a fair divide of cut-out.

There was a moonlight picnic on Monday night at the residence of Col. Earl Adams. Some thirty or forty couples went out and had a delightful evening of it.

Let all democrats turn out Friday evening to the meeting at the court house. The object of it is to make preparations for the speaking of Senator Mills on the 29th.

Hon. W. M. Imboden and W. R. Robinson locked horns at Lovelady on Monday, representing respectively democracy and peoples' partyism. A good crowd was present.

I have in stock the celebrated 4 Ace Hams and Globe Hams, Out Meat, Grits, Hominy and everything kept in a first class waddy grocery.

L. M. CAMPBELL.

Dr. Jno. B. Smith has called a meeting of the Executive Committee for Saturday the 20th. This is a meeting of unusual importance and should be attended by every member.

Jno. McConnell, Sr., Mrs. McConnell and their son, Dan, left last Saturday on a trip to Denver, Col. They go to be present at the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar which met in Denver on Tuesday last.

A Killing.

On Monday night about one o'clock a. m. Jack Brown (Col.) shot and killed Sanford Hawkins (Col.) The shooting was done in one of the cabins on Charles Long's place and was caused from the fact that Jack Brown found Hawkins in bed with his wife. Brown and his wife had separated and he was living in one of Cooper's houses. He had tried to induce his wife to go and live with him but she refused to do so. Hawkins was shot twice with a number 32 pistol, both balls entering the right side and was evidently asleep when Brown fired the pistol. Brown gave himself up to the officers on Tuesday morning and Justice Romaine held an inquest over the body of deceased the same day. Accused was admitted to bail at \$500.

Democratic Executive Committee.

Members are hereby requested to be present at a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee at the court house in Crockett on Saturday, August 20, at 11 a. m. Business of urgent importance to the party will come up and it is especially urged upon everyone to attend. The enemy is making an active canvass of every precinct in the county and it is imperatively demanded that the democracy of the county and every precinct should proceed at once to an active and systematic organization. I trust that every member of the committee will be on hand.

JNO. B. SMITH, Ch'm'n. Ex. Com. H. Co. Crockett, Tex., Aug 9, 1892.

To the Republicans of Houston County.

In pursuance to the power invested in me, I therefore call a republican convention in the town of Crockett, in the court house, Aug. 27, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m. to consider and decide upon such issues as will be for the promotion of the interest of the republican party of Houston county. Let every community send delegates without fail. One delegate to every 10 votes. All delegates must have credentials bearing the signature of the chairman and secretary of the community or precinct which they represent. We cordially invite every republican voter to be present and witness proceedings of said convention.

THOS. G. W. TAYLOR, Ch'm'n. Ex. Com.

Oh, What a Cough.

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c., to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves Croup and Whooping Cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porus Plaster. Sold by J. G. Harring.

Call for Floral Convention.

August 7th., A. D. 1892.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Chairman of the Democracy of the 31st. Florial Representative District of Texas, I hereby call a convention to meet at Jacksonville Texas on August 23rd., A. D. 1892 at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the 23rd. legislature of the state of Texas. The democracy of the entire district is earnestly requested to be well represented in the convention, as organization is the means by which the principles of democracy are best taught.

E. J. MANTOOTH, Chairman.

Dr. John Bull's Worm Destroyers.

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 177 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, O.

THE CASH!! CASH!! SIGN.

A big sign was blown up at the CASH STORE of R. M. Atkinson yesterday, but all the zephyrs in the universe can not blow the prices any lower he is making on clothing, ladies dress goods, boots and shoes. Remember the Childs School Shoe, \$1.00; men's full stock single or double sole brogan, \$1.00. TOBACCO! TOBACCO! Flat Navy or smoking tobacco, each 25c per pound. SHIRTS! SHIRTS! Embroidered, figured, puff, black and Mother Hubbard. Also a complete line of Groceries. Fresh FLOUR from the highest to the lowest grade. New Rice. Best Rio Coffee, 5 lbs. for \$1.00. Fancy evaporated apples 10c. Ribbon cane syrup, fine flavor, 50c. per gallon. Lard and bacon always on hand.

Bill McConnell Says:

Along with the tallow-dip, the flint lock and the old stage coach, the age of the mercantile monstrosity of big prices on eternal time has gone by, crushed by annihilation or driven beyond sun-down by aggressive or progressive net spot cash. Underbuy is the first lesson that turns the big wheel, but under sell is the trip-hammer that makes it whirl, nor does it take a life time to prove this problem, a single year will pile up the solid facts and figures to the intense satisfaction and gratification of the man whose earnest enthusiasm whirrs him upon the steel rails of prosperity and popularity. Underbuy means under-sell, and as we buy strictly for cash and sell strictly for cash, who is it among this constellation of Crockett merchants can give you a closer figure than we can?

SPECIAL:--Surely we can treat you well, when we underbuy and undersell.

Jack Craddock of Burnett is on a visit to relations in Crockett.

Prof. Johnson, the new superintendent, will arrive in a few days.

Heavy rains fell in the Western and Southwestern part of the county this week.

There is quite a demand for residences in Crockett and a vacant house to be found.

The Court house yard should be enclosed by all means, and trees and grass again set out.

Grapeland and Lovelady can boast of as good schools as are to be found in the county.

Arch Adams of Weldon reports crops in fair condition and not needing any rain in that section.

J. W. McRae, of Porter Springs was in to see us last Wednesday and reports cotton crop as short of last year.

Don't order any more evaporators, but call on G. T. Teal and have you one made to suit your demand. Price low.

Misses Minnie and Sue Craddock and I. A. Daniel went out to the marriage of Miss Emma Thompson Wednesday evening.

Correspondence is being had with Senator Coke to get him to make a speech in this county during October, probably at Lovelady.

A. J. Belott, Joe Ashmore and W. H. Duren went up to Palestine Tuesday evening to attend the reunion of Burnett's regiment.

The city council are purchasing an elegant line of school furniture for the new school building as well as some scientific apparatus.

J. S. Woodward is again here wanting agents in this or other counties. Has entirely new looks. Call at court house, up stairs.

Unless the city council has the grounds cleaned off around the building, there is danger of the children getting hurt from nails etc.

The state pro rata for each child within scholastic age is five dollars and the pro rata from the county fund is one dollar: total for each one \$6.00.

The young people had a moonlight picnic at the country home of Mrs. Mary Leaverton on Wednesday evening. Quite a number of couples went out.

W. R. Robinson and Earl Adams had a joint discussion at Porter Spring on Tuesday, the former representing the peoples' party and the latter the democratic party.

J. S. Woodward wishes to employ agents for the following excellent books: The Twin Hell; Life of Spurgeon; The World's Columbian Exposition; Columbus and Columbia.

Geo. B. Lundy has accepted a position in the business of the Texas Cooperative Association at Galveston and will make it his home in the future. We regret to lose such a citizen as Mr. Lundy as we have too few of that sort now.

In this issue of the COURIER we reprint an article from Geo. F. Alford who for a long time was a citizen of this county and its representative for three terms in the state legislature. It is very able presentation of the subject and has been copied and commented on by many of the leading democratic journals up north.

Democrats should not wait for the nominees of the party to do all the work. The party, the people, the entire county, every democrat is interested in defeating the third party and can help to this end. Let every one take hold and do his part. Neither should the nominees be expected to contribute all the funds for the necessary expenses of the campaign. These expenses will be heavy as quite a number of speakers from a distance have been invited to come to the county and speak and their expenses will have to be paid.

A Marriage.

Miss Emma Thompson and Fred Freeman Esq. were united in wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents at Daniel's on Wednesday evening last, Rev. S. F. Tenney officiating. The bride is the daughter of Judge Morris Thompson, a highly respected and an old citizen of this county and the groom, a young attorney of high standing socially and professionally of Corsicana. Miss Emma has been engaged at teaching in Corsicana for years and has taken high rank in her chosen calling. All who know her esteem her for her solid worth of character and her exceptionally high and scholarly attainments as well as fine social qualities. We had the pleasure of meeting the groom in Corsicana a year or so since and know him to be a young man of more than average promise. We extend the couple our congratulations and hope that the future may be even brighter than it now promises to be. Refreshments were served to a few friends who were invited.

Life, Health and Strength.

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Feb. 17, '89. MESSRS. LIPPMAN BROS., Savannah, Ga.: DEAR SIRS:--I will write to inform you that I was afflicted with Blood Disease. I tried one bottle of * * * and it gave me no relief. I was in bed seven months. I tried prominent physicians, and they could not do me any good. I saw your advertisement of P. P. P. in the Apalachicola Times, and thought I would try it. The bottle I got to-night makes seven or eight, and, oh, how good I feel. I have been up ever since and at my business, lumber inspector. You may publish this if you desire. I have informed my friends that P. P. P. is life, health and strength.

M. P. BOLDEN.

Sold by all Druggists and general stores. LIPPMAN BROS., Prop., and Druggists, Savannah, Ga. Sold by French & Chamberlain.

Delegates to State Convention.

B. A. Nunn, Sr., A. A. Aldrich, Jr., G. W. Whitley, M. C. DuPuy, D. J. Cater, J. M. Porter, I. W. Murchison, J. M. Worthington, J. E. Downes, F. G. Edmiston, J. L. Lipscomb, S. T. Beasley, Wm. McLean, T. F. Smith, Jno. B. Smith, B. F. Smith, F. H. Bayne, R. M. Atkinson, W. B. Page, S. C. Arledge, W. B. Wall, N. F. Sadder, J. W. Madden, J. W. Hall, G. M. Thompson, Jas. A. Hill, J. H. Hackney, W. F. Murchison, S. J. Collins, A. A. DeBerry.

The following resolution was adopted for the government of all delegations to the several conventions: "Resolved, that the delegates from this county to the various state and district conventions shall vote the instructions of this convention and if any delegate or delegates shall refuse to abide by these instructions, those who will cast the vote as instructed shall cast the whole vote of this county."

The State convention meets at Houston next Tuesday. Round trip tickets at reduced rates will be sold by the I. & G. N.

The round trip to Houston and return will be only two dollars.

To the Republicans of Houston County.

I desire to call your attention to a few facts in regard to the coming election. As there is now a new party sprung up, calling themselves the peoples' party and are making appeals to you to quit the republican party and join them. I want to say to you who are inclined to do so (as I hear that some are) to first consider and see if you have anything to gain by so doing. I have given the matter some thought and I fail to see why we should go back on the republican party, the party that has so long stood out for our own rights and liberties. President Harrison has given the country a good, safe and sound administration and why now should we not still support him instead of going off with the new and untried party of which I believe the policy to be visionary and unsound. They say they will not vote for any republican for office and I ask why should we support them?

Yours truly, FRANK H. HILL.

San Houston Normal Examination.

A competitive examination will be held at Crockett on Saturday, August 27 for the purpose of appointing a student from this senatorial district to the San Houston Normal, session beginning in September. The following counties constitute the old district: Grimes, Leon, Madison, Houston and Angelina. W. B. PAGE, Senator, 8th. Dist.

Measach.

Preston's Hed Ake is a sure cure for any kind of headache, biliousness, neuralgia, acute and chronic. It will cure in 15 minutes and never fail. Perfectly harmless. It won't cure anything else.

City Tax Sale.

Table with columns: NAME, ORIGINAL GRANT, No. Acres, No. of Lots, No. of Blocks, Price per Acre, Total Price. Lists various property owners and their details.

The above property will be sold at public sale for taxes on first Tuesday in Sept. 1892, for school taxes. C. J. HASSELL, City Collector.

THE SADDLE SHOP.

We can take space and time to give you specials all in rhyme. But hurry on to tell our tale of a thousand things we have for sale.

Saddles, the finest ever in this town. In price from \$25.00 down. Harness \$25.00, and some for much less. That is made of stock superior to Eastern Best.

In fact, our leather line is all complete and our prices just can't be beat. Others, there is no doubt, will try. We can sell as cheap as they can buy.

dry goods, notions, etc., we beat the fair. O. K. Jeans Pants only 50c. a pair. These fine shirts a dollar will buy. Can you beat this even if you try?

Space is out, we must close our rhyme. Will tell you many some other time. But we are "in it" and on top. So now don't forget the SADDLE SHOP.

There was a barbecue on Tyler Prairie last week and speaking galore. W. L. Drikkell and Champ Newman (Col.) represented the peoples' party, F. H. Bayne democracy, Lewis Baker (Col.) and Bob Lambert (Col.) stood up and spoke for straight republicanism.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY. A marvelous cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth, and Headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price 50c. Sold by J. G. Harring.

It is probable that Judge Williams will not hold any more courts in this district. The reason thereof is that the new Supreme Court of Civil Appeals under the law creating it will be organized in September. Governor Hogg will likely appoint in his place the regular nominee of this district, the Hon. W. Q. Reeves of Palestine.

Jonas Marsh brings the COURIER a curiosity in the way of a stalk of corn 14 feet long which grew on sandy upland soil. It had two fine ears of corn on it. He also brought samples of two different varieties of corn which are unusually large and heavy, all of which grew on sandy upland soil. Who can beat it? We would be glad to get some extra fine ears of corn to put in the permanent exhibit of the county which the commission is getting up, and hope subscribers to the COURIER will send us in some.

Attention Teachers:

The County Board of Examiner will meet on the first Friday, and Saturday of September, the 2nd, and 3rd.

Peoples' Party Announcement.

Hon. Harry Tracy will deliver three speeches in this county in the interest of peoples' party, will be glad to meet R. Q. Mills, Chilton or others in debate. Speaks at Lovelady August 22, Crockett August 23, and Grapeland August 24, 1892. J. M. SELKIEK, Co. Ch'm'n. P. P. H. Co.

Wilson Adams & Co.

Have on hand a full line of ladies dress goods in all of the latest styles. In gets 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, youths', and boys' clothing. Boots and shoes for every body. In the grocery line, we have, the four ace hams, pic-nic 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.

Stray Notice.

Taken up by J. W. Donahue, near Tadmore, in Houston county, Texas, and strayed before J. B. Gilbert, J. F. Free, No. 5, one chestnut sorrel horse about 12 years old with white face and nose, one glass eye, on right side, both hind feet white, collar and saddle marks, about 15 hands high, and black. Unless proven away some will be sold as an stray.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 12th day of July, 1892. A. C. DUNHAM, C. C. H. C. Tex.

SAW MILL! SAW MILL!

Lumber! Lumber! Will deliver in Crockett or elsewhere on short notice lumber of any dimension and best quality at very reasonable terms. In a short while will have a planer running and will furnish dressed lumber.

R. T. MURCHISON.

GROVETON CASH STORE! GROVETON, TEXAS, June 30, 1892. Bargains. Persian Mull dress goods, soft, cool and handsome, reduced from 20 to 14 cts. Black Figured Organdy Lawn, fast colors and good quality reduced from 20 to 15 cts. Black Figured Organdy reduced from 17 to 12 1/2 cts. Combs. Fine Combs, 5 cts. Horn Combs, 5 cts. Tuck Combs, 5 cts. Rubber Combs 7 inches long, 10 cts. Horn Combs polished, 15 cts. Strong Rubber Combs, 25 cts. Heavy Wide Black Comb. Cups and Saucers. Iron Stone Handled Cups and Saucers, per set 49 cts. Iron Stone Dinner Plates, per set 49 cts. These goods are English Manufacture and worth 75c a set. Tools. Dinstons adjustable brass bound plumb and level worth \$1.50 for 90 cts. Farmers Monkey-wrench, 8 inches long, usually sold for 40 cents only 25 cts. Wade & Butcher's celebrated hollow ground, white bone handle Razors worth \$2.50 for 80 cts. Steel shingling hatchet 49 cts. Nickel plated ratchet brace for 75 cts. Milk Pans. 475 Milk Pans half price 7 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents. Tin Wash Pans only 5 cts. Good heavy wash-boards 15 cts. Pearl refined starch per pound 5 cts. Thread. 12 spools best quality for 45 cts. Respectfully, 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.

The Bone-Str-Saloon, P. P. FIFER. THE ONLY FIST-CLASS SALOON IN THE CITY. Finest Assortment of Brandy and Wines ever in Crockett. Cigars and Imported Drinks of Every Variety. ICE COLD KEG BEER ALL SUMMER. W. A. HALL & CO. PROP'S. At the building formerly occupied by W. V. Berry.

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 WAGONS AND 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 MANUFACTURERS. CALL AND SEE ME. R. T. MURCHISON.

HEIGHT KITES WILL REACH.

If More Than One Is Used, They Will Go Very High in the Sky.

The actual height of kites above the earth is difficult to measure, because an object floating in the air looks farther away than it really is. When a kite is flying at a height of 1,800 feet, it has reached about as high a point as is possible without the assistance of other kites. Such a kite will seem to have reached an altitude of half a mile, yet a careful measurement of the string and its steepness will show that the kite is not over one-third of a mile above the ground.

Ordinarily the kite will go no higher, even if more string is let out, because the wind pressing against the great length of string with increasing force as the kite recedes and rises. If more than one kite is used, remarkable heights are attainable. The kites can be fastened along a single string, but this method requires quickness in attaching the right amount of tail to the kite, otherwise so much time may be wasted in preparing the successive kites for flight that the daylight will have before the experiment can be concluded.

However, when one kite is up and the amount of tail for it determined, it becomes possible after long experience, to at once estimate the amount of tail necessary for each additional kite, according to its size.

SERPENTS OF THE SEA.

Their Existence Believed in by Eminent Scientists.

Professor Agassiz was a firm believer in the existence of a sea serpent of exceptional proportions, and spent a deal of time collecting material bearing on that subject. He was especially interested in anything appertaining to the sea monster which made such a stir along the Atlantic coast in 1875. This serpent appeared at Nahant, Mass., and was followed along the coast for miles by the excited citizens of Nahant, Lynn and Swampscott, many of whom made affidavits to what they had seen.

Sir Charles Lesell, the noted geologist, thought it altogether probable that some of the primordial monsters may have survived until these latter days, and, like the retained monster above mentioned, spent months and years collecting and arranging sea serpent lore.

Professor Buxby says: "I have with my own eyes seen a sea serpent not less than 150 feet in length lashing the waves of the Bay of Bengal. I know that I was wide awake at the time, and that the object I saw was not kelp, marine gelatin or any other animate substance. I believe in sea serpents because I have been near enough to one (the one just mentioned) to see its horrid teeth."

Florida Fruit Syrup.

An elegant preparation, containing the laxative and nutritious properties of Florida Figs and other valuable tropical fruits forming a delightful and effective laxative for the permanent cure of Habitual Constipation and the many ills depending on a weak and inactive condition of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels. 50 Cents a Bottle. For sale by J. G. Haring.

His Successful Hunt.

There is a maiden within the limits of greater Boston who blushes furiously at the mention of one little word of three letters—S-I-R. It is a short story. There was a little entertainment at the academy where Alice graduated. She attended, of course, and was introduced to a charming young man—an undergraduate. "He suggested that we stroll in the corridors," said she afterward to an intimate friend, "and we talked about dances, the professors and the same old things. Then he tried—Oh, he must have forgotten himself, and I won't tell you what he tried to do. I wanted to bring him to his senses. 'Sir!' I said sternly, drawing myself up to my full height. Quicker than lightning he straightened himself, and with twice as much dignity as I had, said in a tone of freezing indignation: 'Madam! I almost fell through the floor. I had not been doing a thing, and he knew it, but I blushed and felt as cheap as if I had tried to—' to put my arm around his waist."

Dumbest Task.

Many idioms of the English language possess a striking and picturesque significance, which from long and constant use is often lost sight of. Occasionally, however, unusual associations bring it out with clearness and force. Two women were discussing a young man of their acquaintance, whose father had been a distinguished member of the bar, and a useful member of society.

For my part, said one, "I think George is very bright and capable. I am confident he will succeed."

"Yes," replied the other, "he is undoubtedly a worthy young man, but I don't think he has head enough to fill his father's shoes."

A Difference in the Evening.

Charles Wyndham once called at the Green Room, and on entering, sank languidly into its famous Garrick chair. Desiring to be genial, Secretary LeClerc blandly remarked: "Ah, Mr. Wyndham, you are growing more and more like Mr. Garrick every day of your life."

Brown's Iron Tonic.

This is nature's great restorer of health; it is pleasant and agreeable to the taste; and can be taken and retained by the most delicate stomach; it is the only preparation of iron that will not constipate the bowels, or blacken or destroy the teeth; it is easily and readily taken up and assimilated by the blood, and is, therefore, the greatest remedy known for General Debility, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Nervousness, Female Diseases, Scrofula, Typhoid Fevers, and all Diseases and Impurities of the Blood. Try sample bottle. For sale by J. G. Haring.

A SHOWER OF SELLS.

An Alabama Village Visited By a Curious Meteorological Phenomenon.

Coalburg, a small Georgia hamlet, recently reported a curious shower. Toward evening the village seemed covered with a dense cloud, so black as to threaten a storm, but it was to be seen that there was neither wind nor heavy rain.

This cloud continued to hover about the village until nearly 11 o'clock that night, when it began to shower lightly and something in the sound of the rain striking the people as strange, they went out to see what was falling. They were disappointed, for the ground was covered with what was at first taken to be snakes, which caused great alarm until several of the creatures were caught by more inquisitive or courageous spirits, when it was seen that they were young eels. The largest seen was nearly a foot in length, but the majority of them were only a few inches.

Old fishermen of the vicinity declare that the eels were of a species not to be found in this country except on the Southern Pacific coast, though plentiful in Mexico and Central America. It appeared that there were not of the creatures to be found more than a few hundred feet beyond the limits of the hamlet, but witnesses declare that even within that limited circuit there must have fallen millions of them. The people have been much annoyed since by the heaps of dead eels, which render the town almost uninhabitable, but the farmers are using them as a fertilizer.

SIGNS OF COMING AGE.

Mole Eye, Dry Palm and Shrinkage in the Calf of the Leg.

"Do you know the surest indication of old age?" asked Dr. Reed of a number of friends at the Lindell hotel, St. Louis, recently. "The surest indications in man," he continued, "are a moist eye, a dry palm and a shrinkage of the calf of the leg. All these indications are due to some action of the brain, consequently upon the contracting system. In the matter of the eye, the fifth section is interfered with, and it is this which causes a flow of water. The dryness of the palm is produced by an interference with the functions of the body, also due to the action of the leg follows from similar causes. In old age, too, you notice some men when they are walking, that they are earlier portions of their lives. With drinking the change is often produced by the quantity of saccharine which they consume with their drink, and with those who do not drink it follows from other physiological changes. As to the hair becoming gray, it results, in the majority of cases, from the partial closing of the hair cells and the reduction of the quantity of natural coloring matter which the closing produces. Whether women the dimness of the eye does not come so soon as it does in men."

SWIFTER THAN THE EYE.

Miraculous Rapidity of Certain Animal Motions.

The rapidity of animal motion is something far greater than can be detected by the human eye. It is a favorite amusement of country boys when they can find one sitting at a stump in a field, to walk around the bird at a considerable distance and see him "twist his head off." As the observer circles round the creature seems to follow by turning his head and then gives the impression of moving his head continuously round in a circle. As a matter of fact, however, as soon as the bird's head is twisted sufficiently to see the observer, he turns his head suddenly in another direction, but so quickly that the eye cannot detect the motion. The sluggish toad is sometimes quicker in his motions. The observer will sometimes notice a toad sitting at a distance of two or three inches from a fly. The insect vanishes, and sometimes the looker-on is puzzled to tell how or why. The toad has simply poked out its tongue and taken in the fly, but the action has been so quickly performed that the eye failed to detect it.

Logic of Martial Law.

"You are all blackguards!" cried a soldier, addressing himself to the garrison of a town which he had just been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for having deserted his company quartered in the neighborhood of Orleans in France. The court immediately pronounced a second sentence, and in order to impress upon the culprit how much more reprehensible was a show of disrespect to his superiors than even a violation of his oath to his country by deserting his colors, they made the second sentence ten years of penitentiary with hard labor. Surely Count Cavour was right when he said: "Any blackguard is able to govern under martial law."

Queer Facts About Gold.

A cubic inch of gold is worth, in round numbers, \$10; a cubic foot, \$28,800; and a cubic yard, \$7,776,000. At the beginning of the Christian era there was \$487,000,000 of gold in the world, but at the time of the discovery of America the total of the world's gold supply had been reduced to \$57,000,000. The amount of gold now in use is estimated as being worth \$14,000,000,000.

Angels and Pains.

They were having a little conjugal argument about the fondness of women for cosmetics, when he thought to clinch the argument by exclaiming: "Angels never paint." "Perhaps not," she calmly replied, "but, all the same, you never saw an angel that wasn't painted." And the only way he could get out of it was by declaring that she was an angel, which compelled him to admit that he had seen at least one unpainted angel.

Be a Mother at Sea.

A friend, lately returned from abroad, tells an amusing snake story. A venomous reptile was shipped from India in a box liberally supplied with air-holes. The box was regarded with suspicion, and placed in one of the life-boats. During the voyage several little snakes made their debut and wriggled through the holes to the deck to the terror of the passengers. Not daring to touch the box containing the parent snake, the sailors pulled the plug out of the boat and lowered it into the sea, where the box floated.

The Test of Table Manners.

Speaking of favorite dishes among gourmets, he said: "I am daily more convinced of the profundity of Brillat-Savarin's famous dictum—'dis moi ce que tu manges et je te dirai ce que tu es'—tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are. At hotel tables, in restaurants or at the club, if you want to get an infallible guide to a man's innate disposition, just note what he orders, and when he is served observe how he eats it. It tests his gastronomy."

HORSE FLESH.

Good Enough to Eat When One Is Very Hungry.

"You never ate horse flesh, I suppose?" said Lieutenant Russell, of the Seventh United States Cavalry. "I have seen the time when I ate it with genuine relish, and that, too, without any salt. It was in 1877, during general Miles' Nez Perce campaign. We had followed the renegades up the Snake to its confluence with the Yellowstone, and the chase was so fast and exciting that we didn't get into how low our larder was getting until it was drained, and we were getting too far away from the base of supplies to replenish it. The game had all been driven out of the country ahead of us by the fleeing Indians, and when we finally caught up with the renegades and arrested them, all we had almost nothing to eat for several days.

We captured about 700 ponies from the Indians, some of them so round and sleek and fat as to appear to us the finest meat I have ever seen. Our butchers killed the youngest and fattest of the ponies that night after the battle, and as soon as they were skinned and dressed we had a feast that would have made Lucullus turn green with envy. We lived on this pony meat several days. It was cooked without salt and roasted over a spit, like a barbecued beef. The meat had a peculiar sweet taste, and was palatable when I think of it now, and it was so fibrous that we could pull it apart in great strings. But it kept us from starving, and I, therefore, can heartily recommend pony meat to people in dire straits."

HAGAR WORE EAR-RINGS.

She Was the Woman Who Set the Fashion Many Years Ago.

According to the Moslem creed the reason why every Moslem lady considers it her duty to wear ear-rings is attributed to the following curious legend: Sarah, tradition tells us, was so jealous of the preference shown by Abraham for Hagar that she had a solemn vow that she would give her self no rest until she had mutilated the fair face of her hated rival and bondmaid. Abraham, who had knowledge of his wife's intention, sought to pacify his embittered spouse, but long in vain. At length, however, she relented and decided to forego her plan of revenge. But how was she to fulfill the vow she had entered into? After mature reflection she saw her way out of the difficulty. Instead of disgracing the lovely features of her bondmaid, she contented herself with boring a hole in each of the rosy lobes of her ears. The legend does not inform us whether Abraham afterward felt incumbent upon him to mitigate the smart of these little wounds by the gift of a costly pair of ear-rings, or whether Hagar procured the trinkets for herself.

From Stomach to Stomach.

Not a man in a hundred who uses pepsin as an aid to digestion has any idea where it comes from or how it is obtained. It is really prepared from the gastric juices found in the stomachs of hogs, and the ability of the hog to digest anything and everything that will pass down its throat is probably what led to the somewhat peculiar idea of concentrating every foodstuffs as digestion so easy in the porcine race. Hogs that are kept without food or water for twenty-four hours before being slaughtered yield an immense quantity of gastric juice, which is sponged off of the stomachs, and the fact that this article is so peculiarly procured and prepared should be very comforting to those who find it does not act upon their digestive organs in the manner prescribed.

An Accomplished Soldier.

"I believe the finest shotmaker in the world is the one employed by the government at the West Point military academy," said an army officer. "He has been there time out of mind, is old and bent and gray, but the shot he still makes for the cadets haven't their equal in shape and durability. The cadet, you know, is supplied with four pairs of shoes—a dancing shoe made of Morocco, a furlough shoe made of calfskin, a uniform shoe made of calfskin, but with a thick sole, and a winter shoe made of cowhide. When I left West Point I carried my cowhide shoes with me, and the shot he made for me from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Bayard, a distance of 1,300 miles, in them, and I have them yet, good as new."

Quite Professional.

A good story is told of Rufus Choate, and by the way, a good many good stories are told about him, but this is a new one. One morning when he entered his office his clerk rose and said: "Mr. Choate, a gentleman has just left here who wants you to undertake a case for him." "Ah! and did you collect the regular retaining fee?" "I only collected \$50, sir." The regular fee was \$100, and in a reproving tone Mr. Choate said: "But, sir, this is unprofessional—yes, very unprofessional." "But, sir," said the clerk apologetically, and anxious to exonerate himself of the charge, "I got all the money from Mr. Choate, with a different expression, 'that was professional—yes, quite professional.'"

Labourer's Law-Party.

From Sunday to Monday, when he is in England, Labourers usually retire to his country-house on the banks of the Thames, at Twickenham. Every summer he gives a law-party to which all fashionable London goes. It was at one of these parties that Labby delivered himself of the appended joke. Said a visitor: "Why, what a splendid place you have here, Mr. Labourer. Your lawn right on the river. Just think of it!" "Yes," he replied: "we have the lawn on the river in the summer and the river on the lawn in the winter. What more could we want?"

Extreme Misery.

Guastalla is a small town near Modena, Italy. It counts hardly 7,000 inhabitants. The other day 600, or nearly one-tenth of the total population, were seen in procession, trailing through the city, looking famished and only half covered with rags, their boots shoddered and asking for work in order to keep them and their families from dying from hunger and exposure. The authorities gave what work there was and what relief could be tendered, but it was far from meeting the necessities of the case.

Swallowed Snake.

A cow belonging to Levy Mogg, of Lydell, Dorset, was observed a few days ago to be in great agony, and eventually dashed its head against the walls of its shed, breaking its neck. On examination a live snake, two feet long, and six young ones, also two water snakes (Feston, Crataeus) were found in its throat. It is supposed that the animal swallowed the reptile while drinking from a tank.

WHAT MEERSCHAUM IS.

How It Is Made Into Pipes and How Pipes Are Spilled.

There is a general impression in the minds of smokers that the meerschaum part of the pipe which they treasure so carefully and take so much pride and satisfaction in "coloring" is compressed sea foam. Such, however, is not the case. The German word meerschaum means in English, foam of the sea, but it signifies nothing to do with the sea. It is a kind of clay, comes out of mines like coal and is found only in Turkey. The artist who carves meerschaum is required to pass through a severe school of apprenticeship, lasting from three to ten years, as though his work were in marble.

Meerschaum carved and in the rough resembles the ordinary plaster cast. The artist being complete, it is scraped with a knife, filed, soaked in a preparation and then polished with a linen cloth. The color of meerschaum has nothing to do with the quality, and ranges from pure white to a light yellow or a bluish white. The practice sometimes indulged in by smokers of soaking a meerschaum in hot water, milk, or steaming it is altogether wrong. It spoils the meerschaum and ruins the color.

WORLD A COCOANUT SHELL.

The South Pacific Islanders Believe This to Be the Case.

The savage Islanders of the South Pacific believe that the world is a coconut shell of enormous dimensions, at the top of which is a single aperture communicating with the upper air, where human beings dwell. At the very bottom of this imaginary shell is a deep gradually tapering to a point, which represents the beginning of all things. This point is a spirit or demon without human form, whose name is "Root of All Existence." By him the entire fabric of the universe is made. In the interior of the coconut shell, at its very bottom, lives a female demon. So narrow is the space into which she is crowded that she is obliged to converse with angels and cherubs touching. Her name is "The Very Beginning," and from her are sprung numerous spirits. They inhabit five different floors, which the great coconut is divided. Certain of these spirits mankind is descended. The Islanders, regarding themselves as the only real men and women, were formerly accustomed to regard strangers as evil spirits, and to slay them, whom they killed when they could, offering them as sacrifices.

It Is Possible to Fill a Glass Completely with Any Liquid, from Rim to Center.

The most common method of concentrating liquids is by drawing them to the sides of the vessel into which they are placed so that they rise around the brim, leaving a hollow in the middle. Hence a cup filled to the point of overflow with any of these liquids is not absolutely full, though it appears to be so at the edge. Fluids on the other hand, which do not adhere, or are not attracted by the sides of the vessel, may be drawn to the center. Thus mercury in a glass forms a convex surface, while water forms a concave.

A Monkey's Revenge.

The following anecdote clearly illustrates the reasoning powers of the monkey tribe. One day a monkey was in the suburbs of Havana, in a place where he was repeatedly robbed of his food by crows. One day he laid still on the ground, pretending to be dead. The crows were allowed to stand over him, and he stole their food. The bird was sure they were in reach. Instantly he grabbed one by the leg, and, despite his loud calls for help, terrorily plucked every feather from the bird's breast, and then flung it toward its screaming companions.

Vanished Man.

That the world was inhabited long before the history began is now one of the generally accepted facts. There are said to be more than 3,000 prehistoric buildings in Sardinia. They are almost all in the fertile districts and are built in groups which are separated from one another by wide and generally barren valleys.

From Freedom to Despotism.

There is said to be an oak in the Imperial gardens at St. Petersburg which has grown from an acorn taken from a tree growing near the town of Washington in Mount Vernon. It was planted fifty years ago by George Sumner, of Boston, the brother of Charles Sumner.

Horses With Sixteen Toes.

The orhippids, the ancestor of the noble horse of to-day, is first known to have existed in the recent period of geological epochs. Some of the species were as small as the common sparrow of to-day, and all had sixteen hoofs, four on each foot, just like the cow hooves of the present day. After long ages had elapsed the creature became a three-toed representative of animal creation, later on he had a single split hoof, or eight toes altogether.

Blind Tom's Sister.

Blind Tom, the musician, has a sister who loses self-control when she is tried to join several pianos, and she can smash every violin and flute that she can lay hands on.

Dining for Nothing.

Paris anarchists are now diligently cultivating the art of dining for nothing. Bands of them, it is said, now enter eating houses, call for substantial repasts, dispatch them and then refuse to pay the bill. When the landlord remonstrates they threaten to blow up his establishment with dynamite.

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Detroit Free Press.

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"But you made love to her?"

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"Never called her pet names either, I suppose?"

"No sir."

"Now, as a matter of fact, didn't you call her Lizzie after you had been to see her only three or four times and always after that, when you know you should have called her Miss Smith, if you had not been seeking to win her young and trusting heart?"

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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.

CROCKETT, TEX., Aug. 24, 1892

EDITOR COURIER:

To the senators and representatives of this county and district: We desire to make known the fact, that so far, 141 teachers have expressed themselves as wanting their certificates made valid throughout the State, not subject to re-examination save in case of promotion or non attendance upon county institutes, should the legislature adopt them in lieu of summer normals. It is to be hoped that they will advise for all the teachers of Texas to attend would cost not less than \$600,000, while to attend the institutes would not cost exceeding half that amount. We do not oppose the normal system, or plan, but believe these institutes should be condoned upon that plan. We believe that if the State Superintendent will, from time to time, send to these institutes such instructions as he thinks the teachers need, and let them be required each month to recite these lessons given a month previous that very soon the standard of all the teachers will be more highly elevated than by the present plan adopted by the State. The teachers have been, most of them, nine thousand at least, compelled to either teach on, or remain at home on account of this financial inability and hence remain uneducated and the demands of the State are not met.

Establish these institutes at their very doors that they may have no excuse and then hold them re-

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Myths About Snakes.

Popular Science Monthly.

A great deal of nonsense has been published, and a great deal more is believed, about snakes. Some most thrilling stories turn up a power which serpents are credited with of fascinating their victims. This appears to be a superstition. According to Mr. Vincent Richards, other birds, dogs, guinea pigs and other small animals, introduced into a rattlesnake's cage, show little fear, even at first, and afterward none whatever. Smaller birds, after fluttering about till they were tired, and by coming amusingly familiar with the snakes, Mr. Richards put two rats into a cage containing forty cubs.

At the outset the rats' appetites were considerably affected, and they were evidently alarmed. In a short space of time, however, they recovered their spirits, and caused considerable commotion among the cubs by running all over their heads and bodies. The snakes resented this familiarity by darting at each other and imaginary foes. The rats lived and partook of food in the cage for ten or twelve days, when, one after another, they were found dead—"victims, no doubt, of misplaced confidence."

It is still a matter of debate whether snakes are proof against their own poison. The remedies advised for snakebites are of doubtful validity. Because a man recovers after being bitten by a snake and does not die, it does not follow that the treatment has effected a cure.

A snake may bite without poisoning. Biting, though in appearance simple enough, consists really of a series of complex movements, following rapidly one upon another in order sequence, should any of which be inadequately performed, the victim may not be properly poisoned. Anomalous, alcohol, and nursing the patient may about are worse than useless, for they increase the action of the circulation and thereby promote the absorption of the poison. Even permanganate of potash is of no effect unless it is administered within four minutes.

Preston's Hed 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.

Houston--County AND ITS INDUCEMENTS.

Its Advantages and Attractions for the Man of Capital and the Home-Seeker.

The Banner County of East Texas.

For variety and fertility of soils. A vast forest of native woods, adapted to the manufacture of all grades and styles of furniture, vehicles and agricultural implements. Walnut, White Oak, Linn, Ash, Hickory of every variety, Post Oak, Cypress, Long and Short Leaf Pine, Curley Pine, Holly, Beach, Cherry, Magnolia and all other species of timber found in the woods of East Texas.

Houston Co. took the Gold Medal

At the Fort Worth Spring Palace in 1890 for its magnificent display of timbers. The North-eastern, Northern and North-western sections of the County are rich in iron of the Laminated and Brown Hematite varieties. Soils of every variety to be found in the state are to be found in Houston County, from the black waxy to the light sandy.

The Railroads of the County

are splendid. The International & Great Northern runs through it directly North and South. The Trinity & Sabine belt on the South the Houston, East & West Texas on the East and the Kansas & Gulf Short Line on the North, thus affording to every section of the County easy and rapid means of transportation to and from market. Besides there are two other lines surveyed and projected through the County, running in a North-westerly and South-easterly direction. Rivers, Creeks and streams of living water abound, furnishing through the driest summer an abundance of pure, fresh water. The Trinity River is the County's boundary on the West and the Neches on the East. The County School fund is perhaps the

LARGEST IN THE STATE.

reaching the splendid sum total of \$70,000, from which is annually derived for available use in maintaining the schools of the County from four to five thousand dollars. This added to the amount raised by local taxation and that bestowed by the State furnishes the princely sum of thirty thousand dollars spent annually on the free schools of the County. The population of the County is 20,000 and largely white.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES