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A Stirring Episode.

The district court room on Wednesday afternoon was the scene of some sensational developments. The Bill Hart case was being tried. This case has been on hand for several terms and has excited peculiar and profound public interest. The court room was crowded. There was quite an array of lawyers on both sides. The district attorney, D. A. Nunn, Jr., was assisted in the prosecution by D. A. Nunn, Sr. and Adams & Adams. The defence had John I. Moore and McMeans & Gill of Palestine. The greater part of the day was taken up in the empanelling of the jury. There were over one hundred names on the venire and of this number twelve, as has been stated before, were negroes. The jury was completed and on the jury to try Hart were three negroes. After organizing the jury, the State proceeded to bring forward and examine witnesses. We should remark, by the way, that Judge Burnett, being disqualified by law from sitting in the case, Judge Gould had been agreed on to try the case.

The case is one of a great many complications as it seems, with a number of witnesses. Every inch of the ground was being fought over by the counsel on both sides. It was utterly impossible to think of concluding the case in one day. When the time came to adjourn, the suggestion was made that it would be well to separate the jury, putting the colored members thereof in charge of one deputy and the white members in charge of another. This, however, could be done only by consent of counsel representing both sides. The counsel for the defense, it seems, agreed, or it was assumed that they would agree to such separation, as also those representing the State. Col. Nunn, retained by Mr. Furlow to assist in the prosecution, walked off to one side of the court room and on returning discovered that the program was to separate the colored and white members of the jury, placing each in charge of separate deputies, on the assumption that there was no objection. Col. Nunn thereupon entered a vigorous protest against such a procedure. At this point some one suggested that Col. Nunn was not the district attorney and had no right to object. Dave Nunn, Jr., then arose and stated that he had not consented to such separation; that he protested against it, not only in this case, but had done so in every other case in which the juries had been separated or allowed to separate. Col. Nunn made a forcible and vehement talk about the practice within the past year in this district of trampling the laws of the country under foot and debauching the judiciary for selfish purposes. Just here we would remark that Judge Burnett, not only in Houston county, but in Anderson and Henderson counties also, has been permitting juries to separate in felony cases where the district attorney protested and objected to such separation. This was done in plain violation of a plain law printed on another page of the COURIER, which was called to the attention of Judge Burnett when this extraordinary proceeding was had. In another issue of the COURIER we will give the cases in

which Judge Burnett took, this course.

To the credit of Judge Gould, however, be it said, that when the question of separation was raised, he held that the law must be complied with and that the consent of all parties must be had—a thing which Judge Burnett, we are reliably informed, had ignored here as well as in Anderson and Henderson counties.

So that the State objecting, Judge Gould held that the jury could not separate.

Married—Barbee-Rayburn.

At 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, March 24th, at the Methodist Episcopal church, in Lovelady, Texas, Mr. C. H. Barbee and Miss Della May Rayburn, both of that city, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. Mathis officiating.

The following named couples acted as waiters: Mr. James Barbee and Miss Minnie Caverhill, Mr. Skipper and Miss Myrah Mainer, Mr. Will Rayburn and Miss Lula Hogg. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, holly and bridal wreath. A large bell covered with choice flowers was suspended above the heads of the happy couple and an arch with letters to form their names, Barbee and Rayburn, was placed above the pulpit. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Blanche Rayburn. After the ceremony at the church quite a number of friends of the bride and groom gathered at the home of the bride where a most elegant supper was spread. The occasion is one long to be remembered.

The bride is one of Lovelady's most charming, beautiful and accomplished young ladies, while the groom is a young man of sterling character and highly respected by all who know him.

The young couple received many handsome presents.

The precinct conventions which meet on the 11th will decide whether the money issue shall be submitted to a primary election. If they favor such submission, they should so instruct their delegates to the county convention, naming the day for such primary. The county convention which meets on the 13th will fix the day for the primary, prescribe the test of voting and formulate a statement of the proposition to be voted on. The county convention will also choose delegates to the state convention which meets in Austin in June, and also, by resolution, instruct such delegates to be governed by the result of the primary. If the democrats in their primary decide in favor of free coinage, then the delegates to the state convention will take such expression as instruction and vote accordingly. It will also be proper for the county convention to indicate their preference for delegates from this district to the national convention, as well as presidential elector from this district. These are mainly the objects for which the convention is called.

Cheap Metropolitan Papers.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen to subscribe for a great metropolitan paper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "Twice-a-Week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the largest circulation of any weekly

paper, is only \$1 a year, and for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 copies a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns this year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value two-fold by adding many valuable features.

Teachers' Institute.

The Houston County Teachers' Institute, will be held on the second Saturday in April, with the following interesting program:

Roll call; quotations.

Address of welcome—Jerro Mc-Cook.

Response—F. M. Martin.

"Declamation in Schools"—J. O. Brown.

"To What Extent Should Communication be Allowed Between Pupils in the School-room?"—Mrs. A. R. Spence.

"To What Extent Should the Parent Control the Attendance of a Pupil?"—King.

"Writing in Lower Grades"—Miss Mary Denny.

"School Examinations, Daily and Monthly"—Gaylord Kline.

Vocal solo—Miss Ethel Wooters.

Question box.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Cailouette, Druggist, Beaversville Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house either without it." Get a free trial at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

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An Affidavit.

This is to certify that on May 11th I walked to Melick's drug store on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Charles H. Wetzel, Sunbury, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 10, 1894.—Walter Shipman, J. P. For sale at 50c per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This liniment is different in composition from any other liniment and the market. It is a scientific discovery which results in it being the most penetrating liniment ever known. There are numerous white imitations, which may be recommended because they pay the seller a great profit. Beware of these and demand Ballard's Snow Liniment. It positively cures rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, bruises, wounds, cuts, eczema and inflammatory rheumatism, burns, scalds, sore feet, contracted muscles, stiff joints, old sores, pain in back, barb wire cuts, sore chest or throat, and is especially beneficial in paralysis. Sold by J. G. Haring.

Proceedings District Court.

State vs. Lee Burton, murder, ten years in penitentiary.

State vs. Ed King, murder, continued.

State vs. Elbert Rogers, murder, continued.

State vs. Henry Small, forgery, mistrial.

State vs. Joe Robinson, murder, not guilty.

Have J. T. Dawes repair your saddles and harness at hard time prices. All work guaranteed.

J. W. Hail and family and Mrs. W. M. Taylor have moved to the residence which the latter recently purchased of W. E. Page.

The ravine in front of our office dubbed (by courtesy) "sidewalk," is passable, since the rains have abated, for the strong and sure-footed, but tottering age and tottering infancy had best beware of it.

There ought to be a general outpouring of democrats to the precinct conventions on the 11th inst. Let us have a full representation, submit the money question to a primary and then get it out of the way forever afterward.

Houston county is largely for free coinage. The democrats want a primary on the money question, and will not be satisfied till they have it. Let them have it and then all abide the result.

The COURIER is in favor of a primary election on the financial issue. We hope to see every precinct and the county convention declare in favor of such. Then let every democrat in the county go to the polls when the primary is held and vote his honest convictions. The proposition should be framed so as to be as nearly satisfactory to all as possible, and in this way to call forth a full expression of the party strength.

During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin, of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of

how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup, but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

In response to a prize offer by the New York Herald, for the best answer to the question, "How far can a woman go towards proposing marriage to a man in 1896?" a New York reader philosophizes in these words: "Just far enough to fascinate him by her charm of manner, face and figure. Just far enough to insure perfect confidence as to her morals, and just far enough to interest him by her brightness and intelligence, for I believe with Herbert Spencer: 'Man is attracted first by the physical, then the moral, and then the mental in woman.'"

We are requested to announce that a dinner will be given on Saturday, the second day of May, by the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, the proceeds of which will go to the Rouss Memorial Institute fund at Richmond, Va. It is hardly necessary to say more than make the simple announcement of this laudable undertaking to secure for it the hearty approval and co-operation of the citizens of Crockett and Houston county. The object which it has in view should make it the pleasant duty of our people to render the association all the assistance possible.

As per official notice published in the COURIER for the past few weeks, an election will be held on next Tuesday, April 7th, for the purpose of electing a mayor, two aldermen and a city attorney. We would again urge upon our people the necessity of electing men to office who will attempt, at least, to better the condition of the sidewalks; who will see to it that the streets are kept clean and free from filth, and especial attention is directed to some of the back streets, the odor arising therefrom making it disagreeable to pass through them. The plain English of it is—that Crockett is no worse (perhaps not so bad) in this respect, than other towns, but a general "cleaning up" is imperative at this season, and good health and common decency demand cleanliness.

A Generous Act.

A recent special to the Galveston News from Wichita Falls, says that the citizens who assisted in the capture of the slayers of the late Frank Dorsey received their rate of the reward money, and after the rangers were paid their portion of the reward, the balance was equally divided among the citizens. "It was a sight long to be remembered," says the dispatch. "As each one was paid his portion of the money he handed it over to the cashier of the Panhandle Bank to be put to the credit of the bereaved widow and fatherless children of Frank Dorsey."

LOCAL NEWS.

Albert Greenwood and wife of Palestine were in the city this week.

The Best is the cheapest—Ham Bone Tobacco is the best.

R. B. Rich has opened up a first-class blacksmith shop in Crockett, and has a first class gun shop in connection. All work done under a strict guarantee.

James Shivers of Crockett is in the city on business.—Galveston Tribune.

Get your spring suits from J. F. Downes—strictly tailor-made and guaranteed to fit you on first trial.

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Don't overlook the fact that the Furniture Store can frame any picture in any style at less than one half the regular price of frames ready made.

A. H. Wootters and wife of Crockett, after a visit of two days to Mrs. John Goggan, returned to their home.—Galveston Tribune.

Mr. R. D. King is making great improvements in the Capitol hotel. A double balcony will be placed on the south and west side and he will add other improvements, in the way of repainting, etc., which when completed will make the Capitol one of the handsomest buildings in the city.

The city cemetery shows evidence of the loving care of those whose loved ones sleep beneath its hallowed mould. The grounds have been cleared of dead leaves and grass and put in excellent order—and "Dewy spring with fingers cold" has caused the plants and flowers which sorrowing friends have placed above the resting place of their dead to blossom forth with beautiful and tender fragrance.

The ladies are requested to meet Saturday, 4th inst., at 4 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Downes, to perfect arrangements for the dinner to be given on Saturday, May 2nd, under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy. It is very important that all members of the association be present, and it is hoped that as many as can attend will do so.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

The measles seem to be almost epidemic in our midst, many cases of that disease having been reported to this office, principally confined, however, to the children. At this season of the year—just at the opening of spring—it is the duty of the proper officers and of the citizens to see that thorough sanitary measures are taken to put the town in a clean and wholesome condition. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Mine host of the New Restaurant built a levee around the sidewalk in front of his place of business during the recent rainy spell to protect it from the flood and a consequent overflow of his premises; but as it was built of sand, the warm rays of the sun have caused one or two crevices to appear in it, and he should either raise the sidewalk or kindly ask the city to have the street lowered.

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A Cowardly Deed.

Ben Henderson, living some 8 miles from Crockett, was shot and instantly killed, on Monday last, by Chis. Majors; both parties colored. It appeared at the inquest that Majors, who had had some trouble with Henderson, sought the latter while at work in his field, and armed with a large pistol of the ancient pattern known as the "horse" pistol, and a muzzle loading rifle, he concealed himself behind a large oak tree and awaited the approach of Henderson, and when he (Henderson) had come within close range of his murderous weapons and having his back turned, fired upon him, the shots taking effect in his left shoulder, coming out through his right breast, making a ghastly wound and causing instant death. Majors surrendered himself to the officers, claiming justification for his bloody deed, and was placed in jail pending the action of the grand jury, which will investigate the case Monday. Numerous witnesses have been summoned.

Contrary to the rule, March came in with a timid bleat and went out with a decided roar.

Don't forget the precinct conventions on the 11th. In the country they will all meet at half-past 2, and in Crockett at 2. Don't let it be said that there are precincts in the county without delegates in the county convention on the 13th. We have already heard it predicted that small precincts like Freeman, Holly, Shiloh, Creek, Dodson, Tadmor and Weches would fail to hold conventions. Don't let this happen, democrats. If no more than three of you get together, hold a convention and send delegates to the county convention which meets on the 13th. If your regular chairman is not present to call the convention to order and preside during your deliberations, elect one and proceed. By the way, this reflection suggests the propriety of making it known that the present chairmen of the different precincts hold on until the next regular conventions in June when their successors will be chosen. That is the time for electing chairmen of the several precincts, at the regular precinct conventions which meet in June.

Don't ask your friend to go on your bond. Representing the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland, I am prepared to make all kinds of bonds, except criminal. Write me at Palestine, Texas. P. H. HUGHES.

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LARGE COMBINATION.

AN ORGANIZATION OF STEEL PRODUCERS FORMED.

Several Hundred Million Dollars Capital is Represented—Proposed to Regulate the Production of Steel to Actual Requirements—Other News.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—A gigantic industrial combination went through the preliminary stage of formation and practically effected at a meeting of steel producers held in New York last week. Another meeting will be held in Pittsburgh soon for the arrangement of details. It is proposed to regulate the production of steel to actual requirements by methods similar used by the rail pool. Not much information will be given for publication, but it is learned from one of the attendants at the meeting that the price of billets will be fixed at \$20 a ton, and will be changed according to price changes of raw materials. Pending the completion of the combination steel producers have withdrawn from the market and will make no new contracts. Nearly the entire production of the United States was represented at the New York meeting, embracing capital of several hundred millions of dollars.

Triple Tragedy.

BENTONVILLE, Ark., March 30.—A terrible triple tragedy occurred three miles south of here yesterday. Pulaski Duckworth, a prominent and highly respected farmer, killed his wife by striking her head with an ax. The unfortunate woman died instantly. Duckworth then attacked his four-year-old child with the ax and inflicted injuries that will prove fatal. The man threw himself across the bed, drew his pocket knife and slashed his throat from ear to ear, dying almost instantly. A 7-year-old daughter escaped slaughter by being at Sabbath school. Duckworth was undoubtedly insane.

Cuban War News.

HAVANA, March 27.—Troops commanded by Colonels Sanchez and Echiverria have captured the camps of insurgents at Cherito and Santa Monica, province of Pinar del Rio, and captured nearly all the supplies of the insurgents in that province. In the engagement between troops and insurgents the latter lost fifty killed and many wounded. The troops destroyed the stores which could not be made available for use of the army and part of the plunder belonging to the inhabitants of Pinar del Rio, who had suffered at the hands of Maceo's raiders, a quantity of stolen plunder, will be restored to its owners. It is estimated that the stores captured are worth over \$200,000.

All Hope Abandoned.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 28.—All the hopes of saving the sixty miners who were entombed in a mine at Bunnerton Friday by an explosion of fire damp, which killed five men outright, have been abandoned. The bodies of the fifteen miners have been recovered from the pit, around which there was the usual scenes of distress caused by the presence there of the wives and other relatives of the entombed men. Many of the men engaged in the work of rescue have been over come, and there have been several narrow escapes.

Pearl Bryan's Body Buried.

GREEN CASTLE, Ind., March 28.—The burial of Pearl Bryan occurred yesterday afternoon in Forest Hill cemetery. For weeks, in fact ever since the facts of the tragedy were brought out and the finding and identification of the body with the head missing, the family have hoped that the head might be found. Three o'clock was the hour set for the funeral, and the announcement having been made, a large number of friends of the family were present. The funeral was simple.

Joining the Insurgents.

NEW YORK, March 28.—A special from Havana says: The adoption of by the senate and the house at Washington looking to the recognition of the rebels as insurgents has inspired such hopes in the Cubans that thousands have joined the insurgents in the last ten days. A score or so of men often leave Havana quietly on some excuse and join the insurgents, who are only fifteen miles from Havana.

Cavalry Fight.

HAVANA, March 27.—A column of troops commanded by Colonel Pairs had an engagement with insurgent cavalry numbering 1000 men, under the leadership of La Crete, at plantation San Joaquin. The Spanish cavalry charged the enemy and the latter retreated, leaving fifteen killed on the field. Among the latter were three officers. The troops also captured a quantity of arms and ammunition and camp equipment.

Galveston now has a line of steamers to Hamburg.

Motion Endorsed.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The republican convention has finished its labors. The preliminary sparring that has been going on for weeks ended in the final battle last night, and the forces that have been dormant for two years kept within the state boundaries the honor of the presidential endorsement of the greatest state in the union, the state casting the largest number of votes in the electoral college. The indorsement goes to Levi P. Morton. The delegates at large will be Thomas C. Platt, Warner Miller, Chauncey M. Depew and Edward Lauterbach. An attempt was made to stampede the convention to McKinley. Thomas Fitchie of Brooklyn read a minority report suggesting the names of Mr. Depew, Mr. Miller, Colonel Baker, B. Jonett of Buffalo and General Samuel Thomas of New York with the recommendation that if it appears after the first ballot that Hon. Levi P. Morton cannot be the choice of the national convention that the delegates at large from this state will use all honorable means to promote the cause of Wm. McKinley. Then pandemonium reigned, one-half the audience rising and shouting for McKinley as his name was read. The chairman's gavel was raised again and again, but without effect. The house was in an uproar. Just over the chairman's head was swung a banner bearing the inscription: "McKinley, Prosperity's Advance Agent." The very audacity of the act seemed to appall the Morton leaders for a moment, and for a few seconds the McKinley adherents had the floor to themselves. The superior force of the Morton men soon made their side of the issue more prominent. The recommendation of McKinley went down by a vote of 631 to 109. The convention adjourned.

Terrific Mine Explosion.

DUBOIS, Pa., March 24.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred at the Berwind White shaft in the eastern limits of the city yesterday, and fourteen miners were killed. Eighteen men went on at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, fourteen going into the north heading and four into the south heading. At about 10 o'clock the four men were sensible of a shock, and a few minutes later the mine boss came and told them that something had happened and to get out as soon as they could. Assistance was immediately summoned, and practical miners from the Bell, Lewis and Gates mines volunteered their services. As the work of rescue proceeded it was found that the shock in the north heading was so terrific that some of the bodies were mutilated almost beyond recognition. Nearly all of the bodies had been found at 1 p. m., but up to that time they had only been brought to the foot of the shaft, where they were collected preparatory to being hoisted to the surface.

Religious Classes.

GUTHRIE, Ok., March 24.—A new religious sect is holding meetings northwest of here in Garfield and Wood counties. They call themselves "The Perfected Body of Christ" but are designated by the local populace as the "Snake Eaters," because one of the preachers last summer claimed that he was proof against poison and took a poisonous reptile and bit a piece out of it. Of late they have introduced a new feature into the services, and large crowds are attending. After the close of the sermon all gather around the altar and embrace and kiss each other. For a number of nights all the young people near meeting have been attending and going forward to the altar, and there is much excitement among the people.

Died in Great Agony.

SHREVEPORT, La., March 26.—Charles Duke, about 30 years old, was taken violently ill while at Ponders levee camp, about thirteen miles down Red river, on Tuesday evening, suffering intensely with cramp colic, and anxious to be relieved, he resorted to a bottle of horse medicine which had been used for animals with colic. He afterwards died in great agony, whether from the dose he took or the cramp colic is not known. In answer to a telegram from his father at Pittsburg, Tex., his remains were shipped from Shreveport yesterday to that point.

Rev. W. H. Brown Acquitted.

MADISON, Conn., March 26.—Rev. W. H. Brown has been acquitted of the charge of heresy by the Congregational churches of the district of New Haven, before which he was put on trial Tuesday.

Fishermen on the Ice.

BAY CITY, Mich., March 26.—A heavy wind from the south has started the ice out of the Saginaw bay from what is called the "big crack" and with it went fully 150 fishermen who occupy shanties on the bay. Unless they can make shore on either side of the bay they will be obliged to stay on the ice until the wind gets back to the north again and blows them off. Some of the fishermen are supplied with boats for use in cases of emergency such as this.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

A L A GRANGE MINISTER CREATES A SENSATION.

Holds a Meeting on the Court House Square—Scores the Saloon Men—Says He Will Have the Sunday Law Enforced if He has to Call on Culberson.

LAGRANGE, Tex., March 30.—A sensation was created here yesterday by the announcement that Rev. John E. Green, pastor of the Methodist church, would hold a meeting in the court house yard yesterday afternoon. He kept his word and at 4 o'clock began the services. He scored the saloon men and declared he would enforce the Sunday law if he had to invoke the aid of Governor Culberson. The action of the minister in coming on the square and his denunciation of the saloon men and agitating the Sunday law created a great deal of favorable and unfavorable criticism.

Company Reorganized.

CALVERT, Tex., March 27.—The Calvert coal company has reorganized and received its charter. Incorporators, W. A. Moroney of Houston, H. A. Lewis, J. Adoue, J. B. Foster and S. M. Gibson. Capital stock, \$500,000. The name of the company has been changed to the Calvert coal and clay company. There has developed a fine body of clay and sand that is said to be far superior to anything of its kind seen. The contractor putting in the railroad scales has been using the sand and says it is the best quality he has ever used in Texas. The coal company is receiving new orders for coal every day, and yesterday morning advertised for seventy-five more laborers. There is also on foot a scheme to develop the coal mines on the Garret farm, a few miles south of the one now worked. Captain John H. Druman, one of the projectors, says that next week he will have a test of the ground by boring eighty-foot holes between the big and little Brazos rivers, and if the work proves satisfactory the mines will be opened.

Quarantine Against Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., March 28.—The livestock sanitary board of New Mexico has quarantined against Mexican cattle, leaving 2500 head of cattle of Mexicans on the line at Palomas, opposite Denning. The New Mexico board charges that the Mexican cattle have Texas fever, and that importers have been burning such as died with the fever to prevent the detection of the disease. Captain Charles Davis, collector of customs for that district, denies that there is any Texas fever among the cattle of this section of Texas and the state of Chihuahua, but says that black leg is killing a number of the fattest cows, as it does every spring when grass begins to sprout. Hereafter, all cattle shipped out of Mexico will pass through El Paso.

Coal Mine Deal.

ROCKDALE, Tex., March 26.—A contract was signed here yesterday by which the Texas brickette and coal company becomes the purchaser of the output of coal from all the Rockdale mines. For some time past they have been selling coal here for less than it actually cost to mine it and put it on the cars. This contract is for twelve months. The price agreed upon gives a very satisfactory profit to the owners and operators of the different mines and furnishes them a market for it. This contract is the result of a meeting here of the stockholders and lessees of all the mines being operated here.

Insulted Little Girls.

WACO, Tex., March 30.—Two little girls, the oldest 14, were walking along a quiet street yesterday morning and were met by a negro man who made insulting remarks and gestures. The children raised the alarm and citizens came from all quarters. The negro fled and a pursuit was made. A volley of shots was fired and a negro who does not appear to have been near the scene when the little girls were insulted was shot in the arm. Search is in progress for the negro who insulted the girls and excitement is intense.

Captured and Chained.

SHEPHERD, Tex., March 30.—A telegram was received here yesterday morning for officers to meet the Houston East and West Texas local train, due here at 12 p. m., to arrest a negro, who was accused of raping a negro girl at New Caney. A negro boarded the train and paid the brakeman \$1 to lock him in a box car, where he was found on arriving at Shepherd. He was chained to a post awaiting the arrival of officers from Montgomery county.

Aransas Harbor Terminal.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 24.—Governor T. B. Wheeler was before the railroad commission yesterday, and obtained an order authorizing the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$250,000 on the Aransas Harbor terminal railway, which is to be completed between the town of Aransas Pass and the deep water front on Harbor Island.

Death Verdict Against.

BENHAM, Tex., March 25.—The case of the state vs. Binly Rutherford, the second of the four negroes charged with the murder of Thomas Dwyer, has been on trial in the district court all day. The jury was impaneled at noon. From a venire of 150 men the following is the personnel: J. A. Carnes, Henry Scheur, W. T. Hunt, J. T. Blackburn, Henry Hughe, W. L. Dockery, Paul Von Bieberstein, Robert Girtman, J. A. Burton, Edward Hayter, and Ike Glass. At 6 p. m. all the evidence was in and the court adjourned until 8 o'clock, at which time the doors were reopened and the argument was commenced the lawyers agreeing to speak one hour and a half on each side. The argument was concluded and the charge read at 10.12, and in just twelve minutes the jury returned with a verdict of guilty and assessed the death penalty.

Election Goes by Default.

HEMPSTEAD, Tex., March 26.—The election ordered by the county judge yesterday to determine whether Hempstead should surrender her charter or not went by default, as no polls opened. The law granting towns and cities the right to give up their municipal government and giving the county commissioners' court full jurisdiction as administrator, granting them power to levy taxes to pay back indebtedness, etc. says that when 100 qualified voters sign a petition to the county judges he shall order an election, etc. There were only about forty such voters signed to this petition, hence one of the causes why the election has gone by default. Another thing, the law organizing the county commissioners' courts of Texas does not grant them power to act as administrator of defunct municipalities. The indications are that this will end the agitation of the question of breaking up housekeeping by Hempstead.

Warrant Sworn Out.

LADONIA, Tex., March 24.—Warrants were sworn out yesterday for the arrest of twenty-one leading ladies of Ladonia, charging them with assault upon Dr. Hancock with whips and cowhides in the Santa Fe depot here last Friday evening. The ladies have been cited to appear before the county court in Bonham on April 6. Their bonds were signed by 200 leading citizens of this section, representing more than \$1,000,000 of property. Interest in the matter is high, through there is no excitement or apprehension of further trouble. Dr. Hancock returned from Bonham Sunday, but departed in twenty minutes. He suffered little or no physical injury. The only evidence of the whipping was two abrasions of the skin on one ear about the size of a pea.

Machinery Sold.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 25.—The printing board sold some of its machinery (the old state printing office to Mr. von Boeckmann of Austin as follows: One embossing press, one sawing machine, one grinding machine, one roller backing machine, one ruling machine, one wire stitching machine, one numbering machine, and an electrotyping outfit. Mr. von Boeckmann paid \$1456.71 cash for the machinery. The machinery cost the state about \$4979.04. Mr. von Boeckmann's offer was the best for the machinery, as no offers were received for the whole plant. The steam boiler has not been sold, as there are several bidders.

Struck By a Train.

ATHENS, Tex., March 24.—One of the most horrible accidents that ever occurred in this county happened on the Cotton Belt track, three miles south of Brownsboro, Sunday night. Boon Smith, Arthur McMillan and Tommy Shiffett, aged 14, 12 and 10 years, were run over and killed by one of the night trains. How it occurred no one will ever know. Smith and Shiffett, fathers of Boon and Tommy are well to do farmers who live in the vicinity of Brownsboro. McMillan lives near Durant, I. T. The remains of the three boys were picked up by the 11.30 a. m. passenger train, carried to Brownsboro, and placed in the depot.

Sentiment Divided.

VELASCO, Tex., March 27.—The bill introduced in congress instructing the president to appoint a committee to examine the Brazos jetties with a view to the government taking the enterprise out of the hands of the present owners has evoked much discussion, many claiming that such a step would delay the completion of the work and that nothing could be done before another session of congress, while others think matters would be pushed as rapidly, or more so, than has been done. Public sentiment seems to be about equally divided on the subject.

Great County Situation.

MANGUM, Tex., March 26.—The people are still on the ragged edge of uncertainty. Courts have adjourned, and the schools are all closed. There are no boldstrous demonstrations of any kind. All seem to be trying to make the best of the situation.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Frost in many parts of Texas.
Corn planting is over in Guadalupe county.
Wheat, oats and grass fine in Wise county.
Croops looking splendid in Anderson county.
Temple is to have an electric street car line.
Greenville is agitating for a tree delivery system.
Farmers are busy planting corn in Comal county.
Egyptian cotton grows luxuriantly in Goliad county.
Dallas county has issued \$78,000 of funding bonds.
Eight cars of beees were shipped from Taylor recently.
At San Marcos a salamander, in captivity has laid five eggs.
Cattle are doing well in Hale county, in fact all over the state.
Refugio is growing very rapidly, a dozen new houses going up.
One case of smallpox at Shelby and one at Orange, both isolated.
Plenty, if not too much, rain in Rusk, Camp and Cherokee counties.
Hillsboro defeted prohibition by a majority of ninety-four votes.
J. W. Hall at Crockett has made an assignment. Liabilities \$10,000.
The Foresters will meet at Houston in May and organize a state court.
Recently three convicts escaped from the chain gang at Nueces county.
T. J. Courtney, living near Cisco, Eastland county, suicided recently.
I. D. Russell, druggist, at Grand Saline, Van Zandt county, has failed.
The steamer Dallas arrived at Dallas the other day loaded with cord wood.
The various base ball teams are gradually getting onto the bat in Texas.
Wharton county has just redeemed \$1500 of bonds held by the school fund.
The Dallas Clerks' union have a very strong organization and it is growing.
The school board recently bought \$6614 of Bandera county bridge bonds for the school fund.
Corn planting is going on in Gillespie county and small grain is promising.
Cabbage of the finest quality is being shipped from Beeville in car load lots.
A cyclone wrecked several houses a few days ago at Beaumont. No one hurt.
The position of trainmaster on the Texas Midland road has been abolished.
There is talk of erecting a monument to ex-Congressman W. H. Crain at Cuero.
State Health Officer Swearingen asserts that smallpox is not on the increase.
Crawford & Crawford of Cameron have failed. Assets \$30,000 more than liabilities.
The Texas Midland railway has distributed sand ballast all along the line west of the Trinity river, and the steam plow has been sent to the shops for general repairs.
E. P. Ripley, president; D. E. Robinson, vice president; A. F. Walker, chairman executive committee; A. S. Glead, director and Division Superintendents J. W. Dickinson of Temple and A. J. Davidson, Cleburne, of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe system, visited San Angelo recently on their annual inspecting tour.
A very peculiar accident happened to Section Foreman A. W. Boxley on the Mineola division of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway the other morning. The men were working on the track in the lower end of the south yards at Denison when a sliver of steel flew off the rail and striking Mr. Boxley's middle right finger almost severed it from the hand.
The report of the four companies of state rangers shows that for the twelve months ending March 1 they effected 417 arrests of persons charged with various grades of crime and that in doing so 106,091 miles was traveled.
The Gulf Coast and Navigation company awarded a contract for a canal from Galveston to Corpus Christi, work to begin within four months and to be completed within three years. It is based on the ability of the company to secure the right of way and a bonus. The amount of the contract is \$1,100,000.
A. J. Capps of Lee county has been convicted of making counterfeit money in the federal court at Austin.
The governor has appointed Gus Reymershofer of Galveston vice president of the trans-Mississippi exposition.
The bodies of Clem Strawther and Buck Chappel, the two men executed recently at Bellville were turned over to a physician in accordance with the agreement between him and them. A number of local doctors practiced surgery on the dead men to their hearts content.

EASTER



THE EASTER-CHIMES.

A Tale from the Russian of Kovalenko.

IT WAS the night before the Easter morning. The little village by the murmuring creek was half hidden in the mystical, vapory, starry gloom of a Russian night in springtime. The neighboring wood hung blackest shadows on the fields beside it. All was silent. The village slumbered.

Hours passed, and long before the night was gone its still charm was broken. Lights began to glimmer in the windows of cottages whose wretchedness was disguised in the bewitching springtime gloom of night. A gate creaked. The tread of a foot was heard here and there. Moving figures, darkly outlined, emerged from the shades of the wood. A dog barked, and then another and another.

Then a horseman clattered along the village street. A passing cart groaned and creaked under its early morning burden. The darkly outlined figures increased in number. The villagers began to gather in their church to bid welcome to the spring holiday.

It was a quaint little church. It stood upon a hillock in the middle of the village. All at once its windows glowed dimly among the shadows. Then their brightness increased. The church was all alight.

High into the darkness overhead reached the old belfry tower. Its top was lost in the azure gloom.

Then the rickety belfry stairs began to creak. Old Micheich, the bellringer, was clambering aloft. Soon his lantern hung in the bell window, shining like a new star in the sky.

It was hard for the old man to climb those steep and crooked stairs. His old eyes no longer served him, and he, like they, was worn out.

As he climbed, he pondered. It was



THE BELLRINGER WAS CLAMBERING ALOFT.

Time indeed, no thought, that he should rest. But God would not send him death. He had seen his children buried. He had stood by the open graves of his grandchildren. He had followed the old to their last resting place. He had

followed the young there, too. But still he lived and lived. It was hard. Many a time had he welcomed the Easter morning—so many times that he could not recall them all. He had even forgotten how often in later years he had hoped for death in this same old belfry, as now he hoped for it. And yet this early morning God had brought him there once more.

It was not yet time for him to ring the merry peals and the old man tottered to the belfry window and leaned out over the railing. Below him, in the darkness he could dimly see the neglected graves. The white wooden crosses at their heads seemed to be guarding them with their widestretched arms. Here and there a few birch trees bent naked branches forlornly over the mounds and the aromatic odors of their young buds arose on the silent air to



HE SEIZED THE BELL ROPES.

Micheich's nostrils. They bore to him a tale of tranquil, eternal sleep.

Where would he be a year from that moment? Would he be there again? Would he have once more climbed into that tower under the clamorous copper bells to awaken the slumbering night with their sharp, resounding strokes? Or would he lie out there in a dark corner of the cemetery with a white cross guarding his everlasting sleep?

God alone knew. He was ready to die—but in the meantime God had brought him into the belfry once more to welcome the Easter morning.

"To the glory of God!" His old lips repeated the oft spoken formula, and his old eyes gazed into the deep sky above, burning with its millions upon millions of stars.

"Micheich! Oh, Micheich!" The voice came, from below. It was the old sexton, who had come from the church into the graveyard beneath the tower and who was gazing upward, with his hands shading his blinking, tear moistened eyes in vain effort to make out the form of the bellringer in the darkness overhead.

"What do you want?" answered old Micheich, bending over the railing. "I am here. Can't you see me?"

"I do not see," cried the sexton. "Is it not time to ring? What do you think?"

Both gazed upon the stars. Thousands of God's lanterns were blinking at them from the firmament. The night was waning. Micheich thought,

"No, not yet," he said. "Wait awhile. I know when." * * *

But it was time to salute the Easter morning. Old Micheich gazed at the stars once more, and then arose. He removed his hat, crossed himself and gathered up the bell ropes. A moment more and the night air shivered under the first resounding stroke. Then came the second, the third, the fourth. The lightly sleeping Easter air quivered with the joyous music of the shouting, singing bells.

Then the bells ceased. The solemn service began in the church below.

In bygone years Micheich had always gone down to the service and stood in a corner near the door, praying and listening to the music. But it was hard for him to do this now. He felt tired. So he sat down on the bench beneath the copper bells and listened to their waning resonance.

He thought. About what? Micheich himself could hardly answer the question. His glimmering lantern scarcely lit up the belfry. He could not make out the drooping bells. They were lost in darkness. From the church below his old ears caught the singing now and then. The old man's gray head sank upon his chest. Disconnected scenes from the past swarmed in his mind like bees in the hive.

"Ah!" he said as the music of the Easter hymn drifted up the tower stairs, "they are singing the troparion."

In his imagination he sang that hymn, again a youth, in the old church below. The little old priest, Father Naum, many years dead and buried, once more was intoning the end of a prayer, while children's voices united in the responses. Hundreds of peasants bowed and arose like corn before the wind. Now they crossed themselves devoutly.

The old familiar faces were of those long since dead. There was the stern visage of his father. There stood his elder brother at the old man's side, sighing deeply and crossing himself again and again. There he himself stood, young, healthful, strong, joyful, full of expectation of a life's happiness.

Where was that happiness now?

The old man's thoughts flickered up



HAD FALLEN HELPLESSLY.

like a dying flame. Recollection illumined all the nooks and corners of his life. And all he saw was endless, ceaseless, merciless labor—labor far beyond his strength. He saw sorrow, too—much sorrow—and suffering unutterable.

Ah, where indeed was that happiness of which he had dreamed?

The storms of life had wrinkled his young face, had bent his powerful back before the time had come. They had made the joyous boy sigh as his elder brother had sighed.

There on the left, among the women of the village, with her head humbly bent, he saw his sweetheart. She was a good woman. May the peace of God be with her soul!

Oh, the pain that she had suffered! Want and work and woman's woes had withered her glowing womanhood. Her eyes had grown dim with years and weeping. The shocks and blights of life had painted a dull fright upon her comely face.

Ah, where was her happiness? God had given them one son, their joy, their very soul, and he was ground to his death by men's injustice.

The picture broadened and grew vivid in the old man's mind. He saw standing in his pew the rich enemy of the family, bowing his head to the very ground, glossing over in his prayers the wrongs of the widows and orphans whose lives he had blighted in his selfish greed. Micheich felt his heart grow hot within him now, as it had done then, while the dark faces of the holy images on the altar frowned sternly upon man's sorrows and man's injustice.

But all this was long, long passed. All this was far away in the old times. And now all the wide world for him was this dark tower, where the wind sighed gently among the swinging bell ropes.

"Let God judge you! God will judge you!" whispered the old man, thinking of his enemy. Silent tears ran down his cheeks.

"Micheich! Ah, Micheich! What is the matter with you? Are you asleep?" The voice came from the churchyard without.

"Good God!" cried the old man, remembering the further duty that awaited him. "Did I really fall asleep?"

He seized the bell ropes and pulled them with skillful hand.

Far below the people swarmed from the church, as ants swarm from the anthill. Golden standards reared themselves in the air of the unborn Easter morning. Forming as a cross, the procession began to move around the church, amid joyful cries of "Christ has risen from the dead!"

The words went to the old bellringer's heart, and glancing out he was exalted in spirit. It seemed to him that the waxen candles that the people bore blazed with suddenly increased brilliance in the gray darkness, that the throng moved more and more swiftly, that the standards waved the more joyously, and that the awakening wind lifted up the joyful chorus from below and turned it to the bell's brazen peals with a sweetness superhuman.

Never did Micheich ring the bells with such joy and spirit.

It seemed as if his old heart had been welded into the dead copper of those bells, which laughed and sang and wept at the entrancing melody that rose to the stars above. And the stars seemed to fairly blaze with joy of it as the music poured upward into heaven and fell backward to caress the earth.

What a hymn of joy it was those bells pealed forth. The great bass deafened the sky with the grand brazen cry of "Christ has risen." And the tenors, struck to their hearts, shouted sonorously, "Christ has risen!" while the clanging sopranos, as though fearing their lesser voices should be lost to the grand chorus, hurriedly, like gleeful children trying to outstep each other, screamed a thousand times, "Christ has risen!"

And that sad old heart forgot its cares, its sorrows, and its insults.

The gray bellringer heard only the brazen music, now singing, now weeping, now floating to the starry sky, now sinking to the wretched earth; and it seemed to him that he was surrounded by his children and his grandchildren and that these were their happy voices—the voices of old and young together pouring out in one grand chorus a hymn of joy and rapture.

So the old bellringer pulled the ropes with strong, nervous arms while tears poured down his cheeks and his heart ran fairly over with a happiness he had never known before. And below the people listened, and they said to each other that Micheich had never rung so wonderfully before.

Then suddenly the great bass bell hesitated—and was silent. For a moment the others sang an unfinished, uncertain harmony. Then they, too, ceased, and there was silence save for the low, sad, trembling droning of their stilled but still resonant throats.

The gray bellringer had fallen helplessly on the bench beside the ropes, and two tears silently rolled over his pale cheeks.

Send a substitute! The old bellringer has rung himself out.

An Axiom That Works One Way.

"What have you to say?" asked the lecturer in moral philosophy, "of the axiom that the early bird catches the worm, as bearing on the benefits to be derived from rising with the sun?"

"My views as to the value of the axiom will be sufficiently indicated, sir," answered the student, "when I venture to remind you that the early worm got it in the neck."—Buffalo Courier.

TAKEN CAPTIVE BY MARSY.

Anna Gould's Husband Enslaved by a Pretty Actress.

Cable dispatches recently announced that Count Castellane, who married Anna Gould and her millions, had been paying somewhat marked attention to Mlle. Marsy, the beautiful actress, formerly of the Comedie Francaise. Mlle. Marsy, it will be remembered, is the young woman on whom Max Lebaudy (Le Petit Sucrier) lavished his wealth and affections. She it was who nursed the silly youth in his last illness, contracted when serving with the French army, as required by law. Lebaudy left her his great fortune, but Mlle. Marsy surprised the world, and Paris particularly, by refusing to accept the legacy. After Lebaudy's death it began to be noticed that Count Castellane was somewhat pronounced in his attentions to the beautiful actress. Much of his time was passed in her company, and the affair finally reached such proportions that Anna Gould's American spirit asserted itself. Then, according to all reports, there was a terrific row between the count and countess, but, as the latter holds the purse, it is not difficult to guess who was winner in the domestic contest. His countship reformed in a hurry. He has since been trying to make amends for the digression from the paths of virtue, initiating his wife into Parisian society with the greatest tact, even going to the length of superintending the design of her costumes. Paris is not surprised that Castellane should have fallen before Mlle. Marsy, for she is described as being possessed of well modeled features, inimitable grace, exquisite figure and eyes of softest brown. She has besides a history full of romance. A child of poverty, she went to Paris when a young girl and remained in obscurity for some time. Then somebody "discovered" her, and it was not long before—as Parisians say—she "arrived." Besides being beautiful, she is an actress of no mean order.

IS SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Clark-Green Damage Suit Is Compromised in Crawfordsville.

By the payment of \$5,000 and costs of suit the defendants in the suit of Maud Clark against Florence Rountree and Ettie Green compromised at Crawfordsville, Ind., the other day. The action was brought by Mrs. Clark, who sued for \$25,000 damages for alleged defamation of character. This defamation consists of a letter written by Mrs. Green at the alleged instance



DR. I. L. BROWN.

of Mrs. Rountree. Mrs. Green admitted the writing of the letter, but denied all malice or intent to injure Mrs. Clark.

The case grew out of the needs of Dr. I. L. Brown of Adams for a housekeeper. Dr. Brown is a widower. His son Alonzo has also lost his wife. Mrs. Rountree is a married daughter of the doctor and Mrs. Green a life-long friend of his and his dead wife's. Mrs. Clark was employed as housekeeper. It is claimed the doctor's children took exceptions to this and the letter was written to bring about the termination of the employment.

Dr. Brown and his widowed son occupy the homestead alone since the death of their respective wives. They needed some one to look after the house, and in making inquiries for a suitable person, Dr. Brown was referred to Mrs. Maud Clark of Waynetown. Mrs. Clark was reputed to be a widow, her husband having disappeared in 1893. She believes him to be dead. Clark was a sign painter, and went about the country following his vocation. When he left home the last time he said he would travel around, earn money and send it home to support his wife and son, 7 years old. For a time money was received regularly and then it suddenly stopped. Since 1893 Mrs. Clark has never heard from her husband. In May, 1894, Dr. Brown engaged Mrs. Clark as housekeeper. She went to Dr. Brown's house and was his housekeeper to his satisfaction until, as she alleges, she was compelled to leave on account of the letter written by Mrs. Green to Dr. Brown.

It is alleged that Mrs. Green wrote the letter upon information furnished by Mrs. Rountree.

An authority on cats says that blue-eyed cats are always deaf, and that pure white ones are afflicted in the same manner.

Poets

Break Out...

in the Springtime. And a great many who are not poets, pay tribute to the season in the same way. The difference is that the poet breaks out in about the same spot annually, while more prosaic people break out in various parts of the body. It's natural. Spring is the breaking-out season. It is the time when impurities of the blood work to the surface. It is the time, therefore, to take the purest and most powerful blood purifier,

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A MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

A TIMES REPORTER INTERVIEWS THE WONDERFUL VENO.

NO SUPERNATURAL POWER. Only the Fruitage of Hard Study and Extraordinary Intellect—An Honorable Man.

Extract from Waco Times, Dec. 2, 1895. A Times reporter called to see Dr. Veno at the Pacific hotel last night and met a most elegant gentleman, and who at once inspires you with every degree of confidence and plainly shows he is a master of medical science and deserves the high position he holds in the medical world today. Since Dr. Veno has been in Waco he has plainly demonstrated the remarkable power of his remedies and performed cures by them that seemed impossible to the outside world. The cure of Mrs. L. B. Clay of 721 Austin, after she had been afflicted with catarrh for over ten years, plainly shows the marvelous virtue of the Veno Curative Syrup, as well as does that of Mr. George Bantick of 329 Columbia street. Dr. Veno said he claimed no extraordinary power he did not heal people, it was the medicine, he uses, and which bears his name. The doctor said Veno's Curative Syrup had as its chief ingredients the wonderful water from the Llandrindod wells of South Wales, where hundreds of sufferers are cured of many diseases, that it removes both the cause and the effect of diseases, such as Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Malaria, Kidney and Blood disorders, and when it was used with Veno's Electric Fluid cured the worst and most desperate cases of Rheumatism, Paralysis, Sciatica, Neuritis and other ailments. Dr. Veno is a Scotchman and graduate from the same college attended by Sir Morrell MacKenzie, physician to Queen Victoria and who attended Emperor Frederick in his last illness. Dr. Veno has a powerful microscope which was given him by Sir Morrell and naturally he prizes it highly. He uses this microscope to aid him in diagnosing diseases. He is not here to practice, but only to introduce his remedies and show what they will do and to have them on sale at all drug stores. That he has cured scores of people while here, that he is a high-toned, honorable man of unquestionable integrity, are absolute facts. Waco is much better from his coming and hundreds will regret to see him leave. All suffering people can order his medicines from their druggist at 50c each, or write to Dr. Veno, 26 2d Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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POCKET IN HER HOSE.

WHERE THE MODERN WOMEN SECHETES HER VALUABLES.

Pickpockets Are Cleverly Outwitted—Large Enough to Hold a Watch and Roll of Bills Just Above the Knee—What a Reporter Saw.



THE OLD LADY who declared that she wanted no safer bank for her money than her own stockings is apparently vindicated by the latest novelty in hosiery. It had just been placed on the counter when a World reporter saw it. It was a pair of black stockings. Nothing strange about that. All modern women wear black hosiery. But these black stockings were like none others ever made. Right on the outside of each stocking leg, near the top, was the cutest little pocket woven onto the stocking. Now, very few women have pockets in their dresses, at least, none in their Paris dresses. Only women with tailor-made gowns and black-silk stripes down the outside seams of their skirts, like Ada Lewis, ever have enough pockets. But the minute the woman laid eyes on those stockings, with pockets, she knew the reason why, and all about it.

It didn't take a diagram to explain to her that those pockets were made for valuables. One woman promptly explained that they were intended for women to keep stray diamonds in. She asked:

"What highwayman would ever think of looking there for money, or what pickpocket, even the most experienced, would expect to pick a pocket in a stocking?"

The colors in which the stockings with pockets are made lend weight to the idea that hereafter women dressed for the evening will not go down to dinner and leave their stray rings and jewels lying around upstairs, for second-story burglars, but will sit down to dinner calm in the consciousness that their jewels are safe in their stocking pockets.

Some of the prettiest of designs are in evening colors—pale pink, cream, lavender and blue. The pockets on these are always of a contrasting color and are elaborately embroidered with silk in floral and vine designs. Around the pocket is another inch-deep row of embroidery. When a woman wears a pair of these and puts on gold garter clasps and fills the two little pockets with rolls of bills she is altogether too valuable to lose a limb in a Brooklyn trolley catastrophe.

Naturally the woman who is accustomed to carrying her wealth hidden in her stockings, will at once take to pockets in her stockings, and the only marvel is that nobody has ever thought of the idea before. Although it is too neat an idea to have been born anywhere but in the brain of a Connecticut Yankee, at the same time the stockings are stamped, "Made in Germany," but the knowing saleswomen say: "They are from Paris."

There is a belief that only elderly women and emigrants are given to secreting ready cash where they can't get at it without retiring to some secluded corner. A woman who has been traveling continually declares that she got over being astonished at the number of cultivated women who are never sure their money or bills of exchange are safe except when stuffed down into their stockings.

A very clever business woman, the financial head and manager of a publishing business that clears for its two partners \$10,000 each a year, never thinks of trusting all her traveling cash to even the inside pocket in her vest, but makes sure she has a reserve fund pinned inside her stocking.

In all the women's parlors in railroad stations and in the large shops such numbers of women are seen daily taking rolls of bills from their hosiery hiding places that this pocket on the stocking fills an ancient want.

This pocket comes above and on the outside of the knee. It is just wide enough to hold a good roll of bills or a watch or any small valuables the wearer may want to protect especially. Some of the pockets are five or six inches in depth; others a little less. The black stockings for street wear have deeper pockets and less-elaborate decorations and would easily hold a few thousand dollars and a couple of moderate sized diamond necklaces.

The pockets are ornamented with some droll designs. The favorites are a primitive likeness of the man in the moon, a very lean-looking heart pierced with a sky-blue dart and the third and most catchy is woven in imitation of a watch face, on which the hours are indicated by black numbers.

Begin at the Top. The Japanese begin building their houses at the top. The room is first built and elevated on a skeleton frame. Then it affords shelter to the workmen from storms.

A Foreign Visitor.

Mr. L. J. Jerrott, who represents a large Parisian shoe manufacturing company, has been making a tour through this country to acquaint himself thoroughly with American methods of shoe making. He has visited all the large shoe manufacturing centers in the east, and believes that his trip has been very profitable. He states that American shoe making methods are very far in advance of those employed in France, and he will buy a full line of American shoe machines before returning to his country. The last city that he visited was St. Louis, to which place he was attracted by the far-reaching reputation of the Desnoyers Shoe Co., whose shoes he had heard of before coming to this country. He spent quite a time in their factory, and believes that their methods of making shoes are superior to any that he has seen in the country, and he has arranged to copy them on his return to France. In an interview with a reporter he stated, that after spending several days with the above mentioned firm, he was not at all surprised that they should find such a ready market for their goods all over this and foreign countries.

God will not smile upon the man who is crowning upon his brother.

When Traveling. Whether on pleasure bent, or business, take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver, and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches, and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50 cent and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

Paper belting has proven successful.

Notice. I want every man and woman in the United States who are interested in the opium and whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga., Box 377, and one will be sent you free.

Aniline dyes were discovered by Overdorben in 1826.

It is so easy to remove Corns with Hindercorns that we wonder so many will endure them. Get Hindercorns and see how nicely it takes them off.

Shorthand was the invention of Pitman in 1837.

There is pleasure and profit and no small satisfaction in abating troublesome and painful fits by using Parker's Ginger Tonic.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth, use our safe and reliable remedy, Has Winstow's Sorethroat Syrup for Children Teething.

The revolving pistol was the invention of Colt in 1836.

FITS—All Fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Kidney and Bladder Remedy. It is a safe and reliable remedy. Treatise and \$2 trial bottle free. 25c each. Sent to Dr. Kline, 531 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Flints for gun locks were used in the French army in 1630.

Pico's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. Beitz, 439 8th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 5, '95

Iowa grows more corn than any other state in the union.

Australia is about the size of the United States. Mrs. W. W. Tabor, Hico, Tex. says: "I have been taking Brown's Iron Bitters for general debility and it has given me a tremendous appetite and I feel much better."

The torpedo was the invention of Dr. Bushnell in 1777.

Beware Of Mercury!

Mr. Henry Roth, of 1848 South 9th Street, St. Louis, was given the usual mercurial treatment for contagious blood poison. He was twice pronounced cured, but the disease returned each time, he was seized with rheumatic pains, and red lumps and sores covered his body.



"I was in a horrible fix," he says, "and the more treatment I received, the worse I seemed to get. A New York specialist said he could cure me, but his treatment did me no good whatever. I was stiff and full of pains, my left arm was useless so that I was unable to do even the lightest work. This was my condition when I began to take S. S. S., and a few bottles convinced me that I was being benefited. I continued the medicine, and one dozen bottles cured me sound and well. My system was under the effects of mercury, and I would soon have been a complete wreck but for S. S. S."

S. S. S., (guaranteed purely vegetable) is the only cure for real blood diseases. The mercurial treatment of the doctors always does more harm than good. Beware of mercury! Books on the disease and its treatment mailed free to any address by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water.

Such ills as **SORENESS, STIFFNESS,** and the like,  **ST. JACOBS OIL** WIPES OUT Promptly and Effectually.

Battle Ax PLUG The only brand of strictly high grade tobacco ever sold for a low price. Not the large size of the piece alone that has made "Battle Ax" the most popular brand on the market for 5 cents, **QUALITY; SIZE; PRICE.**

Greatest Quantity. Highest Quality. Smallest Price.

BLOOD POISON Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison permanently cured in 15 to 25 days. You can be treated at home for the same. **COOK REMEDY CO.** 307 Masonic Temple, CHICAGO, ILL.

CINCO-CAPCI will cure the TOBACCO HABIT, in 3 to 15 days, or money refunded. CINCO-CAPCI is the only combination of pure concentrated drugs which is a true antidote for the poisons retained by the system from the use of TOBACCO. **SEABURY & CO.,** at Chicago, Ill., or Boston, Mass.

It's Pure Walter Baker & Co.'s Cocoa is Pure—it's all Cocoa—no filling—no chemicals. **WALTER BAKER & CO., Ltd.,** Dorchester, Mass.

Kiam's Easter Bargains.

Boys' All Wool Knee Pants \$.50
Kiam's White or Colored Shirt Waists50
Children's Sailor Suits, ages 3 to 8 1.45
Boys' Straw Hats, nobby styles50
Boys' Best Fast Black Stockings25
Children's Big Plaid Bows25
Men's Fine Linen Collars, all shapes50
Men's Elegant Easter Scarfs and Four-in-Hands10

ED. KIAM, Mammoth Clothier, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

FARMERS! If you want satisfaction in ringing your Hogs, get the Wolverine Hog Ringer and Rings. One ring will stop the worst rooster. For sale by all hardware dealers. Insist on having the Wolverine. If you can not get it there, send the money and we will send you Double Ringer and 100 Assorted Rings. Address **HEBSON BROS. CO.,** Patentees and Manufacturers, No. 1 Pearl St., Tecumseh, Mich.

IOWA WOMEN.

A Novel Idea Which They Will Soon Put Into Practice.

A new kind of reciprocity is about to be put into operation by seventy-five Iowa women, representing about a dozen towns in different parts of the state.

The seventy-five women are divided into half a dozen groups. Three of them, who have probably been more abundantly blessed with this world's goods than the others, will visit clubs and read their respective papers, free of any charge, even paying their own expenses.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON'S BIRTH

To be Celebrated by a Large Number of Prominent Members of the Democratic Party—Democratic Senators Invited to Participate.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson will be celebrated at Monticello, Va., on April 13 by a large gathering of a large number of prominent members of the democratic party.

House Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The appropriation committee attempted to take up the sundry civil appropriation bill yesterday, but the members who wanted the bills placed on private calendars defeated them by a vote of 142 to 77.

Commission on Labor.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Perkins, from the committee on education, yesterday presented a report authorizing a non-partisan commission on labor, agriculture and capital.

No Notice of Recall.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Mavroveni Bey, the Turkish minister, said yesterday that he had not received any word of his government that he was to be recalled, as stated in a Constantinople dispatch and expressed the opinion that the story was untrue.

The Report Denied.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Mavroveni Bey, the Turkish minister, who, as stated, had been recalled because of sympathy of the government with the Armenians, officially denies the report.

The construction engine of the Peo Gee route has arrived at Beaumont.

Greer County Trouble.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Judge Brown, who is here looking after the affairs of Greer county, was invited to the house of Secretary Smith last night.

W. G. Fountain was shot and killed last week at Laurel. No clew.

Cuban Resolutions Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—After about a month of discussion of the Cuban resolutions they were yesterday put to sleep, for a time at least in the conference committee.

Early Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Speaker Reed is quoted as saying yesterday that the house will be able to finish all the business before it in a short time, and that congress ought to adjourn by the middle of May.

About Booth-Tucker.

LONDON, March 26.—Mr. Booth-Tucker sailed for New York on the steamer Majestic, which left Liverpool yesterday.

International Peace Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—An effort is being made to secure co-operation to aid in a movement for an international peace tribunal.

Farm work is considerably behind in Wharton county on account of the bad weather of the past few weeks.

Resignation Presented.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The resignation of John L. Hall as assistant attorney general for the interior department was presented to the president yesterday.

Detroit can boast of one cigarette factory, but it does not make the common, every-day article.

Every man wants it understood that he is very sympathetic.

There is a time in everyone's life when he can expect satisfaction.

Of all vain things excuses are the vainest.

An Idle Scavenger. The bowels act the part of a scavenger, inasmuch as they remove much of the debris, the waste effete matter of the system.

The stuffed calico cats which are used as toys are put to a good purpose by some of the Maine farmers.

Miss Brown of Dalton.

By the simple Wine of Cardui Treatment of Female Diseases, thousands of afflicted women are restored to health every year.

It corrects the menstrual irregularities from which nearly all women suffer, and is being universally used for that purpose now.

Ask your druggist for McEire's Wine of Cardui. Speaking of this class of women diseases, Miss Laura P. Brown, of Dalton, Ga., says: "I have been suffering from excessive menses for two years, constantly getting worse, and I feel that McEire's Wine of Cardui saved my life."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Bayonets were first made at Bayonne, France, in 1647.

That

Extremely tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated.

Tired

Feeling by great force of will. But this is unsafe, as it pulls powerfully upon the nervous system, which will not long stand such strain.

Feel-

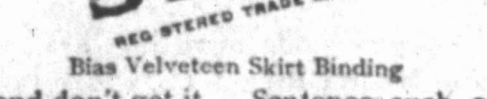
ing is a positive proof of thin, weak, impure blood; for, if the blood is rich, red, vitalized and vigorous, it imparts life and energy to every nerve, organ and tissue of the body.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

take the

law in your own hands, ladies, when you ask for



Blas Velvetten Skirt Binding and don't get it. Sentence such a store to the loss of your trade and give it to merchants who are willing to sell you demand.

RODS

For tracing and locating Gold or Silver Ore lost or hidden treasures. M. D. POWELL, Box 237, Washington, Conn.

Unlucky in health? Here are emblems of good luck; a horseshoe, a clover and BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. GUARANTEE Purchase Money refunded should Brown's Iron Bitters taken as directed fail to benefit any person suffering with Dyspepsia, Malacia, Chills and Fever, Kidney and Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Female Irritability, Stagnant Blood, Weakness, Nervous Troubles, Chronic Headache of Neuralgia. More than 4,000,000 bottles sold—and only \$2.00 asked for and refunded.

A FARM GIVEN AWAY. Consisting of one sheet of FARM BUILDINGS and one sheet of 78 Subjects, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, etc. These are to please the children. The Farm House and Animals can be cut out and made to stand, thus making a complete Miniature Farm Yard. 3 Ways to Get This Farm: Send 6 Coupons; or 1 Coupon and 6 Cents; or 10 Cents without any Coupon, to BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO CO., DURHAM, N. C., and the Farm will be sent you POSTPAID.

WE GUARANTEE EVERY SHOE STAMPED. Desnoyers Shoe Co. —ST. LOUIS, MO.— MADE FOR Men, Women and Children. ASK YOUR DEALER FOR THEM.

Carriage Etiquette. How to get in and out of a carriage properly should be a part of the instruction of physical culture teachers who aim above all other things to make their disciples graceful.

Poisonous Plants. Swamp sunnich is the most dreaded of poisonous plants. Curiously enough the cure for this poison grows closely beside it in the swamp districts and its name, "impatiens," suggests the feeling one has when afflicted by the pain it cures, for if ever one is impatient it is when attacked by this enemy of physical comfort.

Thirty Miles Down. The greatest depth, writes Professor Seeley in his "Story of the Earth," at which earthquakes are known to originate is about thirty miles.

When Men

LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.
Mr. H. W. Pavne called to see us Wednesday.

Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25cts.
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

N. M. Rayburn of Lovelady, was in Crockett this week.

A complete line of furniture, coffins and caskets always on hand at
SHIVERS BROS.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus has returned from Atlanta, Ga. See his card elsewhere in this issue.

Craddock & Co. have just opened their Spring Stock of Goods of all kinds. Give us a call.

Mr. Furlow of Creek was up this week attending court.

Craddock & Co. have the best line of Hosiery in town.

W. O. Phillips of Lovelady was in the city Monday.

Clean up your alleys and see that your sinks are disinfected with lime.

Buy a fire insurance policy in one of the old line companies represented by D. M. Craddock.

The tomato bug has made its appearance recently in this vicinity somewhat to the injury of the plant and much to the annoyance of the gardner.

Chew Ham Bone Tobacco. Best on Earth for the money. Manufactured by J. H. Cosby & Bro., Danville, Va.

Dr. J. B. Smith, his wife, Mrs. Bettie Smith, and Mrs. J. C. Wootters, spent a part of the week in Galveston.

Lots of new goods have just arrived at Mistrot Bros. & Co.

J. B. Jones of Hunstville, an extensive cattle dealer, is in Crockett attending court.

Board and lodging \$4 per week. Day board and lodging one dollar. Single meal 25cts.

NEW RESTAURANT.

COURIER readers should preserve this issue of the paper. It contains the law relative to juries being kept together. We propose to show later on how it has been violated.

Crockett bakery for bread and cakes. Next to post office.
J. J. GOODAY, Proprietor.

By the right kind of energy on the part of the citizens of Crockett at least two colonies of people can be located in Houston county this fall.

The city is making "great improvements" on the streets—a few brickbats and a shovel or two of dirt have been thrown into the outlet from the swamp in front of Wootters' store.

I am representing the well-known and high class tailoring houses, Mills & Averill of St. Louis, and Lamm & Co. of Chicago. Having had several years' actual experience in the business, I can safely guarantee satisfaction in every respect.
J. F. DOWNES.

J. W. Beckham, the popular livery man, has built a new front to his stable, put in a number of new stalls and made other needed improvements and repairs.

CASH! CASH!
CASH!

Car TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS bright and of the very best quality 30 cent per bushel. Car FLOUR received before the big advance, sell at old PRICES. Car salt 200 lbs 90c, 100 lbs 50 cents. SHOES, SHOES, you will save money if you will price before buying. CLOTHING and spring goods coming in daily. The PROOF is calling and seeing for yourself.
R. M. ATKINSON.

WE ARE HERE

To Right the Wrong and Believe the God of Battle is Ever With the Right.

In this issue we place before our people goods that are positively beyond the whisper of competition, comparison or monopoly; prices that will instruct you in the silent logic of truth the difference between dealing with live and dead men—between the cash and credit system; between the right and the wrong way. We are proud to know that we have been a help to both our customers and the merchants. To customers, by putting goods down and keeping them down. To merchants, by introducing a better class of goods and new ideas, which some of them are trying to pattern very closely (so we have been told), but we do not mind this; there is no patent on anything except our prices, and the penalty for infringing is always reduction to the sorrow of those who try it.

We learn that some high-toned, old credit merchant has tried to assist others in trying to break us down by buying some of our well-known and well-established lines, selling them at and near cost, overcharging someone else, or credit customer who cannot help himself, to make up the loss, weakly, faintly, but vainly trying to impress some one that even they are cheap. We again indelibly write the word, Here to stay and fight high prices until the wrong comes right. Don't understand that they hate us in person, but its the following prices that will break their hearts, Marguiréte.

Reduced, we have the best line of Oxford ties in town, in shape, color, and above all, quality that would be appreciated and is well known in every city. These ties are all marked in Plain Figures, and until this week never sold for one cent less: Our extra fine \$3.50 ties in black or tan, now \$2.95; our \$3.00—\$2.45, \$2.50, and \$2.15. These goods are all made in Rochester, N. Y. We have a more inferior line of St. Louis' nicest and best make, now going at from 35c a pair to \$1.95. Come while you can get any size and any last.

Gentlemen, we have now reduced our very fine cloth top patent leather \$6.00 shoes to \$4.95, our \$6.00 tans to \$4.85; everything in pointed toe calf or Cordovan reduced. Come before sizes are broken and get a pair of the only first-class shoe in town. Our 75c button or lace shoe for ladies, now 70c per pair. We can sell you shoes, any kind, for less money than you have ever bought them.



Clothing still going for less money than other merchants pay for it. All new goods, no old dusty moth eaten goods to offer you at cost when we can sell you brand new suits in latest styles for less than others cost. Our \$3.50 suits still going for \$1.50, in any size, coat, pants and vest \$6.50 for \$3.50; 10.00 suit for \$5.50 up to the finest \$20.00 suit ever sold in town for \$11.00. Jeans pants any size well made and finished 40cts pair. Best Stock of overalls and work shirts on the market for a song with just a little money on the side.

A full line of dress goods all colors, quality and price. Our 84ct handkerchief for ladies will cost you 20cts in other stores. Ladies' vests worth 124cts now going at 5cts each or 6 for 25c. Lace pillow shams full size, very fine quality in handsome and assorted patterns 10cts each. We have a line of mosquito bars full size for bed, from 7 to 8 yards in each bar never sold for less than 50cts now going for 25cts each. This week we will receive a full line of ladies shirt waists all colors, sizes and prices which will interest all wanting to buy. We have a few bolts of calico, best brands, dark colors worth 7cts yard now going for 4cts yard. Light shirtings, all light very pretty fast colors 4cts yard. Cotton stripes 35 yards for \$1.00. Cottonade, just the thing for pants, nice bright colors worth 124cts now going at 7cts yard.



Those who have worn the F. P. Corset say they will have no other.

A Few Bargains in Notions.

Celluloid collars with a nice collar button 5cts, celluloid cuffs, 10cts pair, linen collars 5cts, in either standing or turn-down, nice rolled gold lever patent collar buttons worth 10cts each 2 for 5cts, bone or agate like you pay 5cts for 6 we sell 24 for 5cts, 24 lead pencils for 5cts. 35 slate pencils for 5cts. 2 oz bottles of Davids best black ink such as you pay 5cts for we sell 2 bottles for 5cts.

Gentlemen, if you want a nice soft or straw hat don't buy until you see our line, we can save you money.

A full line of Monarch shirts in white or colors, a new line of Cluet & Coon brand collars and cuffs.

You will hear from us again in two weeks.

McLEAN & WILSON, -:- Crockett, Texas.

The busy gardner improves each shining hour.

Try Ham Bone Tobacco. Each Plug Warranted.

The bustling housewife, equipped with dust pan and broom, now prepareth for spring "cleaning up," and the husband looketh on approvingly—but sadly.

Eggs from Black Langshan and Indian game, price \$1.50 per 13.
EDGAR ARLEDGE.

The COURIER wants a correspondent at each town in the county. Send in the news of your neighborhood and thus represent your town in your county paper.

Cakes of all kinds made to order at Crockett bakery.
J. J. GOODAY, Proprietor.

If you are anxious to get a perfect fitting suit and one cut in the latest style, call on J. F. Downes. Among his regular customers are a large number of the best dressers of Crockett and vicinity.

Notwithstanding the late spring and the recent cold snaps, the indications are good that the fruit is safe. If the month of April is not attended by any severe frosts there will be a bounteous yield of fruit in this section.

Miss Goodgion desires to thank her friends and the public for their past patronage and is pleased to say she has secured the services of a very proficient trimmer, Mrs. LeGros of Houston. Many ladies have pleasing recollections of the beautiful creations of fancy made by her skillful fingers in Mrs. Beasley's establishment two seasons ago. She is also quite as experienced and artistic in dressmaking and all the little accessories of a lady's fashionable toilet. We desire a liberal share of the public patronage.

What You Can Buy

-FROM-

J. E. DOWNES.

The best of flour, sugar, coffee, hams, bacon, lard, baking powders, extracts and other fancy groceries. Also a nice suit of clothes, a nobby hat, stylish shirts, cuffs and collars, and for dry goods, he buys from the manufacturers in large quantities, for spot cash, at a saving in the way of discounts from 5 to 10 per cent. See his ladies' shirt waists and material to make more out of, neat, stylish and cheap. Downes says that he is under obligations to the good people of Houston county for what he has made, and that he wants to prove same in a substantial way and asks everybody to call and get bargains.

All sizes of pretty water coolers at McConnell's Hardware Store.

The dry goods merchants of Crockett are receiving their spring goods, while those in the grocery line are replenishing their stocks. Read the COURIER and patronize the advertisers.

Miss Lillie Webb left Wednesday evening for Coltharp on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Cane. They will spend the summer in Virginia.

"The Wonder" ice cream freezer at McConnell's Hardware Store. All sizes.

Mr. J. W. Beaver of Tyler, was here last week and let the contract to build a beautiful cottage on North street.

Why buy a saddle from a dry goods merchant when you can get a shop made saddle from J. T. Dawe's for the same money and will last three times as long.

If you want the best ice cream freezer made buy the "Wonder." Guaranteed to freeze cream in 5 minutes. At McConnell's Hardware Store.

Miss Ella Murchison of Lovelady returned home this morning after a few days' visit to her relatives in this city.

Mesdames Bricker & Smith respectfully invite all the ladies to call and see their stock of Millinery next Saturday. To introduce our millinery we will sell at reduced prices, Saturday only.

Miss Minnie Caverhill is back from Lovelady where she was in attendance as one of the bridesmaids at the Barbee-Rayburn wedding.

J. A. Bricker & Co., jewelers, at Castleburg's old stand, make a specialty of repair work. Bring us your watches, clocks and jewelry when in need of repairs. Only first-class work.

The editor has been confined to his room now for over two weeks with malarial sickness. He is better, but not yet able to be out.

Buy your water coolers and ice cream freezers from McConnell's Hardware Store. They have the best.

John B. Harkins has recently bought a newly improved residence from W. B. Page.

The public generally will grieve to hear of the death of Mrs. M. K. Murchison which occurred since our last issue. She was the wife of our most worthy and excellent citizen, M. K. Murchison, and was a lady highly and universally esteemed for her many lovable traits of character. All who knew her will mourn her death and will sympathize with her husband and the rest of the family over their irreparable loss.

Eat and Sleep At COLL'S.

I'm in my New House and ready to serve you at any time. Call and see me. Board \$1 per day. Meals 25c. Bed 25c. COLLIN ALDRICH.

The Crockett brass band now numbers a membership of eleven, and under the careful instruction Prof. Bergman are becoming quite proficient, as evinced by the sweet strains of music with which they regaled the crowds gathered upon the square on last Saturday afternoon.

Strayed. One brown mare, about 14 hands high, white spot in forehead, branded J-T (connected.) One horse, about 15 hands high, white spot in forehead, bright sorrel color, in crook of hind leg is a scar caused from cut. Don't know whether he is branded or not, but if so, is a Spanish brand. Reasonable amount will be paid to the person who will take them up and notify me at Hagarville, Texas. H. C. TABB.

At J. A. Bricker & Co., the jewelers, can be found everything in their line, their stock of watches and jewelry being especially recommended to the public. Try them.

For Sale. The house and lot occupied by Chas. Snyder, in front of Dr. Beasley's. For terms etc. apply to myself or to H. W. Moore. L. N. COOPER.

W. F. Pollard, manager of the Crockett Steam Laundry, on last Sunday night quietly folded his tent and took a sneak—for parts unknown to those who knew him best. His wife left for Fort Worth Tuesday night.

the following...
the action of the democratic party:
For District Attorney of Third Judicial District:

A. W. EWING,
of Anderson County.
J. M. CROOK,
of Houston County.
A. G. GREENWOOD,
of Anderson County.

For District Clerk,
JOHN H. ELLIS.
COL. ALDRICH, JR.
TONY GOSSETT.
J. S. FLUKER.

For County Judge,
J. F. DUREN.
A. D. LIPSCOMB.

For County Clerk,
N. E. ALLBRIGHT.

For County Treasurer,
J. B. ELLIS.
HARDIN BAYNE.
M. M. BAKER.

For Assessor of Taxes:
D. J. CATER,
GAIL CLINTON.

For Tax Collector,
JOHN R. FOSTER.
S. E. HOWARD,
J. R. SHERIDAN.

For Sheriff,
G. M. WALLER.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
T. C. LIVELY.
R. T. MURCHISON,

For Justice Peace, Precinct No. 1,
C. W. ELLIS.

For Constable Prec. No. 1,
C. R. BAGGETT,
C. C. MORTIMER.

WHAT NEXT?

The pure administration of law in the court house is indispensable to the well being of society, and no community can long escape the dire consequences of a disregard of this fundamental principle of government.

The political forces in their partisan zeal may be excused for many indiscreet things and irregularities, done in the heat of passion engendered in an exciting political campaign. But after the election is over and the battle is fought and won, we should be prepared to go into the court of justice seeking out the equities between man and man in a spirit of judicial impartiality and by methods prescribed by positive law or by the established rules of practice. The judge on the bench should, if he had ever been before, cease to be a partisan, and should rise above political or personal influences, and by his conduct, personally and upon the bench, set an example of respect for the law that will command the respect of all right thinking people. And to do this he must cease all electioneering tricks. They have no place in judicial character or judicial conduct, and can only disgust and repel every well balanced person of good comprehension; and if such conduct should be tolerated by a community it will lead to mischief to society involving common ruin.

This result may not be at first seen, but it is as certain to follow as that night succeeds day.

In its wisdom the legislature of the state has been careful to provide that the district judge of each district shall in each county in which he holds his court, at each term thereof, appoint three jury commissioners, intelligent and of good moral character, who are sworn to select from the body of the voters of the county a sufficient number of ju-

rors for the next term of the court, these jurors so selected to be intelligent men of good moral character. It is time for this community to pause and consider if these transcendently important laws have been faithfully observed and carried out since Judge Burnett went on the bench, or has this important duty been trifled with by him for electioneering purposes and to the discredit of the judicial branch of the government? And further, if in so doing consequences have been entailed on the community distasteful to the better class of our citizens fraught with mischiefs of which no one can foresee their limits or effects.

Our legislature has, in its wisdom, further provided in the trial of felony cases, by article 725 (687) as follows:

"After the jury has been sworn and impanelled to try any case of felony, they shall not be permitted to separate until they have returned a verdict, unless by permission of the court, with the consent of the attorney representing the State, and the defendant, and in charge of an officer." Art. 727 (689) provides as follows: "It is the duty of the sheriff to provide a suitable room for the deliberations of the jury, in all criminal cases, and to supply them such necessary food and lodging as he can obtain, but no spirituous, vinous or malt liquors of any kind shall be furnished them."

And Art. 728 (690) provides as follows: "No person shall be permitted to be with a jury while they are deliberating upon a case, nor shall any person be permitted to converse with a juror after he has been impanelled, except in the presence and by permission of the court, or except in a case of misdemeanor where the jury have been permitted by the court to separate, and in no case shall any person be permitted to converse with the juror about the case on trial."

And in Art. 730 (692) it is provided: "In order to supply all the reasonable wants of the jury, and for the purpose of keeping them together and preventing intercourse with any other person, the sheriff shall see that they are constantly attended by a proper officer, who shall always remain sufficiently near the jury to answer to any call made upon him by them, but shall not be with them while they are discussing the case; nor shall such officer at any time, while the case is on trial before them, converse about the case with any of them, nor in the presence of any of them."

Art. 731 (693) says: "The jury may take with them, on retiring to consider their verdict, all the original papers in the cause, and any papers used as evidence."

And Art. 732 (694) reads as follows: "The jury shall, in all cases, appoint one of their number foreman, in order that their deliberations may be conducted with regularity and order."

Art. 737 (699): If, after the retirement of the jury, in a felony case, any one of them became so sick as to prevent the continuance of his duty, or any accident or circumstance occur to prevent their being kept together, the jury may be discharged."

It will be seen from the above that the law has provided stringent provisions for keeping the jury together in felony cases. This has been deemed necessary and has been positively enjoined by statute, and in no case shall a juror be separated except by permission of the court and by consent of the attorney for the state and the defendant.

Judge Burnett has disregarded this provision of law and has turned juries loose without such consent; and he has in some cases separated the jury into two squads and without the semblance of authority of law, appointed a deputy, or some one to take charge of part of the jury, thus divesting the sheriff of his rightful authority in such cases, as well as trampling all law under his feet. Why has this thing been done? Has he not, by his improper conduct in packing up the juries on political lines to

redeem his campaign pledges, and to secure votes for future election, so constituted the juries that he now feels constrained to violate the law to make his crooked ways seem smooth?

Such conduct can but merit and receive the condemnation and indignation of every right thinking person. We ask the people to ponder over these things and not forget them, for they must in the end determine whether they will consent to have their judiciary degraded and a state of affairs inaugurated that, if continued, must lead to a state of anarchy.

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LEAVING OUT THE WASHING.

What May Happen When It Comes On to Blow in the Night.

"Whether to leave the washing out or not," said Mr. Flatdewler, "may easily be a question of importance. Why it is thought of leaving it out is simple enough; it may have been a damp or drizzly day, and the clothes may not be dry when night comes; they are to be left out to blow dry in the night. The question in the suburbs or in the country, where the clothes would be left on lines stretched between post set in the ground, is one mostly of safety, for there they must be left where they could easily be stolen by anybody that might take a fancy to them. In the city, if you live in a flat, the principal question is, Will it be too windy? for, if it is, the clothespins, when they work off the line, don't fall on the grass, but into the fathomless abyss of the rear area; and if the washing drops from the line it goes there, too, or off over some neighboring roof, or it whips against the poles, or the blinds, or the fire escape, or it winds itself around the pulley line so that the line won't budge either way and there the washing is out in the air, and you wonder how you are going to get it. So it may easily be seen that in a flat it is really a question of some importance whether the washing shall be left out or not, and if the wind rises, it is still more important to get it in."

"What do you think?" says Mrs. Flatdewler, "do you think it is going to blow any harder than it does now?" "And you look out at the cold stars and take a glance around generally, and then you say no, you don't think it is; and after a little further deliberation Mrs. Flatdewler decides to leave 'em out; it's pretty breezy, and you can hear 'em now and then snapping in the wind, but if it doesn't blow up any more they're all right. So you leave 'em out and go to bed."

"Along about four o'clock you begin to dream of the sea story you had read the night before. Off Cape Horn in a howling gale in winter; cold and snow and ice; rolling seas and tempests and danger everywhere; it's your watch below; suddenly you hear somebody pounding on the companion slide with a handspike, and a moment later you hear a voice shouting down the fo'c's'le ladder:

"All starboardlines ahoy!" "That means you; it's all hands to shorten sail. As you jump from your bunk you feel somebody pushing on your shoulder and you hear Mrs. Flatdewler say:

"Ezra, I guess you'll have to take in the clothes."

"You're awake now and getting into your boots and garments, not forgetting your tarpaulin and your sou'wester, and a minute later you are on the fire escape, with Mrs. Flatdewler standing inside to take the things as you hand them in."

"Wind a-howling, sheets a-flapping, shirts snapping, pillow cases cracking, everything cast loose and whipping itself into ribbons, or getting ready to. Rain in torrents and general uproar everywhere. Whipl comes a sheet across your face and away goes your sou'wester, but you grab the sheet and flit it as you would a sail until you come to the line; you grab off the clothespins and sheets and hand it in to Mrs. Flatdewler. No foot ropes here, so you must bring the sail to you; you overhaul the pulley line, blocks a-creakin' under the strain and adding to the weirdness. Sail after sail you get in till you've got it all, and she's just a-roarin' along under bare poles."

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NICHOLAS II. IN PEACE.

Russia's Interests Are at This Time Opposed to War.

There is no safety in predicting any turn in a game in which a youthful monarch of Russia holds a strong hand, but, though many rumors have been running around about the new czar, Nicholas II., there seems no probability of his undertaking any inflammable role, says Col. T. O. Dodge in the Forum. Russia has so much more to gain in peace than war. Barely a third of her army has the new small-bore rifle, and it will be two years before the other regiments are so equipped. Her revenues are not too great. Russia needs her money for the great trans-Siberian railway, and she ought not to blow it out of the mouths of big guns. No doubt there is a tension in many of the international relations, but that is always present, and diplomats are growing more reasonable. It is probable that what has been said of the character of Nicholas is in the main true; and this should lead him to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father and make Russia still the dictator of peace.

No man will be rash enough to say that war may not come. Every one of the continents has spots where an accidental outbreak, the blunder of an overzealous servant, may work such a hardship, actual or ideal, to some great power as shall call for an excited demand for reparation. It is then that cool heads, if not thick skins, are in demand; and it is then that the effervescence of journalists in search of circulation or notoriety does most harm. The human animal, according to his kind, is the silliest of all animals, if we measure him rightly. I know of no other that is capable of such irrational freaks, and it is on these that peace or war hangs by a hair. But, to resume, I do not believe, despite all the talk, that there is in the present status of the world a set of conditions which will lead to early war.

The Lake of Blood.

Every polar expedition and whaling vessel which visits the Baffin bay region puts in at Yareke Bank, so as to allow explorers and seamen to visit the celebrated Lake of Blood. Of it the author of "My Summer in the North" says: "It is a lake of considerable extent, lying only a few feet above the level of the sea, and appears of a deep dark blood red. Careful examination proved, however, that the water itself was as pure and clear as possible; the red effect being due to the fact that the bottom and sides of the lake, as well as the few stones which were scattered about in it, were coated most perfectly with the red snow plant. In some places, where the water had evaporated, the withered red plants on the soil and rocks looked exactly like dried spots of blood."

Germany's War Treasure.

The largest permanent store of coined money in the world is in the Imperial war treasure of Germany—a portion saved for emergencies from the one billion dollars paid by France after the Franco-Prussian war and locked up in the Julius tower of the fortress of Spandau. It amounts to the value of \$1,000,000,000.

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FRANK JAMES TALKS.

GIVES HIS OPINION ON TRAIN ROBBERING.

What Must be Done to Prevent It—Armed Guards Should be Carried So as to Command the Vital Point, Between the Engine and Express Car.

St. Louis, Apr. 4.—Bloodhounds will be placed on the trail of the Frisco train robbers. The booty is officially stated to be \$125,000. So far \$400 has been recovered. Frank James, a brother of the famous bandit, Jesse James, when asked his opinion of the robbery, finally said:

"When a man engages in the train robbing business he is badly in need of money, and will take desperate chances to secure it. All the talk about some men having no sense of fear, and especially when they are making a raid on a train, is all nonsense. I have been in some pluches and there were times when I realized fear, but there was nothing to do but to fight my way out.

"I am opposed to train robbery, and the only way it will ever be stopped is to have armed guards on each train. Two or three would be sufficient, but they should be well armed and be enclosed in a steel cage of some kind. The cars should have portholes so the guards could command a view of the outside. One point in particular they should keep in view, and that is the space between the engine and the express car. This point should be watched for a number of reasons. First, because robbers could uncouple the express car from the rest of the train and with the engine pull it several miles down the track and with dynamite blow everything up. The second and main reason is that the robbers would be aware of the guard's presence in the car and if they could get to the couplings of the car all they would have to do would be to pull the engine away from the train a short distance, reverse the lever and come back against the train with such a force that the express car would be demolished and the guards killed. Until these ideas are carried out the robbers will continue to think that train robbery is a science.

"The Sleeper Hill job was done by men who knew their business; but as I am not in that business, and never have been, I don't care to discuss it further. This however, I will say, the times when I was credited with having been in certain train robberies I was miles away from the scene hauling logs."

The Ministry Denies.

Madrid, Apr. 4.—A rumor is in circulation here to the effect that the United States would send a squadron to Barcelona if Spain continued her naval preparations against Cuba. The rumor is so persistent that the following foreign ministerial denial has been issued:

"The ministry emphatically deny that there is any foundation for the rumor that international difficulties have arisen which impede the sending of a squadron to Cuba, or the arming of trans-Atlantic vessels as cruisers."

It is said that two of these ships will start immediately with their full armament.

The return of General Pando is generally considered to be due to a disagreement with General Weyler.

Deporting Insane.

Chicago, Apr. 4.—Andrew Jansen was yesterday sent to the insane asylum at Dunning. When his case was called in the insane court he told Judge Carter he had been sent to Chicago by the authorities of the Minnesota state insane asylum. He further said that he was not the only patient deported from the Minnesota institution. He declared there were three others with him when he started, but that they left the train before it reached Chicago. One got off just before the train passed the Wisconsin state line into Illinois and he did not know what had become of the others.

Jansen said he was much opposed to leaving the Minnesota asylum, because he was far from being cured, but he was compelled to leave by the keepers.

A Waco Assignment.

Waco, Texas, April 4.—E. W. Mitchell, a prominent jeweler, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors without preference to Herbert Little.

The liabilities are \$4000, with assets about the same.

The Nile Campaign.

New York April 4.—A special to the Herald from Cairo, says: The demand for war news here is so great that every evening there are fresh stories of attacks up the Nile. The movement of the troops at this point has about ceased, though recruiting and forced enlistment goes on very vigorously. The officers of the Connaught rangers have been given a farewell dinner in expectation of an early forward movement.

Your correspondent has interviewed the Kuedive. He said he took great interest in this upper Nile expedition, though he was sorry that it was so suddenly forced upon Egypt that due preparations could not be made. He regretted that his military education had not been concluded when he was called to succeed his father. His highness thought that there were now over ten thousand Egyptian and English troops between Assouan and Akasheh. He asked about the Japanese army and navy and showed a deep interest in all that was told him.

When something was said about Soudanese troops being officered by English he expressed great confidence in them. His highness will shortly go to the Alexandria resort for the summer.

The discussion in the commons on Lord Cromer's attitude towards the Dongola expedition can be easily answered from here. From the outset the British representative has disapproved of the movement. He did not advise it and his opinion was not sought. He believes that the revenues of Egypt should be used for relieving and improving the country and not in reconquering territory not needed at present. He fears that all his past financial labor will be lost. He is, however, giving the expedition his hearty support now that it has been entered upon.

British military men here express contempt for the attitude of France towards the British expedition up the Nile.

The dervishes are gathering in strength for offensive action and at the war office this afternoon the opinion was frequently expressed that the situation at the front is growing serious. There is a feeling that the advancing column is entirely adequate.

Rumor Denied.

Washington, Apr. 4.—Secretary Lamont when asked today concerning the published statement that he had in his possession a letter from President Cleveland declining to be again a candidate for the presidency, and urging the democratic party to stand for sound money and its previous position on the tariff question, said that the statement was absolutely untrue. Secretary Lamont added: "I never heard of such letter."

From another and unquestionably excellent source of information it is learned that the published statement is absolutely without foundation, and that no such letter has been written by the president.

The fact that President Cleveland had fully decided not to be a candidate for re-nomination, and that Secretary Carlisle would go before the Chicago convention as an aspirant for the democratic nomination, on a sound money platform, was announced exclusively by the Associated Press a few weeks ago, but the matter has not yet gone beyond the lines then indicated.

Tried to Wreck It.

Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 4.—An attempt was made last night to wreck the Chicago and Alton passenger train which leaves here shortly after 8 o'clock for St. Louis and Chicago.

Just out of Grain Valley, twenty-five miles east of here, the engineer saw an obstruction on the track. He stopped his train quickly, but not in time to avoid the derailing of his locomotive.

A pile of ties had been laid across the track and the rails loosened, and the stopping of the train quickly was all that prevented a serious accident.

Believing that a train robbery had been planned guards were at once put out, but the train was not molested. It was over an hour before the wreck could be cleared.

It is thought here that robbers had calculated on a bad wreck and that it was their purpose to loot the train during the confusion which would have followed. Six weeks ago a similar attempt was made in the same vicinity.

Is Still Governor.

Phoenix, Ariz., Apr. 4.—L. C. Hughes says he still considers himself governor of Arizona, and challenges any official acts of Secretary Bruce as acting governor until time for the confirmation of Colonel Franklin as his successor.

ROCHEFORT'S VIEWS.

TWO THINGS ENGLAND WILL NEVER DO.

The Tight Little Island Will Never Consent to Soiled Connection With the European Mainland—Nor Will She Evacuate Egypt—Reasons Given.

Paris, Apr. 3.—The European edition of the Herald this morning prints the following signed statement from M. Henri Rochefort:

"There are two things to which England will never consent—the construction of a bridge over the channel and the evacuation of Egypt.

"Mr. Cavendish-Bentinck, a member of Her Britannic Majesty's private council, once said to me in London: 'We are perfectly willing to allow engineers to study the means of linking Great Britain with the continent of Europe, but the strait, which we call our 'silver streak,' is our defense and we shall never allow it to be bridged.'

"Much the same holds good with regard to Egypt. The English will let the powers continue to protest against the continual delays in evacuation, but they are daily growing more determined not to quit.

"Her majesty's government professes for the diplomacy of Europe, particularly for the diplomacy of France, an intense disdain. It believes perhaps with good reason, that it is equal to the task of paying off all the Talleyrands and all the Matternichs of the old world, and it is in this thorough confidence in itself that it finds its chief strength. This the British government, for that matter, has just proved by inducing the commissioners of the Egyptian debt—those of France and Russia excepted—to authorize a payment which is nothing but a loan in disguise out of the seventy million of francs of the reserve debt.

"During the last two years of my exile I was the witness of excessive work, the object of which was the improvement of the fleet of the United Kingdom. The most unimportant contention served as a pretext for the building of war vessels. In reality England was aware that the insufficient reasons alleged for the maintenance of her troops in Egypt would not long pass muster, and was making preparations for a possible war, to which, indeed, in my opinion, she has quite made up her mind, notwithstanding Prince Bismark's insulting prediction that England will astonish the world by her cowardice.

"The expedition to Dongola, perchance to Saukim, was invented only in order to justify a refusal to withdraw from Egypt the army which Lord Salisbury on the contrary has decided upon re-inforcing. He is not a little pugnacious by character. He will evoke the spectre of the Soudanese invasion in the event of a defeat comparable to that of 1874, when of the 10,000 men under General Hicks none returned to tell the story of the disaster. He will rack his imagination to invent grounds acceptable or not for the everlasting prolongation of the British occupation, but whatever happens, whatever response he receives, or whatever objections may be made he will not evacuate Egypt.

"This is my firm conviction, based upon numerous conversations I had on the subject with several members of the house of commons and particularly Irish members, who being opposed to the English policy, had no reason to conceal its undercurrents from me.

"The English papers are pleased to state that the death of the Mahdi caused disruption among the fanatics who made of him a new prophet. That is, I believe, a serious error in which cross-channel chauvinism will be wrong to take stock.

"The question our diplomats are vainly endeavoring to solve will perhaps be settled by the Soudanese, and if Egypt is ever to be evacuated by the English it will be battles waged before the walls of Dongola, or before Saukim, that will determine the evacuation question. Henri Rochefort."

Cubans at Work.

New York, April 3.—News was received at the Cuban headquarters in this city that a large expedition is being formed in the vicinity of Key West, Fla. for the insurgents. It is said that large quantities of arms and ammunition have been smuggled out of Key West on the schooners Dollie and Pearl. The schooner Martha, owned by J. F. Horr, ex-collector of customs, has left Biscayne with a full cargo of arms to be transferred to some schooner.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Denison is still growing.

Paris wants a beef packery.

At Houston 9121 votes registered.

At Dallas 7867 voters registered.

Whitewright is improving some.

The Dallas Semi-centennial scheme is progressing satisfactorily.

The blood hound idea is quite popular with Texas sheriffs.

The business houses and residences of Greenville are being numbered.

Greenville is to have an electric street railroad.

Gainesville now has a board of trade.

The Black-and-Tan Republicans split at Austin.

Waxahachie wants the Presbyterian seminary.

Young wheat looks promising in North Texas.

Smallpox at Center and Temha, in Shelby county.

Gainesville has a magnificent and bountiful water supply.

Sherman is a growing city and will soon have a sewer system.

The State Epworth League will meet at San Antonio on April 15.

The ladies of Victoria will give a floral carnival on April 21st.

Measles are prevalent at Sabinal and the public schools has closed.

Austin county authorities have contracted for a new jail to cost \$19,970.

The farmers are behind with their work in many counties—too much rain.

The comptroller has registered a \$10,000 issue of DeWitt county courthouse bonds.

Another vein of the lignite coal has been discovered near Rockdale, Milam county.

Duval county has paid \$1290 interest due April 10 on bonds held by the school fund.

The school at Cuero has been dismissed in order that the building might be repaired.

Grimes county has just paid \$716 interest due April 10, on bonds held by the school fund.

Martin McGrath, under nine years sentence at Fort Worth, escaped from jail the other night.

During the months of January and February 41,810 dozen eggs were shipped from Lampasas.

Edna, the county cite of Jackson county, is growing and the improvements are substantial.

Whitewright and Greenville will soon be connected by telephone as well as by rail and telegraph.

Elsa Haywood, living near Detroit, Red River county, shot himself through the head recently.

Mulkey and Hines are holding a meeting at Mineola. They enter and offer prayer in the saloons.

At Temple recently D. W. Moore sold a one-half interest in the Moore & Childress cattle for \$16,000 cash.

At New Boston Lizzie Casteel, a young negress, received a life sentence in the penitentiary for infanticide.

At Galveston, Norman J. Doty and Annie L. Doty, of Houston, have filed suit in the civil district court against George W. and Martha Schaper and R. T. and Stuart Wheeler of this city, claiming damages in the sum of \$100,000. Defendants caused the indictment and arrest of plaintiffs last July on a charge of having embezzled a horse.

Capt. Charles Davis, collector of customs for the El Paso district, denies that there is any Texas fever among the cattle in that section of Texas and the state of Chihuahua. But says that "black leg" is killing a number of the fattest cows, as it does every spring when grass begins to sprout. Hereafter all cattle shipped out of Mexico will pass through El Paso.

Workmen while repairing a wall in a building at Brenham the other day, unearthed something of a mystery in the garret. The place had apparently been used as a sleeping apartment by some person. There was a pipe and tobacco, cigar stumps, a pad of paper, lead pencils and some other articles scattered about, but the astonishing thing found was an ingeniously made ladder constructed of iron and wood. There was a hook at the top, showing that the ladder was intended for climbing.

The anti's were in the recent local option elections in the Holland and Rogers precincts in Bell county.

The railroad commission has approved and ordered registered by the secretary of state \$24,000 of Aransas Harbor Terminal railway bonds. This is part of the \$250,000 of bonds the commission recently authorized this road to issue.

About 800 car loads of stock cattle will be shipped from Alice, Nueces county to the Indian Territory in April.

Three insurance companies recently paid \$12,160 occupation tax for 1896. The Mutual Life Insurance company of New York paid \$12,011 of the above amount.

THE LOUD BILL.

Full Text of the Bill to Amend Second-Class Mail Matter Law.

There is now before congress a bill to amend the postal laws which is meeting with some disfavor among publishers of country newspapers. The full text of the bill is as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled.

That mailable matter of the second class shall embrace all newspapers and other periodical publication which are issued at stated intervals, and as frequently as four times a year, and are within the conditions named in sections three and four of this act: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to admit to the second class rate publications purporting to be issued periodically and to subscribers, but which are merely books or reprints of books, whether they be issued complete or in parts, whether they be bound or unbound, whether they be sold by subscription or otherwise, or whether they purport to be premiums or supplements or parts of regular newspapers or periodicals.

Sec. 2. That publications of the second class, except as provided in section twenty-five of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, when sent by the publisher thereof, and from the office of publication, excluding sample copies, or when sent from a news agency to actual subscribers thereto, or to other news agents, shall be entitled to transmission through the mails at one cent a pound or fraction thereof, such postage to be prepaid, as now provided by law: Provided, nevertheless, That news agents shall not be allowed to return to news agents or publishers at the pound rate unsold periodical publications, but shall pay postage on the same at the rate of one cent for four ounces.

Sec. 3. That all periodical publications regularly issued from a known place of publication at stated intervals as frequently as four times a year, by or under the auspices of benevolent or fraternal societies, trades unions, or orders organized under the lodge system, and having a bona fide membership of not less than one thousand persons, shall be entitled to the privilege of second class mail matter: Provided, That such matter shall be originated and published to further the objects and purposes of such society or order.

Sec. 4. That the conditions upon which a publication shall be admitted to the second class are as follows:

First. It must regularly be issued at stated intervals as frequently as four times a year, bear a date of issue, and be numbered consecutively.

Second. It must be issued from a known office of publication, which shall be shown by the publication itself.

Third. It must be formed of printed paper sheets without board, cloth, leather or other substantial binding, such as distinguish printed books from preservation from periodical publications.

Fourth. It must be originated and published for the dissemination of information of a public character, or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or some special industry, and must have a legitimate list of subscribers who voluntarily order and pay for the same: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to admit to the second class rate regular publications, or any particular issue of any regular publication, designed primarily for advertising purposes, or for free circulation, or for circulation at nominal rates: And provided, That all extra numbers of second class publications sent by the publisher thereof, acting as the agent of an advertiser or purchaser, to addresses furnished by the latter, shall be subject to pay postage at the rate of one cent for every four ounces or fraction thereof: And provided further, That it shall not be permissible to mail any given article or articles, or any part or any particular number of a newspaper or periodical, segregated from the rest of the publication, except at the third rate postage.

Sec. 5. That publishers and others, whose publications shall be admitted as mail matter of the second class under the provisions of this act, shall be required, before depositing such mail matter in the postoffice, to separate the same into United States mail sacks or bundles by States, cities, towns and counties, as the postmaster-general may direct.

Sec. 6. That the act of congress in regard to second class mail matter approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Sec. 7. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Divorce.

If the relations of man and wife were such as they ought to be, divorce would be unknown. To prevent separation and divorce true love must be given a new and practical formula when the novelty subsides. Instead of ice cream and caramels, let it take the form of bread, butter and meat.—Rev. W. W. Morton.