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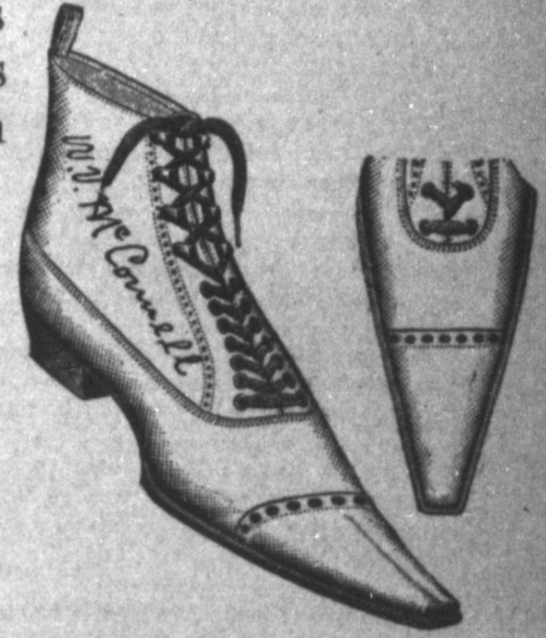
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A Question Decided!

So keep your eye on this space and go to W. V. McConnell's for all the latest styles in Millinery, Fine Dress Goods, Trimmings and remember that we will compare style, quality and price with any market.



A Word For the Ladies.

We want to thank you kindly for your presence, attention and liberal patronage given us at our exhibition on millinery and fine dress goods. We are going to make a great effort to please you in this line and invite you to come and see us often.

Very Respt,

W. V. McConnell.



Another Assassination.

The good name for law and order which Houston County once enjoyed was further blackened by a dastardly, diabolical assassination on Wednesday evening of this week. The helpless victim of the assassin's gun was T. J. Crofford, a splendid good citizen, living in the South western part of the County near Creek. Mr. Crofford had been in Crockett on Wednesday for the purpose of making the bond of his son who in the spring had had trouble with a negro farm-hand as a result of which young Crofford had shot the negro. Making his boy's bond Mr. Crofford was returning home and was not a great way from it when a negro concealed in the bushes on the roadside fired at Mr. Crofford from the rear and put ten buck-shot in his back.

We are not in receipt of particulars but learn that Mr. Crofford saw the negro in the bushes or run from the bushes after the shooting. Mr. Crofford was taken home and was still living at last accounts. The chances for recovery are very slim. There was not a more quiet, peaceable and peace-loving citizen in Houston County than T. J. Crofford nor one who stood higher in the esteem of those who knew him.

This is the second assassination in that section of the county within the past three months. The fair

name which at one time in the past the county bore for observance of law and the enjoyment of the blessings of good order is gone and in its stead are crimes absolutely fiendish in their brutality. At the time of going to press the assassin had not been caught though the officers were in pursuit. It is to be hoped that he will soon be caught and after fair trial pay the penalty that such a crime deserves.

Marriage Licenses

Robert Williams to Margret Williams; Wm. Robins to Berta Milligan; S. L. Thomas to Ora Lee Strans; John Doodles to Amelia Davenport; J. W. Edens to Lizzie Ellis; Sydney Thomas to Belle Williams; John Davis to Della Wynne; Joe Ham to Cora Brown; John Kitchens to Dora Davenport; John Hanna to Alice Blackshear; W. M. Mariner to Nancy E. Chance; Geo. N. Chaffin to Rhoda Fuller.

Closed Up.

M. Bromberg Jr. transferred on Monday to Hymon Harrison as trustee all his stock of goods, merchandise, wares, groceries to secure H. Kempner on four notes of five hundred dollars each. Assets will aggregate \$3,000, liabilities \$3,000. Stringency of money matters and inability to collect on cotton forced him to make the assignment. He owes First National Bank of Crockett \$700.

They are taking stock this week which will probably inventory \$1800.

Grapeland Letter.

ED. COURIER.

Hon. W. M. Imboden, democratic elector for this district spoke here last week. He presented the issues of the hour in a forcible manner, thoroughly impressing his audience with the importance of the coming battle of the ballots. He appealed strongly to the patriotism of the populists who in violation of their principles would cast their votes for Bryan and Watson demonstrating to the satisfaction of every candid man that they would be counted for McKinley. The American citizen, he said, who believed in free silver and had the good of his country and of mankind at heart who would thus throw away his ballot, in such a crisis, allowing a "Plenary Committee" to vote him as a beast was not fit to be the possessor of free suffrage. It is believed that his speech caused a great many to think and on the day of election they would assert their manhood and independence of such a combine as now exists between the populist Plenary Committee and Republicans in this State, by casting their votes for Bryan and Sewal straight.

The 31st annual session of the Neches River Association of the Baptist church met here last Saturday and organized by selecting J. E. Kennedy of Lovelady as moderator, W. H. Rosser, Secy and B. F. Parker, treasurer. Thirty-four churches were represented and 200 Baptisms reported during the year. They continued in session until Monday night.

Dr. J. Smith Wootters was in

town attending the association as a delegate.

Mr. T. S. Kent and Lady spent a few days in town representing Trinity Church at the association.

Rev. J. E. Kennedy makes a model moderator.

Mrs. Sarah Beazley of Trinity church spent a few days in town enjoying the association and visiting friends.

Rev. R. E. Morris of Crockett preached a splendid sermon at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday and during his sermon took occasion to score preachers who besmirched their calling by going into politics, which was responded to by loud amens all over the audience.

Rev. W. H. Rosser preached a fine sermon at the Christian Church at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Mrs. L. L. Meriwether has been quite sick with pneumonia but is now better.

George Brimberry Jr. lost his youngest child this week.

KEYSTONE.

Lion Loose.

There is a great excitement in the Murdoc-Baker community over the report of a loose lion. Negroes and whites are greatly agitated over the matter. No one has seen him but his tracks have been seen and the roaring of his voice heard by nearly all. We are inclined to the opinion that this is a mistake. The colored people have doubtless heard the voice of some populist splaygator like Rayner delivering himself of a speech at the organization of a populist club. This is the most rational explanation of the queer noise.

Special Session.

A special session of the commissioners' Court has been called for Tuesday, October 27th to consider the matter of abolishing the new justice beat at Weldon. A petition is on file asking that the new precinct be abolished. This precinct was created at a term of court in August on petition signed by a large number of citizens. As soon as it was established, a couple of colored citizens announced themselves as candidates for justice of the peace and constable. This created consternation and many of the white citizens, irrespective of party, at once favored a wiping out of the precinct.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, put two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

For Sale.

Sixteen fine Berkshire and Poland China pigs, about four months old pedigree stock, sired by double royal Wilkes, registry number 26759.

The grand dam of these pigs sold for \$650 and their grand sire for \$950.

Also two registered Jersey bull calves for sale.

A. LEGORY.

Closing Out at and Near Cost.

I am selling out at and near cost my general stock of merchandise, consisting of Dry goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Dress-Goods, Hardware, everything carried in a general stock of goods. I am going out of business and mean what I say.

come and try me. J. R. B. BARBEE, Lovelady, Texas.

If Troubled with Rheumatism Read This.

Annapolis, Md., Apr. 16, 1894.—I have used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and found it to be all that is claimed for it. I believe it to be the best preparation for rheumatism and deep seated muscular pains on the market and cheerfully recommend it to the public. Jno. G. Brooks, dealer in boots, shoes, etc., No. 18 Main St.

ALSO READ THIS.

Mechanicsville, St. Mary County, Md.—I sold a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm to a man who had been suffering with rheumatism for several years. It made him a well man. A. J. McGill. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to anyone suffering with a cold. Wm. Keil, 678 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

What is a Guarantee?

It is this. If you have a Cough or Cold, a tickling in the Throat, which keeps you constantly coughing, or if you are afflicted with any Chest, Throat or Lung Trouble, Whooping Cough, etc., and you use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as directed, giving it a fair trial, and no benefit is experienced, we will authorize our advertised agent to refund your money on return of bottle. It never fails to give satisfaction. It promptly relieves bronchitis. Price 25 and 50cts.—Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

Sent it to His Mother in Germany.

Mr. Jacob Esbensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago Lumber Co., at Des Moines, Iowa, says: "I have just sent some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I know from personal use to be the best medicine in the world for rheumatism, having used it in my family for several years. It is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It always does the work." 50 cent bottles.

For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

NOTICE.

The ladies of the Glenwood Association will give a supper the 23rd of this month. As previously stated the cemetery funds are exhausted. If the work continues, it is necessary to raise money at once and the supper is given for this purpose. All who feel interested are invited to assist and give a liberal patronage and you will be pleased with the result.

Mrs. CORRY, Sec'y.

The entire stock of window shades at Aldrich & Newtons Furniture Store will be sold at cost. Come quick before they are gone. Prices on furniture of all grades cut to the very bottom. We have numerous bargains which we may not be able to duplicate when they are gone. Don't miss this splendid opportunity to save money.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

We claim some things for Chamberlain's Chill Tonic, but not everything. It will not cure softening of the brain or ingrowing nails, but it will cure chills—cold chills. Guaranteed. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless in 50c size.

Governor Culbertson speaks at Crockett on Saturday October the 24th.

To The Voters of Houston County. To the voters of Houston county:

The democratic appointments have been changed to correspond with the populist appointments, and they will have speaking at the following places on the dates indicated. It is the desire of the democratic speakers to arrange for a fair division of time with the populists. The dates of the appointments are as follows:

Table with columns for location and date: Tadmor Thursday Oct. 8th, 1896; Weches, Friday " 9 " ; Augusta Saturday " 10 " ; Evergreen Monday " 12 " ; Grapeland Tuesday " 13 " ; Daly Wedn's., " 14 " ; Porter Springs Thr's " 15 " ; Boggs Friday " 16 " ; Sunflower Saturday " 17 " ; Creek Monday " 19 " ; Shiloh Tuesday " 20 " ; Weldon Wednesday " 21 " ; Lovelady Thursday " 22 " ; Tyler Prairie Sat. " 24 " ; Dodson Mond'y " 26 " ; Coltharp Tuesday " 27 " ; Pleasant Grove Weds " 28 " ; Daniel Thursday " 29 " ; Jones School Fri. " 30 " ; Crockett Saturday " 31 " ; F. H. BAYNE, Chm., Dem., Ex., Committee.

Chatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system, and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak, and fattens the lean. It is the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. 50 cents.

If your children are subject to croup watch for the first symptom of the disease—hoarseness. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse it will prevent the attack. Even after the croupy cough has appeared the attack can always be prevented by giving this remedy. It is also invaluable for colds and whooping cough. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what is the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50 cents of his wealth for a bottle of Chamberlain's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his case would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed. Tasteless 50c size.

Those indebted to the COURIER for subscriptions will do us a great favor by remembering to call and settling for same.

Lost his gripe—the man who took Chamberlain's Chill Tonic, but he ain't kicking, and says it's a Lulu—Chatham's Chill Tonic. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Cure guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size.

CITY ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that it shall be unlawful for any person to bury, or cause to be buried, the dead body of any person east of Arch St. or south of the following line: Beginning where Arch and Charles Sts intersect at the North-East corner of lot No. 277, running West sixty feet, thence South thirty-eight feet, thence due West again with right-of-way of the I. & G. N. rail-road. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

J. C. WOOTTERS, Mayor. EARLE ADAMS, Sec'y.

The Darlington, Wis., Journal says editorially of a popular patent medicine: "We know from experience that Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is all that is claimed for it, as on two occasions it stopped excruciating pains and possibly saved us from an untimely grave. We would not rest easy over night without it in the house." This remedy undoubtedly saves more pain and suffering than any other medicine in the world. Every family should keep it in the house, for it is sure to be needed sooner or later. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

A 50-cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron emulsified, and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Chamberlain's Tasteless Tonic, making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market. It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood purifier. Only 50 cents.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by G. M. Thompson, near Weldon, and estrayed before M. B. Newton J. P. Prec't No. 4 on the 29th day of September A. D. 1896. The following described animal: One dark brown horse mule about 13 hands high. No brand.

Appraised at \$20.00. Filed for Record Oct. 3d A. D. 1896.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3d day of October A. D. 1896.

N. E. Allbright, C. C. H. C. Texas.

The Royal Tailors.

The largest tailoring establishment in the world now has a representative in Crockett. Call and see their line of samples at Mistrot Bros. & Co.

They not only guarantee a fit but have prices that will please you.

G. Q. KING, Ag't.

I will give a 3 mo. subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate, The Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Chatham's Chill Tonic bought from me B. F. Chamberlain.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This invaluable remedy is one that ought to be in every household. It will cure any rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, frosted feet and ears, sore throat and sore chest. If you have lame back it will cure it. It penetrates to the seat of the disease. It will cure stiff joints and contracted muscles after all other remedies have failed. Those who have been crippled for many years have used Ballard's Snow Liniment and thrown away their crutches and been able to walk as well as ever. It will cure you. Price 50c.—Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

New Goods.

S. H. Owens has just received a new and fresh stock of groceries of every description which he will sell cheaper than any house in the city can possibly do so. All goods bought from him will be delivered at your door.

DAILY GOODS.

He has also just received a select stock of dry goods and notions, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods etc. If you need anything in this line you will save money by calling on him.

Give Him a Call.

J. C. Wootters & Co., Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SADDLERY, HARNESS, STOVES, CROCKERY. All Kinds of Agricultural Implements and Hardware. Also constantly on hand a large ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES. CALL AND SEE US.

RESTORED MANHOOD DR. MOTT'S NERVE-PILLS. The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous diseases of the generative organs of either sex, such as Nervous Prostration, Falling or Lost Manhood, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Errors, Mental Worry, excessive use of Tobacco or Opium, which leads to Consumption and Insanity. With every \$5.00 order we give a written guarantee to cure or refund the money. Sold at \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS. The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILL ever offered to Ladies, especially recommended to married Ladies. Ask for DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS and take no other. Send for circular. Price \$1.50 per box, 6 boxes for \$8.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., - Cleveland, Ohio. For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

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- A Policy absolutely without restrictions.
A Policy with but One Condition, namely, the payment of premiums.
A Policy with a Month's Grace in premiums, and paid in full in case of death during the month of grace, less only the overdue premium with interest.
A Policy providing for Re-instatement within six months after lapse, if the insured is good health.
A Policy automatically non-forfeiting after three annual premiums have been paid.
A Policy with privilege of Cash Loans at 5 per cent interest five years after issue.
A Policy with Six Options in settlement at the end of 10, 15, or 20 years.
A Policy incontestable from any cause one year after issue.

That's the Accumulation Policy of the New York Life Insurance Co. JNO. MANGUM, Agent, Crockett, Tex.

D.M. CRADDOCK, Fire Insurance Agent, CROCKETT, TEXAS.

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Wonderful Results from Pink Pills.

Mrs. John Tooley Relates a Remarkable Story.

From the Democrat, Charlevoix, Mich. The Democrat has had its attention called to a remarkable cure, due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and the following statement, made to a reporter of this paper, will be read with interest by all similarly afflicted. Mrs. John Tooley, of Dwight, in this county, is the lady benefited by the medicine named, and she makes the following statement:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX.—ss.

"In the year 1891 I was a great sufferer from extreme nervousness, which finally developed into an aggravated attack of St. Vitus' dance. My health was very poor and I suffered terribly for six months, constantly growing worse. Finally I left home and went to my relatives in Canada for a visit, and my people never expected I would return alive. In Canada I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and the result was truly marvelous. When I began taking them I weighed but ninety-six pounds, and in nine weeks' time, during which I took four boxes of the medicine, I gained so that I weighed 135 pounds, and the St. Vitus' dance and all nervousness disappeared. I returned home in nine weeks, completely cured and in the best of health, and have continued so to this day. Previous to taking the Pink Pills I had been attended by several physicians, but with no good results. I owe my life to Pink Pills, and have earnestly recommended them to all my friends, and my mother and three brothers have taken them with good results, my mother for heart trouble. I will be glad to answer any and all inquiries as to what Pink Pills have done for me."

(Signed.) Mrs. John Tooley. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2d day of July, 1896.

Mrs. Tooley is now the picture of health, and the Democrat reporter could hardly realize that she was at one time so near to death. But her testimony is unassailable, and she is very earnest in her desire to spread the good news to other sufferers.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. Pink Pills are sold in boxes at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

It is too common that the last thing engaged people agree to do is to get married.

REDUCED RATES.

Houston and Texas Central Railroad. STATE FAIR, Dallas, Texas.—One fare for the round trip, Oct. 9 to 25, good to return Oct. 26. Tickets with three day limit only, \$5 round trip.

Boiled vinegar and myrrh are good deodorizers.

I never used so quick a cure as Piso's Cure for Consumption.—J. B. Palmer, Box 1171, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25, 1895.

Use oatmeal instead of soap for toilet purposes.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe.

Camphor is the best anti-moth preparation known.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

OPIUM Habits Cured. Est. in 1871. Thousands cured. Cheapest and best cure. FREE TRIAL. State case. Dr. MARSH, Quincy, Mich.

T. N. U.—HOUSTON—43—1896.

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PISO'S CURE FOR COUGHS, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, WHOOPING COUGH, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in Time. Sold by druggists.

THE PARCHMENT TOE.



It was before the day of specialists that I began the study of medicine, trying to perfect myself in every branch of the healing art. To that end I served as interne in a New York hospital and spent a year as assistant physician in an insane asylum before going abroad for study in Germany.

On my return to New York I soon built up a fine practice which repaid me for all my work of preparation.

A physician has, necessarily, all sorts of people among his patients, but it is not often that a man like my friend Alfred Van Bruler goes to one for advice. However, he was ushered into my private office one morning and he came on professional business. Van Bruler had a splendid physique, was handsome as Montague, and like him an actor; adored by the women, praised by the critics and lionized generally.

His strong, healthy appearance gave one the impression that here was a man who possessed a sound mind in a sound body. Judge then of my surprise when, greetings over, he leaned forward in his chair and said in excited tones:

"Dalrymple, the great toe on my right foot has turned to parchment!"

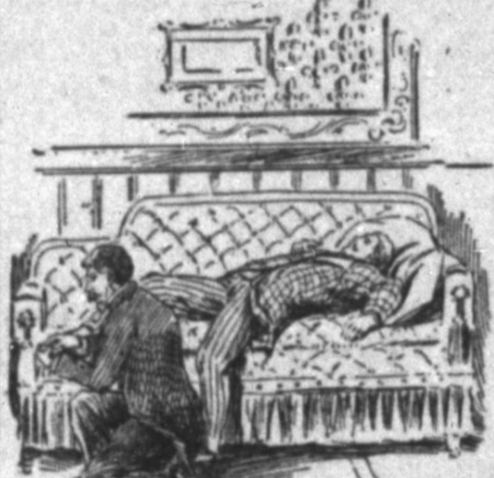
It was with a herculean effort that I restrained from hilarious mirth at these absurd words. I thought at first that it was a bit of fine acting, but a quick glance at his face checked my laughter and convinced me that no matter how irrational his speech he firmly believed what he stated.

"You astonish me, Alfred," I said, quietly enough, for, although I have known several cases of flesh ossifying I have never before heard of its changing to parchment. "This is something new."

"Yet," he broke in, triumphantly, "if flesh can become bone, why cannot it as easily change to parchment?"

I remained silent, for I knew no answer to make except the childish one that "it never had."

"You see," he continued, eagerly, "it came about this way. Last night I dreamed that I tried to cut the nail of the great toe of my right foot and found that it was simply cutting into



I MADE A CUT.

roll after roll of a parchment-like substance shaped like a toe. I awoke in a terrible fright and felt a strange lightness in that toe. Unable to go asleep again I rose, under the pretense of cutting the nail and found—he dropped his voice to a whisper—"that the dream was quite true. I tried to cut the nail and discovered, as you will, that I could have clipped off the whole thing without feeling it, as it was really nothing but parchment."

He flung himself back in his chair as if to say: "I have told you all and you must help me."

"I will help you, old fellow," I said, aloud, then for one moment covered my face with my hands and in that brief time mapped out the course to follow. I could see that the horror of his dream had wrought upon his fancy that it had become a reality which could not be dispelled by laughter or scorn. Going to the door I locked it as if to secure the greatest privacy.

"Remove your shoe and let me make an examination," I commanded.

He did so and I found the toe in perfect condition, except that the nail had been trimmed a little too short. I had no doubt that this was the cause of the dream which had produced such an effect. His brain, for some reason not clear to me, was in such a condition as to render this dream so vivid that he had accepted it as reality. As I knew from my experiences in dealing with patients laboring under hallucinations in the asylum, nothing I could say would convince him that it was only the fancy of an idle brain. It was best, then I decided, not to waste time in vainly trying to show him his error.

I had known of a somewhat similar case at the insane asylum. A patient conceived the idea that his head was turned backward and insisted upon reversing his clothing, buttoning everything in the back, and even walking backward. The physician was finally obliged to humor him by giving his head a severe wrench "to turn it around to its proper position," before he was satisfied to don his apparel in the customary way.

"Van," I said, "yours is an unusual

case and unusual means must be used for its cure. Are you brave enough to submit to heroic measures to save your toe, perhaps, indeed, your life even?—for this mysterious change may affect the whole system if not checked at the beginning."

He shuddered, but answered firmly: "I consent to whatever you think best. If I am crippled my career is ruined. Imagine my limping on the stage to do love parts," and he laughed bitterly. He knew the fickle public so well that he realized if he disappointed it in any way it would without compunction dethrone him and put another idol in his place. The winter season had just closed and his time was at his own disposal.

"Then," I resumed, "I will amputate the toe. But to do this would make you in a sense what you so dread to be, a cripple. I will remove it, but I must replace it."

"How is that possible?" he asked, eagerly.

"I have just received word," I answered, "of a patient who met with an accident a half hour ago which will necessitate the removal of his right leg. The limb itself is in a sound condition, but it was crushed at the knee. Within an hour I will have amputated it and will have a live, healthy great toe in my possession, which I can immediately graft on to your foot. If you consent to the operation it can be performed within an hour and a half, for I will immediately bring the toe to your room, remove yours and sew the healthy one on without the loss of a moment's time. Shall it be done?"

Tears of gratitude coursed down Van Bruler's cheeks as he answered:

"You are my preserver, Dalrymple. I am in your hands."

At the expiration of the stated time I joined him in his apartments, carrying a long bundle which might have been a severed human limb or a billet of wood. This I placed carefully on a table and proceeded to put my patient under the influence of chloroform. Then with a sharp instrument I made a cut, slight, but deep enough to leave a scar, around the base of the great toe of the right foot, and, after carefully bandaging it with an antiseptic dressing, restored Van Bruler to consciousness.

When he opened his eyes I exclaimed, enthusiastically:

"You stood it like a hero, Alfred, and your magnificent constitution is sure to pull you through all right."

As the matter was a very delicate one we agreed upon perfect secrecy, so neither of us had any embarrassing questions to answer. I dressed the toe daily, feeling like a dyed-in-the-wool hypocrite, always reporting it as doing well, and at the end of a fortnight I declared the grafting complete.

Under the circumstances Van Bruler's gratitude was very painful to me, and his generous check, tenfold the amount of my bill, was so abhorrent that I sent it anonymously to a fund for building a home for needy actors.

Sumatra's Marvelous Volcano.

There are many mud volcanoes scattered throughout the world, but there are few whose action is so regular and so characteristic as that of Dempo, in the island of Sumatra. This marvelous volcano, about 10,000 feet in height, was visited recently by a correspondent, who thus describes it: All was quiet and placid and I sat down a while to take in the details of a scene so novel; a vast circular basin, half a mile in diameter, with rocky sides of sheer precipices, displaying at places horizontal strata, and at the bottom of this another smaller basin, some 200 feet in diameter, filled to within about thirty or forty feet of its rim, with a smoking substance, like burnished silver, which reflected the blue sky and every passing cloud. We had sat thus for about ten or twelve minutes when I noticed that the center of the white basin had become intensely black, and was scored with dark streaks. This area gradually increased. By steady scrutiny with my glass, for it was difficult to make out what was silently and slowly taking place, I at last discovered that the blackness marked the sides of a chasm that had formed in—what, I now perceived the white burnished mirror to be—a lake of seething mud. The blackness increased. The lake was being engulfed. A few minutes later a dull, sullen roar was heard, and I had just time to conjecture within myself whence it proceeded when the whole lake heaved and rose in the air for some hundreds of feet, not as if violently ejected, but with a calm, majestic upheaval, and then fell back upon itself with an awesome roar which reverberated round and round the vast cauldron and echoed from rocky wall to rocky wall like the surge of an angry sea; and the immense volume of steam let loose from its prison house dissipated itself in the air. The wave circles died away on the margin of the lake, which resumed its burnished face and again reflected the blue sky and silence reigned again until another geyser had gathered force for another expiration. Thus, all day long, the lake was swallowed up and vomited forth once in every fifteen or twenty minutes.

Lobsters in Norway bring a revenue of about \$100,000.

A Chicago man is said to have died of joy, but the health authorities are not fearing an epidemic on that account.

The Englewood, Ill., policeman who killed a mad dog with a shovel is probably a graduate from the Holmes castle school for sleuths.

Few people appreciate how much of a nuisance they are to those who wish them well.

Queen Victoria's breaking of records in the matter of reigning is also breaking her son's creditors.

Rub lamp chimneys with dry salt.

Reforms Need More Than a Day

To bring them about, and are always more complete and lasting when they proceed with steady regularity to a consummation. Few of the observant among us can have failed to notice that permanently healthful changes in the human system are not wrought by abrupt and violent means, and that those are the most salutary medicines which are progressive. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the chief of these. Dyspepsia, a disease of obstinate character, is oblit-rated by it.

Drink cream for a burned mouth and throat.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures Wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Good eggs always have dull looking shells.

Just try a 10c box of cascara's, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Every bridegroom of a week knows how to lace a corset.

There is a terrific scandal in New York at present over the manner in which certain hospitals are run. It is openly claimed that certain well known hospitals frequently refuse to receive badly injured patients—that is, such whose cases appear desperate—because they wish to keep their death-rate as low as possible. An investigation will probably take place, and it is believed that serious mismanagement, if not worse, will be developed.



The Bane of Beauty.

Beauty's bane is the fading or falling of the hair. Luxuriant tresses are far more to the matron than to the maid whose casket of charms is yet unfaded by time. Beautiful women will be glad to be reminded that falling or fading hair is unknown to those who use

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Imagination is to blame for most of the cowards that exist.

Few people appreciate how much of a burden they are to themselves.

Happy is the man who thinks his possessions superior to those of other people.

It is hard to make a loser see any good in gambling or a winner discover any harm.

No man has a right to inconvenience the public by his methods of avenging private spites.

The world is apt to wish you well and let you starve unless you do some moving on your own account.

The proper way to live is to try to improve on what is, instead of lamenting about what might have been.

A woman is never quite so happy as she is when lecturing a boy, no matter whether it does any good or not.

In these days people seem to pay more attention to flash than to finish in estimating men and mercantile commodities.

A Maryland man has just been married for the fourth time. One more of these and he is entitled to a wooden-wedding anniversary on the spot.

A Bloomington young man has been fined \$250 for kissing and hugging a young woman without first securing her permission, which would seem to be a pretty stiff fine even had the young man been guilty of the more heinous offense of securing the permission and afterward failing to gather in the hug and the kiss.

A singularly striking and objectionable example of the unequal rewards of merit comes from California, where a certain heir is about to receive \$440,000 merely for having kept sober for five years. That is \$88,000 a year, or \$8,000 a month. There are plenty of men who have achieved the same striking extreme of sobriety without having got a cent for it.

A man in Brooklyn was killed by one of the most peculiar accidents on record. During a political torch light procession he was hit in the face at the same time by a ball from a Roman candle and a sky rocket. The fuse of the rocket was forced several inches down his throat and his head and face were frightfully mangled. He died in frightful agony after an indescribably painful night.

There has recently been furnished perhaps the severest test ever made of practicability of bicycles for military purposes. An officer and eight soldiers, heavily accoutered and carrying eight days' rations, wheeled nearly a thousand miles, including the passage of the Rocky Mountain range, in better time than foot soldiers or troopers could have made on a sustained march in a mountainous region.

From an interesting article by a Russian writer in a French journal we learn that the agricultural industry in Russia is passing through a very severe crisis, owing, in the first place, to the antiquated methods of farming still generally in use in Russia, and, secondly, to the very low prices obtainable for grain during the past few years. Strange to say, it is the large class of farmers which has suffered most, the small peasant farmers being said to have done very well, while their larger neighbors have been practically ruined. There has, in consequence, been a good deal of cutting of big farms into small ones, a process which the writer in question believes will continue, and that consequently wheat-growing, which has been so unprofitable of late years, will, to a great extent, be neglected in favor of the cultivation of linseed, beet and fruit.

The big battleships of 14,900 tons or more that England is building follow one another into the water rapidly in these days. Only a very short time ago the Caesar was floated out of the dock at Portsmouth, and now the Illustrious has been launched at Chatham. She is the last of the three built at the latter port, the Magnificent having already gone into service, while the Victorious recently had her trials, making an average of nearly 17 knots in eight hours under natural and 18.7 knots in four hours under forced draft, whereas the contract called for only 16 1/2 and 17 1/2 knots, respectively. It is true that the 18.7 knots were reached only by log, which is much less accurate than our system of the long, measured course. Besides the four vessels mentioned, England has, either built or building, the Majestic, Mars, Jupiter, Hannibal, and Prince George, of the same heavy displacement.

THE STORM'S WORK.

ONE TOWN IS SWEEPED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

The Little Place of Altata, Cal., Has all of Its Buildings Demolished—The Loss of Life Was Light and the Citizens are Living in Tents.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 19. — On the last trip of the Pacific coast steamship Orizaba up the Gulf of California, the officers and crews of the vessel were surprised to find one of the ports they make regularly wiped off the earth. When the ship reached the mouth of the river Culiacan, in the state of Sinaloa, the little mining town of Altata, which had stood there on the Orizaba's last trip, was gone. Not a building was left standing.

This was one of the results of the terrible storm which played havoc on the main land coast of the gulf Sept. 17 and 18. The Orizaba has just given the first details which give a comprehensive idea of the result of the damage done. The storm was a sort of a composite affair, taking on the nature of a tidal wave and a cloudburst. Torrents rushed down the hills back of the Altata, and, meeting the tidal wave, carried the town away. Many of the mines located inland from the coast were flooded by the cloudburst. Fortunately the loss of life was slight and the Altatians are now camping in tents, or rudely constructed huts a little back of where the town stood. Viewing the former site of Altata from the gulf, the most striking objects that meet the view are the spars of the schooner Cometa and Rebecca and the German barkentine Helana, which were beached by the great wave.

At Mazatlan, further up the gulf, a most remarkable result of the storm is observed. In the middle of the main street of Mazatlan, sits a steamer on the keel. She rode the wave and when it receded she was left high and dry. Mazatlan stood the storm fairly, but much damage was done. Four German barks that were so fortunate as to be well off land weathered the storm in the gulf outside. They made port in two days after the storm had subsided, minus all their canvas. The San Vincente mine, situated a mile to the rear of Mazatlan, was flooded to the surface by the cloudburst.

So far as Altata is concerned, it is no new thing for it to find itself off the map. This is the third time that the town has been swallowed up by the sea. Twice the place has been rebuilt, each time at a point further up the river. This time the residents will build well in from the coast, it is said.

Mexico News.

City of Mexico, Oct. 18. — An event marking the close of a great historic episode occurred Saturday when the Belgian minister, in the name of his majesty, Leopold II., king of the Belgians, bestowed on President Diaz the grand cordon of the Military Order of Leopold as a mark of the honorable regard in which the president of Mexico is held in Belgium. The significance of this act lies in the fact that King Leopold is the brother of the late Empress Carlotta of Mexico and his bestowal of the order on the president of this republic is an indication that the Maximilian episode is now definitely closed. The magnificent hall of ambassadors was thronged with members of the diplomatic corps, high officers of the army in gala dress and presented a brilliant appearance. The Belgian minister was much affected and spoke with great emotion, President Diaz replying in a significant speech. President Diaz has, as a matter of public policy and as a means of drawing all parties and factions together and obliterating the past, bestowed high offices on distinguished adherents of the late empire and has thus brought about an era of good feeling and fraternal sentiment previously unknown in Mexico.

Arrangements have been made for the construction of the long projected railroad known as the Cholema, Guadalupe and San Luis railway, which is to connect Cholema, a good port on the Pacific coast, with the important city of Guadalajara, where it will connect with the Mexican Central system and then northeast to San Luis Potosi, a distance of 700 kilometres. The road will be standard gauge and plans for the section of 400 kilometres between Guadalajara and the Pacific have already been approved by the department of public works.

An Armenian Threat.

New York, Oct. 18. — A special from Constantinople says:

Nothing is known at the United States legation here of the absurd news said to have been published in Washington that Minister Terrell had been ordered to join the Bancroft at Smyrna and bring her to Constantinople.

The Armenians have sent another threat to the ambassadors of the powers.

Two Men Shot.

Chambersburg, Pa., Oct. 19.—David Pearl, a mulatto, was shot and killed at Pondtown, a few miles from here, Saturday night by Harmon Calaman and John Beidelman. Pearl's companion was seriously wounded.

Pearl and Beidelman went to the home of Otho Calaman, against whom Beidelman had a grudge, because of the former's refusal to permit him to marry his daughter, and began stoning it. They inflicted injury on Mrs. Calaman, and the infant she was carrying in her arms, and smashed many articles of furniture and crockery in the house.

Satisfied with the damage done to the house of the father of Beidelman's sweetheart, the two men declared they would go to Harmon Calaman's house, brother of Otho, who resides less than 100 yards away, and "do him up." Harmon Calaman evidently overheard the threat of the men. When the men began the same abuse of his family that they had inflicted upon his brother's household, Harmon Calaman blazed away with his shotgun, killing Pearl instantly, and shot Beidelman through the left leg, inflicting a serious wound. Both men are in prison. Calaman bears a very good reputation.

\$100,000 Fire.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 19.—The largest fire that has occurred in this city in years started late Saturday in the Fowler paper box factory, and before it was subdued over \$100,000 worth of property had been consumed. The building, which was a three-story brick, was owned by R. H. Howell, the first floor being occupied by J. D. Hooker, dealer in plumbing supplies; the second floor by the Van Storage company, and the third floor by the Fowler paper box factory, where the fire originated. H. D. Hooker's loss was about \$55,000, insurance \$25,000; Van Storage company's loss \$20,000, insurance unknown; Fowler paper box factory's loss \$8,000, insurance unknown. R. H. Howell, owner of the building, loss \$35,000, insurance unknown.

Must Close in Three Months.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18.—A special from Washington says: If Spain does not end the war in Cuba within three months the insurgents will receive from the United States virtual recognition of their independence.

It is further stated on good authority that the president does not expect that Spain will end the war with the tactics now employed during the present year, and that he is fully convinced that the grave duty will devolve upon him of taking a vigorous stand in this matter. A high official of the administration said Friday night that the action by the president may be looked for by the first of the year. Long before that time the Venezuelan question will be disposed of, and the administration will be left free to devise a plan for the restoration of peace in Cuba.

Big Lard Shipment.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 19.—A train load of lard was shipped by the Armour Packing company Saturday to Galveston, to be exported from there to Bremen, Germany, by the North German Lloyd steamer Halle. Eleven more cars will leave here soon, to be shipped from Galveston to Antwerp, in a British steamship. These are the first consignments of packing house products to Europe via Galveston, and the eastern railways have become jealous over the prospect, and are preparing to wage war on their new southern competitors. It is expected that if Armour's experience is satisfactory, Swift, Doid, Fowler and the other big Kansas City packeries will follow suit in making their export shipments via Galveston.

Sent to the Penitentiary.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 19. — In the federal court here before Judge Phillips Saturday evening James T. Schwartz, Henry F. Wells and Michael A. McGinnis were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and to pay fines of \$100 each. Thomas Robbins and Thomas Hobson were fined \$1000 each and sentenced to six months in the county jail. These were the swindlers who represented to farmers that they were in league with the treasury department and in a position to give out treasury notes supposed to have been canceled to those who became members of their organization. Several farmers paid big fees to become members of the "Mystic Numbers."

Grain Shipments.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 19. — Owing to the fact that the drouth this summer damaged to a considerable extent the wheat crop of Mexico and that the Mexican government has removed the duty on grain for a period of several months, Kansas grain is now on the move into Mexico. The Santa Fe is handling a great amount of this grain and the officials of that road expect to ship over 1000 cars into that country within the next two months.

FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

SIX MEN WERE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED.

They Were at Work in a Rock Quarry Blasting, When One of the Steel Drills Struck a Rock, Causing a Spark to Fly and Ignite the Powder.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 17. — A special from Mena, Ark., says:

Thursday evening about 4 o'clock, at the camp of W. H. Kennedy, about 14 miles south of Mena, occurred a disastrous explosion.

The men were working in loose rock, but they were compelled to blast in order to handle it to advantage. The main blast was the one they were working on, and they had considerable difficulty in getting it packed right, and while using a steel drill, the drill struck a stone and a spark from it ignited the powder, causing an explosion, which threw dirt, rocks and men as far as 100 yards.

The killed are: Dennis Murphy, foreman of the powder gang; J. Ryan, J. H. Limon, Jack McDonald, Pat Lacy, all helpers; T. O. Norris, the water boy.

W. H. Kennedy, the contractor, was standing close by and was found between two dead men, more dead than alive. He had two ribs and a collar bone broken.

Some of the men were buried so deep under rock and dirt that they were not found until yesterday morning. Mr. Kennedy is in a very serious condition. All who were present were either killed or hurt so badly that they cannot talk, consequently details are hard to get.

Crop Short.

Washington, Oct. 17. — The European reports of the agricultural department issued by the chief statistician shows that the crop of Great Britain has been somewhat reduced in the north and in Scotland by the persistent wet weather of September, which practically ruined most of the wheat then unharvested. In the southern counties harvesting operations were completed before the bad weather set in and the wheat is of a finer milling quality than has been known for years. The report says:

Fifty million bushels would be a liberal estimate for the product of Great Britain. The barley crop has been shortened and seriously injured in quality by the rain. Hay and oats are short, not only here, but on the Baltic. Hence it will be expected that there will be a good market for imported hay, and that the enormous consumption of corn in the United Kingdom during 1895-96 will be equaled in the coming year. It is practically certain that the end of the current harvest year will see no great surpluses, and it is reasonable to suppose that we shall see no further reduction of wheat areas such as have been observable in the records of the last few years.

Charges Against Highbinders.

New York, Oct. 17.—A special from Boston, Mass., says: Several members of the Chinese Christian union filed charges with the police against the secret order of Highbinders in Boston, alleging that a plot had been concocted which, if carried out, would result in the assassination of all the members of the union.

There is a denial of the alleged plot on the part of the Highbinders. They claim that certain members of the Chinese Christian union demanded \$100 from each of the gambling houses, and said information would be furnished to the police which would land all the gamblers in jail. The charges created a sensation in Chinatown, and it will be a long time before things get quiet again.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Session.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 17. — The third day of the convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was opened at 8:30 yesterday morning, when Right Rev. John Bowden, lord bishop of Edinburgh, celebrated the holy communion at Trinity church to 700 communicants. Devotional exercises followed at 9:30 o'clock at Carnegie Hall. When the business session began with the newly-elected president, Silas McBee, in the chair a committee was appointed to draft fitting testimonials on the deaths of the late Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop Arthur Cleveland Coxe of western New York.

A personal letter to the convention from the great English statesman, W. E. Gladstone, was read by President Silas McBee and heartily applauded.

Indicted for Embezzlement.

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 17. — Ed. Hogaboom, president, and W. W. Wright, cashier of the defunct City Savings Bank and Trust company, were yesterday indicted by the grand jury on three and four counts respectively, charging embezzlement. Wright was released on bail, but Hogaboom did not furnish bond and was placed in jail.

Three People Murdered.

Centerville, Mo., Oct. 17. — A triple tragedy occurred in this (Raynolds) county on Logan's Creek yesterday. John Imboden, with an axe, brained his sister, aged about 15 years, his brother, some older, who was sick in bed and an old man named Jacob Wilhelm.

Two younger sisters escaped to their father, who was at work in a corn field. They went to a neighbor and gave an alarm, fearing to return to the house. When the citizens and constable collected and returned, Imboden was in the yard, where two of his victims lay, with the bloody axe in his hand. The officer had to threaten to shoot him before he would surrender.

Two months ago Imboden lost his wife and two daughters suddenly, and it is supposed that this, together with sickness, has deranged his mind. He was a prominent citizen.

Duties to be Increased.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The British colony of Barbadoes contemplates a change in the tariff schedules, which, if approved by the legislature, will become operative on Jan. 1 next, and increase the revenues of the island from £74,000 to £93,000.

United States Consul Tate, at Barbadoes, has supplied the state department with a list of the proposed changes, from which it appears that with the exceptions of meat and lard the duties on almost all commodities now dutiable are to be increased about 25 per cent, and some additions are to be made to the dutiable list, including hay, manure, cattle, sheep and pigs, salt and oil.

Plumbers in Session.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 16.—The master plumbers of the southern states met here yesterday, and organized the Master Plumbers' League of the Southern States. Eight states are represented at the meeting, as follows: Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky and Arkansas.

The following officers were elected: Ed Brading, Jr., of San Antonio, Tex., president; Thomas T. Watts, Louisville, vice-president; W. C. Schwirb, San Antonio, Tex., secretary; Daniel A. Terrell, Anniston, Ala., treasurer, and John T. Sullivan, Nashville, sergeant-at-arms.

Fast Freight Boat.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 17.—One of the most interesting and exciting contests that ever took place on the lakes ended when the 400-foot steel freighter, the E. W. Oglesby, steamed into port nearly an hour ahead of her rival, the Owego, after a race from Cleveland to Chicago. The Owego was acknowledged, previous to this race, to be the fastest boat among the freighters, and her title to this distinction was never questioned until the result of the race just terminated was made known. The Oglesby broke all previous records by making the trip from the "Soo," a distance of 397 miles, in twenty-four hours and six minutes.

Will be Allowed to Leave.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Secretary Olney is in receipt of telegraphic dispatches from the United States minister at Constantinople to the effect that he has at last obtained telegraphic orders from the Turkish government to permit the departure for the United States, with safe conduct to the seaports, of all native Armenian women and children whose husbands and fathers are in the United States of America. The subject is one that has been before the porte, and for which gratifying results credit must be given to Mr. Terrell, who has pushed the matter with conspicuous tact, as well as indefatigable zeal.

A Negro Lynched.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 17. — Miss Blanche Gray, a young lady of fine family, was going from a friend's house to her sister's in the northern part of Spaulding county late Thursday, when a negro slipped up behind her and assaulted her in a horrible manner.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning the negro, Henry Milton, was caught and taken to Griffin. While he was in the hands of a physician a crowd took him to a grove, where he was hung and then shot to death. A placard was attached to his dead person: "Thus we Defend Our Women from Outrage."

Veterans' Legion Meet.

Washington, Oct. 17.—After a somewhat exciting contest between John P. Donahue, of Wilmington, Del., and Gen. J. M. Paver, of Indianapolis, the former Thursday was elected commander of the Union Veterans' Legion, the ballot resulting 204 for Donahue to 174 for Paver. Gen. Paver's candidacy was not announced until Wednesday night.

The legion decided by a unanimous vote to meet in Columbus, O., next year. The veterans went on an excursion to Mount Vernon Thursday morning.

Army Changes.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 17. — The second detachment of the fifth artillery, Col. Graham commanding, has left by special train for the east. The men have been stationed at the Presidio for several years and were reluctant to leave, as the Presidio is regarded as one of the most desirable posts in the country.

FEARFUL COLLISION.

ONE MAN KILLED AND ONE SEVERELY HURT.

Two Freight Trains Meet on a Curve and the Two Engines and Seven Cars are Completely Demolished—Large Crowds Visited the Wreck.

Orange, Tex., Oct. 19.—Yesterday morning at 9:15 a head-end collision occurred at the south end of the trestle across Little Cypress bayou, five and a half miles north of this place, in which a man supposed to be John Clancy, from Unionville, Ia., was killed, and the engineer, W. T. Toler, of Houston, who was running the west-bound train, sustained a fracture of both thigh bones and dislocation of the right shoulder. Five horses and some other farm stock in the car with Clancy were all killed. Toler was brought to this place, where he had immediate medical attention, and at 2:25 yesterday afternoon a committee from lodge No. 366, Benevolent Order of Engineers of Houston, reached here, accompanied by two of Mr. Toler's grown sons. Toler is in his 46th year, resides at Houston, and has a wife and six children. All of the other men on both trains jumped in time to save themselves, and were but slightly injured. In the pockets of the dead man were found contracts signed at Unionville, Ia., over the Rock Island and Pacific railway to Crowley, La., and from Houston to Crowley for a car of stock, for account of John Clancy. The locomotives came together on a curve, running nearly north and south. Both locomotives must have reared almost straight up and then toppled and fell on the west side of the track, while the tenders and seven cars came down in a heap on the east side. The two tenders and the seven cars laid stacked up in a space of less than two car lengths with the dead man, horses, hogs and poultry on the bottom. The locomotives lie with the rear end toward the rails and the forward end pointing west as straight in line and close together as matches in a box, utterly demolished. The tenders on the opposite side of the track were crumpled up like wet pasteboard.

The wrecking train reached the scene at 2:35. Superintendent W. B. Mulvy is on the ground, and the track was cleared so as to let trains by before 10 o'clock last night. More than 500 people went from town to view the wreck. No one was found who would locate the blame.

John N. Olds, agent at this station, was promptly on the ground looking after freight piled up among the debris. The curve is in the tall timber, a mile and a half west of the Sabine bridge, on an embankment ten or twelve feet high, and how any of the trainmen got off without getting badly used up is a study.

Toler, the crippled engineer, was full of pluck. When found at the foot of the embankment a pair of trucks were resting on his thighs. He directed those about him how to remove them, and afterward, when under treatment, told the doctors to proceed with their work. He did not need chloroform, and declined to take it. He was taken to Houston yesterday evening. Mrs. Clancy was at Crowley and reached here by special train last night.

\$5000 Fire.

Hillsboro, Tex., Oct. 18.—At 1:15 Saturday morning the livery and feed stable of Carter & Overton was destroyed by fire and fourteen horses cremated. A large quantity of feed was also destroyed, together with all rolling stock. Some employes, who were sleeping in the stable, barely escaped.

The fire originated in the feedstuffs from an unknown cause. The loss on stock is about \$2,500, and on feed, etc., about \$1,500; insured for about one-third.

The building was valued at \$5,000; insured for \$2,000.

Broke His Arm.

Taylor, Tex., Oct. 18.—While Sheriff Henry Purl was in Taylor Saturday he received a telephone message from his home in Georgetown that his 10-year-old son, Edgar, while doing the trapeze act on the front gallery with a swing, had fallen and broken his arm. Edgar was the boy who attempted the circus act on the front gallery about four years ago with a barrel, and as a result the little fellow fell and broke a leg.

Shot Accidentally.

Paris, Tex., Oct. 19.—J. H. Chittum, city stock policeman, was accidentally and painfully wounded by the discharge of his pistol Saturday night. He was just ready to leave for his office, and his daughter was brushing his clothes with an ordinary clothes brush. His revolver was in his hip pocket, and was struck by the brush on a downward stroke, when it was discharged. The ball penetrated the calf of the left limb. He is resting easy.

A Bold Thief.

Kansas City, Mo., October 20.—A daring robber of the mails has been arrested here by the postal authorities. The culprit is C. H. Hamilton, alias Ward, and is said to have a criminal record.

Last evening Hamilton appeared at the Union depot, wearing the brass buttons and uniform of a railway mail agent. He stepped boldly up to a truck that was standing under the depot sheds, loaded with mail sacks, and pulled down a letter pouch, throwing it across his arm and stepping into a waiting room. There he placed the pouch under an overcoat that hung upon his shoulder and walked into the street, not knowing that he had been "shadowed." He had cut open the sack when the officers broke into his room. He had already extorted several small sums of money.

Deserted Her Babe.

Waco, Texas, October 20.—John Woodward and wife, colored, living near Riesel, came to the city today bringing with them a four days' old babe, left in their yard Saturday night. They found the baby yesterday morning. It had a letter pinned to its clothes stating that the mother had been betrayed on promise of marriage, but did not give either her own or the betrayer's name. The baby's name, the letter said, was Lillie Dale. The mother asked that Lillie be taken care of and that some day she would come after her. The child was taken by Manager Vaughan of the Methodist Orphans' home and will be given the very best attention.

Spain Backed Down.

New Orleans, La., October 20.—The Times-Democrat's Key West special says: If the Spanish authorities had taken Senor Angel Fernandez off the Ward line steamer Vigilancia while that vessel was in Havana harbor last Friday, United States warships would have been ordered immediately to Havana to enforce reparation and war between this country and Spain would have undoubtedly resulted. For three hours last Friday the United States and Spain were on the brink of war and the threatening situation was only relieved when the Spanish authorities ignominiously backed down and allowed the Vigilancia to proceed to sea with Fernandez still on board.

Roof Caved In.

Charlottesville, Va., October 20.—The fireproof cement roof of one of the lecture rooms in course of construction, adjoining the rotunda of the university of Virginia, fell at 12 o'clock yesterday, killing two carpenters, Eugene Bunch and George Tucker, and injuring three others.

Joseph Lamb was taken out badly injured. He has a scalp wound and his spine is probably fractured. He is not expected to live. Lorenzo Bowen was cut about the head and left arm but has recovered sufficiently to go home. S. V. Chambers' skull was fractured.

Venezuelan Commission.

The Hague, October 20.—Professor Burr and Dr. Kaan, the experts of the United States Venezuelan commission, who have been in Europe for some time studying the archives of London, Madrid and The Hague for the purpose of assisting the commission in its investigation of the boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, have completed their work. Professor Burr will sail for New York from Liverpool on Wednesday next by the White Star liner Teutonic and Dr. Kaan will leave Rotterdam for New York.

Tompkins Will Reply.

Hempstead, Texas, October 20.—The Eagle letter published a few days ago, caused quite a stir among politicians of all shades. Mr. Tompkins certainly ought to know whether he is going to quit the race, or not, and he was particularly severe in denouncing the intentions of the letter in his conversation with a reporter yesterday. Today Mr. Tompkins will address the sound money people at Huntsville and his plan is to stay in the race to the finish.

Another Expedition.

Key West, Fla., October 20.—Another expedition is undoubtedly off for Cuba. On Saturday night the steamer Cora in tow, loaded with 200 tons of coal in sacks, left here on a wrecking voyage. But it is now believed she met the steamer Three Friends at Lodger Head Key, about eighty miles from here, and transferred the coal and about forty tons of dynamite.

Dr. Castello and C. Sylvia, who have been on former filibustering trips on the Three Friends, arrived in this city Friday very mysteriously.

Resented by Negroes.

Austin, Texas, October 20.—The colored voters hereabouts have sworn vengeance against the district and county fusion ticket put up here Saturday by Sullivan, Traynham et al, because the name of W. M. Liggins was stricken therefrom. Liggins lives at St. Elmo and was nominated for county commissioner by a regular republican precinct convention, but the fusionists drew the color line on him and turned him down. He is worthy and industrious and was the only negro running for office in the county.

THREE MEN KILLED.

TWO BROTHERS AND ANOTHER MAN SHOT TO DEATH.

The Shooting Grew Out of Family Disturbances—Shotguns and Pistols Were Used—Two Men Were Arrested—Tried to Kill Himself.

Huntsville, Tex., Oct. 17.—A triple tragedy occurred late Thursday afternoon a few miles west of town, in the Kearse neighborhood. Two sons of Hamp Lacy, on one side, were killed, and also Redding Stephenson of the opposing faction. Stephenson killed one of the Lacy boys, and was in turn killed. The other Lacy boy was killed, after he had been arrested. One Scott Yorle was also wounded during the firing. Shotguns and pistols were used. Constable Thompson brought Hamp Lacy and Tom Glase to town, landing them in jail. The former was released on \$500 bond yesterday. The trouble was caused by family disturbances. Justice Harper held inquests over the dead bodies, returning a verdict in accordance with the above.

An Attachment.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. 17.—Late yesterday afternoon the Stratton-White company and G. E. and G. R. White filed a bill of sale to John C. and W. B. Harrison, by which they convey to said Harrison all the property, real and personal, lease hold, etc., of the Standard Light and Power company. The consideration expressed in the bill of sale is \$18,000.

At 7 o'clock yesterday evening the State National bank levied an attachment on the goods and effects of the Stratton-White company, contained in the warehouse at the southwest corner of Houston and Third streets, where the firm had been conducting the business of dealers in buggies, carriages, engines, electrical supplies, etc. The amount of the debt claimed in the paper is \$8,258.78.

New Railroad Commission.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 17.—The railroad commission has issued the following: In approval of joint application of the International and Great Northern railroad, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway and Texas Central Railroad company, submitted under No. 102 of the International and Great Northern Railroad company, authority is hereby granted for the adoption of the following rates, in cents per 100 pounds, for the transportation of lumber, carloads, from miles on the International and Great Northern railroad to stations on the Texas Central railroad, as follows: Ross to Walnut Springs inclusive, 20 cents; north of Walnut Springs to Albany inclusive, 21 1/4 cents. Effective Oct. 20, 1896.

A Fatal Tragedy.

Velasco, Tex., Oct. 17.—In a difficulty Thursday between Price Crosby, a negro, living on Oyster creek, and J. L. Douglass, of Velasco, who owns a place near Crosby, the latter was killed. Judge Jones is now holding a preliminary examination. Mr. John W. Ross, Jr., testified that he found the negro lying dead with a knife opened and clasped in his hand. Mr. Hoskins says Mr. Douglass told him the negro was advancing when he shot him. It seems from the facts brought out at the trial the negro advanced and Mr. Douglass shot him in the side. The negro kept on after him with the open knife, and then Mr. Douglass shot him through the head.

Hurt in a Gin.

Kaufman, Tex., Oct. 16.—Mr. A. O. Dowdle, while running his gin Wednesday evening, ten miles east of Kaufman, was caught by the gin belt and carried several times at great speed around a large shaft and was badly mangled. One arm and four ribs were broken, and it is thought he received fatal internal injuries. Mr. Dowdle is a prosperous farmer, and is about 55 years old.

Killed by a Train.

Belton, Tex., Oct. 16.—William W. Vickney, late a resident of this city, was killed at Echo Wednesday afternoon by the south-bound Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train. Mr. Vickney was 65 or 70 years old, and was hard of hearing. He was a bachelor, and had lived in this county many years. He was a Mexican war veteran and drew a pension.

A Train Stopped.

Kaufman, Tex., Oct. 16.—Wednesday night as the north-bound Midland passenger train was pulling out of Scurry, seven miles south of Kaufman, some persons threw two large rocks into the front and rear coaches. A window glass was smashed in each of Col. Green's fine coaches. No one was hurt. It was dark and the culprits could not be detected.

Winckler Gave Bond.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 16.—Walton C. Winckler, arrested in New York and brought here last week on charges of embezzlement of a registered package of \$275 while a postal clerk running into Galveston in April, 1889, Thursday had a hearing before Commissioner Dart, and was bound over to the United States court in bonds aggregating \$3,000.

Sensational Speech.

London, October 17.—Sir Edward Clarke, Q. C., conservative member of parliament for Plymouth and who was solicitor general in Lord Salisbury's previous ministry, in speaking publicly at York, expressed great anxiety over the outcome of the Venezuelan dispute in view of the approach of the presidential election in the United States. He said the decision of the American boundary commission would be against England, not because it was a hostile commission, but because he believed no honest and impartial arbitrator or commission could decide in favor of England's claims upon the evidence.

"We need not have recognized the commission," he said. "We were not called upon to negotiate treaties with Venezuela, but if the blue book containing the Venezuelan brief represented the real and moderate contention of Venezuela, there ought to be immediate negotiation and consent to arbitration. England should be prepared to adopt the consequences of such arbitration of the limitation line which, after all, matters but little.

"If the United States attempted to force upon us the inevitable decision of their commission, passionate resentment would be aroused here, serious for both countries. That is why we are taking what I conceive to be a serious risk."

Sir Edward's assertion is widely commented on in all political circles and in the press.

The Daily News (liberal), in addition to an editorial on the subject, devotes two columns with a map giving the facts and explanation of the mystery of the alleged Cooked map of the Schomburgk line, and asks: "What's the matter with Sir Edward Clark? His statements are astounding and indicate an amazing ignorance of the English blue book, referring to the Venezuelan case."

The Daily News says it supposes that Sir Edward Clark is infected with the dangerous disease of inverted jingoism.

Six Men Killed.

Little Rock, Ark., October 17.—A special to the Gazette from Mena, Ark., says that last evening about 4 o'clock at the camp of W. H. Kennedy, about fourteen miles south of Mena, occurred a most disastrous explosion. The men were working in loose rock, but they were compelled to blast in order to handle it to advantage. The main blast was the one they were working on and they had difficulty in getting it packed right and while using a steel drill, the drill struck a stone and a spark from it ignited the powder, causing an explosion, which threw dirt, rocks and men as far as one hundred yards.

Weyler Called Down.

Havana, October 17.—Another international incident occurred in the harbor here yesterday. The police attempted to arrest on board the Ward line steamship Vigilancia, a passenger who was on his way from New York to Mexico. The man's name was Angel Fernandez. He was born in Asturias, Spain, but claimed to be a Mexican citizen. Captain McIntosh of the Vigilancia refused to deliver the man and the police ordered the Vigilancia to be detained. Thereupon Captain McIntosh consulted with General Fitzhugh Lee, the United States consul, and soon afterwards the Vigilancia was allowed to depart with Fernandez on board to Mexico.

Indicted For Murder.

Crockett, Texas, October 17.—The grand jury yesterday returned true bills against Jack Knox, George McCullar, Joe Itallas and Hill Ady for the murder of Jack Ellenberg on July 9. Two sons of Jack Knox were indicted for conspiracy to murder the same party.

Palomas Gang Sentenced.

Paris, Texas, October 16.—Governor Culberson spoke here yesterday to one thousand people. At the close of his speech nearly the entire audience rose to their feet and gave three cheers for Culberson. It was a good speech.

In Cold Blood.

El Paso, Texas, October 17.—Ranger Bryant brought from Ysleta yesterday morning Pablo Morales, charged with the murder of A. A. Pedraza, Wednesday evening. Morales, who is only 19 years old, charged Pedraza with stealing watermelons, angry words were exchanged and then Pablo Morales went away and borrowing a shotgun loaded with buckshot was returning to the scene of the quarrel when he met Pedraza in the road and without uttering a word of warning shot Pedraza down, killing him instantly.

Reported Spanish Victory.

Havana, October 17.—General Molipias' gunboat Contramestre, while reconnoitering in the river San Juan, near Trinidad, province of Santa Clara, has had a brush with some insurgents, and succeeded in capturing over 500 rifles, a quantity of ammunition, some medical supplies, a quantity of clothing and some important correspondence. The arms, ammunitions, etc., were found in boats marked the "Three Friends," but are supposed to be the supplies belonging to the Dauntless expedition.

GULF COAST NEWS.

Happenings of Interest From This Section Condensed.

A much needed shower fell at Arcadia on the 14th.

Austin has been overrun with thieves for some time past.

Mr. John Breed is contemplating starting a tile factory at Arcadia.

The name of the Ropesville, Nueces county, postoffice has been changed to Tarpon.

Two carloads of material for Clear Creek bridge has arrived at League City and work will be begun on the structure at once.

A large number of delegates attended the semi-annual meeting of the State Swine Breeders' association, held at Dallas, recently.

Robbers have been making things lively at Luling lately and several people are losers of various amounts of money and other valuables.

The grand jury in session at Austin has returned three indictments against Eugene Burt, charged with murdering his family at that place in July.

H. M. Stringfellow was at Arcadia last week budding a new orange which he is propagating with the full assurance that it is capable of resisting frost.

The work of grading eight miles of street at Port Arthur has been commenced and will be pushed rapidly forward, a large force of men being employed.

A party consisting of fifteen gentlemen from Fannin county were at Hitchcock last week looking at lands in that vicinity with a view of purchasing and locating.

Cabbage plants in some parts of the coast country have suffered some from dry weather and the insects, but those put out from now on will probably escape these perils.

An election is to be held at Alvin Monday for moving the county seat to Angleton and excitement at that place is at a fever heat. Every argument pro and con is being used.

The San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad gave a cheap round trip rate from points on its line to Rockport a few days ago. It was by far the largest crowd of people visiting that seaside resort this season, fully 3000 people taking advantage of the last excursion to that place this year.

F. Zedler, the owner of the large water power gin and grist mill one mile south of Luling, has made arrangements to commence work on the new steam gin he proposes to locate in the eastern suburbs of Luling. Everything will be on a large scale and of the latest improved pattern.

A crowd of 1400 excursionists visited Corpus Christi from points along the Aransas Pass road a few days ago and a merrier crowd never assembled at that thriving little city. Feasting and boat sailing was the order of the day and all express themselves as being well pleased with the hospitality shown them.

R. E. Harway of Hempstead, acting as agent, yesterday sold the Ellis plantation, in this county, to the Steel brothers of Navasota for \$41,000. It is one of the largest plantations in this section of the state. The new owners will proceed to make some improvements and operate the place.

The machinery for sinking the artesian well at Hempstead has arrived and is being placed in position. Mr. Gus Warnecke of Houston is the contractor. He says he will be ready to start some day next week and expects to finish the well in about six weeks. Then Hempstead will have a system of waterworks.

Frank Tabor was found lying by the side of the Central track near the roundhouse at Ennis, recently, bleeding profusely from a wound in the neck and holding a razor clenched in his hand. He was irrational. He is subject to epileptic fits, at which times he becomes violently insane and dangerous.

Some of the material for the building of the wagon factory at West Galveston has arrived and beer stored at Fairwood. Several more carloads are expected to arrive during the week.

While Sister Veronica of the convent was in the postoffice at Corpus Christi yesterday morning she was stricken with paralysis. She fell on the floor and assistants soon conveyed her to the convent. She became unconscious for a short time. Only her left arm was affected. Last reports say she is out of danger.

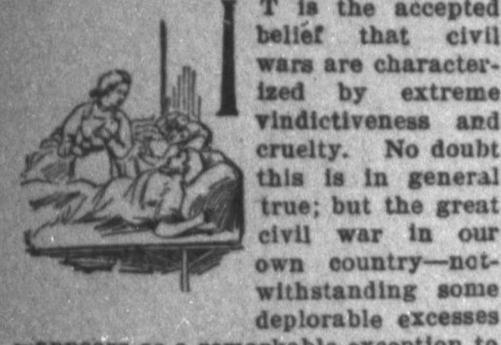
Strawberries are being planted extensively in Galveston county. Most of the planters are setting in mulch straw and the berries will be cleaner and better next year than ever before.

MADE LESS HIDEOUS.

MINISTERING ANGELS ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE.

Noble Women Who Nursed Wounded Soldiers—Gen. O. O. Howard Writes in Praise of Their Devotion -- They Showed Great Courage.

(Gen. O. O. Howard's Letter.)



It is the accepted belief that civil wars are characterized by extreme vindictiveness and cruelty. No doubt this is in general true; but the great civil war in our own country—notwithstanding some deplorable excesses—appears as a remarkable exception to this rule. In no war of recent times, probably, were more important steps taken in the direction of greater humanity—especially in the treatment of the wounded, both friend and foe. And why? How was it possible that a struggle so bitter should bring about a result so unexpected? I believe that it was chiefly due to the efforts of noble and self-sacrificing women, whose influence was felt through the whole army. Men could not become altogether ruthless with these ministering angels in their midst, enduring all hardships with gentle patience, meeting all dangers with quiet courage, ever seeking to heal what war was seeking to inflict.

I knew personally a few of the 500 brave women who stepped out of the family circle and took a more or less public part in providing for the wants of the wounded and dying soldiers. Some gathered up the contributions from homes far and near, and carried them to the vicinity of the battle field. Some went as matrons or attendants; many as the agents of some society; others simply to do what was possible with two skillful hands to alleviate a little of the suffering with which they met.

During the winter of 1862-63, I commanded the second division of the Second Corps at Palmyra. In front of my division, near the Rappahannock River, stood a large house which was

a blessing and a benediction to every lonely and despairing heart in the hospital she visited.

One of the ablest Presbyterian clergymen now in ordination was a private soldier, I believe in a Maryland regiment. He was then rather a roistering young fellow. A soldier comrade of pronounced piety and correct life strongly urged him to go to Mrs. Harris' meetings. The result was his conversion; and as soon as the war ceased he studied for the ministry. Thus Mrs. Harris' heaven was increased.

What Mrs. Harris brought to the front after several of our bloody engagements is exemplified in one of her letters from the Peninsula—a letter written in June, 1862, just after the battle of Fair Oaks. I speak feelingly, for I was myself recorded among the wounded. The steamer Vanderbilt, lying at the dock, was about to take the disabled from the "White House Landing," Va. Mrs. Harris writes: "When we went aboard the first cry we met was for tea and bread. 'For God's sake give us bread,' came from wounded soldiers. Others, shot in the face or neck, begged for liquid food. With feelings of a mixed character, shame, indignation and sorrow blending, we turned away to see what resources we could muster to meet the demand. A box of tea, a barrel of cornmeal, sundry parcels of dried fruits, a few crackers, ginger cakes, dried rusk and jars of jellies and pickles were seized upon. Soldiers and contrabands were impressed into service. All the cooking arrangements of three families were appropriated (by permission), and soon three pounds of tea were boiling, and many gallons of gruel blubbling. In the meantime, twenty-five loaves of bread—all we could buy—were cut into slices and jellied; pickles were put in readiness, and in an incredibly short time we went back to our poor sufferers."

The graphic account of the way the wounded men received the relief thus speedily brought would fill a chapter. Many had been several days without a particle of nourishment. In delirium some took Mrs. Harris for mother, for sister, or other precious friend, and died in the happy thought that their own sweet home had actually come to them—and indeed the spirit of home was there.

From my own state, Mrs. S. S. Samp-



then rather lonely, having been denuded by the devastations of war of all out-houses, fences and shrubbery. It was usually called the "Lacey House." I think we may denominate it at this time as a reserve hospital, for here were to be found many articles of food and medicine that the excellently organized field hospital could not furnish. Here was that already famous little woman, Mrs. John Harris, with her assistants, Mrs. Mary W. Lee and Mrs. Beck. Mrs. Harris was officially recognized in the medical branch as the secretary and agent of the Ladies' Aid Society of Philadelphia; but to us in the army she was known as a motherly woman of exhaustless sympathy and wonderful resources. On Sundays, I think usually in the forenoon, and week-day evenings, she gathered many soldiers into one of her large rooms for prayer and worship. As often as possible, when she by note or verbal message commanded me, I went thither to participate in the exercises; and she honored me by calling the oft-recurrent assembly "Gen. Howard's prayer meeting." But it was really hers, and she should have named it, in Presbyterian nomenclature, "The Harris Assembly." A little before this, when Mrs. Harris, then at Washington resting after her tireless labors among the sick and wounded on the peninsula, heard of our dreadful defeat at Fredericksburg, she hastened to the front to do all that lay in her power for the hundreds of poor fellows that were too badly hurt or too ill to be carried away.

Her favorite field of labor was in the field hospitals of the Sixth Corps. To the suffering there she carried constant cheer and welcome—reliefs of every sort, sent by the generous women of Philadelphia. Her beaming face was

son, the wife of the lieutenant-colonel of my regiment, went out with her husband in the beginning of the war. What Mrs. Harris did for the ladies of Philadelphia, Mrs. Sampson did for the ladies of Maine. She devoted her whole time and talents to the interests of our soldiers. At first she aided the sick and the overworked by writing letters for them, and after the first battle by assiduous labors, night and day, in hospitals. She was a swift and cheery worker; the faces of the men in a field hospital, or in the rooms of a house appropriated for the sick and wounded, would always brighten as they saw her come, with a kind word and a sympathizing tear, with sunshine behind it, and just the needed soup, tea, bread or socks or other requisite garments in her hands! Her entrance was a home reminder, a joy, a blessing. She could write and get off more letters in a given time than a stenographer, and so linked hundreds of soldiers with their cherished homes. No gallant officer from Maine closed up the four years' service with a better record than Sadie Sampson. After the war, now a widow, she put in operation and kept up as long as needed an asylum for the orphans of soldiers near her home in Bath. She commanded universal love and respect among all classes where she labored. After a time she became the soldiers' efficient friend at the great pension office in Washington. There was no official there who could more promptly get a wrong righted than this unselfish, intelligent, ardent worker. Her usefulness has been so great that she has been kept in the office, in spite of radical changes of administration.

Whenever we do wrong something good in us dies.

TEXAS NEWS ITEM

Ed P. Allen was jailed at Hillsboro, Hill county, recently, on a charge of forgery.

The comptroller at Austin recently registered \$11,000 of Jack county bridge bonds.

The cotton platform at West, Hill county, was destroyed by fire recently and eighty bales of cotton burned up.

The other night John Silger, a farmer, near Stephenville, Erath county, went to a dance and was dangerously cut.

Henry Baty, who was struck by the south-bound local at Copeville, Collin county, a few days ago, died from the effects.

Alex Smith's gin at Shady Grove Hunt county, burned a few mornings ago. Six bales of unglined cotton was damaged.

Jack county jail bonds to the amount of \$10,000 were recently purchased for the school fund by the State board of education.

Pearl Wilson was shot in the shoulder at Weston, Collin county, a few days ago. Physicians have failed to locate the ball.

M. J. Eyerley, retail liquor dealer, in Waco, filed a deed of trust recently for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities about \$3638.35.

H. Bennett, a horse trader, was hit by a live electric wire falling on him at Sherman, the other day. His condition is very serious.

D. T. Winters, general merchant, of Big Foot, Frio county, has assigned with J. S. Thomas, trustee; assets and liabilities unknown.

T. J. Price, who lives near Kaufman, Kaufman county, was kicked in the abdomen the other day by a mule. He will probably not recover.

L. S. Gooding, in the book and stationary business at Cleburne, filed a trust deed the other day with preferred creditors to the amount of \$573.

A gravel train on the Houston and Texas Central was derailed at Wilson creek, Collin county, the other morning. One or two cars were damaged.

J. D. McCoy, dealer in dry goods, at Plano, Collin county, executed a deed of trust on his stock of goods, several days ago, naming J. C. Phelan as trustee.

J. D. Gray and J. W. Hardin, of Terrell, Kaufman county, have shipped two carloads of Jersey cattle and a fine grade of hogs to the State Fair at Dallas.

Mr. J. L. Tipton was run over and killed at Overton, Rusk county, several nights ago, by a freight train. His body was mangled almost beyond recognition.

The army worm is devastating the oat fields around Wheatland, Dallas county. Whole fields are entirely destroyed. Not much damage to wheat and none to cotton.

A few mornings ago, while John Huff, a young man of Brady, McCulloch county, was working at a gin, his right hand was caught in the machinery and cut off.

M. A. Everett, aged 35, of Jourdan, N. Y., was run over in the yards at Palestine, Anderson county, several mornings ago, and fatally injured. He was between the cars.

M. P. Ellis, who lives near Lone Oak, Hunt county, was held up by three masked men several nights ago, while on his way home, and robbed of over \$200, the proceeds of six bales of cotton.

The east-bound Central passenger train at the union depot in Brenham, Washington county, a few evenings ago, ran over a negro named Anderson House, cutting off both legs. He was standing on the train talking to a friend, and in endeavoring to get off it started and he fell under the wheels. He will probably die.

Mrs. E. D. Dillard, of Waco, made a deed of trust recently, conveying her millinery business to Miss Laura Clardy, as trustee, to secure creditors whose claims aggregate \$2000.

The Tyler Car and Lumber Company at Tyler, Smith county, one of the largest lumber concerns in the State, was placed in the hands of a receiver recently, at the instance of the Farmers Investment Company, upon a demand of \$39,000. J. J. Carter was appointed receiver and his bond placed at \$20,000.

While Mrs. P. L. Sherrill, of Temple, Bell county, was being operated on by a dentist at Abilene, Taylor county, a few days ago, her 14-months-old child, which was playing about the room, got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid and swallowed the contents. The baby died in a few minutes.

Tom Patman, a young farmer, living near Denton, Denton county, was arrested the other day for signing his brother's name to an order for a registered letter, but was afterward released by his brother saying he had given him the necessary authority.

While riding a wild horse a few days

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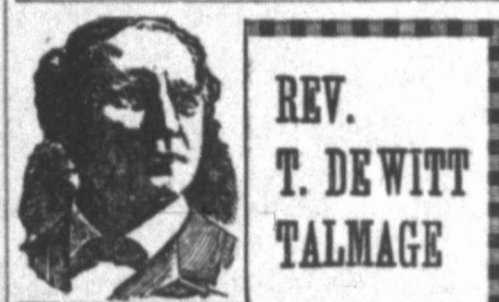
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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

The criminal docket is a heavy one.

Houston county will cast over 4000 votes in November.

The grand jury is digging away at the pile of cases it has to be investigated.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennedy & Co. grocery store.

James W. Edens and bride, Mrs. Lizzie Edens, have gone to Waco where their future home will be.

Voters should all bear in mind that they must vote in their own precinct and can not vote in any precinct but their own.

In their zeal to economize some people will discontinue their county paper and then go over to their neighbor's and read his.

The many friends of Mrs. Josie Newton will be glad to know that her condition is much improved and that she is now on the fair road to recovery.

Do you ever travel? If you do you should take out an accident policy first. D. M. Craddock represents the old Aetna Life and Accident company of Hartford and sells 'em cheap. See him before you start.

John Mangum has oats, rye, wheat and everything in the feed line and for planting for sale. Everything that the farmer needs for feeding and planting can be had at his store. Before buying, call and examine.

O. C. Hickey has bought out J. W. Williams' interest in the barber shop formerly run by them. He asks a continuation of their old customers trade and new customers invited. Every thing clean and neat. Clean towels and sharp razors.

Mr. Mann Trice, Winburn Pearce and R. W. Finley all failed to meet their appointments in this county last week. R. W. Finley was on the train and because the people at Lovelady didn't meet him with a band, we presume, he failed to get off.

Thomas H. Phipps merchant at Holly, was in to see us Tuesday. He says he has retired from business for a while but expects to go into it again at Lovelady in the near future. The report that Mr. Phipps had failed is a mistake. He authorized us to say that he is ready to pay every dollar he owes.

We hear as we go to press (Thursday morning) that W. D. Mansell Esq, of Huntsville and Miss Nellie Dunnam were married at the home of A. J. C. Dunnam on Wednesday evening. We regret that we can't give a more extended notice of the happy event. We are not acquainted with the groom but feel sure that he is all that a young lady of Miss Nellie's worth and accomplishments deserve.

The failure to pay of some who subscribed for the town clock has embarrassed matters very much. We sincerely hope that all who subscribed will pay up at once and relieve those who are responsible for it. There is more than a hundred dollars unpaid. We should certainly never have had anything to do with it if we had't thought that those who subscribed for the clock would have paid it. Come up, gentlemen and pay the sums subscribed.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Just recieved at the CASH STORE 2 CARS TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 2 CARS SACKED CORN, 20 CARS Hay Forney and alfalfa, 1 CAR RICH WHEAT BRAN, 1 CAR BOLTED MEAL, 2 cars salt one coarse and one fine, 200 lb. COARSE AT 85c 200 lb FINE AT 90c. Will keep on hand cotton seed meal. You will find the CASH STORE headquarters for all kinds of feed.

R. M. ATKINSON.

The oil-mill is running day and night.

R. A. Rains and J. F. Luice were in to see us Monday.

We have come dangerously near the frost line several nights lately.

Some fifteen hundred or more dollars have been paid in on taxes to date.

Dr. Hall Wilson and Charley Kennedy of Augusta were in Crockett Monday.

Please call and settle what you owe at this office on subscriptions, jobs and advertising.

How do you expect a paper to be published if you never pay anything on your subscriptions? Please call and pay up.

The COURIER has assurances from Augusta that the Augusta beat will roll up its usual democratic majority for the ticket.

J. J. Frazier brought us a sample stalk of sea island cotton on Monday. The stalk measured 14 feet tall. The staple was 2 inches long.

If Dame Rumour gives a correct report the wedding bells will ring joyously and continuously from the middle of November until the first of January.

THE COURIER circulates among and goes into the hands of the most intelligent and substantial citizens of Houston and adjoining counties. The way for the merchant or other person to reach this class is to advertise in the COURIER.

Some fifteen or more bridges have been built in this county by contract, the contract price running from \$100 to \$322. The bridges are first class in every respect and are built in such away as to give lasting results. Those who took the contracts to build these bridges have given bonds to keep them in good repair for five years. This is the sensible, practical way of doing such work as this and will prove the most economical way in the end.

There are two negroes on the jury this week.

Enoch Broxson is still confined to his bed and is very feeble.

This being the first week of criminal court, the attendance is large.

Rev. Mr. Tenny attended Presbyterian Synod at Houston last week.

Mr. Ed Ripley of Cameron is in the city the guest of his father-in-law, B. E. Hall.

Mrs. Della Eastham of Huntsville paid her Crockett friends a short visit last week.

J. K. Chandler called to see us Monday. He will not begin rebuilding before summer.

The Bryan and Sewall Club will meet Thursday night to be addressed by Hon. George L. Walton.

Go out to the supper Friday (today) and thereby help a good cause. The proceeds will be used to improve the cemetery.

H. C. Moore, son of H. W. Moore and Dr. Preston Cunningham, have gone to New Orleans to attend medical lectures.

What do the populist professions of reform amount to when the leaders of the populist party enter into a fusion with the republicans to vote for McKinley electors in return for republican support of Kearby and the rest of the populist State ticket?

We hav'nt collected twenty-five dollars on subscriptions due for the COURIER this fall. Do you expect to read a paper always and never pay for it? We cant afford to send the paper in such way and we do not propose to do it.

Don't think that because you are not a member of the campaign committee there is nothing you can do for the ticket. There is and it is incumbent on you to do it. Go to work for the ticket and the whole ticket—not just part of it but all of it.

Gus LeGory is confined to his bed this week with fever.

Please come round and pay what you subscribed for the town clock.

There are nearly or quite 300 scholars in attendance on the graded school.

Doc Gantt, one of Lovelady's most substantial citizens, paid us a call Monday.

Dr. W. B. Collins, of Lovelady was in town Monday on business with the grand jury.

Business is first class in Crockett every day in the week. The square is crowded with wagons.

Dr. L. U. Cooper and wife and children of Ft. Worth arrived Tuesday night on a visit to his old home and parents.

T. H. Phipps, merchant at Holly has sold out his business at Holly to W. O. Phipps for \$786.50. He is going to retire from the mercantile business and stands ready to meet all obligations.

The COURIER hopes that its friends and subscribers in the country when they come to Crockett to trade will call on and try those who advertise in the COURIER. The merchants who advertise in the COURIER are reliable in every respect. They carry first class stocks and the prices of their goods are below those of any others.

Gus LeGory and W. B. Page have found the Kiefer pear business very profitable. This season's crop was a large one and was marketed at very satisfactory prices. Mr. LeGory has ordered a thousand more Kiefer trees and will put them all out. If any person wants to go into the fruit business with the view of making money, we should advise them to purchase the Kiefer kind of pears and to steer clear of the LeConte. LeGory and Page each has an orchard of 500 Kiefer trees which from now on they expect to pay them three dollars a tree. From this it will be seen that there is money in such an orchard.

Don't forget the supper Friday night.

Mr. Jno. Mathis was on a visit to his parents this week.

Charles Sherrill of Waco spent a few days in Crockett the past week visiting friends.

Mrs. Ripley, who has been quite ill at her father's for the past ten days is very much better.

Miss Bertha Mangum is expecting Miss Mary Randle of Waco to visit her the last of the month.

G. W. Broxson is now in the wholesale commission business. It will be to your interest to see him before making any orders.

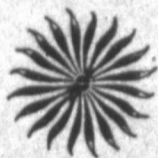
Take Notice! Election managers will please call and get blanks for making out election returns.

A. A. ALDRICH.

Rab, James and William Platt accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Christian Platt and Sister, Mrs. Callie Montgomery, all of Austin are visiting relatives in Crockett.

The supper that will be given Friday night of this week by the Ladies Cemetery Association promises to be a most enjoyable affair. Menu—turkey, ham, baked pork, chicken, salads, bread, pickles, coffee, cream and cake. The orchestra will furnish music. Everybody should attend and enjoy a splendid supper and help a good cause.

The grand jury returned true bills against six persons for the assassination of Jake Ellenberg. Jack Knox, Hill Ady, Joe Sallas and George McCullar were indicted for murder in the first degree. Lymon Knox and Holcomb Knox, sons of Jack Knox, were indicted for conspiracy. On Saturday last the cases came before Judge Burnett on habeas corpus and quite a number of witnesses were examined. The Judge granted bail in the sum of five thousand dollars each in the cases of Jack Knox, Hill Ady, Joe Sallas and George McCullar. Lynn and Holcomb Knox's bonds were fixed at \$600 each. The cases are set for trial for November 12th.



A Few Words to Our Friends & Customers!

When you come to our store as you have many times in the past few weeks and could not be waited on, don't get impatient and go out to some other store and pay more for goods. We will always be as prompt as possible to wait on you. We all know money saved is money made. We will give no prices this week as you have already learned that we never have our prices beaten and we will meet any prices made in any store in town.

You have already learned that we always have what we advertise. We know beyond all doubt that we have bought our fall stock for less money than any house in Crockett. Watch us prove it.

We have no bankrupt, no failure and no deed of trust goods to try to make you believe there is value in. Remember our goods are direct from the factories, all new, clean and honest value. Prices will appear next week. Don't fail to come and see what we have. Good bargains in Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, Cotton Stripes and Domestic are still going.

Very Respectfully,

McLEAN & WILSON.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

Secretary Carlisle is booked for five speeches in Kentucky in favor of Palmer and Buckner.

Ten days more of expectancy, impatient waiting, hopeful apprehensions and it will all be over.

Let every one make up his mind to keep cool and to do nothing rash from now on to the close of the polls on day of election.

GOVERNOR CULBERSON will meet with an ovation in Crockett on next Saturday. Come out if you want to hear a great speech from a great man.

How can a populist who honestly desires the welfare of his county vote for Judge Burnett? Is it not evident that his policy is leading on to mischief?

The duty of democrats from now to sundown on day of election is to work for the entire ticket from governor down. No part of the ticket is safe and all is in danger until the votes are cast and counted and the majority, if there be one, is assured.

The recent advance of twenty cents a bushel or more on wheat has knocked the bottom from under the stock arguments of the advocates of free-coinage—"that the demonization of silver has caused the price of agricultural products to decline."

VICTORY for democracy is in the air but it is punctured by unceasing labor. No campaign, however just the cause, will take care of itself—"sure we must fight if we would reign"—not only a religious but a political truth that should arouse every democrat to a discharge of his full duty.

It is but a feeble excuse to say that you will not vote the democratic ticket because to do so would destroy the populist party. If the democratic cause and candidates are good enough to support where is the need of a populist party? Why not join the democrats and help them in the great fight?

Hon. Geo. Walton is speaking in this county this week. He has recently come out of the ranks of the populists and allied himself with the democracy. In his speeches he strips the mask off the fusion scheme of Green, Ashby et al and shows how the rank and file of the populist party will be delivered over to McKinley if the populist leaders are allowed to have their way.

THE COURIER has not been mistaken about the common sense and honesty of the rank and file of the populists. It is now evident that they recognize the unholy and corrupt effort to sell them by Williams Bradley, Tracy and others, and that they stubbornly refuse to be delivered. In this county many are returning to the democratic fold where they always meet with a friendly welcome on the part of democrats. By November there will be but a forlorn fragment following the wrecked fortunes of the populist party, and this all means a glorious victory for democracy.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and skin eruption, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By B. F. Chamberlain.

EVERYBODY should hear Gov. Culbertson on Saturday next.

PULL for the whole ticket without exception. The scratch of one name is a half vote for his opponent.

POPULISTS: "If the democrats have stolen your platform and your candidate; if they are your offspring, why not help them nurse the kids?" S. C. COOPER.

How can the populists of this county who have always professed such earnest desire for reform permit themselves to be traded off to McKinley by their leaders?

HARD work, assiduous work, ceaseless work, by day, by night, by every one who can do anything for the ticket from now to the close of the polls on November 3rd will land every nominee on the ticket by handsome majorities.

The populist leaders live in constant dread. Every day witnesses new defections from their ranks, and who will be next, is the absorbing thought of the hour. An unholy traffic in suffrage is meeting with a just rebuke.

THE Houston Post well says: "The rank and file of Texas populists can not be held in line for a cause from which sincere and patriotic populist nominees for offices are withdrawing every day. A ticket that is not good enough for the worst man to vote for."

Take Notice! Governor Culbertson's speech will begin at 11 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock, as heretofore fixed.

FUSION.

As evidence of fusion between the republican leaders and the leaders of the populist party we publish below a letter from one high in authority at republican headquarters to J. H. Ratliff, he presuming that Mr. Ratliff was all right and in favor of the plan. The following is the letter:

CECIL C. LYON, REPUB HEADQUARTERS.
Dear Sir:
Being a lumberman and interested in those things which will promote the welfare of that line as well as general business, it is my belief that protection and sound money are the two essentials, and for that reason have interested myself in the campaign this year.

I believe McKinley and Hobart's election would do more for Texas and for our trade especially than any other interest, hence my anxiety. How do you feel about it; if favorable won't you organize the vote in your vicinity and see that it is properly cast on election day? I have this to say that if we work together, we can carry Texas for McKinley and defeat the present administration. These sound money democrats and pops are our friends.
Yours truly,
CECIL A. LYON.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

The New York Store.

Mens' Boys' and Childrens' Clothing, Ladies' Capes and Jackets!

House Furnishing Goods, such as Blankets, Comforts, Cratchet Quilts, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Table Linens, Carpets, Matting and Rugs, Flannels and Dress Goods "At Prices That Will Not Admit of No Competition."

Mens' All Wool Suits, black, gray and brown, Color Guaranteed, \$4.00.
Mens' All Wool Suits, black, clay, round or square cut or frock that you can't buy from our competitors who are claiming to do wonders for you at \$12.50, Our Price \$7.00.
Mens' Extra Fine Black Suits in clay worsted, French twill or crape in round cuts, square or frock—goods that you can't buy in Houston, Galveston, St. Louis or any other place or from any of our so called competitor for less than \$15.00, Our Price \$8.00.
Mens' Wool Suits, dark colors, goods guaranteed and fast colors, regular price \$5.00 and well worth it, Our Price \$2.50.
Mens' All Wool Pants, all colors and sizes, goods that sell for \$2.25, Our Price \$1.25.
All Wool Cashmere Pants, tailor made, work and quality the best, goods that are sold every day for \$5.00, Our Price \$3.00.
Boys' Suits, coat, pants and vest, fast colors, for \$1.75. Boys' suits in all colors, long pants from \$1.75 to \$8.00.
Childrens' Knee Suits, size 6 to 13, regular \$1.25 goods for 60c.

Ladies' Capes and Jackets are in demand since cold weather has come. Every one knows that we sold more Capes and Jackets last year than all the houses Crockett together. Why? The simple reason is that we had more and sold them cheaper than other merchants could buy them. With these facts in view and knowing that when the season opens for these goods that we will have a greater demand than ever before we have bought very heavy and at prices that you could not buy the cloth for.
All Wool, blue, double cape, 120 inch sweep, 25 inches long, 3 rows silk braid, a garment that sells \$2.50, Our Price \$1.25.
Same style as above in heavier material, \$3.25 goods, Our Price \$2.00.
All Wool, black, double cape, 130 inch sweep, 25 inches long, heavy material, fine trimmed, worth \$6.00, Our Price \$3.00.
We have Jackets in the latest styles and colors from \$1.50 to \$6.00.

WE HAVE

A large line of Blankets, Comforts, Cratchet Quilts, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Table Linens, Carpets, Matting and Rugs that we have put special prices on. For want of space we are not able to give prices on these goods. Come and see for yourself.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

The New York Store, Bloch & Romansky.

District Court Proceedings.

First National Bank Crockett vs. E. H. East et al; judgment for plaintiff.

Wm. Lovelady vs. Jas. Allen; judgment for partition as prayed for—G. B. Lundv, B. F. Gardner and F. H. Hill appointed commissioners of partition.

Mattie McCoy vs. Jno. McCoy; divorce granted at cost of plaintiff.
Wm. Squires vs. Willie Squires; divorce at cost of plaintiff.

CRIMINAL.

State v. Wyatt Williams, col.; assault to murder; continued by defendant.

State v. Andy Nathaniel, col.; theft of hog; continued by defendant.

State v. Ed. Curry; theft of mule; continued by the State.

State v. Geo. Odom; theft of hog; continued by defendant.

State v. Robt. Box; theft of cattle; continued by consent.

State v. S. P. Holmes; theft of cattle; continued by consent.

State v. Henry Adams, col.; assault to murder; plead guilty and sentenced to two years in penitentiary.

State v. Henry Butler, col.; burglary; plead guilty in two cases, and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

State v. Henry Small; forgery; case on trial yesterday evening.

Hon. A. G. Greenwood, of Palestine, was before Judge Burnett late yesterday evening, asking for an injunction to restrain Elder E. M. Griggs, colored, from preaching in the West Union Missionary Baptist church at Palestine.

Jury men who were drawn for the 5th week, are notified that they will not be needed until Monday, the 6th week of court.

What You Want!

And what we all want is relief from the gold standard and other class legislation and high prices for what we have to buy. I am in favor of the unrestricted coinage of silver at 16 to 1 of gold, and a tariff law that will enable us to buy where we can buy the cheapest and sell where we can sell the highest.

But really I don't see how dry goods can get much lower, in fact I think all prices on osnaburgs, domestics and other dry goods will advance soon. I bought when prices were very low for cash and I am now loaded with bargains. If you want to buy cheaper than you ever bought before and will call on us we can convince you that our store is the lowest priced store in the county, and you can buy more goods for the money than you can at any other place. Call and see and oblige.
J. E. DOWNES.

Notice!

On the 17th day of Oct, 1896, the firm of Jordan & Broxson dissolved in the weighing and sampling of cotton at the Alliance ware house, the said Broxson leaving J. M. Jordan in possession of same with 86 bales left on said platform for shipment.
G. W. Broxson.

TAKE NOTICE.

All persons who are indebted to Houston county on convict bonds are notified to come up and settle at once, otherwise suit will be brought on all delinquents on such bonds.

A. A. ALDRICH,
County Judge.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

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