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STILL IN THE LEAD!



WE ARE STILL SELLING THE GOODS AND THIS IS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

The People All Know That when W. V. McConnell advertises an article at a certain price that they can go and get it at that price and they know also that W. V. McConnell will do what he says he will do if it takes the hide off and kills every cat on the island. ■ • ■ • ■ • ■ •



Have You Seen Loretto?

Loretto is an all wool red blanket ten quarter in size and extra heavy. Loretto is the brand; you can see a sample pair in our show-window. Our price on this Loretto Blanket is \$1 45 a pair.

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And remember that we will sell you a genuine and reliable John. B. Stetson hat for \$3.00. With this guarantee. We guarantee every

John. B. Stetson hat sold by W. V. McConnell of Crockett to be new, perfect and reliable in every respect and if not as represented we will refund to the purchaser double the amount he pays us for the hat. Everybody look in our show window and you will see picture cuts of all the stamps used by John. B. Stetson in stamping his hats. At our request Stetson himself sent them to us.



WE HAVE THE LARGEST LINE OF MILLINERY EVER BROUGHT TO CROCKETT. Call and Get Prices. Just Only See Our Boys' Clothing.



Plush Capes!

This is our fifth order on Plush Capes and they have arrived. We have sold since the 13th. of Oct. 1896, 103 plush capes. Prices from \$4.00 to \$12.50; they are elegantly and handsomely trimmed, beaded and braided and trimmed around collar and down the front on both sides with long curly Thibet.

We are Here to Stay!

and when competition makes a cut we are going to meet the price and play them one better.

Looking Around.

In looking around for fine goods don't fail to call on W. V. McConnell, you can always find something good, something new, something reliable and something first class and all at as low figures as any man in East Texas can sell them.



YOURS VERR RESPECTFULLY,

W. V. McCONNELL.

FAILED TO BREAK JAIL.

A Conspiracy to Get Out of Jail. A Bold, Murderous Plot on the Part of the Jail Birds. One of the Crowd Gives it Away.

Sheriff Waller had until this week a jail full of prisoners, some of whom are desperate characters and eleven of whom were under sentences to the penitentiary. Those in jail then are as follows: Hill Ady, Henry Small, Elbert Brasher, E. D. Martin, Sam and Tom Murray, all white. The negroes are Henry Adams, Henry Allen, Henry Butler, Alf Davis, Richard Lee, Dock Jones. All the above are in for felonies. The rest of the crowd are charged with misdemeanors. It is just to Hill Ady to say that he had no part in the plot.

The first attempt by them was to cut their way out by sawing out the bars at the back of one of the cells. By some means they got hold of material to make saws of such as corset bars furnished them by Dock Jones who had been confined on charge of assault to assassinate T. J. Crofford. The negro Jones had been confined and subsequently got out on bond. While in jail he arranged to bring them this material which he did at night. When Jones went to the jail with the material it was understood, he was to whistle as a signal for those inside to drop a string which was done and in this way the articles they had hoped to

cut out with were carried in. The string was so arranged as to rattle a tin cup on the inside of the jail when the negro Jones had the articles tied ready on the outside. Out of this material they made five or six saws and proceeded in their efforts to cut out. They made poor progress for some reason. Failing in this they entered into a conspiracy to grab the jailer and, if necessary, kill him, to get out. There were three or four in this, Henry Butler (col.) Dock Jones (col) and Henry Small (white.) The plan was, when Charley Storey, the jailer, came in, Henry Butler was to catch him, Dock Jones was use the knife on Storey and Henry Small was to take the keys and open the doors. In this way they hoped to get out. The plot was a desperate, bloody one as will be seen. Their plans on this line failed too. A prisoner by name of Alf Davis (col.) confined for burglary and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, wrote Storey, the jailer, a note advising him of the plot to kill him, if necessary to make their escape. He advised Sheriff Waller of the program. Sheriff Waller went down and charged those in the conspiracy with it. At first they denied all knowledge of it. Sheriff Waller searched the cells and found the saws, a chisel, a file, a bar of iron and a pocket knife. They then owned up.

Ten of this crowd left for the penitentiary on Tuesday night. Those in jail for misdemeanor charges, four in number, have been put to work on Lockfield's farm. This leaves only two in jail: Hill Ady and Henry Small, the latter under conviction for two years for forgery, his case having gone up on appeal. Jack Knox and George McCullar are out on bond of \$5000 each. Joe Sallas is out on bond of \$3000.

A Sad Death.

Miss Kate Stewart died on Monday night about 9 o'clock. She was the daughter of Dr. Jas. Harvey Stewart, for many years a distinguished citizen and a prominent physician of this and Cherokee counties. Deceased had been for a year or more a patient sufferer from a painful malady and bore the suffering with Christian fortitude. All who know the deceased lay esteemed her for her gracious gentleness and kindness of heart and disposition. With her passes away all of the name in this section—a large family at one time and one universally beloved and admired for their high character and the exalted standard of citizenship which all of them strove to measure up to.

The Lovelady Hunt.

Our friends at Lovelady failed to send us in time for publication a schedule of points for grading game in the match hunt. We give it below though too late to be of any service.

Deer	is rated at	1500	points
Turkey	" "	1000	"
Wild Goose	" "	1000	"
Sand Hill Crane	" "	1000	"
Canvass Back Duck	" "	750	"
Mallard Duck	" "	400	"
Teal Duck	" "	250	"
Brant	" "	750	"
Hawk (Chicken)	" "	100	"
Hawk (Sparrow)	" "	50	"
Owl	" "	100	"
Quail	" "	100	"
Dove	" "	25	"
Lark	" "	15	"
Snipe	" "	100	"
Plover	" "	50	"
Wood Cock	" "	100	"
Possum	" "	250	"
Coon	" "	100	"
Squirrel	" "	50	"
Mule Ear Rabbit	" "	250	"
Cotton tail rabbit	" "	25	"
Swamp Rabbit	" "	50	"
Fox	" "	250	"

A Pleasant Evening.

On Friday evening last Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wootters entertained a few of their friends in honor of the beautiful and accomplished Miss Goggan of Galveston. To say Mrs. Wootters entertains always means an unlimited amount of pleasure to

all who may be so fortunate as to be present. Last Friday was no exception to the usual rule. All present left with the satisfaction of having spent one pleasant evening.

An elegant repast was served after which the persons knowing the greatest and least of what was on a penny were given prizes. Miss Grace Smith was awarded the first; to C. L. Edmeston belongs the happy distinction of knowing nothing in regard to the make up of a one cent piece. The following were present:

Geo. Aldrich and Miss Fannie Thomas; Dr. Jay Collins and Miss Hattie Woodward; Jack Craddock and Miss Narcie Bayne; Jerry Crook and Miss Grace Smith; Prof. Walker King and Miss Bertha Mangum; Frank Edmeston, Jr., and Miss Ethel Wootters; Dr. J. S. Wootters and Miss Minnie Craddock; Louis Haring and Miss Mynnie Ola Hughes; Sydnor Murchison and Miss Duck Walker; Archie Baker and Miss Hattie Crook; A. M. Carlton and Miss Anne Wall; Jack Smith and Miss Etta Adams. Mrs. Della Eastham, mother of Mrs. Wootters, her two cousins, Messrs. Luther and Harris Eastham, and Mr. Wilber Gibbs, of Huntsville, H. F. Moore and lady, Mrs. Cory Corry, Mrs. John H. Wootters, and Messrs. C. L. and J. S. Shivers, Harry Castleberg, John Baker and, Chas. Edmeston were also present.

A Reward.

The governor, we are informed, is going to offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the arrest of J. W. Howell for the murder of Kilpatrick.

Hog Law Elections

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Porter's Springs, on Tuesday December 22 1896, to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of voting precinct No. 11, of Houston county. A. B. Mulligan has been appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That on the 22nd day of December 1896 an election will be held at Enon Church to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described limits to wit: Beginning at a point 1 1/2 miles North of Enon church. Thence East 1 mile, thence South 2 1/2 miles, thence West 2 1/2 miles, thence North 2 1/2 miles, thence East 1 1/2 miles. J. F. Garrett is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That an election will be held at Augusta on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within in Justice precinct No. 2 of Houston county. John Kennedy is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That an election will be held at J. R. McIver's ranch in Houston county on the 22nd day of December, 1896, to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following limits to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Kellison Creek where it empties into Trinity River. Thence up said creek to the Clapps Ferry and Lovelady road. Thence west with said road to where it intersects the east line of the J. A. Robinson survey. Thence south with said east line to where it intersects the John Douglass survey. Thence with the Douglass survey to the north-east corner of same. Thence west to Lost Creek. Thence down said Lost Creek to where it empties into Big or Rackard's Creek. Thence up said Big or Rackard's Creek to the north-east corner of the John Durst survey. Thence west with said survey to the north-west corner of same. Thence south with the west line of said John Durst survey to the Trinity river. Thence down said Trinity river to the place of beginning. L. L. Hall is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO

That an election be held at Grapeland on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described limits to wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river. Thence with the Navarro road to Big Elkhart Creek. Thence down said Elkhart Creek to the Linwood and Crockett road. Thence east with said road to where the line of Justice precinct No. one crosses said road. Thence north with said line to where it connects with Justice's precincts No. 5 and No. 2. Thence with said Justice's precinct No. 5 and No. 2 line to the Houston and Anderson county line. Thence with said county line to the Trinity river. Thence with said river to the Navarro road. H. C. Leaverton is appointed manager of said election. No person shall vote at said elections unless he be a freeholder and qualified voter under the constitution and laws of this state. Voters desiring to prevent the animals named from running at large shall place upon their ballots the words "For the stock law" and those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots the word, "Against the stock law." This November 17th. 1896.

A. A. ALDRICH,
Co. Judge Houston Co.

Woodland Hall.

ED. COURIER:

Please allow me a small space in your column and I will give a few dots from this part of the country.

We have had fair weather for the past two weeks. This together with the heavy frost is causing the top crop of cotton to open. Our school is progressing nicely under the supervision of Prof. Walter Nell.

Mr. Jimmie Kolb left for Montague a short time ago to attend the Southern Normal Musical Institute taught by Prof. A. J. Showalter at that place. We hope to see him return a well prepared singing teacher, as he is under the most noted singing teacher of the South.

Mr. James Bean who has been on the sick list for several months seems to be improving a little.

Mr. Ed Neel Elkhart spent a day with us last week.

Mr. Jno. James of Freestone county, spent a few days here this week with relatives and friends.

Mr. Tom Keen raised a fine crop of ribbon cane this year, and is working it up this week.

The Baptist church at this place has called Elder J. E. Bean as pastor again.

Long may the COURIER prosper.
"EURAL."

LOVELADY.

ED. COURIER:

Dear Sir:—I wish to say to the farmers and cane growers of Houston county that I wish to meet and organize a Cane Growers Association in this county for the benefit of all parties either cane growers or not in talking up the cane business and finding a market for our syrup and general farming interest.

We want to give and receive information on all points and look forward to disposing of the large cane crop of the county in the future.

There are thousands of acres of land in the county that will make 500 gallons of syrup per acre with proper seasons and cultivation. I have been in the business for twenty years and learn something new all the time. I don't want the organization to merely learn secrets but to benefit ourselves and the county generally.

There will be no party lines in this. All cane growers are invited to join. I am a democrat from hat to shoes and well pleased with state and county administrations but not satisfied with the national election. But will try to stand it for the next four years and then make the fight over again for democracy.

I suggest the 28th of December as the time and Crockett as the place to meet. Come all and let us talk the matter up.

Mr. Editor if you will publish this you can call around and we will set 'em up to one of our best stalks of cane.

Yours truly,
J. H. BUSSELL.

A Ball.

The COURIER acknowledges an invitation to a ball at Lovelady on the night of the 28th inst. Unless the creeks are impassable and the railroad washes away, we will be there in great shape and will "swing corners" with the beauty of Lovelady 'till the morning mists are swept away.

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 is just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co. 217 N. 3d St. St. Louis, writes: I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound Syrup. One bottle completely cured me. I sent one bottle to my sister, who had a severe cough, and she experienced immediate relief. I always recommended this syrup to my friends. Jno. Cranston, 608 Hampshire street, Quincy, Ill., writes. I have found Ballard's Horehound Syrup superior to any other cough medicine I have ever known, it never disappoints. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

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

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

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.

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.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported me by W. E. Hall, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Houston county Texas, the following described animal: One bay horse mule about 4 years old, branded H T on left shoulder, 13 1/2 or 14 hands high, in care of Mose Cooper, 15 miles West of the town of Crockett, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of Nov. A. D. 1896.

N. E. Albright,
C. C. H. C. Texas.

Lost—a fine large case of the chills. Supposed to have been carried off by Chestham's Tasteless Chill Tonic. No reward offered, it is gone for good. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

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General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SADDLERY, HARNESS, STOVES, CROCKERY.

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The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervy 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 lead to Consumption and Insanity. With every 25c 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.

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The only safe, sure and reliable Female FILL ever offered to Ladies, especially recommended to married Ladies.

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- A Policy absolutely without restrictions.
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

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

Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent Columbus, Ohio certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a Cough of two years standing, caused by LaGrippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's drug store.

Crippled, Rheumatic and Dyspeptic.

Nervous Headache and Nervous Debility for Five Years. Digestive Organs Useless.

Mr. Wm. J. McDermott, a Newspaper Man of English, Indiana, Testifies to the Potency of Pink Pills.

The following communication speaks for itself:
 ENGLISH, Ind., Sept. 7th, 1896.
 DR. WILLIAMS' MEDICINE CO.,
 Schenectady, N. Y.

Gentlemen:—My name is William J. McDermott, I am forty-five years of age and a newspaper man by profession. Having been crippled by a gunshot wound of the foot, some of the charge still remaining in the limb, my habits were of the most sedentary kind. I soon became afflicted with piles of a most aggravating description, my digestion grew so impaired that I could not retain food upon my stomach, and eating was a dread-sick headache and nausea were constant, and in addition to these I contracted rheumatism in its chronic form. I was frequently compelled to take to my bed with headache and sour stomach, my food rising at such times as soon as swallowed, and I suppose should have remained in bed, but notwithstanding my misery I was compelled, being a poor man, to get up and earn my living through sheer necessity.

"This was my condition for five years—so you may suppose my life was one of misery, for I could get no relief from my ill, and I had very little hope of recovery, having tried every remedy in the whole pharmacopoeia, with no betterment of my condition.

"Last March, by the advice of Dr. H. H. Stier, I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, following the directions

faithfully, and almost immediately my headache left me. I had not undergone the treatment one week, when my rheumatism grew decidedly better, and gradually my stomach regained its tone, and one by one my ailments disappeared, until to-day with the exception of my lame foot, I am in sound bodily health, and proud to acknowledge that I owe this marvellous change to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"I shall recommend Dr. Williams' medicine heartily to the afflicted and have already done so to many persons, among them being Mrs. Anna George, of St. Croix, Perry County, Indiana, who was a great sufferer from nervous headache. Since she underwent Dr. Williams' treatment she has enjoyed unimpairing health, and now always keeps Pink Pills by her.

(Signed) "WILLIAM J. McDERMOTT."
 Witness: WM. ST. JOHN.

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. They are an unrivaled specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of influenza, palpitation of the heart, pale and salivary complexion, all forms of weakness either in male or female. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

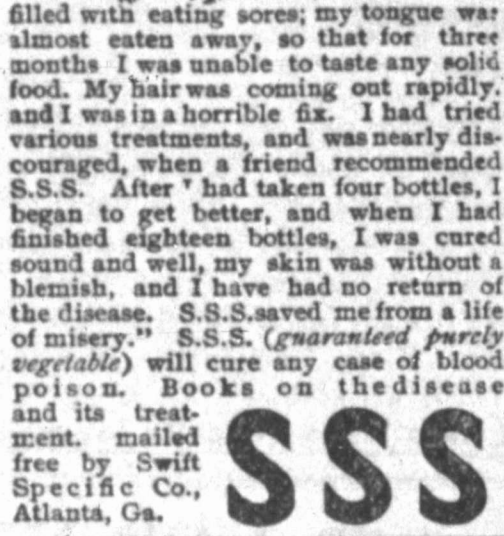
A cannibal is a hungry man who is fond of his fellow mortals.

One has to take the chances when there is nothing else to take.

Blood Poison.

Contagious Blood Poison has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. It is the one disease that physicians cannot cure; they merely palliate and potash remedies only bottle up the poison in the system, to surely break forth in a more virulent form, resulting in a total wreck of the system.

Mr. Frank B. Martin, a prominent jeweler at 926 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C., says: "I was for a long time under treatment of two of the best physicians of this city, for a severe case of blood poison, but my condition grew worse all the while, notwithstanding the fact that they charged me three hundred dollars. My mouth was filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eighteen bottles, I was cured sound and well, my skin was without a blemish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. saved me from a life of misery." S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Books on the disease and its treatment, mailed free by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.



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It is an ill wind that does not help the doctors.

Two bottles of Peto's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 20, 1893.

Any mortal with a vivid imagination can have a fortune.

Just try a 50c box of cascades, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

These are days there are some politics in almost everything.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Welling, Kimball & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Postage paid free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Good advice amounts to nothing unless it is taken in time.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. If you want to quit using tobacco easily and forever, regain lost manhood, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac from your druggist, who will guarantee a cure. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Next time let's run a double man for president.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Several days ago, Col. N. L. Waller, of Mexia, Limestone county, fell and broke for the third time a leg.

William Lyle, living in Houston, was shot in the leg a few days ago, making amputation necessary.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company has purchased the Waxahachie exchange, at Waxahachie, Ellis county.

Will Altea, colored, was arrested recently, charged with burning a school house seven miles north of Tyler, Smith county.

A. Steeley, a trucker at the Katy depot in Denison, had the great toe of his right foot severely mashed the other day, while on duty.

J. S. Gillman reported to the police station a few nights ago that he had been held up in the lower part of Fort Worth and relieved of \$21.

Mr. Frank Hamilton, well known in financial circles at Austin, and a resident of that city, died the other morning from an overdose of morphine.

Two prisoners confined in the county jail at Weatherford, Parker county, attempted to get away recently, but failed, and have been securely lodged again.

Will Nixon, colored, was shot the other evening at Denison by an unknown man, who fled and has not yet been arrested. Cause of the trouble unknown.

Ed Bryant, charged with killing Rip Bryan, a few days ago at Kosse, Limestone county, had an examining trial. He was refused bail, and was taken back to jail.

Davidson & Co., wholesale and retail liquor dealers at Galveston, made an assignment recently. Liabilities \$2,487; assets \$2,250. G. M. Bryan, Jr., was made assignee.

Mr. George Kruser, living near Ledbetter, Fayette county, while leading a wild yearling the other day, was thrown from his horse and his collar bone was broken.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. A. S. Hall, on Rusk avenue, Houston, by cutting the window blinds, the other night, and stole valuable diamonds and other jewelry.

A. Anthony was arrested in Hunt county several days ago and placed under a \$300 bond at Terrell, Kaufman county. He is charged with the theft of two bales of cotton.

The Brush & Gerts Piano company, of Chicago, having a capital stock of \$400,000, was a few days ago granted permission to do business in this state by the secretary of state.

Charles Bregna, living at Gurrett, Ellis county, while handling a small revolver several mornings ago, accidentally discharged the weapon, the ball entering his right foot.

A brilliant meteor shot through the heavens a few nights ago directly over Kaufman, Kaufman county. A long string of light, more brilliant than the moon, followed in its wake.

Sharrif Bell, of Hill county, returned from Fayetteville, Ark., the other night with William Clayton, whom he arrested. Clayton is wanted in Hillsboro on several felony charges.

A burnt clay ballast company has purchased forty acres of land three miles south of Hillsboro, Hill county, and will manufacture ballast for the Katy to improve its roadbeds.

F. E. Redeker, a brakeman on the Fort Worth and Denver, was blown or fell from the top of a car near Henrietta, Clay county, a few days ago, and badly injured. He will recover.

The infant child of Levi Guthrie, a white farmer, living near Luling, Caldwell county, was badly injured in the head several days ago by being run into by a reaper. Recovery doubtful.

The college building at Orange, Orange county, burned a few evenings ago. It was the work of an incendiary. The building, furniture and library, valued for \$5000, insured for \$1500.

Lewis and Ben Hughes and Pink Hall, the three negroes who are charged with being accessory in the killing of J. T. Scott, manager of Fenn's plantation at Duke, Fort Bend county, a short time ago, has been jailed.

Work will begin in a few days on the brick freight depot of the Waco and Northwestern railway, which Receiver Abuel received permission to build in East Waco. New sidetracks are under construction, which will greatly improve facilities.

John Hendricks, of Denver, Col., who was struck by a switching train near the depot at Palestine, Anderson county, the other night, and died from his injuries, was an ex-railroad man, and was in the city hunting work when the accident occurred.

W. L. Seegars, a machine agent, while out hunting a short time ago, three miles from San Angelo, Tom Green county, attempted to go through a wire fence with a target gun and it was discharged, the ball penetrating his stomach, from which he died.

According to a dispatch a Wisconsin woman killed an eagle with a stick-pin. It is understood that at the same time her husband had just succeeded in slaying and skinning a bear with a paper knife, while her youngest son was busy catching sparrows by putting salt on their tails.

Mrs. Cleveland rode behind a run-away team for a short time the other day, and will now be able to appreciate what were her husband's sensations when he tried to guide the team and representatives.

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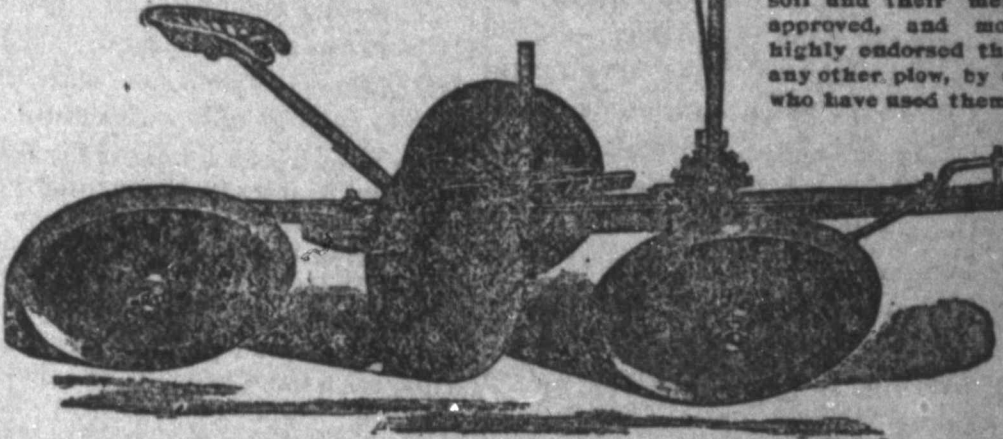
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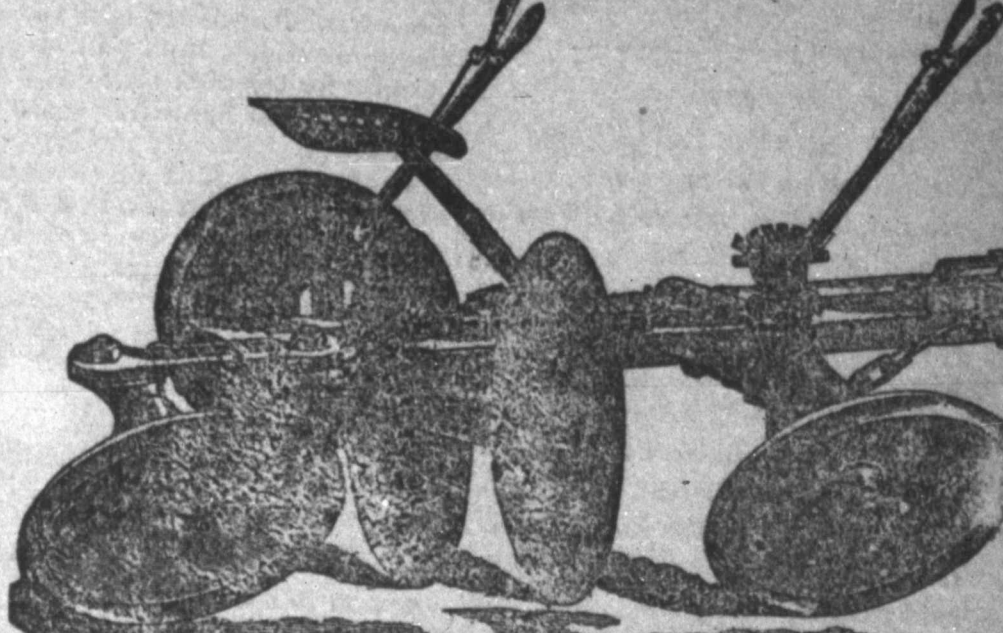
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We are told that reforms are already started in Turkey. But it is so easy to sidetrack them, you know.

A majority of the inhabitants of the earth are happy in the idea that they are martyrs to something or other.

A drought in the northern part of South Australia has made the harvest a total failure. Numbers of farmers are destitute.

Even those who don't believe in long engagements will agree that engagements should be long enough for the two unfortunates to get acquainted with each other.

This is the time of year when it is dangerous to express a casual desire for anything, unless you really want it. If you aren't careful, you may get it for a Christmas present.

A wealthy New Yorker is having a palatial house built which will have many novel improvements in the way of comfort and luxury. Perhaps the most notable of these is a huge swimming tank which will cover the entire roof and which will be used as a skating rink in winter. This is "All the Comforts of a Home," with a vengeance!

Lillian Russell, beautiful but somewhat portly of late, positively announces that she is not going to marry Walter Jones. This is very gratifying news, for the fair prima donna's matrimonial movements have habitually been executed with such unexpected rapidity—and with such an evident taste for variety—that one can never tell what she is going to do, and we should therefore be pleased at being at least informed in this instance, as to what she is not going to do.

A voluble gentleman who has been serving with the Cuban army has returned to this country loaded to the gunwale with stories of Spanish cruelty. He says that while he was a prisoner at the Morro castle the authorities forced all the prisoners to go in swimming daily in order that as many as possible might be eaten by sharks. According to his account this plan worked admirably, as the sharks managed to eat up about as many daily as were freshly brought to the castle, thus enabling the governor to keep his list at about the same figure despite the constantly arriving newcomers.

United States Consul General Karal, 22 St. Petersburg, Russia, has sent to the state department at Washington an extended report of the world's wheat harvest for 1896. He gives the shortage as 185,485,542 bu. The United States, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay, Chili, Australia and East India decrease 165,392,950 bu; Russia, 56,575,467. Countries of consumption—importing—have 37,205,123 bu more than in 1895. Spain and Portugal only have had crops. France has a crop about equal to last year. There is an increase in Italy and Great Britain. The figures appear to be a little mixed, but we give them as received. They show a liberal shortage, that is their value.

Miss Bertha Robinson, a tall Chicago blonde, has traveled all the way to New York to endeavor to extract from one David Weisenberger some \$50,000 worth of broken heartache. He wrote to her as "My Birdie," and in cold black and white asked her mother for permission to marry "your adorable daughter." It would appear from this that the Chicago girl has got a "lead pipe cinch" on the gay but frivolous New Yorker. The chief difficulty in all these matters, however, has been to decide just what the market price of a broken heart actually is. Some girls who appeal to the law in these matters have only had their hearts broken \$5,000 worth, while the Brooklyn lady who was lightly loved by the chewing gum man has suffered, according to her view of the matter, \$100,000 worth of damage to her affections. The calm philosopher is always haunted by a nameless fear that possibly by the extent of the gay Lothario's bank account may in a measure influence the amount of suffering inflicted upon the lady, from which it seems fair to gather that in the present instance Mrs. Weisenberger must be a rich man.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT.

A DOZEN PEOPLE KILLED AND INJURED

By a Bridge Falling—They Had Left the City for a Hay Ride, and When Crossing the Creek the Bridge Gave Way, Causing the Mishap.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 23.—A special from Birmingham, Ala., says:

A party of a dozen young people who left Ensley City early Saturday night in a wagon for a hay ride had their merriment transformed into death and disaster before they had proceeded a mile on their journey. Ten days ago a new bridge was completed across Village creek, near Ensley City. While crossing this structure gave way, precipitating the wagon with its human freight fifteen feet below into the water. Not a person in the vehicle escaped uninjured.

William Shannon, aged about 20, was hurt about the head, which caused concussion of the brain, from which he died yesterday.

Miss Maggie Hartagan was seriously injured about the head and her back was sprained. It is feared that she will die.

Charlie Barnes had his scalp cut open for two inches and received internal injuries, which may result seriously.

The others injured were C. L. Shannon, head badly cut; C. G. Campbell, horribly bruised about the face and body; Ed Blackburn, arm broken; Sam Brown, leg and head cut; Miss Ella Jones, cut and bruised on head and shoulders; Miss Lula Williams, face badly cut; Miss Nellie Blackburn, bruised; Eph Bowie, colored driver, back sprained.

The cause of the accident was that the stringers of the bridge were too short and by constant jarring they gradually worked off the sills. The jar of the wagon Saturday night caused them to fall, letting the entire span down. The water in the creek was six feet deep, so that but for the timely work of those uninjured the young ladies and those most seriously hurt would have been drowned.

The coroner will begin an investigation to-day. There is talk of suits for damage against the county.

George W. Ferris Dead. Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 23.—George G. W. Ferris, who conceived and built the world-famous Ferris wheel, died at the Mercy hospital in this city at 11 o'clock yesterday morning of typhoid fever. His illness has been brief and it was only Friday that he was taken to the hospital. The attending physicians say his system was greatly run down by overwork. His wife came from Canton Saturday that she might be with her husband in his dying moments.

George Ferris was born in Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 14, 1859. When he was very young the family moved to Carson City, Nev., and it was there that the young wheelbuilder spent the years of his early boyhood. In 1876 he came east. He began a course at the Rensselaer polytechnic institute of New York city in that year. In 1881 he graduated with high honors. In 1883 he accepted a position with the Louisville Bridge company of Louisville, Ky. It was while with that company that he first visited Pittsburg. He came here to superintend the construction of the structural steel to be used in the Louisville and Nashville railroad bridge at Henderson, Ky. After the completion of the contract Mr. Ferris engaged in the inspection of structural work on his own account.

In 1887 while pursuing that avocation independently, the firm of G. W. Ferris & Co. of Pittsburg was established. The concern still exists. In 1886 he was married to Miss Beatty of Canton, O. It was in 1892 that Mr. Ferris conceived the idea of the wonderful Ferris wheel that has attracted the attention of all the people of the world and which will go down in history as one of the greatest wonders of the century.

Steamer Burned. Houghton, Mich., Nov. 23.—The steamer B. W. Arnold, on fire and abandoned by her crew, went ashore near the Salmon Trout river, in Lake Superior, yesterday morning. The steamer left Duluth Thursday with a cargo of 800,000 feet of lumber, bound for Chicago, having in tow the schooner Mowatt, also lumber laden. When off Onatagon Saturday about noon, fire was discovered in the deck load in the forward part of the steamer. The crew fought the fire bravely, and every possible effort was made to save the vessel. The work of the crew was ineffective, however, and after five hours battling with the flames, they were compelled to flee before the heat which became unbearable. The crew then boarded the schooner, cut the tow line and the burning steamer was allowed to drift away. She was owned by the Mills Transportation company, of Marysville, Mich. Her valuation is placed at \$45,000.

A Steamer on a Sandbar.

Point Arena, Cal., Nov. 23.—The steamer San Benito, bound from Tacoma to San Francisco, went ashore seven miles north of Point Arena yesterday morning. The steamer struck on a sandbar and broke in two. The San Benito carried forty-four men and during the severe storm Saturday night must have lost her bearings.

The wind blew terrifically and a heavy sea was running. The vessel struck about 1 o'clock in the morning and an hour later broke just aft the smokestack. Boats were lowered, but one capsized immediately with five men in it, four of whom were drowned.

Another boat with four of the crew capsized nine times, losing two men. Three men by heroic means reached the shore. Daylight found the rest of the crew clinging to the rigging. Such a heavy sea is running that it is impossible to render assistance.

Drowned: O. W. Scott, first assistant engineer; F. Condon, second engineer; M. Pendergast, fireman; John Sheridan, messenger boy; one seaman. Thirteen saved so far.

Capt. Smith and twenty-seven of the crew are still in the rigging.

The steamer Point Arena reached the scene at 12 o'clock noon and sent out a boat and by great bravery and skilled seamanship rescued seven men. In making a second trip the boat was almost swamped and compelled to abandon all efforts on account of the great breakers washing over the wreck. A sailor was washed overboard and reached the shore almost dead. He was revived by a doctor on the beach.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a sailor jumped overboard and attempted to swim ashore with a line. The shoulder straps on his life-preserver broke and the man went down. Light-housekeeper Brown and an Indian named Lazarus, William Comprey and Al Cunningham manned a boat and made two heroic efforts to connect the wreck with the shore with a line, but were unsuccessful. The steamers Point Arena and Alcazar are off the wreck, but can render no assistance until the sea calms. A passing steamer landed a gun at Point Arena yesterday afternoon and the line will be shot to the wreck. Both parts of the ship are fast in the sand fifty feet apart. The sailors claim the accident was on account of the foghorn not blowing, but the night was clear and the light could be seen many miles.

Children Burned.

Hamilton, Mo., Nov. 23.—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder New, living five miles north of this city, were burned to death Saturday night. The New dwelling was burned while the parents were attending a dance. When they reached the burning building the father saw his 11-year-old girl lying burning in the front door, clasping her 3-year-old brother in her arms. The flames prevented rescue. The father fell in a swoon and has been a raving maniac ever since. Nora, 9 years old, is the only survivor of the fire. She says that the children at home, Callie, aged 13, Hattie, aged 11, Willie, aged 7, Clarence, aged 5, Julian, 3, and herself retired at the usual hour in an upstairs chamber. The next she knew the fire was coming through the floor and the building was enveloped in flames. She says that all six were aroused. She rushed to the second story window and jumped to the ground, calling to the others to follow, as the fire had cut off escape by the stairway. It is thought the fire was caused by an incendiary.

Will Secure Requisition Papers.

Williamson, W. Va., Nov. 23.—Detectives Clark and Bevins were expected here yesterday to answer for the killing of Anderson and James Mounts last week, while the former was attempting to arrest Anderson Mounts. Owing to the feeling against the officers by the friends of the Mounts, neither of them would leave Pineville, Ky., and cross the state line. It was decided to secure requisition papers at Charleston to-day on the governor of Kentucky, when the officers will be brought here for preliminary hearing.

Train Jumps the Track.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23.—While running at the rate of forty miles an hour the "White City special" of the Big Four route jumped the track Saturday night at Moneo, thirty-four miles from Chicago. The engine and three coaches left the rails, but did not tip over. No one was injured. The mail car, baggage car and express car and smoker followed the locomotive. The smoking car was filled with passengers, but further than a severe shaking up they were not injured.

The Taylor brothers were captured in Colbert county, Alabama, recently and jailed.

The town of Hamilton, Wash., was wracked by floods a few days ago.

At Berne, Ind., recently, two physicians were arrested for poisoning a woman.

AFTER GEN. WEYLER.

INSURGENTS HAVE SET A PRICE ON HIS HEAD.

Reports of a Company of Sixty Texas Rangers anded Lon the Island, Armed With Long Range Rifles, Which Will Carry a Ball Five Miles.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21.—The agent of a western powder and dynamite firm passed through here on his way home from Cuba. He went over on the last expedition of the Dauntless, was transferred with the tug's cargo to a fishing smack in the gulf and was landed at a point sixty miles from Havana. He gave his name as Philip Carroll. He accompanied a cargo of ammunition and bore letters to Cuban leaders on the island. Carroll says that the insurgents have set a price on Gen. Weyler's head and that he will be taken or killed if he gets near the insurgent's lines.

A company of sixty Texas rangers armed with rifles, which will carry a ball five miles, landed on the island three weeks ago and these men are on the outlook at the time for Spanish officers. The rifles, which are Sharp's needle guns with wind gauges and telescopic sights, weigh 28 pounds. The natives can not use them, but an insurgent accompanies each Sharp shooter and carries a field glass. With the glass the native scans the country for officers. When one is found the ranger gets action with his rifle, firing from a rest. These Texans operate chiefly from tree tops. For every officer they kill or fatally wound they get \$1000, and the man who kills Gen. Weyler is to get \$5000. Carroll left Havana on one of the Plant steamships four days ago. He says that the seat of filibustering will be transferred from the south Atlantic coast to the Louisiana and Texas coast on the gulf. The American revenue cutters are keeping too sharp a watch on the Georgia and Florida coasts.

The Ward Trial.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 21.—The trial of A. K. Ward for forgery was yesterday, as it was nearly all of Thursday, taken up with the examination of S. C. Toof, the defendant's father-in-law. Mr. Toof Thursday related how he first knew that Ward ever used a signature wrongfully when he asked about a \$5,000 note adroit in New York bearing Toof's signature. Mr. Toof knew he had never signed such a paper. Mr. Toof related how he had taxed Ward with the business and how the latter had confessed all, pleaded for secrecy, threatened to kill himself if exposure followed, and promised never to do so again.

Mr. Toof, on account of his daughter, Ward's wife, agreed that he would not expose Ward, and told the bank people that he would protect that note. Yesterday Mr. Toof told of the time when Ward was at the point of death at his house in 1895, how they talked over Ward's affairs, how Ward said that his obligations outstanding did not exceed \$20,000, and asked Mr. Toof to take care of that, so as to leave his estate unencumbered, which Mr. Toof promised to do.

Ward recovered, and made out for Mr. Toof a list of his liabilities, amounting to \$19,000, which amount Mr. Toof paid, in accordance with the promise made by Ward.

After June 20, 1895, Mr. Toof never indorsed any paper for Ward. Mr. Toof said he had a couple of interviews with Ward on the day of the latter's flight, but had no intimation of the professed movements of Ward. Asked if he had taken up any notes since Ward fled to Honduras, Mr. Toof said: "I believe I have taken up but two notes since Ward fled the city, and I have declared my signature on all the other \$80,000 or \$90,000 outstanding to be a forgery, and I have pleaded non est factum to all suits brought to recover them. The forged signatures are imitation of my signature. Some are good imitations and some are not."

Verdict of Not Guilty.

Eureka, Kan., Nov. 21.—The notorious Frazer murder case came to an end Thursday night, when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty as to defendants Liechlighter, Cox and McBoe, which also disposes of the charges against several other defendants who had demanded separate trials. On motion of the county attorney the case against F. S. Olney, charged with the murder of Gibson, Frazer's partner, was also dismissed.

John S. Frazer and W. B. Gibson, drovers of Southern Kansas, incurred the enmity of a large number of cattlemen by bringing in cattle from south of the Texas fever line. Both were brutally murdered in the year 1891. Frazer was found in his pasture, he having been stabbed nine times. Gibson was murdered in a hotel at Molins, Kan. Over a dozen drovers were arrested as a result of the two murders. Upon the first trial of the men just acquitted the jury disagreed.

Three Suspects Arrested.

New York, Nov. 21.—The central office of detectives have made three additional arrests in connection with the death of Frank P. Arbuckle of Denver. The prisoners are George Stevens, a saloonkeeper; Joseph Davidson, a stenographer, and Frederick Menger, a bartender. The men are said to have been seen with Arbuckle on the night before his death.

The investigations of the detectives disclosed the fact that on Wednesday evening Arbuckle was in Luchow's saloon at One Hundred and Fortieth street and Irving Place, in company with the other three men named. Stevens was the first to be taken. He at first denied having been in Luchow's saloon with Arbuckle. As he was talking to Capt. O'Brien a detective walked in with Davidson. Davidson at once recognized Stevens and said to him: "Hello, are you here in this case, too?" Stevens, according to Police Capt. O'Brien, seemed nettled when this remark was made to him.

When Davidson was searched one of Arbuckle's cards was found on his person. Davidson admitted having met Arbuckle Wednesday night and said they had arranged a meeting for yesterday. This was why Mr. Arbuckle had given him his card, he said.

After this story was told another detective walked in with the prisoner, Menger. All three then admitted having seen Arbuckle in Luchow's saloon on Wednesday night. They denied, however, having gone up town with him. Menger said that Stevens was trying to get Arbuckle to go to Harlem with him "to go against a brace game." He did not know whether Stevens had succeeded in getting Arbuckle away. The three prisoners were arraigned in the Harlem police court yesterday and held for further examination.

Governor Will Take Action.

Leadville, Col., Nov. 21.—The most important move yet made by the striking miners was yesterday announced on what is considered reliable authority. That statement is that the governor had decided to take summary measures to suppress further violence here and to bring the strike to an end, as it is said, caused the officers of the union, with the backing of the western federation of miners, to decide to play a card which they think will force the mine managers to come to their terms under pressure from the managers of mines in other districts of the state.

The union has sent emissaries to all other unions in the state to urge them, to inaugurate at once a sympathetic strike, thus tying up all the mines in the state. Cripple Creek and Telluride are to take the initiative and other unions will follow rapidly.

In this connection it is stated upon authority that the mine managers of Montana have decided upon making a reduction in wages of 50 cents a day very soon, and this is expected to precipitate a strike by the largest miners' union in the country. The Montana unions have been contributing liberally in aid to the Leadville strikers, but with a strike imminent in their camp it is believed they will hereafter need to keep all their money at home.

Encounter With Bandits.

Separ, N. M., Nov. 21.—Deputy United States Marshal McClintchey has had a fight with Black Jack's bandits, killing the notorious Bob Hayes and wounding George Muagrove, alias Jeff Davis, who escaped. None of the posse were injured. Black Jack, Frank Anderson, Neil George and another escaped, and the posse are in pursuit. The fight occurred at Deer creek, about thirty miles south of Separ, off the Southern Pacific.

This is said to be the most desperate gang that ever infested Arizona. They commenced operations in July last, since which time they have held up Separ twice, and White Oak stage, robbing the mail four times; Nogales bank, Tevison postoffice, San Simon postoffice, station and store, Stein's station, Central postoffice, and attempted to hold up a train on the Atlantic and Pacific, in which their leader, Cole Young, was killed. During their reign of terror they have killed four men and a line rider, who with a posse pursued them after the attempted bank robbery at Nogales; Parker, a ranchman, news from the battle field is expected hourly.

Bible Superintendents in Session.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 21.—Seventeen of the twenty-one district superintendents of the American Bible society met in executive session here for the purpose of listening to and discussing modifications of the plan of work at present pursued by the various superintendents. The society is increasing its scope and now has 1900 auxiliaries in the United States, and is carrying on the work in twelve foreign fields. The society is in its 81st year. It has distributed nearly 62,000,000 copies of the holy word. In the last fifteen years \$2,100,000 has been expended in foreign work.

A FEARFUL ACCIDENT

MANY PEOPLE WOUNDED BY A PLATFORM GIVING WAY.

Thirty People and 3000 Bales of Cotton Were on the Compress Platform When It Went Down With a Terrible Crash. Frank P. Arbuckle Dead.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 20.—A special from Macon, Ga., says: Thirty people, 3,000 bales of cotton and hundreds of tons of heavy timber all went down in one loud crash at 7:30 o'clock last night at the Central railroad compress in this city. Fourteen injured people, all employees of the compress, have been removed from the wreckage, but it is thought others are beneath the cotton and timber, and if so they are dead, or will be before they can be extricated. The injured are:

Joe Price, hip crushed.
Holmes Little, right leg mashed.
Ark Dickens, right hip mashed.
Robert Choise, shoulder crushed.
Freeman Jamison, face cut.
John Williams, face cut.
Lake Williams, head badly bruised.
H. D. Thomas, shoulder badly bruised.
Wash Burnett, face burned.
Will Garrett, cut over left eye.
Jim Brown, left leg badly mashed.
J. A. Carver, leg mashed.

Superintendent A. A. Gordon was in the middle of the platform superintending the trucking of cotton, and went down in the midst of all, but by a miraculous escape received only bruises on the leg and arm. Several employees are missing, and it is feared they are beneath the wreck. The platform was twenty feet high, 850 feet long and 140 feet wide. Over 500 feet gave way without warning, the supports being rotten. It is believed that two teams and their drivers were caught beneath the platform, as it extended over Poplar street, a public thoroughfare, and the teams are said to have been seen going under the platform just before it fell. So great was the noise made by the falling platform that it was heard a distance of a mile, and many people in the neighborhood were badly frightened. All the injured were taken to their homes and to hospitals and given attention by surgeons, who pronounced the injuries of some as fatal. The wrecked platform covers several acres of ground, and presents an appalling sight in the night. It will cost thousands of dollars to replace the platform. The hunt for the dead bodies supposed to be buried beneath the wreckage will not begin until to-day, as derricks and other appliances for raising the cotton and timbers can not be procured before then. The damage to the machinery and engines was slight.

Frank P. Arbuckle Dead.

New York, Nov. 20.—Frank P. Arbuckle, of Denver, Col., was found in an unconscious condition, lying in an obscure place near a vacant lot, just off the sidewalk, in a lot of weeds, on the west side of Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-second, at 2:45 yesterday morning. He died in the patrol wagon on the way to a station house, without regaining consciousness.

That the man was garrotted, robbed and murdered is believed from incidents which occurred a short time previous to his being discovered lying in the weeds.

The ambulance surgeon who was called upon the finding of the dying man, gave it as his opinion that he was suffering from heart disease. The police, however, are of the opinion that the man came to his death at the hands of thugs.

Ten minutes before Arbuckle was found, a policeman passed the place on his beat, and he asserts positively that there was no one there then. Arbuckle was about 50 years old, five feet nine inches tall and weighed about 220 pounds, and in his attire had the appearance of being a prosperous business man. He wore a black diagonal suit of clothes of fine material, which bore the name of the maker, "J. A. Merriam, Fond du Lac, Wis."

Evading Arrest.

Williamson, West Va., Nov. 20.—J. H. Clark, the detective who recently arrested the notorious Cap Hatfield, is now himself fleeing from the vengeance of the Mounts and their friends. Clark and M. S. Bevins undertook the arrest at Delorme, Anderson Mounts, who sometime ago killed his cousin in Kentucky, and for whom a reward was offered. They found Mounts in custody with his father, charged with some infraction of the West Virginia law. He refused to be arrested and the usual battle ensued. Clark and Bevins killed Mounts and mortally wounded his father.

Realizing that they had made a mistake in trying to arrest a man already in custody, the detectives fled. Friends of the Mounts at once offered a reward for the detectives, and a party was strated in hot pursuit. The pursuers managed to shoot Clark in the shoulder, but have not yet captured him.

A Grand Ball.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 20.—The second great social event of the season in St. Louis was the sixth annual ball of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which was given at the Merchants' exchange last night.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, the venerable widow of the leader of the confederacy, and her daughter, Miss Winnie Davis, were the guests of honor. The hall was elaborately decorated with the national colors and flowers, with few drapings of gray. At 8:45 o'clock Mrs. Davis entered the hall, escorted by Gen. D. M. Frost and Mr. Arthur Lee. Miss Winnie Davis followed with Dr. P. G. Robinson and Mr. L. D. Rozier. They were met at the entrance by Mrs. M. A. E. McClure, state president of the D. O. C., and Mrs. Leroy B. Valliant. After Mrs. Davis and Miss Davis had been escorted to a seat of honor they held a levee. The ladies' reception committee, who assisted Miss Davis, consisted of Mrs. M. A. E. McClure, Mrs. Randolph R. Hutchinson, Mrs. J. L. D. Morrison, Mrs. William H. Lee, Mrs. Luther Conn, Mrs. John O. Delaney, Mrs. Adolphus Busch and Mrs. Hough. Each of them was assisted by ten young matrons and ten young ladies.

As Mrs. Davis and her daughter entered the hall the band played "Dixie." The attendance was said to be larger than at any other of the balls given by the association. There were many present from adjoining cities.

Peace Must be Preserved.

New York, Nov. 20.—A dispatch from Panama says: The governor of Panama, Senor Arango, has received an official cable message from the national government at Bogota, signed by the minister of foreign affairs, conveying important instructions as to the preservation of order during the celebration of independence on the isthmus, which begins on Nov. 23.

The governor is ordered to suppress all attempts to subvert or in any way disturb public order during the fetes. The message particularly refers to the display of Cuban flags, and anti-Spanish demonstrations are to be prohibited. The governor is also authorized in this connection to expel all foreigners who make such demonstrations. Public opinion is much at variance in regard to the order. Some think that the decree is judicious on account of the existing animosity between the Cubans and Spaniards here, and that it is a good preventive measure. Others censure the measure, declaring it to be anti-patriotic, against the rights of the people and unworthy of the republican government.

The decree states that Colombia desires to stand neutral in Cuban affairs, and can not tolerate any antagonistic manifestations against either of the contending parties.

Ward Trial Continues.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 20.—Very good progress was made yesterday in the Ward case, and it is now possible to form some idea of the future course of the trial. It now seems as though the state will get direct testimony to-night, or before Saturday noon at the latest, and the introduction of evidence for the defense will begin.

There is no reason to doubt that the first witness that will be introduced for the defense will be the defendant, A. K. Ward himself, who will for the first time since his flight to Honduras, open his mouth about those things that have been the subject of speculation in the public mind ever since the sensational became known.

Several witnesses were examined yesterday, the most important being S. C. Toof, the father-in-law of A. K. Ward, the defendant. Mr. Toof testified in substance that in 1893 Ward confessed having forged a \$5,000 note on the Mechanics' National bank of New York. Witness said that at Ward's earnest solicitation, and for family reasons, he protected the note.

A Murderer's Work.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 20.—James H. Childs was shot and killed by John Miller, a carpenter, while attempting to prevent the latter from committing another murder. Chased by drink and jealousy, Miller called at the residence of Miss Nellie Ryan, on Clementina street, with the intention of killing her. The first shot from his pistol, fired as she opened the door to admit him, missing her, she rushed into the street and called Childs, who was passing, for protection. He tried to prevent Miller from shooting again, but exasperated by his interference Miller turned upon him and shot him through the head, killing him. Before he could renew his attempt on the girl the murderer was arrested.

The sum of \$11,000 in specie was stolen from the Carthagona railroad, Colombia, recently.

Old Bachelor—Don't care to marry. Miss Smith, eh? Prefer to keep your liberty? Miss Smith—Nonsense! I intend to do both when I get a good chance.

A WOMAN WOUNDED.

SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN WHITE MAN.

He Called at the House for Something to Eat, and Without Warning He Began Shooting at Her Husband, but Missed His Aim and Shot Her.

La Grange, Tex., Nov. 23.—Saturday night about dusk an unknown white man came to the house of Mr. Nat Sawyer, of Toledo, Fayette county, asking for some corn and afterwards for water and something to eat. When Mr. Sawyer proceeded to attend to the wishes of the stranger the latter, without warning, drew a pistol and shot at Mr. Sawyer several times, but missed him. Two of the shots wounded Mrs. Sawyer, who was near her husband, one ball passing through the flesh of her arm, above the elbow and the other wounding her in the neck. Sheriff Loessin is out investigating the matter.

A Peculiar Case.

Kaufman, Tex., Nov. 23.—There was rather a peculiar case before the county court Saturday. Tom Mathis, a negro boy, had been tried and convicted on a charge of theft of \$6. The statute provides that theft under \$50 shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed two years and in addition there may be a fine in any sum not to exceed \$500. The jury found Mathis guilty of theft and assessed a fine of \$50, without any imprisonment attached. The case was carried the second time before the county court on a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that the negro was being held under a void judgment. Judge John Vesey held in the matter that it was not such a case as could be reached on habeas corpus, and that his remedy lay in an appeal and that the judgment was not void, but voidable. There is now a motion in arrest of judgment.

Mistaken Identity.

Navasota, Tex., Nov. 22.—The man supposed to be Kugadt, who created so much excitement Friday and day before up about Millican, quietly walked into town yesterday morning. He proved to be an inoffensive German shoemaker, who could speak no English. His baggage consisted of a pair of shoe lasts, which probably made his pursuers believe he was Kugadt, as Kugadt was also a shoemaker, although this man was a fair and smooth-faced young fellow and bore no resemblance to Kugadt, who was dark and gray. The fellow had become lost in the bottom, and was wandering around, and being thoroughly unscrupulous, ran every time he was approached. His vocabulary of English was limited, but he made up for it by his voluble story in German of his travels in the wilds of Brazos county.

The town is full of crestfallen officers, who did not earn a \$300 reward. Public Park Movement. Port Worth, Tex., Nov. 23.—A movement has been inaugurated here looking to the establishment of a public park. The sum of \$100 has already been donated toward the enterprise. The idea is to ask the permission of the city to use twenty acres of ground on the Arlington Heights street railway, immediately west of the city, for the purpose. There is already a heavy growth of timber on the land in question, and with, say \$500, it is claimed, the undergrowth can be cleared away and the spot located. Again, it is the intention to have the city furnish the water for such a park or else sink an artesian well.

War Nearly at an End.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 23.—On the steamship Leona, from Key West, arrived in this city on his way to Mexico, in commission, was Lieut. Col. Jose Perez, of the Cuban army. He takes important communications to the sub-delegate of Mexico City from the Cuban government. Lieut. Col. Perez had an interview with Subdelegate Luis Penes for Texas and Mr. John Manes, president of the Galveston and Cuba club of this city. Mr. Perez left Saturday night for Mexico. He said the war was nearly ended, with the victory for Cuba libre.

New Iron Bridge.

Bryan, Tex., Nov. 23.—The iron work on the new bridge across the Brazos river at Pitt's ferry has been completed, and the bridge will doubtless be finished within the next fortnight. The promoters of the enterprise are contemplating a grand celebration, to take place on the formal opening of the bridge to travel. This gives Bryan three iron bridges across the Brazos in the trade territory tributary to this point.

Injured Improving.

Paris, Tex., Nov. 23.—The three persons injured in the collision of the street car and a Frisco switch engine in the yards here Saturday morning were reported as resting easy last night. It is now thought that all of them will recover.

Weyler Frightened.

New York, November 24.—The World has a dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., as follows:

A cipher cablegram from Havana to a Cuban leader here says that General Weyler has been forced to return to Havana and that the city is in great confusion. Weyler gives no excuse, it is said, except that it is too hot and unhealthy to do any fighting.

It is openly asserted in Havana that Weyler became frightened because Maceo had set a price upon his head or his capture.

Weyler's scouts informed him that Maceo might make an attempt on Havana and the Spanish general retreated in hot haste to the safety of his palace.

It is also stated in the cablegram that Weyler's recall is now assured as the Spanish government is incensed against him for his dilatory tactics.

Cubans here are jubilant, for they think this will have a favorable effect upon congress.

International Dam Project.

El Paso, Texas, November 24.—Captain Derby, representing the United States, and Senor Y. Barrala, chief engineer of the international dam commission for Mexico, agreed yesterday upon a report recommending the construction of a dam and reservoir across the Rio Grande at this point for the storage of flood waters for irrigation purposes. General Manager Frey of the Santa Fe railroad was here yesterday in consultation with Colonel Mills, the United States boundary commissioner, relative to the cost of moving the Santa Fe track back from the river to the foot hills to get the railroad out of the way of the reservoir, which is to be two miles wide and fifteen miles long. It is understood that Mr. Frey and Colonel Mills agreed on the cost of removing the tracks.

Water and Light Project.

Hempstead, Texas, November 24.—Colonel W. H. Dickerson of this city is now getting up subscribers for water and electric lights. The plant is to be put in by Colonel L. A. Ellis, who a short while ago submitted a proposition to the Hempstead Waterworks company to take off their hands the artesian well now being bored and to push it to a successful termination. The citizens are to put up a bonus of \$2500 and to take 500 electric lights and 300 hydrants. Of the \$2500 bonus about \$2200 was raised in one day and as there is no doubt about the required lights and hydrants being subscribed for the venture may be put down as an accomplished fact.

Some capitalists are in the city today with a view of putting in another bank.

Perfect Train Service.

Houston, Texas, November 24.—The Southern Pacific company has perfected arrangements by which Texas is put into close communication with northern and eastern points. The company now has in operation a through buffet drawing room sleeping car line between Galveston and Washington, D. C., affording practically through sleeper service to New York and intermediate points. Reservations in through car may be secured on application to ticket agents of Southern Pacific company, either at Houston or Galveston.

Masonic Grand Lodge, Dec. 1.

On November 29 and 30, the Houston and Texas Central railroad will put on reduced rates to Houston, according to meeting, as follows:

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For further particulars call on your local agent or address M. L. Robbins general passenger agent, Houston.

Canadian Free Trade.

London, November 24.—The Times, referring to the colonial cable conference in London, expresses both the belief that the Pacific cable and steamship projects are on the way toward completion.

In noting the tendency of South Africa and Canada in the direction of free trade rather than protection, the Times says: There are signs deserving a careful consideration and give occasion to pause before too hastily associating the imperial sympathies with the acceptance of the principles of fiscal protection.

Bryan Coming to Texas.

Mexia, Texas, November 24.—It now seems certain that Hon. William Jennings Bryan will come to Texas. It is given out that Secretary A. M. Kennedy of the state democratic executive committee will direct Mr. Bryan's Texas tour, which is limited to three dates.

John Wallace of Cuero, working at the compress, lost an eye a few days since by a band bursting from a bale of cotton, striking him in the eye. Another of the colored hands had his hand severely mashed.

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Expelled But Not Disgraced

The boys of Freshfield school, at which Frank Leicester had been but a few weeks, hardly knew what to make of that young gentleman. Born and reared in Texas, he had all the characteristics of the typical American boy, though his parents were English.

Dying within a few weeks of each other, they had left him to the care of his relatives in the old country, who placed him under Doctor Polluck to have him fitted for English commercial life.

He apparently neither knew nor cared anything about cricket or fives; but at running and swimming he had proved himself equal to the best; and he was already looked to for ideas when mischief was brewing.

His latest proposal was causing a great commotion. Imbued with the Yankee spirit, he wanted to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Like true Britons, the whole school had at first objected. But when Frank vaguely hinted of the many new fireworks that he would show them how to make, and dilated on the fun they could have with them at this time of the year, their patriotism cooled, and most of them agreed to assist him.

The elder boys, however, jealous of Frank's growing popularity, did all they could to suppress the scheme. There had been many angry disputes, for Frank, accustomed to leading, chafed under opposition; and a crowd was now fiercely wrangling over the matter round the cricket pavilion.

"Who cares tuppence about the Fourth of July?" said Pelling, their vice-captain and the principal objector. "I don't know anything about the Fourth of July."

"Or anything else, I guess," put in Frank, aggressively. "Look here, you fellows; you're as good as Americans"—Pelling protested—"Well, nearly as good; anyhow, you're not duffers to stand out when there's such mighty fun about."

"Fourth of July be bothered!" shouted young Jackson. "I vote for the fun."

"Fun!" said Pelling; "all rot, I—"
But the Texan would stand no more. "Tell you what," said he, beginning to take off his coat; "if you can lick me, I reckon the thing can slide."

Pelling was ready enough; in a moment he threw off his coat, and faced his challenger.

But it was not to be. Jackson, senior, their captain, stepped between them. The doctor had asked him to keep an eye on Frank; and the youngster looked no match for Pelling, who was one of the best fighters in the school.

"What's the odds, Pelling?" said he. "Blow the Fourth of July! Let him have his fireworks if he wants them."

The boys, though ever eager for a fight, backed up their captain; and Frank being well content with this compromise, the matter was amicably settled.

For the next few days Frank was hard at work. Nearly all were ready to assist him, but only a faithful few were permitted to have a hand in the arrangements.

They made several surreptitious journeys into the town, and had quickly collected all the necessary materials. At every available moment mysterious



"HELP! BRING THE ESCAPE."

meetings were being held in the out-house abutting the left wing of the school, the rest of the boys loyally combining to keep all knowledge of the proceedings from the authorities.

It was the evening of the third; and Frank's preparations were practically complete. As soon after tea as possible, he and his assistants slipped one by one to their temporary workshop, and were now putting the final touches to their creations.

"Hallo, young Jackson, what are you doing with that fuse?" said Frank, looking up from the set-piece he had just finished. "Don't waste it, you little idiot; we shall want that to-morrow."

He snatched the burning fuse from the boy's hand, and throwing it on the ground, put his foot on it. The supper bell then ringing, their things were packed away in Frank's locker, and the boys trooped off to the dining hall.

Pelling ran against Frank in the doorway.

"I say, Mr. Yankee Doodle, you haven't told us how you're going to let 'em off," he jeered.

Frank hadn't thought of that, so took refuge in a lofty silence.

"No talking," was the rule during supper-time, but as soon as that meal was over, the point raised by Pelling was eagerly discussed.

"Fine specimen of Yankee cuteness!" laughed he. "You won't dare to let them off."

"Won't I dare?" said Frank. "I'll show you—"

Suddenly cries of "Fire! fire!" and of women's screams from the kitchen, made every boy's heart stand still. The next moment they were all rushing pell-mell down stairs.

"My stars!" shouted Frank; "it's the outhouse. I reckon they'll go off now."

He was right. There was a sudden explosion, and immediately the outhouse burst into a mass of flames.

The doctor was heard above the babel of voices.

"Run for the engine—you, Jackson!" Jackson made off to the town; but in an incredibly short space of time the whole wing appeared to be in flames—masters, boys and domestics gazing helplessly at the conflagration.

The next few minutes seemed an age to them, for they could do absolutely nothing.

"Keep back, boys. Here they come!" the doctor shouted, as the noise of the approaching engine was heard.

Suddenly an excited figure pushed its way through the crowd; and Mr. Joyce, the junior master, made a rush for the burning doorway.

"Come back, Mr. Joyce, come back!" was the cry taken up on all sides.

But the master dashed on; and only a few heard his "My papers! my papers!" as he disappeared into the smoke.

The fire brigade was already getting to work, and all was bustle and excitement.

"Is there anyone in the house?" demanded their captain.

He was answered by a cry from the boys. The unfortunate Mr. Joyce, his retreat cut off by the rapidly advancing flames, appeared at an upper window.

"Help! help!" he shouted; "bring the escape!"

But the fierce flames, bursting through the lower windows, rendered the escape useless. It was death for him to remain there; already the room beneath him was well alight; and the crowd gazed horror-stricken at the master's desperate plight.

But British firemen are never beaten. A yell of delight went up as one of the plucky fellows was seen clambering along the roof, with a rope attached to his body. To fasten one end to a chimney-stack, slide down to the coping, and lower the other to the master, was the work of a few seconds.

Cheer after cheer rang out as through the smoke the two were seen standing together away from all reach of the devouring flames.

By this time the efforts of the firemen were meeting with their reward; and though it was a hard struggle, they managed to keep the fire from the rest of the building.

Just before midnight the flames were finally subdued, and the boys sent the firemen off with three hearty cheers.

"Lucky for us it isn't in the dormitories," remarked Frank, as he turned into bed that night—or rather early the next morning; "though it doesn't matter much to me, I suppose. Guess I shall be like my fireworks, and go off suddenly."

A few of them laughed feebly, but the rest took too serious a view of Frank's situation to appreciate his joke.

"My word," said young Jackson, softly, to himself, "won't there be a row to-morrow?"

There was a hush of expectancy over all when the school assembled the next morning, and the boys hardly dared to breathe when the doctor rose to address them.

Quietly and impressively he spoke, dwelling on the seriousness of the previous night's events, and then, suddenly holding up the charred case of a squib, said:

"Now, boys, one of the firemen brought this to me. Which of you has been making fireworks?"

For a moment no one spoke.

"Come, boys," the doctor added, sternly, "which of you has been making fireworks?"

"Now for explosion number two," muttered Frank. "Here goes. Please, sir, it was me."

A sigh of mingled relief and admiration escaped from the boys as they realized that their leader in the enterprise meant to take the responsibility.

"How comes this, Leicester?" the doctor demanded. "What were you doing with fireworks?"

"They were for the Fourth, sir," replied Frank. "I made them to celebrate it, sir."

The doctor looked mystified.

"But do you mean to say that you let them off in the out-house?"

"No, sir; I was keeping them for today."

"But how came they alight?" thundered Doctor Polluck. "Fireworks don't light themselves."

"I don't know, sir," faltered Frank.

"I am sure I put them away quite safely."

"I need hardly point out what the result of this must be," said the doctor, turning to the boys. "This is a most serious matter for all concerned in it. As for Leicester, who is obviously the leader, it is quite impossible that his name should remain on the books of this school."

"I am very sorry," said Frank, tearfully. "But it was all my fault."

"No, it wasn't!"

The whole school turned, startled by this sudden interruption.

'Twas Pelling, stung into speech by the manly way in which Leicester was taking the blame.

"What does this mean, Pelling?" Pelling, flushing and paling by turns, looked a pitiable object.

"I did it, sir," he gasped; "I wanted to spoil his fun!"

"This is most extraordinary," said the doctor. "Did what?"

"Set fire to them, sir. I found a bit of fuse alight in the outhouse after he'd gone, and I threw it in his locker."

And, fairly overcome by the terrible result of his spite, he burst out blubbering.

The boy's evident distress so moved Doctor Polluck that he said little more. Sending the two boys to his study, he dismissed the school.

Both Leicester and Pelling were expelled, though even Dr. Polluck felt a touch of regret at the loss of his two black sheep. At Freshfield school their names will never be forgotten, for the boys consider that their behavior in the hour of trial more than atoned for their previous misdeeds.

ELECTRIC CARS.

To Be Used in Connection with the Manchester Ship Canal.

The motor car has long been a familiar sight in the streets of Paris, and the French have shown great ingenuity in the invention and improvement of the different types of this convenient vehicle. It seems not unlikely that before long it will be as great a favorite in England as it is in France.

A scheme is on foot to supersede a large number of the London omnibuses by electric vehicles. It is said that the electric omnibus is to surpass in comfort and spaciousness anything of the kind hitherto constructed.

Moreover, the service will be quicker, and the banishment of the horse will make the roads cleaner and less unhealthful, more particularly as nearly all the main thoroughfares in London are paved with wood. The motor car is to be a leading factor in another great enterprise. The grip of Liverpool on the shipping trade has been so loosened by the competition of Manchester that the ship owners and the merchants of the city have become alive to the necessity of taking measures to retain their trade. They propose to introduce motor cars, each of which shall be capable of drawing three wagons, carrying ten tons of produce. The wagons are to be loaded at the ship's side, and the special advantages of their use will be that goods can in this way be conveyed without transfer to other vehicles direct to the warehouse, wherever it may be situated. The ordinary highways will be utilized, for this purpose and no rails need be laid. It is expected that by this means the cost of conveying merchandise to and from Manchester and other towns will be reduced to a point with which the ship canal cannot compete, and the further expectation is that the railway companies will be compelled in self-defense to lower their rates, which again will tell against the ship canal. It is believed that a fully loaded train of three wagons can be drawn at a uniform speed of six miles an hour. Another proposed application of the motor car is that now under discussion by the town council of Dover, Kent, for devoting a number of horseless vehicles to the street scavenging service of the town.

Skunk Oil.

An Iowa expert gives the following information concerning the origin of skunk oil: "As I live in a district where the skunk is only too well known, perhaps I may be able to answer your correspondent's question about the origin of skunk oil, commonly sold in the drug stores around us as a remedy for rheumatism. Skunks lie in their holes during the winter, never appearing above ground excepting on very fine days. Before retiring under ground they become well loaded with fat. When killed, by drowning them by filling up their holes with water, they are dug out without producing any offensive odor. The 'sting bag' is removed, the skin is secured, and then the fat is taken out and treated just as the fat of a hog is treated in making lard. The preparation of skunk oil is a profitable industry during the winter months. A German family near my residence does a considerable business in its preparation every year."

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"There's no doubt about it; Jack is dead in love with you." "You're sure of it, are you?" "Sure of it? Of course I am. Hasn't he lent your young brother his bicycle?"—Truth.

Organized labor has won another victory over the Carnegie company. The labor unions of Detroit, at the instigation of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, insisted upon the material for the new Wayne County building being made in a union mill. The commissioners agreed to this, and when the bids were opened a few days since the offer of the Carnegie company, although below all other bids, was thrown out, and the contract awarded to a union concern.

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Did you ever think that you couldn't run a paper on wind and water? If you think you can, come round and try it.

Judge Burnett is holding court at Palestine. D. A. Nunn Jr. is in attendance on court there, Judge Gill will qualify about the last of December.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

The idea of a City Council or Mayor turning out a part of the shade trees at the school campus to make a horse rack! What do they care for a tree anyway?

When you subscribed for the town clock were you joking or were you in earnest? If the latter, come up with the money and not let some one else suffer for your failure to do your part.

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.

W. C. Teter who has been getting up the Tram & Lumber Company has called a meeting for December 12th at the Court House for the purpose of organizing. He has been absent for a while on account of his health.

Frank Bodenhamer keeps the choicest fruits, nuts, fresh grapes, and all kinds of confectioneries. He also keeps the leading brands of cigars, cigarettes and chewing tobacco. Stand in Mangum's feed store. Call on him.

Miss Daisie Goggan who has been visiting in the city for the past several days has returned to her home in Galveston. She was accompanied by Mrs. A. H. Wootters who will stay to hear the famous Nordica who is to sing at that place.

We carry in stock everything usually sold in a first-class lumber yard at prices to suit the times, and if you appreciate good goods and promptness in filling orders don't fail to place your orders with us.

Houston County Lumber Co.

When you get through reading this paper ask yourself if you have paid for it. If you have not, then ask yourself if you can run your business or do your work on nothing but wind. We can't get out a paper unless those who subscribe for it pay up. Think about this and then come round and settle.

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Chesham's Tasteless Chilli Tonic. It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood purifier. Only 50 cents.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Just received at the CASH STORE 2 CARS TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 2 CARS SACKED CORN, 2 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.

Bought Bargains Still Selling!

Those who have eyes do not believe all they hear when they see different. So it is not necessary for us to say through ignorance that the great commercial wheel is pending in our store. The world is too large for one man or one State to either start or stop this wheel and the little man whose heart has swoolen for his competitors whether through sympathy or sarcasm can make no impression and would reach the shore quicker to row his own boat. We handle first class goods and make no misrepresentation. The following goods can be found in our store just as described.

Staples.

Good weight full yard wide L L brown domestic not a few yards for a few cents but come and get a bolt at 3 1/2 cts. per yard. Full width wire twist round thread cotton stripes 35 yards for \$1. extra heavy and wide cotton stripes worth 6 cts. our price 4 cts. yd. or 25 yards for \$1.00 Extra heavy shirting worth 7 1/2 cents going for 5 cents yard or 20 yards for \$1.00 Irish Frize for skirts in colors gray and pink worth and sold for 15 cts our price 10 cents yard. Here is a bargain in Lincy never known in Crockett before all in beautiful colors strictly every thread wool filled, worth and never known to sell for less than 18c, the price of these goods are 12 1/2c pr yd or 8 yds for \$1.00. Extra heavy all wool each way twilled red flannel, worth and is sold for 16 1/2c, our price 12 1/2c per yd or 8 yds for \$1.

Listen here—We have bought an unequalled bargain—and here we are selling a bargain—best guaranteed all wool filled jeans worth and always sold for 33 1/2c, our bargain price 25c per yd in any quantity. Don't pay 6 and 7c per yd for calico when you can come to our store and buy all the best brands in oil colors Solid or Figured

Hamilton, Simpson's and all of the best brands for 5 cents a yard or 20 yds for \$1.00. If you want cheap calico call for it. Yard wide Bleach Domestic, but rather starchy, 3c a yd in any quantity—better grade yd wide bleach, free from starch 4 1/2.

Hamilton Alpaca Worsted in colors black, navy blue, tan, light and dark gray brown blue and red worth 9 and 10c now going in any quantity at 5c pr yd.

Call and see our \$1.35 dress pattern it will match any \$2.00 dress you ever bought in color, quality and style.

First grade of imported silk Henrietta, full 45 inches wide, never sold for less than \$1.00, now to be sold at 65c per yd, in gray, drab, maroon, and red. Same in black and navy blue, 38 in wide 65c per yd.

Hats.

Just arrived a most complete line of hats in all the newest shapes and quality first class only. We do not carry seconds or old hats worked over in John B. Stetsons goods we only handle them direct from his factory. It is a well known fact that he has one price only on these goods. It is supposed that any man who knows

what a John B. Stetson hat is does not care to buy an old hat worked over. Therefore we only handle his goods direct from his factory. Call and see our new line just received in all the new colors and shapes at the lowest possible prices.

Underwear.

A full line of cotton and wool underwear medium heavy weight in all colors, heavy wool over shirts light weight wool over shirts heavy work shirts all at prices that will induce you to buy.

Blankets.

Ten quarter blankets, cotton 45c each, extra heavy all wool ten quarter red blankets (Loretto brand) worth \$2.50 our price \$1.50.

School Children.

We have plenty of slate pencils 35 for 5 cents.

Also, Tablets for ink or pencil.

Two 2 oz bottles of Daniel's black ink for 5 cents.

Plenty of the bone collar buttons 36 for 5 cents.

Shoes.

Ladies Glove grain button or lace all solid worth 95c, our price 65c pr., better grades 75, 95 to \$1.25 full line of childrens school shoes

heavy oil grain, no seam in back well sewed and rivited in front at prices.

Ladies remember the John Kelly shoe is only sold by McLean & Wilson.

Clothing.

For the want of room we cannot describe our clothing as we would like: Boys knee suits 4 to 14 from 30c to \$4.50. Mens suits good weight well made, any size 34 to 42, coats pants and vest going from \$1.50 per suit up to the finest in Crockett. Over coat for men 35 to 42, \$1.35 each up to the best.



The featherbone is the only corset made that the stays will neither rust or break and is sold on four weeks trial if not perfectly satisfactory return it and get your money it is the most perfect fitting and most comfortable corset made, and is worth \$1.25 but having bought them in 25 doz. lots we can sell them at 90c each. Try one—you will have no other.

McLean & Wilson.

Dr. W. H. Denny continues to improve.

S. H. Owens, we understand, will go into business at Creek.

If you are going to pay your subscriptions for clock please do so.

J. M. Byrd and wife of Galveston are on a visit to the family of J. E. Downes.

Miss Carrie Webb who has been attending school at Austin returned home Monday.

The fall has been so warm and open that the fruit trees of nearly all kinds are putting out.

Miss Bertha Mangum entertained some of her friends at a reception on Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies Mrs. Bricker is selling her stock of millinery at prices never offered before in Crockett. Don't fail to see her goods before buying.

We have in stock the best prepared paints to be had in any market and we are selling at catching prices. Come quick.

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Mrs. Bricker is selling a great many hats now. They go because they are as fine and stylishly trimmed as can be found for less money.

\$4.00 to \$5.00 hats going at Mrs. Bricker's for \$3.50 to \$4.00; \$2.50 and \$3.00 for \$2.00 and \$2.25 all styles Hack hats at reduced prices—come and make your selection at once.

The I. & G. N. has taken off the day passenger trains and in their stead are running two mixed trains. The South bound comes at 8:45 a. m. and the North bound comes at 3:50 p. m. The North bound passenger train comes at 7:23 p. m. and the south bound at 11:43 p. m.

W. V. McConnell has a right sick child.

Mrs. R. M. Frazier is visiting in Houston.

The editor has been absent at Fort Worth for a week on business.

John Mangum has been confined to his bed for several days quite sick.

Miss Duck Walker of Bryan who has been visiting in the city has returned home.

Just for a change, suppose you call at the COURIER office the next time you come to Crockett and settle.

All county officers that were elected in the late election have qualified and are now on duty in their respective offices.

If you think you could run this paper without money, suppose you come down and try it—you, you, we mean you who read it always and never pay for it.

We are receiving car loads of lumber and shingles every day and our stock will soon be the best in any town in East Texas. We defy competition in point of good goods and low prices.

Houston County Lumber Co.

The following parties left on an extended visit to Huntsville Tuesday night: E. D. Martin 2 years for disposing of mortgaged property; R. E. Brashears five years for horse theft; Henry Allen two years for attempt to rape; Henry Adams two years for assault to murder; Henry Butler two years for burglary in two cases; Dock Jones seven years for assault to murder; Alf Davis two years for burglary; Richard Lee two years for burglary. Sam and Tom Murry were taken to the reformatory to serve out two years each for theft of cattle.

Bryant Willson left Tuesday night for Wynona, Miss., to spend several weeks with his father's family.

Just received a car load of bedroom suits at prices that can't be touched anywhere. As these goods were bought before the advance in prices we can sell them lower than we will be able to sell the next lot. It is to your interest to buy now as we can't tell how much advance will be made in the next thirty days. Come early because they won't last long.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

The rate at which Houston county is settling up is a marvel to those who have not watched it. The organized effort to induce immigration put forth a year or so ago is bearing a rich harvest. There is hardly a section of the county but what is feeling the impulse of its quickening influence. Lands are coming into demand all over the county and the prices of real estate are being marked up. Some years since no one would have dreamed of McKenzie's Bend ever wanting anything but a criminal court. But good citizens have gone in there and settled the country and now they are establishing schools, churches and other accessories of an advancing civilization. All below McKenzie's are springing up thick settlements, all the way down to the Walker county line. From every neighborhood comes the same story. Go whichever way you may from Lovelady and you will find the country filling up with an industrious population and where formerly was a trail or rude highway is now a lane between farms. The same is true of Grapeland and other sections.

We invite attention to the professional card of Judge A. A. Aldrich which appears in this issue.

The Judge retires from office to resume the practice of law better equipped than ever to serve the interests of those who may intrust their business to him. Before going on the bench Judge Aldrich had worked up a fine professional business which had to be sacrificed in the change from pleading the rights of clients to dispensing justice in a judicial capacity. Those that have business in the courts could not place same in safer hands or with one who would give such business a more conscientious, faithful attention than he. His office is over the business house of Arledge, Kennedy & Co. where he will be found at all times.

Watchmaker & Jeweler

R. C. Stokes On or about December the first will have a complete line of **Up to Date Watches, Jewelry, Novelties, Clocks,** together with the best, prettiest, latest and most complete silver ware that has ever been in Crockett.

We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other way.

"The Spirit of Times Shall Ever Teach us Progress." Complicated watch repairing a specialty. Adjusted from 2, 4 to 6 positions.

Our Motto: Reliable Goods, Fair Dealing And Bottom Prices.

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.

We hope to see the next Legislature extend the Australian ballot system to all towns if not to the entire country.

It is harder to keep money than it is to make it. The fellow who is ahead and has a little something saved up is kept busy keeping the fellow who has none from getting it.

Most of the leading and influential daily papers which supported Bryan in the late election are outspoken in declaring the free-coinage issue a dead one and say the democratic party can not afford to again take it up. The papers speaking thus are such as the MOBILE REGISTER and SAVANNAH NEWS.

The late election puts Houston county at the head or close to it of the East Texas counties in respect of population and voting strength. It polled close to 5000 votes and leads all except Harrison where the vote is confessedly fraudulent. Houston is almost alone in East Texas counties in having never been under populist control.

Game Hunt and Supper.

The Lovelady hunt began at noon to-day (Wednesday). The supper will come off Friday night following, Nov. 27th.

If you want to eat game or anything else that is good, go down to that supper. If don't want to lose a whole day by going on train, jump in your buggy in the afternoon and go down. You can come back by moonlight. There will be more to eat of different kinds of game served in more styles than you ever saw at a place of the kind. The writer has tried it and knows whereof he speaks. Following the supper will be a brilliant ball when all who wish to trip the "fantastic" can do so till the hours grow small.

Mrs. Eliza J. Collins.

The above named sister, mother of Dr. S. J. Collins of this county, died at Chester, Tyler county, Tex., Nov. 3rd. She was born in Virginia, and had nearly reached her 81st year. She was the honored mother of a number of children, (having one son in the ministry of the Methodist church, and left a large number of grand children and great grand children. A large part of her life was spent in this county, residing many years on Nevil's Prairie, with her son-in-law, George Stewart. She made many friends in that community and in other communities where she had lived. In early life she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church South, and continued to live in exemplary piety to the end. She was particularly conspicuous for wearing that ornament that the inspired writer speaks of, "a meek and quiet spirit." Even in her old age the writer has often known her to walk a mile to attend preaching. She seemed to esteem it a privilege to be found in the house of the Lord and to take part in His worship. Her pleasant countenance, her regular presence at church seemed to imply that like David, she esteemed one day in the courts of the Lord "better than a thousand" other days, and that she would "rather be a door-keeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." She being dead yet speaketh, and her works do follow her.

FRIEND,

Jail Delivery Fotted.

An attempt at a wholesale jail delivery and a conspiracy to murder Jailer Charles Story was discovered by Sheriff Waller yesterday. Alfred Davis, a negro under sentence for burglary, and Dennis Harris, a crap shooter, gave the plot away. Sheriff Waller recovered from an empty cell four saws, two files and a cold chisel that had been drawn in the jail from the yard by a twine string. Doc Jones a negro under a seven year sentence for assault to murder, was found in an open cell in the cage, with a dangerous knife on his person. When Jailer Story opened the door to put the food in the cage Jones was to spring upon him and kill him with the knife and then liberate the other prisoners. There are fifteen prisoners in the jail, 11 of whom have been convicted of felonies at this term of the court. Mr. Waller says that he has a clew as to who the accomplices on the outside were.

Bargains, Bargains.

J. E. Downes is selling some wonderful bargains in all wool clothing. Mens' suits for \$3.25. Boys suits from 75c. up to \$4.00, all WOOL goods.

Boys and young men, remember: he keeps the "Manhattan" shirts and the genuine "Cluet" collars, no imitations.

Downes says he is determined to give some of the best bargains in the next 30 days ever offered in Houston county.

Remember we have all of the latest styles in hats, the genuine "Laufer" hat, one of the best makes in the world, and the most nobby shapes. Be sure and call for bargains.

Respectfully,
J. E. DOWNES.

To Men and Boys Who Wish to Dress Well this Fall.

I have the most complete line of samples in the town. They are in patterns one yard and a quarter square, thus enabling the buyer to judge of the effect of a piece of goods, which is impossible when selecting from the small card and book samples. These pattern samples are not to be found elsewhere in Crockett.

Please get my prices before placing orders.

Very Resp.
J. F. DOWNES.

The S. S. H. Club.

A charming bevy of young ladies who have organized themselves into a unique society under the mystic letters of the S. S. H. club gave a charming reception at the residence of Miss Bertha Mangum Wednesday night. Although the weather was most unpropitious, yet undaunted the society ladies and ladies of our city gathered themselves at the home of the fair representative and were most delightfully entertained.

The parlors were tastefully decorated with holly, mistletoe, roses and chrysanthemums, entwined with the cabalistic letters S. S. H. C.

A most appetizing menu was placed before the guests at eleven o'clock which received full justice at their hands. Those present were: Dr. J. S. Wootters, Miss Hattie Crook; T. D. Craddock, Miss Hattie Woodward; F. G. Edmiston Jr., Miss Duskie Walker; Walker King, Miss Grace Smith, Jas. A. Smith, Miss Ethel Wootters; Jack Craddock, Miss Narcia Bayne; Chas. L. Edmiston, Miss Hattie B. Arledge; J. M. Crook Miss Sue Craddock; Arch Baker, Miss Minnie Bruner; Dr. Jay Collins, Miss Fannie Thomas; Thos. Self, Louis Haring and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Newton. At the mystical hour of twelve adieus were said and many were the expressions of pleasure amidst the leave takings.

The Unprecedented Values

THAT ARE

Being offered in our house are attracting large numbers of buyers, notwithstanding the unseasonable weather. Useful goods for household use and personal wear have never before been found so much in your interest, although Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes have advanced from 15 to 25 per cent our prices are 20 per cent lower than ever before as we have bought heavily before the advance and we are giving the public the benefit of the same.

Dress Goods!

Black Brocaded, all wool, double width French Sicilian 40c per yd.
Black Brocaded, all wool, double width Moharh, 65 quality 50c per yd.
Navy Blue Crepon, 42 inches wide, all wool, 65c quality 40c per yd.
Navy Blue Silk Warp Henrietta, double width, 76c quality, 50c per yd.
Imported Novelties, wool and silk mixed 38 inc's wide, \$1.00 quality 60c per yd.
Storm Serge, all wool, 50 inches wide in navy blue, 75c quality 40c per yd.
Black Serge, all wool, 50 inches wide in black, 60c per yd.
Mixed Cheviot Suitings, all wool, 38 inches wide, 40c per yd.
All Wool Cashimeres in all colors 36 inches wide, 20c per yd.

Silks, Silks!

Fancy Silks for shirt waists, 50c quality, 20 cents per yard.
Surah and China Silks in all colors 65c quality, 35c per yard.
Black Gro Grain Silk, \$1.20 quality for 75 cents per yard.
Plaid Silk in all colors, \$1.25 quality 75 cents per yard.
Satin in all shades and black, 75 cent quality for 35c per yard.
Our Kid Glove sales have increased wonderfully in the last 10 days and we will have a choice selection at the following prices which will enable every lady in this county to lay in a supply for the season:
Ladies' Kid Gloves, black or tan, lace or button, \$1.00 quality for 70c. \$1.25 quality for 90c.

White Kid Gloves, embroidered back, button, 75c. per pair.

Extra long Suede Gloves for evening wear. \$1.50 quality for 85c.

Ladies: We carry in stock "The Thompson Glove fitting Corset" in all styles and sizes, also the C B A--La Esperite Corset at 70c and 90c. They are the regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality.

Blankets and Comforts!

We are well stocked on these and will make the price interesting to you.

Mattings at Cost!

We have stew rolls of matting left and will sell them at cost to close out.

Don't forget that we have only a few of those Moquet rugs left and you can get them at \$2.50 per rug while they last.

Clothing!

Children's clothing in knee suits from 5 to 14 years, 50c to \$4.00 per suit.

All of our children suits are made with the patented waistband. No more Button holes to tear.

Mens' all wool black clay worsted suits in all styles that sell for \$12.50, our price \$7.00.

Mens' extra fine black French twill in all styles that sell for \$15.00, our price \$8.00.

Mens, Black and Blue worsted suits, round cut, that sell for \$6.00 our price \$2.50.

Over Coats!

Mens' over coats in Black, Blue and Tan that sell for \$15.00, our price \$9.00.

Brown and Black overcoats that sell for \$12.50 our price \$7.50.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

The New York Store,
Bloch & Romansky.

A. A. ALDRICH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Will Practice in Houston and Adjoining Counties.
Office over Arledge, Kennedy & Co's.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Lumber! Lumber!

I am now ready to furnish Any and All Kinds of Lumber, of any Grade and of any Dimension. Will supply in any quantities at mill or delivered, the very

Best Heart Lumber

or mixed as the log runs. Anyone wanting lumber for any purpose Will Find it To His Interest to Call and See me before buying. I can make it to his interest to buy from me.

Mill two and a half miles South of Crockett right on Lovelady road. All bills Filled Promptly and at Prices that Defy Competition. Try me.

A. M. Langston.

"Little spalls of fever, little chills so bland, Makes the mighty graveyard and the angel band A little of Cheatham's Chill Tonic taken now and then Makes the handsome women and the healthy men." Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles.

To the People of Houston and Adjoining Counties:

When you need anything in the way of corn, oats, bran, corn chops, wheat, rye, barley or anything in the feed and grain line it will pay you to see me before you buy. I carry a large stock and am prepared to meet all legitimate competition. My motto is spot cash and honest weight and measure. Store under Opera House Crockett, Tex. Respectfully,
JNO. MANGUM.

Chronic grumblers never grumble about Cheatham's Chill Tonic. It is even better than recommended, and guaranteed to cure. Put up in both tasteless and bitter styles. Guaranteed. The tasteless in 50 cent bottles.

To the Lovers of Fine Flour:

I have the agency of three of the best flouring mills in the South West and solicit your trade. My leading brands are, White Swan, Bell of Mexico and Peerless.

There is nothing better made of wheat than the above and to purchasers, I guarantee the fullest satisfaction or will cheerfully refund money. Respectfully,
JNO. MANGUM.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by Sip Lewis on his premises, 7 miles S. E. from the town of Crockett, and estrayed before, C. W. Ellis J. P. Pre. No. 1, on November 9th 1896. The following described animals, one black horse about 5 years old branded C. D. Marked under bit in the right ear. One sorrell horse with three white feet, bald faced, marked and branded same as above. Appraised at \$12.00, filed for record November 19th 1896. Given under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of November, A. D. 1896.
N. E. Albright.
C. C. C. H. C.

Cheatham's Chill Tonic is acknowledged to be the best. Physicians use and prescribe it. Cure guaranteed. Put up in both the Tasteless and bitter styles, tasteless in 50 cent bottles

The wife of Mr. Leonard Wells, of East Brimfield, Mass., had been suffering from neuralgia for two days, not being able to sleep or hardly keep still, when Mr. Holden the merchant there sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and asked that she give it thorough trial. On meeting Mr. Wells the next day he was told that she was all right, the pain had left her within two hours and that the bottle of Pain Balm was worth \$5.00 if it could not be had for less. For sale at 50cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

MADDEN & LIPSCOMB,

Attorneys-at-Law, :-:

Will practice in all the State Courts. Preparing deeds and like instruments, and making abstracts to land titles a specialty. Collections solicited, prompt attention guaranteed. Office in Wootters building.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

J. S. WOOTTERS, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledge & Kennedy's store.

J. E. A. CROOK. Geo. W. CROOK
CROOK & CROOK,
Attorneys-at-Law.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

How to Prevent Croup. SOME READING THAT WILL PROVE INTERESTING TO YOUNG MOTHERS. HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THE DISADSE.

Croup is a terror to young mothers and to post them concerning the cause, first symptoms and treatment is the object of this item. The origin of croup is a common cold. Children who are subject to it take cold very easily and croup is almost sure to follow. The first symptom is hoarseness; this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given a tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain